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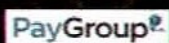
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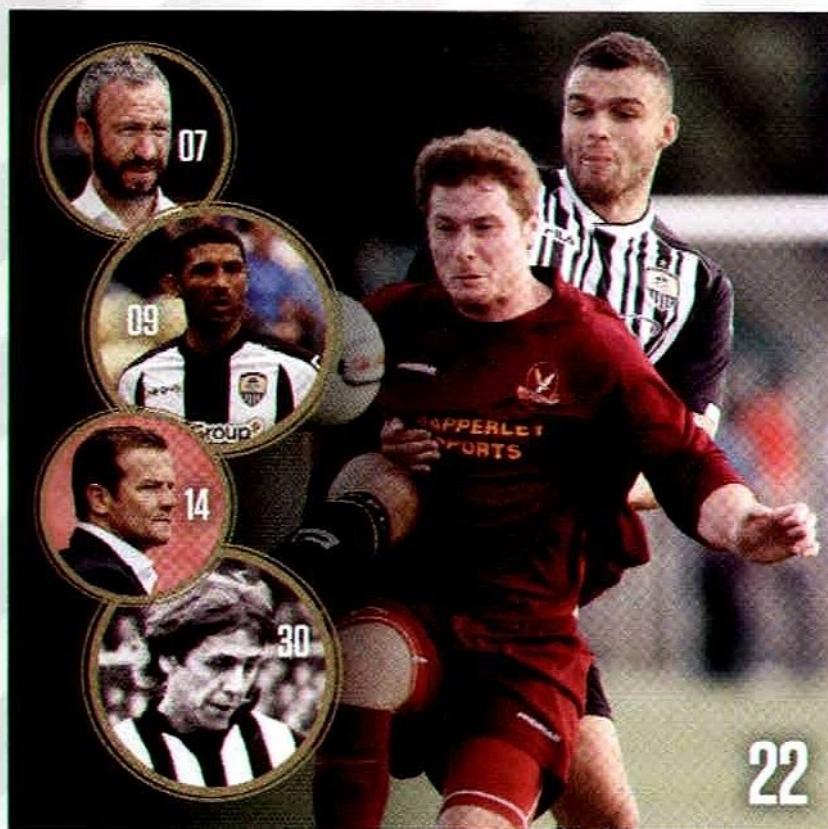
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WELCOME BACK TO MEADOW LANE...

Seventh position in the league and a cup semi-final around the corner, it's all very exciting at Meadow Lane this season.

In today's edition we look back on two fantastic away days and welcome two club heroes into the Hall of Fame. John Mounteney and Don Masson are rightly being inducted this afternoon and journalists Leigh Curtis and Colin Slater explain why the duo deserve their place.

We also sit down with young defender Taylor McKenzie after he made his debut for the club last month, hear from Paul Hart about his spell at the County Ground in Foot in both Camps and see Colby Bishop put pen to paper on his first professional deal.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Magpies' Chairman **Ray Trew** brings his latest thoughts from the boardroom ahead of this afternoon's clash with Swindon Town...

Good afternoon and welcome to Meadow Lane as we move into a key part of the season. With some big games coming up, not least this afternoon's visit of Swindon Town, one of the form teams in the division, it is sure to be an exciting festive period.

The games come thick and fast over the next two months and it is now that we will start to see the real strength of character in the squad. I'm actually quite happy about that because I think that is something we have in abundance amongst our current group, they've shown true battling qualities this season.

It was great to see the Johnstone's Paint Trophy

making this a truly memorable season, but we have to take each game as it comes and put our all into maintaining our high standards.

Sadly I won't be in attendance today as I had booked a Christmas break with my family before the fixtures were released, but I will be keeping updated with proceedings and I'm confident that we will give another good account of ourselves.

In my absence I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Swindon to Meadow Lane. I am sure they will be coming here looking to continue their fine recent run of form so we will need to be on our game on and off the pitch.

Notts County has been able to grow into the organisation that we know today.

I would like to welcome both Don and John's families to Meadow Lane and thank them for everything that these two truly great men have done for Notts County Football Club.

Onwards and upwards,

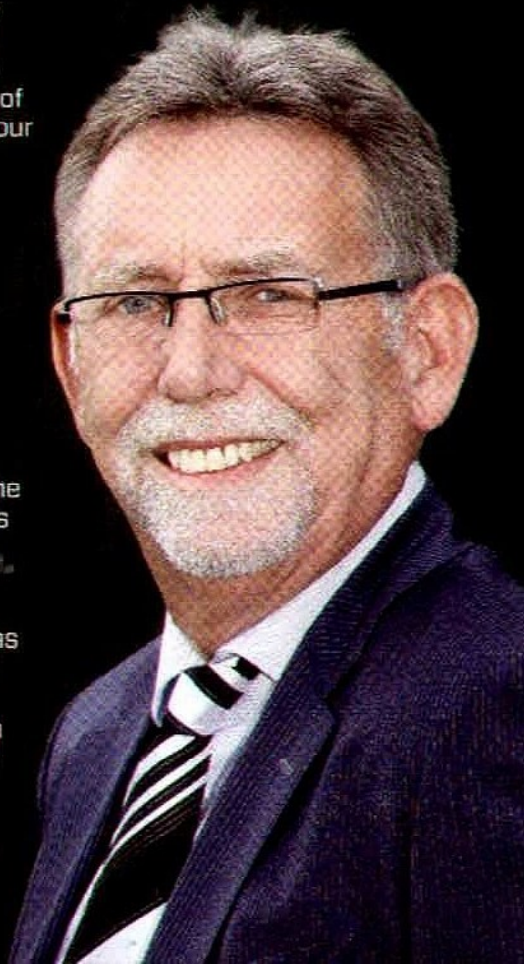


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run continue with that win at Doncaster in midweek. We're getting to within touching distance of a dream trip to Wembley, but we can't let that enter our thinking even for a second today, because Swindon will be coming here looking for all three points and if we let our guard slip they will punish us.

The fans will continue to dream and will be relishing Tuesday night's game against Preston I'm sure. It will be another fantastic occasion and hopefully another step towards

In finishing I am delighted to note the induction of both Don Masson and the late, great, John Mounteney into the Notts County Hall of Fame this afternoon. There have been some thoroughly deserving inductees already since the Hall of Fame was introduced as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations and that is certainly the case of both Don and John. Two men who have given so much to this club over the years and are the very foundations from which





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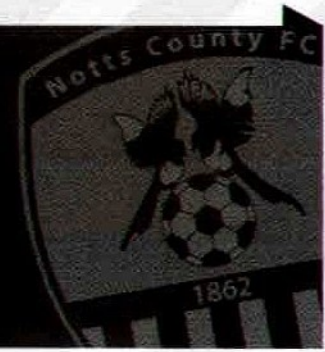
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MANAGER'S NOTES



Notts County manager **Shaun Derry** shares his thoughts from the dugout during the Magpies' 2014-15 Sky Bet League One campaign...

There's a great buzz around this time of year. We aren't too far away from Christmas now so I'm hoping many of you have decided to leave the shopping for another day.

