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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Brentford.



BEFORE last week's dame at Carlisle, I had the nervewracking experience of performing an initiation song in front of the players and management. I was fortunate enough to avoid travelling on the day to Cumbria so joined the squad on their overnight stay on the condition that I stuck with the long-standing tradition of performing to the group. Fair play to Jack Stephens and Michael Smith who also had to sing - I think collectively, we set the bar pretty high for future performances.

That game at Carlisle came after the euphoria of the

previous week and the last-gasp win over Sheffield United here at The CG. I think every Town fan went away bristling with pride having watched two Academy products seal the three points. The pictures of the winning goal really seemed to capture how much it meant not just to Louis and Nathan but the whole squad and every Swindon fan in the ground who witnessed it.

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THE EDITOR:

The difficult games keep coming thick and fast now and Brentford will be another tough prospect this afternoon. Let's hope for another matchwinning performance from the team and try to finish this season as strongly as we can.

Finally, I'd just like to give a special mention to the Sam Allen Grave Appeal and the news earlier this week that they had reached their fundraising target. It's wonderful that the final resting place of one of this club's truly exemplary servants will be properly maintained for future generations to learn about his achievements at Swindon Town.

TOM OTREBSKI EDITOR

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MANAGER'S NOTES:

"Today is going to be a big, big test for us but we've done well against these types of teams at home in the past."

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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Brentford in this League 1 encounter...



I actually thought we played quite well at Carlisle last week. It was a decent performance right up until we got to the final third of the pitch. We had over 60 percent of the possession we had eleven attempts on goal but didn't manage to score a goal so it doesn't take too much working out what went wrong. In fact, I think we played better on Saturday than we had done in the previous games. There wasn't a lot wrong apart from not making their goalkeeper work.

Today is going to be a big, big test for us but we've done well against these types of teams at home in the past so, hopefully, we can do it again. We just need to concentrate on ourselves and what we're doing, keep playing and try and win another game at home. We've also got to try and put on a bit of entertainment for our fans and get ourselves set up for next year.

I would like to welcome Mark Warburton and all his staff to The County Ground. He's done a great job and it looks like they're going to go on and win automatic promotion. Mark has kept them ticking along nicely and he's not changed too much. He's put his own slant on things and I'm sure, come the end of the season, they'll have a lot to celebrate.

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WELCOME back to The County Ground for today's meeting with Brentford...

WHAT a fantastic way it was to pick up three points against Sheffield United a forthight ago. It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy either. Louis has worked so hard this season and I think he's played the most games he's ever played in his career and it's been a fantastic season for him; credit where credit is due. It was great to see his brother over the moon too. It was a really good win against a good side. Last week was understandably disappointing: I was hoping for a win and I thought we'd get a win. When you look at the form we had been in - and it has been superb - a win was on the cards. Unfortunately it did not pan out that way but we've got to keep going and see out the season, whatever happens. It's funny how the fixtures pan out come the end of the season. Everyone knows the quality Brentford have. I like the way they go about things: it's the way that things should be done. They train hard, they work hard and don't leave any stone unturned, which is how it should be. I remember I had some great battles against Clayton Donaldson in all the games we played last season. There is a lot of mutual respect between us with what went on. They're a very good outfit and it will be a very tough game for us with them pushing for promotion. Mark Warbuton looks like he's just taken over the mantle from



"It's been a fantastic season for him; credit where credit is due."

his predecessors and I think he's done a fantastic job. It's always hard to do that and it's a bit like us last season: to continue what happened with Di Canio. There are not many who can go and do what he's done. Let's see the season out in a professional and classy way – it has been a fantastic season considering the circumstances. DARREN WARD





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LOOKING at the result from Carlisle last Saturday, we need to come away today with a result and hope other teams around us slip up.

Brentford were my tip to win the league this year. They have spent a lot of money but have spent well and, after today's game, I wish them well.

We had a fantastic March where we won three and drew one and our last two games here at The County Ground have been very exciting and very hard fought with exciting finishes. Unfortunately, in midweek, Peterborough beat Gillingham and have now opened up a seven-point gap on us. It's going to be very difficult for us now to reach the Play-Offs but Mark and the team will make sure they keep going until the end of the season, win the remaining five games and then see what happens.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy. Player

contracts are either up or need to be extended so I will have to do a lot of sitting down with Mark to go through and decide what and who we keep for next year.

Thank you once again for your support, it's been magnificent. Let's hope we can get a victory today to keep the pressure on Peterborough...

CHAIRMAN



GOOD afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's game against Brentford...

THE commercial support for the Club has been fantastic throughout the season and I would like to personally thank all sponsors, hospitality guests, advertisers and fans. You have been fantastic and the Club wouldn't have got to where we are this season (both on and off the field) without you.

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MAN OF THE MATCH



Ben Gladwin

TOWN'S midfield colussus was the sponsors' choice as Man of the Match in Town's recent outing against Preston North End at SN1. Gladwin was fouled for the penalty that was converted by Michael Smith and, in turn, handed Swindon all three points against the Lillywhites.

Post-match, Gladwin was present in the Sponsors' Suite alongside Troy Archibald-Henville to collect his bottle of champagne from Main Match Sponsors, R.J. Osman.



VISITING TEAM:



TODAY'S VISITORS BRENTFORD

AFTER Play-Off heartbreak last season, the Bees will be hoping to take another step towards automatic promotion from League 1 today...

BRENTFORD'S early season form saw them pick up six wins from their opening twelve games and included defeats to fellow promotion rivals, Bradford City, Leyton Orient and Rotherham United. After being dumped out of the Capital One Cup and Johnstone's Paint Trophy by Derby County and Peterborough United respectively, defeat at Stevenage sparked an astonishing winning run that was only ended by Carlisle United in the FA Cup. The West Londoners then went on a 12-game unbeaten run in the league until the New Year, with the only blot on the page coming in a draw at Wolverhampton Wanderers and included a 3-2 home win over the Town on Boxing Day. They picked up where they left off at the start of 2014, staying unbeaten until the latter part of February, when they were beaten 3-0 by a rampant Wolves side at Griffin Park. The Bees have since claimed important victories over promotion-chasing Bradford and Leyton Orient but were beaten 3-0 at Rotherham United at the end of February. They halted a three-match winless streak with a 3-1 win over relegation-threatened Notts County last Saturday.

