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GOOD evening and welcome back to SN1 for the eagerly-anticipated visit of Chelsea.



SO here we are. At last we can welcome Chelsea and their worldclass talent to SN1. It's been an incredible last couple of weeks building up to this moment and I'd like to personally thank everyone who has contributed to this bumper edition of the programme as well as all the former players and managers who, very kindly, agreed to be interviewed. I sincerely hope you get as much pleasure from reading those features as we did putting them together. A special mention must go to Derrick Johnson, our Head of Design here at STFC, who has worked tirelessly over the last week or so to produce this special edition of COYR. After recent performances. I think the players deserve the opportunity to test themselves against such a calibre of opposition. I wish I

could write a sentimental soliloguy about cup ties against the great and good of English football at The County Ground but I'm afraid my supporter memory bank only stretches as far as Blackburn in 1995/96. I think it's fairly safe to say that we've been starved of a cup tie like this for far too long here at SN1 and I, for one, am going to savour every moment regardless of the result. The players are really starting to forge their own footballing identity now and it's going to be fascinating to see how they stand up to the challenge of facing a side like Chelsea. Let's all give it everything tonight and see what happens. Come on vou Reds!

TOM OTREBSKI

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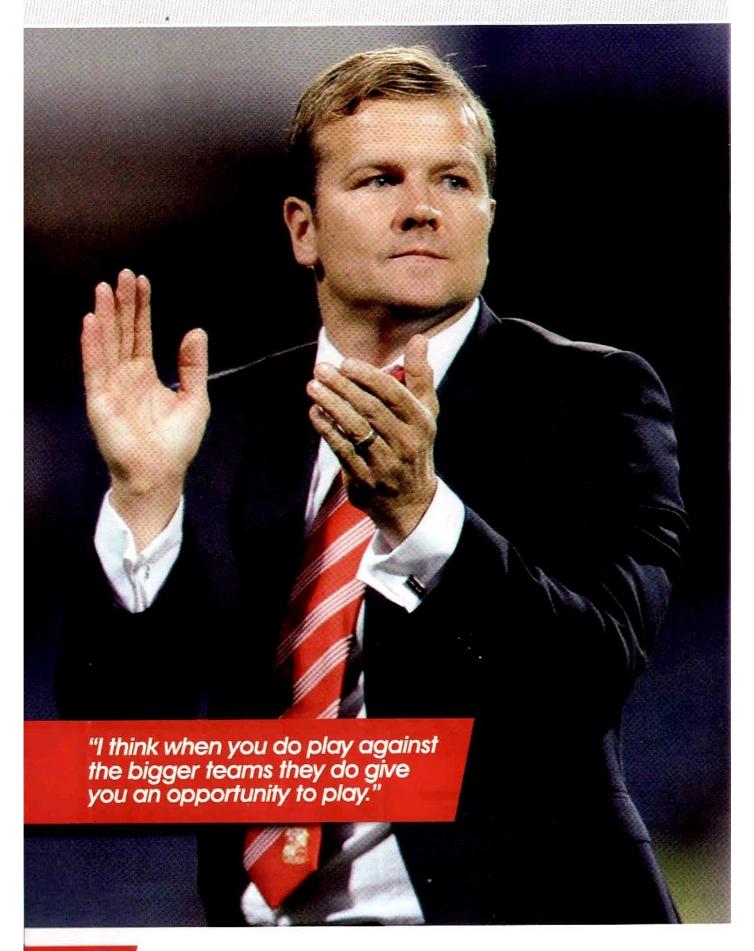
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GOOD evening and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Chelsea and Jose Mourinho...

IT'S going to be fantastic to be able to go up against somebody like Jose Mourinho, somebody that I've got a lot of respect for and I'm always examining what he's doing and why he's doing it. It's going to be a fantastic experience for myself personally and one that I'm really looking forward to.

Tonight gives the players a gauge to see where they are in their careers and where they can go. It also showcases their talents and puts them in the shop window. Time and time again somebody plays well in a cup game against a big team and they end up getting a move either to the team they've played against or to somebody else who was watching. It's a no-lose situation for our players.

Tonight will also be a nice distraction from the league. If you get a game against Chelsea in the cup you take it because it's a win-win all-round. The Club get extra money, the players get to showcase their ability and it's a win for the supporters because you get to see the big boys coming to town.

We will prepare the same way we have done all season. We've got a group of players that need to play a certain way so it would be pointless trying to set up to defend for 90 minutes and get everyone behind the ball, so we are going to have a go



tonight and try and excite the fans as we have done so far this season. I think when you do play against the bigger teams they do give you an opportunity to play so that's how we're going to prepare. I watched Chelsea against Basel last week and we will make the players fully aware of their strengths, weaknesses and the way they're going to play and then we'll really concentrate on what we're going to do.

Nothing fazes this group of players. That's not in a cocky or disrespectful way, I think that they're just that young and exuberant that they could be playing Barcelona and they'd go out there wanting to play their way. They're confident in the right way and I think they'll be looking forward to it.

Your support tonight will be as important as it has been for every home game this season. We've played well at home and I put a lot of that down to you

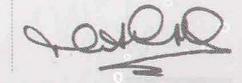
and the positivity that you've shown towards a new style of play. It could be easy for you to get frustrated and turn on the younger players. We can't just get it forward - we have to be a bit more measured and structured and you have been brilliant with us. You've stuck with us and believed in what we're trying to do.

Finally, I would say that the players respected your unbelievable reception for them at Wolves the other week. They really appreciated that and the support they've been getting home and away all season. Keep that going tonight.

Keep believing.

MARK COOPER

MANAGER



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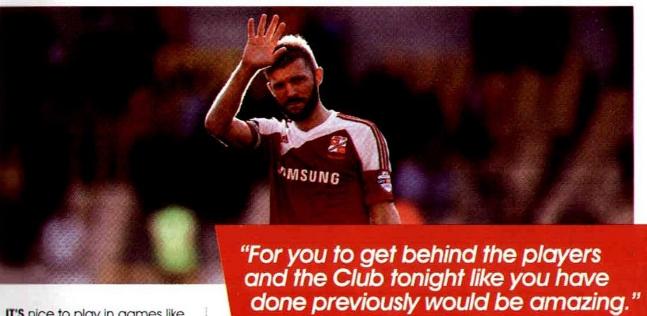








WELCOME back to The County Ground as we face Chelsea in the Capital One Cup this evening...



IT'S nice to play in games like this but, more importantly, we have to focus on our league programme. It's nice to have a cup game against a top Premier League side and it is another game of football which we're looking to win. Like any other game we play we're not going to turn up and make up the numbers just because it's Chelsea. We're here to put in a performance and look to get a result. It's a game which we have to do our best in and. I don't know about the others, but I'm certainly not going to be walking out here tonight in awe of those players - I'm going to be going out there to do my best like I would in any game. Quite honestly, I've not looked at tonight at all recently because

we've had some tough games over the last couple of weeks and we had another tough game on Saturday against Bristol City. Your support tonight is going to be huge. It's a player's dream to play in front of big crowds against big teams. Obviously the focus is going to be on us even more because it's going to be on television in front of a sell-out crowd. For you to get behind the players and the Club tonight like you have done previously would be amazing and I'm sure you'll be a credit to the Club. There's a reason why we're playing tonight and that's to progress - we

want to do as well as we can this season. It's important that we all concentrate - enjoy the occasion of course - but make sure we give it everything we can.

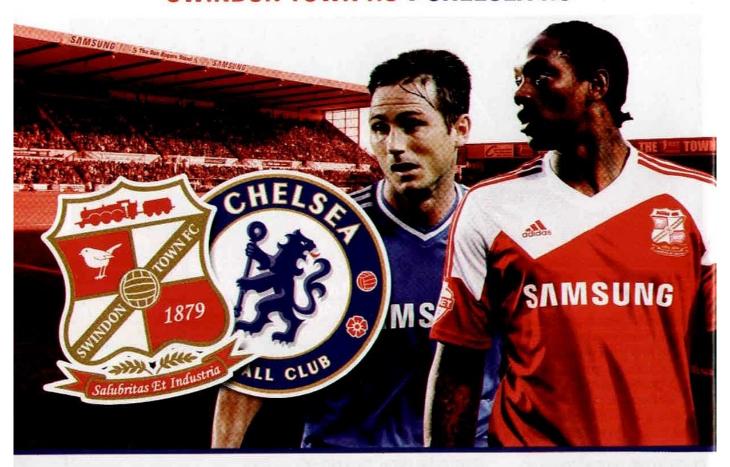
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BOARDROOM UPDATE



GOOD evening and a warm welcome back to The County Ground for this Capital One Cup fixture against Chelsea.

HOPEFULLY we'll get the same result as the last time the two clubs met in the League Cup in 1963. We're delighted that the Special One is here and hopefully tonight he will witness a special club coming up against him.

The improvements mentioned in the last programme have already started around The County Ground. The Members' Bar has been expanded and refurbished, the bar in the Town End and the new Players' Bar are already in operation in time for today's game. We would like to thank Geordie and his All Trade team for their effort, skill and commitment by staving overnight in Swindon and putting in all the hours required over the last ton days to ensure the work was completed in time for the benefit of Swindon Town Football Club. We've also installed extra seats in the Town End. in the Arkeli's Stand and on the Stratton Bank. We also have two new LED boards, a new PA system and there is a new scoreboard on the way too.

The Club are also currently putting together further drawings for the Stratton Bank roof, as we endeavour to get planning on the end that has been a thorn in the side for the club, in terms of planning, for years. Going forward, we are reviewing the potential of a turnstile bar for the smokers at the corner of the Town End and Arkell's Stand.

I would like to thank all the internal staff and managers for the effort



that's gone in behind the scenes over the last month, since I've been more involved with the operations and commercial side of the business. The pride and energy they put into this Club should make all supporters proud.

I would like to thank main sponsors Samsung and EA Sports for providing us with daytime and evening activities. Samsung's 'Kicks for Kids' programme has seen a group of Chelsea and Swindon coaches putting a number of kids through their paces, coaching with up-to-date techniques. EA Sports will also be running a half-time penalty shoot-out competition. We would like to thank all the sponsors and local businesses who have taken up all the advertising opportunities. Long may this continue, to enable STFC to be a successful club going forward, with local businesses and the community starting to embrace the changes we're making.

We welcome Sky Sports for what we hope will be the first of many visits to the CG, to see a team in the lower levels endeavouring to play football in what we believe is the right way.

We believe that we have an opportunity to repeat history as we did in our previous League Cup meeting with Chelsea. With your vocal support, get behind these young lads to sour them on in what could be a memorable night for many years to come. So let's get behind these boys and let's hear the Swindon roar.

JED McCRORY

CHAIRMAN

IT has been a pretty full-on last couple of weeks for us in the commercial department at Swindon Town...

IN fact, it's probably been the busiest period since Town were in the lofty heights of the Premier League. However, we feel that the strategic and commercial approach, in relation to priority windows and servicing loyal supporters, was delivered in an efficient way and the feedback we've received from supporters and beyond has been very positive and complimentary.

Sponsors

THANK you to all our main match sponsors this evening, especially Samsung, RFS and Tithegrove. Thank you also to all our hospitality guests for their support this evening and we look forward to welcoming you back for future games. Along with the additional hospitality available and the extension to the Members' Suite, this is the busiest game we've had, in terms of matchday hospitality, in the history of the Club. I'd like to mention all my colleagues here at the club who have worked night and day over the last two weeks to get us to the position we are in tonight and that is also extended to the contractors who have done so well to get the extra work completed on time.

Pro Red

FOLLOWING on from the very successful launch of the Pro Red initiative, I'm excited that after all the work associated with building this initiative, we finally managed to launch an affiliate scheme that could potentially



grow and leave a lasting legacy. It could even turn into something that clubs at this level should look to replicate. I would like to thank Highworth Town Juniors, Robins FC and Melksham Town Juniors for being the first clubs to affiliate to Pro Red. Since the media launch, we've had a fantastic response with several enquiries already logged. We will be building relationships with these clubs and asking them to come on board. This all ties in with the Family Excellence Panel who have recently had their first meeting. These two initiatives show how the Club is progressing and tops off a hugely positive month on and off the field for the Club.

The Hallowed Turf

HAVE you ever wanted to grace the same pitch as your Town heroes past and present? You can now take off your suits and put on your boots at The County Ground. We can tailor a package to suit you which can include food and drinks postmatch. You will also be able to invite your fans in to cheer you on. For more details contact me on 0844 880 1094.

And finally

ON a chilly January evening in 1988, I was lucky enough to experience one of my first games at The County Ground, I came with my grandad (with dad being away on business) and watched one of my biggest games as a Swindon Town supporter at just eight years of age. Chelsea were Town's opponents in the Simod Cup and it's a game that will always stick in my mind as a fresh-faced, young supporter. What a game it was which ended, of course, in a 4-0 victory. There was plenty of class on show particularly Kieran O'Regan (remember him?) in the middle of the park up against future Town star Micky Hazard and I remember the legend that is Chalky White bagged a brace. 25 years on, in my seventh season as an STFC employee, I hope that tonight's encounter will stick in my memory and the minds of all young Town supporters, as that game did all those years ago. Come on you Redsl

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MESSAGE FROM SANSUNG

SINCE 2010 Samsung and Swindon Town FC have collaborated on Win a Pro Contract which has offered the unique opportunity for young footballers to win a place in the Swindon Town first team squad. This year's winner Kayden Jackson, was one of 5000 entrants and came through an exhaustive six month trials process to claim his place in The Robins squad for this season. Kayden completed a fantastic pre-season with the first team sauad and has recently been sent out on loan to Swindon Supermarine FC in order to gain vital match fitness and experience. I am pleased to report that Kayden has made an explosive start to his loan spell scoring in the first minute of his debut. Looking forward to next season's competition, entries closed last week with a record number of players registering in the hope of lining up at The County Ground next season. We hope to find you a future start

Samsung has been official club sponsor of Chelsea FC since 2005 a period which has seen unprecedented success for both of us. Chelsea has won both the Barclays Premier League and UEFA Champions League and Samsung has become the world's largest consumer electronics brand.



Building on this success the parties have worked together to help develop grassroots football opportunities throughout the UK in order to inspire future generations. Samsung has supported the Chelsea Foundation for a number of vears and this year Samsuna Freekicks for Kids was launched in partnership with Chelsea FC. Since April, Free Kicks has provided over 10,000 children across the UK access to free expert coaching from Chelsea FC's foundation coaches. The children that attended had a fantastic time developing their skills and their parents have provided amazinaly positive feedback on the initiative through the Samsung Football Facebook page.

Finally, all of us at Samsung are

very much looking forward to tonight's game and wish both teams the very best of luck and hope that whoever is victorious this evening goes on to lift the trophy at Wembley Stadium next March.

Enjoy your evening from all at Samsung.

ANDY GRIFFITHS

MANAGING DIRECTOR SAMSUNG UK (LTD)





DESPITE a change of manager last term, Chelsea's 2012/13 ended with a trophy on a balmy May evening in Amsterdam.

THE Blues started last season under the guidance of Roberto Di Matteo and made a blistering start to the campaign only tasting defeat in the Community Shield and the European Super Cup. In September and October, the Stamford Bridge outfit registered six straight victories in all competitions including wins at both Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. However, defeat in the Ukraine to Shakhtar Donetsk was closely followed by a first league loss of the campaign to Manchester United. Then, after a

Champions League group stage defeat at Juventus, Di Matteo was shown the door and in came former Liverpool boss, Rafael Benitez as his replacement. After a difficult start to the Spaniard's tenure at Stamford Bridge, a 6-1 demolition of Nordsjaelland sparked a run of five straight wins in domestic competitions. A trip to the FIFA Club World Championship in Japan ended in disappointment as the Blues lost out to Brazilian side, Corinthians in the final. On their return to action in England, the men from

West London racked up four straight wins in league and cup scoring no fewer than 16 goals including eight against Aston Villa at the Bridge.