It's been a strange few weeks recently with a free weekend and the Sheffield United match on a Friday, but we are back into the swing of things again and we are relishing the start of our festive run this afternoon. We can't wait.

What it has allowed us is extra time down at Arnold on the training pitch. The lads have worked hard down there and we've been able to get the squad near to full fitness.

With temperatures plummeting we've not been out too long, but the sessions have

been sharp and intense, just how the lads have been playing.

It seems a long time since I was last standing on the Meadow Lane touchline and I don't want to talk too much about the Yeovil game, other than I was very proud of the ten men's commitment after the decision,

the JPT very seriously and I thought our shape and discipline was second to none.

I'm proud that we got the job done and kept our fantastic away run going. It's going to be another special occasion on Tuesday, so I hope to see plenty of you down here to cheer the boys on.

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which ultimately had an affect on the result. They put a real shift in and were heroic in defence, I was only gutted we couldn't hang on.

Since that day, we've continued our hard work ethic that we are well-known for on the road. First a fantastic away point at one of the favourites for promotion, Sheffield United, where we showed so much spirit. The result that night was fantastic for us when you bear in mind just how big that club is.

I keep saying the same things, but this group are just brilliant to work with. We restricted United to half chances and you could feel their crowd getting more and more frustrated. In the end we were unfortunate not to leave Bramall Lane with maximum points.

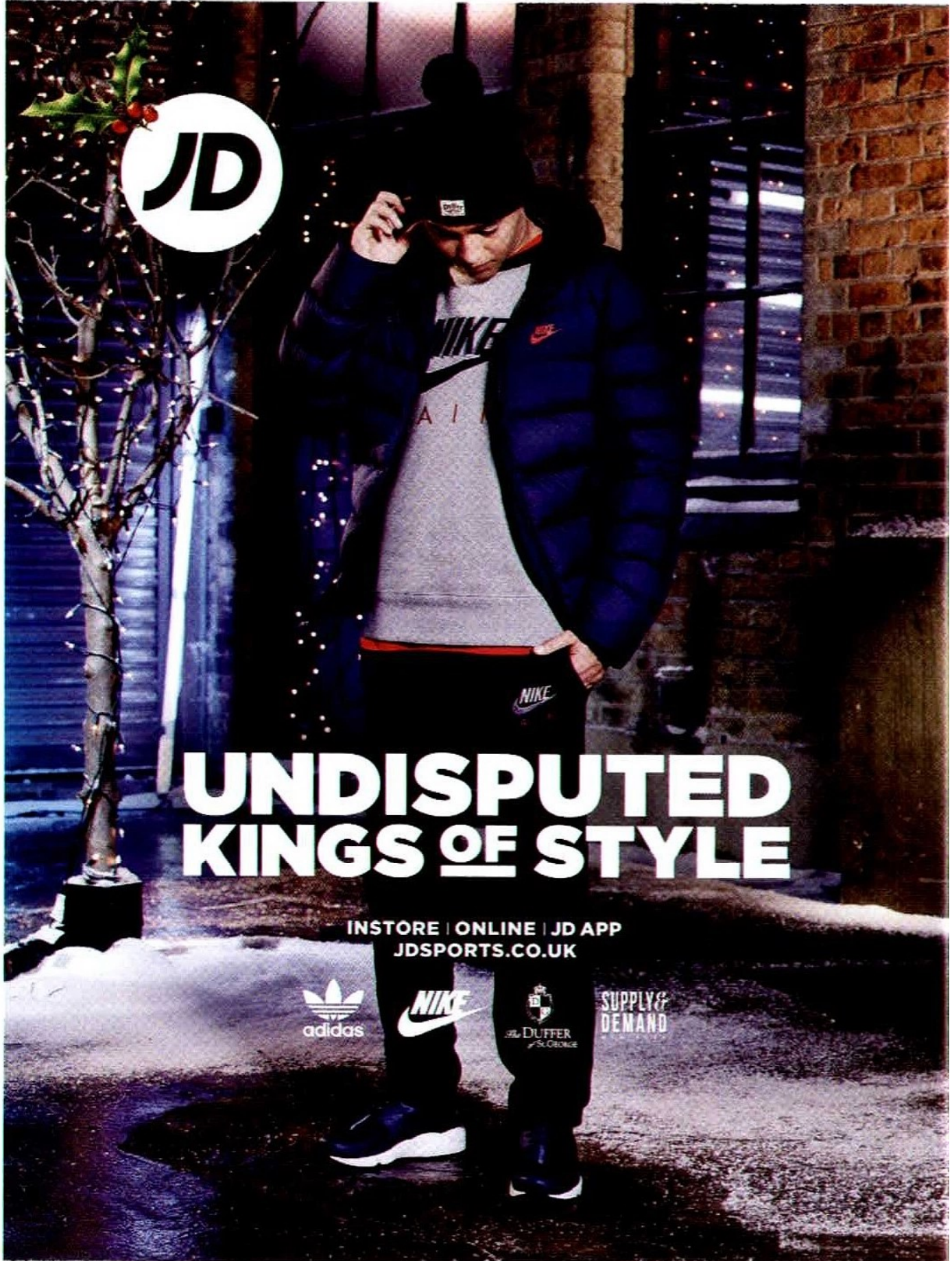
On Tuesday at Doncaster we competed against a side who were in the Championship not too long ago. It was a game we all wanted to win. We are taking

Today we welcome one of the league's in form teams in Swindon. I'd like to welcome Mark Cooper and his staff, players and supporters to Nottingham. He was rightly awarded the Manager of the Month for November, so it will be our strongest test yet and he has his team playing fantastically well at the minute.

I'd like to end with a congratulatory note to both Don Masson and John Mounteney, both legends at this club and rightly awarded their place in the Hall of Fame. John is, of course, my sponsor this season and we are all missing him dearly around the place after his passing earlier this year. The pair were hugely influential in this great club and they both deserve this accolade.

Back the lads, keep warm and enjoy your festive football.





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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Notts County's captain **Hayden Mullins** brings us up to date with the goings on in the Magpies' dressing room...

There is a great spirit in the camp and it's easy to see why looking at the league table and our current form over the past couple of months. The lads keep producing the goods, especially away from home, and it's pleasing to see.

Unfortunately on a personal note I am gutted not to be involved still. Obviously as I've said previously I tried playing against Accrington in the cup and sadly my calf injury flared up. It's one of those things in football and I'm not the best sitting still and watching the game. I would love to be out there and be part of it.

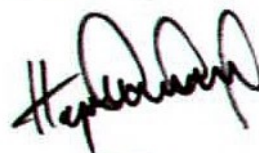
Back on the pitch the guys who have come in are stepping up to the plate. They are doing everyone proud and are working their socks off.

Everyone from the physios, to the management to the analyst, they are all working hard and ensuring we are fully prepared ahead of this schedule. It's people like this around the club that ensure we put in the performances that we have been doing.

Looking at the table, we are delighted to be in and around the play-offs but it will be another stern test today against Swindon Town.

