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Manager **JOHN SHERIDAN**



SATURDAY was a really tough game for us, but we worked our socks off to get the result that we wanted in the end. It was important we got three points and we did, against a really good team.

What pleased me most was that the lads did the ugly things really well. Shrewsbury put us under pressure, but we really fought our socks off to get the three points, which was the most crucial thing. It was a really workmanlike performance.

We grafted; the work ethic was there; and, often, winning these sorts of games are the best results.

Sometimes you can cave in under the pressure that Shrewsbury put on us, but we defended really well, and we had a 'keeper who played really well.

Generally, we really defend and work hard, and that starts at the front. The

front three on Saturday knew that they had to work hard and that spread throughout the team.

Luke blamed himself for the goal we conceded the previous week at Accrington, so I hope he that he praised himself for Saturday, when he was excellent. If goalkeepers make a mistake, it is well documented, but I thought he made some great saves against Shrewsbury which enabled us to fight on and grind a result out.

We have let some soft goals in this season, but defensively, we are still one of the best in the division, second in League 2 for goals conceded. We work hard not to concede goals and, when teams are trying to play through us, we are organised and have our shape, which is not bad.

Like Shrewsbury, Swindon are a good footballing side - among the best in League 1 - and we expect them to

come here tonight and pass the ball, especially on our pitch.

We welcome Mark Cooper and his staff and player to Home Park tonight, as well as the officials of Swindon and the Robins' fans.

Doing well in the League is the most important target for both of us, but the Johnstone's Paint Trophy is a great competition and one which can bring great rewards - it is not often that players at our level get the chance to play at Wembley in a cup final.

The JPT has been good to me in the past - apologies to Swindon fans for reminding them of that! - and it would be nice to get a run going in this year's competition.

Thank you for your support.

John

Welcome

SWINDON TOWN



MANAGER MARK COOPER



A 22-year pro with a playing career spanning three decades, Cooper's best on-field came with Exeter City and Tamworth. It was with the latter where Mark began his managerial career, becoming assistant manager in 2003 and taking on the full role a year later, following the departure of Darron Gee. He immediately put Tamworth on the map, guiding them to two FA Cup third-round appearances, losing to Stoke City after forcing a replay at the Britannia Stadium, then a 4-1 defeat to Norwich City. In 2007, Cooper left Tamworth to become manager of Kettering Town, and achieved even greater cup success with the Poppies as they defeated Notts County and Eastwood Town to reach the FA Cup fourth round, eventually losing 4-2 to Fulham. Peterborough came calling in 2009, as the Posh looked for Cooper to be the managerial successor to Darren Ferguson but he was sacked after just one win in 13 games. After a single season as Darlington boss - which included a trip to Wembley for the FA Trophy Final - Cooper was brought in as assistant to Kevin MacDonald at Swindon and took charge in July 2013 following MacDonald's resignation.

25 TYRELL BELFORD

Goalkeeper.
Born 06.05.1994.
Nuneaton.

The designated cover for first-choice keeper Wes Foderingham, Belford was picked up by Swindon following his release from Liverpool's youth academy. The 20-year-old played in last season's Johnstone's Paint Trophy games for the club, including the victory over Argyle.



8 YASER KASIM

Midfielder.
Born 10.05.1991.
Baghdad

Iraq international Kasim joined Tottenham in 2007 and made his professional debut in 2010 for Brighton. Loan spells at Macclesfield and Luton followed before he started to flourish at the County Ground.



11 BRAD SMITH

Defender. Born 09.04.1994. Penrith

The Australia international is on loan from Liverpool. Whilst normally deployed as a full-back, Smith's exceptional speed makes him a dangerous weapon at wing-back. Made a brief appearance for the Reds last season, against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.



6 JORDAN TURNBULL

Defender. Born 30.10.1994.
Trowbridge

Although the defender is currently on loan from Southampton, Turnbull's first club was Swindon, for whom he joined in 2011 before switching to the Saints academy. Turnbull has represented England twice at Under 19 level.



29 RAPHAEL BRANCO

Defender. Born 25.07.1990.
Campinas

After spending time in the youth academies of Brazilian giants Cruzeiro and Corinthians, Branco signed for Brighton in 2011 but had to move to non-league Whitehawk for first-team football. He returned to the Football League for Swindon in 2013, making his Robins debut against Argyle in the JPT.