At the start of 2013, progress was made in the FA Cup with a 5-1 win at Southampton. In the Capital One Cup however, they were beaten 2-0 at home by Swansea City in the first leg of the semi-final and a 0-0 draw in the second leg saw the Swans through to the final. Meanwhile, the Europa League, a last-gasp goal from Eden Hazard saw off



A 2-2 FA Cup draw at Old Trafford took the tie with Manchester United to a replay at the Bridge that Chelsea would win 1-0, A 3-1 win own Steaua secured a quarter final borth in the Europa League. Rubin Kazan were the opponents and were despatched 5-4 on

games in the league. In the Europa League, Chelsea eased into the final with a 5-2 aggregate victory over Basel. In the Amsterdam Arena, Fernando Torres gave them the lead before Branislav Ivanovic's 90th minute winner secured the silverware for the Blues.

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UEFA Europa League:

1970-71, 1997-98

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup:

UEFA Super Cup: 1998

JOSE MOURINHO

THE self-proclaimed Special One is back at Stamford Bridge for a second spell in charge after leaving Real Madrid in the summer.

MOURINHO'S formative years as a footballer in Portugal were spent mainly in the Portuguese second division before opting to move into coaching. Alongside his studies, he also attended coaching courses in England and took his first steps into coaching in his native Portugal. He made his name in the game as an interpreter to the late, great Sir Bobby Robson at Sporting Lisbon and Porto. He also followed Robson to Barcelona in 1996 and stayed in Catalunya working under Louis Van Gaal. His first steps into management came at Benfica and União de Leiria before he was appointed manager of Porto in January 2002. He would lead Porto to treble success in his first full season in charge, capturing the league title, the Portuguese Cup and the UEFA Cup after victory over Cettic. The following campaign, Porto retained the league title and lifted the Champions League after victory over Monaco. In The summer of 2004, he was unvoiled as the new manager at Stamford Bridge. In his first

stint as Blues boss, the League Cup was Mourinho's first piece of silverware before he guided them to the Premier League title in 2005 losing just once all season. Despite exiting the Champions League at the semi-final stage, Chelsea retained their Premier League crown the following season. In 2006/07, the Blues would complete a domestic cup double, winning the League Cup at the Millennium Stadium then lifting the FA Cup in the first final to be played at the re-built Wembley Stadium. Just a few weeks into the 2007/08 season Mourinho left Stamford Bridge by mutual consent and joined Italian giants Inter Milan ahead of the 2008/09 campaign, As with Porto and Chelsea, he guided Inter to the league title in his first full season in charge. The following campaign, he made history with the Nerazzurri. Not only did they secure a second successive title, they claimed the Coppa Italia and were crowned Champions League winners - the first Italian side ever to complete that treble of

trophy wins. In the summer of 2010, the lure of Spanish giants Real Madrid proved too tough to resist and he took up the reins at the Bernabeu, winning the Copa del Rey in his first season in charge. The league title - and a break in Barcelona's dominance - followed the next season although the Champions League continued to be his downfall at Real, with three semi-final appearances and three semi-final defeats. This summer, The Special One returned to Stamford Bridge for his second spell as manager, declaring to Chelsea fans that he was now "one of them".

THE PLAYERS (B)



CHELSEA



Petr Cech

BEGAN his career with Sparta Prague before he was snapped up by French side Rennes in the summer of 2002. Made the move to Stamford Bridge in June 2004 and has been the undisputed first-choice goalkeeper at Chelsea ever since. Recovered from an horific head injury in 2006 to win nearly every major club honour with the Blues. Has also been a regular for the Czech Republic. representing his country at the European Championships.



THE Serbian made over 50 appearances for Lokomotiv Moscow in Russia before securing a switch to west London in January 2008. The 29 vear old, who can play both at right full-back as well as centre-half, has claimed a number of honours in his time at the Bridge. He has a Premier League, Champions League, Europa League and an FA Cup winner's medal. He is also an international for Serbia



COLE is a product of the youth academy at Arsenal, progressing into the first team. In his time at Highbury, the left back was an integral part of the side that went a whole season unbeaten in 2003/04. In the summer of 2006, he moved to west London and has been a regular at full back since. Cole has also been a mainstay in the England national team, representing his country at the World Cup and the European Championships.



THE Brazilian made his debut for São Paulo as a teenager in 2008 before moving on to Internacional in 2010. After an injury-hit first season in Porto Alegre, the midfielder would go on to make nearly 40 league appearances before securing a summer switch to Chelsea in 2012. A Brazilian international, he made history in 2011 when he scored a hat-trick in the Under-20 World Cup Final. He has also appeared in the Olympic Final and the Confederations Cup Final.



HAZARD began his career with his hometown club before signing for Lille's academy. He signed professional forms in 2007 and made his senior bow in November of that year. In five seasons with the French club, he won the league and cup double in the 2010/11 season as well as countless individual awards. After attracting interest from a host of different clubs, he signed for Chelsea in the summer of 2012. Has international honours with Belgium.



SPENT his formative years at FSV Mainz in his native Germany where he progressed from the club's youth sides into the First Team. He set a club goalscoring record before departina for Bayer Leverkusen. After scoring on his debut, he finished last season with double flaures and made the switch to Stamford Bridge in the summer. Has represented Germany at youth and senior level and was part of the Euro 2012 squad.

COYR looks at some of the players that could feature this evening...



THE Brazilian international began his career in Europe with Benfica. In a four-year stint at the Estadio da Luz, he made over 80 league appearances. The versatile defender, who can also play in midfield, secured a switch to Chelsea in January 2011. He has since been part of both a Champions League and a Europa League-winning Blues and a Europa League-winning Blues and e Represented his country in the turnmer's FIFA Confederations Cup.



CAME through the ranks at Aston Villa and had loan spells away from the Midlands with Burnley and Sheffield United in the early part of his career. In January 2008, he made a permanent switch to the north-west, Johning Bolton Wanderers. He racked up over 130 appearances in four years for the Trotters before making the move to west London. The defender also earned international honours with England.



THE most successful Captain in Chelsea's history, Terry will go down as one of the true greats at Starmford Bridge. A product of the club's academy, he made his debut in October 1998 and has gone on to make over 500 appearances in blue. Has won every domestic and European honour in his time at Starmford Bridge. Terry has also earned international honours and has captained his country.



IMI Cameroon international notched over 50 league goals for Mallorca before securing a big-money switch to transcelona. Enjoyed a fruitful spell at the Nou Camp, helping them to a champions League win in 2006, controuting a goal in the final. He would go on to score again at the same stage in 2009 and earned another winner's modal with inter Milan in 2010 before moving to Anith Makhachkala in Russia.



MATA started out in his native Spain with Real Madria's youth sides before making the switch to Valencia in 2007. Helped them to Copa del Rey success in 2008, scoring in the final against Getafe. In the summer of 2011, he sealed a move to Stamford Bridge, playing a part in Chelsea's Champions League and FA Cup success that season. Has represented Spain at international level and scored in the Euro 2012 Final win over Italy.



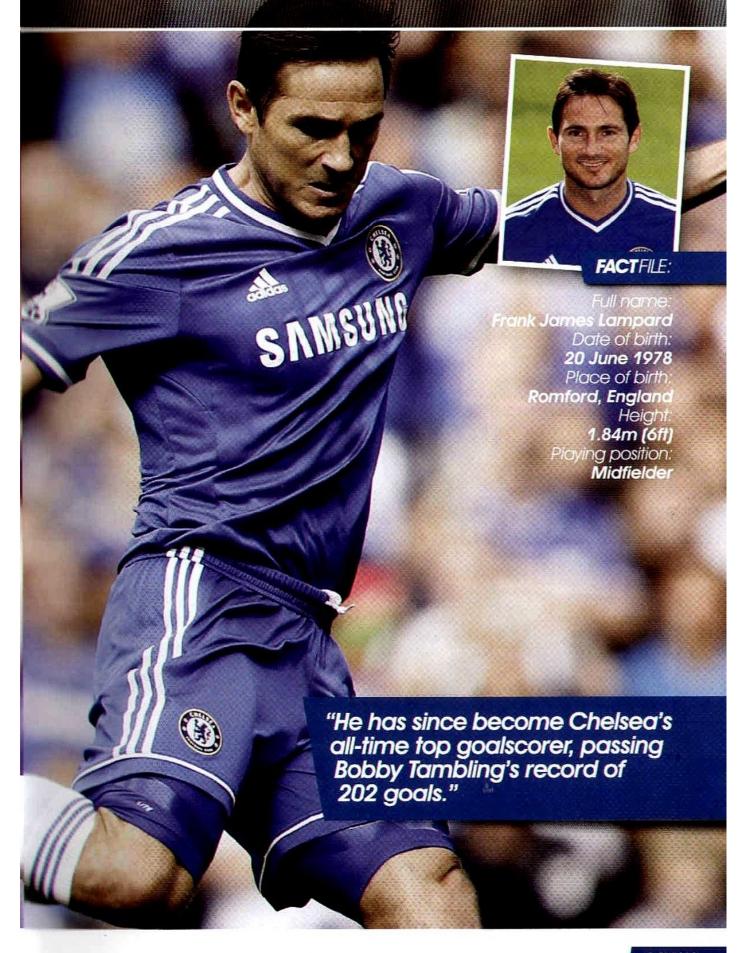
THE striker is a product of the academy at Atletico Madrid. He made the move to Liverpool in the summer of 2007 and became the fastest player to reach 50 goals at Anfield. Moved to Chelsea for a club record transfer fee. Helped the Blues to Champions League and FA Cup success and notched the opener in May's Europa League victory, Has over 100 caps for Spain and has won the World Cup and European Championship.

FRANKARD AMBARD

EARLIER this month in Kiev, Lampard added a 100th international cap for England to his long list of achievements at football's top level.

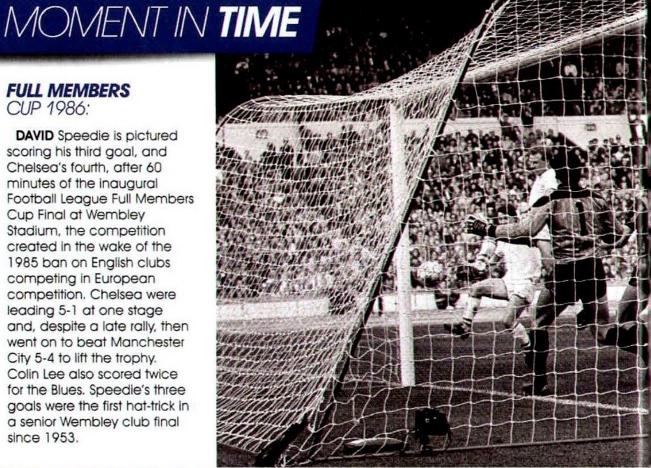
THE midfielder's journey began at West Ham United, where his father was Assistant Manager. Before he'd made an appearance in claret and blue, Lampard was loaned to Swansea City in October 1995 where he made 11 appearances. At the end of that season, he made his Hammers debut as a substitute in a 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday. He made 16 appearances the following campaign and, in August 1997 he scored his first goal for West Ham, netting the winner in a 2-1 win at Barnsley. A further eight goals followed that campaign as he racked up over 40 appearances in all competitions. In 1998/99 he helped the Hammers finish fifth in the Premier League before making his England debut in October 1999. In the summer of 2001, he made the move across London to Chelsea for a fee of £11,000,000. His career at Stamford Bridge began slowly with just fifteen goals coming in his first two years in west London. Internationally, he scored his first England goal in August 2003 and in the summer of 2004 was part of the squad that travelled to Euro 2004 in Portugal, notching three times during the tournament. He wrote himself into the club's history books in the 2004/05 season as he notched 19 goals from midfield including a brace at Bolton Wanderers that sealed the Blues' first top-flight title for fifty years. Lampard contributed another 23 goals the next season as Chelsea retained their Premier League crown. He also played in all five of England's games at the 2006 World Cup. He helped Chelsea lift the FA Cup in 2007 and, the following season, he netted in the Champions League Final as the Blues were beaten by Manchester United. He scored the winner in the 2009 FA Cup Final victory over Everton at Wembley before finding the net an amazing 27 times the following campaign as Chelsea claimed a Premier League and FA Cup double,

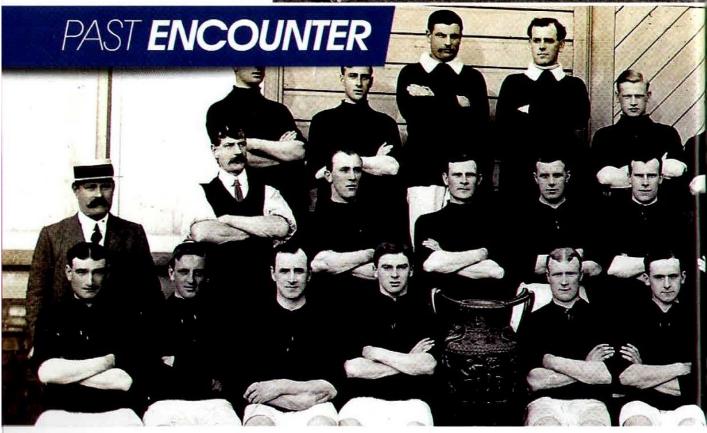
passing 150 goals for the west London side in the process. He became only the fourth player to pass 500 appearances for Chelsea in 2011 and set up the winning goal in the FA Cup Final win of 2012. He then had the honour of skippering the Blues to their first Champions League success over Bayern Munich and scored a crucial penalty in the shoot-out. He has since become Chelsea's all-time top goalscorer, passing Bobby Tambling's record of 202 goals when he notched both goals in a win at Aston Villa last term. Was given the Captain's armband as the Blues won the Europa League in Amsterdam in May.



FULL MEMBERS CUP 1986:

DAVID Speedie is pictured scoring his third goal, and Chelsea's fourth, after 60 minutes of the inaugural Football League Full Members Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, the competition created in the wake of the 1985 ban on English clubs competing in European competition. Chelsea were leading 5-1 at one stage and, despite a late rally, then went on to beat Manchester City 5-4 to lift the trophy. Colin Lee also scored twice for the Blues. Speedie's three goals were the first hat-trick in a senior Wembley club final since 1953.





MAGIC MOMENTS:

1965

THE Chelsea players celebrate after beating Leicester City to lift the League Cup. Captain Terry Venables is pictured holding the trophy aloft after the second leg at Filbert Street.

1970

JOHN Hollins (second I) and Peter Osgood (r) celebrate with the FA Cup after Chelsea beat Leeds United in the Final replay at Old Trafford.



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THE first meeting between tiwhdon and Chelsea took place at Hornford Bridge in March 1911. The occasion: an FA Cup quarter final lown's side was packed WITH SIFC Hall of Fame members Harox Fleming, Jock Walker, A hip flown and Billy Sitte to name If lour in front of a crowd of over 77 (10) in west London, the hosts would provail by three goals to and were two goals up at the Live ik Bob Whittingham scored twice and Billy Bridgeman added the third Archie Bown scored bwodon's solitary god. Pictured let a the Town squad from that SERVISE VIEW



1998

CHELSEA manager
Gianluca Vialli gets his hands
on the European Cup Winners
Cup. The Blues beat Stuttgart
1-0 in the final thanks to a
goal from Giantranco Zola.

2010

FRANK Lampard and John Terry lift the Premier League trophy. Chelsea secured their third Premier League crown with a thumping 8-0 win over Wigan at Stamford Bridge.



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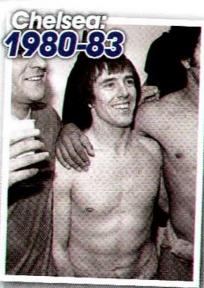
BRANISLAV Ivanovic scored a last-gasp winner as the Blues lifted the Europa League in Amsterdam. Fernando Torres had put Chelsea in front earlier in the game.