It's a competition we really want to continue to progress in. At this level you don't get many chances to get to finals and to play at Wembley and that's our aim. It's certainly an exciting time to be at Notts at the moment.

Enjoy the game,



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It's been a frustrating two months, but I'm continuing my work with the fantastic medical staff we have at the club, but I'm cautious not to make a second return and see a re-occurrence of the knock.

I've got to look after myself in the long term and if that means I have to sit out during a busy Christmas period to ensure I'm back for the foreseeable future, then that's what I will have to do.

But there is so much confidence in the camp at the moment. We've shown we can go against the best in this division and compete and we will do so again this afternoon.

Another exciting match to look forward to comes on Tuesday where we host Preston in the JPT semi-final.



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Director Alison Trew congratulates Colby Bishop after signing a professional deal

BISHOP SIGNS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

Notts County are delighted to announce that highly-rated young striker Colby Bishop has signed a professional contract with the club.

Bishop, who has been named on the substitutes' bench for the first-team five times, including twice this season, has been identified as one of the top talents in the Academy and the club have moved quickly to offer him a first professional deal.

The 18-year-old only signed a scholarship with the Notts Academy in December 2013, but has continued to impress and will now be able to look forward to making the step up to the first-team after putting pen-to-paper on a two-and-a-half-year contract.

Notts County manager Shaun Derry, and Acting Academy Manager Paul Hart, have recognised the fledgling talent and were keen to reward his efforts. However, both have stressed the need for the burgeoning sharpshooter to continue his development.

Bishop will still be available to play for the Notts County Youth Team for the remainder of their current season, before linking up with the senior squad full-time ahead of 2015-16.

ZELI GRATEFUL FOR NOTTS OPPORTUNITY

Wolves wideman Zeli Ismail has undergone surgery to repair his cartilage and will be sidelined for four to six months.

The 20-year-old had an impressive loan spell at Meadow Lane before suffering the long-term injury against Accrington Stanley and returned back to his parent club Wolves for treatment.

Ismail relished his time in the East Midlands in helping the Magpies to the top end of the Sky Bet League One table, scoring four goals in 16 appearances.

He told The Mag: "I picked up the injury at a time when I was playing and things were going really well, both for me and the team. We were third in the table at the time and I had managed to chip in with a few goals.

"Unfortunately the injury keeps me out for four to six months, which is pretty much the rest of the season. No-one wants an injury like this but it is part of football.

"I'm very grateful for the time I had with Notts and I'll certainly be checking out their results from now on. I want to thank the manager and the players, as well as the fans, for all the support they showed me while I was with the club and wish them all the best for the rest of the season."

The club would like to thank Zeli for his performances and wish him all the best in his recovery and for the future.

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LAST CHANCE TO BRING IN YOUR SELECTION BOXES

The club are calling on fans to donate chocolate for children at the QMC this Christmas. It's that time of year where the football club calls on supporters to help those less fortunate.

The appeal is now in its ninth year and is organised by lifelong Notts fan Rob Bristol.

He told the Official Site: "I'm sure the club's great band of supporters will prove once again that when it comes to caring for others, they are the best. By donating selection boxes to the Club Shop, we can bring a smile to the faces of many unfortunate children who find themselves spending their Christmas in the cancer and cystic fibrosis wards at Nottingham's Queens Medical Centre.

"As the appeal nears its ninth year, the generosity shown by the supporters at

Notts County has, to say the least, been staggering and on behalf of the children, their families, and staff at the QMC, I thank you from the heart.

"Let us make Christmas 2014 extra special for the children, while raising the profile of Notts County Football Club in the process."

Fans can bring in selection boxes to the Club Shop throughout the winter months ahead of the visit to the QMC in December.

The visit will be made on 22nd December.



FOOTBALL REMEMBERS

Football commemorated the centenary of one of the most iconic moments of the First World War - the 1914 Christmas Truce football match - with a week of remembrance activity this December.

'Football Remembers Week', which took place from 6th-14th December, is a collaboration between the Premier League, The FA, the Football League and the British Council. Its aim is to engage football fans about what took place on Christmas Day 1914 in Flanders, Belgium.

Among the activities during Football Remembers Week is a special website being run, a UK's first memorial to the Christmas Truce will officially be unveiled and special tournaments will take place in Ypres. Notts held a special Silent Night Carol Service in midweek, footage of which can be viewed online through the Official Site.

HALL CHECKS IN AT MEADOW LANE

Notts County have signed exciting winger Ryan Hall on a short-term loan deal from Sky Bet Championship side Rotherham United.

Hall joined the Millers on a free transfer in the summer but has been limited to four appearances this season, the latest coming in October.

The 26-year-old is no stranger to League One, having spent the end of last term with MK Dons, and will be looking to get further game-time under his belt during his time at Meadow Lane.

He told *The Mag*: "I got a phone call on Wednesday night after telling me Notts were interested. It was a quick decision from there.

"I know Shaun Derry from my time at Crystal Palace, so I know what kind of man he is. Hopefully I can get some goals to contribute to some wins while I'm here. I'd like to think I've got good feet, so I'm hoping to impress.

"I've come here to see if I can get in the team. I'm injury free, so game-time is really important for me. If everything goes well I would love to stay for longer. I just want to be playing football!"

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For more details visit the Bench page in today's edition. Back the boys!

SPIESS KEEPS CLEAN SHEET ON DEBUT

Goalkeeper Fabien Spiess made his debut for Bristol Rovers on loan last weekend and earned his temporary employers a clean sheet in a 0-0 draw against Welling.

Meanwhile, fellow loanee Tyrell Waite also made his debut for Lincoln City against Nuneaton on Tuesday, coming off the bench for the final stages.

The club can also confirm that young duo Harry Andrews and Jeremy Balmby have been informed that they will not be offered new contracts in January.

The club would like to thank both Harry and Jeremy for their efforts during their time at Meadow Lane and wish them both well in their future careers.

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MATCHDAY MATTERS



The players celebrate last season's victory over Swindon back in April

LAST TIME AT MEADOW LANE:

It was an afternoon full of nervousness and excitement right until the final whistle when Swindon last visited in April.

Defender Alan Sheehan put Notts ahead early, but the Magpies had to wait until stoppage time before they could celebrate, after a second goal came courtesy of a breakaway from Callum McGregor.

The visitors finished with nine men after Troy Archibald-Henville and Nathan Thompson were shown their marching orders in a heated affair.

PAST PROGRAMME:

The retro design featured two of Notts' star strikers from the 1990-91 season, Dave Regis and Kevin Bartlett, with the matchday magazine costing just £1.

Inside there was a message from Chief Executive Neal Hook asking for calm after off-field unrest among supporters. Meanwhile, manager Neil Warnock singled out Don O'Riordan for special praise after his performance at Ipswich.

Fans could buy a Notts Matchwinner shellsuit for just £39.50 from the souvenir shop, while Steve Blatherwick was the focus from Mick Walker's Youth Team. Defender Richard Walker admitted he spent too much money on clothes in the Big Interview but got value for money on his sock ties-ups which he'd worn for the past eight months!