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On Tuesday, a goal from Jonathan Douglas settled the match with Crawley in the Bees' favour. They sit second in League 1 and are within touching distance of the Championship.

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VISITING TEAM:

FACTFILE:

Nickname: The Bees

Stadium: Griffin Park Capacity: 12,300

WARBURTON was a trainee at Leicester City as a youngster and spent the majority of his playing days with Enfield FC in the non-leagues. Following his retirement from playing, he took the rather unorthodox post-football route of going to work in the City of London as a trader in the banking profession. He would move back into the football community as a Youth Coach at Watford in the mid-2000s and would ao on to become Academy Manager

THE GAFFER: MARK WARBURTON:

at Vicarage Road. He then joined Brentford as interim first team coach working alonaside Nicky Forster in February 2011 before moving to the position of Sporting Director at Griffin Park after Uwe Rosler had been given the role of Manager. He has also helped to set up the Next-Gen Series – a knock-out competition for youth teams of clubs across Europe. He was handed the reins at Brentford in December 2013 following the departure of Rosler to Wigan.

CLUBHONOURS:

Second Division / Championship: Champions: 1934-35

Third Division / League 1: Champions: 1932-33 (South), 1991-92

Fourth Division / League 2: Champions: 1962-63. 1998-99, 2008-09

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Southern League Second Division: Champions: 1900-01 London Combination: Champions: 1918-19

THE PLAYERS



David Button

BUTTON came through the ranks at Tottenham Hotspur and, in the early part of his career, spent time on loan at clubs including Bournemouth, Shrewsbury, Crewe, Barnsley and Doncaster. He left White Hart Lane in the summer of 2012 to join Chartton Athletic. After making a handful of appearances for the Addicks last term, he moved across London to join Brentford in July 2013 and has featured regularly for the Bees this season.



BRENTFORD

BRENTFORD

THE left-sided defender came through the ranks at Milwall. He had a loan spell at Wycombe Wanderers before a move to Crystal Palace followed. After just one season at Selhurst Park, he made the switch back to The New Den and was part of the Lions side that won promotion from League 1 in 2010. He joined Brentford in the summer of 2012 and

skippered the Bees in last season's

Play-Off Final.



BIDWELL started out at Everton, becoming the youngest player to appear for the Toffees when he came on against BATE Borisov in a Europa League tie. He initially joined Brentford on loan during the 2011/12 season and returned the following campaign, staying for the whole of last term. Comfortable at both left full-back and on the left side of midfield, the 20-year-old signed a permanent deal at Griffin Park in the summer of 2012.



Alan McCormack

ANOTHER former Swindon captain, McCormack joined the Bees last summer after two years of service at SN1 in which he was part of the side that lifted the League 2 title in 2012. The Irishman started his career in England with Preston North End before moving to Southend United. After two spells with the Shrimpers, the midfielder joined Chartton Athletic before moving to Wiltshire in the summer of 2011.



Stuart Dallas

THE midfielder joined Northern Irish side, Crusaders in 2010 and helped the IFA Premiership outfit finish second in his first season. He would also pick up the Northern Ireland Football Witters' Association Player of the Year Award as well as a host of other accolades. He would also make his debut for Northern Ireland in May 2011 before securing a switch to Griffin Park in the summer of 2012. This term he has also enjoyed a loan spell at Northampton Town.



JUDGE is currently on loan at Griffin Park from Championship side, Blackburn Rovers, until the end of the season. He started his career at Ewood Park and enjoyed loan stints at Plymouth Argyle and Notts County before moving to Meadow Lane on a permanent deal in January 2011. After two years with the Magples, he rejoined Blackburn on a free transfer. The Dublin-born wideman has also represented Eire at U18 and U21 level.

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James Tarkowski

TARKOWSKI is a product of the youth system at Oldham Athletic and was raised near Boundary Park. He made his first fearn bow whilst still a trainee, coming on as a substitute against Brentford in January 2011. He was handed his first professional contract shortly afterwards and went on to establish himself at the heart of the Latics' defence. The centre-half joined the Bees for an undisclosed fee in the January transfer window.



Hariee Dean

DEAN began his career at Dagenham and Redbridge before loan spells at Bishop's Stattford, Thurrock, Braintree and Grays followed. He joined Southampton in the summer of 2010 and initially joined Brentford on loan in November 2011, featuring regulatly at the heart of the Bees' defence. He joined the Griffin Park side at the end of that campaign and has gone on to be a key part of the Brentford side; racking up over 100 appearances.



DOUGLAS started his career in his native Ireland before moving to Blackburn Rovers at the age of 18. He signed for Leeds United in the summer of 2006 and spent three years at Elland Road. He joined Swindon ahead of the 2009/10 season and was integral in Town's League 1 Play-Off Final at Wernbley. After Swindon's relegation the following campaign, he moved to Brentford and has racked up over a century of appearances for the Bees.



Clayton Donaldson

THE frontman came through the ranks at Hull City and had a spell at York City before moving north of the border to Hibernian in 2007. After just one season in Scotland, he joined Crewe. His prolific 2010/11 campaign, which saw him score 29 goals in all competitions for the Alex, prompted a move down south to Brentford that summer. Since signing at Griffin Park, Donaldson has found the net regularly and is closing in on 50 goals for the Bees.



Will Grigg

GRIGG is a product of the Academy at Walsall, turning professional in the summer of 2009. He made his mark for the Midlands outfit last term, netting 20 goals in all competitions. After his contract at the Banks's Stadium expired, Brentford pounced to secure his signature with the compensation fee of £325,000 being set by a Football League tribunal. He has also represented Northern Ireland at junior and senior level.