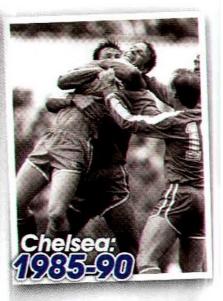
CLUB CONNECTIONS











GLENN HODDLE:

THE man who secured top-flight football for Swindon for the first time in the club's history. As player-manager, he kick-started the 1992/93 season with a thunderbolt against Sunderland before slotting home the opening goal in the Play-Off Final win at Wemblev. Left SN1 in the summer of 1993 to take the reins at Stamford Bridge. Took Chelsea to the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup and an FA Cup final before taking the job as England National Team Coach in 1996.



ALAN MAYES:

AFTER coming to Swindon in February 1979, Mayes scored 83 goals in two separate spells at The County Ground. Remembered for his partnership with fellow striker Andy Rowland, in his first stint he was part of the side that made the League Cup semi-finals, beating Arsenal along the way before departing for Chelsea. In a three-year stay at Stamford Bridge, Mayes notched 19 times in the league for the Blues. He returned to Swindon in July 1983.



MICKY HAZARD:

AFTER starting his career with Tottenham Hotspur, Hazard moved to Chelsea in 1985. He spent five years at Stamford Bridge and was part of the side that won the Full Members Cup in 1986. He came to The County Ground via Portsmouth in 1990 and played a key role in Town's promotion-winning campaign of 1992/93. Played for Swindon in the Premier League before moving back to Tottenham.

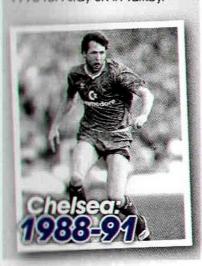


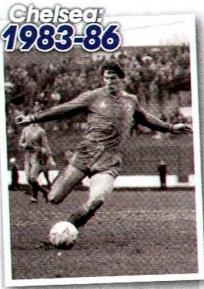
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DAVE MITCHELL:

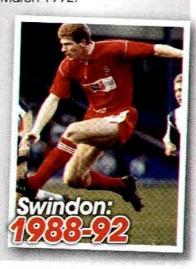
THE Glasgow-born Australian international was at Stamford littidge between 1988 and 1991 but only made eight appearances in his time at Chelsea. Brought to SN1 in the summer of 1991, Mitchell would go on to form a prolific partnership with Craig Maskell during the 1992/93 season. He scored 16 goals as Town secured promotion to the Premier League. Departed 5windon in the summer of 1993 for Altay SK in Turkey.

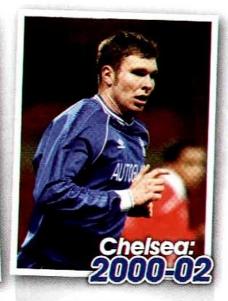




DUNCAN SHEARER:

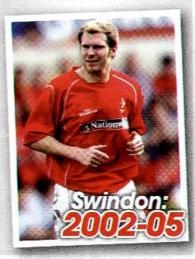
AFTER starting his career in the Highland League, Shearer spent time at Chelsea between 1983 and 1986. He made just two appearances for the Blues but did score one goal before moving to Huddersfield Town. Lou Macari brought him to Swindon in 1988 for a then club record fee and the striker went on to notch 98 goals for the Town. Was snapped up by Blackburn in March 1992.





SAM PARKIN:

'SUPER Sammy' began his career at Stamford Bridge as a trainee but never managed to make a first team appearance. After a number of loan spells, he put pen to paper on a deal with Swindon in the summer of 2002 and made an immediate impact, scoring a hat-trick on his debut. Would go on to plunder over twenty goals per season in his three year stay in Wiltshire before moving to Ipswich in 2005.





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

rito Red is a scheme designed to connect STFC with youth Robins and the scheme and the scheme and the scheme and the scheme and youth club in the area can affiliate with a number of benefits an offer.

Adam Wainwright, the club's Marketing and Hospitality Executive, applained: "We want to forge involutionship 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 five Red.

This a good opportunity for the Club to build strong links with the clubs around Witshire," he said.

The allbut 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

swindown 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

WORDS: Nick Juda

Welcome back Gus... You were only here for a short while, but of course Swindon provided the launch pad for your coaching career. Do you look back at your stay here with fond memories?

Swindon was a key moment for me. It is easy to forget sometimes, because I've been at big clubs, but for me it was all about seeing whether I could do the job, whether I liked it and whether it was a suitable future. I wasn't sure if I was able to help

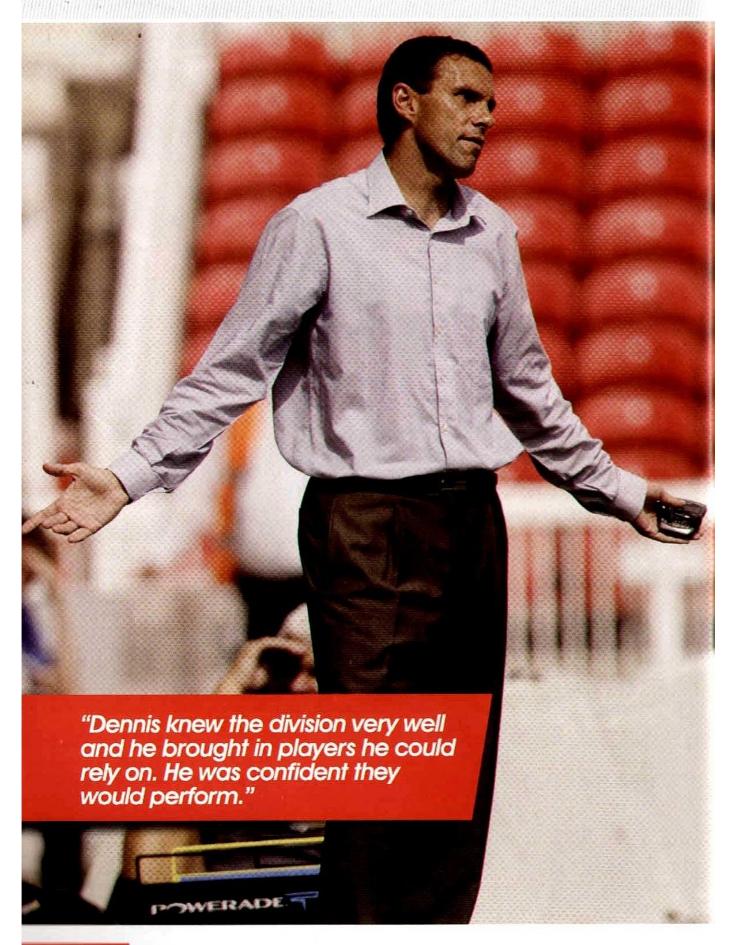
GUS Poyet represented both Chelsea and Swindon with distinction and he's in the commentary box for Sky tonight, so who better to run his rule over the two teams? Here, the Uruguayan recalls his spells in Wiltshire and London in a candid interview for S

Dennis (Wise), so it was a big moment for the in hindsight, it was a great apportunity and a great decision that set me up to the rest of my career.

Had you always considered going into coaching?
I started thinking about It when Gianluco Vialli took over at Chelsea after Ruud Gullit. One day he was sat next to me in the dressing room, the next he's the







then you think, 'oh my god, I need that paying attention because the could be an opportunity for the one day'.

When I stopped playing I took six months away from football and I took a while to get back into it, I couple of years even. Dennis would a few opportunities with the and when Swindon came we agreed it was a great apportunity.

The move worked out well for you and the club, because the team got off to an electric start...

There are plenty of stories mound when we first joined. There was a pre-season trip booked for libles, which we didn't like at all. When you think of pre-season and wanting hard, when the players we suffering, Ibiza is not the first 1940 you think of [laughs]. But I Prive to say it was spectacular. If plowed to me early on that William is sometimes no right or wing way to do certain things in went there and it was too hot, dangerous even, but it well an incredible opportunity to (iii) I've group together and really prepare for the season ahead. It wanted out well.

Avd yes, we started really well. I remomber thinking: 'this is easy!' It's not, of course, but I'm I'me flew by. Dennis knew The allyllion very well and he implication players he could my on. He was confident they would perform. For example, we brought in Peter Brezovan... Dervols missed a training session io go and sign him, which left me taking training - it was my first ever session on my own! But Dervis went with goalkeeper coach Andy Beasley to go to this goodwooper camp, where they lighted Peter. He was spectacular for us until he got injured. We also read people like Mr [Christian]

Roberts who was outstanding for us, a different class. We tried everything to help him out and he really repaid that with his dedication and performances. It was a great time.

It was a big lift for a club that had just been relegated...

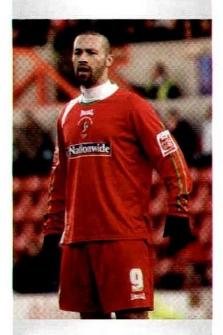
Yes I remember there were doubts about whether the club could come back or whether we would have people in the stadium to support the team. But after six or seven games I remember we were getting 8,000 or 9,000, which was a great feeling. Everything was right. I was living in Swindon in a small flat and I was getting used to the local restaurants, the supermarkets and the crazy roundabout - it was great for me. We made changes to the training ground, the squad started eating together and everything just worked.

Presumably when Leeds came calling, it was just too good an opportunity to turn down?

It was too many things together: Leeds were two divisions higher and we knew Ken Bates, so it just felt right. It was difficult because I was looking for somewhere to live in Swindon and then all of a sudden that changed. People think it's sometimes all about the money. It is part of it, of course, but we have families to think about when relocating. They have to settle whereever you decide to move to and the children have to change school - it's a big change. So it was a big decision and I think because I didn't have a house in Swindon at that stage, it made the decision a bit easier. The timing was crucial. You never know if it's going to be the right or wrong decision, but the Leeds experience proved to be another great one.



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"Luke is an absolutely fantastic coach... different class. You can talk football with him for hours and hours."

After Leeds came Tottenham, then Brighton... so you already know some of our current squad, don't you?

Yes, I know quite a lot, I still look out for Swindon's results like I do all my old teams and I managed to watch the game against MK Dons on television. I probably know more than you think. You've aot Grant Hall, who was with me at Brighton before he went to Spurs. He played in our Under-21s team and we pushed him quite hard to see if he could make the first team at Brighton. You've also aot Rvan Harley and Rvan Mason, who was just coming through the ranks at Spurs. I think you have a team who will play good football. More importantly, you have Luke Williams. Luke is an absolutely fantastic coach... different class. You can talk football with him for hours and hours.

One of our most popular signings has been Yaser Kasim, who you had at Brighton. What do you make of him as a player?

Yaser is an outstanding central midfielder and he came to us from Tottenham, where of course there are few opportunities in that position. He came to our reserve team in Brighton and he needed to learn to do the ugly, defensive part of the game. It took him a while, but he was always very, very close to the first team. For some reason, every time he was close he just didn't make it. We were as disappointed as he was. When Luke [Williams] decided to take him to Swindon, I was delighted. In that first hour against MK Dons I was happy to see him play the way he did, we knew he had the potential to be that player.

So tell us about your move to Chelsea from Real Zaragoza – there were other clubs interested in you at that

time, Real Madrid, Inter Milan, so why Chelsea?

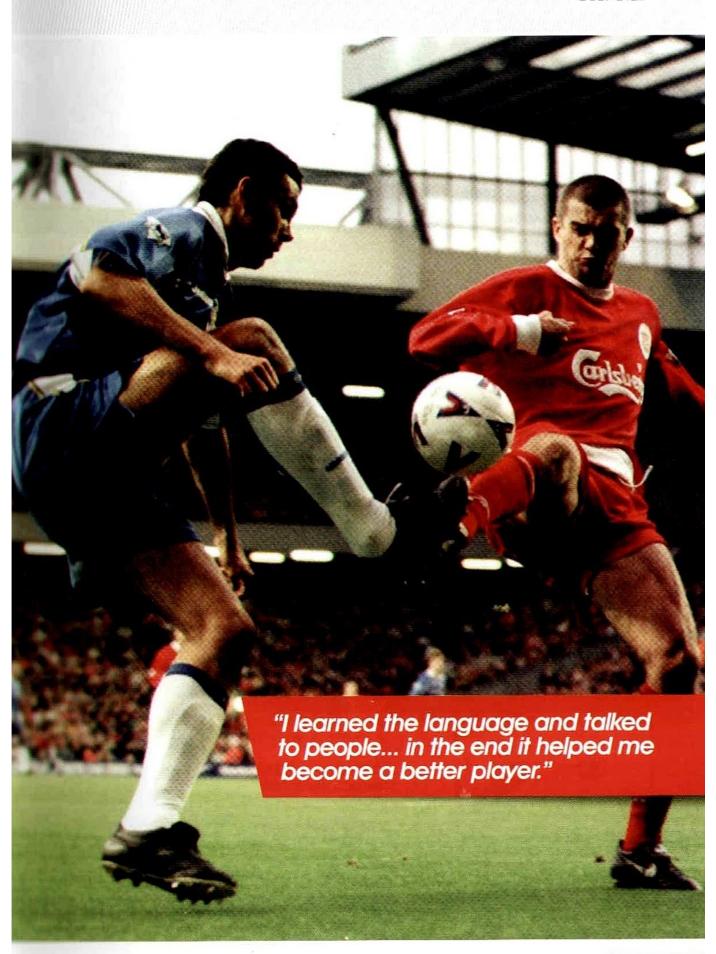
I was free. In 1997, a player playing regularly could still be free. which wouldn't happen now. That's a areat price for anyone! These days there are a lot of players who are free and simply cannot find a club, it's amazing. The key was that Chelsea pushed it more than anvone. Colin Hutchinson, who was at the club at that time, flew over to convince me to sign. When someone commits in that way, it is difficult for anyone to say no. Chelsea were very good with me. The other thing was that I had to consider my family. We were comfortable in Spain and we knew the culture. We knew we could have stayed there forever. I did wonder if I could settle in England at 29 years old. It was a big life change, but again it proved a good decision.

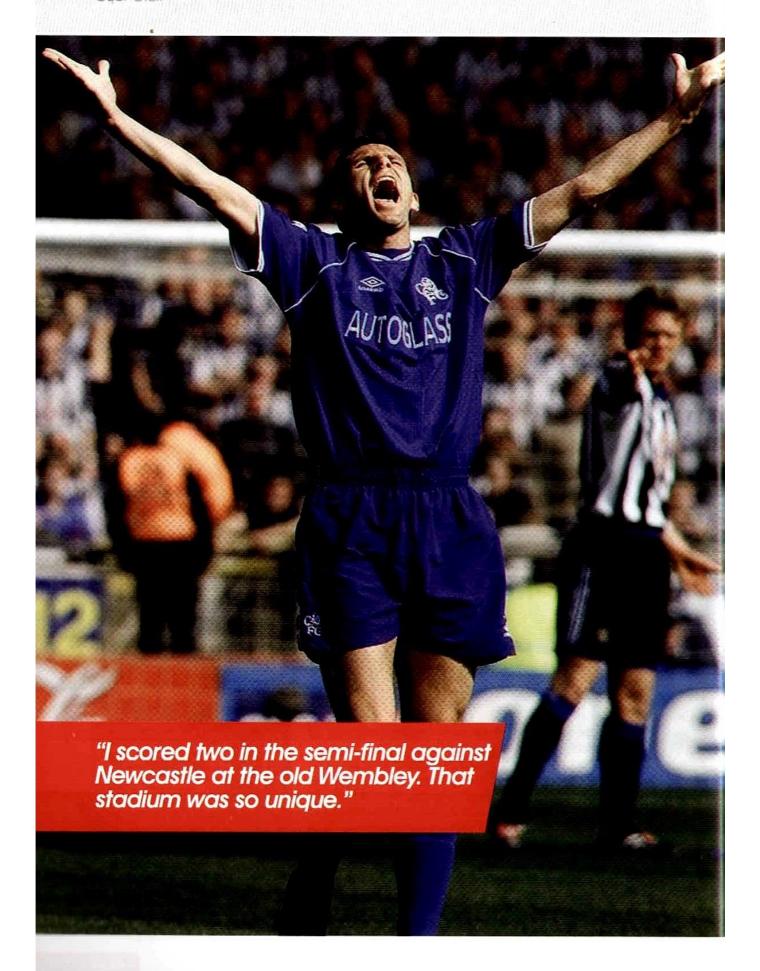
How did you find the new culture and playing in the Premier League?