Elsewhere in the edition a fan looked into the influx of foreign players, stating foreigners were giving commentators nightmares with pronunciations!

Result: Notts 0-0 Swindon.



OPPOSITION: LAST TIME OUT

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THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

Keith Chapman introduces this afternoon's match referee.



DARREN DEADMAN
Joined Football League list: 2005

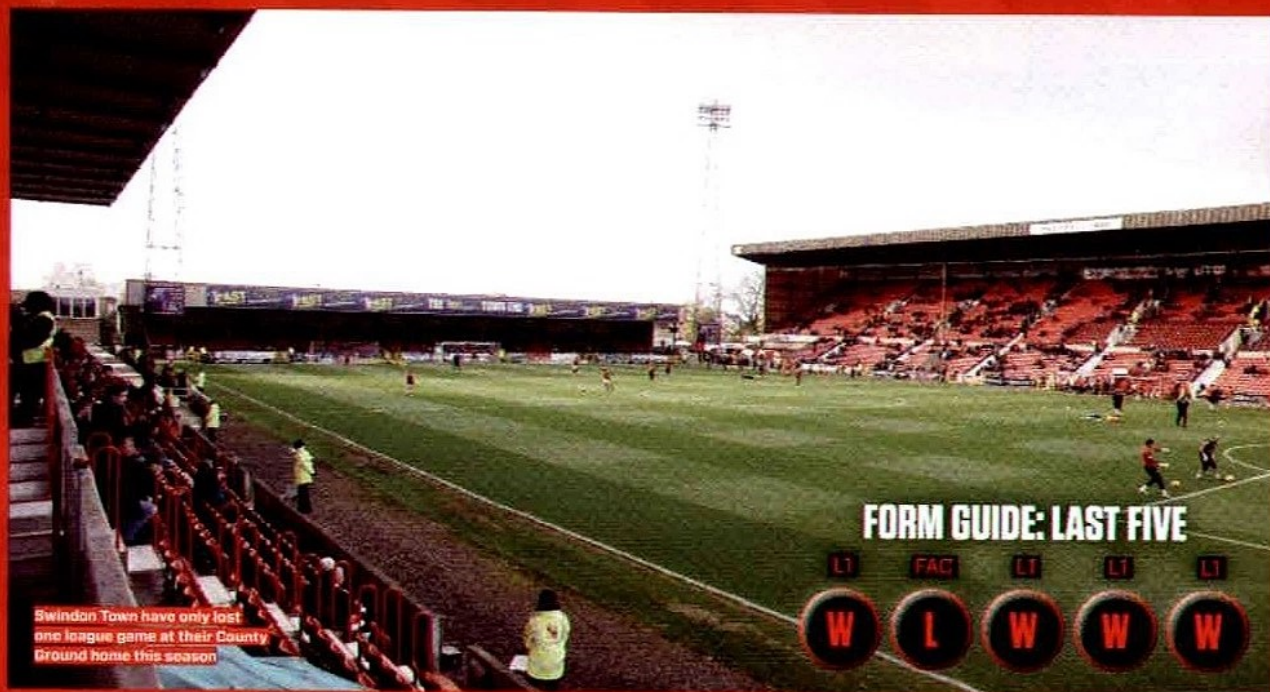
Bio: Deadman has been a Football League referee since the start of the 2005-06 season, officiating his first match between Boston United and Stockport County in August 2005.

This season (2014-15): Games: 16
■: 64 (4 per game) / ■: 5 (0.31 per game)

NOTTS COUNTY GAMES OFFICIATED:

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	■	■
18/10/13	Swindon (A)	League One	0-2	5	0
18/12/12	Rotherham (H)	FA Cup	0-3	5	1
11/8/12	Bradford City (H)	League Cup	0-1	7	0
24/1/12	Preston (H)	League One	0-0	4	0
9/10/11	Hartlepool (H)	League One	3-0	5	0

HEAD-TO-HEAD	NOTTS WINS	DRAWS	SWINDON WINS
LEAGUE	21	11	22
FA CUP	2	1	3
LEAGUE CUP	1	0	0
TOTAL	24	12	25



Swindon Town have only lost one league game at their County Ground home this season

FORM GUIDE: LAST FIVE



OPPOSITION PROFILE:

SWINDON TOWN

SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR CHIRPY ROBINS



Forget frogs, it was the Robins that were being dissected during November, as Swindon's promotion experiment was put under severe examination.

With fixtures against a trio of the division's leading six, as well as two other games versus teams in the top half, last month was always going to test their title credentials. Yet after 30 days under the microscope there was no doubting the conclusion. Town are genuine contenders.

Manager Mark Cooper masterminded a 12-point haul from five games last month, defeating promotion rivals Preston and Peterborough, seeing off a stubborn Fleetwood and becoming the first side this season to beat runaway leaders Bristol City.

Despite a 2-1 set-back at the start of the month at MK Dons, and a 5-0 FA Cup exit to Cheltenham a week later, the County Ground chief claimed the League One Manager of the Month award for the outstanding form.

Sticking to their passing mantra and a resoluteness in defence - conceding just three league goals - saw them move from 10 points behind City to just one off the division's summit. Shrewdly Cooper was quick to pour water on the individual gong, lauding the club's unity.

He told the Swindon Advertiser this week: "We've got really good staff here, from top to bottom, from the kit-men to the masseurs, to the secretary. The 11 that play, the subs that come on, the squad, the fitness coach, the physio, the assistant manager, the analyst, the coach driver - it is a real concerted effort and it's not just one person. It is a club award.

"We've won a couple of big games and we lost one big one [to MK Dons]. Apart from that, and take the FA Cup out if it, we've had a good month and if we can recreate that over the rest of the season, then it could be a decent campaign."

Sustaining such momentum will be a challenge, especially with midfield dynamos Massimo Luongo and Yaser Kasim expected to be on international duty at the Asian Cup during January. Defensive vulnerability to aerial bombardments have also been exposed on occasion. Gillingham, Oldham, Rochdale, Colchester and MK Dons have all scored twice

NUMBER CRUNCHING

4 Michael Smith has four braces this season, with doubles against Scunthorpe, Luton, Sheffield United and Colchester

2.08 Average points gained at the County Ground over the past three seasons by Swindon, the best in the division

11 different league goal scorers this season for the Robins

8th place finish in League One last season for Town

1926 Jonathan Obika's five goals in his first four games for Swindon, after signing permanently from Spurs, equalled Harry Morris's record set in 1926

1st Ben Gladwin, Jake Reeves, Anton Rodgers and Raphael Branco have all registered their first league goals this season

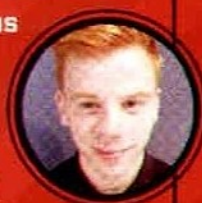
8,130 last season's average attendance figures at the County Ground were the lowest in five years

22 games was Bristol City's unbeaten run, ended by Swindon last month

3rd season running that Swindon have exited the FA Cup First Round to lower league opponents, after twice being knocked out by Conference side Macclesfield and November's 5-0 thrashing by League Two Cheltenham

BEHIND ENEMY LINES...

