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Editor's Notes

Well, you've dodged the leftover turkey and egg nog today to make the trip to Griffin Park, for what promises to be another classic encounter between two promotion chasing sides.

Games against Swindon Town are always light affairs, none more so than the last time we met at Griffin Park in May to decide who was going to Wembley.

Most of you there will never forget the scenes at the final whistle, which will live long in the memory.

Today's programme features an exclusive interview with new Sporting Director Frank McParland, and he gave Bees Review a run down on his life in football prior to arriving in TW8.

Mark Warburton also gives his latest thoughts, and in contrast to most managers' notes, it's not ghost written, but personally composed by himself.

Our special feature is on the late George Sands, legendary reporter for the Middlesex Chronicle, who



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The Club are running a special ticket offer to thank Season Ticket Holders for the home game against Port Vale, you can find out more on page 19 of today's programme.

Enjoy the game.

Mark Chapman

Programme Editor

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AROUND THE HIVE

Welcome to the supporters, players, and officials of Swindon Town for this afternoon's Boxing Day fixture.

KERNAGHAN AND FARRELL LEAVE

Assistant Manager Alan Kernaghan and First Team Coach Peter Farrell have left their positions at Brentford Football Club.

Peter Farrell arrived at Brentford in the summer of 2011 with Uwe Rösler, while Alan Kernaghan was appointed as Assistant Manager in February 2012.

Brentford wishes Alan and Peter every success in their future careers.



Brentford fanzine Beesotted and local band According To You have released a remake of the early-1980s classic, which originally featured ex-player Stan Bowles, to raise funds for the people of the Philippines recovering from the destruction of typhoon Haiyan.

The song, Come On You Brentford by Beesotted Bees (featuring According to You) which is produced by Hard Fi producer Wolsey White, is available to order now via iTunes.

FAN CAM

The Bees YouTube channel carries short interviews, bite size match highlights and some behind-thescenes content from Griffin Park.

Under the terms of the Football League's broadcast agreements, supporters are not allowed to publish any footage taken from inside a ground when a Football League match is taking place.

This means any match action posted on YouTube by fans will, unfortunately, be removed. However, the Club has the right to publish this footage and is giving fans the opportunity to send in what they have taken.

After every match the Club's media team will collate videos sent in and publish a collection on the Brentford FC YouTube channel.

To send us your footage, please use a file sending programme such as www.wetransfer.com.

The recipient on the file sending programme should be videos(d brentfordfc.co.uk (please note, it is not possible to send an email direct to that address as it cannot receive large files).

There should be a description of the video included.

The best videos will be made in to a YouTube video and hosted on the Club's official channel.

Two match tickets for the next match at Griffin Park will be sent to the person who sends in the best video after each match.

FA YOUTH CUP

Brentford's FA Youth Cup Third Round match with Bristol City on December 18 was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

No new date had been set by the time Bees Review went to press.

The winner will face a Fourth Round trip to Accrington Stanley on a date to be decided.



MARCELLO TROTTA

Brentford's on-loan striker Marcello Trotta scored for Italy's Under-21 side in a speciallyarranged friendly match.

He was selected for Italy's Under-21 squad for a match against an Italy 'B' side that was played on Tuesday December 17, in Avellino.

The Under-21 side won 3-0 with Marcello scoring one of the goals, the second.



BRENTFORD FC HALL OF FAME

Alan Hawley, Jackie Graham, and Bobby Ross were the latest former players to be inducted into the Brentford FC Hall of Fame at the Club's last home game with Oldham Athletic.

All three men gave outstanding service to the Club, having captained, and all featured in a promotion winning side.

They were presented with their



DAVID WEIR

Brentford Manager Mark Warburton has named former Scotland international defender David Weir as his assistant.

David had a long and successful

salvers by Brentford Chairman Cliff Crown.

They join Malcolm MacDonald, Dai Hopkins, Joe James, Phil Holder, and Dean Holdsworth previously inducted.

The Hall of Fame is administered jointly by the Club, and The Brentford FC Former Players' Association.

It is expected that more former players will be honoured over the course of the season, and beyond.

career as a player, featuring for Falkirk, Heart of Midlothian, Everton and Glasgow Rangers.

As well as winning a large number of medals during a 20-year career he was named Scottish Premier League 'Player of the Year' and Scottish Football Writers' 'Player of the Year' in 2010.

David also won 69 Scotland caps.

After retirement, he moved in to coaching, taking up a position at Everton.

He was appointed as manager of Sheffield United in June but left after four months at the helm.

David started work at Brentford's Jersey Road Training Ground on December 16.

LEAD THE BEES OUT AT GRIFFIN PARK

Bees fans from are being offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to be the Guest of Honour for Brentford at the Sky Bet League One match against Bradford City next year.

Prostate Cancer UK - the Official Charity Partner of The Football League - is giving a fan the chance to lead out Brentford against The Bantams on March 8 2014.

The pioneering partnership, between Prostate Cancer UK and The Football League, aims to reach over 16 million fans across the terraces up and down the country, raising awareness of the disease which affects one in eight men sometime in their life, and kills more than 10,000 men a year.

This season for the first time ever, a new super team featuring football managers, players, fans and football club staff join arms as "Men United" and face prostate cancer head on by encouraging men everywhere to wise up to the disease and take action – and for one afternoon Brentford will hand on the mantle to a lucky fan.

The lucky football fan will not only have the honour of leading their team out onto hallowed turf before kick-off and enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience at Griffin Park; the winner will also represent Men United in the battle against prostate cancer by putting aside their local football rivalries.

To win the chance to lead out Brentford next year and to register for a fortnightly football newsletter visit the sign-up page by January 2 2014.

The competition is available to those over the age of 18 only.

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Good afternoon to you and I trust everyone is enjoying a happy and healthy festive period.

Firstly, may I extend a warm welcome to Mark Cooper and his Swindon Town team for what I am sure will be an enjoyable and highly competitive fixture this afternoon.

Swindon have forged a reputation for playing good attractive football, and I hope very much that we are considered to be of the same philosophy, and can therefore look forward to a good quality game played in the right spirit.

My first game as manager last Saturday was an experience I will never forget and I can only thank you the supporters for the tremendous reception you gave to me, the staff and of course the players.

After a period of upheaval, you are naturally always unsure as to how such news has been received by the club fans, but I could not have wished for a more positive and warm response.

Please accept my sincere and genuine thanks to each and every one of you.

It is also very important that I thank the players and staff for the way in which they have responded over the last two weeks.

The players have shown a tremendous attitude and focus in training, working with good intensity and quality, and generally displaying excellent professionalism.

Likewise the staff have ensured a continuity of the excellent work that was already being undertaken, and it is this continuity that has proved so helpful to the players, and that will hold us in good stead as we face the heavy

fixture schedule of the corning weeks.

I would also like to officially welcome David Weir to the club and stress show delighted I am that he has accepted our offer to become Assistant Manager.

David's playing career is of course without question and he brings a wealth of playing knowledge and experience that will undoubtedly prove hugely beneficial to all of our players both First Team and Academy.

From a coaching perspective, he has worked under and alongside some of the best names in the business, and I have no doubts that he possesses the attributes to become an outstanding manager in the seasons ahead.

Most importantly, I find David to be a very disciplined and respectful man, hungry to learn and keen to embrace the opportunity at Brentford.

I wish him the very best of luck and I look forward to working with him.

Performance wise, we are in good shape and with the first half of the Season almost complete, are set fair to hopefully push forward, and strive to achieve our obvious aims and ambitions.

The January window is almost upon us and we will of course look at what is required, what will help us and what might provide the small difference that can separate the successful from the also rans.

The obvious questions arise regarding existing loans, possible new loans and of course if suitable, new permanent signings.

In Frank McParland, we have a man with vast experience in the key area of recruitment, and someone who has totally embraced the plans and aspirations we have here at the club.

Frank will play a key role in helping to shape the squad for the second half of the season.

To conclude, I want to assure all of our supporters that the aspiration, determination and desire of the football department has in no way been diminished by Uwe's departure.

All of us at Brentford are hungry to succeed, but most importantly want to achieve the success through playing creative, attacking football that ensures you enjoy supporting your team.

We want to draw new supporters to the club, increase the fan base, and hopefully oversee the football department playing a key role in the period leading up to the opening of the new stadium in 2016.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM THE CEO: MARK DEVLIN

Good afternoon to you all and a very warm welcome back to Griffin Park for the visit of Swindon Town.

On behalf of everyone at Brentford Football Club, a Merry Christmas, and I hope that the game brings you all some sanctuary from turkey sandwiches, and repeats of The Towering Inferno.

Today's game was scheduled to kick off at 3pm.

However, for the first time that I can remember, live TV coverage of a Premiership game was arranged for 3pm, directly in conflict with most of today's fixtures.

BT Sport, whom are currently focused on The Premier League and, in future, Champions League coverage, clearly did not feel it inappropriate to conflict with our matches in anyway.

As they are not a broadcast partner of The Football League, why should they, but I thought that we have found some support and sympathy from our colleagues at The Premier the highest possible level. League.

Alas, I was naïve and misguided to have even entertained such thoughts.

We already have to compete with live television coverage of European Football on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which has undoubtedly had an adverse effect on attendances and cash flow.

This is one further challenge for us to deal with.

I appreciate that the lack of public transport on Boxing Day is not ideal, but at least the traffic should have been much easier this morning.

I was interested to read reports coming out of Manchester United that they were of the opinion a



Manchester United B team should compete in the Football League, along similar lines to Barcelona and takers for the creation of nursery Real Madrid in Spain.

Clearly there is a dire need to bring through more young English (not home grown as that can have a very different meaning) talent and allow them to play at first team level at

I'm not of the view that having a Manchester United B team playing in the Football League is going to resolve that issue.

I've seen the superb Academy facilities provided at some of our top clubs, but you do wonder why they invest so heavily, when the answer for so many is simply to reach for the chequebook, and sign fantastic talent from overseas.

There are too many talented young players racked and stacked at top Academies.