15 JOSH LELAN

Defender.
21.12.1994. Derby

The mobile defender is currently on loan from Derby County. A graduate of the youth academy at Pride Park, Lelan spent time on loan with Gateshead last term.



9 MICHAEL SMITH

Forward. Born 17.10.1991. Wallsend

A former member of the revered Wallsend Boys Club, Smith moved to the County Ground from Charlton in January of this year, scoring twice on his debut against Shrewsbury - but that is not even his best debut for a club: the striker netted a hat-trick in his first game of a loan spell for Accrington.



13 CONNOR WALDON

Forward. Born 13.02.1995.
Swindon

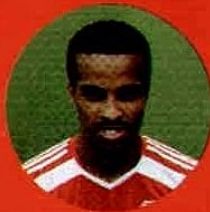
Local boy Waldon signed his first professional contract before the start of last season, after impressing in the Swindon youth setup since 2005. The 19-year-old provides more-than ample backup to the Robins' talented strike force.



3 NATHAN BYRNE

Defender. Born 05.06.1992. St Albans

Since signing a two-year contract before the start of last season, the versatile full-back has proven to possess an attacking threat along - netting five times and creating plenty of chances from out wide. Byrne joined Tottenham's youth setup in 2008 but was unable to break into the first team.



1 WES FODERINGHAM

Goalkeeper. Born 14.01.1991.

Shepherd's Bush

The former Fulham youth player joined Swindon on loan during the 2011-12 season before making his move permanent and playing a key role in the club's promotion from League 2. Infamously substituted after 20 minutes of a game in September 2012 by Paolo Di Carlo.



7 BEN GLADWIN

Midfielder. Born 08.06.1992.

Reading

Aldershot and Reading had the adaptable midfielder on their books at youth level before he plied his trade at non-league club Salisbury City, Hayes & Yeading and Burnham. Swindon moved in for Gladwin last November after he put in a number of impressive performances for Marlow.



4 MASSIMO LUONGO

Midfielder. Born 25.09.1992. Sydney

Another former Tottenham trainee, Luongo joined the Robins permanently in 2013. A classy midfielder with an impressive range of passing, Massimo was in Australia's squad for the 2014 World Cup.



20 JON OBIKA

Forward. Born 12.09.1990. Enfield

The former Tottenham striker signed for Swindon this summer but was also at the club on loan in 2011 - one of a staggering 11 loan trips he took whilst with Spurs. Obika netted twice on his debut, and four times in four games, equaling a scoring record that had stood since 1926.



14 JAKE REEVES

Midfielder. Born 30.05.1993.

Lewisham

Reeves moved to Brentford's academy after joining Tottenham as a 13 year old, and signed his first professional contract in 2011. He made 47 appearances for the Bees before agreeing to join Swindon after the London club achieved promotion from League 1.



5 JACK STEPHENS

Defender. Born 27.01.1994.

Torpoint

A former Pilgrim and student of Torpoint Community College, Jack began his footballing career at Argyle aged 11. The versatile England youth international defender signed for Southampton in April 2011 after making five appearances for the Pilgrims and is on loan at the County Ground.



19 LOUIS THOMPSON

Midfielder. Born 19.12.1994. Chester

Alongside brother Nathan, the central midfielder was a shining star of the Swindon Academy after joining in 2011, and by playing alongside his sibling last season, they became the first brothers to play in the same Swindon team since 1947. Signed for Norwich City in the summer and has been loaned back to the County Ground for this season.



22 DARREN WARD

Defender. Born 13.09.1978. Harrow

The experienced centre-back joined the Robins in January 2013 after a successful loan spell from Millwall. Ward experienced success at many London clubs, including with Crystal Palace. He took temporary charge of Swindon - alongside Tommy Miller - after Paolo Di Carlo's dismissal.



10 ANDY WILLIAMS

Forward. Born 14.08.1986.

Hereford

After plying his trade with Hereford United, he joined Bristol Rovers in 2007, and, after more than 100 appearances for the Gas, joined Yeovil in 2010 and Swindon two years later. Has made a blistering start to the season, scoring five times in the first nine games.