Swindon fan, 19-year-old Marcus Edwards, talked to The Mag about the club he supports and what he predicts will be the outcome this afternoon...



Why do you support your club?

My family are all Robins nuts so it was only natural I followed in their footsteps.

What's the best thing about supporting your club?

I always think supporting your local club is better as you can get closer to the players than if you supported a big Premier League side, where you just see your team on TV.

Favourite away day? Bristol City is always a good trip. It's not too far and we always take a large following to Ashton Gate.

Favourite player? Captain Nathan Thompson. He leads by example and his passion for the club is clear to see.

Prediction today? We're on a good run with four wins on the bounce in the league so I'm going for a narrow 2-1 win, as Meadow Lane is a tough place to come, I'll say our goals will come from Andy Williams in the first-half and a late winner from Jonathan Obika.

past them this season, with Cooper admitting having a trio of young centre-backs in his 3-5-2 formation is a "learning curve for all".

Apart from exits in all three domestic cups though the negatives have been few and far between.

Swindon's young squad, all under 24, and with the majority having Premier League upbringings - mostly from Southampton or Tottenham - have dumbfounded the critics. Many experts predicting that two years of boardroom power struggles, squad restructuring and budget cuts would finally take their toll until major investment was found.

Yet Cooper's class of 2014-15 have quickly bought into his principles and ideology. Fluency in attack, playing the percentages at the back and remaining patient to break opponents down.

It's been their well-drilled approach which has them as the division's joint second highest scorers. Sharpshooters Andy Williams and Michael Smith are both in double figures already, having been ably supplied by marauding wing-backs Nathan Byrne and Harry Toffolo, allowing the inventive Kasim, Luongo and Louis Thompson to pull the strings through the centre.

Having only not scored past Crawley and Cheltenham this season

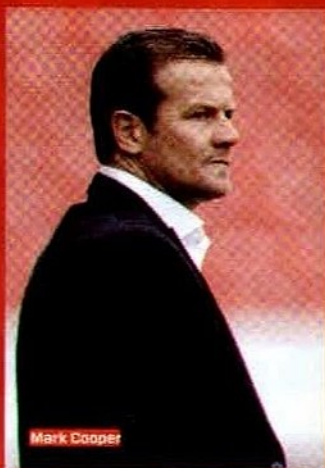
it is understandable to see why leading scorer Smith is confident Town can continue to assert themselves on the division.

"We're perfectionists, we've said that from the off," he told the Swindon Advertiser. "A few people weren't too sure but the boys are quietly confident in the changing room, and although no-one wants to mention promotion, we know what we've got in there and how far we can go."



Nathan Thompson

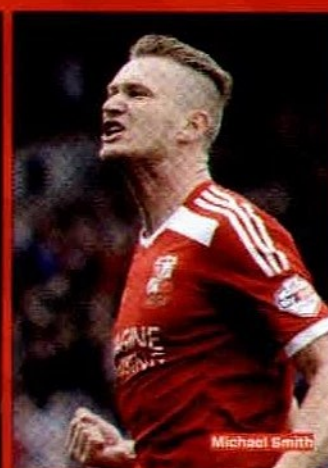
► The Robins



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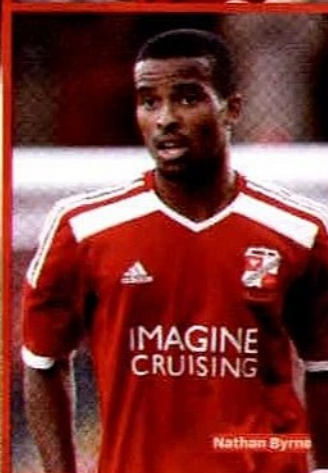
Massimo Luongo



Michael Smith



Wesley Foderingham



Nathan Byrne

SWINDON TOWN PLAYER BIGGS

NO.	NAME	POS	DOB	PREVIOUS CLUB
1	WESLEY FODERINGHAM	GK	14.01.1991	HISTON (L)
Ultra-consistent custodian named in the 2012-13 League One Team of the Year, he kept three clean sheets in November				
3	NATHAN BYRNE	RB/RWB	05.06.1992	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Comfortable anywhere across the back, the ex-Spurs trainee has scored three times on Swindon's travels this season				
4	MASSIMO LUONGO	CM	25.09.1992	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
The classy midfielder, ever-present last term after a £400,000 move from Spurs, was at the World Cup with Australia				
5	JACK STEPHENS	RB/DM	27.01.1994	SOUTHAMPTON
Borrowed for a second spell from Southampton, the England Under-19 can operate at the base of midfield if needed				
6	JORDAN TURNBULL	LB/CB	30.10.1994	SOUTHAMPTON
Imposing Wiltshire-born defender on a season-long loan from Southampton, he's one of only two ever-presents this term				
7	BEN GLADWIN	CM	08.06.1992	MARLOW FC
A first League goal against Fleetwood left Cooper stating the non-league nomad had "the ability to become a top player"				
9	MICHAEL SMITH	STR	17.10.1991	CHARLTON ATHLETIC
The towering Geordie struck 18 times last season, 10 for AFC Wimbledon, but is on course for a PB with 12 before December				
12	AMARI BELL	LB	05.05.1994	MANFIELD TOWN (L)
A September loanee from Birmingham, the tenacious defender had spells with Kidderminster and Mansfield in 2014				
14	JAKE REEVES	CM	30.05.1993	BRENTFORD
Played 20 times as Brentford reached the Championship, but the summer recruit scored a first league goal in September				
15	HARRY TOFFOLO	LB/LWB	19.08.1995	NORWICH CITY
An FA Youth Cup winner with Norwich, the England Under-19 has operated in a wing-back role while on loan				

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

2 NATHAN THOMPSON

Position: RB/CB
DOB: 09.11.1990
Last Club: -

All that is missing is the superhero cape and tights from Swindon's talismanic captain.

The club's two-time Player of the Year is a firm fans' favourite at the County Ground due to his ceaseless endeavour, uncompromising approach and inspirational leadership.

If there was a gripe it would be that the Academy graduate is too familiar with officials. Sent-off at Meadow Lane last April, the one-club man has been red three times this season.

However, having returned from a right ankle ligament injury this month, Cooper has hailed his captain's contribution. "He epitomises everything we do," he told BBC Radio Wiltshire.

GULF IN CLASS

8 YASER KASIM

Position: CM
DOB: 16.05.1991
Last Club: Macclesfield (L)

A first international goal last month for the classy midfield anchor further underlined Yaser Kasim's growing reputation.

The ex-Tottenham and Brighton youth was on target for Iraq in their 1-1 Gulf Cup clash with Oman a fortnight ago, gaining a third cap for his country, but is proving just as influential in Wiltshire.

Following loans at Macclesfield and Luton from the Amex Stadium during 2013, the Baghdad-born midfielder came of age last year in making 45 outings for Swindon.

His composed displays have made him one of the first names on Mark Cooper's team sheet this term, as well as contributing three goals.

