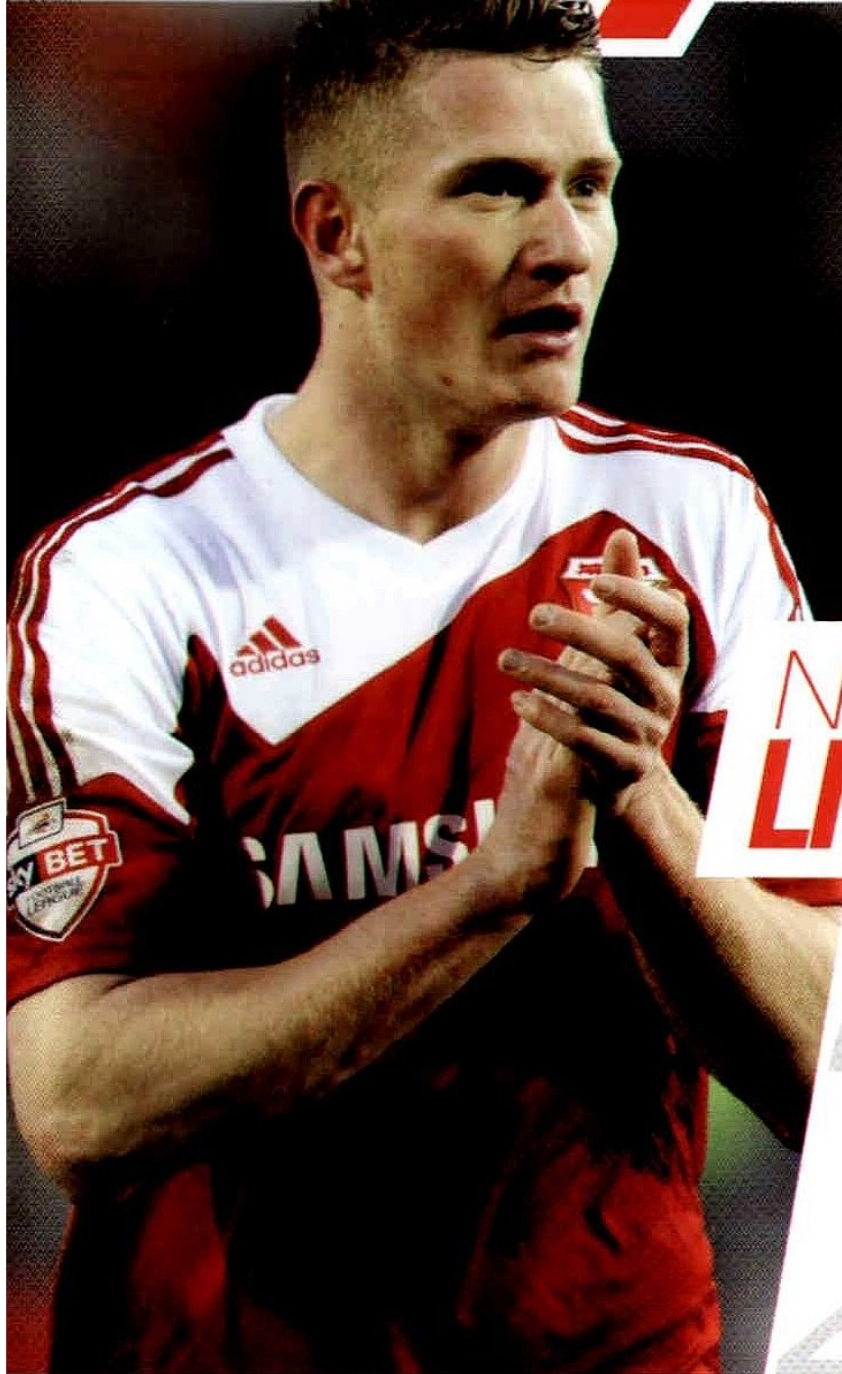


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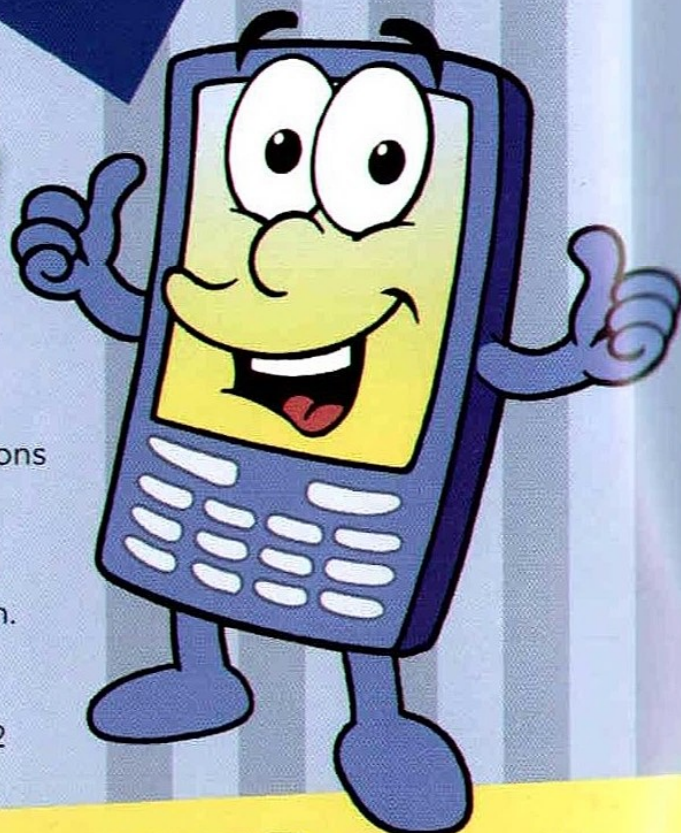
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**GOOD** afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Preston North End.

**TODAY** we welcome another of England's grand old clubs to The County Ground. Unfortunately, recent trips to Deepdale haven't been too fruitful and, in fact, the last win here at home over a Preston side was back in 1985 when Lou Macari began to build momentum for Town's record-breaking Fourth Division championship-winning feat. Off the field, the Lilywhites have recently been shaken by the passing of one of their favourite sons, Sir Tom Finney. I hope you enjoy the little tribute to one of this country's greatest ever players in today's edition of COYR. A big thank you to Town fan, Tim Davis, who provided mountains of photographs and books that we would have loved to have included but sadly couldn't.

I must confess that, in my opinion, Wolves are comfortably the best side to come to The CG in the league this season. Their first half display was nearly perfect and I fully expect them now to lift the League 1 title in May, despite the hiccup in midweek. Last weekend was a completely different test for Swindon and the display with ten men was simply outstanding: a real show of grit and determination



that I'm sure any Town fan who was at Ashton Gate would have appreciated. I love derby matches and it was strange to think that it was the first league meeting between the two teams in Bristol since 2006. So much has happened since then too. It was great to get a hard-earned point and make sure Town took the bragging rights for this season with a tidy 3-2 aggregate win.

This run of fixtures against sides in and around the promotion and Play-Off places continues this afternoon. Let's hope the team can carry the determination from that second half performance against City into today's game and secure an important home win.

**TOM OTREBSKI**  
EDITOR

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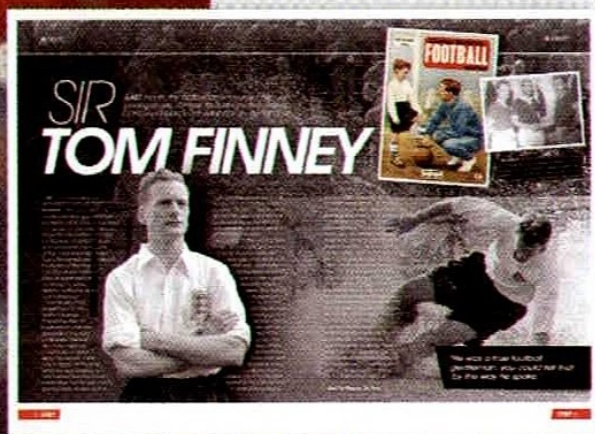
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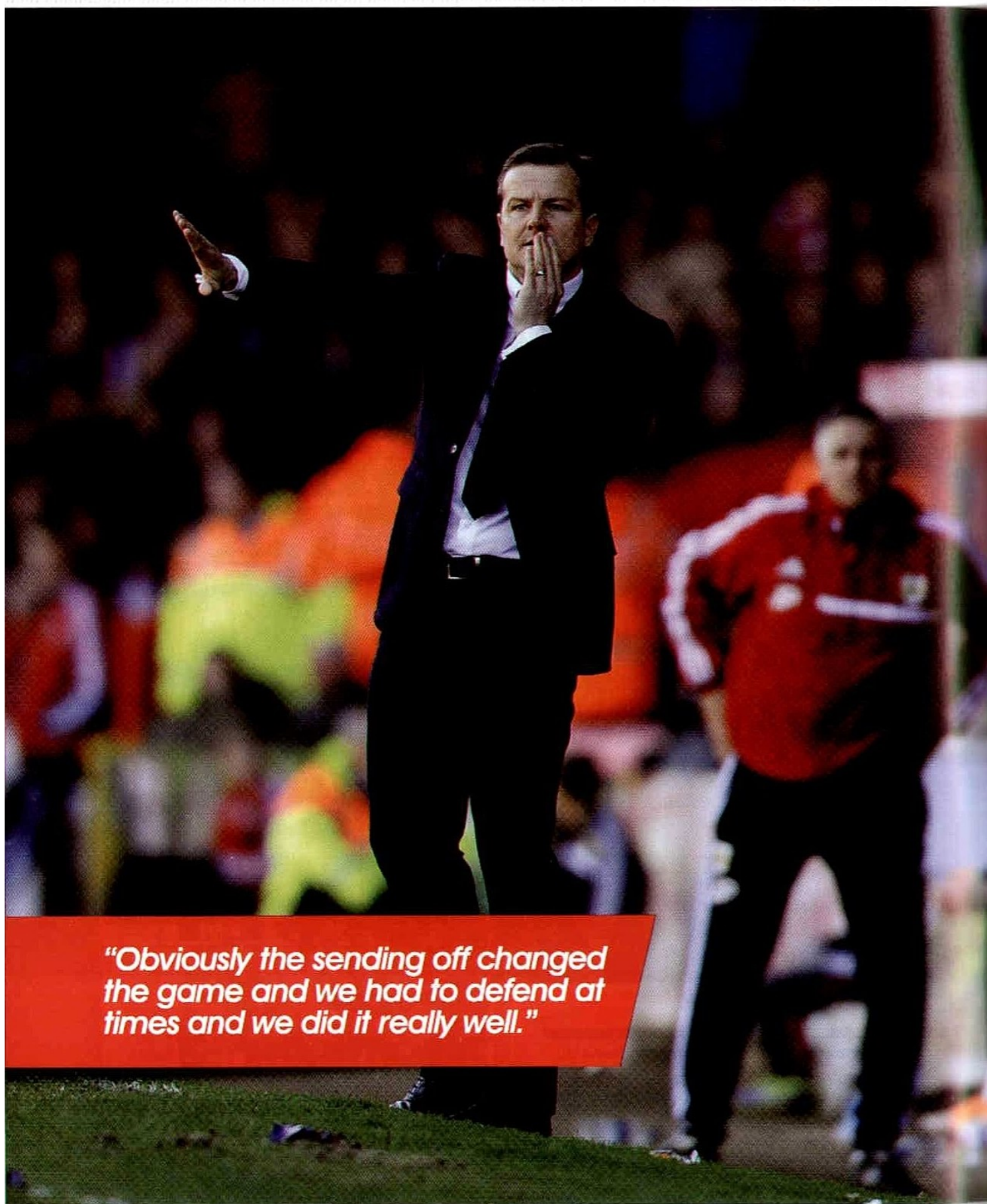


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*"Obviously the sending off changed the game and we had to defend at times and we did it really well."*

# MARK COOPER



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**GOOD** afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Preston North End in this League 1 encounter...



It was a typical local derby last weekend at Ashton Gate. It was blood and thunder and we had some good spells in the game when we had eleven men. In the first half we had possession and we defended really well. Obviously the sending off changed the game and we had to defend at times and we did it really well. That should give the players a lot of confidence but they can't just do it in a local derby in front of 15,000 with their backs to the wall. They have to do it at home against Preston, at home against Sheffield United and then we can say "yes, we've started to learn as a defence."

Anyone that watched Preston against Sheffield United on Monday night can see that they're a very strong, powerful

attacking force and have a lot of experienced, attacking options. The likes of Craig Davies and Kevin Davies; they're experienced players that have played at the highest level and scored goals so it will be a big test for our young defenders again. Hopefully we can defend well and also give a good account of ourselves with the ball.

They've had a long unbeaten run and held Sheffield United to a goalless draw which would have been their 10th win in a row had they won, but they couldn't beat Preston so they'll be hoping to get into the Play-Offs on the back of a real strong run of form and we've got to make sure we try and upset that. We'll try and concentrate on ourselves and try and produce longer spells of

attacking play at home for our fans. I must say that the support at Bristol City was fantastic. At the end, you were brilliant and the players commented afterwards how big and vocal the following was and it felt so much better playing to a following of that size.

We're still learning. All of us are learning. I know at times it's difficult but just keep faith in the team and I'm sure they'll reward you in days to come.

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**MARK COOPER**  
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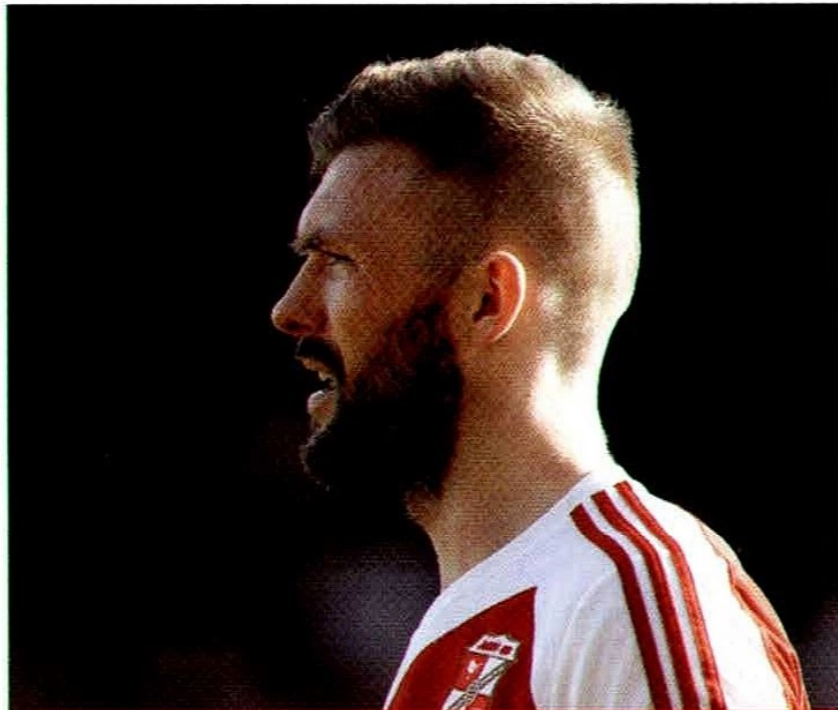


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**WELCOME** back to The County Ground for today's meeting with Preston North End...