THE Italian Under-20 International joined Fulham as a teenager in 2009 having been on the books at the Napoli and Manchester City. Turned professional in 2011 and spent time on loan at Wycombe and Watford before joining the Bees on loan last season. He netted six times as Brentford made the Play-Off Final and re-signed at Griffin Park for 2013/14 in the summer. He is now in double figures for the season with 13 goals to his name. COYR takes a closer look at the midfielder who beat Town's Alex Pritchard to the 2014 League 1 Player of the Year Award...

THE native Liverpudlian joined the Academy at Everton at the age of seven, making his way through the age groups until he was offered a Scholarship at Goodison Park in 2008. He went on to claim a regular place in the Toffees' Under 18 squad. In December 2009, thenmanager, David Moyes, gave Forshaw his first taste of first team action as he stepped off the bench to make his competitive debut against Belarussian outfit, BATE Borisov, in a Europa League tie - a game that Everton lost 1-0. The midfielder would be an unused substitute on two further occasions during the remainder of the 2009/10 season whilst featuring regularly for the reserve team. On 9th April 2011, he made his Premier League debut

as a substitute in Everton's 3-0 win at Wolverhampton Wanderers and penned a oneyear contract at the end of that campaign. In February 2012, with first team opportunities hard to come by on Merseyside, Forshaw was loaned out to Brentford for one month. He made his debut in a 0-0 draw at Scunthorpe United and would make a further six appearances before his loan was cut shorf by a broken jaw sustained against Rochdale. Despite the

injury, the midfielder claimed the Reserve Player of the Year Award that term before he was released at the expiration of his contract. He joined Brentford on a permanent deal in May 2012, penning a two-year contract. He netted his first senior goal against Oldharn Athletic in September 2012, helping the Bees to a 1-0 win. He would only find the net twice more over the course of the season: at Notis County and Colchester. In foto he made 53 appearances as Brentford missed out on automatic promotion and

played in all three of the Bees Play-Off games, scoring the penalty that sent them through to the final at the expense of Swindon. This term, Forshae not been instrumental in the London side's success. To date, he mas made 37 appearances and has scored eight goals and the Bees have yet to lose when his has found the net. Last month, he was crowned the 2014 League 1 Player of the Year seeing off competition from lown's Alex Pritchard and Woves' Kevin McDonald.

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VISITOR SPOTLIGHT:



Full name Adam John Forshaw Date of birth 8 October 1991 Place of birth Liverpool, England Height 1.85m (6ft 1in) Playing position Midfielder

"Last month, he was crowned the 2014 League 1 Player of the Year, seeing off competition from Town's Alex Pritchard..."

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VISITING TEAM:

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CLUB CONNECTION

RICKY SHAKES:

SHAKES signed for Town in the summer of 2005 and made over 30 appearances as Swindon were relegated to the basement division. Town secured promotion the following season with Shakes contributing two goals as he racked up another 30+ appearances. At the end of the campaign, he was allowed to join Brentford where he made nearly 40 appearances in the 2007/08 campaign before being released by the Bees.



PAST ENCOUNTER





VISITING TEAM:



Date: 25.08.1979 Swindon Town 4 Brentford 0 Attendance: 6,977

A dominant display from the Town at the start of the 1979/80 season saw Bob Smith's men get their first points on the board at the expense of the Bees. Alan Mayes got the ball rolling just before the break before Russell Lewis netted Swindon's second just after half time. Mayes added a third after 68 minutes and fellow strike partner, Andy Rowland, rounded off the scoring with a fourth goal fifteen minutes from time.

MAGIC MOMENTS:



1963 BRENTFORD regain their place in the third tier, lifting the Fourth Division championship.

1935 THE Bees clinch the Division Two title in 1935. This preceded their highest ever finish of 5th in the top flight the

following campaign.

1989

AN impressive FA Cup run that sees Brentford see off Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers ends in the quarter finals after defeat to eventual winners, Liverpool.

DEAN Holdsworth's 24 goals help Brentford to the Third Division title. The players celebrate after clinching promotion at Peterborough United.





1999

THE Bees are crowned champions of Division Three, their second fourth-fier title. Skipper, Paul Evans is pictured with the championship trophy.

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COYR rounds up the news around SN1 including the latest in the Sam Allen Grave Appeal...



THE Sam Allen Appeal Group are pleased to announce that the target funding needed for the restoration of Sam Allen's grave in Radnor Street Cemetery has now been reached.

They would like to thank Johnson & Daltrey, Swindon Financial Services, Mr Allen's family, the Swindon Town Supporters' Club, the Swindon Supporters Trust and all the individuals whose contributions mean it will now be possible to restore the grave of one of Swindon Town's most loyal and long-serving individuals to a pristine state.

A new process means the re-lettering should last for at least four generations and the grave will also contain a device enabling those with a suitable app to learn about Sam and his work with Swindon Town while standing at his grave side.

Mike Welsh would also like to thank all those in the Sponsors Suites and other lounges who contributed so generously to the collection before the match with Sheffield United. Much of the money which was left over from the Fleming medal purchase and which was intended for the restoration can now be used to fund a plaque to commemorate those Swindon players who lost their lives in World War One.

It is expected the work will take between twelve and sixteen weeks to complete. When this has been done, a service will be organised at St. Saviour's Church early next season.

92 in 92

A team of football fans are aiming to visit all 92 English League grounds in 92 hours in support of Invest In ME - a leading M.E. research charity. The team will reach SN1 on the evening of April 16th. They will start in Plymouth and finish at Middlesbrough on 21st of April. You can find more info on: www.92in92.blogspot. co.uk You can also check out their social media profiles on www.facebook.com/92fort/IE and Twitter @92fort/IE.



Charity Game

A charity football match will take place towards the end of this month to raise awareness of Leukemia. A Ben Conolly Eleven will



take on the Town Youth Team on Tuesday 22nd April at Corsham Town Football Club. Kick-off is at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the following prices: £5 adults, £3 OAPs & over 11s. Kids go free.

A graduate of the Academy here at SN1, Town's fledgling forward sat down with COYR this week to talk openly about the ups and downs of his career so far...