HEADLINE

10 ANDY WILLIAMS

Position: STR
DOB: 14.08.1986
Last Club: Yeovil Town (L)

Last season the 6ft 2ins targetman was at a low ebb. Out of favour at the County Ground, he was sent on a season-long loan to Yeovil only to play just nine times in the Glovers' relegation battle in the Championship after sustaining a cruciate injury in October to see his campaign come to an abrupt end.

This term has been like chalk and cheese for the former Hereford and Bristol Rovers hot-shot.

Back in the fray in Wiltshire the imposing striker has rediscovered his shooting boots, hitting double figures for the Robins before December. His winner against Peterborough last month saw him claim the PFA Fans' Player of the Month gong for November.

DUG-OUT WATCH

MARK COOPER

Joined: July 2013
DOB: 18.12.1968
Last Club: Darlington

A disastrous four months and 13 games in charge of Peterborough has been a stick to beat the 45-year-old Swindon boss with ever since.

Yet after winning the FA Trophy with Darlington in 2011, and guiding the Robins to eighth place last season in League One against a backdrop of boardroom uncertainty and dwindling resources, last month went some way to reaffirming his reputation as one of the lower league's brightest bosses.

November's Manager of the Month award saw Town up to second. His pack of cannily-assembled youngsters beginning to realise their potential as a collective under Cooper's blend of free-flowing attacking football.

SWINDON TOWN PLAYER BIGGS

NO.	NAME	POS	DOB	PREVIOUS CLUB
16	CONNOR WALDON	STR	13.02.1995	TAMWORTH (L)
Lent to Gloucester and Tamworth during 2014, the homegrown sharpshooter has gained four first-team outings this term				
19	LOUIS THOMPSON	CM	19.12.1994	NORWICH CITY
Lauded by Cooper for his "pride, passion and desire", the Wales Under-19 is back on loan after a summer switch to Norwich				
20	JONATHAN OBIKA	STR	12.09.1990	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Enjoyed a record-equalling start to life in SNI - five goals in four games - after ending six years at Spurs and seven loans				
22	DARREN WARD	CB	13.09.1978	MILLWALL
Evergreen centre-back with over 480 league games for seven employers, he made 45 outings in 2013-14				
23	JACK BARTHAM	CB	13.10.1993	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Another off Spurs' production line, the centre-back inked an extended summer deal but has not featured since October				
24	CURTIS DA COSTA	CB	13.09.1995	-
Second Year scholar who was handed his first professional deal in April, but is still awaiting a senior bow				
25	TYRELL BELFORD	GK	06.05.1994	LIVERPOOL
Understudy gloveman, once with Liverpool, the England Youth has not had a clean sheet in 11 Swindon outings				
26	ANTON RODGERS	CM	26.01.1993	OLDHAM ATHLETIC
The former Chelsea and Brighton youth, son of Liverpool manager Brendan, hit his first league goal in October				
29	RAPHAEL ROSSI BRANCO	CB	25.07.1990	WHITEHAWK FC
Brazilian centre-back, once of Brighton, he returned last month from a groin injury to inspire victory over Bristol City				
31	WILL RANDALL	CM	02.05.1997	-
Local lad who made his senior bow last May, a day after his 17th birthday, he featured against Crawley in August				

MATCH ACTION: IN PICTURES



NOTTS COUNTY YEovil TOWN

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A late double from Jordan Clarke saw ten-man Notts County lose out 2-1 at Meadow Lane against struggling Yeovil, despite a tireless display.

Michael Petrasso put the hosts ahead midway through the first-half, rounding Jed Steer in the Yeovil goal after pouncing on a poor backpass.

However, the game turned on its head after Gary Jones's controversial sending off, after it appeared the Notts midfielder had won the ball. The Magpies were left to play the remaining hour with a man short which allowed the Glovers to score from two headers from Clarke, the second going in off the post.

The ten men piled the pressure late on to find an equaliser, but couldn't get that all important goal as they suffered a second November home defeat.



Stephen McLaughlin fires a shot towards the Glovers' goal



Gary Jones is consoled after receiving his shock red card

INSIDE VIEW:

Michael Petrasso @petrasso20

Disappointed about the result but nice to get a goal #Notts

Liam Noble @liamnoble1981

@JakeCassidy welcome back bro, great shift today x

YOUR VIEW:

David Hindley @drdavehindley

Tremendous afternoon down the Lane celebrating 25 years of @NottsCountyFITC. Immensely proud to be a Trustee

Jason Knight @jknotttingham

I thought @TMckenzie was outstanding for @Official_NCFC when he came on

Jake Cassidy told Magpie Player:

“Personally I was delighted to be back after six weeks out. I got 30 minutes on Tuesday away at Accrington, so to start was great and I think I needed it. We've got to stay switched on. Those lapses of concentration have cost us against Yeovil. It's disappointing. Free headers and poor defending on our part. We pressed high, forced the mistake and it's a shame we didn't hang on”

SHEFFIELD UNITED
NOTTS COUNTY

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Notts County earned a hard-fought point away at Sheffield United in front of their biggest crowd of the season.

Mike Edwards's first goal in two-and-a-half years put the Magpies ahead midway through the first-half, tapping in from close range after a fantastic backpost corner from Gary Jones.

Stephen McLaughlin had an excellent chance to put Notts further ahead, but was closed down well as his shot deflected wide.

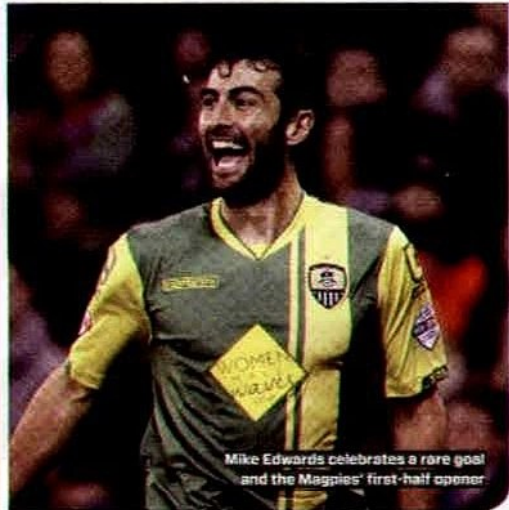
Yet with 15 minutes to go the Blades equalised as Jamie Murphy headed beyond Roy Carroll. The home side continued to apply the pressure but Notts held on for an excellent away point.



Garry Thompson takes on Sheffield United full-back Robert Harris



Michael Petrasso unleashes a shot under heavy pressure



Mike Edwards celebrates a rare goal and the Magpies' first-half opener



Stephen McLaughlin curls a shot goalwards despite the efforts of Blades defender Jay McEvieley

INSIDE VIEW:

Mike Edwards @MikeEdwards28

Thanks for the messages. It has been a while since I was last on the scoresheet. Great effort from the boys tonight and great support again from our fans #notts

Aileen Trew @poundpie

Epic journey, great away point, superb away following, proud of the lads! #COYP

YOUR VIEW:

Sid Vicious @NOTTSRULE

Well done everyone of you! Proud to be a Magpie 🍷 Official_NCFC #COYP

Jeremy Putman @Jezza_NCFC

Great draw for Notts away at Sheffield United, even better to see Mike Edwards score! #legend #nottscounty @Official_NCFC @MikeEdwards28

Bhaun Derry told Magpie Player:

“This is a major football club, not just in League One, but in the Championship, so to come here and keep it at 1-1 is an unbelievable result for us. I could be here for hours saying what they've got and what we haven't but what we had tonight was spirit, absolute spirit in abundance”

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DONCASTER ROVERS NOTTS COUNTY

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Notts County booked their place in the Northern Area Semi-final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy after a slender victory at Doncaster Rovers.