**THE** Wolves result was very disappointing for us. It took us too long to get going and it was a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde performance again. There are a number of things we need to learn from that game but, again, when you're playing a top team, you have to be prepared as well as you can be and be on it. In the first half, that wasn't the case and they capitalised on the mistakes we made. It was a good point away from home last weekend. From what I've heard, it was well battled out by the players and it's good to come away with a point in a local derby game so it's something to build on. It was good to move on as a team to get a point at Bristol City. Preston are a very good outfit. I watched some of their game that was live on the TV earlier this week. They're a well-drilled side and that's what you have to have in this league. If you don't work at it as a team and as individuals you're going to struggle. You can see the teams that work hard because they're coming through now. At Preston earlier in the season it was a game where we gave a cheap goal away again and it took too long for us to get going and stamp our authority on the side. It was made harder by going 2-0 down and having to chase the game and that's another game we should learn from this season and take our experience



**"They're a well-drilled side and that's what you have to have in this league."**

on to our remaining games. I've been saying for a long time: until it's mathematically impossible to get promoted, we still go, we still press and we still work hard. It's going to be difficult now but, if there is momentum, you never know what can happen. Football is full of so many surprises and, at times, it's hard to see the light through the trees but there is an awful lot to look on the positive side for this season. We are still

going to work hard for it. It's a collective situation: we all head towards the same target and keep doing our best for the football club.

**DARREN WARD**  
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***"Don't forget that if you haven't signed up already for next season, the Phase One window is still open..."***

**OUR** 2014/15 Season Ticket window, 'March Madness' ended last Monday. We were really pleased by the uptake from supporters and we sold about 3,000 Season Tickets in the space of ten days. Of course, we're very appreciative of the support of the fans and hopefully you will be able to see that in your pockets with the 10% decrease in price. Don't forget that if you haven't signed up already for next season, the Phase One window is still open until the end of the month. You can still buy a Season Ticket on an installment plan,

interest-free.

At this point, I would also just like to say that the 2,000-plus fans that went to Bristol City away last weekend were fantastic from start to finish. I think that was the first time this year that we seem to have taken that many supporters to an away game and it made such a difference. I think you will all agree with me that we were proud of the lads, the way they played and the way that they dug in to get a very hard-earned point against our local rivals away from home.

Simon Grayson has put together

a very talented, strong and physical team at Deepdale this season and it's going to be a very difficult game for us this afternoon. In fact, I'd be very surprised if Preston don't go up this season; if it's not via automatic promotion then by the Play-Offs. We will need to be at our very best to win today's match.

Hopefully we will get a good gate this week and get that much-needed win which we haven't had in recent games.

**LEE POWER**  
CHAIRMAN

# COMMERCIAL COMMENT



**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to The CG for today's game against Preston North End.



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**THIS** afternoon, I am delighted to be able to welcome one of our Pro Red affiliates, Haydon Wick, to The County Ground. The club was established in 2013 and consists of an Under-9s team who play in the North Wilts Youth & Minor League. The first time the 14-man squad got together was for their first training session in July 2013. For most of the players this was their first time playing football in a team. They had a very difficult challenge ahead of them which they all stepped up to and have

put in some very impressive performances this season. The Pro Red scheme has been very beneficial for them as a club. It has given them the opportunity for team days out at The County Ground, which has been good for team bonding. It is also good for the children to watch a professional football team at a very affordable price.

If you are interested in becoming a Pro Red club then please don't hesitate to contact me on 0844 880 1094. There are a number of benefits to joining the scheme

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## Shirt Sponsors' Dinner

A reminder that the date for the Player and Management Sponsors' Dinner has now been set. This very enjoyable, annual event will be held on Tuesday 1st April and the dinner will incorporate both the Home and Away Shirt Sponsors. The Legends Lounge will once again be the venue, and BBC Wiltshire's Shaun Hodgetts returns to host the dinner this season, so we all look forward to welcoming all the sponsors and their guests. Remember, you do not have to be a Sponsor to attend the evening - this event is also open to all STFC Supporters. Tickets for this event will be priced at £50.00 (INC VAT). To book your places, please contact me on 0844 880 1094.



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### Troy Archibald-Henville

THE centre-half was the sponsors' choice as Man of the Match for his display during Town's home defeat to MK Dons. Despite a dominant display, Archibald-Henville couldn't prevent Swindon going down 2-1 to the Dons at SN1. After the match, the defender was whisked up to the Sponsors' Suite and was presented with his complementary bottle of champagne by representatives of Main Match Sponsors, Save On Tyres.





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# PRESTON NORTH END



**THE** Lilywhites sit comfortably in the League 1 Play-Off positions and are nicely poised to launch an assault on the automatic promotion places...

**DESPITE** a victory in the Capital One Cup derby match against Blackpool at the start of August, it would take Simon Grayson's men until the end of the month to record their first three points of the season. That came courtesy of a 3-0 win at Walsall and sparked a run of five consecutive victories, the last of which was a 2-1 win over Swindon at Deepdale. Before that run however, they were also knocked out of the Capital One Cup by Burnley.

Three successive defeats, including an early exit from the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, preceded an unbeaten run that would stretch from the middle of October until the final Saturday before Christmas. They would win seven of their eleven fixtures in that period and saw it come to an end at home at the hands of fellow promotion-chasers, Brentford, who put three past them without reply. The next time Preston would taste defeat would be in

January when they went down 2-0 to high-flying Wolves at Molineux. This remains the last time they have been beaten in the league. After an exit from the FA Cup at home to Nottingham Forest in February, North End have drawn three and won three of their last six fixtures. Their last victory came at Oldham at the start of March and, on Monday night, they played out a goalless draw with in-form Sheffield United at Deepdale.





**THE GAFFER: SIMON GRAYSON:**

**GRAYSON** represented a number of clubs during his playing career including Leeds United, Aston Villa and Leicester City, winning the League Cup during his time at Filbert Street. After finishing his career at Blackpool, he was handed the reins at Bloomfield Road initially on a caretaker basis, before steering the Seaside to promotion via the Play-Offs during his first season in charge. After guiding the Tangerines to their highest

league finish in over 30 years, he took charge at another former club, Leeds United. Helped the Yorkshire side to promotion from League 1 in 2009/10 but departed Elland Road in January 2012. Was quickly back in management at Huddersfield Town and tasted promotion success once again with the Terriers, guiding them to victory in the League 1 Play-Offs. Left his position at Huddersfield in January 2013 before joining the Lillywhites.

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# THE PLAYERS



# PRESTON NORTH END



*Declan* **Rudd**

**THE** stopper came through the ranks at Norwich City, making his debut in 2009. In his time at Carrow Road, he helped the Canaries win back-to-back promotions to the Premier League and even earned an international call-up to the England Under-21 squad. After a handful of appearances in the top flight, Rudd joined Preston on loan until the end of the 2012/13 campaign in February. He is currently on a season-long loan at Deepdale.



*Scott* **Laird**

**LAIRD** started out with Plymouth Argyle and had loan stints at Torquay United and Stevenage before penning a permanent deal with the latter in February 2008. Was a key part of the Boro side that clinched successive promotions from the Conference into League 1. In the summer of 2012, he moved north to join North End but, in his first season at Deepdale, managed 24 appearances before breaking his leg. He is also a former England C international.



*Tom* **Clarke**

**AFTER** signing for Huddersfield as a youngster, the defender would spend 8 years with the club. Despite loan stints at Bradford and Halifax he would go on to make over 100 appearances for the Terriers. He spent time on loan at Leyton Orient during the 2011/12 season before helping Huddersfield win promotion via the Play-Offs. Became Simon Grayson's first signing as Preston boss. Has also earned international honours for England's Under-19s.



*Josh* **Brownhill**

**THE** youngster was released by Manchester United at the age of 15 before joining up with Preston. He came through the Centre of Excellence at Deepdale before signing a scholarship with the Academy. Made his debut for the Lilywhites as a 17-year-old in October before making his league debut against Crewe the following weekend. After marking his first start against Gillingham with a goal, the second year YTS has now scored three times in 25 outings this term.



*Chris* **Humphrey**

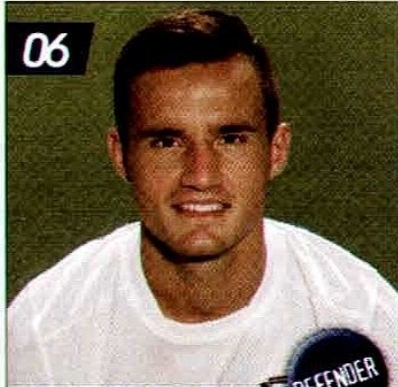
**25-YEAR-OLD** Humphrey began his career at Shrewsbury Town and went on to make 88 appearances for the Shrews before moving north of the border to sign for Motherwell in the summer of 2009. The pacy winger made 150 appearances for the Steelmen and played in a number of European matches including Champions League qualifiers. After leaving Fir Park, Preston beat off competition from a number of clubs to seal his signature last summer.



*John* **Welsh**

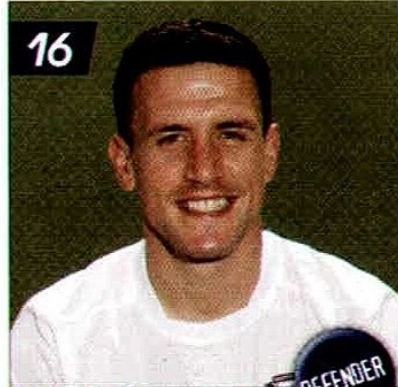
**STARTED** out at Liverpool at the age of ten before progressing through the ranks and becoming reserve team captain. He made his Reds debut in December 2002 and further appearances followed under Rafael Benitez. He was then loaned out to Hull and made the move permanent in January 2006. Joined Tranmere Rovers in 2009 and would go on to skipper the Merseysiders during his time at Prenton Park before joining Preston in the summer of 2012.

**LAST FIVE:** DWWDD **LAST TIME OUT:** 0-0 D vs Sheffield Utd 17.03.14



**Bailey Wright**

**WRIGHT**, who can operate at both centre-half or left full-back, is a product of the club's Youth Academy. The Melbourne-born defender put pen to paper on his first professional contract in December 2010. Shortly after that, he made his league debut against Norwich City at Carrow Road. Towards the end of the 2011/12 season, he featured regularly for the first team and last term, he scored twice from 41 outings for the Lilywhites.



**David Buchanan**

**ROCHDALE-BORN** Buchanan started his career at Bury, making his first team debut in April 2005. He would go on to establish himself at Gigg Lane, making nearly 200 appearances before joining Scottish side, Hamilton. He moved back down south to join Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 2011 and was virtually ever-present in his first season at Prenton Park. He picked up the Player of the Year Award after that first campaign then joined Preston in 2012.



**Keith Keane**

**AFTER** making his debut for Luton Town as a 16-year old in 2003, Keane would go on to make over 260 appearances for the Hatters across four divisions; from the Championship down to the Blue Square Bet Premier. He joined Preston in the summer of 2012 and made over 30 appearances last term. The versatile Irishman can play across the back line and in midfield. He has also earned international honours with the Eire Under-21s.



**Lee Holmes**

A familiar face to Town fans, Holmes started his career at Derby County, making his debut for the Rams aged just 15. The former England youth international then had loan spells at a host of different clubs and made over 50 appearances for Derby before joining Southampton in 2008. In his time at St. Mary's the winger would return for a second loan spell at SN1 in 2012, helping Swindon to the League 2 title. He signed for Preston later that summer.



**Kevin Davies**

**BEGAN** his career at Chesterfield and would make over 150 appearances and net 30 goals for the Spirettes. Southampton came calling in May 1997 before a move followed to Blackburn a year later. After a fruitless season at Ewood Park, Davies moved back to The Dell. His next move to Bolton would see him make over 350 appearances and net 84 goals for the Lancashire side, and earned his only international cap in 2010. He signed for Preston last summer.



**Paul Gallagher**

**THE** former Blackburn trainee is in his second spell at Deepdale having originally signed for Preston on loan in 2007. He would also help Stoke seal promotion to the Premier League and enjoyed a loan stint at Plymouth before Leicester City parted with £1 million for his services in the summer of 2009. He is closing in on 150 appearances for the Foxes and signed a loan deal with Preston in October, a deal which was extended until the end of this season.

# JOE GARNER

**COYR** takes a closer look at the frontman who is now banging in the goals for his boyhood heroes...

**CLITHEROE-BORN** Garner began his football journey at Blackburn Rovers, rising through the tiers of the youth system at Ewood Park before joining Carlisle United on loan in January 2007. He netted his first senior goal in a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Yeovil Town in February of that year and would find the net a further four times before the season was over. Having done enough to impress the powers that be at Brunton Park, the Cumbrians then parted with a six-figure fee to bring him to Carlisle on a permanent basis later that summer, breaking the club's record transfer fee in the process. In his first full season in Cumbria, Garner netted fourteen times, a run which alerted the attention of Nottingham Forest. The former European champions

forked out over £1 million for the striker's services after just a year in the north-west. His first campaign with Forest yielded eight goals from 30 appearances but the following campaign would see him make just 21 appearances, 16 of which came before the end of November 2009. After being brought back into the first team fold, he did find the net in his final two outings that season, against Blackpool and Scunthorpe. The first half of the 2010/11 season was spent on loan at Huddersfield Town although he failed to score during his stint with the Terriers. As the calendar moved into 2011, the striker was sent out on loan to Scunthorpe where he fared better than he did in Yorkshire: six goals arrived from 18 appearances. After three seasons at The City Ground, Watford was Garner's next destination in the summer of 2011. However, the fresh start only brought one goal in his first season at Vicarage Road and the first part of last term was spent on loan back at

Carlisle. Whilst at Brunton Park, he rediscovered his form in front of goal, scoring eight goals between the start of October and the end of November. At the conclusion of his loan deal with the Cumbrians, Watford agreed to cancel his contract in January 2013. He then joined Preston on an 18-month deal but failed to find the net before the season was over. This season, after opening his account against MK Dons back in August, the die-hard Preston fan has seen the goals flow since the start of November and now has 20 goals to his name in all competitions. His last goals came in a double-salvo at Oldham at the start of the month.



**FACTFILE:**

Full name:  
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Height:  
**1.78m (5ft 10in)**  
Playing position:  
**Striker**



**"The die-hard Preston fan has seen the goals flow since the start of November and now has 20 goals to his name."**

# CLUB CONNECTION

## DAVID LUCAS:

AFTER coming through the youth ranks, Lucas made over 120 appearances for Preston including the 2004 First Division Play-Off Final defeat to West Ham. After spells with Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds, Danny Wilson brought him to SN1 in the summer of 2009. He was a virtual ever-present as Town made the League One Play-Off Final. After defeat to Millwall, Lucas would find his 2010/11 season interrupted by injuries and, after Swindon's relegation, was allowed to leave at the end of the campaign.



# PAST ENCOUNTER





Date: **07.12.1985**  
**Swindon Town 4**  
**Preston North End 1**  
 Attendance: **3,945**

**CHARLIE** Henry gave Swindon the perfect start in this encounter from Town's 1985/86 Division Four championship-winning season. He struck after 14 minutes then again on the half-hour to put Town in control. Vernon Allatt's penalty just five minutes later put the Lillywhites back in the game. After the break, Nicky Coleman's penalty just after the hour restored the two-goal advantage before Henry sealed his hat-trick and all three points with ten minutes to play.