CAPTAIN 2 NATHAN THOMPSON



Defender. Born 09.11.1990. Chester
Swindon's player of the year for the last two seasons, Thompson has risen through the club's ranks over the last five seasons to become the captain and a vital component of the first team. The rugged defender leads by example with his aggression and a knowledge of the game beyond his years.

COMMERCIAL ARGYLE



Our thanks go to Dave Ottley and his team at Balance for Business who are once again showing their support as sponsors of tonight's match. Based at Langage Business Park, the company provides banking, commercial finance and business consultancy to organisations from across the region.

Since starting up three years ago, Balance has secured over £100m in funding for its clients from invoice and development finance to commercial loans and mortgages. I am sure Dave and his guests will have a great time in the Tribute Legends Lounge this evening.

Whilst every league match has been sponsored for the 2014-15

season, we still have a few Match Ball, Match Programme and Match Shirt Sponsorship packages available, which are the perfect way to entertain clients, staff or friends in the relaxing environment of the Tribute Legends Lounge.

For more information on the above or about the other exciting opportunities that are available at Home Park then please do not hesitate to contact Elaine James or me at the club on 01752 302204, or you can email us at either elaine.james@pafc.co.uk or james.greenacre@pafc.co.uk.

We also have a number of other advertising opportunities available

at Home Park, which are great ways to promote your business to the thousands of Argyle fans who pour through our gates every match-day. From player sponsorship to ground boards, we have a range of options that can be tailor-made to suit your requirements - long gone are the days where we only offer packages off the shelf!

If you are interested in any of these low cost packages then please do not hesitate to contact the commercial department at Home Park.

Enjoy the match.

James Greenacre
Commercial Operations Manager

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Johnstone's Paint Trophy

By Alex Wood



ARGYLE are no strangers to the knock-out formality of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The Pilgrims made their Johnstone's Paint Trophy debut during the 2010-2011 season - following six seasons in the Championship - on the road against League 2 CHELTENHAM TOWN under the direction of manager Peter Reid. Despite a rather cagey opening, Argyle, who had been given a first-round bye, were able to exert their superiority and make progress as Steve MacLean and Craig Noone struck either side of the half to secure a 2-0 win.

Any hopes of a cup run were extinguished, however, by a resurgent EXETER CITY side in the next round. In front of 9,431 fans at Home Park, Daniel Nardiello, an 85th-minute substitute for the visitors, pounced to slot the ball past goalkeeper and fan favourite Romain Larrieu. Nardiello's last-gasp winner in a 2-1 victory, after Chris Clark's goal of the round, ensured Argyle's first experience of a regional quarter-final was one to forget.

Following their relegation from League 1 at the end of the 2010-2011 season, Argyle struggled to find their feet in the fourth tier of English football as issues off the pitch

continued to plague proceedings on it. In what proved to be one of his final outings as manager, Peter Reid led his side to EXETER CITY's St James Park after the two clubs were drawn in the first round.

The Pilgrims were forced to pay the penalty after failing to convert their dominance into goals after 90 minutes. Despite a 30 yard wonder strike by Luke Daley to level the tie for Argyle at 1-1, Exeter progressed to the second round after winning 3-0 on penalties. Grecians' keeper Lenny Pidgeley emerged the hero after saving penalties by Carl Fletcher and Tom Hitchcock before Robbie Williams hit the post.

Surprisingly, after another first-round bye, Argyle were drawn against two sides in the 2012-2013 season that was neither Cheltenham Town nor Exeter City. Goals by Paris Cowan-Hall and Andres Gurnieri, his first for the Greens, were enough to ensure a win against fellow League 2 side ALDERSHOT TOWN. The Pilgrims were then drawn against OXFORD UNITED in the Southern quarter-final but were unable to progress further after suffering yet another penalty shoot-out heartbreak against the U's following a 1-1 draw in which Alex MacDonald scored.

Much to the relief of many Pilgrim fans, any notion of a penalty hoodoo were put to bed during last season's first-round tie at Whaddon Road. Following a 3-3 draw in which Rommy Boco, Lewi Alessandra, and Hamza Bencherif scored, Argyle managed to defeat CHELTENHAM TOWN following a tense penalty shoot-out in which Marvin Morgan scored the decisive spot-kick (pictured).