In fact, the main reason for operating top Academies at present seems to be to produce players to go on loan at Football League Clubs, where they might blossom and end up joining the loanee Club

for a fee or they return to their parent to be loaned out again or eventually lost in the system.

The current loan system - used properly - provides excellent opportunities for both Club and player.

Brentford have recently used the system very smartly, as the initial loans and subsequent permanent signings of Adam Forshaw, Harlee Dean, and Jake Bidwell testify.

However, we have invested heavily in our Academy structure.

It costs around £1.7m per year, excluding grant funding, to operate, and The Academy has clear KPIs to achieve in the next few years.

I don't believe there are many clubs, and I don't believe they are necessary to help us produce more English players good enough to perform at the highest domestic and International levels.

Clubs need to be encouraged to be brave, to give young players time, and a chance.

However, short term needs are more often than not the order of the day in modern football, so as we all know, this is an issue for which a solution will not be easy to find.

Enjoy the game.

Mark Devlin, CEO Brentford FC



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THE BIG INTERVIEW: FRANK MCPARLAND

Frank McParland joined Brentford earlier this month as Sporting Director with a wealth of experience in top flight coaching, scouting, and recruitment with Liverpool Football Club.

Bees Review talks to Frank about his time at Anfield and what convinced him to join the Griffin Park set up.

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Slowly and surely, the presence from Merseyside at Brentford Football Club grows, and as soon as interested, you meet Frank, you cannot fail to recognise he's from Liverpool.

He has replaced Mark Warburton as Sporting Director following his move to First Team management, the appointment widely seen in the game as a coup given Frank's pedigree.

The 54-year-old explained how his involvement at Griffin Park came about

"Matthew rang and asked me for a cup of coffee" said Frank.

"I explained I was going away, but the day I got back I promised him I'll accept the role." come down, because I've got a lot of respect for him.

"So I got back on the Wednesday into Liverpool, and I travelled down Thursday morning.

"I went out for dinner with Matthew, "That's where my key area is,

Mark, and Uwe; they were talking about Uwe going, and Wigan were

"I went to the Training Ground on Friday, and met everybody.

"I thought Matthew wanted me to get involved somewhere, but there was nothing discussed, and I went home.

"I spoke to him on Saturday, and said he was interested in me getting. Frank has been involved in many involved.

"He asked my advice on a lot of things about the Club, and I gave him honest answers, and on the Monday morning, he asked me to come down, and I was delighted to

Frank was quick to outline the strengths he brings to Brentford.

"My background is scouting and recruitment," said Frank.

and maybe that's where I'm most needed at the moment.

"The Academy is running well, and the First Team is doing well.

"I'm here as a sounding board for the manager, and whatever he wants off me, I want to back him, and look after him that way, but I think I can help a lot in the scouting department."

player top-flight transactions in his time at Anfield, but explained that League One would be no different in his approach to recruitment.

"A deal is a deal, I was involved in a lot of them at my previous club," said Frank.

"When you know the player you want, and you want the player, and the budget, it doesn't matter what club you're at.

"I've always sold the Club, and the way I will sell it here, is by saying

'this club is going forward'.

"We're working really well on and off the field, and have an unbelievable stadium that we're going to build, and they need to be part of that, to walk out on the first game, and to be playing in it.

"The main thing that we can give them here, is a pathway to the First Team, whether it's a young player or an older player, we're determined that if we're going to bring a player in, he's going to play, or have the ability to in the future.

"That's our selling point."

Frank has been impressed with what he's seen so far.

"I'm very much a people person," said Frank

"So I don't care where it is, or what level of Club I'm in, it's about people, and we've got some fantastic, warm "I worked at BT [then known as the people here.

"What I've found, even with the journalists, most of them are fans, which I think is fantastic.

"There are so many people, the owner, the board, are so passionate about the Club and about pushing it on with the new stadium, staffing, and really enjoyed it. the Academy.

"I think it's got a real buzz about the first got involved with Liverpool, place, and I'm so happy to be joining and ended up as the Under-14s Brentford."

Frank's Liverpool roots are clear.

"My dad was a steward at Liverpool, he was a docker," said Frank.

"I'm from a very normal background, and he went to the games every week.

"When I wasn't playing, I always went to the games midweek, to all the finals, everything, so I've been a

Liverpool fan all my life.

"I had such a fantastic career there I haven't got a bad word to say about the people, or the place.

"Everyone at Brentford has been so welcoming.

"I'm just really looking forward to starting my career here."

A tough tackling footballer, he played at semi-pro level for Ford Motors, and Port Sunlight, amongst others before his lengthy involvement with Liverpool Football Club.

"I worked my socks off," said Frank. Frank then moved to Bolton

"If they got the better of me, they did well, but I was one of those players that never gave up, and I've been like that in my whole career in whatever l've done."

GPO] for something like 18 years, had a number of promotions and ended up at middle management, and enjoyed my time there.

"At the same time, I was always coaching, so I was really busy when at a young age; I used to go to America, in the summer camps,

"Probably around 20 years ago I assistant coach.

"The next year, I was the Underten lead coach, and then when the Academies got set up, they needed someone to be in charge of community coaching, so I became the Community Coaching Director; we had six staff, and went into schools, looking for players."

A year later, Frank was promoted to Head of Recruitment for the Academy.

Two years later, the then manager Gerard Huliouer asked Frank to provide a couple of reports for the First Team, and from that a promotion to the First Team scouting network.

"I assisted the Chief Scout at the time," said Frank.

"I did that until Rafa Benitez arrived in 2004, and he promoted me to Chief Scout.

"My last game with Liverpool before I left the first time was in 2007, the Champions League Final in Athens against AC Milan."

Wanderers in the summer of 2007 to become their General Manager, after Sammy Lee was given the First Team Manager role after the departure of Sam Allardyce.

"It didn't work out at Bolton," said Frank.

"But I then moved to Watford, which has turned out to be great for me, because that's where I first met Mark Warburton.

"I was Chief Scout at Watford for about a year, we got into the Play-Offs."

In 2009, Frank returned to Anfield, to take charge of their Academy.

"Rafa signed a five year contract and wanted someone to really look at the Academy, to change a few things, and push it on," said Frank.

"After a year, they gave me the reserves as well, so I was Director of Academy and Player Development."

Liverpool's Academy works in a slightly different manner to that of Brentford's and other clubs, in that there are two training grounds, one for the First Team at Melwood, and





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the other for The Academy in Kirkby. top one," said Frank.

What were the advantages or disadvantages to running separate sites?

"At Liverpool, they really wanted an all-in-one site but land issues prevented it", said Frank.

"The real advantages of that were that the kids are seeing the First Team train there, as role models, and interact with them.

"On the other hand, there's also a case where you go to a new place when you go to the First Team, and Reserve Team.

"You can join the Club at five, but when you're 19 or 20, you get to the First Team's headquarters, so there are reasons for and against."

Frank spoke about his move into coaching, and subsequently scouting and recruitment for Liverpool.

"I was a decent player but never a

"I thought it was an opportunity to be involved at a higher level than I could play, and I was very keen on the coaching.

"I don't think I was a really good coach, the coaching on the pitch is where I struggled a bit, and that was my major weak link, but what I was good at was seeing how good players were.

"I think I've got a decent eye for players, and the reason why I did well at Liverpool, was that I knew when the players were ready for the next step.

"So if I really thought an Under-14 could play in the Under-16s, we'd push him up after speaking to the coaches.

"Whichever manager it was - I was back there for four and a half seasons and had four managers - Benitiz, Hodgson, Kenny and Brendan. "I had a relationship with them where I could say, 'he's ready for the First Team' and didn't make many mistakes on that.

"Certainly in my time there, I think Rafa, Kenny and Brendan, I think we had five players in the top seven or eight youngest-ever players in the history of the Club, and the three of them had one each, so they were receptive to it.

"You can't have a lot of players in the First Team, but if you've got really experienced players, one or two young players really freshens it up."

Frank then outlined what signals a young Academy player must give out in order to be considered for First Team selection.

"The general things are is he quick enough," said Frank.

"Can he handle physically the game at the next level?

"You can have a really talented boy, but you never push them up

THE BIG INTERVIEW: FRANK MCPARLAND

to a level where he can manage the physical side - he's got to be physically ready, all the other things come along after that.

"The biggest gap is from the reserves to the First Team, when a player is really performing consistently at that level and sees things where you know he's ready, that's a good indicator."

The conversation then moved on to the Elite Player Performance Plan [EPPP], an all encompassing project playing for England at 17 years of driven by The Football Association and Premier League to enhance development of young players in professional clubs.

With its recent introduction, Frank gave his thoughts on aspects of the new framework.

"I like some aspects of the EPPP, where it's good at certain things," said Frank.

"But I also like the way they do it in Spain, where they have Barcelona B. wants the players to attack, and

"If you can control your own players Team manager. in the Reserve Team, a proper team playing in a proper league, and it means points, Championships.

"Barca B will have their own coaches, their own philosophy, everything is about Barca B.

"Where we do guite well in England is the loan system.

"Our own club Brentford have been very successful in the loan market. I know Mark worked very hard with Uwe to get the loans right.

"The thing with the loans is you don't control everything, so if you did first game was against Sporting have a B team, it's better."

During his long association with Liverpool, Frank gave Bees Review his pick of players in his time there that he recruited.

"I think the stand out one has been, even though he hasn't played a lot this season, is Raheem Sterling, which was a really good one for us," said Frank.

"We took him from Queens Park Rangers, paid a significant fee for him, but he ended up playing and being one of the youngest ever player for the Club.

"At the time he was the youngest ever full international for Liverpool. age, which was fantastic.

There have also been a number of others that I've been pleased with."

Frank's appointment reunites him with manager Mark Warburton, where the pair last worked together at Watford.

"Mark has really good ethics," said Frank.

"He understands the game, he I think he'll be a really good First

"He is a real student of the game.

"I was involved with the NextGen tournament, and was the first Club. when I was at Liverpool, to say 'yes we're in the Next Gen',

"It was just one conversation with Mark; he explained his idea, his vision for the tournament, and it was fantastic.

"So, he's a real thinker about football.

"That tournament, I remember our Lisbon at Anfield, and they battered us 3-0.