## MAGIC MOMENTS:



### 1889

**THE** Preston 'Invincibles' claim a League and Cup Double, going through the entire league season unbeaten. The feat would not be repeated for over a century.

### 1938

**NORTH END** lift the FA Cup for the second time. A penalty from George Mutch in the last minute of extra time seals a 1-0 win over Huddersfield.



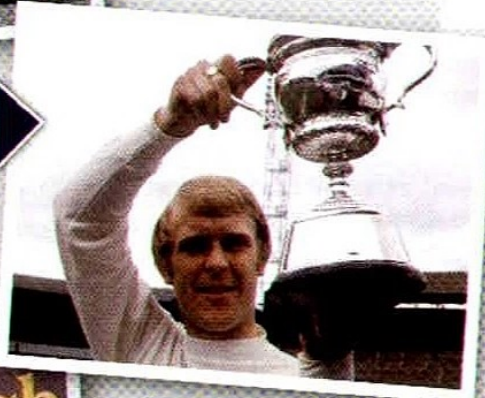
### 1951

**PRESTON** secure a return to the top flight by clinching the Second Division Championship.



### 1971

**GERRY** Ingram helps fire Preston back into the Second Division by contributing 22 goals as they are crowned champions of Division Three.



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# CLUB NEWS

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**LAST** week, The County Ground witnessed the arrival of a new loan signing to bolster the squad for the final weeks of the season...



## Jack Stephens

**LAST** Thursday, young defender Jack Stephens joined up with the Town on loan from Premier League side, Southampton, until 3rd May 2014.

The centre-half joined Saints from Plymouth Argyle as a 17-year old in April 2011 after making his professional debut for Argyle at the tender age of 16. Stephens has also received international honours for England's Under-18s and Under-19s. He has skippered the Under-21 side at St. Mary's and signed a four-year contract last April.

He went straight into the starting line-up at Bristol City last weekend and admitted to the media post-match that Swindon rode their luck at Ashton Gate

but a hard-working performance from the side earned them a share of the spoils.

"All the lads worked really hard and overall it was a great point," he said. "We definitely rode our luck at times but the way we worked and with all our performances I think we deserved that.

"There were a few frantic moments but I felt they didn't put too much pressure on us. All the lads worked really hard, not just the back four and we definitely deserved a point."

## NSPCC Quiz Night



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**COME** and support Swindon Town Football Club's Charity of the Year (the NSPCC) at a Quiz Night which will be held in The Legends Lounge on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm.

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# MICHAEL SMITH

**TOWN'S** January signing couldn't have wished for a better start to his career at SN1. He told COYR this week that he's now looking to the future and reveals his biggest pet hate...

***Growing up in Wallsend, what were your earliest football memories?***

Kicking a ball about in the street probably. I've got an older brother too so, in the end, there were about 15/16 lads who all used to play in the street. In terms of playing for a team, it was initially Whitley Bay Boys before Wallsend. I remember my mate's 'mam' came over to ours with a trophy that he'd won for the Under-8s or Under-9s and I remember thinking to myself "I'm miles better than him". His dad was actually a coach too so I got involved with Wallsend Boys Club that way.

***Wallsend Boys Club have produced a number of professional footballers over the years. What was it like walking in the footsteps of some of those great players?***

Funnily enough, there's a shirt that you get given when you sign for Wallsend. It's a warm-up top with all the players who have ever played for Wallsend then made it big. I always wanted my name on the back of that

shirt. You've got the likes of Stevie Bruce, Michael Carrick and, of course, Alan Shearer. It was an honour to play for them; it was all I ever wanted to do.

***Playing as a striker, someone like Alan Shearer must have been someone that you looked up to?***

Massively. Being a massive Newcastle fan as well as playing for Wallsend. I always had Newcastle shirts with 'Shearer 9' on the back.

***How did the move to Darlington come about?***

I remember going for a trial at Blackburn and that didn't work out. Someone at Blackburn knew someone at Darlington and that was the link, so I went on trial at Darlington. After 45 minutes, the coach pulled us and said "I want you to come back". From there I got offered a scholarship.

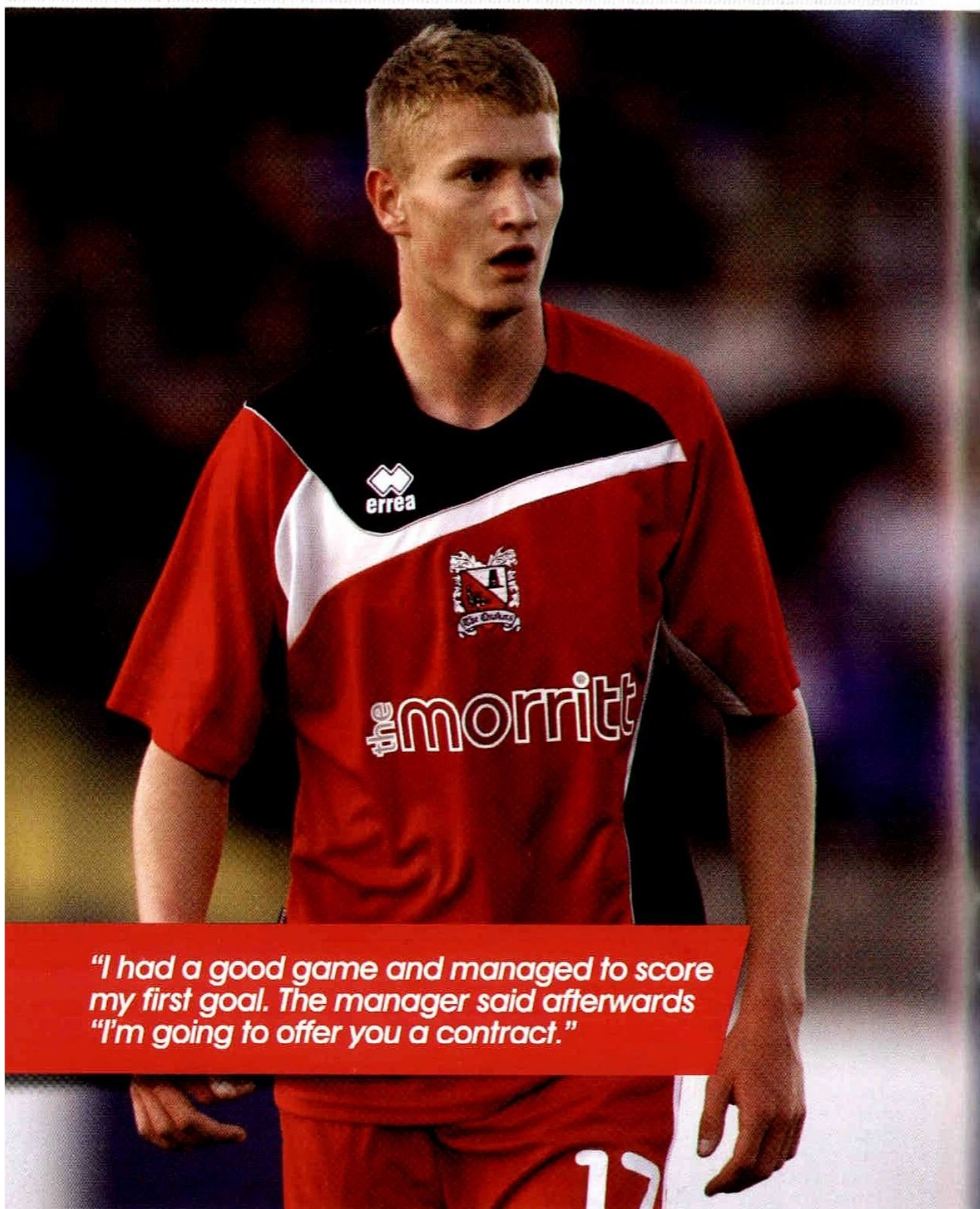
***Of course it was there that you first worked with Mark Cooper. What are your memories of him from that time?***



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Playing position:  
**Striker**

**"You've got the likes of Stevie Bruce, Michael Carrick and, of course, Alan Shearer. It was an honour to play for them."**



*"I had a good game and managed to score my first goal. The manager said afterwards "I'm going to offer you a contract."*

Good memories. I initially got released from Darlington before then though. When we were still in League 2 and Simon Davey was there, I got released on the Thursday and was told I'm not getting a pro contract. Then on the Saturday, we were that short on numbers that the manager wanted us to play. I had a good game and managed to score my first goal. The manager said afterwards "I'm going to offer you a contract." Then he went in the summer and that's when the gaffer (Mark Cooper) first came in. He hasn't changed at all. He's still the same man. I did enjoy my time at Darlington: it meant I could still live in Newcastle and we used to train in Durham so it wasn't too far to travel. Just playing in that 27,000-seater stadium was good.

**Cast your mind back to the summer of 2011. You signed for Charlton and were heading down south to the bright lights of London...**

It was crazy. I'd been to London when I was younger because I had family down there but I couldn't remember it. I had to get used to repeating myself three or four times so people could understand me! I've got better though and my accent has softened a little bit but that was the most difficult thing. It's one of my pet hates repeating myself and I had to do it four or five times. I still have to do it here a little bit but that was the biggest thing.

**You made your Charlton debut against Halifax in the FA Cup before going out on loan to Accrington...**

That's right. I had played about 20 games in the Conference before so I knew what to expect but League 2 is a bit tougher. I thoroughly enjoyed going out on loan. Also, making my debut for Charlton was special.

**Tell us about that first half hat-trick for Accrington against Gillingham...**

It was a crazy first 45 minutes. I can't even remember the first goal but I remember I got an assist that game and I think we won 4-3. I can't really remember the goals to be honest but I've still got the matchball at home back at my house in Newcastle.

**Then you made your full Charlton debut in the League Cup against Leyton Orient in a London derby. That must have been a real baptism of fire?**

That was good. I'd never played at The Valley before. There were only about eight or nine thousand there but it was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of. You can tell that when the stadium is full the atmosphere would be amazing but it was really good just to get out and play. I'd never played against a League 1 team before and we were a Championship team at the time so I really enjoyed it.

**Then last season you spent time at Newport and at Colchester. That must have been a big jump to go from the Blue Square Premier back into League 1?**

I'd say so but there was a gap between coming back from Newport then going to Colchester. At Newport I worked with Nathan Jones who is now number two at Brighton and he's a really good coach. He brought my game on leaps and bounds. The spell at Newport did wonders for my game then going to Colchester I was ready for the big jump. I learnt a lot but being in that environment at Colchester around players like Clinton Morrison and Freddie Sears who have been in the Premier League, it was good to pick their brains.



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**Then at the start of this season you enjoyed a fruitful loan spell with AFC Wimbledon...**

I really enjoyed that. The manager, Neil Ardley, and all his coaching staff were tremendous with us they used to stay behind after training with us and do all sorts with us. It's obviously a fan and family orientated club - I know the whole story behind that and I actually got quite a few tweets when I scored against MK Dons but I really enjoyed my time there. That was also the first time I wore the number nine shirt too.

**I suppose that 'Number Nine' shirt must resonate a bit more with you being a Geordie?**

It's all I wore when I was younger. Like I said before, I lived in Newcastle shirts with 'Shearer 9' on the back. It's all I ever wanted so to get one with my name on the back was a great honour especially for Wimbledon with their history too.

**You signed for Swindon in January and made the perfect start - three goals in two games including two on your debut...**

I couldn't have asked for a better start. The lads have been really good since I've joined as well. They take the mick out of the accent too but they've been spot on.

**Looking back, would you have liked to have gotten more out of your time with Charlton?**

I would have liked to have made more appearances but that's football. I felt I never really got a proper chance but, having said that, I learned so much. I'm eternally grateful to Chris Powell because I'd still be at Darlington if it wasn't for him and still in the lower leagues. I've got a lot to thank Charlton for but that's gone now and it's all about Swindon.

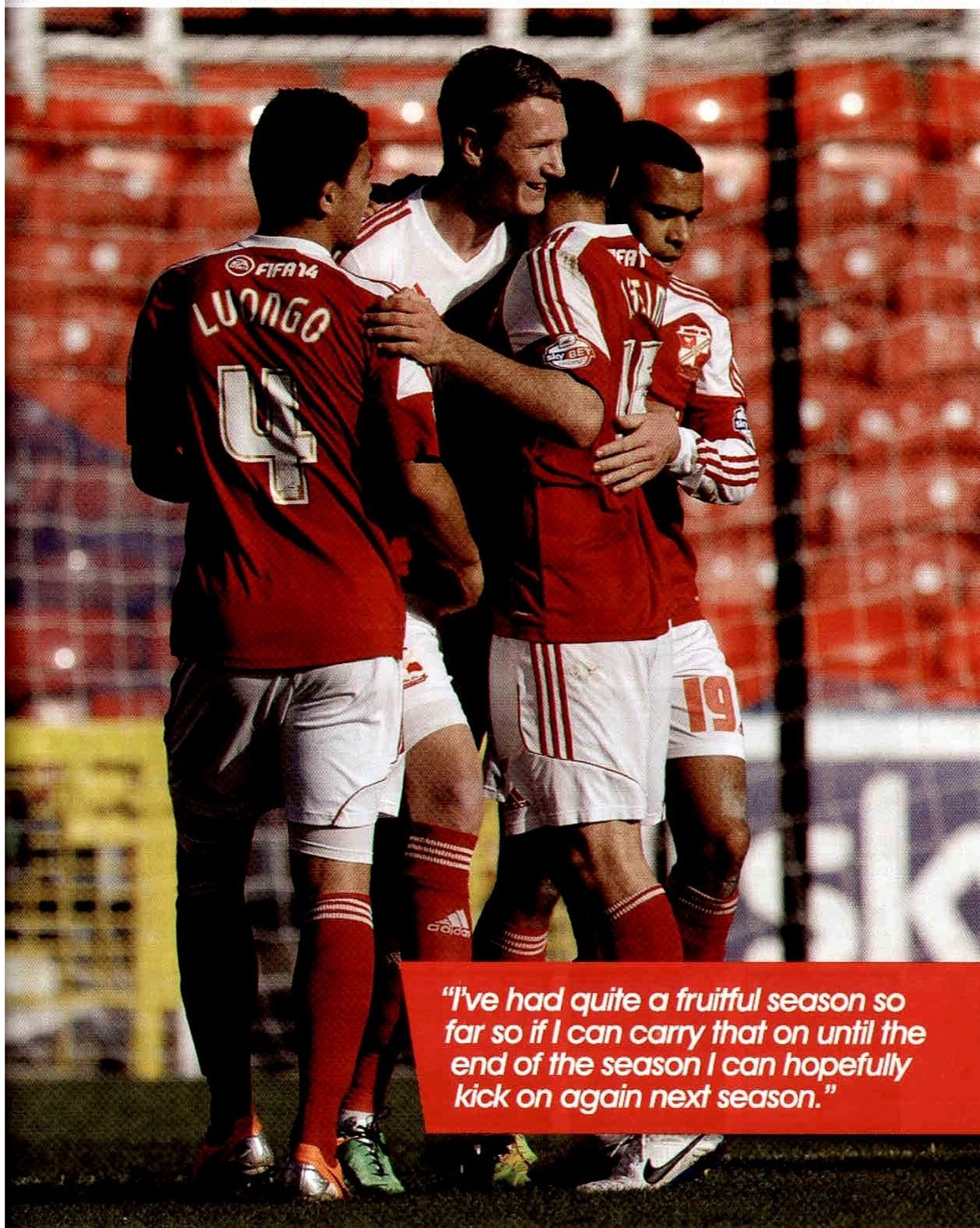
**And Mark Cooper. What's it like to be working with him again?**

It's nice to be working with him again, knowing what he's about. He's the only face I knew here before I signed. I still talk to him about the Darlington days and it's good to have that common ground.