It took me a while. I got injured in October, my cruciate ligament, which wasn't ideal but I used that opportunity to my advantage. I had five months on the sidelines, which gave me the chance to learn everything I needed. I really watched games to learn about the style, I learned the language and talked to people... in the end it helped me become a better player.

You seemed ideally suited to the English game, because you weren't shy of scoring goals!

My time at Chelsea was very good. I always say that I was not an individual player, and that I needed my team-mates to help me perform in a certain way and make the most of the ability I had. My goals-per-game record at Chelsea is the best of my career, but we had Gianfranco Zola, Roberto Di Matteo, Dan





Full section and Wisey... I used to issee in the tunnel before games and feel so confident. We were a teappy to be playing together in that midfield and we were a very strong unit. It must have been difficult for the opposition play against that. We had understanding.

What all still in touch. People in the realise, when you have that and of understanding with extrems it can make you friends that relationship was recited on the football pitch.

And Chelsea were going through a special transition at that time. It was pre Roman Abramovich but Hoddle, Gullit and later Claudio Ranieri were making big changes to the club...

We were becoming a better that was able to challenge for the top three and win cups www. Unfortunately for we never won the Premier leade, but we pretty much won waything else, from the FA Cup in the Charity Shield and also in Europe. We just couldn't win the But the football we were illiaing and the respect that ... I remember playing in Turkey, Galatasaray I think, in The Champions League. Their form gove us and particularly Calvidronco Zola a standina median. They could see that team was playing nice and attractive fixell was a great time.

You mention the cup wins you lifted the Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Super Cup [1998] too, but which was your favourite?

Forme, the FA Cup [in 2000]

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Wembley. That stadium was so unique. It was so grand, particularly around the Cup Final, what with the red carpet and that walk from behind the goal... all the way to the middle of the pitch. It was such a long and spectacular walk, amazing. The feeling when you get there was something else. The Super Cup, when we beat Real Madrid in Monaco and I scored the winning goal, was also good because it was the only final I managed to score in.

You scored plenty of goals. From the scissor kick against Sunderland to that Newcastle double and a long ranger in Europe against Lazio, but what was your favourite?

Me? I like the two at Wembley. Yet the one that everyone mentions and people stop you in the street to talk about is the goal against Sunderland. It was unique. I never tried it before and I certainly never tried it afterwards. Why did I try it on that day? Who knows, I have no explanation. It wasn't a skill, it just happens. And it's great when it goes in!

You obviously still keep a watchful eye on the club, so what do you make of Jose Mourinho's return?

I think Chelsea will challenge for every single title and I hope they win one or two like they did last time he was in charge. I am very optimistic. It is a plus having Jose Mourinho on your side.

Prediction tonight? Can Swindon shock Chelsea?

I think for something to happen Chelsea have to have a bad day and Swindon have to have one of the best days of their lives. Maybe there will be a red card, a refereeing decision or a spectacular goal that will help them, but it needs to be a special day for Swindon for them to win.



"I didn't score in the final, Robbie Di Matteo did that – he always scored in the finals!"



"I am very optimistic. It is a plus having Jose Mourinho on your side."

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DAVE Wallis looks back on Town's memorable encounter with the Blues

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I sorved a purpose which offered
Wernbley final at a time when
participation in Europe was restricted

to teams who had actually won something the season before, and whose European nights might end after just one knock-out round.

Anyway, Town were unfancied to overcome their visitors, who included future Town midfielder Micky Hazard, while ex-Town loanee Roy Wegerle would come on off the bench.

So it was considered a bit of a shock when we took the lead after six minutes. Dave Bamber fought to get his head on a Kieran O'Regan cross, and centre back Tim Parkin forced the ball over the line.

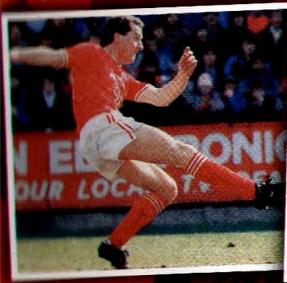
Better was to come. Inside another two minutes Chris Kamara won a wholehearted challenge in midfield and supplied David Hockaday. His purposeful run and through ball found Steve White who drilled the ball past goalkeeper Roger Freestone to double our advantage.

If Chelsea were determined to restore order it didn't show.

Two minutes before the break Chalkie turned provider. Squaring a pass into the six yard box after another excellent ball from O'Regan, strike partner Jim Quinn gave us a 3-0 interval lead.

That's how things remained until 18 minutes into the second period. Then Dave Bamber cantered through the centre of the field chasing a ball from Phil King. As first Tony Dorigo, and then Freestone did everything they could to haul the big man down, the referee allowed play to continue and the ball broke loose to White who took the score to 4-0.

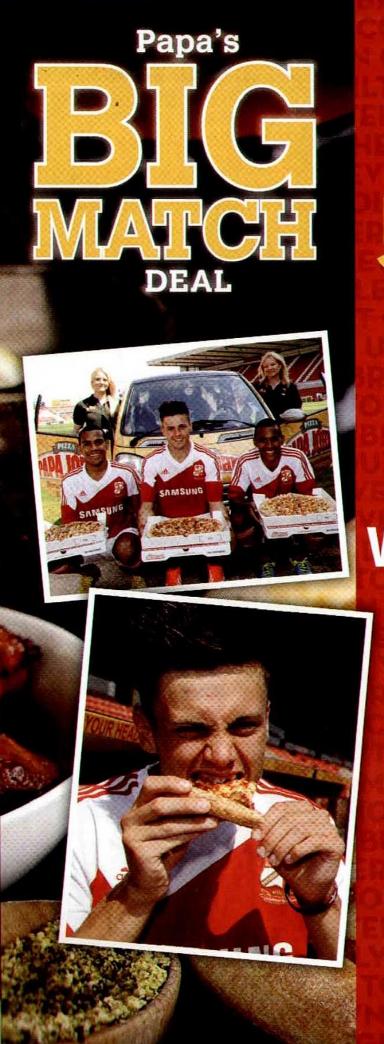
It was a result that was considered pretty satisfactory by most of the 12,317 crowd, and we progressed onto the semi-final at Kenilworth Road, Luton where we succumbed by two goals to one after extra time.







PICTURED L-R: Steve White in action for Town in 1988, Micky Hazard & Tony Dorigo.





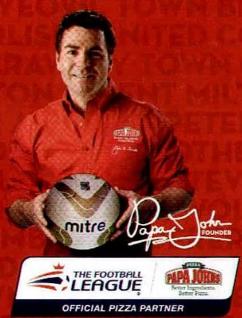
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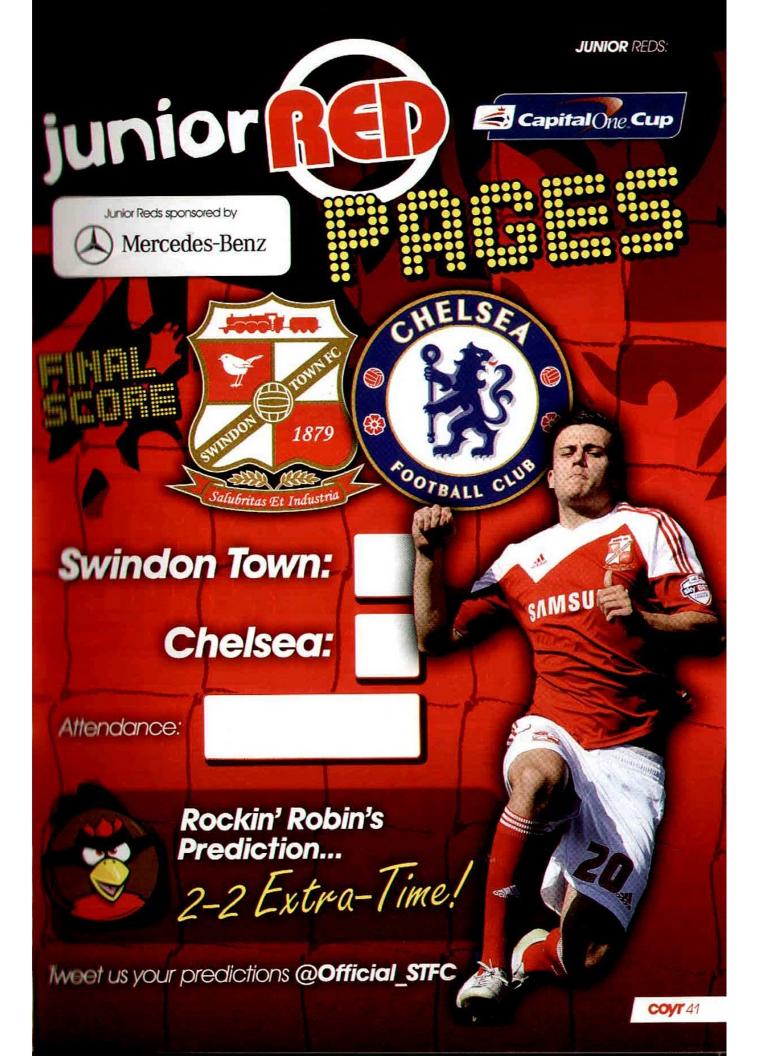
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- Nathan Thompson wears the number 2...
- Darren Ward once had hair like David Luiz...
- Miles Storey eats Papa Johns Pizzas...





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Can you name this Swansea player?



Can you reveal the current Town player?

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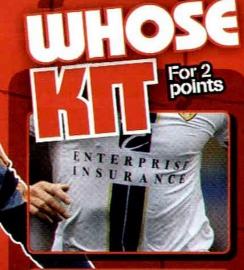


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- I signed for which current Premier League side in 2010?
- In which home game did I make my 100th Town appearance?

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WE continue our look back at what was acceptable in the 80s this week by revisiting some of the greatest and memorable cup giant killings to take place in that decade...

WHILST the magic may be slowly seeping out of the FA Cup and League Cup in the modern game, cup upsets and giant killings were a common sight in the 1980s, with David v Goliath clashes regularly ending in the favour of David.

Sutton United certainly took on the form of underdog when top flight Coventry City were the visitors to Gander Green Lane. Goals from Tony Rains and Matt Hanlan gave the home side a shock 2-1 victory over the Sky Blues, who were sitting pretty in 6th place in the top flight at the time and contained several members of the FA Cup Final winning side from 18 months before. This remains as one of the most memorable and incredible cup giant killings of all time, and Sutton United remain the last nonleague side to have knocked out top flight opposition.

A young Harry Redknapp led his Third Division Bournemouth side to a fairytale 2-0 victory over Ron Atkinson's Manchester United in the 1983/84 season, containing the likes of Norman Whiteside and Bryan Robson, who were powerless to prevent 'Arry's collection of lower league castoffs and freebles from causing an almighty cup upset.

There were also shocks in the League Cup with Luton Town coming out on top against Arsenal in the 1988 final to secure their first major trophy in their history.

Perhaps the biggest giant killing of the 80s however, came in the 1988 FA Cup Final, where a looping Lawrie Sanchez header gave Wimbledon, aka 'The Crazy Gang', a monumental victory over the newly crowned League Champions Liverpool. A giant killing feat that will forever stand the test of time.

If the Swindon players need any inspiration heading into tonight's game, then look no further than these cup giant killing heroes.



MOTD

LUTON Town's heroes Steve Foster, Andy Dibble and winning goalscorer Brian Stein celebrate with the League Cup.





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As the Academy season is now in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a charity trek I will be taking part in next month....







IN October 2013, I will be a companying ten pupils will complex learning and land vavioural issues on a fifteen-Mily trek to the Himalayas. It is expedition that will test them the whole team to our influenced and emotional limits on a gruelling yet potentially lifethrough adventure. We will trek In the Mount Everest Base Camp which beyond to the Kala Patthar BLETVYVII.

Alongside the ten pupils and herschers from the 'Engage in Half Future' network of schools, will also be joined by former England Rugby Captain and with and Irish Lions legend, Lawle Moody who was with me week during our altitude maning session in London, Thinus Delport, the former South African liaby player who now works for

Sky Sports will be joining us along with Alan Chambers MBE, an ex Royal Marine Commando and leader of Britain's first unassisted expedition to the North Pole from Canada, James Lynch and Trystan Williams, Assistant Principal and Principal respectively of Springfields Academy have signed up to take part too. Trystan is also the man in charge of the Extreme Classroom concept.

The expedition is the third in a series of eight planned trips which will be captured by a BBC documentary and follows candidates from schools within the Engage network, the national body supporting the education of disaffected pupils.

If you would like to make a contribution or donation, all funds raised will go towards the Swindon Town Academy. Your help and continued support is very much appreciated in what will personally be my biggest challenge to date. Donations can be made by cheaue or cash marked 'Swindon Town FC Academy' in sealed envelopes. Thank you to anyone who donates.

I would also like to thank the following people and organisations without whom, this trip would not be possible.

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five goals en route to Wembley as Swindon claimed the scalps of two First Division clubs. COYR caught up with him in the build-up to tonight's encounter...

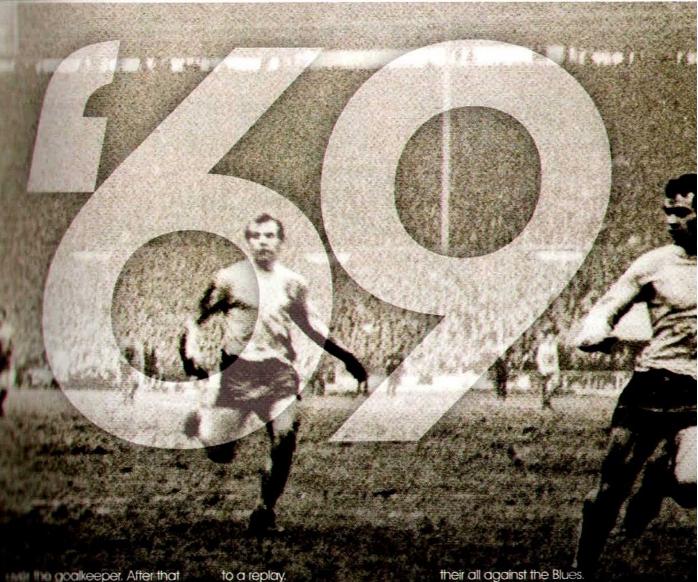
AFTER seeing off Torquay United Bradford City and Blackburn Rovers in the early rounds. Coventry City were the next opponents in round four.

"In the first leg we were two nil up with about five minutes to go," Don remembers. "My wife left the ground early that night and she stopped on the way back to have a drink and something to eat in a pub."

"Someone then came up to her and said "that was a good result for Coventry tonight wasn't it?" and of course it ended up two-all so she missed the two goals. In the second leg we played really well and won 3-0 - it was a good game. It was all in the first half if I remember rightly and it was all over at half-time."

Derby County, the club next up on the road to Wembley, were under the guidance of Brian Clough and would go on to win the Second Division championshi at the end of the season.

He continued: "Derby was the one where we thought Swindon were destined to win it because at Derby we got absolutely hammered and drew 0-0. They did everything but score. Then, for the winner at home, I've had a shot and Dave Mackay has turned his back, it's hift him in the middle of the back and looped



It is goalkeeper. After that

I said that our name is on

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"Then away at West Brom (The Hawthorns) it looked like we were going through again and they equalised right at the death. They've scored again straight away in extra time then their fellow's headed it into his own net and we've gone and scored another good goal to make it 3-2. It was one of those things when you actually look back, I think we were destined to win that. To celebrate we had fish and chips and a bottle of pop that's the way it was then."