You've always talked about being a Season Ticket holder on the South Bank at Wolverhampton Wanderers. Is that where you fell in love with football?

Yes. When I was at the Wolves Academy as an Under-8, I was a Man United fan - as everyone was at that age - but we got free tickets to Wolves games. I started going every week and turned into a Wolves fan. Even after getting released, I was still a Season Ticket holder on the South Bank. Growing up in Wednesbury, where there are a lot of West Bromwich Albion fans, me and a few other lads got a bit of stick at school.

Talk us through the early part of your football career at Wolves and at Coventry.

Wolves was good – that's where I first played Academy football with the Under-8s through to Under-14s. At 14 I was quite small, probably the smallest in the team and not very strong. I've always had the pace but I was small and that's why I got released. Then,

six months later, I shot up to nearly six foot when I turned 15.1 then went to Coventry after a year of Sunday League football. It hit me hard not being at Wolves anymore so I played Sunday League and was scoring hat-tricks every week. That really got my edge back then I went to Coventry for a trial and got a contract in the Under-16s. I was doing well and even played for the Under-18s as a 16-year-old. We played against Birmingham and I scored two aoals which was a bia thing back then. I remember having a game against Reading when we were due to be told about scholarships. I didn't have the best of games and they said the consistency of my play wasn't right so that was it.

Even at that young age do you have to dig deep to try and get yourself back in the game, so to speak?

Definitely. To be 16 and have two set-backs I actually had thoughts about whether I

wanted

to do it anymore. I haven't told a lot of people that before but I started to think I'm not cut out for it. Then I did exit trials where the lads who didn't get a scholarship can play in front of scouts. I played in three or four games and did well. I then got a letter with a list of about twelve clubs who were interested

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Full name: Miles James Storey Date of birth: 4 January 1994 Place of birth: West Bromwich, England Height: 1.80m (5ft 11in) Playing position: Forward



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"I played Sunday League and was scoring hat-tricks every week."



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT.



"When I came here, 'Nutty' and Paul really looked after me and gave me my confidence back." and their phone numbers on there – some Championship, some League 1 and some from League 2. Rangers were on there too. I don't know where Swindon got my number from. They spoke to a guy called Micky Elliot that my family knew and he got me a trial down here.

So then you're taken to a little place called Swindon down the M5 for a trial game. What do you remember of that?

> I was on fire because I didn't

want to lose that opportunity. Actually, I remember crying too because I didn't want to move away from home. My dad told me to do the trial and see what happens. I didn't score in any of my trial games but I was working hard. Dave Byrne was here at the time and he really liked me. After that, I got told I'd be offered a scholarship. I went to Doncaster as well and scored five goals in a trial game but they said they needed to see me in another game - I was furning so let that one go and signed the deal at Swindon as a 16-year-old.

As a scholar you've had a pretty good grounding under the tutelage of the likes of Paul Bodin and Jeremy Newton...

They gave me belief in myself again. When I was at Coventry and Wolves some of the managers maybe got on my back a bit. Maybe I deserved it sometimes because I wasn't as consistent as I should have been but, when I came here, 'Nutty' and Paul really looked after me and gave me my confidence back. I started



scoring goals and, as soon as I started, I'd score more. It was like a ripple effect and I really enjoyed that.

Think back to 2011 when you made your debut against Oldham. What did you say to yourself before you went on?

Run around! I knew I wasn't as big as I am now in terms of stature and confidence, even though I'd had a good season in the Youth Team. It's completely different to youth team football so I told myself to run around. I think, at one point, I ran 25 yards to chase someone and felled him off the pitch and everyone started clapping me. I showed a bit of desire and the fans like that so it gave me a bit of a confidence boost. I played at Tranmere as well and did a bit better. I managed to get on the ball and run with it. That's when I thought I had a chance, going into my second year scholarship, of maybe getting a professional contract.

Then, under Paolo Di Canio, you make a couple of appearances off the bench...

When a Manager like Paolo came in, a lot of Youth Team lads respected him but we were scared of him at the same time. The way he was and with his charisma - to be involved in the squads as a Scholar when he was here was brilliant. I came on at Burton at half time and I thought I did well but he wasn't having my barnet at the time!

At that time, did you look up to the likes of Billy Bodin who had graduated from the Academy, was in and around the first team and scoring goals? Bill had only just left the Youth Team so we saw him all the time and got a bit of a grab on what it was like to be a pro. He was always good to us giving us lifts and stuff. We looked up to him because he was doing well. I remember his goal against Crawley and thinking "I'd love to score a goal like that" but we looked up to people like him and Will Evans, who came on against Southampton and did well.

Describe the feeling when you were told that you'd be offered a professional contract...

I was nervous. I was the last one to go in. 'Bedders' went in and got his deal and the rest of the lads were told that they weren't getting one so I thought it was just going to be 'Bedders'. When I was told, it was relief more than anything because I didn't have a clue what I was going to do if not.

After you scored your first goal against Stevenage you said that headers were never your forte. It must have come as a shock that your first senior goal was a header?

I remember my first ever header: I headed it onto my shoulder and lobbed the keeper from three yards in a pre-season game as a Second Year Scholar. Other than that, I don't think I've headed a ball in my career, so to score a header was brilliant.

Then the double against Aston Villa in front of a packed County Ground...

That was an amazing feeling - I can't really describe it. I'd only started the one game and a few appearances before that. I actually said to my dad before



"I headed it onto my shoulder and lobbed the keeper from three yards..."



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:



"I'd prefer to have scored obviously and was gutted I didn't but it was a huge learning curve."



the game that I'd prefer not to come on against Villa then play against Macclesfield in the FA Cup on the Saturday. When I came on I just thought 'run around and look busy'. For the first one, I've got across my man and it's trickled into the net. The second was a bit of interpretation: the ball came in and I didn't really have a lot of time so flicked it and luckily, it went in. I was gutted at the end because Benteke killed me and nicked my limelight but I'll let him off...

It then got even better for you with a call-up to the England Under-19 squad...