**What about the rest of this season? For you, is it as simple as scoring as many goals as possible and finishing strongly?**

Yes. I've had quite a fruitful season so far so if I can carry that on until the end of the season I can hopefully kick on again next season. I'm learning all the time and I'm still only 22 so, as long as I can keep learning and keep doing well I can continue to move forward. I don't like setting targets though. If I ever did I'd keep them to myself!






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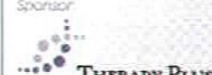
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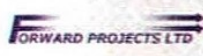


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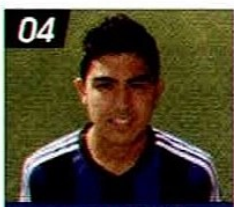


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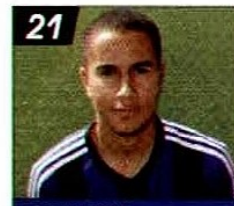
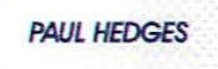


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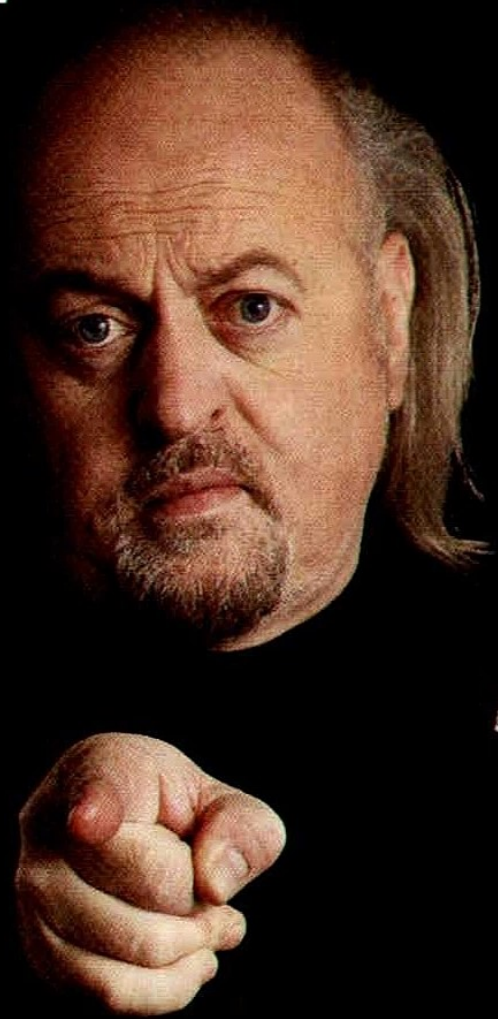
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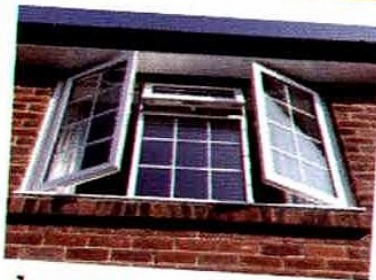
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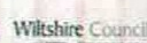
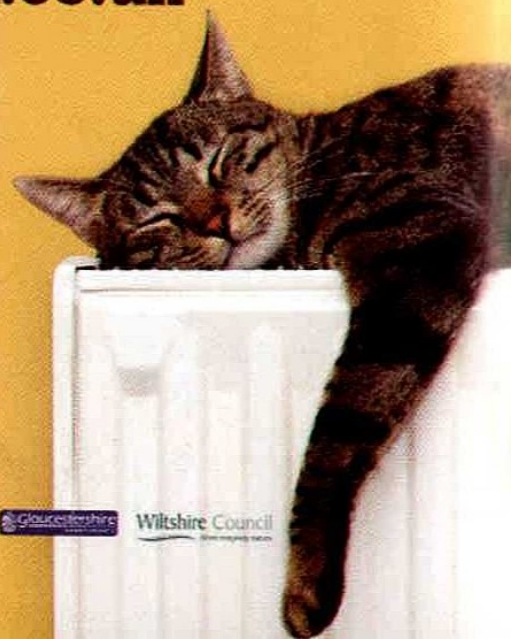


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# 80s

## 18. FACIAL HAIR

*WE* continue our look back at what was acceptable in the 80s by this week taking a look at the facial hair that adorned the football stars of the era...

**THERE** seems to be a trend developing within the world of football at the moment where footballers grow caveman-like beards, with former Town players Alan McCormack and Charlie Austin as well as current skipper, Darren Ward, sporting these latest crazes in recent weeks.

However, even these full-on beards have nothing on some of the facial hair on display back in the 80s. Brian Kilcline, with his long, flowing ginger locks, sported one of the thickest moustaches you are ever likely to see.

Graeme Souness and Terry McDermott, both integral members of Liverpool's prolonged spell of success during the decade, both sported chunky and bushy moustaches, which only added to their 'fear factor' within the game.

Mark Lawrenson, another vital cog in Liverpool's all-conquering side of the 1980s, also sported a moustache, which then became his trademark, after he went on to become a regular on Match of the Day.

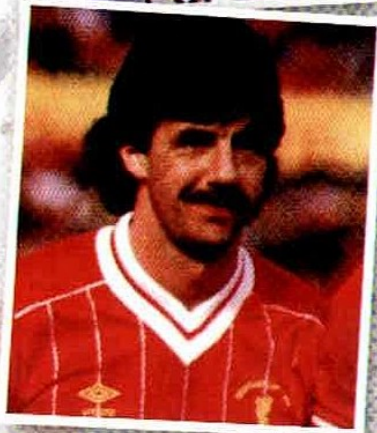
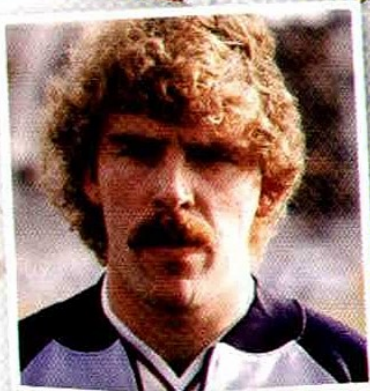
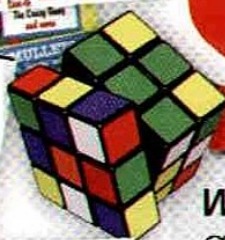
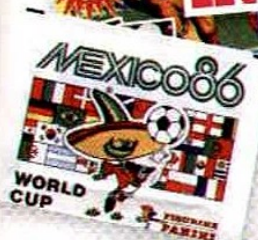
John Wark donned a handlebar moustache whilst banging in the goals for both Ipswich and Liverpool. It remains to be seen whether Wark was voted into Ipswich's Hall of fame for his goalscoring exploits or his legendary facial fluff...

However, the award for the best facial hair on a footballer in the 1980s

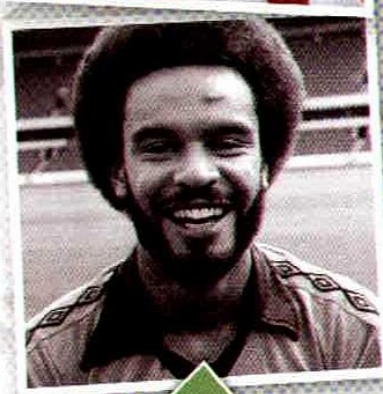
has to go to former Stoke and Wolverhampton Wanderers centre-back George Berry.

Known for his distinctive afro haircut, Berry also sported a rather well-groomed beard, even having a parting in the middle of his moustache.

Whilst the footballers of today may try, facial hair in the 80s will always reign supreme. George Berry, take a bow...



**ABOVE:** Pictured top to bottom: Brian Kilcline, Mark Lawrenson and John Wark sporting the handlebars!



**ABOVE:** George Berry pictured whilst playing for Stoke City and Wolverhampton Wanderers respectively.

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# WES FODERINGHAM

**COYR** finds out a little more about the Town players by discovering some of their favourite things...

# FAV 5



*Wes Foderingham*



## 1. MY FAV CAR...

I'd say a Rolls Royce Phantom because Floyd Mayweather has got one.

## 2. MY FAV MOVIE...

Blood Diamond because it's emotional and educational.

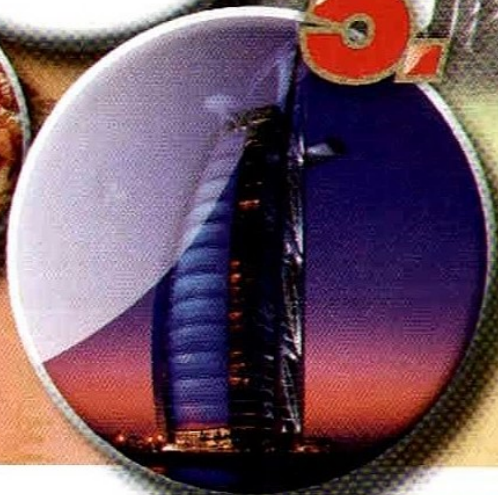


## 3. MY FAV BOOTS...

Nike CTRs because they fit well and they're not as flimsy as the other ones.

## 4. MY FAV MEAL...

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## 5. MY FAV HOLIDAY...

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# junior RED

JUNIOR REDS:



# PREDICTIONS

## FINAL SCORE



**Swindon Town:**

**Preston North End:**

Attendance:



**Rockin' Robin's Prediction...**

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*Tyrell Belford*

TYRELL  
**BELFORD**



# junior **RED** QUIZ

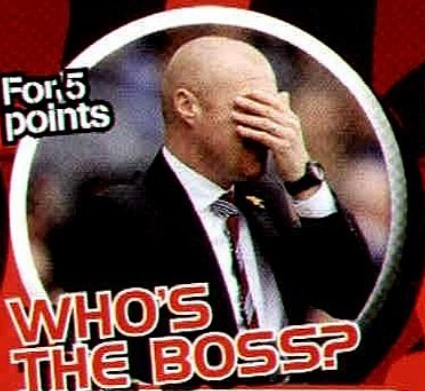
With 50 points up for grabs how many can you score?

**MY SCORE:**



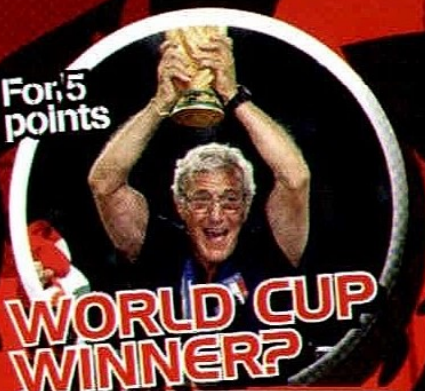
For 5 points

**WHO IS THE JEDI?**



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## TRUE or FALSE



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True False

**1** Massimo Luongo recently made his international debut for the Socceroos...

**2** Yaser Kasim is scared of spiders...

**3** Mark Cooper collects bonsai trees...

**4** Jay McEveley made seven appearances on loan at Preston in 2008...

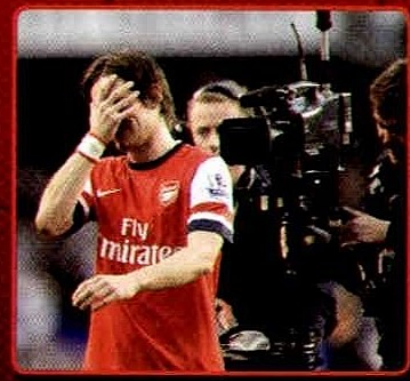
**5** Rockin' Robin reads the programme upside down after every match...

## PREM PICK



For 5 points

Who has been caught on camera?



# THE CONUNDRUM!

Jack Stephens is on loan from which club?

For 5 points

P U T S H A M O N T O



For 5 points



WHOSE BADGE...

For 5 points



NAME THE GROUND...

For 5 points



NAME THE PLAYER...

## PLAYER FACTS

Archibald-Henville

1 I joined Town from which current League 2 club?

2 I started my youth career at which Premier League side?

3 How many letters do I have in my surname?

1 point per correct answer

## WHOSE KIT

For 2 points




The Conundrum: Southampton  
Who is the Jedi? Darren Dyer  
Who's the Boss? Sean Dyche  
World Cup Winner: Marcello Lippi  
Whose Badge: Tottenham United  
Name the Ground: Ewood Park  
Name the Player: Paul Benson  
True or False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False  
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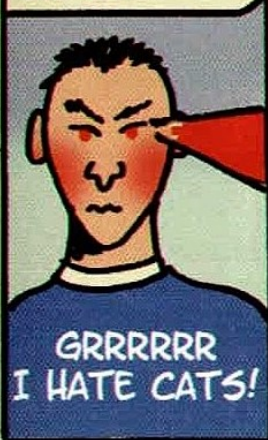
IT'S CRUNCH TIME CHUMS... I'M FACING A PENALTY IN THE LAST MINUTE HERE AT THE CG, ON AS A LATE SUB, TRYING TO HOLD ON TO 3 POINTS... HOLD ON.... IT'S A CAT....



I KEEP SEEING THAT BLACK CAT... AND NOW HE'S HELD UP PROCEEDINGS... STANDING IN THE GOAL MOUTH, BUT STRANGELY CLOSER TO ONE SIDE THAN THE OTHER.... \* AN IDEA



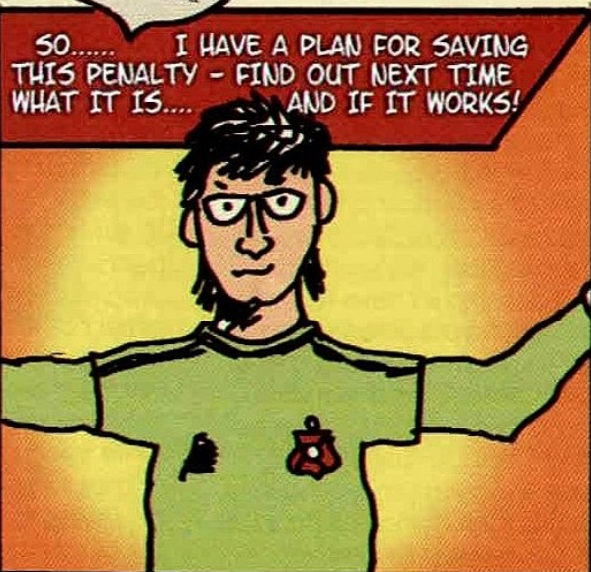
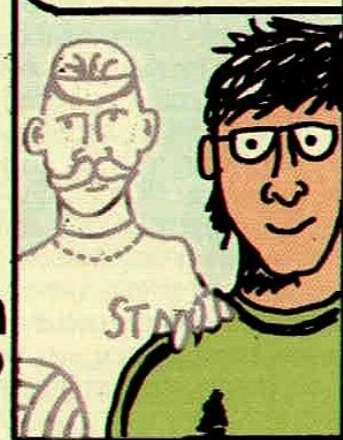
MEANWHILE.... THE PENALTY TAKER IS BEGINNING TO SEE RED....