Turning the attention to this evening's tie, the Town icon believes that Swindon will give it "I would think they don't need any tips," he said. "First of all you're going to go out there and be full of wanting to play for a start. The crowd will be a big crowd - most of them for Swindon. All you've got to do is just play. That's the hardest thing. I think with the team we've got now it suits us to be playing Chelsea because they'll want to play and they'll let us play and we CAN play, so you'd fancy your chances. We'll give them a good game I reckon.

"In cup matches you never know. It will be a close game. I hope we win of course and I'll definitely be cheering them on."

RETRO RED



DENNIS a menace to Town's opponents...

DENNIS Brown, a £15,000 signing from Stamford Bridge in November 1964, had made his first team debut for Chelsea 14 months earlier - in a League Cup tie at Swindon.

After a home loss against
Spurs, he was one of six changes
made by Tommy Docherty. "John
Hollins also made his debut
that night", recalls Dennis. But
they were powerless to prevent
Chelsea crashing to another
3-0 defeat. Dennis must have
made an impression though,
as he was handed his League
debut a week later for the visit
of Manchester United - when he
scored in a 1-1 draw.

Reading born, Dennis was given the nickname 'Bullets' by Dave Sexton, assistant manager at Stamford Bridge. "I don't know whether it was for my speed or the number of shots I took from outside the box", he said.

He hit eight goals in 24 appearances in his first season here, including a hat-trick when Orient were beaten 3-0 at Brisbane Road.

In 1965/66, Dennis and Keith
East grabbed 41 goals between
them - Dennis claiming 17. Then,
in the October, he became only
the third Town player in the club's
history to score four times in an

away League game - a 4-1 victory at Bournemouth that brought the first win there for 20 years.

The goals

continued to come in the following campaign and his god in a thrilling 3-3 F.A.Cup draw at West Ham in January 1967 was his 18th. But, a week after the replay, Danny Williams sold him to Northampton in exchange for winger Bobby Jones.

"I didn't really see eye to eye with Danny", said Dennis, which perhaps explains why the manager was prepared to part with a striker who had bagged 35 goals in just 81 games under

his command.
After just eight games at Northampton, Dennis was involved in a serious car accident which resulted in him losing his right knee cap and he was out of the game for almost a year.

Dennis still lives near Reading and still works as a travelling sales representative a couple of days a

week, although he will turn 70 in February.

ABOVE & LEFT: Dennis Brown

BELOW: The promotion winning Town side from the 1962/63 season.



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CLUB NOTES

We begin these notes by appealing to all our supporters to be real sportsmen. On Saturday last, when Sunderland took the field, there was mild applause but also considerable "booing". Surely, ladies and gentlemen, that is not the way to greet our visitors.

We are proud of the tremendous support now being accorded to our team, but above all—not too partisan. Our run of
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We are proud of the tremendous support now being accorded to our team, but above all—not too partisan. Our run of undefeated games has now been extended to nine, and we are proudly installed at the top of the table. This magnificent start has brought great publicity in all national papers. In many cases we feel this is being overdone, and often becoming farcical. We are getting a little tired of being referred to as "country cousins, the team with the wooden huts", and now "the little club perched on the top of the world—Swingin! Swindon." Let us, whatever we do, look at this in the right perspective.

Here we feel we must say "Thank-you" to our local press, who have faithfully and truly reported us throughout the lean and hungry years, and now the tide has turned (which must

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surely help them), have as always given, where due, praise and encouragement without being flamboyant. The "Swindon Advertiser" certainly does not produce the sensational head-

lines of some national papers.

Then to the actual report of the game. (This is usually one man's opinion, but unfortunately it often influences thousands of readers). One wonders how much some reporters see of a of readers). One wonders how much some reporters see of a game, and how much they rely on hearsay. One report in a London paper stated "Smith scored the only goal with a neat header after Hunt had made the opening." A leading Sunday paper produced this statement: "One expects the Wanderers (whoever that might be) to run out, all knee breeches and moustaches, and even the modern floodlight towers—Swindon got them second hand from Brentford—cannot quite dispel the illusion." We willingly leave our friend of the Supporters' Club to really. One well-known reporter stated it was the first time he to reply. One well-known reporter stated it was the first time he had visited Swindon, but we were able to remind him of the fact that he came in 1952 on the occasion of the Stoke cup-tie.

We were also honoured with an article by Mr. D. Blanchflower. First he feels Reading might be a better bet for progress

instead of Swindon, Why??

We would mention that Swindon is quite twice as big as when he knew it just after World War II. Yes, many of us still remember him as a frail, slim youth, with a shock of fair hair playing on the County Ground while he was stationed at a nearby aerodrome. Although he was known in Irish football, we feel Swindon helped in his football career, and, more especially, our ex-Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. S. Davies, who often "put him up" for the night.

Later in his article he suggests the club must still have a Third Division outlook. He could compare our attendance of 25,800 with that of at least six First Division clubs on Saturday

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last. Then he wonders if the directors will be big enough in scope and vision to borrow the large amounts of money needed

to keep step.

The Swindon Board is one of the most stable in the country. Almost everyone has given at least 10 years' service, and four or five much more. They have experienced all the vicissitudes of running a professional club. Had they not had such a sense of duty and determination, Swindon Town F.C. might not have existed today. They will progress at the right time and in the right way. They want to make money available, not have to borrow and perhaps put a loadstone round their necks and that of their successors. With the long, hard years behind them the directors, with the help of a most co-operative Town Council, will surely progress. The Borough Expansion Scheme is going ahead rapidly and is the envy and admiration of many cities and boroughs-may the football also be in that position.

Meantime, let us get down to the hard work of maintaining our position without being sidetracked by the glamour. We are on top of the world. It is hard to remain there.

To do so calls for an all-out effort by everyone. We have a great side, with a great spirit—long will that continue.

Just one last word to spectators who occupy the ring seats. Please remain until the final whistle. Last Saturday, the game, as a spectacle, was spoilt for 25,000 people because of sup-porters walking around the playing pitch long before the end of the game.

All our supporters—old and new—will be sorry to hear that the Treasurer (Mr. B. T. Hamilton) is in hospital. "Tom", as he is affectionately known, has been a director of the club for something like 30 years, and has given untold help throughout that period.

We are sure you will join with us in wishing him well and

a quick and full return to good health.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Supporters of Sunderland (rather aggressive in their remarks before the match) were, nevertheless, generous after. One said that he thought this might have been his team's promotion season but that Swindon should go up as well!

It seems likely, too, that many Sunderland "exile" supporters, living in Swindon, will be making their way to the County Ground regularly in future. We can assure them that they will he very welcome.

We have recently seen newspapers from Leeds and Manthester in which, particularly the latter, generous tributes were paid to the Swindon players.

We know that most supporters are interested only in the games themselves, but there may be some who would like some aformation on the work behind the scenes, as reported at our Annual General Meeting held on 18th September.

Our Honorary Secretary was pleased to be able to state that donations made to the Football Club during the past season had enabled the debt on the Floodlight installation (originally (15,000) finally to be cleared.

Many more supporters are now taking advantage of the facilities whereby they may purchase season tickets through this Club, on an instalment system.

The amount now involved is £1,000 as compared with about 1600 in previous years.

Donations to the Football Club last season amounted to £17,560, of which £12,500 went to General Funds and £5,060 to the Floodlighting Fund.

Membership subscriptions last season were somewhat lower than for several years, owing to the fact that it was unnecessary last season to become a member of the Club in order to parthe pate in our Competition, but modifications to the rules of

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the latter now involve prior membership of the Club.

It is therefore certain that revenue from this source will this season return to the normal level.

Since 1956, when the present types of Competition were inaugurated, a total sum of £96,800 has been paid to the Football

This, reduced to terms of sales of one shilling tickets weekly, represents a tremendous amount of work carried out by our Competition Secretaries and their Agents, and provides an illustration of the loyalty of the general public of Swindon and the surrounding areas.

This season's Competition has made a most encouraging start, but we can still accommodate more patrons to reach the maximum permitted sales of 15,000 tickets weekly.

Newly elected Committee Members were: Mr. and Mrs. Beidgman, Mr. J. A. Smith, Mr. G. L. Beard, Mr. C. J. Wheeler, Mr. Bamford and Mr. W. Pinder, the last-named having been a Committee Member of Burnley F.C. Supporters'

We hope that they will enjoy their work with us.

All former Officials of the Club were re-elected, and we all look forward to another successful season. With the continued support of the general public, this should be assured.

We take this opportunity to issue a final reminder regarding the Gala Performance of Bertram Mills' Circus for which this Club is responsible. Remember Monday, 30th September, at 145 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at our Club Offices tomorrow (Thursday) and on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Details of the Chelsea players are as follows:

(Excerpt from "Who's Who at Stamford Bridge")

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BONETTI, PETER

Signed professional in April, 1959 after one full season with our Juniors. Made League debut against Manchester City in April, 1960 and has been regular first-choice since. Has played seven times for England Under-23's, including five last season. League appearances 114. 5ft. 102ins., 10st. 9lb. Born Wandsworth.

COWEN, JOHN

Another goalkeeper-product of our Youth Scheme, he became a pro-fessional last October. Was in England's team that won the 16-nations International Youth Tournament at Wembley in April without conceding a goal in the competition. 5ft. toins., 11st. 2lb. Born Lewisham.

Ex-Junior who signed professional in January, 1962, he made three League appearances last season. 5ft. 10jins., 12st. 3lb. Born Barking.

Joined us from Irish League club Portadown in December, 1961. His eight League appearances so far were all made at the end of season 1961-62, when Bonetti was out with an injured hand. 5ft. 102ins., 11st. Born Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

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FULL-BACKS

Turned professional in May, 1960 after two seasons as left-back in our Junior team. A former England Youth cap he made his League debut at Preston in October, 1960 and his 59 League appearances have been spread over the past three seasons. Brother of our wing-half, Ron Harris. 5ft. 8ins., 10st. 6lb. Born Northampton.

McCREADIE, EDDIE

HARRIS, ALAN

Was transferred from Scottish Second Division club East Stirling in April, 1962 and quickly established himself here last season (32 League appearances) as a dynamic full-back with a flair for attack. Was originally a wing-half. 5ft. 10ins., 11st. 3lb. Born Glasgow.

SHELLITO, KEN

One of the boldest fastest full-backs in the game, he burst upon the International scene last season, playing for England's Under-23 team against Yugoslavia at Old Trafford and taking over in the full England side on the summer tour against Czechoslovakia when Armfield was unfit. Another of our Junior products, he played for Essex and London Schoolboya before coming to Stamford Bridge and signed professional in April, 1957. League debut away to Nottingham Forest in April, 1959, when captain of Chelsea Youth. League appearances: 67. St. 9½ins., 12st. 12lb. Born East Ham.

WATSON, IAN

Made his first-team debut at right-back in last season's F.A. Cup replay against Tranmere and played at Swansea in the following League game. A real "local" he was discovered for our Youth section by scout Wilf Chitty, the pre-war Chelsea winger. Holds London County soccer honours and signed professional in February, 1962. 5ft. 11ins., 11st. 9lb. Born Fulham.

HALF-BACKS

Had a great 1962-63 season, captaining England's Youth team when they won the International Tournament at Wembley and then clinching a place in our promotion-winning League side. Another ex-Junior—and younger brother of Alan Harris—he became a professional in November, 1961. Made three League appearances in 1961-62 and seven more last season. 5ft. 7½ins., 11st. Born Hackney.

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HOLLINS, JOHN

Brother of Dave Hollins, Newcastle United's Welsh International walkeeper, John is a close-season professional signing, moving up from unior ranks in July. Skippered Chelsea Youth last season when Ron Harris was playing elsewhere. 5ft. 7ins., 10st. 7lb. Born Guildford.

MORTIMORE, JOHN

Ever-present at centre-half in last season's promotion side, he has made 180 League appearances, a total beaten only by Frank Blunstone among our present players. Former England Youth and Amateur International—and schoolmaster—he played three League games (when with Woking) before signing professional in August, 1957. 5ft. 118ins., 11st. 13lb. Born Farnborough.

SORRELL, DENNIS

Joined Chelsea from Leyton Orient in March, 1962 and made one bust Division appearance (against Birmingham City) three days later. Topped last season's list of appearances (30) for our reserves, who won the Football Combination Midweek Section. 5ft. 5fins., 10st. 7lb.

Began his career with Northampton Town, then joined Derby County, for whom he played 233 League games before transferring to Chelsea an August, 1961. Has added 47 League appearances in our colours, 37 of them last season, which he finished as emergency centre-forward. Stall lives at Derby. 5ft. 112 ins., 13st. 4lb. Born Nuneaton.

VENABLES, TERRY

Has played for England at Schoolboy, Youth, Amateur and Under-23 level—will it be full honours in 1963-64? His Under-23 cap came against Greece and he went on the Intermediate tour in May, but did not play because of indisposition. Joined our Juniors in the 1958 summer, made League debut in February, 1960 away to West Ham and became a professional in the following August. Like Mortimore played every match last season and starts 1963-64 with a total of 11 League appearances. Is also a talented "pop" singer. 5ft. 8½ins., 11st. 6lb. Born Dagenham.

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YOUNG, ALAN

Followed Manager Tommy Docherty from Highbury to Stamford Bridge in November, 1961 and played six times for our League eleven in 1961-62 season. Signed professional for Arsenal in April, 1959 after two years in their juniors. 6ft. ogins., 12st. 8lb. Born London.

FORWARDS

BLUNSTONE, FRANK

BLUNSTONE, FRANK
Signed from Crewe Alexandra in February, 1953, he is now our longest-serving player, taking a testimonial to mark ten years' fine and courageous service. Was in our League Championship team of 1955 and gained five England caps at outside-left—against Wales, Scotland, France, Portugal and Yugoslavia—in seasons 1954-55, 1956-57. Broke a leg in fourth round F.A. Cup-tie at Tottenham in January, 1957—and broke it again the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in the following August in pre-season practice match regions digit in pre-season pre-season practice match regions digit in pre-season pre-season pre-season pre-season pre-season pre-season pre-season pre-season regions digit in pre-season pre-season pre-season regions digit in pre-season pre-season regions digit in pre-season regions digit in pre-season regions digit regio

BRIDGES, BARRY

Was a Chelsea junior with numerous England Youth honours when tening professional in May, 1958. A centre-forward, he has played in most other forward positions and, with 36 games last season, raised his League appearances total to 73 (36 goals). 5ft. 9½ins., 12st. 1lb. Born Horsford, near Norwich.

Signed professional in June, 1962 after one season at centre-forward with the Juniors. Was a "regular" in our successful Football Combination side last season, when playing mostly at outside-right. 5ft. Bim., rost. 7lb. Born Reading.

One of this summer's newcomers to Stamford Bridge—signed in July
he is an England Youth inside-forward and played last season for
Southampton. cft. 8ins., 11st. Born Dagenham.

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FASCIONE, IOE

This Scottish Junior "cap" joined us from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy last September and played inside and outside-right for both Junior and Combination teams in 1962-63. 5ft. 7½ins., 10st. 8lb. Born Coatbridge.

HARMER, TOMMY

Made his reputation as an artistic little inside-forward with Spurs through the 1950's. Then moved to Watford, from whom he was signed by Manager Tommy Docherty last September. Came principally to help bring on our young reserves, but finished the season with a remarkable first team record—five games, all won. And his only League goal for us made him a real promotion hero; it was the winner at Sunderland in the vital last-but-one-fixture. 5ft. 6ins., 9st. 7lb. Born London.

HOUSEMAN, PETER

Joined our Youth Scheme at the start of last season, and signed as a professional in December. Plays inside or outside-left, 5ft, 10ins, 10st, 2lb, Born Clapham.