It was a crazy month. Up until the Stevenage game, I hadn't had a sniff and was just coming on with five minutes to go in games. All of a sudden I was in the team and scoring goals and then got the England call-up which was a surreal experience. Even wearing the tracksuit was surreal but to start with the number 9 on my back for England was brilliant. The game was at Telford as well so I must have had 30 people there: mates and family all supporting me.

Fast forward to May and the Play-Off second leg at Griffin Park. Talk us through what was going through your mind when you stepped up to take that penalty at Brentford...

It's always tough to be the fourth penalty taker regardless of your experience but to take it at 18/19 was daunting. I don't think I was ready for it to be honest. 'Coops' came round with the sheet asking who wanted one and there weren't a lot of takers. I just said if no one wants to take one then I don't mind, which I wish I had never done. At the time, I'd just come back from a hamstring injury and maybe wanted to be a bit more involved than I was. Looking back, maybe it wasn't the right thing to do. It was a learning experience and I regretted it for a couple of nights afterwards when I couldn't sleep but I think it took a bit of guts to take it. Being that young, just stepping up to take one is an achievement in itself. I'd prefer to have scored obviously and was gutted I didn't but it was a huge learning curve.

Then a new deal in the summer followed and involvement in the first team. That must have been the perfect tonic?

Of course. Even now, I've only started eight games for Swindon yet it feels like I've been round here for years. Starting those games at the start of the season really did me some good because I knew my levels maybe weren't there to start games but I feel I needed those games to sort myself out. I've been on loan a couple of times this season too which has helped especially going to Shrewsbury and playing League 1 football.

Cast your mind back to December. Was your goal against Coventry extra special because of the opposition?

Definitely. The gaffer put me on with 15 minutes to go and with Ranger on the pitch. I knew if he was going to flick it, I could get on the end of it but to score against Coventry was brilliant because I got released from there. I saw a tweet from my old Academy Manager afterwards who said he couldn't believe I scored against them and that it happened to him last week with another player who had got released.

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

Recently, you've been back in the first team reckoning and back on the scoresheet...

If you'd have told me when I was coming back from Shrewsbury that I was going to be starting four

games and I would score two goals, I would have bitten your hand off. I'll definitely take the Tranmere cross-shot and the goal against Sheffield United. In fact, that goal against Sheffield United was the first time I've had a proper shot to score a goal - I've dinked it, I've flicked it, it's about time I scored from a normal shot. Carlisle was a tough game last week and I struggled a bit. It was the biggest pitch in the world but I didn't get in behind which is what I'm all about.

How well do you feel you've progressed this season?

I've developed more into my body. I'm still growing and feel a lot stronaer than I did at the start of the season. I'm maturing too but, with that. I need to sort out my hold-up play. I know it's not up to scratch but it's something I can do. When I went to Shrewsbury, I did it there so there's no reason why I can't do it here. I've just got to get my head down and try and work on it. I think I need to get on the ball more and be more positive with it. Over the last couple of games, I've felt good and I've felt more confident running at people. It's coming but I'm nowhere near where I want to be as a player yet so I've just got to keep working.

"I've only started eight games for Swindon yet it feels like I've been round here for years."

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TOP TO BOTTOM: Town tans pour onto the plich after the final game of 1985/86 against Crewe. Manager Lou Macari with the Fourth Division trophy and Kenny Alian in action.

20. RECORD BREAKER

COYR takes a look back at what was acceptable in the 80s by this week focusing on Swindon Town's record breaking 1985/86 campaign...

SWINDON have been flirting with the Play-Off places for the majority of the 2013/14 season, so it is apt then that we take a trip down memory lane and take a look at arguably one of the most successful seasons in the Club's history.

Town broke an amazing seventeen Club records on their way to romping to the Fourth Division title, amassing an amazing points total of 102 on their way to sealing promotion.

Town, led by Lou Macari, also racked up the longest unbeaten run in the league, avoiding defeat for an incredible 21 games, beating the previous record of 15 matches.

Swindon's incredible season was built on a mean and stingy defence, with the Club boasting the fewest away goals conceded in a season with 24 and they also broke a Club record for the best goal difference with +39.

Town fans enjoyed their travels during the 1985/86 season, with Swindon breaking Club records for most away points in a season with 40 points and most consecutive away league games without a defeat, stringing together 11 games without tasting defeat on the road.

Will the Club ever enjoy such a successful season?







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

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A Lamborghini Aventador because it looks like Batman's car.

2. MY FAV MOVIE ...

The Wolf of Wall Street. It looks like an unbelievable lifestyle.

3. MY FAV BOOTS... Adidas Predators because 'Becks' used to wear them.

4. MY **FAV** HOLIDAY... A chilled one in Spain somewhere, by a pool.

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ACADEMY Manager, Jeremy Newton pens the latest set of Academy notes all the way from The Netherlands...

THE Academy have kickedoff their half-term programme with the Under-10s, Under-11s, and Under-12s making the trip to The Netherlands for a week to train and to compete with teams in a games programme. The age groups played against De Graafschap on Monday, Excelsior Rotterdam on Tuesday and all age groups competed in a tournament on Wednesday with Gravenzande, Den Haag, and Sparta Rotterdam. They will then end the tour with games against FC Emmen. Unfortunately, due to print deadlines I can't bring you the results of these games but if you go to www.swindontownfc. co.uk then you can read my daily diary and see a gallery of pictures from each day that we are out here. This will be a valuable tour for all the players and this will increase their development within the Four Corner Module that I have mentioned before. They will develop their technical, tactical, social and physchological side. This year, we have decided to take five Under-9 players away with us which will be great for them. It will also be a pilot scheme to see how they cope from being away and being with us for the week.

The tour also gives us, the staff, the opportunity to work with the players and it gives them an insight into how to manage



their time in-between training and games along with their nutrition and hydration detail, to make sure that they are given the best opportunity to perform. The coaching staff will also give reviews for all players on a daily basis and this will be reflected back in their personal reviews of the trip throughout the week.