.... AND ALL LUCKY CHARMS IN THE WORLD REALLY DON'T SEEM TO MATTER NOW... THE MYSTERY MEDAL... THE BLACK CAT... BUT I FEEL A TAP ON MY SHOULDER



...IT IS HARRY 'THE PUMA' GODDARD "LEAVE A BIG TARGET FOR HIM TO AIM AT, AND HE WILL....."



# UNDER-18 FOCUS

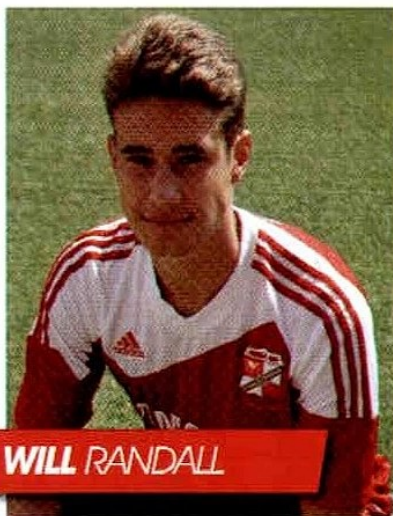
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**UNDER-18S** Manager Jamie Pitman takes time out from his busy schedule to pen the latest Academy update...

**OVER** the last couple of weeks, we have produced some really good performances. A lot of the stuff that we've been doing through the week and trying to implement alongside what the first team are doing is really starting to come to the fore. Playing on the 3G pitch really helped in terms of being able to play some good football. Against Bristol Rovers on the 3G surface we totally dominated the game in possession and it really highlighted exactly what we were trying to do so, I'd say that was probably the stand-out performance of late. Obviously, they're always very difficult games against Rovers. They have a lot of ability and they're usually strong lads as well; we really dominated that game and won 3-0.

Earlier this week, we actually played against Bristol Rovers again because the Football League didn't like us playing league games on the 3G surface so we played up at the training ground. It was a difficult surface and the wind was really strong but that's no excuse really. We went down 1-0 and should have really got something out of the game but we just seemed to lose a little bit of belief in what we were trying to do. With Matty Jones and Curtis Da Costa out on loan we are a very young side and hopefully that will stand us in good stead for next year.



**WILL RANDALL**

We want to win as many games as possible but it's ultimately about the lads' development and it's come on ten-fold in recent months due to the fact that we've really increased the intensity in training. We were really fortunate that we were able to use some of our funding from the LFE to get some heart rate monitors for us to manage the players' loads during the week. That has made a massive impact on their training because we can give them data to show them if they're either not working hard enough or if they're working too hard.

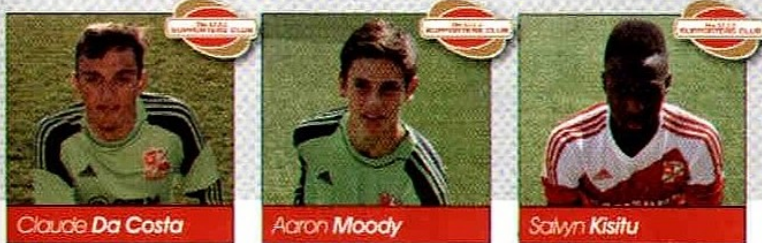
At the moment, we're playing (pretty much) Saturday/Tuesday. We're trying to get as many games in as we can and we're also trying to get the Under-16s out of school but obviously it's



**MATT JONES**

an important time for them. What we want to try and do is bridge the gap between the U-16s and U-18s now so that development becomes quicker and hopefully then we will be looking into getting players into the first team like Will Randall and Matty Jones, who have been involved in some capacity this year. The aim is for them to be even more advanced in their development so that they are ready earlier. It's important that the U-16s get their GCSEs. That's vital but we're trying as best as we can to get as many games as we can before the end of the season so that, next year, they know exactly what the development process is going to be like for them.

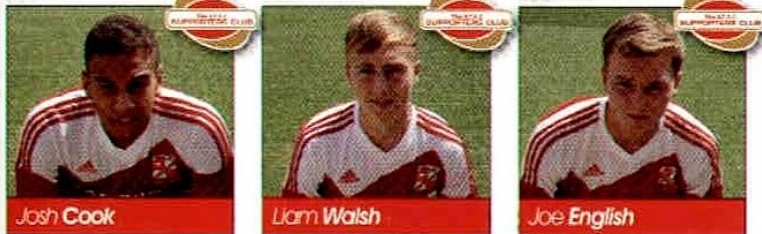
**JAMIE PITMAN**  
UNDER-18S MANAGER



Claude Da Costa

Aaron Moody

Salvin Kisitu



Josh Cook

Liam Walsh

Joe English



Lee Marshall

Tommy Holland

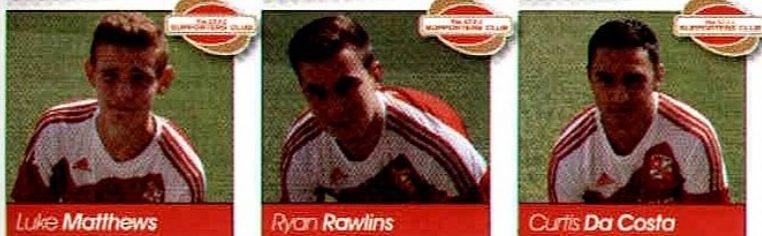
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Amir Gled

Matt Jones

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Luke Matthews

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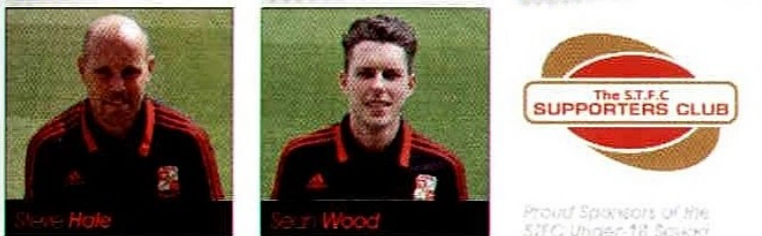
Curtis Da Costa



Jimmy Newton

Jamie Pitman

Chris Jones



Steve Hale

Sean Wood

## 2013/14 U18s Fixtures:

Date:	Fixture:	Res:
Sat Aug 10	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 31	Hereford United	4-1 W
Sat Sep 7	Cup 1 (Bye)	-
Sat Sep 14	A.F.C. Bournemouth	3-4 L
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	2-2 D
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	1-7 L
Sat Oct 5	Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth	0-2 L
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	2-3 L
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Cheltenham Town	0-4 L
Tue Oct 29	Cup 5 Hereford United	2-4 L
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	0-2 L
Wed Nov 6	Exeter City FAYT	4-3 W
Tue Nov 19	Leyton Orient FAY2 (CG)	1-4 L
Sat Nov 23	Cheltenham Town	2-3 L
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Feb 22	AFC Bournemouth	1-0 W
Tue Mar 4	Newport County	4-2 W
Sat Mar 8	Torquay United	3-1 W
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	1-3 L
Tue Mar 18	Bristol Rovers	0-1 L
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Mar 29	Hereford United	A
Sat Apr 5	Free	
Tue Apr 8	Exeter City	H
Sat Apr 12	Torquay United	H
Sat Apr 26	Free	
Sat May 3	In Service	

## 2013/14 U18s Table:

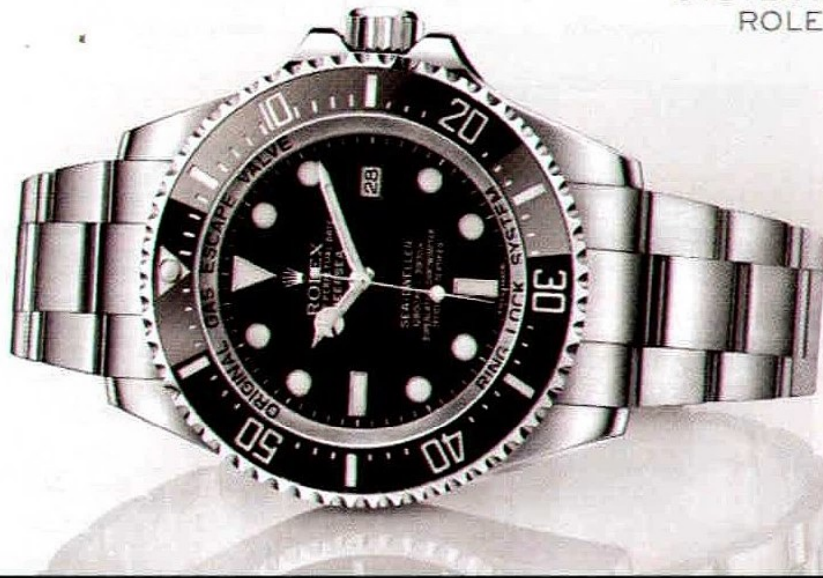
Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Oxford	14	9	2	3	+17	29
Plymouth	14	9	0	5	+11	27
Exeter	13	8	2	3	+16	26
Bristol Rovers	12	7	4	1	+11	25
Bournemouth	13	6	3	4	+4	21
Cheltenham	12	6	2	4	+7	20
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>13</b>
Hereford	10	3	2	5	-5	11
Torquay	14	2	2	10	-25	8
Newport Co.	15	1	2	12	-30	5



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# RETRO RED

*IN this week's Retro Red, Dave Wallis looks back to nineteen years ago tomorrow when a player who tested Town fans' patience to the limit, then won them over and became a cult hero, departed SN1....*

HE was a 6ft 3in striker who had international credentials with Norway, who arrived for a huge sum at a time when we were on the crest of our highest wave ever and who spectacularly underachieved.

Then, when many had given up on the man ever justifying the faith of such a huge fee and who seemed to epitomise the despair that came with the realisation of Town's inability to compete at the top level, the man in question came so good that he re-wrote fans' interpretations of him.

Swindon manager John Gorman invested £500,000 in Jan Åge Fjørtoft as we set about commencing our first ever Premier League season and, after 22 games, our new man hadn't hit the target once.

There was talk about loaning Jan (the man) back to Lillestrøm in the hope that he could recapture the form that had enticed us to part with so much cash. But almost as soon as the idea was mooted, Jan began a run of form that could have made all the difference to our season had it started earlier.

Beginning with a goal against Ipswich Town in the FA Cup he notched a further 13 times in the remaining 17 matches in our solitary Premier League season. Then the inevitable, and well documented, drop back into Division One followed and we struggled to mount a challenge to return.

Jan continued to score goals,

with 26 in the 1994/95 season often bringing about his trademark 'aeroplane' celebration. Then dawned the 23rd March 1995 and the departure of the man who had scored 38 times in just under 90 outings.

By then, Gorman had been replaced by Steve McMahon and the new manager, under pressure to reduce costs in a manner that has become so familiar since, accepted a £1.3m bid from Middlesbrough to take our, by now, talismanic striker off our hands.

Today, we remember the inevitability of the sale of Matt Ritchie when the books urgently needed to be balanced, and it's in this light that we might have some sympathy with McMahon.

But, with Fjørtoft departing on transfer deadline day and with money newly available for McMahon to demonstrate his

astuteness in the transfer market, the Scouser chose to spend £340,000 in acquiring left back Jason Drysdale from Newcastle United.

Selling your top-scorer and replacing him with a costly defender tested supporters' understanding to the limit and ultimately, we suffered consecutive relegations, failing to score in six of the eight games immediately after Fjørtoft's departure.

Over the course of the next three seasons, Drysdale made a total of 54 appearances before being released to Forest Green Rovers. The injury-prone defender always carried the baggage of being the man that Fjørtoft's fee was spent on but, unlike Jan, Drysdale's Town career started badly and didn't improve.



PICTURED: Full of promise: the Norwegian pictured with Manager John Gorman upon his arrival in the summer of 1993.

MATCH ACTION:

# DERBY DAY DRAW

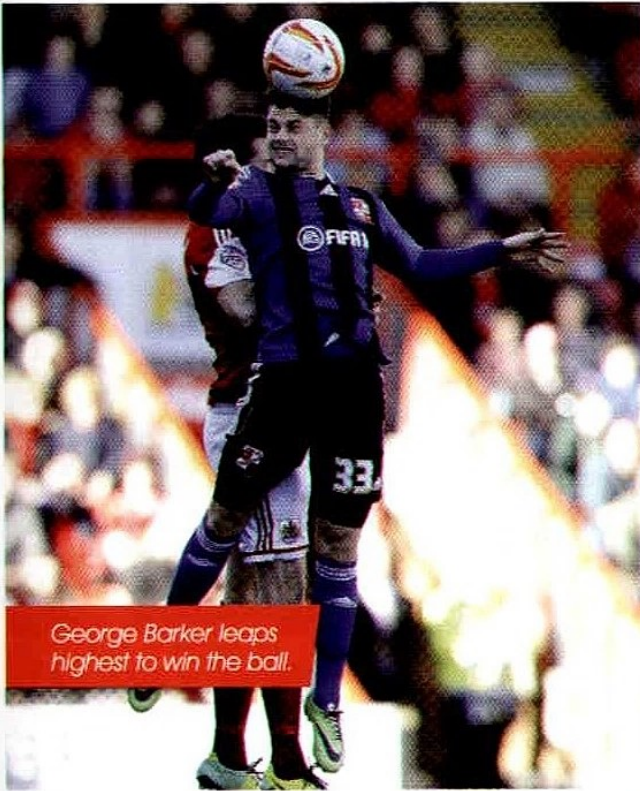
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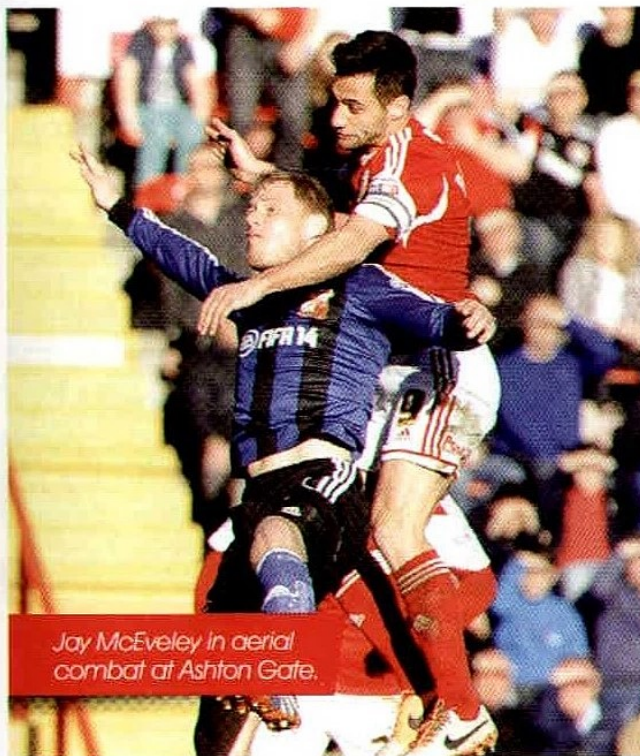
Jack Stephens gets stuck into City's Jay Emmanuel-Thomas.