A Liam Noble strike midway through the second-half sealed the win, meaning Notts will now meet Preston North End on Tuesday.

It was a game of few chances with Kyle Bennett having the best opening of the first-half for the home side, curling a free-kick narrowly wide of Roy Carroll's goal.

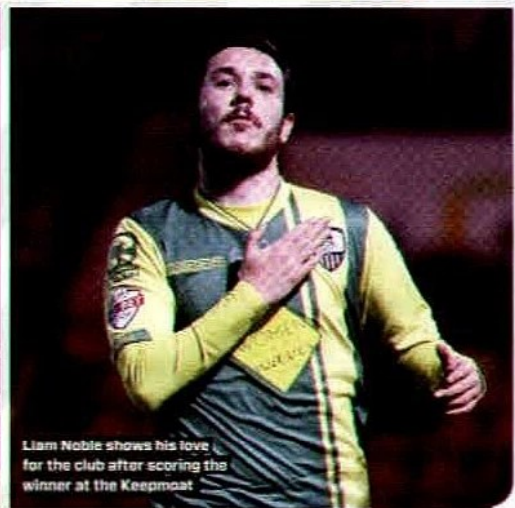
Yet it was a long-range strike from Noble that was enough to settle the tie, his first goal since August, as his powerful drive flew beyond Rovers custodian Sam Johnstone to give the Magpies the win and to maintain their journey on the road to Wembley.



On-loan striker Jake Cassidy holds the ball up



Michael Petrasso jinks past another defender on route to goal



Liam Noble shows his love for the club after scoring the winner at the Keepmoat



Hyacin Munn and Alan Smith are all smiles after Notts reach the 2011 semi-finals

INSIDE VIEW:

Jake Cassidy @JakeCassidy

Yes get in there! Fantastic from the lads, work rate was brilliant like always! @liamnoble1991 legend pal, thanks for the support

Liam Noble @liamnoble1991

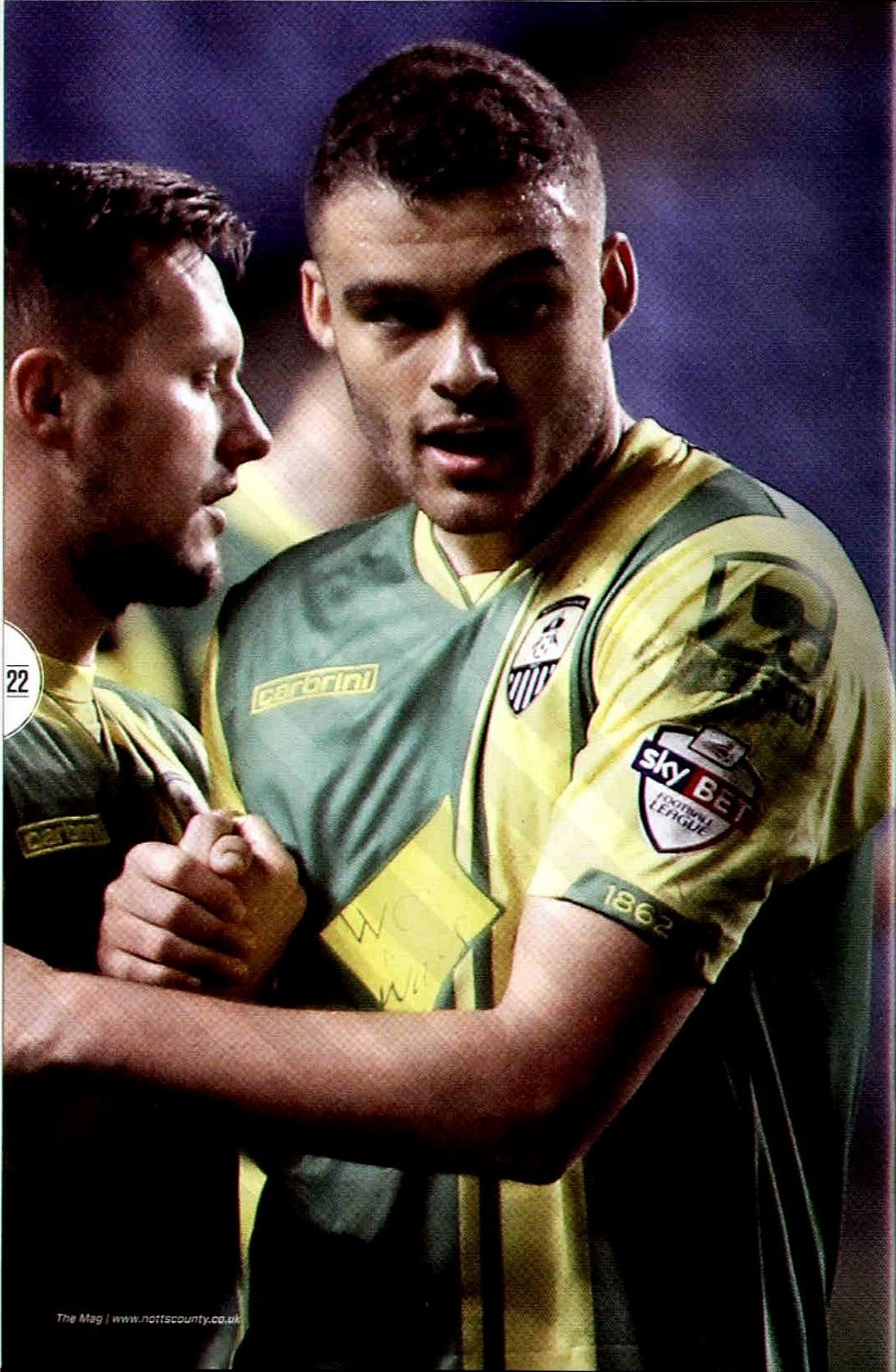
Wow thanks for all the tweets but what a team we have! What a great bunch of lads! On to Saturday now! #NOTTS

YOUR VIEW:

Kim Williams @KimThePanther

Another fun night watching @Official_NCFC! Remember when we went about 10 years without winning a game in this competition?

Mick Capindale: Brilliant result, proud of the team and fans. Thanks



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► Taylor McKenzie

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Centre-back **Taylor McKenzie** is delighted to have been given a chance to impress ahead of the festive schedule and hopes his performances can force him into the starting XI on a regular basis. He told The Mag's Editor **Ralph Shepherd** his aims for the rest of the season, his debut nerves and how impressed he has been with his young team-mates ...