It's our fourth year of running these tours and, as I've said, all players will benefit from it. They will mature and learn so much about training and playing, along with the biggest part, their social skills; talking to players from all the other age groups, along with all the staff. The players will be interviewed after the games which are also filmed. This just makes them feel a little more special and provides them with analysis of the game combined with the thoughts of their performance, the team's performance and that of the opposition.

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THIS week, Dave Wallis looks back at the career of a man who sits 5th on the all-time Swindon Town top-scorers list....

ARCHIE Bown was a Highworth boy who played for local team Swindon Casuals before being spotted by Town.

In a professional playing career that was spent almost entirely at The County Ground, he made his Town debut in a 1-1 home draw with Brentford in 1904 while still an amateur as he plied his trade in the railway works of GWR.

That dual commitment might explain the lapse between his debut and the date of turning professional in 1907, between which Archie continued playing as an amateur elsewhere but, as his footballing career took off, he had the honour of representing Town in two FA Cup semi-finals as the second decade of the 20th century began.

Born in 1882, just three years after Swindon Town's official birth date, he joined GWR as a turner and fitter. In a little short of 300 first team outings, Bown scored at a rate of almost one goal every two games.

But on 6th April 1915 came the match that wrote Archie into the Town record books.

Just four games remained of the Southern League season that day and, with the First World War aiready underway and the country wondering how it should teact to events in Europe, we took on Watford in a Southern League match that perhaps paled into insignificance against the backdrop of war.

Even the league table was inconsequential, with the Homets ready to be crowned champions and Town already doomed to a mid table finish.

Four nil up at half time, Bown had grabbed them all. But that wasn't the end of it.

By the time the final whistle was blown Bown had added another brace to make him not only the first Town player to score six in a game then, but still the only one to do so 99 years later.

By the end of the month and just three games later, the season was completed and professional play was suspended for the duration of the First World War.

The disparity between the two teams as indicated by the 6-0 scoreline begs the question of whether the Hornets had already despatched their players to the front. Archie guested for Southampton during the war and moved on to Bristol City once hostilities finished, but never pulled on the shirt of Swindon Town again.





PICTURED: (TOP) The front man pictured in the 1910/11 team photograph (BOTTOM) Bown (protect) amongst the touring part, that traveled to South America in 1912

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MATCH ACTION,

STFC Club photographer, Rob Noyes, was in the perfect place to capture Swindon's late winner against Sheffield United two weeks ago.



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TODAY we welcome Brentford to The County Ground in this League 1 encounter...

THERE are only three more home games left as we come to the back end of another season.

Last season, the final weeks were real nail-biting affairs with our visitors today having the chance of automatic promotion with a last-minute penalty at home to fellow promotion candidates Doncaster. However, the ball was hacked away and ended up at the feet of Billy Paynter to score and put Doncaster in the Championship and Brentford in the Play-Offs against Swindon.

The two matches against Brentford were what the Play-Offs are all about: a last-minute goal at Swindon from the penalty spot sent us to Brentford all-square where a last-minute equaliser from Aden Flint brought about a penalty shootout which the hosts won giving them a trip to Wembley where they went down to Yeovil. This season, it looks as if Brentford will be on their way to promotion as they are in second spot as I write these notes.

Today, we will probably see both Jonathan Douglas and Alan McCormack in the visitors' midfield so we can expect some strong challenges from the competitive duo on their return to The County Ground.

We also welcome back Mark Devlin and Mike Sullivan who both helped the Supporters' Club in their time at Swindon. It's a great shame they are not the midfield duo today! I am sure they will be busy as their new



Brian Johnson FRIENDS and family of loyal Town fan Brian Johnson (right) join us today in the Sponsors' Suite to celebrate his life. They are also celebrating the 18th Birthday of Jack Johnson (left). Have a great day Jack.



First Match Delight! GRACE attended her first Town game against Sheffield Utd and is seen here in the dressing room.



Supporters' Club Night JUSTIN Simpkins managed a cheeky snap with on-loan star Alex Pritchard at The Fox.



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The Flying Scouser - Jay McEveley goes airborne to win the ball.



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Miles Storey tries to escape the attention of Pascal Chimbonda









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COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Brentford...



TODAY we take great pleasure in welcoming our main sponsors at Football in the Community, Intel, who are here in force to experience another Saturday Team Club package. We'd like to pass on our sincere thanks to Darren Howell for all his hard work and commitment over our three-year partnership so far with their support being truly appreciated by us as an organisation. Since forming the sponsorship partnership, we have delivered several days of this nature to the staff and their children and the feedback we've received has been very positive. Jon and I would like to wish everybody from Intel a great day with us and hopefully

they will witness us picking up all three points against a strong Brentford team.

Saturday Team Club

WE would also like to welcome Marlborough Youth organised by Geoff Pratt and the Collister family who are also here on the Saturday Team Club programme. Marlborough Youth have also come on several occasions and, again, let's hope they have a great day with us and they return to us in future seasons.

Zambian Visitors

JON and I were delighted to go to Heathrow Airport on Sunday 6th April at 8am to

pick up our five special guests from Livingstone in Zambia. They are three members of our Coaches' Association in Livingstone and two young Under-18 players who have experienced training with the Swindon Town Youth Team. We would like to extend a special thank you to Jeremy Newton and Jamie Pitman for allowing the two young players to engage within a professional set-up. Our three coaches from the Association have been working on our holiday development courses where they are experiencing grass roots football in the UK for the very first time. Our guests have also been

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treated to a trip to the Chelsea training ground when they arrived last Sunday before going to Craven Cottage and watching the Oxford and Cambridge University Varsity match. On Monday evening, they were treated to the Youth Team encounter at Aldershot between Chelsea and Liverpool. On Thursday, they will be going to the local speedway track to watch the Robins take on Belle Vue. We'd like to thank Alun Rossiter, the Robins Team Manager who kindly sorted out complementary tickets for our guests. Alan also gave a comprehensive talk to our guests in the pits area which I know they thoroughly enjoyed. Future main attractions that our visitors will attend will be the Premier League clash between Chelsea and Sunderland on Easter Sunday and Swindon against Bradford on Bank Holiday Monday. Then, our visitors will attend some school

assemblies and coaching sessions before returning to their native home on Thursday 24th May. We will be delighted, on the 21st April, to welcome the High Commissioner of Zambia as a special guest to mark the visit of our Zambian contingent.