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George Barker leaps highest to win the ball.



Jay McEveley in aerial combat at Ashton Gate.



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**TODAY** we welcome Preston North End to The County Ground in a League 1 encounter...

AS I write these notes, I am watching today's opponents Preston live on Sky Sports. We are certainly going to have to be at our very best to take the points today. I remember my first ever visit to Deepdale was for a Division Four encounter in our championship-winning season with Lou Macari at the helm in 1985/86. Because a number of games were all cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions, we actually never played at The County Ground from December 12th to March 15th. In that period, we played six games away from home and took eighteen points in the process.

That February, our third match of the run of six away games was up at Preston with Chris



Ramsey netting a goal, which was quite a rarity. Chris can now be seen regularly as part of the coaching team at Tottenham Hotspur.

How different the ground at Deepdale is now to that one that I visited in 1986 when the plastic pitch was still in use!

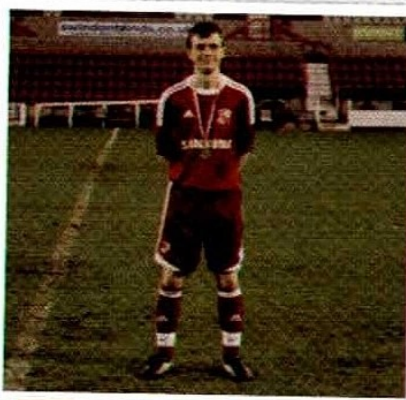
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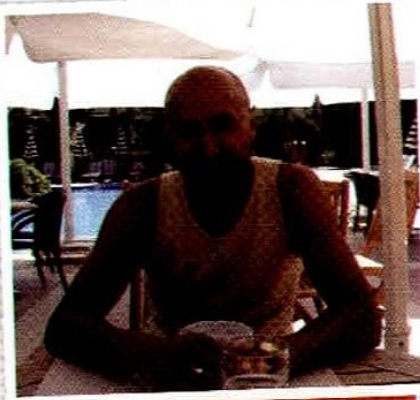
### Happy Birthday!

**SEASON** Ticket holders Mark Harbour and his son Matthew are both celebrating birthdays this week!



### Happy 18th Birthday!

**HAPPY** 18th to Damian Meaden from Trowbridge. Love from all the family.



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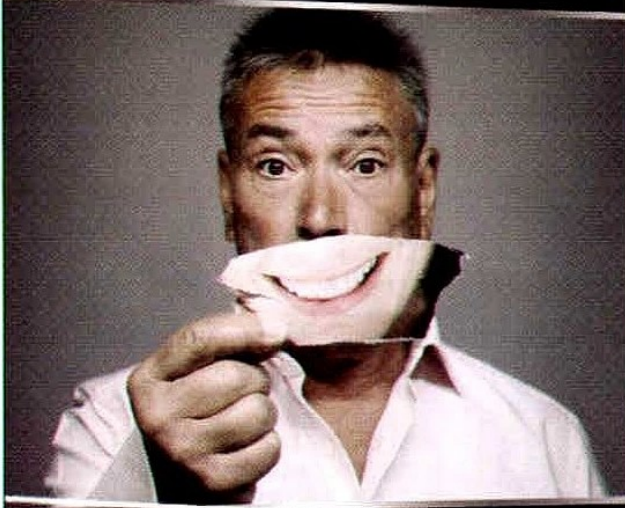


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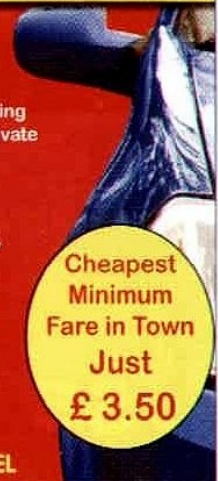
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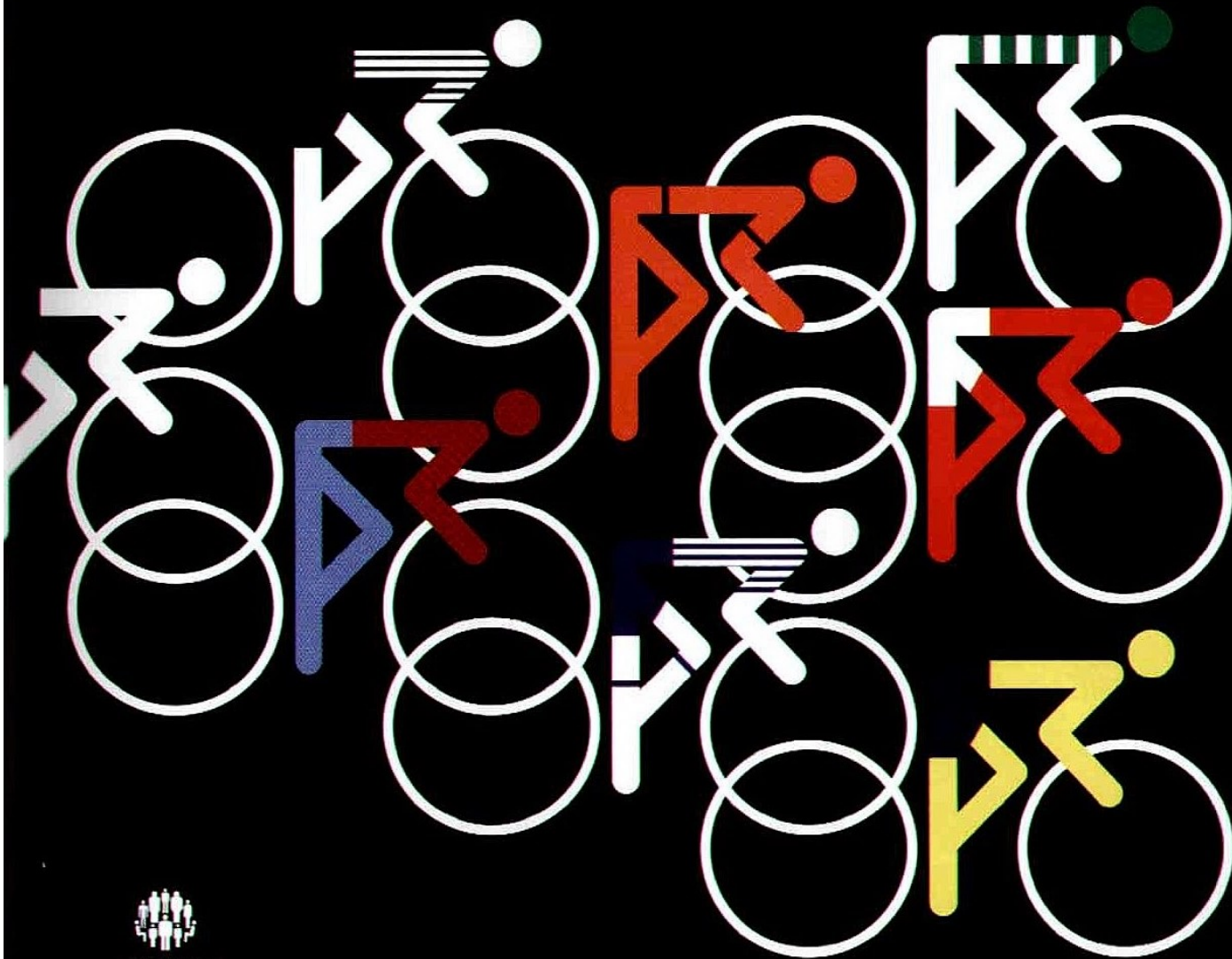
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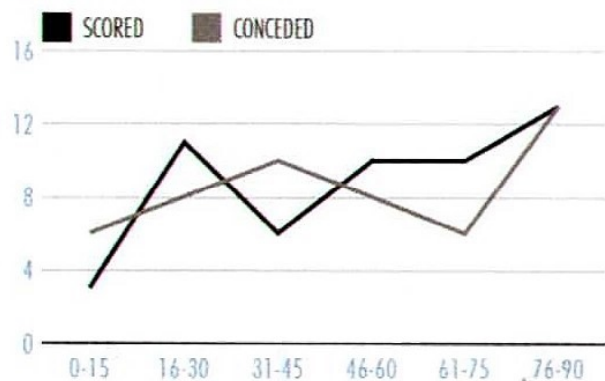


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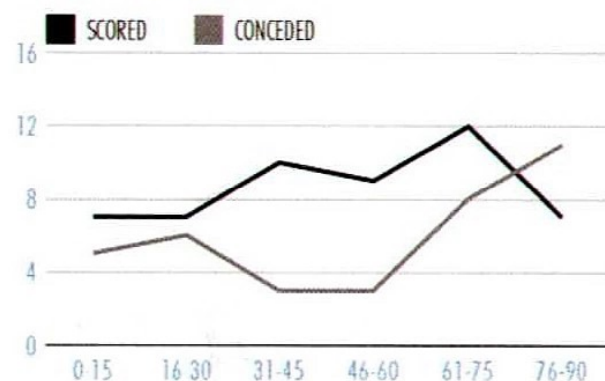


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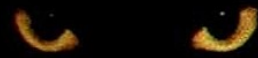
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# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Preston North End...



### Saturday Team Club

**TODAY** we welcome as our Saturday Team Club guests, Wanborough Wasps who have been organised by Gary Sumner. We would also like to welcome a group from Purton consisting of Charlie Barlow, Oliver Phipps, Malakai Wheeler and Joshua Addison. We hope you all have an enjoyable day.

### Community Cup

**SWINDON** Town FITC Trust hosted the Football League Community Cup Southern Final at Stanley Park in Chippenham on Wednesday 12th March. The tournament saw Football League 1 teams from all around the Southern region take part.

Swindon Town's representatives were from local primary school, Brookfield. The tournament was a huge success with all the league tables below:

Group One	W	L	D	PTS
MK Dons	5	0	0	15
Leyton Orient	3	1	1	10
Walsall	2	2	1	7
Coventry	1	2	2	5
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Gillingham	0	3	2	2

Group Two	W	L	D	PTS
Peterborough	3	1	1	10
Stevenage	2	1	2	8
Crawley	2	2	1	7
Colchester	1	1	3	6
Brentford	1	2	2	5
Bristol City	0	2	3	3

Leyton Orient, Peterborough, MK Dons and Stevenage all progressed into the semi-finals

which saw 1-0 victories for both Leyton Orient and Stevenage. The final was a very tight affair with both teams battling and playing some very impressive football. During the '5 minute golden goal' period, Leyton Orient scored the winner.

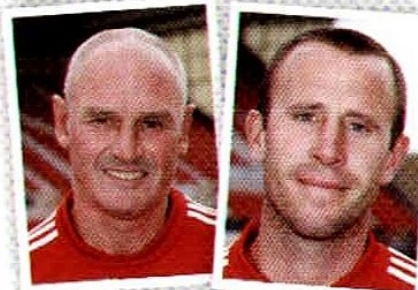
It was a really enjoyable day with all the games being played in a good community spirit. The standard was of a very high quality which saw the Leyton Orient team securing a memorable day out at Wembley in May. We would like to wish them every success and thank all the teams who took part in the tournament. We would like to say a big thank you also to Pete Hussey at

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and see first-hand the work we undertake within our Community Trust Programme with one of the major deliveries - our Easter Half-Term Development Courses - which they will witness and hopefully learn from and take back to share memories and experiences with their counterparts back home. It is hoped our visitors will also have the experience of watching several professional football matches including Premier League and FA Cup action. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported this trip. We will give you a full update on how things are going in the Brentford programme on 12th April.

**2013/14 STFIRC Ladies**

Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>
Plymouth Argyle	12	8	2	2	21	26
Exeter City	11	8	1	2	19	25
Chichester City	12	9	3	0	26	24*
Forest Green	13	7	1	5	11	22
Larkhall Athletic	14	7	1	6	6	22
Southampton	14	5	0	9	-5	15
Shanklin	13	4	3	6	-5	15
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# SIR TOM FINNEY

*LAST* month, the football family mourned the passing of one of English football's greatest players. COYR pays tribute to a true football gentleman.

**SIR** Tom Finney was the archetypal one-club man. Between 1946 and 1960, he made over 400 appearances for Preston North End and scored 187 goals. On the international stage he also earned 76 caps for England, scoring 30 goals and represented his country at the 1954 and 1958 World Cups. Finney was also crowned Footballer of the Year in 1953/54 and in 1956/57. After his retirement, he continued to serve Preston North End as the club's President.

Town legend Don Rogers told COYR earlier this week that Finney was an inspiration to a whole generation of young footballers. "He was two-footed and he could play on either wing," he recalls. "I was only a nipper at the time (when he was playing) so I can't remember much but I remember that he was a very good player. He was a nice



man and always came across as very nice in any interviews he gave. He was a true football gentleman: you could tell that by the way he spoke. What a nice fellow he was and what a good player he was."

According to the records here at SNT, Sir Tom only graced The County Ground once. He was part of an All-Stars XI that was assembled for the testimonial of one of Town's great servants, Maurice Owen. That match took place on 9th April, 1962, with the All-Stars running out 5-4 winners. Finney also set up two of the goals. The likes of Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Bobby Woodruff – all First Team players – took to the field against Sir Tom and a host of other stars including

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PICTURED: (L) with his son on the front cover of Charles Buchan's Football Monthly in 1954 and (R) at SN1 for Maurice Owen's testimonial. Finney is on the left and Owen is stood in the middle, shaking the hand of Billy Wright

former England and Wolves captain, Billy Wright.

John Trollope, who also played that day, says that he has a lot of admiration for Sir Tom Finney's achievements. "I can't remember much but I do remember that there were some good names playing that day," he said. "To be on the same pitch as someone like Tom Finney was tremendous. Obviously there was not that much on the television in those days so most of my memories of him are what I read in the papers. He was a one-club man like myself so I related to him and appreciated him more. He was at the top level of course but people like him and Ryan Giggs I have tremendous admiration for."

Finney's former England teammate, Jimmy Armfield, paid the ultimate tribute in his autobiography. He wrote: "Even now, if you ask anyone in the country what they understand by the word Finney, I'm pretty sure 90 percent would say Tom Finney, the footballer. That says it all."