"So you're thinking oh my goodness, this is the level we need to get to, we've got so much work to do with these kids'.

"Out of that, seven of that side have played for their First Team. their best player on the night was Joao Teixiera, I bought him from Sporting, so that tournament was fantastic for us.

"So Mark is a visionary in that respect.

"He started the Harefield Academy at Watford and all the top clubs have basically copied it, so there's no reason why he can't take this on to the First Team.

"He's a very, very good coach, I remember he brought his Watford team to play at the Liverpool Academy, and we had a little tournament with a Hungarian team MTK.

"It was an awful night, and I remember watching the Watford team beat the Hungarians, who were very good.

"I went into the changing rooms after the game and said 'we've had a lot of teams play on the front pitch. and that's the best performance I've ever seen on that pitch since it's been open' and it was the truth.

They were absolutely wonderful on the night."

Frank has known Brentford's owner Matthew Benham for some time now, and gave his opinion on how his style differs from his time at Anfield.

"Obviously I've been involved previously with foreign owners, English owners, and he's different to all of them," said Frank.

"He's such a fan, and a clever guy.

"He's got a real vision for the place, and where he wants to go for it, and I'm just excited to be on the same train as everyone to be honest."





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As a special thank you to Season Ticket Holders there will be the opportunity to buy tickets for the match at a reduced price.

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This offer applies on all three sides of the ground reserved for Brentford fans and to all tickets, seating and standing.

The discounts will only be available to those who buy before 4pm on Friday January 10 2014.

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BRENTFORD 1 (0) OLDHAM ATHLETIC 0 (0)

Date: 14.11.13 Competition: Sky Bet League One Venue: Griffin Park Referee: C Berry

KADEEM HARRIS

Brentford: Brentford: Button; McCormack, Dean, Craig, Bidwell; Forshaw, Douglas, Saville (sub El Alagui 80); Donaldson, Grigg (sub Trotta 66), Harris (sub Saunders 60) Subs (not used): Lee, Logan, O'Connor, Reeves Goalscorer: Douglas (90)

Oldham Athletic: Oxley; Kusunga, Tarkowski, Grounds, Plummer; Petrasso, Smith, Wesolowski, Mellor (sub Winchester 27 (sub Schmeltz 88]); Philliskirk, Clarke-Harris (sub Rooney 70) Subs (not used): Rachubka, Brown, Rodgers, Lanzoni

Attendance: 6,594 [421 away fans]



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WELCOME TO SWINDON TOWN



Swindon Town are among the pack of clubs challenging to break into the Play-Off places during the festive season.

The Robins have had a mixed campaign, and have only twice managed to win back-to-back matches, while their excellent home record has been let down by inconsistent away form.

At the start of October, they beat Tranmere Rovers [1-0], Rotherham United [4-0 away], and Notts County (2-0) in consecutive matches.

And they began November by hammering Port Vale 5-2, and winning 2-1 at Colchester United in their next League game.

Other than that, their victories have been followed by draws or defeats.

Away from the league, Swindon have enjoyed reasonable form in the cup competitions, and are just 180 minutes from Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

They face Peterborough United, who beat Brentford in the Second Round, in the Southern Area Final after home victories over Plymouth Argyle (2-1), Wycombe Wanderers (2-1), and Stevenage (3-1 on penalties after a 1-1 draw).

The Robins also reached the Capital One Cup Third Round, after beating League Two Torquay United 1-0 in the First Round, and then upsetting Championship Queens Park Rangers 2-0 at Loftus Road in Round Two.

Their run ended with a 2-0 home defeat against Premier League Chelsea.

The only competition in which they slipped up was the FA Cup, where they lost 4-0 at Conference Premier Macclesfield Town in the First Round Proper.

This is the 13th consecutive season in which Swindon have been in the bottom two divisions, with all but two in this one, while 20 years ago they had one campaign in the Premier League – to date their only season in the top flight.

The Manager

Mark Cooper was appointed as Swindon's manager in August following a spell in temporary charge after the summer departure of Kevin MacDonald.

Cooper worked as MacDonald's assistant after leaving AFC Telford United, where he had briefly been manager.

He started his managerial career with Tamworth in 2004 before moving on to Kettering Town three years later and then took over at Peterborough United in 2009.

His next job was in charge of Darlington, where he won the FA Trophy in his first season and he had a one-match return to Kettering at the start of 2012.

Mark, son of former England and Leeds left-back Terry, made more than 450 appearances in a long playing career with Bristol City, Exeter City (two spells), Southend United (loan), Birmingham City, Fulham, Huddersfield Town (loan), Wycombe Wanderers, Hartlepool United, Macclesfield Town (loan), Leyton Orient, Rushden and Diamonds. Telford United (loan). Hednesford Town, Forest Green Rovers, Tamworth, Hinckley United, and Kettering Town.





THE SWINDON TOWN SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS



1 WES FODERINGHAM Age: 22 Nationality: England Wes, who is in his second full season as a Swindon player following a loan spell in 2011/12, is ever-present in the League this campaign.

He earned his break in the game when Crystal Palace spotted him playing against them for non-League Bromley in a friendly, and he had a loan spell with Histon while on The Eagles' books.

25 TYRELL BELFORD

Age: 19 Nationality: England Tyrell has been the regular back-up goalkeeper to Foderingham this season after signing from Liverpool in the summer, but has played in one FA Cup and three Johnstone's Paint Trophy ties.

30 LEIGH BEDWELL

Age: 19 Nationality: England Swindon fan Leigh came through The Robins Youth Team, and was given a professional deal last season even though he was still a second year scholar.

DEFENDERS

2 NATHAN THOMPSON Age: 22 Nationality: England Nathan has come through the ranks at the County Ground, and established himself as first choice right back last season. His younger brother Louis is a midfielder for the club.

14 JAMES McEVELEY

Age: 28 Nationality: Scotland Left back James made his Swindon debut in the 2012 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Chesterfield at Wembley after signing on loan from Barnsley.

The deal was made permanent in the summer of 2012; the former Blackburn Rovers trainee has also played for Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich Town (all on Ioan), Derby County, Preston North End (Ioan), and Charlton Athletic.



22 DARREN WARD

Age: 35 Nationality: England Darren is Swindon's captain this season following a spell as joint caretaker-manager last season less than two months after joining the club in January.

Ever-present in all competitions this season, in his long career he has represented Watford (two spells), Queens Park Rangers (loan), Millwall (three spells), Crystal Palace, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Charlton Athletic (loan).

5 GRANT HALL

Age: 22 Nationality: England Centre half Grant is on a seasonlong loan from Tottenham Hotspur, and is another ever-present in all competitions. He began his career with non-League Lewes, who sold him to Brighton and Hove Albion before he joined Spurs in August 2012.

3 NATHAN BYRNE

Age: 21 Nationality: England Nathan, a full back who can also play in midfield, joined Swindon in the summer from Tottenham Hotspur.

Whilst with Spurs, he was loaned to Brentford, making four full and seven substitute appearances in the 2010/11 season, AFC Bournemouth, and Crawley Town.

29 RAPHAEL ROSSI BRANCO

Age: 23 Nationality: Brazil Raphael joined Swindon this season after playing for a string of Brazilian clubs, and then being on the books of Brighton and Hove Albion during the 2011/12 campaign.

23 JACK BARTHRAM

Age: 20 Nationality: England Jack signed from Tottenham Hotspur in the summer, and can play at full back or in midfield.

30 TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE

Age: 25 Nationality: England Troy has missed most of the season with an injury, although had a brief loan spell at Carlisle United and played in their draw at Griffin Park.

He has played for Tottenham Hotspur, Norwich City (loan) and Exeter City.

21 ALEX SMITH

Age: 22 Nationality: England Alex arrived from in the summer from Fulham, who had loaned him out to Leyton Orient, and Stevenage, but he has not played since the end of August because

OPPONENTS

of injury.

MIDFIELDERS



4 MASSIMO LUONGO Age: 21 Nationality: Australia Massimo is the second player on a season-long loan from Tottenham Hotspur and is everpresent in the League.

He was also on loan at Swindon as well as Ipswich Town last season, and has won two caps for the Australia Under-20 side.

8 RYAN MASON

Age: 22 Nationality: England Ryan is another player on a seasonlong loan from Tottenham Hotspur.

Since turning professional in 2008, he has also been loaned to Yeovil Town, Doncaster Rovers (three times), Millwall and French side Lorient.

11 ALEX PRITCHARD

Age: 20 Nationality: England Alex is the third midfielder at the County Ground for the entire season on loan from Spurs, and was loaned to Peterborough United in the second half of the last campaign.

15 YASIR KASIM

Age: 22 Nationality: Iraq Yasir joined Town in the summer from Brighton and Hove Albion, and has been a regular fixture so far. While with The Seagulls, he spent

time on loan at Luton Town and Macclesfield Town.

19 LOUIS THOMPSON

Age: 18 Nationality: England Louis, brother of defender Nathan, signed his first professional contract in the summer having come through the Youth Team at the County Ground.

7 RYAN HARLEY Age: 28 Nationality: England Ryan arrived in the summer from Brighton and Hove Albion but missed seven weeks of this season after suffering a knee injury.

Now fully fit and back in action again, he has also played for Bristol City, Forest Green Rovers (loan), Exeter City (two spells), Swansea City and Milton Keynes Dons (loan).

39 BEN GLADWIN

Age: 21 Nationality: England Ben signed from non-League Marlow last month having previously been on Reading's books.

6 TIJANE REIS

Age: 22 Nationality: Portugal Winger Tijane, currently on the way back from injury, joined Swindon from Portuguese Second Division side Chaves and has one Portugal Under-21 cap to his name.

STRIKERS

34 MOHAMED EL-GABBAS Age: 26 Nationality: Egypt

Mohamed joined Swindon this year from Belgian side Lierse.

The Egypt international had a year with Newcastle United's Youth Team.

9 NILE RANGER

Age: 22 Nationality: England Nile signed a one-year deal after moving from Newcastle United in the summer. He also had loan spells at Barnsley, and Sheffield Wednesday.