The Pilgrims then exited the competition at the next stage against tonight's opponents, SWINDON TOWN, after a 2-1 defeat at the County Ground, where Andre Blackman scored.

PAFC IN THE JPT

2010-2011

Round 2: Cheltenham Town 0 Argyle 2
Quarter-final: Argyle 1 Exeter City 2

2011-2012

Round 1: Exeter City 1 Argyle 1
(Exeter won on penalties)

2012-2013

Round 2: Argyle 2 Aldershot Town 1
Quarter-final: Argyle 1 Oxford Town 1
(Oxford won on penalties)

2013-2014

Round 1: Cheltenham 3 Argyle 3
(Argyle won on penalties)
Round 2: Swindon Town 2 Argyle 1

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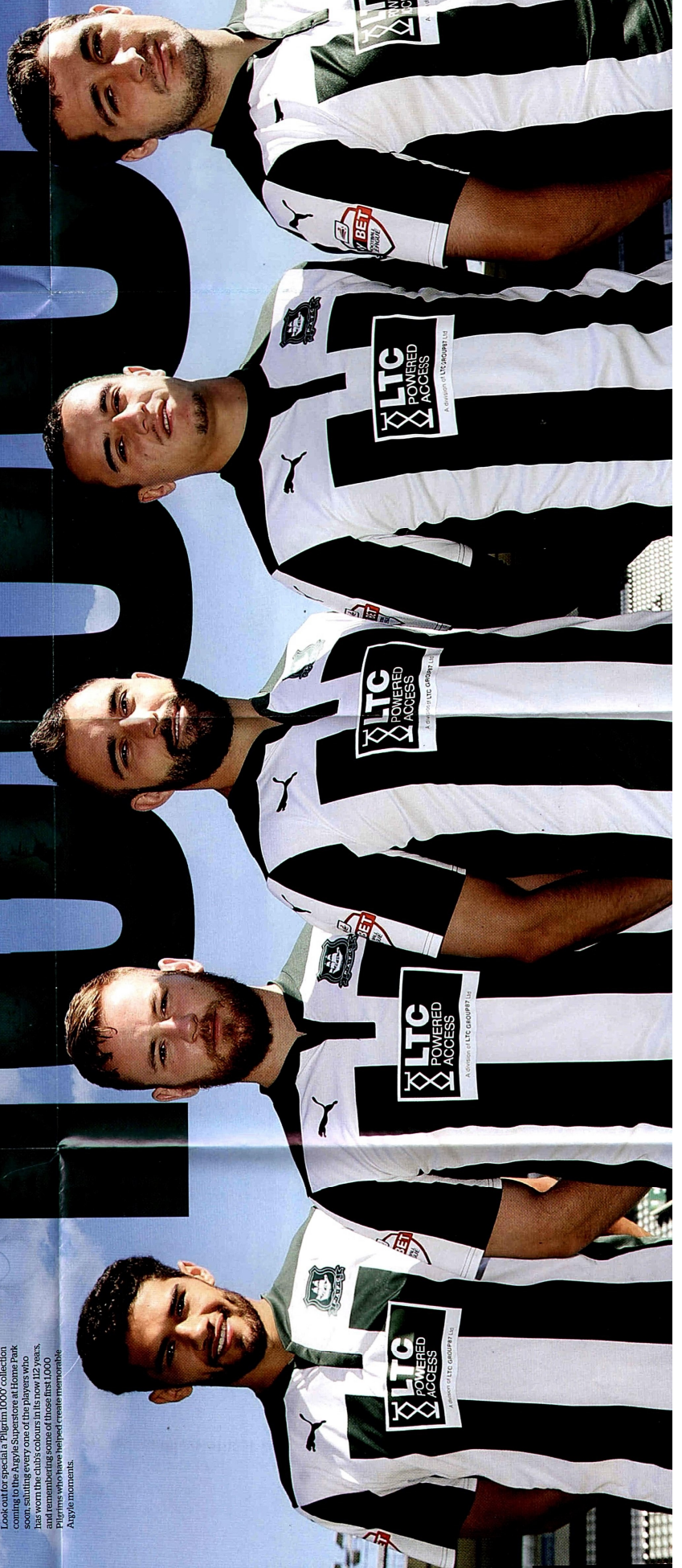


WHEN Kelvin Mellor, Deane Smalley, Peter Handley, Ollie Norburn and Carl McHugh stepped onto the Abbey and Carl McHugh stepped onto the Abbey for the first time in the Pilgrims' match against Cambridge United, they were following in illustrious footsteps.