KNOX, TOMMY

Scottish outside-left, signed from East Stirling in June, 1962 while still on Army service. Made six League appearances last season. 5ft. 9ins., 11st. Born Glasgow

MOORE, GRAHAM

Was transferred from Cardiff City in December, 1961 at the then was capped by Wales the following season, since when he has played frequently in their full and Under-23 teams. Favours the deep-lying forward role and in two seasons has made a total of 53 League appearances (10 goals) for Chelsea. 5ft. 112 ins., 13st. 11lb. Born Hengoed, Radnorshire.

MULHOLLAND, JIMMY

Was a colleague at East Stirling of Eddie McCreadie and Tommy Knox, following them to Chelsea in October, 1962. Made his League debut at outside-left at Newcastle in November and in the course of four Second Division appearances last season also played at centre-forward and inside-right. 5ft. 8½ins., 10st. 10lb. Born Knightswood.

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Filled the right-wing position in 39 out of last season's 42 League fixtures after 18 the previous season. Signed professional in May, 1961, having been three years with the Juniors. cft. 7½ins., 10st. 2lb. Born Shoreditch.

O'ROURKE, JOHN

Was an Arsenal junior when Tommy Docherty was at Highbury, and joined Chelsea as a professional in April, 1962. Top scorer from centre-forward for our Football Combination side last season, when still eligible for the Junior team. 5tt. 8½ins., 10st. 3lb. Born London.

High-scoring Junior inside-forward who signed professional in May, 1961. One League appearance—against West Ham, February 1962. 5ft. 6½ins., 10st. 6lb. Born St. Albans.

SOMERS, MICK

Smallest player on the books, but packs a tremendous shot. Played outside-left for our Junior and Combination teams last season, signing as a professional in November. 5ft. 3ins., 9st. 4lb. Born Notting-

TAMBLING, BOBBY

At 21 became one of the youngest-ever Football League club captains last season—and subsequently the youngest player to lead a promotion-winning side. This distinction climaxed a great season for Bobby, who made his full England debut against Wales at Wembley in November—a surprise selection at outside-left when O'Gradv (Huddersfield) withdrew on the morning of the match, Gained another full cap—and scored—against France in Paris in February and made Under-23 appearances against Belgium, Greece and Yugoslavia. Like Jimmy Greaves before him, was a prolific scorer as a Chelsea Junior and signed professional in September, 1958. Scored on League debut v. West Ham in February, 1959. His League record reads 103 appearances (66 goals), and last season was his best as a marksman—his 35 League goals have only once been beaten for Chelsea (Greaves 41 in 1960-61). Twice scored four in a match, at Charlton and v. Portsmouth, 5ft. 8ins., 11st. 7lb. Born Storrington, Sussex.

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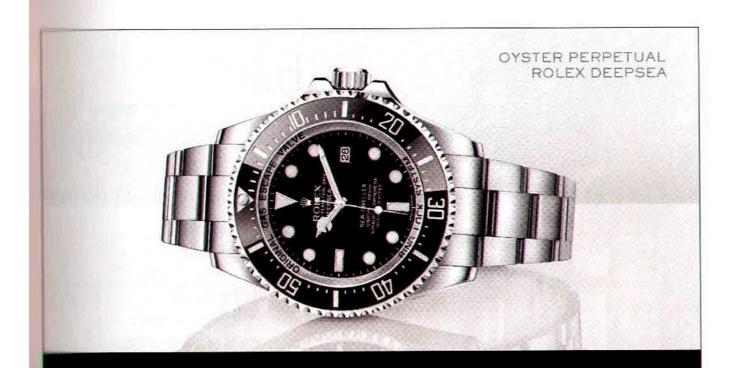
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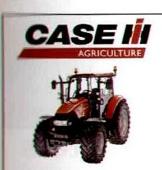




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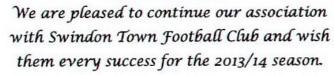


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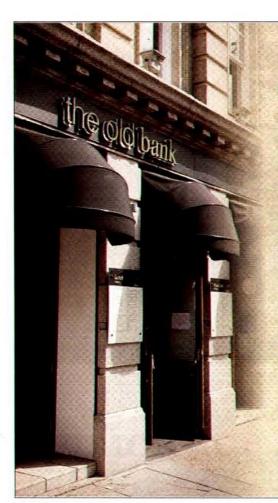












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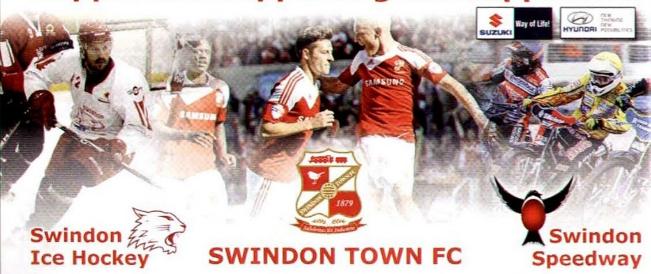


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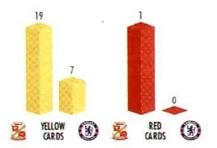
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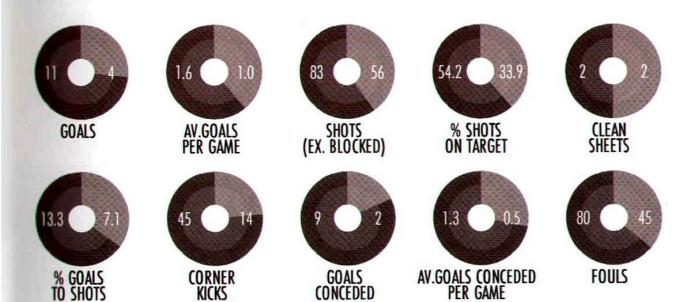
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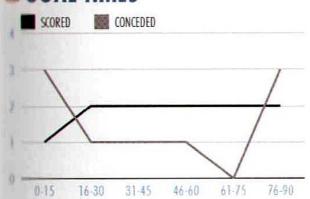


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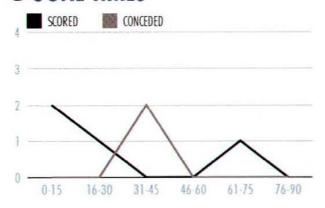
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Gruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

swindon Town has adopted the NSPCC for 2013 and is backing a new campaign -'Now I know', with new ChildLine Schools Service Ambassador for Swindon, Captain Darren Ward.

The pioneering ChildLine Schools Service is a major shift towards preventative work designed to equip children with the knowledge they need to act with confidence if they fear abuse, before it does terrible and lasting harm. This builds on the charity's other services which now increasingly focus on preventative work with adults, so the risks of abuse are removed or acted upon more quickly.

Darren and the team are

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committed to helping children in local Swindon schools learn more about what ChildLine can offer and the team are hoping to visit some local primaries in the coming months. Darren said: "I'm delighted to have been asked to act as an ambassador for this fantastic service offered by ChildLine. It really gets into the heart of our community and arms local children with the vital knowledge they need as they're arowing up. As a father to two young children myself I'm only too aware of the worries they can face and knowing that ChildLine is there for them to turn to is good to know."



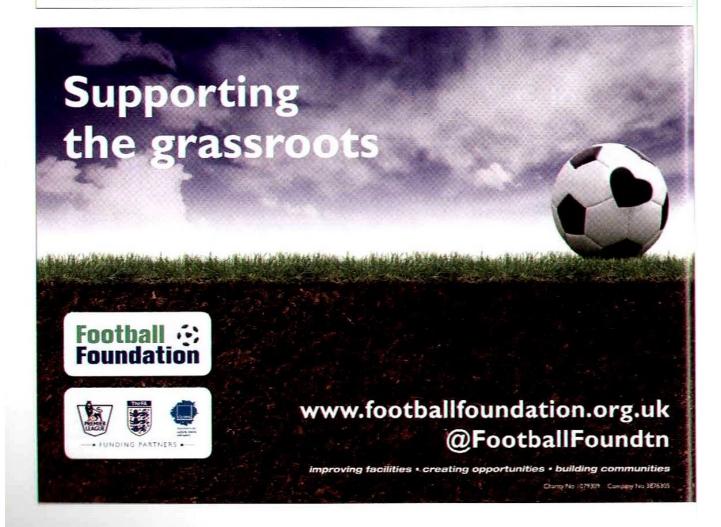
The Service has already visited 243 children in three schools in Swindon, and has proved incredibly popular with parents and teachers.* 99 per cent of schools across the UK who provided feedback in 2012/134 claimed that their pupils' knowledge of child abuse and bullying was enhanced as a result, whilst 91 per cent stated that their pupils were now more aware of who to talk to if they felt unsafe.

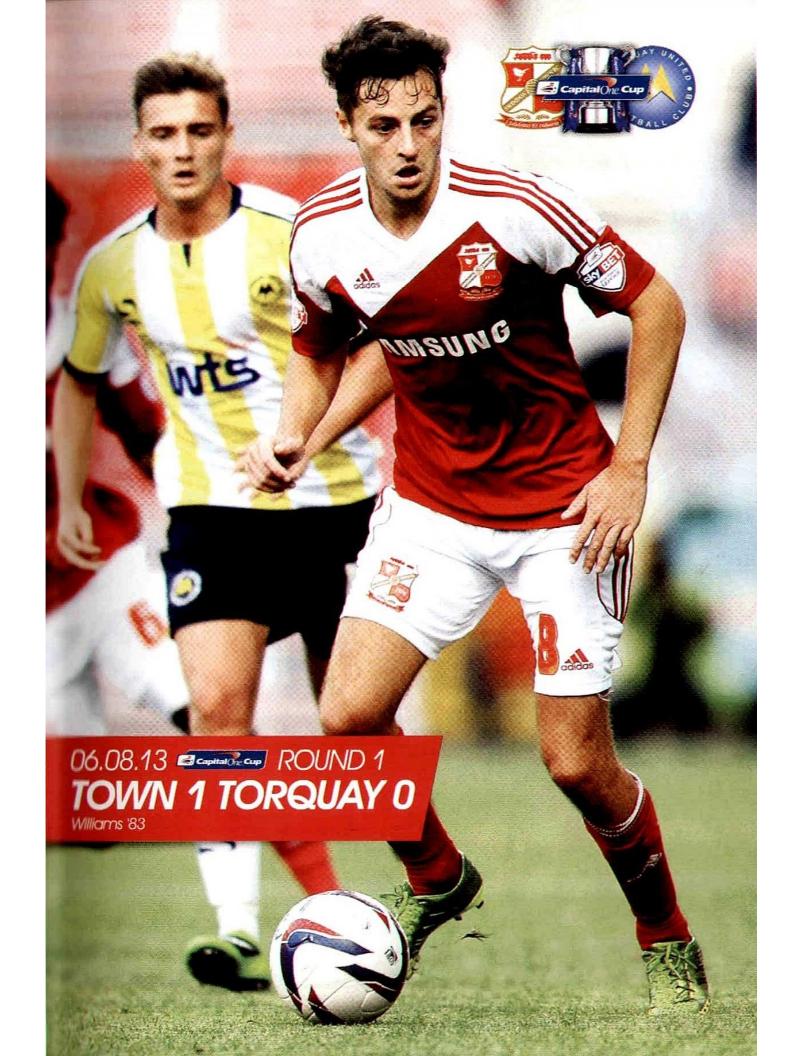
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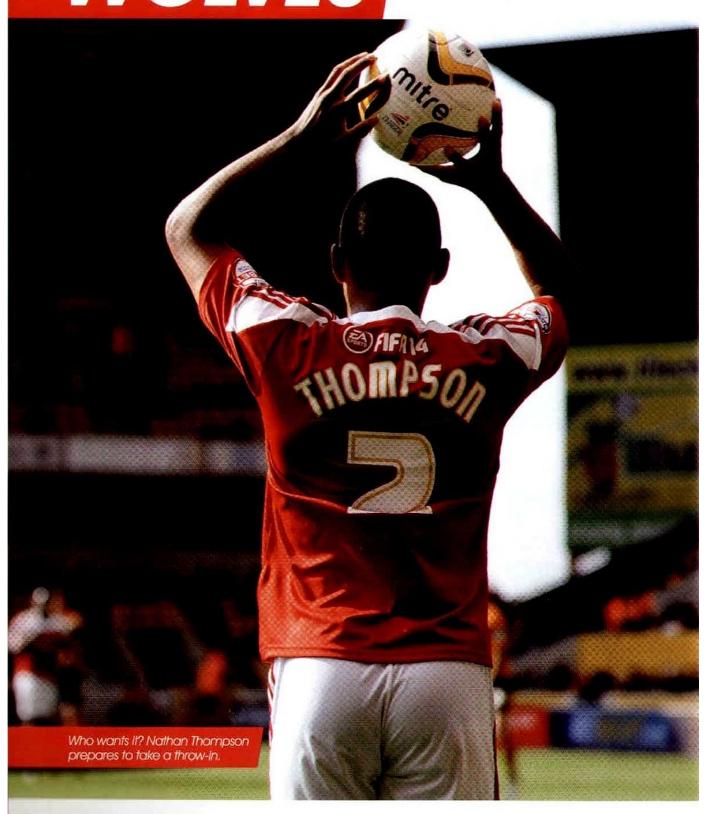
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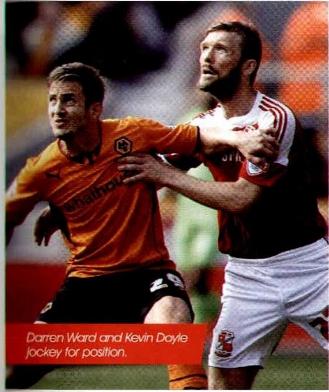


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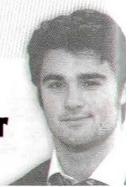






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WELL it's finally here. Revel in it, relish it and enjoy the moment because nights like these don't grace The County Ground all too often.

Congratulations to those of you who picked up the hottest ticket in town this evening. It's a sell out in SN1 and I can't be the only one getting overly excited at the prospect of Jose Mourinho and his plethora of international superstars paying a visit to little old Swindon.

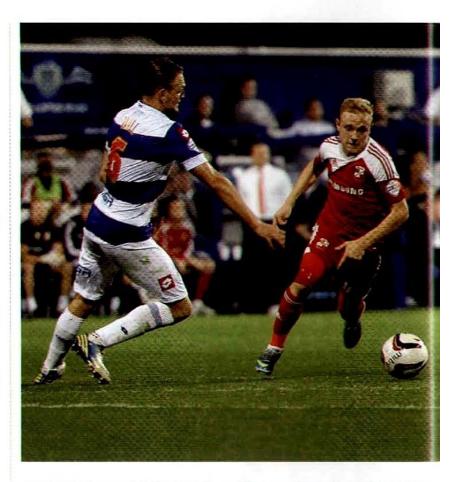
Speaking to Chairman Jed McCrory in the weeks building up to tonight, I have been struck by his almost absurd confidence that the Robins can see off their Premier League guests. It took me until the moment I sat down to write these notes to realise that, to be honest, I don't really care about tonight's result.

Win or lose, these sorts of games are all about the experience. It's an evening where a nine-year-old boy falls in love with the sport, where another generation of Town fans are born.

What's more, it's another chance for the players to strut their stuff, a little over three weeks after their exhibition at MK Dons was cruelly cut short.

Whatever happens over 90, or 120, or 140 minutes worth of football tonight, this is an occasion that even the most modest, introverted Swindon supporter should use as an opportunity to immerse him or herself in the club.

Believe it or not, you're allowed to smile as a Town fan, you're



allowed to be proud. And loud. And if you fancy it, raucous.

Almost 50 years ago to the day, Swindon beat Chelsea 3-0 in this very competition and tonight marks a golden chance to mark that golden anniversary in style.