33 NICKY AJOSE Age: 22 Nationality: England Nicky has been on loan from the start of the season from Peterborough United, where he is due to return next month.

The former Manchester United trainee, and loan player at Bury (two spells), Scunthorpe United, Chesterfield plus Crawley Town, is Town's top scorer in all competitions.



12 DANY N'GUESSAN Age: 26 Nationality: France Dany signed for Swindon from Millwall in the last transfer window:

His previous clubs are Auxerre, Rangers, Boston United (loan), Lincoln City, Leicester City, and Scunthorpe United, Southampton, and Charlton Athletic (all Ioan).





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CLASSIC ENCOUNTER

by David Ohl

Swindon Town 0 Brentford 1 Tuesday November 20 2012 npower League One

Brentford played Swindon Town four times last season, with the final fixture at Griffin Park earning The Bees the right to play in the Play-Off Final League One against Yeovil Town at Wembley Stadium.

That fixture against The Glovers was not successful, but the first encounter against Swindon was.

A Tuesday evening saw 548 Brentford fans make the journey along the M4 Motorway to The County Ground.

Brentford, in their black away kit, were first to show their intent with Clayton Donaldson's long range shot bringing out a great save from Swindon's Wes Foderingham.

Adam Forshaw saw his free kicked blocked for The Bees, and James Collins then saw his header go wide for the home side.

Swindon's Matt Ritchie crossed the ball over to Chris Martin in the penalty area, who was unable to score.

The Robins then piled on the pressure before half time, but a Collins header was kept out.

Martin had another shot, which was blocked on the line by Harlee Dean and the ball broke loose, and Ritchie missed the target with the opportunity that presented itself.

Collins was back in action just before referee Dean Whitestone blew the half time whistle, when Moore was at full stretch to his right side to save an excellent shot.

Brentford emerged as the



stronger learn in the second half, when ex-Robin Jonathan Douglas just missed in getting his shot between the posts.

At the other end, Ritchie flicked a header wide.

In the 59th minute, Donaldson was to make all of the difference to the final result.

Shaleum Logan pushed the ball forward for Paul Hayes to brilliantly flick on, and Donaldson was in his stride to smash the ball into the net with his left foot.

Swindon came back with attempts from Ritchie and Martin, but both were off target.

Brentford's Toumani Diagouraga had a goal bound shot blocked, and Saunders' cross nearly went in the goal.

Saunders then made a direct attempt on goal, which was deflected over the bar.

Brentford continued to attack, but Forshaw and Donaldson were unsuccessful in their efforts.

In the 88th minute, Martin could have equalised but headed the cross from Nathan Thompson

wide.

Two minutes later, Martin went close again with a header but missed again.

The full time whistle blew as Brentford stretched their unbeaten npower League One run to six games.

This run was not to end until nine games later, on January 19 2013, at home to Tranmere Rovers - a remarkable record.

Swindon Town: Foderingham, Thompson, Devera, Ward, McEveley, Ritchie, Hollands, Ferry (sub Bostock 62), Roberts (sub Roney 74), Martin, Collins (sub Storey 58) Subs (not used): Bedwell, Archibald-Henville, McCormack, De Vita.

Brentford: Moore, Logan, Dean, Craig, Bidwell, Diagouraga, Douglas, Donaldson, Forshaw (sub Kiernan 84), Barron (sub Forrester 71), Hayes (sub Saunders 76) Subs (not used): Lee, Dallas, Oyeleke, German.

Attendance: 7,431



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GHOST GROUNDS: WEST HAM STADIUM

By Mark Chapman

Today's ghost ground is not about West Ham United, or their Boleyn Ground, but rediscovers Brentford's two trips to a stadium in East London long since forgotten.

On July 28 1928, the West Ham stadium was formerly opened on the site of the Custom House sports ground.

Famous football ground architect Archibald Leitch, designer of several grandstands that are still used today (including Rangers, Portsmouth, and Everton), was Ham Stadium.

The capacity was set at 120,000 spectators, making it one of the largest in Great Britain at the time.

Two sports would fuel the stadium's success: greyhound racing and speedway.

The Cesarewitch race staged at Custom House would be a highlight amounted to £29,185, around £1.6 of the greyhound calendar.

Legendary greyhound Mick The Miller won the 1930 competition, and the race would be run throughout the stadium's life before its transfer to Belle Vue in Manchester

with the sports version of The Ashes held at the stadium, the first test meeting in 1933 attracting 85,000 spectators.

The stadium's team was West Ham, visit to the stadium on March 21 one of the leading speedway outfits in the country.

Thames Association FC was also formed in 1928 by the stadium owners to bring in additional revenue, and admitted to the Southern League.



commissioned to work on the West The Club's first manager was David Buchanan, who had played for Brentford in the 1903/04 season.

> Their colours were red and blue guarters, with white shorts.

Despite the cost of building the arena. West Harn Stadium Ltd. the company formed to run operations, reported regular annual profits for its owners, which in 1930 million in today's money.

1930 to admit Thames Association into the Football League in place of Merthyr Town can rank as one of its most baffling, with two clubs already situated in East London, and several provincial clubs Speedway was increasingly popular with better support clearly more deserving.

> Thames began life in the Southern Section of Division Three, with Brentford making their first 1931, losing 2-0 in front of 3,675 spectators.

The next season would prove to be disastrous, finishing bottom, and conceding more than six goals in a game on four occasions.

Thames' owners decided not to

seek re-election from the Football League that summer and disbanded - the first and only London professional club to do so.

They co-incidentally played their final match at Griffin Park, losing 1-0 to a goal from George Robson, Brentford having drawn 1-1 at Custom House earlier in the season.

Thames remain in the record books, as the stadium holds the record for the fewest spectators at The decision of its member clubs in a Football League match, as just 469 fans paid to watch them play Luton Town on December 6 1930.

> After the Second World War, areyhounds resumed, but speedway was on the decline and West Harn folded in 1955.

Nine years later they reformed, and in 1965 won the London League, British League, and The K.O. Cup, speedway's answer to The FA Cup.

The stadium was used until 1972, when it was sold by the owners to a housing developer.



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BEES ON BOXING DAY

A COMPLETE RECORD OF BRENTFORD'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAMES PLAYED ON BOXING DAY.

Consolidated record:									
P	W	D	L	F	A				
68	28	13	27	102	96				

BIGGEST WIN: 5-1 v Brighton and Hove Albion (home) 1928 BIGGEST DEFEAT: 1-5 v Crystal Palace (away) 1930

Today's fixture with Swindon Town makes them Brentford's most popular opponent on Boxing Day, with five matches played.

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Year	Competition	Opponents V	enue	Result	Year	Competition	Opponents V	enue	Result
2012	League One	Colchester United	A	W 3-1	1969	Division Four	Crewe Alexandra	Н	D 1-1
2011	League One	AFC Bournemouth	H	D1-1	1968	Division Four	Newport County	A	D1-1
2009	League One	Gillingham	A	W 1-0	1967	Division Four	Southend United	Η	L 1-2
2008	League Two	AFC Bournemouth	Н	W 2-0	1966	Division Four	Hartlepools United	A	D 2-2
2007	League Two	Wycombe Wanderers	Н	L1-3	1964	Division Three	Bristol City	Η	W 2-1
2006	League One	Millwall	H	L1-4	1962	Division Four	Chester	H	W2-1
2005	League One	Swansea City	Н	W 2-1	1961	Division Three	Bradford Park Avenue	Н	W 2-0
2004	League One	Torquay United	H	L1-3	1959	Division Three	Southend United	A	L0-2
2003	Division Two	Bristol City	Н	1.1-2	1958	Division Three	Swindon Town	А	D 1-1
2002	Division Two	Swindon Town	A	L1-2	1957	Division Three South	Crystal Palace	A	L1-2
2001	Division Two	Cambridge United	A	L1-2	1956	Division Three (South)	Torquay United	A	L D-2
2000	Division Two	Swindon Town	A	W3-2	1955	Division Three (South)	Reading	H	D.2-2
1999	Division Two	Bristol City	н	W 2-1	1953	Division Two	Oldham Athletic	A	L 0-2
1998	Division Three	Brighton And Hove Alb	ion A	L1-3	1952	Division Two	Barnsley	A	W 2-0
1997	Division Two	Southend United	Н	D 1-1	1951	Division Two	Southampton	A	L1-2
1996	Division Two	Plymouth Arayle	A	W4-1	1950	Division Two	Southampton	H	W4-0
1995	Division Two	Brighton And Hove Alb	ion H	LO-1	1949	Division Two	Hull City	Н	W3-1
1994	Division Two	Leyton Orient	H	W3-0	1946	Division One	Sheffield United	H	W2-1
1992	Division One	Derby County	Н	W 2-1	1936	Division One	Bolton Wanderers	А	D 2-2
1991	Division Three	Huddersfield Town	A	L1-2	1935	Division One	Preston North End	A	W 4-2
1990	Division Three	Birmingham City	A	W 2-0	1934	Division Two	Plymouth Argyle	A	D 1-1
1989	Division Three	Reading	A	L0-1	1933	Division Two	Preston North End	A	L2-3
1988	Division Three	Blackpool	Н	W1-0	1932	Division Three (South)	Northampton Town	A	L 0-1
1987	Division Three	Aldershot	Н	W3-0	1931	Division Three (South)	Fulham	A	- L1-2
1986	Division Three	Swindon Town	A	L0-2	1930	Division Three (South)	Crystal Palace	A	L 1-5
1984	Division Three	Bristol Rovers	H	L0-3	1929	Division Three (South)			L 0-2
1980	Division Three	Colchester United	Н	W 2-1	1928	Division Three (South)	Brighton And Hove Alb	ion H	W 5-1
1979	Division Three	Chester	H	D 2-2	1927	Division Three (South)	Southend United	A	L2-3
1978	Division Three	Plymouth Argyle	Н	W 2-1	1925	Division Three (South)	Millwall	Н	W 2-0
1977	Division Four	Aldershot	A	L0-1	1924	Division Three South)	Charlton Athletic	H	W1-0
1975	Division Four	Exeter City	A	D 0-0	1923	Division Three (South)	Bournemouth and		
1974	Division Four	Cambridge United	A	L0-2		1 2 4 1 1 2 A	Boscombe Athletic	H	W2-0
1973	Division Four	Newport County	Н	D 1-1	1922	Division Three (South)	Watford	Н	W 2-1
1972	Division Three	AFC Bournemouth	A	L2-3	1921	Division Three (South)	Aberdare Athletic	H	W 2-1
1970	Division Four	Scunthorpe United	A	D 1-1					