Exactly 999 players before them had pulled on the club's iconic kit and shared the honour of becoming the 1,000th Pilgrim. And in 1903, with 11 players on the pitch, the club's first Pilgrims: Walter Anderson, Andy Clark, Robert Durrymple, Harry Digweed, Jack Fitchett, Archie Goodall, Bob Jack, William Leech, Jack Peedie, Jack Picken and Jack Robinson.

Look out for special's Pilgrim 1000' collection on the shop's website at Home Park soon saluting every one of the players who has worn the club's colours in its now 112 years, and remembering some of those first 1,000 Pilgrims who have helped create memorable Anyle moments.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



- 1 James BITTNER (GK)
- 2 Kelvin MELLOR
- 3 Ben PURRINGTON
- 4 Lee COX
- 5 Curtis NELSON
- 6 Ollie NORBURN
- 7 Lewis ALESSANDRA
- 8 Jason BANTON
- 9 Reuben REID
- 10 Marvin MORGAN
- 11 Dominic BLIZZARD
- 14 Tyler HARVEY
- 15 Paul WOTTON
- 16 Carl McHUGH
- 17 Bobby REID
- 18 Matthew LECOINTE
- 19 Nathan THOMAS
- 22 Deane SMALLEY
- 23 Luke McCORMICK (GK)
- 24 River ALLEN
- 25 Aaron BENTLEY
- 28 Anthony O'CONNOR
- 29 Peter HARTLEY

SWINDON TOWN



- 1 Wes FODERINGHAM (GK)
- 2 Nathan THOMPSON
- 3 Nathan BYRNE
- 4 Massimo LUONGO
- 5 Jack STEPHENS
- 6 Jordan TURNBULL
- 7 Ben GLADWIN
- 8 Yaser KASIM
- 9 Michael SMITH
- 10 Andy WILLIAMS
- 11 Bradley SMITH
- 14 Jake REEVES
- 15 Josh LELAN
- 16 Connor WALDON
- 17 Ryan HARLEY
- 18 George BARKER
- 19 Louis THOMPSON
- 20 Jonathan OBIKA
- 21 Mathew JONES
- 22 Darren WARD
- 23 Jack BARTHAM
- 24 Curtis DA COSTA
- 25 Tyrell BELFORD (GK)
- 26 Anton RODGERS
- 27 Josue ANTONIO
- 29 Raphael BRANCO
- 30 Harry AGOMBAR

TONIGHT'S REFEREE...

...Is Carl Berry. Carl last officiated us here at Home Park in April last year, when we beat Cheltenham Town 2-0. The match marked Curtis Nelson's first as Argyle captain, when he became the youngest player to lead out the Pilgrims in the club's researchable history.



Previously, Carl, UK and Ireland Distribution Manager for network security appliance solutions company Fortinet, was the man in the middle when we lost 1-0 to Rotherham United in our only ever match at the Don Valley Stadium in March 2012. Lewis Grabban scored the only goal from a penalty conceded by Darren Purse.

In each match, Carl showed one yellow card, neither time to a Pilgrim.

Assisting Carl tonight are Andrew Bennett and Simon Knapp, while the fourth official is 2010 World Cup final assistant referee Mike Mullarkey.

TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Name: Callum Milford
Age: 7
Lives: Newton Abbot
School: Bradley Barton Primary School
Favourite Activity at School: Sports
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Playing Football
Favourite Food: McDonalds
Favourite TV Programme: Football
Favourite Argyle Player: Reuben Reid
Result Prediction: 3-1 to Argyle



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 Hartlepool v Sheffield Utd
 Burton v Doncaster Rovers
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 Rochdale v Walsall

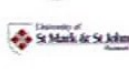
Southern Section

Luton v Crawley
 Dagenham & Red v Leyton Orient
 Colchester v Gillingham
 Milton Keynes v AFC Wimbledon
 Cheltenham v Bristol City
 Portsmouth v Northampton
 Coventry v Exeter

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