History, form and pedigree goes out the window when a European, nay a global juggernaut rocks up to face a lower-league outfit full of cocky youngsters with no fear. Chelsea will underestimate this Town side at their peril.

Win or lose, Mark Cooper will be offering Mourinho a glass of Blossom Hill and a slightly stale sandwich post-match, that in itself is an illustration of the vast wealth deficit between the two sides.

But Swindon Town is rich in self-belief and arrogant young professionals who can play a Wolves side worth £10million a year off the park with embarrassing ease.

I don't expect a victory tonight, no one should, but I certainly expect to be entertained.

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IT'S difficult not to get a little bit excited when the "Special One" comes to town, but there's a lot more to be excited about than that.

Jose Mourinho comes to The County Ground tonight with a team which has cost hundreds of millions to put together and has a weekly wage bill which is probably more than Mark Cooper has spent on players since taking over as the gaffer at Swindon.

Your head might tell you that Chelsea should run out comfortable winners tonight with names like Eto'o, Hazard and Mata in the frame but I want you to put aside the big names on show to think about the man that Town have in the dugout.

Mark Cooper is a man with a record for inspiring his team to play well in the cup. When he was at non-league Tamworth, he took them to the third round of the FA Cup for two seasons in a row and also got Kettering to the fourth round of the cup as well.

You also need to look at the way the team are playing at the moment. It's very seldom that you'll see a team being applauded off when they lose, but Swindon's performance against Wolverhampton

Wanderers was simply breathtaking.

Confidence must be high at The County Ground at the moment and Mark Cooper's steady, game by game approach looks to be working with his young squad.

It's well known that Jose
Mourinho does thorough
homework on his opponents
and each of his players will
get a file with detailed analysis
of players, tactics, strengths
and weaknesses. Things which
will be at the forefront of his
mind but he'll also be thinking
about how to get the ball from
Swindon to give his own team
the opportunity to express
themselves and play.

On the other side of the coin, it's very easy for Town's players to look across the pitch and see a goal threat from every angle. Whatever happens, it's going to be a great game spectacle.

One thing that we can all be sure of is that both managers will have their teams fully prepared for tonight's game and Swindon Town won't be overawed by the presence of the cameras or their wealthy opponents.

I'll leave you with just one thought – the last time Swindon Town played Chelsea in a cup competition, it was 25 years ago at The County Ground and Town ran out 4-0 winners.

Stranger things have happened, but then nobody expected David to beat Goliath.

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Many fans here tonight will remember, as part of the 12,000 plus crowd, the last cup tie against Chelsea at The County Ground, the Simod Cup tie (Full Members Cup) in January 1988 which resulted in a 4-0 victory for the Town... it couldn't happen again tonight, or could it?

Far fewer will remember the slightly later one in October 1991 at Stamford Bridge in the Full Members Cup, especially as the attendance was just under 6000!

Interestingly, in our Premier League season 16,000 attended the match at The County Ground whilst just 11,000 turned up for the return tie at "The Bridge"

How times have changed in the 20 plus years since the above cup ties, with both clubs enjoying their own individual level of successes, together with facing their own difficult situations.

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



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45 Today!

HAPPY Birthday to Dave Arman with lots of love from Angie. Dave is seen here on holiday in Majorca.



Congratulations!

SWINDON has a new fan! Pictured is the future goalscorer Charlie Judd with his dad Nick.



for those wishing to join.

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Remembering

FINALLY tonight, as this muchawaited fie begins, many will remember our past committee member Ian Ratcliffe whose passing we reported in previous notes. How Ian would have enjoyed seeing the mighty Reds take on our visitors, given the miles he travelled despite his disability to support his beloved Town and many a Chelsea player who turned out for England.

Our Chairman Roger Bunce together with committee member Marc Walters attended his recent funeral along with a large number of fans dressed in their Town shirts as the ceremony took place with his coffin draped in the red and white of Swindon and with memories of that shared passion and friendship, enjoyed with lan, over many years.



Get Well Soon

JED McCrory recently popped in to Cheltenham hospital to wish Town fan Dave Wakefield a speedy recovery.



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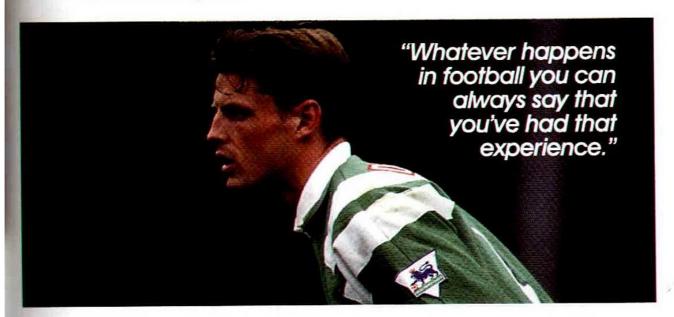
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TOWN'S Goalkeeping Coach Fraser Digby sat down with COYR to look ahead to this evening's tie...



I'VE been delighted from a 'keepers' point of view with what's happened so far this season. We've changed the way we're playing and Mark wants us to do more and act almost as an outfield player because that's the way we want to play. Defenders are looking to receive the ball, midfield players have got to receive the ball so as soon as it goes back to Wes he's got to be up to it as well. It's a million miles away from when I was playing. Back then we had the backpass rule and were able to pick the ball up and throw it out. I could simply do that with my hands. Now the goalkeepers have to be as good as the outfield players, if not better, because they get some dreadful passes that they

have to deal with. I've been delighted with what he's done we've had some good games and it's a learning curve at the moment for him.

You go into football to play in games like this one tonight. I was fortunate at this club to play in the Premier League so I've played against the likes of Chelsea a few times and it's just a fantastic experience. You want to be pitting yourself against the best players and out here toniaht, Chelsea will field a team full of world-class individuals and to pit your wits against them is a fantastic experience. Whatever happens in football you can always say that you've had that experience. Tonight will be a great evening whatever happens and we want the lads

to go out there and play with confidence.

I've been reliably informed that we beat Chelsea 4-0 in the Simod Cup back in 1988. I can't remember what happened last week let alone 25 years ago but it will be fantastic if we can do that again tonight! The difference between then and now is massive. We went into the Premier League in 1993 and the gap wasn't as huge. You look at the gap now between clubs in the Premier League and further down the league pyramid and it is totally different. It's a different world we live in now. To get results like that would be extraordinary these days.

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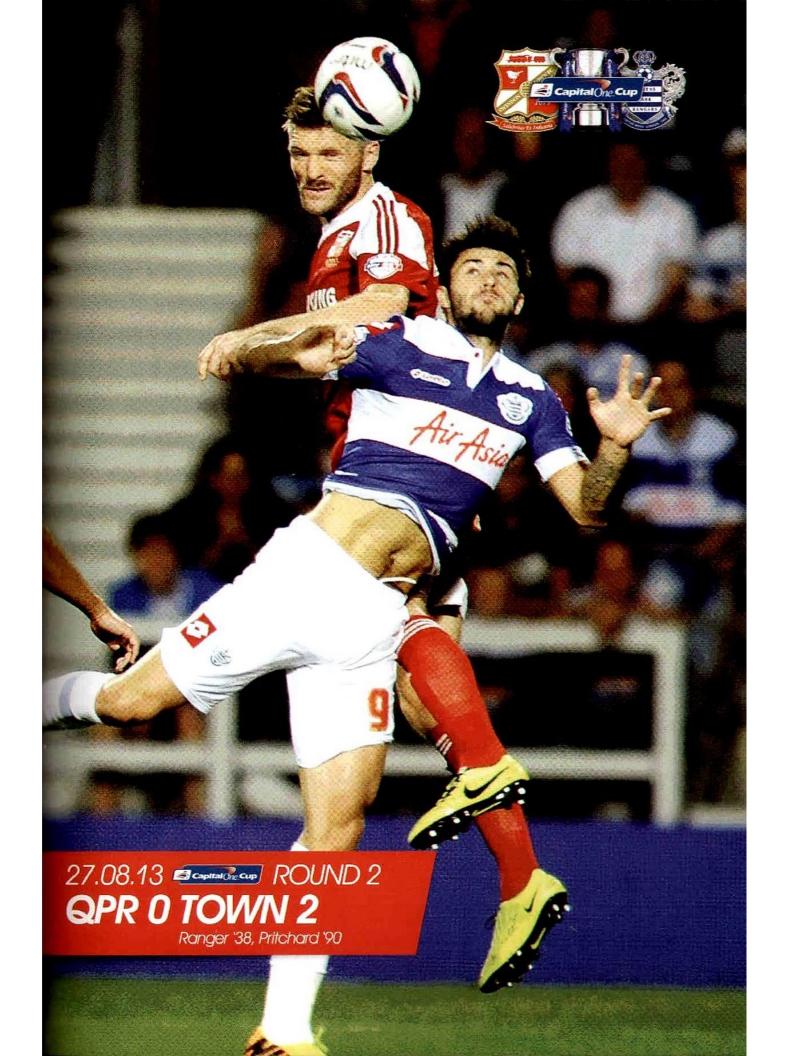
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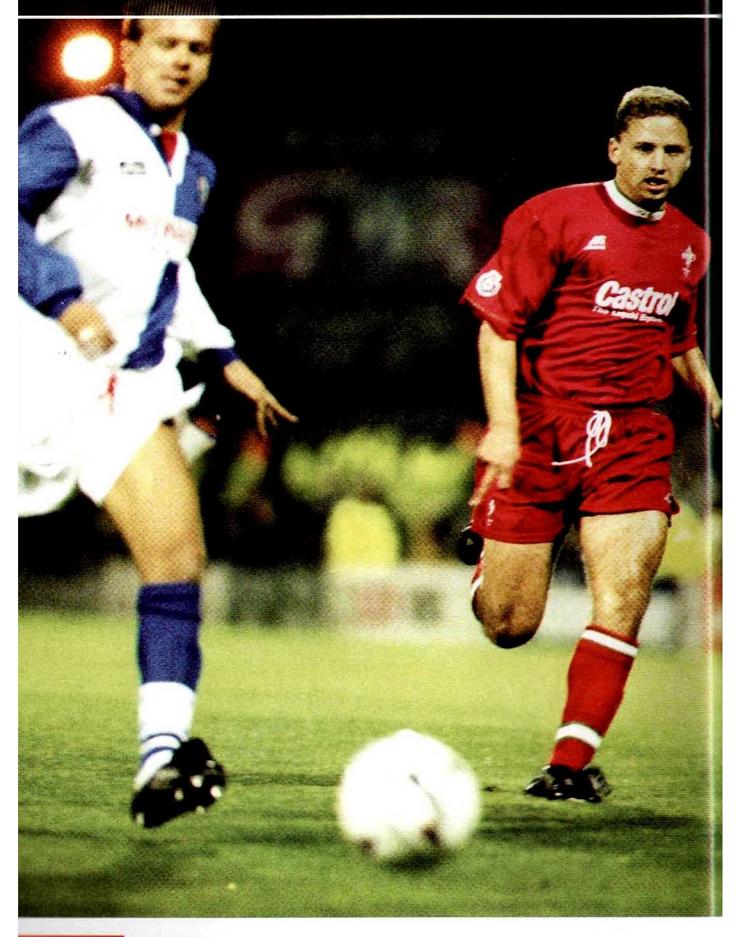
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"There's only one Steve FIMMESTAT"

STEVE Finney was already a cult hero at SN1 when Blackburn Rovers came to Town in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup in 1995. COYR caught up with him this week...

AFTER scoring on his Town debut against Hull City, Finney quickly settled into life in Division Two. Following the win at Boothferry Park, Swindon faced Cambridge United in the first round of the League Cup.

"I think we struggled against Cambridge United from what I can remember," he recalls. "They were a lower league side back then. We had a good side and were supposed to win the tie quite easily. We bombarded them away from home and I think Ty Gooden hit the bar. Fortunately we managed to get

through with two goals in the second leg at home."

Next up for the Town was a tie against Blackburn Rovers, the reigning Premier League champions and Finney recalls that he could barely hide his excitement at the prospect of facing such illustrious opposition.

"I was excited when the draw was made," he said. "Being a north-east lad it was interesting to play against Alan Shearer who was one of my heroes. I was just hoping to play in the starting XI.

"Going into that game confidence was undoubtedly high. Obviously I took a step down coming from Manchester City but I wanted to follow Steve McMahon down and I knew they had a good squad and they played good football.

"The main objective that season was the league but it's impossible when you play a side that big not to think about it but you still prepare the same way. Obviously excitement levels go right up and I think the training becomes more intense because they're all vying for a

place in that starting eleven."

A sell-out crowd of over 14,700 squeezed into the stands at SN1 on Tuesday 20th September.

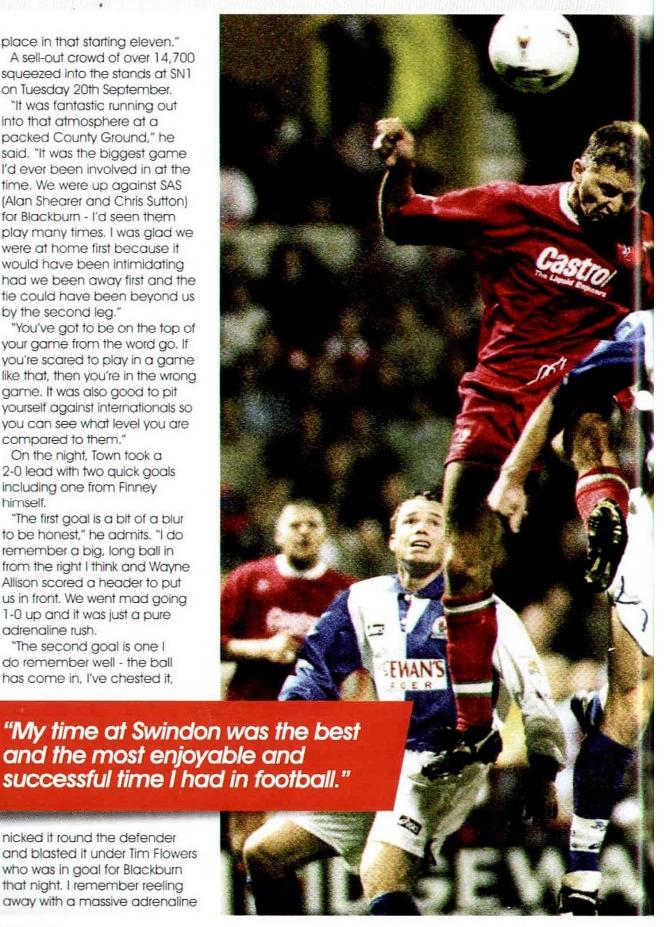
"It was fantastic running out into that atmosphere at a packed County Ground," he said. "It was the biggest game I'd ever been involved in at the time. We were up against SAS (Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton) for Blackburn - I'd seen them play many times. I was glad we were at home first because it would have been intimidating had we been away first and the tie could have been beyond us by the second leg."

"You've got to be on the top of your game from the word go. If you're scared to play in a game like that, then you're in the wrona game. It was also good to pit yourself against internationals so you can see what level you are compared to them."

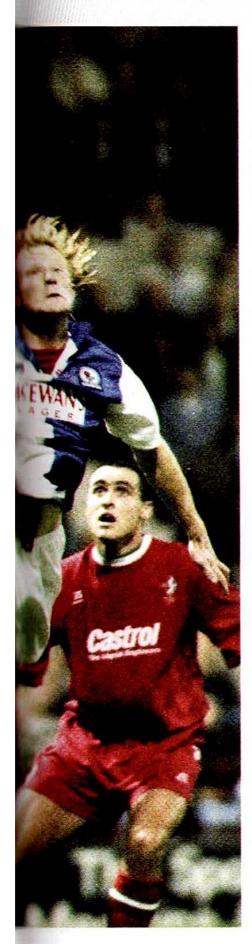
On the night, Town took a 2-0 lead with two quick goals including one from Finney himself.