1	Competition	Opponents V	enue	Result
	Division Four	Crewe Alexandra	Н	D 1-1
	Division Four	Newport County	A	D1-1
	Division Four	Southend United	Н	L 1-2
	Division Four	Hartlepools United	A	D 2-2
	Division Three	Bristol City	H	W 2-1
	Division Four	Chester	H	W2-1
	Division Three	Bradford Park Avenue	Н	W 2-0
	Division Three	Southend United	A	LO-2
	Division Three	Swindon Town	A	D 1-1
2	Division Three South	Crystal Palace	A	L1-2
	Division Three (South)	Torquay United	А	L 0-2
	Division Three (South)	Reading	H	D 2-2
	Division Two	Oldham Athletic	A	L 0-2
3	Division Two	Barnsley	A	W2-0
	Division Two	Southampton	A	L1-2
	Division Two	Southampton	H	W4-0
	Division Two	Hull City	Н	W3-1
	Division One	Sheffield United	H	W2-1
	Division One	Bolton Wanderers	А	D 2-2
	Division One	Preston North End	A	W 4-2
	Division Two	Plymouth Argyle	A	D 1-1
	Division Two	Preston North End	A	L2-3
	Division Three (South)	Northampton Town	A	L 0-1
	Division Three (South)	Fulham	A	L1-2
i	Division Three (South)	Crystal Palace	A	L 1-5
F	Division Three (South)	Brighton And Hove Alb	ion A	LO-2
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ŋ	Division Three (South)	Southend United	A	L2-3
1	Division Three (South)	Millwall	H	W 2-0
	Division Three (South)	Charlton Athletic	H	W1-0
5	Division Three (South)	Bournemouth and		
	1 2 4 1 2 3 4	Boscombe Athletic	H	W2-0
1	Division Three (South)	Watford	Н	W 2-1

Box it up.

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GEORGE SANDS

By Mark Chapman

Today's feature is dedicated to a former journalist who wrote his last Brentford report in 1976, but has never been forgotten.

When the Club celebrates 200 years of Brentford, they will still look back and name George Sands as the premier local journalist to have covered the club in its history.

He completed an incredible record of reporting on 1,126 consecutive Brentford First Team games from 1953 to his death in 1976, a feat that is unlikely to be surpassed.

If it wasn't for illness during Brentford's Christmas fixtures with Oldham Athletic 60 years ago, that figure would have been nearly 1900.

George William Sands, son of Henry William Sands and Alice Sands (nee Brown) was born in Islington on May 18 1901.

He had an elder brother Charles, and two younger sisters Alice and Katherine.

The 1911 census shows that the Sands family were living at 116 Grove Road in Hounslow, with Henry's profession described as an Apron Maker. He was educated at Grove Road Elementary School from 1909 to 1913 and Isleworth County Secondary School from 1913 to 1920, where he passed a London University Matriculation with distinction in English, Mathematics, and Chemistry.

After leaving school, he signed up for the Corps of Military Accountants, and after military and technical training in Mill Hill in Christmas 1920, began his service on New Year's Day 1921, and given army number 7733989.

His headmaster, W.J. Kenwood, recommended him for the post,

GEORGE SANDS

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and in his letter to the army, described him as "thoroughly reliable, honest, and truthful in conduct."

The recent digitisation of military records provides a glimpse into George's early life, with a letter dated April 8 1921 remarking that he had "very good grasp of the principles of double entry bookkeeping" and recommended him for a pay rise.

Army records also show he was promoted to Writer Lance-Corporal in early 1922, and was posted to Egypt.

He embarked from Southampton docks on February 24 1922 on the ship SS Glenforn Castle, his eventual destination Cairo.

George eventually qualified as a Military Accountant on July 28 1924, and was discharged on January 2 1926 after completing five years service.

After military service, it was journalism where George would find his calling.

His escape from the army was due to the so-called Geddes Act, which reduced expenditure on armed forces in the 1920s, and George found work at The Egyptian Mail, based in Cairo.

He approached the newspaper.

and became their sports writer on racing and football.

After four years there, he left Cairo for London but spent four months unemployed, and slept in the Crypt at St Martin's or Embankment because he was "too proud to go home and let my folks know I was out of work."

In late 1929, he found work, not in London but Leeds with The Daily Chronicle, but again luck was against George, as the newspaper folded in January 1930.

Another nine months of unemployment followed until he found work with the Parks Department at Heston and
Isleworth Council.

He helped build Redlees Park, Spring Grove School grounds plus Alexandria School.

Nine months later he was transferred to the Treasury Department at Hounslow Town Hall, presumably leaning on his accountancy skills developed in the army.

Brentford's ascent to the top flight provided a need for Hounslow's premier newspaper, The Middlesex Chronicle, to emulate the coverage provided by rivals Brentford and Chiswick Times, Middlesex County Times, and Middlesex Independent.

George began writing match reports for the Chronicle part-time in 1935 under his initials - G.W.S. - and reported throughout the Club's pre-war matches in Division One.

This would involve travelling up and down the country to report on Brentford, not least his favourite player Jack Holliday.

In April 1937, he became Sports Editor of the Middlesex Chronicle, a position he held until his death.

War broke out in September 1939, and with George too old to enlist, he continued to report on the Club's matches, now contained to regionalised football.

Throughout the seven year period of temporary competition, George missed only a handful of games in that time.

His particular annoyance filing reports during war-time was being the victim of the censors, who would strike out mentioning the IN AID OF THE GEORGE SANDS MEMORIAL FUND

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It was at Christmas 1953 that George's first incredible run of reporting on 723 consecutive Brentford matches came to an end, as he was hospitalised for the home and away games against Oldham Athletic.

Match programmes had taken a leap forward with Chelsea's first post war season offering a magazine format, and Brentford were playing catch up. In the early 1950s he took over the editorship of the Brentford programme in addition to his job at The Chronicle, replacing the staid notes of Secretary-Managers before him, which neither had the time or inclination to dedicate successfully to the role.

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His pseudonym was 'scanner', and he began the task of upgrading the programme into an informative journal, giving supporters news on Reserve Team and Junior fixtures, something that his paper did regularly.

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GEORGE SANDS

This relationship with the club was to end in May 1957 when Brentford's Board of Directors would dismiss Bill Dodgin Senior after four years as manager after finishing mid-table in the Southern Section of Division Three.

This incensed George, and he resigned his programme editorship, cut all official ties with the Club, and travelled separately from the players and officials at considerable inconvenience, although the latter was restored in time.

He also wrote a column despairing at the news, which although stern then, would be considered relatively tame by today's standards.

George would be at a Brentford game, regardless of its location, and by January 1960 had clocked up 80 grounds in either supporting or reporting on The Club.

With 800 games attended in a row, he was presented him with a cake by Brentford Chairman Walter Wheatley, and was mentioned on ITV's The Big Match to commemorate the event.

Four years later, he celebrated his 1000th consecutive game at home to Newport County on Boxing Day 1973, forty years ago today.

It was a feat unparalleled in football at the time, and one entered into the Guinness Book of Records.

Eric White, who later took over as programme editor, wrote in the official centenary history of Brentford published in 1989, describing George as "perhaps a little gruff which basically covered a shyness, but he had a tremendous sense of humour". He would be able to turn yet another match into unique prose, in which Brentford fans have recounted in a thread on the Griffin Park Grapevine message board.

Geoff Buckingham recounted George writing that "the Brentford performance was so good that I swear I could see the gasometer in the High Street leaning forward and beaming with delight" after Brentford's 4-0 defeat of Mansfield Town in October 1963.

Brentford defeated Stockport in an evening game in the late 1960s just a few days after beating Southport, George wrote: "The Bees downed their second port in a few days and a couple of tasty sips they were too."

Perhaps the quote to top them all was after Brentford's 7-1 thrashing of Norwich City, in which George remarked in the match report that "Irish international John Gavin, normally a winger – left or right – had a thin time against Dargie.

"It must be said, however, that he kicked off very nicely on eight occasions."

As Press Officer, Eric would receive a call every Thursday from George at 7.30am sharp, checking for any news before the Chronicle went to press.

His tenure at The Chronicle coincided with that of Ernie Gifford, who served for more than 30 years as Sports Editor of The Richmond and Twickenham Times.

They would both be seen waiting for players and officials outside the dressing rooms at Griffin Park, then located at the half way line before the Braemar Road fire in 1983.

He stayed single all his life, seemingly married to Brentford, and lived in Hounslow with his sister Katherine.

George's health started to fail him

in 1976, which caused him to miss his first Brentford match since 1953.

He died in Balham on December 8 1976.

A charitable fund was set up in his name after this death, with Brentford playing Chelsea in a preseason friendly on August 1980, with the proceeds going towards the fund, in which Brentford won 3-0.

Today's local news reporting of Brentford games are completely different to that in George's day, where he would have all week to come up with match report that his readers were itching to read.

In this age of social media, and the importance of the internet to carry news quickly rather than printed matter, it must be said that local journalists probably had it easier back then, as fans expect now a match report and reaction to it within minutes, rather than days.

However, his dedication to finishing the sports pages of The Middlesex Chronicle were such that he started his shift at 4.30am each Thursday morning, meaning he travelled to work in complete darkness one day a week throughout the year to finish off his beloved sports pages.

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FAN PROFILE: ROBERT MILES

First supported Brentford: 1963/64

Why support Brentford?

My father and grandfather both were lifelong fans so it was a natural progression to become a third generation fan.

Having attended my first home game during the 1963/64 season I was taken with the passion of the crowd and proximity to the pitch, to a small five year old it was out of this world.

As I grew up the club became a part of the family, and we shared in the highs (few and far between), and also the lows (more frequent than is good for you).