Half Term Development Courses

WE got off to a great start with our first week of the Easter courses, delivering our main course here at Swindon Town, a girls only course and a aoalkeeper development clinic whilst also travelling to Ashton Keynes to deliver courses for the up-and-coming vounasters within this area. Next week, we are on our travels to Chippenham and Lambourn whilst also delivering our mainstream course here at STFC. We have limited places available but, if you'd like to come and join in with all the fun, please do not hesitate in calling 01793 421303.



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TOWN legend Phil King took time out from his usual pre-match hospitality preparations to pen a set of notes for today's encounter with Brentford...

IT'S been a while since my last set of notes, so I want to touch on the defeat in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy to Peterborough first. I was adamant that we were going to Wembley. Losing like that on penalties really took the stuffing out of me and a lot of people I think. Then, most recently, we've enjoyed three wins in a week -Preston, away at Tranmere then back here against Sheffield United - that put us back on the Play-Off path which gave everybody a lift again. I think being at Wembley and finishing in the top 10 would have been the perfect season for me. We've gone from being really deflated to the lads then rallying and putting us right back in the Play-Off hunt. It was always going to be a tall order but with the defeat against Carlisle and with Peterborough winning their games in hand it is looking a bit too far out of reach now. Having said that, football is a funny old game! It would be nice for the fans to beat Brentford today. Obviously there are a couple of former Town players in their line-up but it's all about putting in good performances now; for the players themselves, the Club, the fans and looking towards next season. Of course not only did we get those three wins in a week, the last of those was against my big rivals when I was at Sheffield Wednesday. I was

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"It would be nice for the fans to beat Brentford today. Obviously there are a couple of former Town players in their line-up..."

jumping up and down in the stands like we'd won the FA Cup when the winning goal went in! It was all the more special that Louis Thompson scored it too. At that point I really thought we were back in the Play-Off race. Overall, it's been a really positive season. If you'd have said to fans that in the middle of April we'd be sat in 9th place, in the Area Final of the JPT and banging on the door of the Play-Offs they would have said: "you're mad". If we can finish the season with positive results – we've got some tough games at home which could be potential spoilers for those sides – that would be the aim and it would be a real achievement.

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A lot of people have spoken to me about Wes's form since he has come back into the team. Obviously (tongue firmly in cheek) it's all to do with his Goalkeeping Coach!



HE has been magnificent though. It's a funny situation sometimes when you get an enforced break. He's come back and trained hard with the physio and the fitness coach to get back up to speed. Then when he came back to me, it was as if he hadn't been away. When he came back at Bristol City, his performance was faultless which is very pleasing and he has proved to be a massive positive for us. You can always rely on him. In my time here, Wes has produced some vital saves at vital times. As a goalkeeper you have to concentrate: for 75/80/85 minutes you don't have a lot to do then all of a sudden you have to pull out a save and

Wes has done that. I always remember Kevin MacDonald's first game in charge when we played at Coventry last season. He made an unbelievable save to keep the score what it was. We then went up the other end and won the aame 2-1. There are lots of times where you see that it's vital to have a goalkeeper like that. It was a difficult one for him with the injury. You try and put in a 100% performance but then, for whatever reason, things dip. He then got the injury and he couldn't go any further so it was at the right time for him which has been proved - with him coming back stronger. We've got to continue what we're doing. It's a bit different

now because the lads have all their fitness in them and it's all about keeping them sharp. It's interesting because we trained in the week with the Academy Goalkeeping Coach, Steve Hale, who brought one of his young lads to train with us. You can really notice the difference in speed and in body compared to the young lads and you can see the standard which that young lad needs to attain to get in the first team. That was good for everybody but, from my point of view, I want Wes to continue those performances for the rest of the season and finish the season on a real high.

FRASER DIGBY GOALKEEPING COACH

Vinny JONES; The midfield hard-man had two separate spells with Wimbledon, making over 200 league appearances.

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sauirt out to the lurking Robbie Earle who had the simplest of tasks to put the ball into the unguarded net. Just four minutes later, Hammond could only parry a cross from the right into the path of Earle who aleefully accepted the chance to put the Dons 3-1 ahead. With ten minutes to go, Warren Barton turned a corner into his own net to give Swindon hope of a comeback but, just a minute later, Dean Holdsworth raced onto a long ball to slot home a fourth and seal Swindon's fate. After the match, John Gorman revealed the true extent of his feelings: "I was hurting today," he said. "So badly hurting. Our last four games have been excellent - total commitment and great football along with it."

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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Wolves	41	15	4	2	39	11	12	5	3	35	14	+49	90	
2	Brentford	41	17	1	3	41	17	9	8	3	25	19	+30	87	
3	Rotherham	41	9	8	3	41	28	13	4	4	36	21	+28	78	
4	Leyton Orient	41	11	3	6	35	19	11	8	2	38	19	+35	77	
5	Preston	41	9	9	2	30	22	11	7	3	27	17	+18	76	
6	Peterborough	41	12	2	6	29	20	8	2	11	34	34	+9	64	
7	MKDons	41	8	4	8	26	23	9	3	9	32	32	+3	58	
8	SWINDON	41	12	3	5	37	25	4	6	11	21	29	+4	57	
9	Port Vale	41	12	3	6	33	28	5	3	12	22	38	-11	57	
10	Walsali	41	7	6	7	20	25	7	8	6	25	17	+3	56	
11	Sheff Utd	41	10	7	4	28	17	5	4	11	14	26	-1	56	
12	Bradford	41	6	9	6	32	26	5	7	8	20	25	+1	49	
13	Coventry	41	9	7	5	39	36	7	4	9	32	35	0	49 *	
14	Gilingham	41	9	4	8	32	30	5	2	13	22	39	-15	48	
15	Bristol C	41	6	9	6	32	27	4	8	8	31	37	-1	47	
16	Olaham	41	7	5	8	21	26	5	6	10	25	31	-11	47	
17	Crawley	39	8	5	6	19	21	3	8	9	21	28	-9	46	
18	Colchester	41	7	5	9	25	27	3	8	9	20	30	-12	43	
19	Tranmere	40	5	7	8	27	36	6	3	11	22	34	-21	43	
20	Carisle	40	8	5	8	26	30	3	5	11	14	31	-21	43	
21	Crewe	41	6	6	8	24	31	5	4	12	25	45	-27	43	
22	Shrewsbury	41	6	7	8	19	21	3	7	10	18	29	-13	41	
23	Notts Co	41	9	2	9	33	26	3	2	16	22	46	-17	40	
24	Stevenage	41	6	5	9	23	26	4	4	13	17	35	-21	39	