"The first goal is a bit of a blur to be honest," he admits. "I do remember a big, long ball in from the right I think and Wayne Allison scored a header to put us in front. We went mad going 1-0 up and it was just a pure adrenaline rush.

"The second goal is one I do remember well - the ball has come in, I've chested it,



nicked it round the defender and blasted it under Tim Flowers who was in goal for Blackburn that night. I remember reeling away with a massive adrenaline



rush. I was still as high as a kite by half-time but the goal just before half-time put a bit of a dampener on it."

Despite the deficit, Rovers rallied and nicked a goal back almost immediately through Chris Sutton, before Shearer netted just before the break to level the tie.

"We just had to start again," he said. "If you're in the lead you've got to push on but it was like starting the match again. You've only got 45 minutes to play, keep it calm and try and nick a goal. We had to hold them at home and not let the tie get away from us. In a two-legged tie you've got to remember that you're only a quarter of a way through, so we had to keep it as tight as we did.

For all of Swindon's good work in the first half, Blackburn found the net a third time with just seven minutes to play; that man Shearer on target once again to hand the visitors a first-leg lead.

"At the final whistle there was an initial feeling of disappointment," Finney remembers. "I was devastated with it but you are as a player every player feels the same way. Having said that, speaking after the game to family, friends and fans they all agreed that we had put up a hell of a battle and, on our day, it could have gone 3-2 to us but we had our heads held high going into the second leg with a fighting chance."

In the second leg at Ewood Park, it was Finney's hero who bagged a brace and sent the hosts into the next round.

He continued: "Alan Shearer was irrepressible. He scored against the best teams in the world, played for England and you just can't keep a good man down. They were the best team at the time and the second leg was away from home. It was not

an easy place to go to – it was a big old stadium and it was a little bit different to what we were used to but we didn't really get going on the night. They knew they were ahead in the tie and played keep ball and in the end their class showed through. We could take a lot of positives from a 3-2 and 2-0 defeat to the then Champions of England."

Despite their cup exit, Town cruised to the Division Two title, creating a lot of memories for the striker in the process.

"The goal at the start of the season was reached in style," he said. "The supporters had good football to watch as well as winning games. It was entertaining for me and I know the other players enjoyed it too.

"I try to keep in touch with the results but I work Saturdays and Sundays with my job so I don't get to watch them come in but I keep an eye on results. Most of my clubs I look out for but Swindon is the first one. My time at Swindon was the best and the most enjoyable and successful time I had in football. The Division Two title is the only thing I ever won in football and I regret not staying."

Turning his attention to this evening's encounter, the former Town frontman believes that Mark Cooper's men will find it tough against their Premier League opponents.

"Tonight is going to be tough for Swindon," he added. "No disrespect to the current side but Chelsea could put out a second string and Swindon would struggle. Not to take anything away but Chelsea are just that strong a squad."

After leaving football, Finney spent nine years working as a driving instructor. He currently works for Arnold Clark in Carlisle as a car salesman and still lives in the Lake District.

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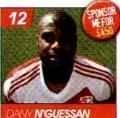
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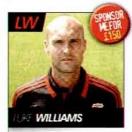
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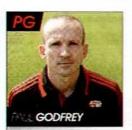
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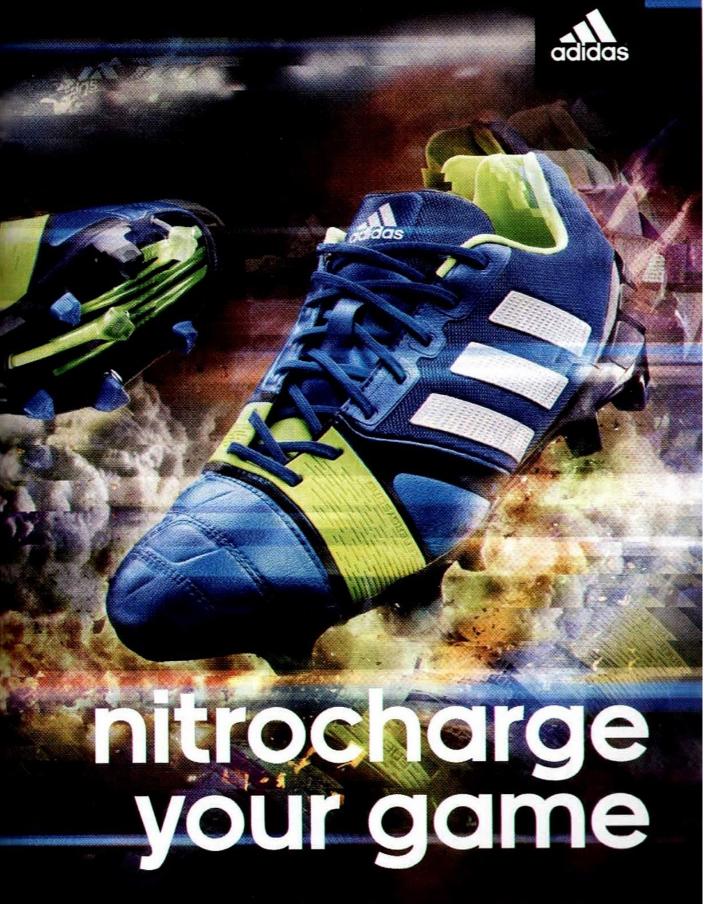
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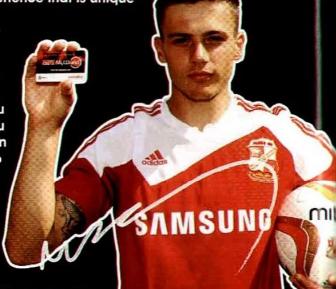
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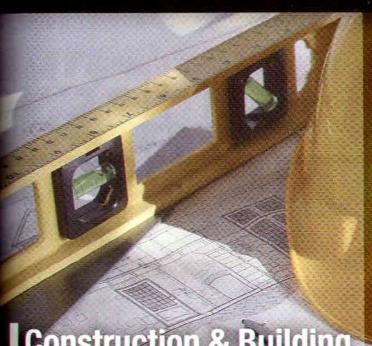
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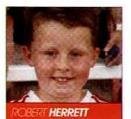


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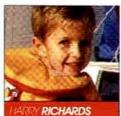
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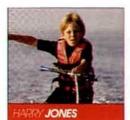
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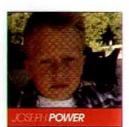
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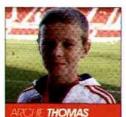
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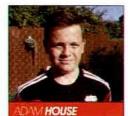
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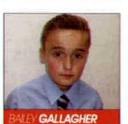
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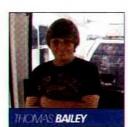
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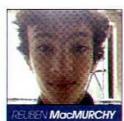
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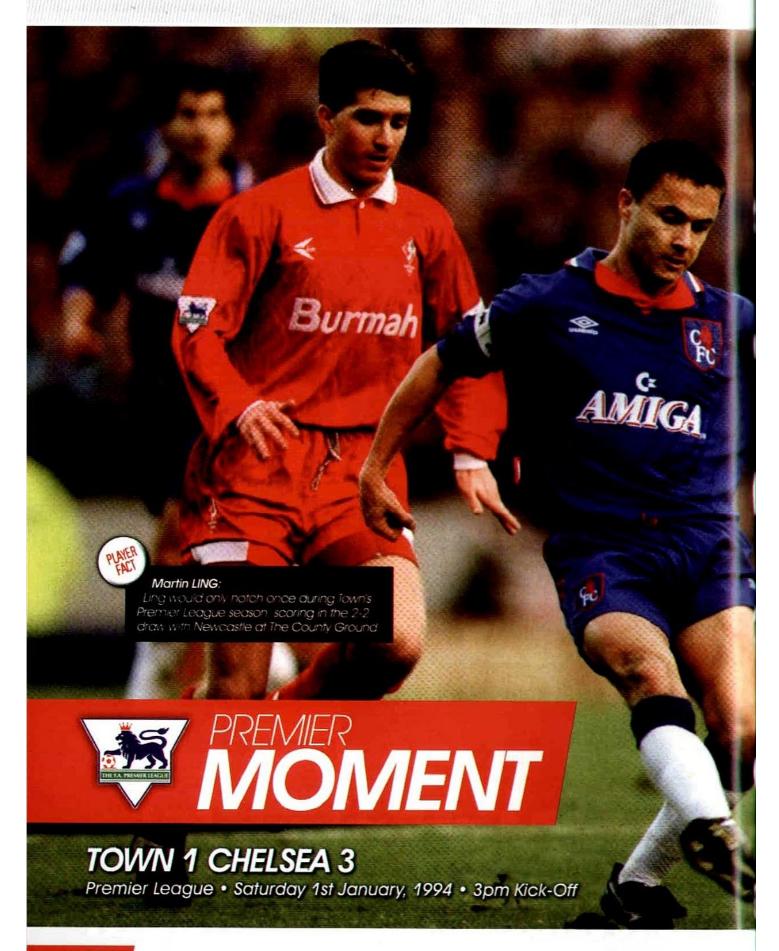


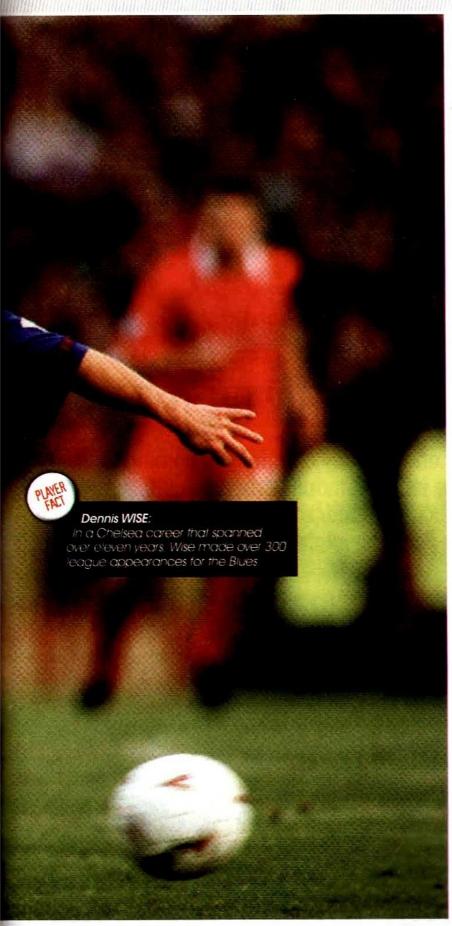




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TONIGHT'S edition of Premier Moment looks back on the last visit of Chelsea to SN1 in January 1994.

THREE days earlier, Town had snatched a point in a thrilling 3-3 draw at Sheffield Wednesday with Craig Maskell's late diving header securing a draw. The traditional New Year's Day fixture saw the return of Glenn Hoddle to The County Ground as manager of Chelsea. Before the game, John Gorman's programme notes made a bold prediction. "I'm not one for making New Year's resolutions," he wrote. "I'd like us to win every game in 1994. We had a hard start to this season but have negotiated a lot of difficulties and are now beginning to show definite signs of improvement." However, it was the former Town boss who would have the last laugh as his side came away with all three points. Neil Shipperley notched the opener after just 19 minutes and Mark Stein added a second for the visitors on the stroke of half time. With minutes left to play, future Swindon manager Dennis Wise rose highest to head home a deep cross past Nicky Hammond and seal an away win for the Blues. Andy Mutch notched a late consolation for the Town.



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Sat Aug 17	Shrewsbury Town		0-2 L	4,943 (545)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
The state of the s	Gillingham	H	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham		Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Aug 27		A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Sat Aug 31	Crewe Alexandra	Н	5-0 W	7,419 (193)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
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Sat Sep 7	Milton Keynes Dons	Α	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	Н	3.00pm						
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	Preston North End	Α	3.00pm						
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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						
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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						
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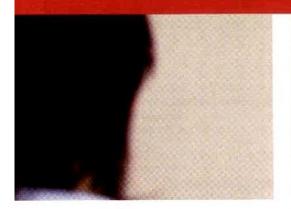






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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leyton Orient	6	3	0	0	8	2	3	0	0	8	2	+12	18
2	Peterborough	7	2	0	1	3	3	3	1	0	14	4	+10	16
3	Wolves	6	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	0	5	2	+9	16
4	Rotherham	7	2	2	0	8	5	2	1	0	6	4	+5	15
5	Preston	7	2	2	0	7	3	1	2	0	7	4	+7	13
6	MK 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	Olaham	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
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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 Pritchard	6		2		8	2	5		9
12	Dany N'Guessan	(2)			-	(2)	1	-	-	(2)
14	Jay McEveley	4	*	-	-	4	-	1		45(1)
15	Yaser Kasim	6(1)		2		8(1)	-	1		8(1)
16	Mark Francis	-	-		100			-	2	(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	Tyrrell Belford	-	+.			-	-	-		0
26	Aaron Oakley	-		-	-	-	-	-	. h	0
27	Harry Agombar	-	-	-	-	-	-			0
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	0
30	Leigh Bedwell	2 - 5	-	-	-		-		-	(1)
33	Nicky Ajose	1(2)	-	-	-	1(2)	-	+		1(2)
35	Kayden-Jackson	-	-	-	-		-	*	-	0

MESSAGE BOARD

Happy Birthday to Karen from C&D one of your major sponsors from all at Swindon Town FC and especially her friends and family that are sharing her birthday with her tonight in the C&D Suite in the Arkell's Stand.



VALERIE and Glenn Franklin are pictured on a recent holiday at Candlestick Park, the home of American Football team the San Francisco 49ers. They are both Season Ticket holders in the Don Rogers stand.



I was chuffed to see Swindon draw a glamour tie against Chelsea in the Capital One Cup.

THE two clubs hold some very happy memories for me. I watched Swindon's win at QPR in the last round and was very impressed with the way they performed. I thought they thoroughly deserved the victory.

As a young player I always hoped I was going to make the step up into Chelsea's first team and initially it was a wrench to swap Stamford Bridge for The County Ground but it proved to be a great decision. Swindon gave me the platform to play football week in, week out and the club will always be close to my heart.

I worked with some top coaches and some world-class players at Chelsea and I think a lot of the habits I picked up in the youth team and reserves helped me have a successful time at Swindon. Three years later I remember Chelsea waived the sell on fee they were due. I was glad Swindon made good money for me and I left on very good terms.

My fondest League Cup memory would be the night we played then Premier League Leeds at Elland Road. It was probably my finest performance in a Swindon shirt. Sadly for me, I was overshadowed by their goalkeeper Paul Robinson scoring from open play. I still don't know who was supposed to be marking him!

It was a shame we didn't win that night. I was always aware of Swindon's history in the League Cup, Don Rogers and the 1969



final team are well revered in SN1.

Jose Mourinho's first trophy as Chelsea boss was the 2005 League Cup, so I'm sure they'll be thinking a visit to Wembley in March will be a nice way to start his second coming.

It'll be a tough ask for Swindon to get through tonight given the squad Chelsea have at their disposal, but in a one-off game anything can happen.

Bradford's run to the final last year should give League 1 and 2 sides the belief that they can reach the latter stages of this competition.

Last season, I was part of the St. Mirren team that won the Scottish League Cup at Hampden Park. We beat Celtic in the semi-final when we were huge underdogs. It was one of those days where everything went for us.

The Swindon players will be hoping for something similar tonight. They will need to be on the top of their games and hope a few of the Chelsea team under-perform. Plus you always need a slice of luck.

Unfortunately, my current club Exeter City fell at the first hurdle this season when QPR beat us 2-0 at St. James Park, However we have started the League campaign promisingly and I'm really enjoying my football again.

I'm hopeful that this season could be the one I add my first promotion to my CVI

With no fixture of my own tonight, I'll be keeping a keen eye on my two former employers.

Enjoy the game.

SAM PARKIN



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