The Club has never forgotten why they are in existence, and the continued relationship with the fans makes it a very special place to be, and to be part of.

We now have a fourth and fifth generation of Bees fans, and are doing our best to convert the people of Nottingham to become, at least, Brentford followers.

Who were your first heroes?

Peter Gelson, Chic Brodie, and John Docherty; together they formed the spine of a team that even then tried to play football on the ground.

Do you remember your first Brentford game?

Can't quite remember the very first game, I was in too much awe of being out with my Dad and surrounded by so many people.



However, I remember the most wonderful goal, scored by John Docherty, direct from a corner.

The ball came over and sailed into the net despite the goalmouth being packed.

Any match day routines?

Home or away it follows the usual (living in Nottingham) in that I travel to the game, looking forward to that day's play, and replaying the last match.

Drink at The Princess Royal or Griffin, a visit to the Club Shop, and onto the terraces to absorb the atmosphere.

Half time refreshments (when queues allow) followed by celebration / commiseration in The Griffin.

What's your favourite Brentford game of all time?

On a Tuesday night at the end of the 1998/99 season against Swansea City. It was a top of the table clash with promotion beckoning, The Bees were rampant and won 4-1.

Favourite season, and why?

2012/13.

The club seemed to click, owner committing to the long term future of the club, a new manager playing good football, with a team of dedicated professionals who never said die, and the Club moving forward both on and off the field.

What does Brentford mean to you?

Passion.

Thing at Brentford you'd like to change?

A more tolerant and patient crowd who acknowledge that the team are doing their best who, like the rest of us, can occasionally have an off day.



TODAY'S MASCOTS

Welcome to today's mascots Sean Daly, Kyan Jenkins, Samuel Littlemore, Zach Owen, Luke Russell, Olivia McCormack and Ben Smith.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Swindon Town also have a mascot with them today: Liam Clark.

Welcome to Griffin Park, Liam.

Buzz Bee and Buzzette and everybody from Brentford Football Club hope you have a wonderful day.

Junior Bees Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Junior Bees that celebrate their big day from today until the next home game.

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BRENTFORD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST



Base Build Services Donation

Brentford FC Community Sports Trust does not rely on donations but it appreciates every one.

This week the Trust received a generous donation of £1,500 from Base Build Services.

With their headquarters in Park Royal, the construction specialists heard about the work of the Trust through Bees supporter Robert Moles.

When his daughter Dannielle Moles was given the responsibility of finding good causes for Base Build Services, his mind jumped straight to the Trust.

"My dad started supporting Brentford many years ago," said Robert.

"He is a Season Ticket Holder, and goes to nearly every game.

"He brings my little brothers and sometimes my sister," said Dannielle Moles, who also supports the Bees.

"My dad mentioned the Trust to me and I thought it was a good cause.

"When I mentioned it to my colleagues they looked at the work the Trust did, and that was that." The Trust was one of several charities to receive a donation from Base Build Services after they were awarded a charity fund on completion of a Tesco's refurbishment project.

"We tried to separate our donations between different charities," said Danielle.

"We gave a little extra to Brentford because we wanted to support the work they do with children and help them afford more sports equipment.

Dannielle's colleague Colm Long was in agreement.

"I am a mad football fan and I was keen to support a football club working with the community," Colm said.

Brentford welcomes Danielle and Colm to Griffin Park for today's Boxing Day fixture against Swindon.

At half time they will formally hand over the cheque to Trust CEO Lee Doyle.

A Manchester United supporter (but we will forgive him for that), Colm said: "I am buzzing for the match. "I am fearful of going out in front of so many fans.

"I will probably slip but I can't wait to witness my first Brentford game."

Trust Chief Executive Lee Doyle said "On behalf of all the staff and Trustees, I would like to thank Dannielle and Colm from Base Build Services for their generous donation to the Trust.

"The financial support will be reinvested in our community sport and activity programmes, helping us to continue to expand our portfolio of projects and engage more local people, as we move towards a new future at Lionel Road."

The Trust has not identified what the donation will go towards, but will report back on how it invested the funds in the New Year, and hope Danielle and Colm enjoy the game at Griffin Park today.

Merry Christmas.

The Brentford FC Community Sports Trust Team

For more information on Base Build Services, please visit www.basebuildservices.co.uk

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Proud To Be a Bee

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On Thursday December 5, I, like countless other supporters and staff, felt incredibly proud of Brentford Football Club.

It made an important step towards a new stadium at Lionel Road, building momentum and excitement for the future

The Trust was honoured to be part of the team, led by Brian Burgess and Chris Gammon, which motivate and inspire through presented on the night.

As highlighted during the planning meeting, the stadium project is the canvas upon which the Football Club and Trust can express their collective creativity, both on and off This could not be achieved without the pitch.

It demonstrated that the Trust delivers eight million pounds of social value through its projects each year - a figure anticipated to facilities and the interest arising from Lionel Road.

The Community Trust's video, produced in-house for presentation on the night, can be viewed at Brentford FC's YouTube channel

The video gave us the opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made, and the scale and scope of our activities, with over 5,000 sessions in three boroughs taking place this year, involving over Two recent examples are Reliable 14,000 participants.

The power of sport is used to traditional curricular and extra-curricular sessions and more recently within education. intervention and mentoring programmes.

our committed team of staff (pictured), many of whom have been with us for over ten years some on a completely voluntary basis.

rise to £11m as a result of improved In addition, there are a strong board of Trustees who provide guidance and governance.

The Trust have built an extensive

portfolio of work by partnering organisations across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Funding is usually tied to outputs with small margins but in some cases organisations are willing to fund the Trust to create capacity to deliver new projects.

Networks and ISIS Waterside Regeneration.

More about ISIS in the New Year, but with regard to Reliable Networks they have provided The Trust's IT management solutions and also help to support three staff vehicles.

Just as important is their willingness to introduce the Trust to new partners, which has created further opportunities for development.

The Trust officially launched its partnership in November of this year, with Brentford FC midfielder Martin Fillo joining staff and Reliable Networks for the photo shoot at Griffin Park.



The Trust also benefits from the commitment of the Brentford owner Matthew Benham, Chairman courtesy of Winkworth Estate Cliff Crown and the Board.

An indication of the connectivity between Club and Community can be seen from the above links. as well as the participation by the players at our community events.

Mark Warburton and his team are very supportive in this area, and our last big event was the sell-out Christmas 'Meet the Players Day' at Coaches' in partnership with the GOALS Soccer Centre in Osterley, on Monday December 23.

There will be similar events next vear.

In 2013 The Trust has worked with Brentford FC Chief Executive Mark Devlin to further develop community ticket initiatives.

This sees 50 per cent of the ticket revenue go to community groups and 50 per cent re-invested in Trust Bees on could be heard from the projects.

At the recent match against Oldham Athletic, 750 children were in the crowd as part of the ticket initiative, all with Santa hats Agents, Chiswick.

One of the main beneficiaries of the day was Kit2Kids who are raising funds to provide sports opportunities for disadvantaged children in Chiswick and surrounding areas.

In 2013, a new project was also developed called Fearless Danny Fullbrook Foundation.

The Club assisted in fundraising through the donation of pitch use.

This will enable new coaches to be mentored by experienced staff and hundreds of local children will receive free coaching.

Just before the winning goal against Oldham in the 93rd minute, a high-pitched chorus willing The

Bill Axbey Stand.

The preceding optimism and moment that followed is indicative of the energy and impetus of the club.

Initiatives that create moments such as these will help us to build a new generation of fans - a generation that have the opportunity to benefit from the camaraderie that comes from supporting their local club, whilst enjoying access to activities off the pitch that inspire a love of sport over a lifetime.

Merry Christmas, and wishing you an exciting New Year.

Lee Doyle and the Brentford FC Community Sports Trust Team

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Here's a selection of photos from the evening.



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BRENTFORD FC CLUB MEMBERSHIP



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The more points a supporter has, the higher up the priority queue they will go for All-Ticket games this • season.

Loyalty points for this season have been allocated as • follows, with Season Ticket Holders starting on 300: •

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No loyalty points will be made for home or away ticket purchases made on a match day, without exception.

Club Members can start accruing loyalty points for

ticket purchases as soon as they sign up, with loyalty points for merchandise and catering items will come on line later in the season.

The loyalty points structure for catering and merchandise are as follows, points will be awarded for the amount spent in an individual transaction:

- £5-£9.99 one point
- E10-E19.99 two points
- E20-E39.99 five points
- £40-£74.99 ten points
- £75 or more 20 points

Please note, the qualifying spend does not include match day programmes bought at The Bees Superstore.

Letters have now been sent to all Season Ticket Holders, and Club Members, with their card. Season Ticket Holders have been informed of their loyalty points accrued to date.

Club Members can access their accrued total via the Club's website www.brentfordfc.talent-sport.co.uk If you are unsure of your log-in details, please contact Ticket Office Membership Co-ordinator Madeleine Tarrant via email on mtarrant(d brentfordfc.co.uk, and she will supply the details to you.

Please note: all members of Bees United, the Brentford FC Supporters' Trust, are automatically Club Members for the 2013/14 season.

Season Ticket Holders are also automatically members of the scheme.

Loyalty points for future games will be published on the official website and match day programme on a regular basis.

Supporters can purchase tickets online, or via the telephone, on behalf of other members also, and loyalty points will be added to their total.

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Peter Martin

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Steve Hardwick

Happy birthday to Steve Hardwick, with love and best wishes from Alba, and all your Bees friends and the Magpie and Crown crowd.

David Chapman

In Memory of David Chapman, who loved coming to see Brentford with his son Paul.



Bill

Bill is in the hospitality lounge today celebrating his 60th birthday.

He has been a regular supporter all his life, and despite the fact that he now lives up north, he attends as many games as possible, home and away.

We wish him a very happy birthday from Jeff, Len, Paul, and Karen.

Will West

A warm Griffin Park welcome to Will West, and is coming to his first Brentford game today.



Sarah Murphy

Happy 18th birthday to Sarah Murphy, love from Nan, Grandad, Gary, Lyndsey, Jessica, Billy, Max, and the girls.