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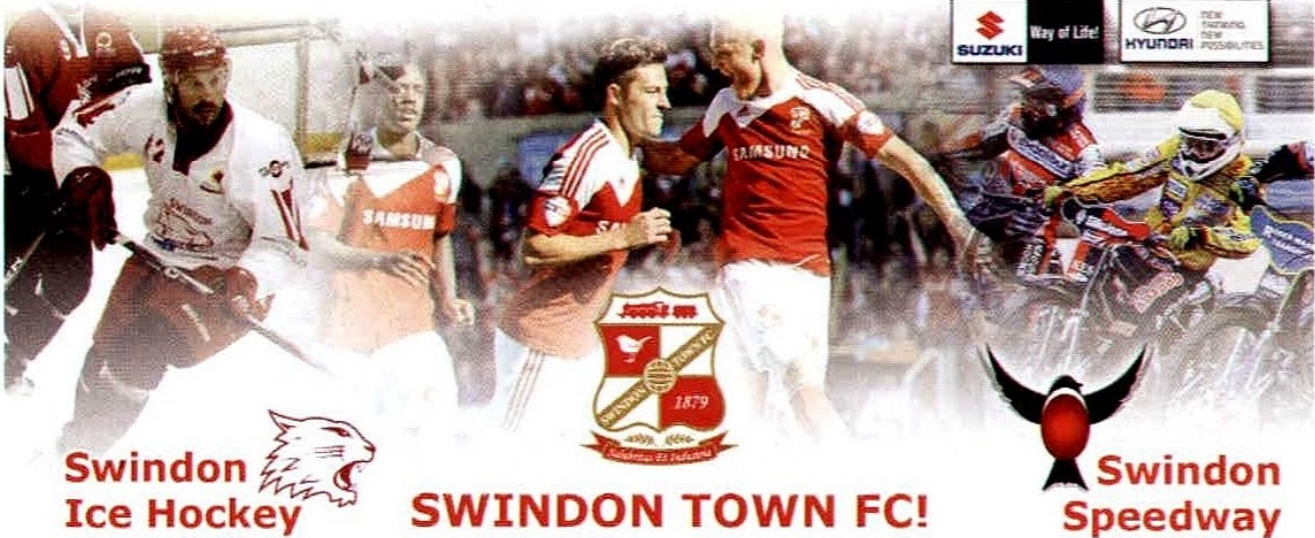
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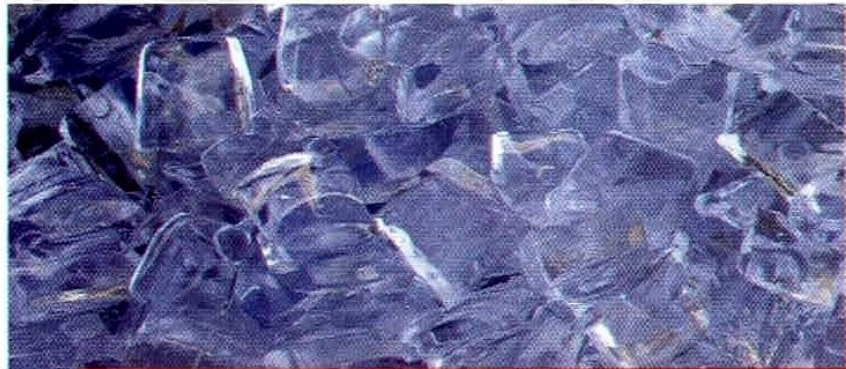


**AS** we approach the home straight in 2013/14, Town's Sports Scientist, Michael Cooper, explains the importance of recovery sessions...

**IT'S** a very hectic period throughout February and March and, at this stage of the season, you could say that players may suffer from an accumulative fatigue. What I would say is that our young squad are doing very well considering it is the first season in senior football for the vast majority of them. Like marathon runners need miles in their legs before they enter a big race, the same applies to footballers. This season will not only teach the players a lot mentally, but their bodies will adapt physically to the demands this season has presented.

At the moment we've been using our recovery methods a lot which are essential. We employ them to make sure the players are ready for games that occur in quick succession. A recovery session consists of 4 parts:

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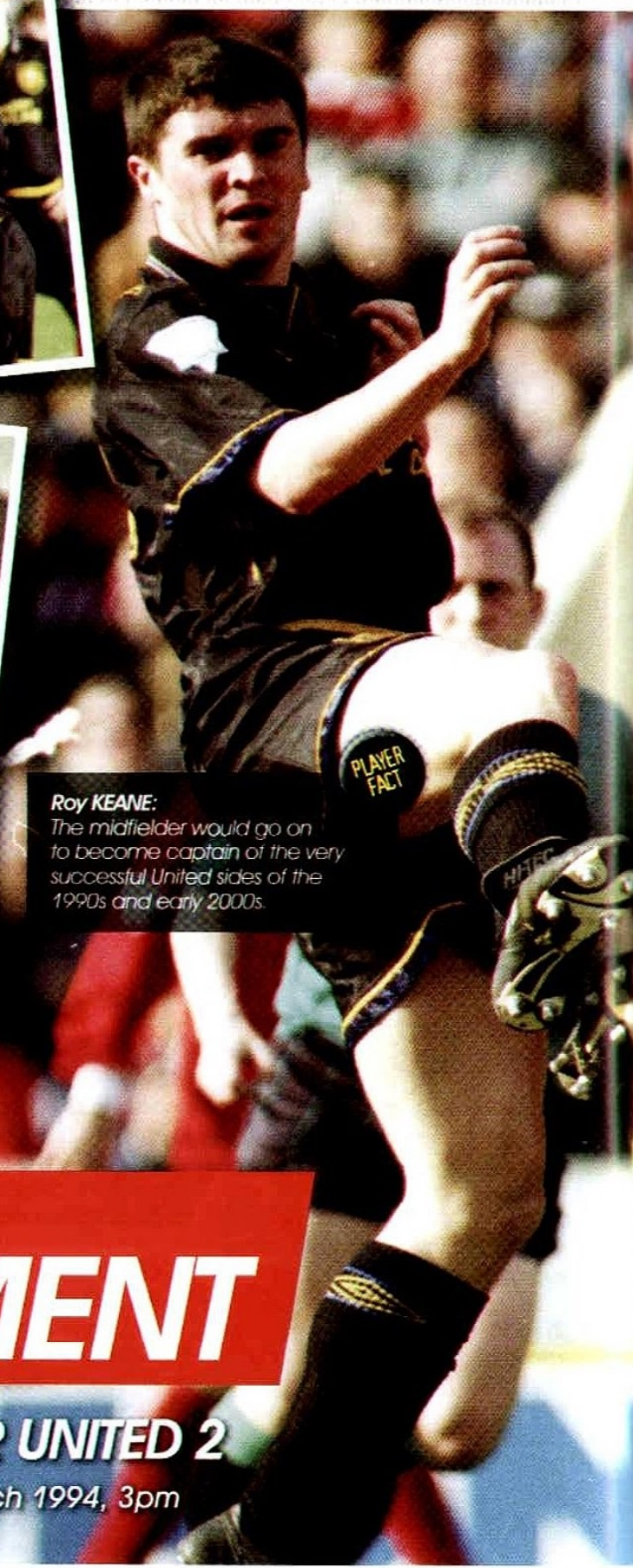
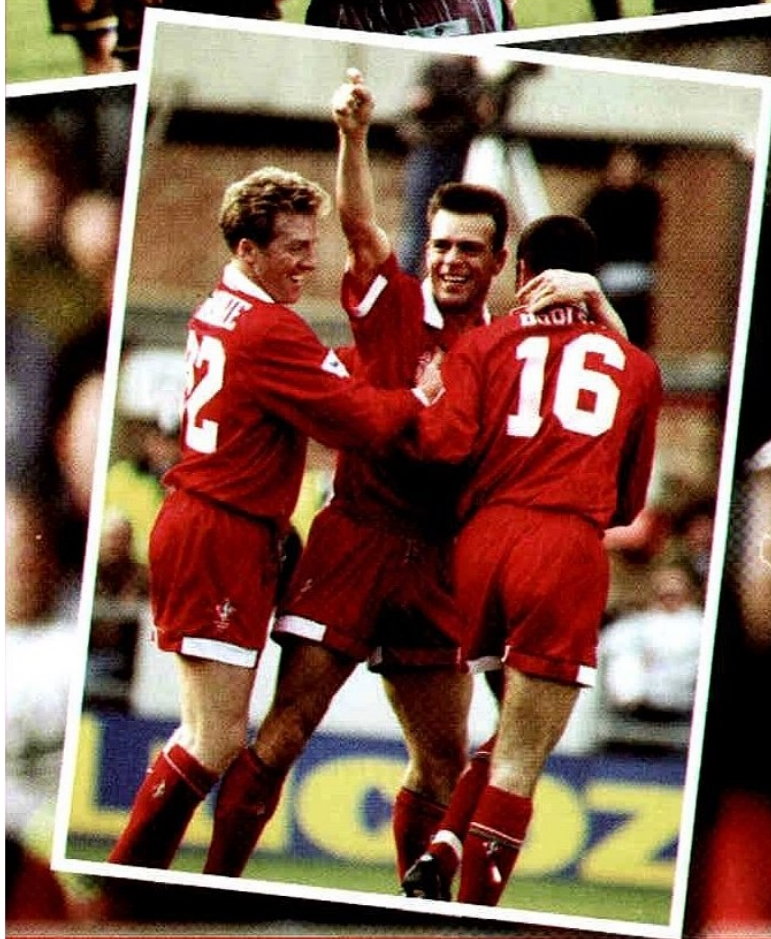
Our periodisation plan is designed to try and ensure that a player's fitness improves throughout the season. We want them to start at a certain level in pre-season and get better, as opposed to starting at a high level and burning out by the end of the season. On a positive note, once we get through March, we've got a lot

of Saturday-Saturday fixtures. This gives us the opportunity to get our conditioning work in. The conditioning work varies from 1v1 work, to small-sided games, right up to an 11v11. The principle being that we train the players and try to get them involved in every aspect or scenario they'll encounter out there on the playing field.

Now, it's all about keeping them on the home straight, keeping them fit and making sure the way they end the season is how they start the next. Last weekend's performance away to Bristol City, playing for 40 minutes with ten players, is a testament to each of their fitness levels at this point in the season.

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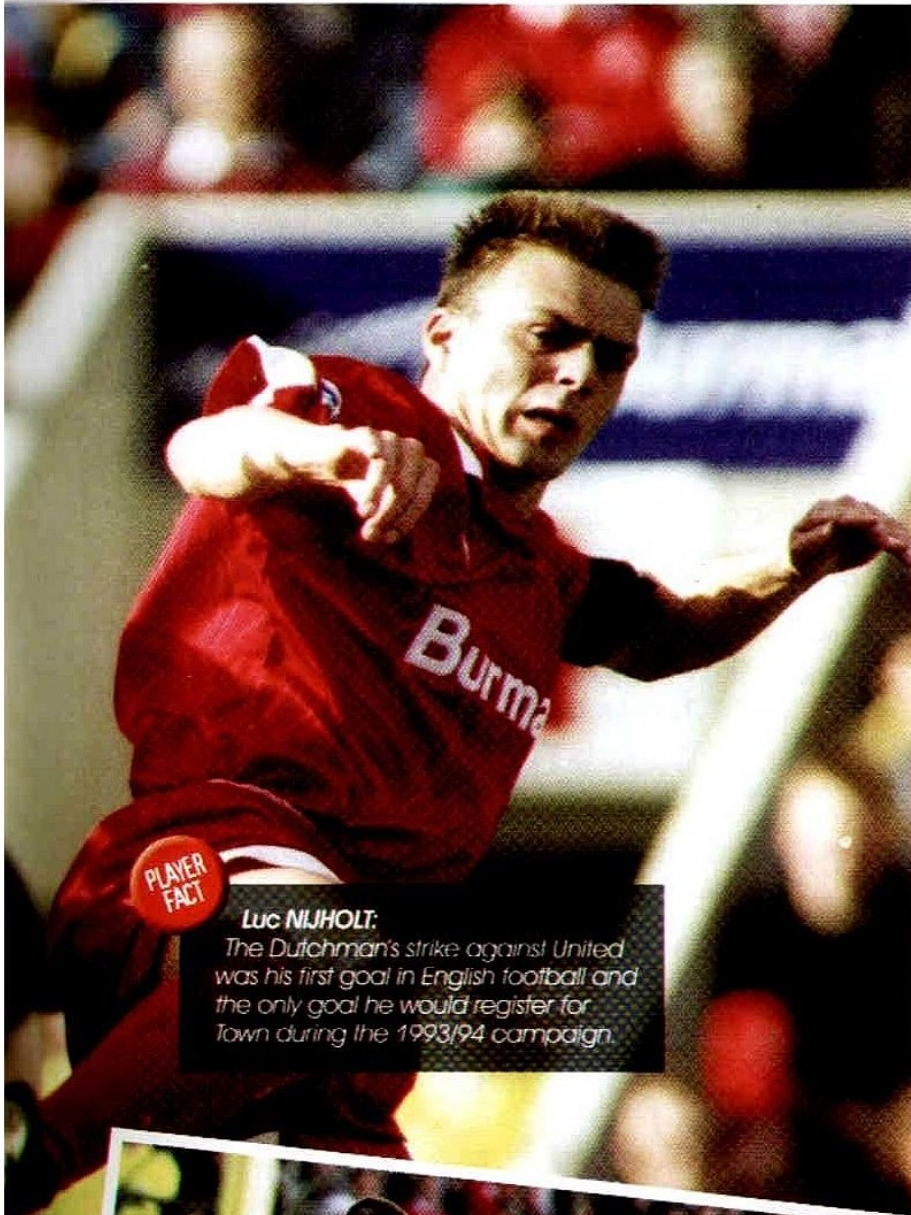
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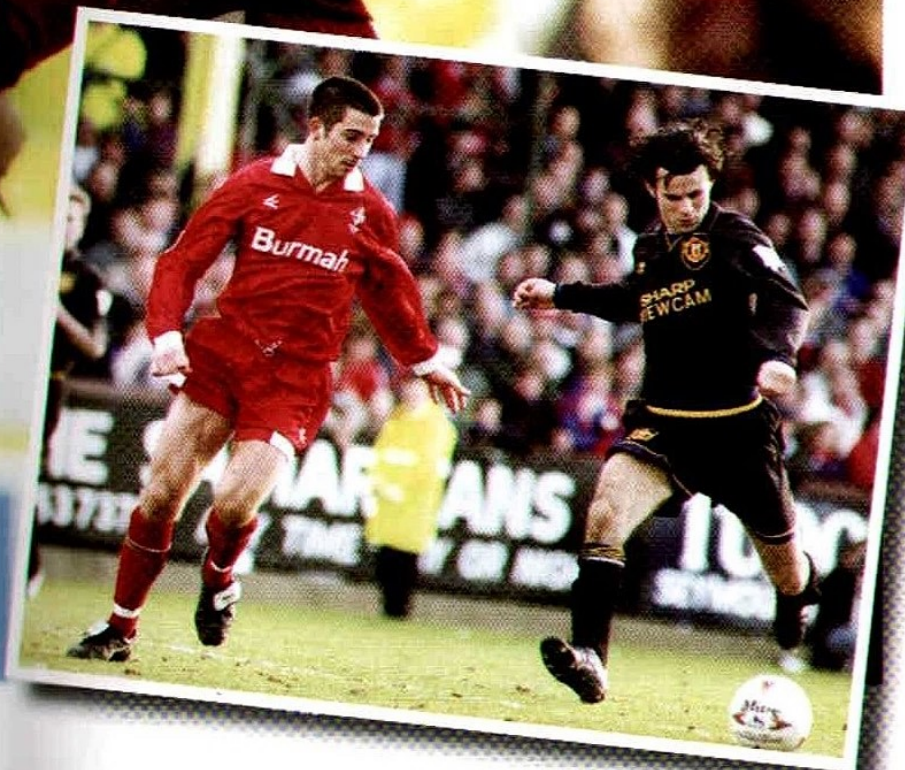
The Dutchman's strike against United was his first goal in English football and the only goal he would register for Town during the 1993/94 campaign.