STFC Player Stats:

No.	Player SIGIS.	SBL1	FAC	CAP	Lan	Total	Goals	Vellow	Red	STEC
1	Wes Foderingham	36		3	2	41	0.29	3	1.14	136
2	Nathan Thompson	37	-	2	1	40	1	12		70(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	26(6)	1	2	3(1)	32(7)	4	5	2	40(8)
4	Massimo Luongo	39	1	2(1)	5	47(1)	6	5	-	56(1)
5	Grant Hall	26	1	3	3	33	4	6	4	33
6	Tijane Freitas Reis	2(4)	-	1	(1)	3(5)	-	2	-	3(5)
7	Ryan Harley	16(5)	(1)	1	1(1)	18(7)	1	2		18(7)
8	Ryan Mason	13(5)	1	1(1)	1	16(6)	5	4		16(6)
9	Nile Ranger	19(4)	1	2	1(1)	23(5)	10	See.5	1.40	23(5)
10	Andy Williams	3	-	1	-	4	1		-	49(3)
11	Alex Pritchard	29(3)	1	3	4	38(3)	7	10	1	38(3)
12	Dany N'Guessan	14(10)	1	1	4(1)	20(11)	8	2	+	20(11)
14	Jay McEveley	26(1)	1	1	3	31(1)	1	8	2	72(2)
15	Yaser Kasim	35(2)	1	3	3(1)	42(3)	2	12	-	42(3)
16	Mark Francis	States and	-	20470	OCC-SA	000000	1.20	1040	1.4	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	(3)
19	Louis Thompson	15(10)		2(1)	4	21(11)	1	4	1.	22(15)
20	Miles Storey	6(8)	-	(2)	-	6(10)	3	1	-	8(25)
21	Alex Smith	5(3)		1(1)		6(4)	T	1		6(4)
22	Darren Ward	36	1	3	5	45	-		-	88
23	Jack Barthram	2(8)	(1)	1.	2	5(9)	1	3		5(9)
24	Lee Cox	2(1)	-	-	(1)	2(2)	-	-	-	4(7)
25	Tyrrell Belford	5	1		3	9	- 20	242		9
28	Michael Smith	15		-	-	15	6	1	-	15
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	8(2)	-		3	11(2)	1.2	5	14-1	11(2)
30	Leigh Bectwell	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	(1)
33	George Barker	2(5)	1.8		-	2(5)		1	in the	2(5)
34	Jamie Reckord	3(2)	-			3(2)		2	-	3(2)
39	Ben Gladwin	4(4)	2	12.00	(3)	4(7)		11.		4(7)
40	Jack Stephens	5	+		-	5	-	2	-	5
41	Troy Archibald-Henville	9(1)	47	140	1	10(1)		4	1	10(1)

TODAY'S MASCOTS





James Dew: Age; 11 Favourite player: Wes Foderingham





Isabella Phipps: Age: 5 Favourite player: Darren Ward









Grace Osman: Age: 9 Favourite player: Wes Foderingham





Holly Osman: Age: 6 Favourite player: Ben Gladwin





WE welcome high-flying Brentford to The County Ground today, which will allow me to have a rant and a good old moan as we see two former favourite sons make their return to SN1...

ALAN McCormack and Jonathan Douglas will both return to the ground where they forged themselves as cult heroes in Swindon colours, their contributions to the Town's cause unlikely to be forgotten.

Now let me explain the rant and good old moan bit. There seems to have been a nasty and annoying trend sneak into football in recent years, where former heroes are booed and jeered upon their return.

Charlie Austin received the pantomime villain treatment when he returned to Wiltshire with then club Burnley last season whilst, if I remember rightly, Gordon Greer, a man who almost single handedly saved the Club from relegation, was booed upon his return to The County Ground with Brighton a few seasons ago.

So I sincerely hope both McCormack and Douglas escape the pantomime villain treatment today and instead receive the standing ovation they both thoroughly deserve for the service they gave to this Club, OUR Club.

Both captained Town, both were part of successful campaigns and both gave their all for the cause whilst wearing the red of Swindon.

Who remembers Douglas' crunching tackles in the middle of the park? McCormack's lungbursting runs through the middle





of the park?

Can you remember Douglas' ability to pick out a 45 yard pass with ease? And who can forget McCormack's last-gasp winner against Northampton two years ago?

Both players were involved in successful campaigns with the Club too. McCormack was a vital tool in the League Two Title-winning side of 2012 whilst he was also a key component in the side that reached the Play-Offs the following year.

Douglas, meanwhile, established himself as one of the best midfielders in League One as Town found themselves a bobble away from a place in the Championship.

So I guess the crux of what I am saying is this: yes it's bitterly disappointing and sometimes heartbreaking when key players and terrace idols depart for new surroundings, but let's not boo them.

Instead, when McCormack and Douglas touch the ball this afternoon, let's give them the heroic reception they so thoroughly deserve and forget this annoying booing culture against former players.

I Know I will be. Until Next Time....

ANDREW STEELE-DAVIS FLIC WILLISHIRE @onorew FLICW



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