Pete Sparks

Merry Christmas, with love and best wishes from Tors, Neil and munchkin, X

Deborah Terry

A very happy birthday to Deborah, the best forker in the business!

Many happy returns from everyone at Brentford Football Club.



Ruth Biggins

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7) The three songs you'd take on your desert island?

Kings of Leon – Supersoaker, The Wolftones – Streets Of New York, and The Dubliners – Seven Drunken Nights.

8) Who would be your three guests – living or otherwise - at a dinner party?

> Roy Keane, Mike Tyson and Mohammed Ali.

9) Which person would you most like to meet?

Mike Tyson.

10) Who is the worst dresser in the squad? George Saville by a country mile, he wears ripped scruffy boxers everyday – that's enough for me.

11) Favourite holiday destination?

Miami, Florida.

12) Which is the most famous person in your mobile phone address book?

Joe Cole.

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With Mike Sullivan

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Stanley, 90-years-old, is here today with his family, celebrating his birthday which occurred earlier this month.

He has been a lifelong fan Brentford, and in his earlier years he attended matches regularly at Griffin Park.

He now lives in Swindon, but is still remains a Bees fan.

Another Bees fan enjoying a Christmas Birthday is Bill Land, who is in the hospitality lounge today celebrating his 60th birthday.

He has been a regular supporter all his life, and despite the fact that he now lives in the north, he attends as many games as possible, home and away.

Happy Birthday wishes are sent from Jeff, Len, Paul and Karen.

I would also like to welcome all my friends from Swindon Town too, as I spent a very enjoyable eight years as their Sales and Marketing Manager, and during my time there made a number of good friends.

There are too many names to mention, but the days at the County Ground were always interesting to say the least.

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Brentford won both the regular season fixtures against the Robins last season by a single goal (1-0 away in November 2012 and 2-1 at home in March 2013).



MATCH FACTS

Four of the last seven meetings between the sides have ended in draws (in all competitions), though only one has come at Griffin Park.





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ON THIS DAY: DECEMBER 26

By lan Westbrook



BRENTFORD 3 ALDERSHOT 0

Former England winner Graham Rix made a superb debut on loan from Arsenal, as he set up all three Brentford goals.

His cross created the 22nd minute opener - forced home by Keith Millen, after Terry Evans' effort had been blocked.

Rix also made the second goal ten minutes later, as his cross found Andy Sinton who hammered the ball into the net.

In the 55th minute, Rix fed Wayne Turner, whose cross was superbly finished by Paul Birch, to stretch The Bees' unbeaten run in all competitions to six matches, and leave them seventh in the Third Division table.

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BRENTFORD 3 LEYTON ORIENT 0

Brentford ran Leyton Orient ragged in a dominant first half display to easily win this London derby.

Denny Mundee put The Bees ahead in the 23rd minute lead from Martin Grainger's centre, and Simon Ratcliffe doubled the lead eight minutes later with a fierce shot from 18 vards out.

Nicky Forster then missed a one-on-one, but made amends 60 seconds later by turning to fire the ball home after Jamie Bates flicked on Lee Harvey's corner.

Brentford, with a trip to Chester City to come the following day, eased off in the second half but were still easy winners.

BRENTFORD 2 SWANSEA CITY 1

Two first half goals enabled Brentford to beat ten man Swansea City, and replace them at the top of League One.

City's Alan Tate was sent off for collecting two quick bookings for fouls.

The second, on Sam Tillen, led to a 26th minute free-kick, which Kevin O'Connor drove into the net to put The Bees ahead and make him the club's top scorer.

Eddie Hutchinson headed in Paul Brooker's cross nine minutes later to double the lead

Andy Robinson's 25 yard goal at the end of the match was just a consolation.



BRENTFORD 1 AFC BOURNEMOUTH 1

Leon Legge scored a dramatic injury-time equaliser to rescue a point for Brentford, and increase their unbeaten League One run to four matches.

The centre half powered in a header from Clayton Donaldson's right wing cross to save a match The Bees thought they had lost.

Charlie Sheringham volleyed Bournemouth ahead in the 19th minute from close range for his first Football League goal, but four minutes later Gary Alexander almost levelled when his header rebounded off the woodwork.

Niall McGinn and Sam Saunders both came close for The Bees but they were denied by Darryl Flahavan.



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ACADEMY INTERVIEW: DAI THOMAS By Ciaran Brett

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Dai Thomas' route into football as Brentford's Academy Welfare and Education Officer was not a well-travelled one.

A native of Swansea, Dai spent a year as a youth worker in Glasgow, working with asylum seekers, and newly arrived migrants, before spells as a history teacher and Head of Year in Coventry, and Brent.

From there he moved to take up a Welfare role at Barnet, before joining Brentford last season.

Dai sees the welfare and education aspects to his role at The Bees as two separate spheres, with the education side liaising with schools, when younger players are on day release with Brentford, as well as ensuring all the boys receive the schooling







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they need.

Welfare also provides practical and emotional support for players set-up goes far above what can within the academy.

"My role is to be a support to their school and to the boy both emotionally and socially," said Dai.

"I work all the way from the Under Nines to the Development Squad.

"I am responsible for making sure School as a fantastic addition that all the players that come through the doors are safe, they are not subject to harm, that they can achieve and enjoy their time here.

"I also have to make sure that all the staff are appropriate to be here with CRB checks, so that is the legal side of things.

There is then a more informal welfare responsibility.

We have scholars who are in accommodation, and it is about making sure they are happy in the "You are still going to get some accommodation they are provided with.

We have a really wide recruitment area, so we have players coming from all over the place, and part of my job is to make sure they can get to training offer extra is in our informal and improve in the way that the Academy wants them to.

The formal welfare is one thing but a lot of my time is spent on the accommodation and transports, as well as just generally making sure they are happy and enjoying what they are doing.

Getting them out of school for a day will help them develop; getting them to training thanks to our transport system will also help them develop.

Dai believes that the education, both formal and informal given to studying and playing football, the players within the Academy be found at other clubs.

The strong work-ethic drilled into that working with, and improving players within the Jersey Road set the prospects of children, was up helps to create an atmosphere something that he always wanted where players understand the need to work on their off-the-field learning and skills.

To that extent Dai sees the new Indoor Centre at Uxbridge High to the Academy's education programme.

"We are lucky at Brentford that we "I grew up with a passion and instil a work ethic in the players, so whatever they are doing they know there is a standard that they have to achieve whether it is on the pitch, or off the pitch, in their social or personal lives," said Dai. opportunities of young people,

"The challenge for us is to make the education they do here relevant to what they are doing on aren't meeting them where they the pitch.

boys for whom it is football, football, football but they all do generally apply themselves well to the education side

"Every scholar in the country does the BTEC, but where we qualifications.

"We use all the enrichment activities that we can.

We have people from Kick it Out, Sporting Chance, and loads of other fields coming in to speak to the boys and help with their informal education.

At the moment we have five fulltime kids at Uxbridge High School produce on the pitch, and that is with the indoor centre.

Next year we will have kids

from every age-group there, and that will be massive for their development."

The former Barnet man said to do.

He feels that coming from a completely new angle, and with experiences in teaching and youth work, he can bring new ideas to his role which will help improve the footballing prospects of Brentford's Academy players.

a sense that I wanted to affect young peoples' lives," said Dai.

I became a teacher because I wanted to improve the life and make them better.

"Sometimes as a teacher you" want to be but working in football, this is where they want to be. where their aspirations lie, and why you can really help increase their life opportunity.

"You take a coach to do my job, or a PE teacher who is also a coach to do my job, but they're coming from a coaching point of view, so all you have got there is another coach who wants to be on the training pitch, whereas my role is to focus on the education and welfare side of it.

The boys spend more time in school than doing anything else. anart from sleeping, and I know how schools work.

If he is not happy with something in his life, then he will not what I try to work on.

ACADEMY **NEWS**

U18 Professional Development League Two South appearances and goalscorers:

Appearances:

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Ipswich Town 1 Brentford 2 U18 Professional Development League Two South December 14, 2013

The Bees made six changes from the defeat to Crewe with Nik Tzanev, Luke Bersey, Makhosini Khanye, Lewis Lavender, Zain Westbrooke, and Seika Jatta all getting starts.

In truth, it was a poor start to the game, as both sides looked sloppy in possession and made unforced errors.

The Bees were pressing high up whenever the home defence or goalkeeper had the ball, forcing Ipswich to go long in the early stages, something they appeared move than happy to do.

Jack Willbye saw a highly ambitious long range shot fly harmlessly over for the home side, while Lewis Lavender pulled a cross-shot across the face of goal, but that was the sum of the opening quarter's attacking produce.

Brentford's high pressing game was causing some discomfort for the home defence, and Montell Moore fired straight at Jacob Marsden from the edge of the box, after Fabian Rowe had forced an error in possession.

The Bees possession game finally clicked on 18 minutes, and they came close to scoring a fantastic team goal as a onetouch passing move between Lavender, Richard Bryan, and Moore found Rowe in space on the left edge of the box, but he sliced his shot just wide of Marsden's near post.

As the half wore on The Bees began to control of the game, as James Ferry and Westbrooke started to dominate and dictate play in the middle of the park.

Marsden was forced into couple of regulation saves from distance from Moore and Ferry, before Ipswich somehow withstood a five minute spell of Brentford attacking play.

First George Fowler brilliantly headed Westbrooke's shot off the line, after Khanye and Moore had combined well down the left to carve open the home side's defence, with Jatta looping the rebound just over the bar.

Marsden then denied Moore from point blank range, after The Bees top scorer had been set free by Lavender, before another desperate block from George Fowler denied Jatta on the follow-up.

Jatta was the next to be denied by Marsden, as he made a good block save at the tall striker's feet, but Ipswich managed to survive the sustained pressure, and get to the half time break.

The half time break appeared to stunt Brentford's attacking play and, aside from a Khanye free-kick from 25 yards, it was a quiet opening to the second period, until Ipswich took the lead against the run of play.