*It was the reigning Premier League champions who next arrived at SN1...*

**UNITED** opened the scoring on 12 minutes when Eric Cantona fed Mark Hughes on the left. He skipped away from Brian Kilcline and swept the ball across for Roy Keane to nod home past Fraser Digby. Before the break, Frank McAvennie tried to skip past Steve Bruce on the edge of the area but the ball squirted out to Luc Nijholt who unleashed a thunderbolt that took a deflection on its way through and wrong-footed Peter Schmeichel before finding the back of the net. On the hour mark, Nicky Summerbee's clearance only went as far as Paul Ince who wound up a first-time effort from the edge of the area that whistled into the net to restore United's lead. Next, came the game's most crucial moment. As Eric Cantona and John Moncur tussled for possession,

Moncur lost his balance and the ball eventually came free. With Moncur on the turf, Cantona reacted by planting the studs of his right boot into the Town midfielder's chest. After consulting with his linesman, referee Brian Hill produced a red card for the Frenchman. Spurred on by their advantage, Town went searching for an equaliser. Shaun Taylor's long ball forward was punched clear. The ball was then pumped back into the box where a number of red shirts appeared to leave it to each other before Jan Åge Fjørtoft arrived to drive home the equaliser from inside the six-yard box and secure a point for Swindon.



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## HOME FIXTURES:




## SAMSUNG




**vs Sheffield United**  
Saturday Mar 29, 3pm  
See ticket prices...




**vs Brentford**  
Saturday Apr 12, 3pm  
See ticket prices...




**vs Bradford City**  
Monday Apr 21, 3pm  
See ticket prices...



## TICKETS ONLINE:

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### vs Tranmere Rovers (A)

Tuesday Mar 25, 7.45pm

### vs Sheffield United (H)

Saturday Mar 29, 3pm

### vs Carlisle United (A)

Saturday Apr 5, 3pm

### vs Brentford (H)

Saturday Apr 12, 3pm

### vs Bradford City (H)

Monday Apr 21, 3pm

## TICKET PRICES:

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Family Packages From	£40
Disabled	£19.00


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Junior (15 and under)	£12.00
Under 10	<b>FREE*</b>
Disabled	£15.00



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## AWAY FIXTURES:



## FIFA 14






**vs Tranmere Rovers**  
Tuesday Mar 25, 7.45pm

Adults	£16
Seniors O65 / Yng Adult 17-22	£11
Under 17	£7
Under 12	£6
Under 7	£5
Disabled (Carer FREE)	£7

No Price increase on matchday but only adults and U17 can pay cash on the turnstile, any other tickets must be purchased from their ticket office. I.D. will be asked for, for concessionary tickets.

**SAS Travel Details:**  
Departs CG at 1.30pm, £22 Adults, £20 Juniors, £2 Supporters' Club Discount (when showing membership card).

**vs Carlisle United**  
Saturday Apr 5, 3pm

Adults	£19
Seniors O65	£16
Young Adult	£13
Junior 11-17	£10
Under 10	£7
Under 7	FREE
Disabled (Carer FREE)	£4

Please note prices increase by £3 on matchday.

**SAS Travel Details:**  
Departs CG at 7am, £36 Adults, £34 Juniors, £2 Supporters' Club Discount (when showing membership card).

# MATCHSTATS

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

		RES	ATT	STARTING XI					
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat Aug 3	Peterborough United	A	0-1 L	7,178 (741)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Tue Aug 6	Torquay United <sup>CAP1</sup>	H	1-0 W	5,662 (282)	Foderingham	Barthram	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 10	Stevenage	H	1-0 W	7,133 (217)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-2 L	4,943 (545)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 24	Gillingham	H	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham	N Thompson <b>1</b>	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Aug 27	Q&PR <sup>CAP2</sup>	A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Sat Aug 31	Crewe Alexandra	H	5-0 W	7,419 (193)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
Sat Sep 7	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-1 D	7,738 (639)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 14	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-3 L	19,388 (1,591)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 21	Bristol City	H	3-2 W	11,598 (2,538)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Sep 24	Chelsea <sup>CAP3</sup>	H	0-2 L	14,924 (3,433)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 28	Preston North End	A	1-2 L	9,296 (386)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat Oct 5	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-0 W	7,889 (188)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Oct 8	Plymouth Argyle <sup>JPT2</sup>	H	2-1 W	4,211 (364)	Belford	Branco	Ward	Hall	Barthram <b>1</b>
Sat Oct 12	Rotherham United	A	4-0 W	8,103 (540)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Fri Oct 18	Notts. County	H	2-0 W	8,188 (249)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Oct 22	Walsall	H	1-3 L	8,188 (202)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Oct 26	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2 L	3,837 (293)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Barthram
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sat Nov 2	Port Vale	H	5-2 W	7,637 (327)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 9	Macclesfield FA <sup>CUP1</sup>	A	0-4 L	1,835 (305)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Nov 12	Wycombe W. <sup>JPT AQF</sup>	H	2-1 W	3,940 (221)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 16	Colchester United	A	2-1 W	3,334 (323)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 23	Leyton Orient	H	1-3 L	8,634 (562)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Nov 26	Crawley Town	A	0-0 D	2,868 (316)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Nov 30	Carlisle United	H	3-1 W	7,671 (238)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Tue Dec 10	Stevenage <sup>JPT ASF</sup>	H	1-1 D <sup>3-1p</sup>	3,804 (79)	Belford	Barthram	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	A	0-1 L	15,430 (551)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Dec 21	Coventry City	H	2-1 W	9,291 (1,219)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Thu Dec 26	Brentford	A	2-3 L	8,333 (1,016)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sun Dec 29	Bradford City	A	1-1 D	13,461 (not available)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Sat Jan 11	Peterborough Utd.	H	2-1 W	7,794 (329)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Hall
Tue Jan 14	Stevenage	A	0-2 L	2,167 (328)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Hall
Sat Jan 18	Gillingham	A	0-2 L	6,134 (372)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Hall
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	3-1 W	7,448 (227)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	McEveley
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	1-1 D	4,059 (422)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Reckard
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat Feb 1	Oldham Athletic	H	0-1 L	7,391 (198)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Reckard
Wed Feb 5	P'boro Utd. <sup>JPT AF1</sup>	A	2-2 D	3,312 (304)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	McEveley
Sat Feb 8	Port Vale	A	3-2 W	5,306 (284)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne <b>1</b>
Fri Feb 14	Colchester United	H	0-0 D	6,683 (96)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne
Mon Feb 17	P'boro Utd. <sup>JPT AF2</sup>	H	1-1 D <sup>2-3p</sup>	6,825 (383)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	A-Henville	Branco
Sat Feb 22	Leyton Orient	A	0-2 L	5,091 (765)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	A-Henville	Reckard
Tue Feb 25	Crawley Town	H	1-1 D	7,062 (102)	Belford	N Thompson	Ward	McEveley	Byrne <b>1</b>
<b>MARCH</b>									
Sat Mar 1	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-1 D	4,433 (288)	Belford	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne
Sat Mar 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H	1-2 L	7,424 (322)	Belford	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne
Tue Mar 11	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-4 L	9,670 (2,140)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Branco	McEveley
Sat Mar 15	Bristol City	A	0-0 D	14,884 (2,004)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Stephens	A-Henville	McEveley
Sat Mar 22	Preston North End	H	3.00pm						
Tue Mar 25	Tranmere Rovers	A	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 29	Sheffield United	H	3.00pm						
<b>APRIL</b>									
Sat Apr 5	Carlisle United	A	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 12	Brentford	H	3.00pm						
Fri Apr 18	Coventry City	A	3.00pm						
Mon Apr 21	Bradford City	H	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 26	Notts. County	A	3.00pm						
<b>MAY</b>									
Sat May 3	Rotherham United	H	3.00pm						



SUBSTITUTES USED

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Mason Mason McEveley Byrne L Thompson	Luongo Luongo Luongo Luongo Luongo	Kasim 1 Kasim Kasim Kasim Kasim	Pritchard Pritchard Mason Mason Pritchard	N'Guessan N'Guessan Pritchard Pritchard Ranger	Ranger 1 Ranger Ranger M Smith 2 M Smith 1	L Thompson Barker Barker Harley Barthram	Byrne Byrne Byrne Reckard Harley	Storey Storey N'Guessan Ranger 1 Storey
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# LAST WORD



**WHILST** the Oscars have been and gone, it's very much 'awards season' in the football calendar right now...

**THE** 2014 Football League Awards took place last Sunday, and in light of that, I have decided to get into the spirit of 'awards season' by selecting my League 1 Team of the Year...

**GOALKEEPER: David Button - Brentford**

The former Tottenham youngster recovered from a bad start to his Brentford career by bouncing back to keep seven clean sheets as Brentford won nine consecutive games in the league. Has pulled off some big saves with the Bees looking a good shout for automatic promotion to the Championship.

**RIGHT-BACK: Mathieu Baudry - Leyton Orient**

Baudry has been one of the major reasons why Leyton Orient are still in the hunt for an automatic promotion spot. Cool and composed on the ball, not afraid to put his body on the line and prone to the odd surging run forward, Baudry has established himself as a key component in Orient's superb campaign.

**CENTRE-BACK: Danny Batth - Wolverhampton Wanderers**

Wolves fans are enjoying a stellar season following their club, and they were given the cherry on top of the cake back in January, when hugely popular defender Danny Batth, who has been at the club since he was 11, signed a new 3-and-a-half-year deal. Has been one of the best defenders in League 1 this season.

**CENTRE-BACK: Harry Maguire - Sheffield United**

An unmovable force in the air, at both ends, Maguire has emerged as

one of the hottest young properties in the Football League. Maguire is very strong on the ball and the burly centre back has plundered six goals so far this season. The next Steve Bruce maybe?

**LEFT-BACK: Jake Bidwell - Brentford**

Signed from Everton, Bidwell has now made over 100 appearances for Brentford and has established himself as one of the most promising left-backs in League 1. Bidwell has contributed four assists to the Bees' promotion cause this season.

**RIGHT WING: Moses Odubajo - Leyton Orient**

Established himself as one of the best players in League 1 this season and he tore Town apart both here at The County Ground and at Brisbane Road. No surprise to see him linked to a host of top clubs.

**CENTRE MIDFIELD: Alan McCormack - Brentford**

Former Town Captain McCormack has been influential in Brentford's season, a campaign which saw them go 19 games unbeaten at one point. Was impressive in Brentford's engine room when Town visited Griffin Park on Boxing Day.

**CENTRE MIDFIELD: Bakary Sako - Wolves**

This is where the balance of my team goes astray. Sako should be playing a level higher, as demonstrated by his two goals and all-round majestic performance here at SN1 a few weeks ago. Has been a key figure for Wolves this season.

**LEFT WING: Alex Pritchard - Swindon Town**

The on-loan Tottenham youngster has enjoyed a stellar season for Town so far, notching seven goals and racking up ten assists in just 39 appearances. Pritchard has put in a string of sparkling performances on the wing for Town and has a knack for the odd stunning free-kick.

**STRIKER: Patrick Bamford - MK Dons**

Perhaps a strange choice given that the Chelsea striker only spent half a season in League 1 before joining Derby on a loan deal in January. However, such was the impressive nature of Bamford's form in the first half of the 2013/14 season, I couldn't exclude him. He left the Dons with 21 goals to his name in addition to a rapidly growing reputation within the game.

**STRIKER: Ryan Lowe - Tranmere Rovers**

There were plenty of contenders for this last berth, but given that Tranmere have struggled for the majority of the season, Ryan Lowe earns a place in my League 1 Team of the Year. To score 18 goals is some feat anyway but to do it with a side that has been battling relegation takes some doing. If it wasn't for Lowe's goals then Tranmere's League 1 status could have been at real risk.

Agree with my selections?  
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## Swindon Town

Manager: Mark **COOPER**

(GK) Wes <b>FODERINGHAM</b>	1	●
Nathan <b>THOMPSON</b>	2	●
Nathan <b>BYRNE</b>	3	●
Massimo <b>LUONGO</b>	4	●
Grant <b>HALL</b>	5	●
Tijane <b>FREITAS REIS</b>	6	●
Ryan <b>HARLEY</b>	7	●
Ryan <b>MASON</b>	8	●
Nile <b>RANGER</b>	9	●
Alex <b>PRITCHARD</b>	11	●
Dany <b>N'GUESSAN</b>	12	●
Jay <b>McEVELEY</b>	14	●
Yaser <b>KASIM</b>	15	●
Mark <b>FRANCIS</b>	16	●
Connor <b>WALDON</b>	17	●
Alex <b>FERGUSON</b>	18	●
Louis <b>THOMPSON</b>	19	●
Miles <b>STOREY</b>	20	●
Alex <b>SMITH</b>	21	●
(CAPT) Darren <b>WARD</b>	22	●
Jack <b>BARTHAM</b>	23	●
(GK) Tyrell <b>BELFORD</b>	25	●
Aaron <b>OAKLEY</b>	26	●
Harry <b>AGOMBAR</b>	27	●
Michael <b>SMITH</b>	28	●
Raphael <b>BRANCO</b>	29	●
(GK) Leigh <b>BEDWELL</b>	30	●
George <b>BARKER</b>	33	●
Jamie <b>RECKORD</b>	34	●
Kayden <b>JACKSON</b>	35	●
Ben <b>GLADWIN</b>	39	●
Jack <b>STEPHENS</b>	40	●
Troy <b>ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE</b>	41	●

## Match Officials

Referee:  
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Assistants:  
Simon **BROWN**  
Richard **MARTIN**

4th Official:  
Simon **KNAPP**



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Walsall v Leyton Orient  
P'borough v Rotherham  
Gillingham v Crewe  
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Oldham v Crawley  
Pari Vale v Tranmere

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## Preston North End

Manager: Simon **GRAYSON**

● 1	Thorsten <b>STUCKMANN</b> (GK)
● 2	Keith <b>KEANE</b>
● 3	Scott <b>LAIRD</b>
● 4	Paul <b>HUNTINGTON</b>
● 5	Tom <b>CLARKE</b>
● 6	Bailey <b>WRIGHT</b>
● 7	Chris <b>HUMPHREY</b>
● 8	Nicky <b>WROE</b>
● 9	Kevin <b>DAVIES</b>
● 10	Stuart <b>BEAVON</b>
● 11	Lee <b>HOLMES</b>
● 12	Paul <b>GALLAGHER</b>
● 13	Joel <b>BYROM</b>
● 14	Joe <b>GARNER</b>
● 15	Graham <b>CUMMINS</b>
● 16	David <b>BUCHANAN</b>
● 17	Craig <b>DAVIES</b>
● 18	Shane <b>CANSELL-SHERRIFF</b>
● 19	John <b>WELSH</b>
● 20	Ben <b>DAVIES</b>
● 21	John <b>MOUSINHO</b>
● 22	Jack <b>KING</b>
● 23	Declan <b>RUDD</b> (GK)
● 24	Will <b>HAYHURST</b>
● 25	Ryan <b>CROASDALE</b>
● 26	Steven <b>JAMES</b> (GK)
● 27	Iain <b>HUME</b>
● 28	Alex <b>NICHOLSON</b>
● 29	Chris <b>BEARDSLEY</b>
● 30	Josh <b>BROWNHILL</b>
● 31	Alan <b>BROWNE</b>
● 32	Scott <b>WISEMAN</b>
● 37	Neil <b>KILKENNY</b>

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