A long ball into the box was deftly flicked on by Cemal Ramadan into the path of Amir Berkane, and he fired home from close range, despite protests of hand-ball from the Brentford defence.

Following the goal Ipswich enjoyed their best spell of the game with, and George Clarke missed two fantastic chances to extend The Tractor Boys lead.

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First the tall striker contrived to shoot wide from eight yards under little pressure from the defence, after Bees substitute Seth Owens had been dispossessed in the right-back position.

Less than a minute later he missed from the same spot, after Nik Tzanev had produced a fine save to deny Andre Dozzell from close range.

The habit of missing chances continued, as Lewis Lavender fired over from 12 yards after he had been freed by a cute reverse ball from Moore.

The Bees were less profligate three minutes later, as Moore faced up the Ipswich back four, slalomed his way through, and curled an unstoppable shot past Marsden from 12 yards.

And the turnaround was complete three minutes later, as substitute Courtney Senior easily beat Joe Robinson for pace, and kept his cool on his left foot to slide home into the bottom corner from ten yards.

Brentford quickly settled into their passing game once they took the lead, with Ferry, Moore and Westbrooke popping up all over the pitch keeping the ball and frustrating the home side, as they attempted to get back into the game.

Tom Field wasted a fine chance to make it three with a quarter of an hour to go, but he lacked composure and fired his shot well over the bar from 12 yards.

There was no question of The Bees merely shutting up shop in the final quarter and settling for two, a point emphasised as Khanye led a Bees counter attack from left-back only to see his by-line cut back for Senior nipped off the strikers toes by Berkane.

Senior saw another shot deflect behind for a corner off Robinson as Brentford took their lead into added time.

The Bees very nearly gifted lpswich a last minute equaliser when the ball bounced off the excellent Bryan and rebounded to Berkane, but with men breaking either side, the Ipswich midfielder went for glory from 30 yards and fired harmlessly over Tzanev's bar.

The final whistle was blown moments later to give The Bees their first away win of the season in the league and send them into Wednesday's FA Youth Cup Tie with Bristol City on the back of one defeat in five.

Ipswich Town: Marsden; Jones (sub Cole 78), Fowler, Robinson, Daly (sub Ellis 72); Willbye, Berkane, Clarke, Bishop (sub Dozzell 15); Ramadan, Clarke Subs (not used): Ford

Brentford: Tzanev; Bryan, Laucys (sub Owens 46), Bersey, Khanye; Ferry, Lavender, Westbrooke; Moore, Jatta (sub Field 71), Rowe (sub Senior 57) Subs (not used): Taylor, Clayton

MONTELL MOORE





U21 Professional Development League Two South appearances and goalscorers:

Appearances:

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LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Only one team in English Football League history has ever been promoted having received a points deduction (Chesterfield in 2000/01).

ASSISTS



MINUTES PER GOAL



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2013/14 FIXTURES, RESULTS

ALL MATCHI	ES KICK-OFF AT 3PM UNLESS ST	ATED							
Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Res	H/T	Pos	Bees Scorers	Att	An
Sat Aug 3	Port Vale	A	LGE	1-1	1-1	12	Logan (27)	7579	
Tue Aug 6	Dagenham and Redbridge	H	CAP 1	3-2	0-1	16	El Alagui (62,90); Fillo (64)	3586	
Sat Aug 10	Sheffield United	н	LGE	3-1	1-0	7	Forshaw (35); Grieg (63, 76)	7316	1.3
Sat Aug 17	Gillingham	A	LGE	1-1	0-1	6	El Atagui (90)	6225	1 11.
Sat Aug 24	Walsall	H	LGE	1-0	1-0	4	Donaldson (42)	5781	
Tue Aug 27	Derby County	A	CAP 2		0-3	-	Constituti (42)	9076	
Sat Aug 31	Carlisle United	н	LGE	0-0	0-0	4		6035	
Tue Sep 3	AFC Wimbledon	н	JPT 1	5-3	1-8	-	El Alexand (2) E (1) Alexand (2) Alexand (2) Martin (20)	4189	
Sat Sep 7	Bradford City	A	LGE	0-4	0-1	8	El Alagui (42, 54); Norris (52); Nugent (64); Venta (69)		
Sat Sep 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	LGE	4-3	2-1		T. J. 100 D. 12 (1/ 20) C. L. (M)	13621 4454	1
	Levton Orient	1.1.1	LGE		0-0	8	Taylor [2]; Donaldson [14, 72]; Forshaw (90 pen)		100
Mon Sep 23 Sun Sep 29		H	LGE	0-2		11		6439	81
Sun Sep 27	Coventry City	A		2-0	1-0	10	Bonaldson (221; Taylor (68)	2651	199
Tue Oct 8	Rotherham United	н	LGE	0-1	0-1	11	1	6614	
Sat Oct 12	Peterborough United	A	JPT 2	1-2	0-1		Nugent (80)	5261	
	Stevenage	A	LGE	1-2	1-2	12	Donaldson [13]	3225	
Sat Oct 19	Colchester United	н	LGE	3-1	0-0	11	Trotta [76]; Saville (80); Herris (87)	5705	
Tue Oct 22	Bristol City	A	LGE	Z-1	0-0	7	Saunders (79), Donaldson (86)	10639	
Sat Oct 26	Shrewsbury Town	H	LGE	1-0	1-0	5	Trotta (16)	9738	
Sat Nov 2	Crawley Town	A	LGE	1.0	1 0	5	Forshaw (5 pen)	4177	
Sat Nov 9	Staines Town	н	EAC1	5-0	3-0		McCormack [21 pen]; Reeves [35]; Harris [38]; Trotta [50]; Donaldson [90]	5263	
Sat Nov 16	Crewe Alexandra	н	LGE	5-0	1-0	4	Trotta (43); Forshaw (46); Saville (58); Donaldson (63, 73)	6616	
Sat Nov 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	LGE	0-0	0-0	4		19861	120
Tue Nov 26	Peterborough United	н	LGE	3-2	1-0	4	Zakuani (36 – ogl; Grigg (B1); Donaldson (87)	6014	
Sat Nov 30	Notts County	A	LGE	1-0	1-0	4	Grigg (44)	5132	
Sat Dec 7	Carlisle United	A	FAC 2	2-3	0-1		Chimbonda (63 - og); El Alagui (86)	5589	
Sat Dec 14	Oldham Athletic	н	LGE	1-0	0-0	3	Douglas (90)	6594	4.
Sat Dec 21	Preston North End	Δ	LGE						
Thu Dec 26	Swindon Town	H	LGE	12.30					
Sun Dec 29	Milton Keynes Dons	н	LGE						
Wed Jan 1	Peterborough United	A	LGE						
Sat Jan 11	Port Vale	н	LGE						
Sat Jan 18	Walsall	A	LGE						
Fri Jan 24	Gillingham	н	LGE	19.45					
Tue Jan 28	Bristol City	н	LGE	19.45					
Sat Feb 1	Shrewsbury Town	A	LGE						
Sat Feb 8	Crawley Town	H	LGE						
Tue Feb 11	Sheffield United (TBC)	A	LGF	19.45					
Sat Feb 15	Crewe Alexandra	A	LGE						
Sat Feb 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	н	LGE						
Sat Mar 1	Carlisle United	A	CAP 1						
Sun Mar 2	Capital One Cup Final	1751	LGE						
Sat Mar 8	Bradford City	н	LGE						
Tue Mar 11	Tranmere Rovers	н	LGE	19.45					
Sat Mar 15	Leyton Orient	A	LGE						
Sat Mar 22	Coventry City	н	LGE			1			
Tue Mar 25	Rotherham United	A	1000	19.45					
Sat Mar 29	Oldham Athletic	A	LGE						
Sat Apr 5	Notts County	н	LGE						
Sat Apr 12	Swindon Jown	A	LGE						
Fri Apr 18	Preston North End	н	LGE						
Mon Apr 21	Milton Keynes Dons	A	LGE						
Sat Apr 26	Colchester United	A	LGE						
Sat May 3	Stevenage	н			-	1			
Sat May 17	FA Cup Final	1						1	

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There is only one moment in time to feature today - Brentford's penalty shoot out win in the Play-Offs against Swindon Town this May.

After drawing the First Leg with an added on time penalty from Kevin O'Connor, Brentford picked themselves up to launch into a 3-1 lead in the Second Leg at Griffin Park, but Swindon fought back to level.

A tense shoot-out followed, but Adam Forshaw stroked home the spot kick to send Brentford to Wembley.



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- 1 Richard Lee
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- 3 Scott Barron
- 4 Adam Forshaw
- 5 Tony Craig
- 6 Harlee Dean
- 7 Sam Saunders
- 8 Jonathan Douglas
- 9 Clayton Donaldson
- 10 Farid El Alagui
- 11 Will Griga
- 12 Alan McCormack
- 13 Lee Bartlett*
- 14 Shaleum Logan
- 16 Jack Bonham
- 17 George Saville
- 19 Martin Fillo
- 20 Toumani Diagouraga
- 21 Liam O'Brien
- 22 Jake Reeves
- 24 Jake Bidwell
- 25 Raphaël Calvet
- 26 Kadeem Harris
- 27 David Button
- 28 Ben Nugent
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- 1 Wes Foderingham
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- 8 Ryan Mason
- 11 Alex Pritchard
- 12 Dany N'Guessan
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- 15 Yaser Kasim
- 16 Mark Francis
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- 22 Darren Ward
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- 29 Raphael Rossi Branco
- 30 Leigh Bedwell
- 33 Nick Aio
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- 35 Kayden Jackson
- 36 Matthew Jones

- 39 Ben Gladwin

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Keith Hill



ASSISTANT REFEREES: Mark Howes and Alan Young

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Tim Robinson



TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Bradford City v Rotherham United Bristol City v Walsall Carlisle United v Preston North End Colchester United v Stevenage Crawley Town v Milton Keynes Dons Coventry City v Peterborough United Gillingham v Leyton Orient Port Vale v Notts County Sheffield United v Oldham Athletic Shrewsbury Town v Tranmere Rovers Wolverhampton Wanderers v Crewe Alexandra

 Auction winner of supporters squad number for the 2013/14 season.



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