It must have felt like the end of the world in the summer for Taylor McKenzie as he was given news that Sheffield Wednesday weren't going to offer him a contract. There can't be many worse feelings in the game.

McKenzie was shown the exit at Hillsborough, but insists he has no regrets about his time with the Owls and believes their decision has galvanised him into the person he is today.

Since that career nadir the determined defender has gone onto make his professional debut, coming on for captain Hayden Mullins against Accrington Stanley in November. His progression to the first-team squad at Meadow Lane is something he's taken all in his stride.

He told The Mag: "I was disappointed to leave Sheffield Wednesday. I was going on trips and getting in the squads, so when I was told I was to be released I was gutted. I thought at the time I could have got a new deal, but manager Stuart Gray wanted to go a different way... but look at me now!

"I've played a few first-team games and made my debut so it has worked out perfectly. I've certainly got no regrets. Without moving on I might still be sat twiddling my thumbs in Sheffield. I'm now heavily involved with Notts' plans and it's up to me to ensure I'm still involved."

The 20-year-old arrived in the summer and had to wait patiently for his first-team chance with the arrivals of Louis Laing and Mike Edwards.

McKenzie gained his first League start at Coventry before further outings against Accrington and Yeovil. Understandably he's proud to have played his part in a defence that is still one of the best in the division, conceding just 17 goals in 18 matches. A feat even more impressive when you consider the tender years of many of his defensive colleagues.

He added: "There are a lot of younger lads at the back, myself included, and the manager has given us a lot of confidence by playing us all. We are all getting chucked in at the deep end. Curtis,



FANS' QUESTIONS:

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f **Rowan Pass: Do you have lots more confidence after your impressive debut?** I definitely have more confidence. To get the debut out of the way has taken a lot off my shoulders. It was great to show everyone that I can actually do it and it came naturally.

📺 **Beastybearne: Best ever game you watched on TV when you were young?** Liverpool in the 2005 Champions League Final. I'm a big Reds fan, so no other game comes close. I turned it off when it was 3-0 down at half-time, but switched it back on just as Steven Gerrard scored that header. Best game ever!

📺 **Issie_mc: Best football experience so far?** Making my debut. Nothing has topped that yet.

f **James Edwards: What ranks highest for you? Signing your first ever professional contract at Wednesday or making your full debut against Accrington?** Ohh... good question. I think the debut. Playing football is what it's all about. I just want to kick on now.

f **Joe Dodge-Taylor: What is it like playing under Shaun Derry?** It's great. He's got great man-management skills, so you know exactly what he wants from you and we are pulling together to keep us up the table.

🐦 **G-McKenzie @ItisNotCricket: Who are the best players you have played against? (excluding me obviously!)** This is obviously a relation of mine, my uncle I think. When I was playing for Norwich, I faced Arsenal reserves with the likes of Yossi Benayoun, Andrey Arshavin and Marouane Chamakh. That was an experience. We got popped off the park that day.

📺 **Fspiess23: Why have you changed since you made your first appearance?** I haven't changed at all. I don't know what he's talking about... he's changed if anything.

f **Pete Burrows: What is it like being a player walking out onto the pitch in front of the home support?** Well to play in front of 7,000 against Yeovil was great. That's certainly the loudest I've heard it here. It gives you so much extra when you hear the fans, it means a lot and gives you that extra bit to push on.

📺 **Kyledixon: Does it still haunt you that Scholesy beat you and scored more goals than you on FIFA?** He's winning on goal difference, we are even on games. I'm up there. Scholesy is a close second, but I'm the best.

📺 **Blair_adams: Why do you think you're from Sheffield?** Worst question ever. My missus is from Sheffield. I like to go out there but he's just trying to wind me up.

► The big interview

Jordan and Hayden are all doing really well. It's good to see that faith being installed in us.

"To come on after Hayden Mullins's injury was a nerve-wracking way to make your debut. I just had to get my head right and focus and wait for my first touch. I'd been waiting a while for the moment, but I think I did a good job.

We got a clean sheet against Stanley in that FA Cup First Round, so overall I was delighted.

"I've played four times now and I'm happy with my performances. It's great to hear that the fans are impressed with what

they've seen too, judging by Twitter comments, so I'd like to thank them for that.

"I'm performing for them, we all are, and hopefully I can get more games under my belt over the hectic festive period. I'm on a two-year contract, so I know I have to wait and bide my time. We have a lot of players in my position, both Hayden Mullins and Hayden Hollis have captained the side and are so influential. They finished last season together in central defence very well. Obviously Louis has come in and done fantastically, and Edwards got himself on the scoresheet at Sheffield United.

"They are all great players and we all know if one comes out, another can slot straight in. My aim is to give solid performances when called upon."

The London-born defender previously came through the ranks at Tottenham and Norwich, before making the move to the Steel City. He admits it was the experience he gained out on loan in the non-league that helped him in the long-run.

He added: "I spent time at Gainsborough Trinity, playing against men where you are putting bodies on the line and that's stood me in good stead for games here. We had to do the same against Coventry last month. It was a good experience and made me grow up a lot.

"I moved into Nottingham and I love the city. Living with Jordan Cranston is interesting. He's a messy geezer. He doesn't do many chores, so that's something I need to sort! But I've settled in really well. All the lads are great, they make you feel so welcome."

Today's visit of high-flying Swindon is the start of the Christmas run and lots of opportunities for McKenzie. He said: "I'm sure there will be those niggly injuries at this time of year, and a bit of squad rotation with a high level of matches, so I will be looking to put myself in the reckoning. It's my first chance to be involved in a Christmas schedule, so it's exciting, it's something new. I've never been away from home for Christmas before, but I'm sure I will cope. Bring it on."

"My aim is to give solid performances when called upon. Hopefully that will be more often than not, I will be ready and prepared if and when I get the nod again"

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS:

Quietest player? It's a close one between Michael Petrasso and Muzzy, but I think Michael just edges him.

He's rapid. Quickest I've ever seen.

Least intelligent? I think we all know what my answer is going to be. Liam Noble. Not the brightest brain, but he makes us laugh. There is a ridiculous amount of stupidity he comes out with.

Worst haircut? Noble again. It's just an army haircut. Just shaved.

He needs to grow it out and do something with it, gel it maybe?

Three things you put in your bag in away games? Definitely a magazine or a newspaper, just a tabloid, to keep me entertained. Headphones as I've got to listen to some music on the bus. I listen to RnB and Indie mostly, as well as a bit of Mumford and Sons. And lastly, if it's a long trip, the laptop Football Manager. I'm Notts and have got us up to 8th in my first season.

Easiest players to wind up? Spiess.

He just nibbles at everything.

You don't even need to try.



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MAGPIE MEMORIES



BBC Radio Nottingham commentator, the voice of Notts County, **Colin Slater**, takes a walk down memory lane...

This is a very special day at Meadow Lane and not just for the families of Don Mason and the late John Mounteney, as both men are deservedly installed into the club's Hall of Fame. It's special, too, for every single person who belongs to the family that is Notts County.

In their different roles Don, as player and captain, and John, as long-serving vice-chairman of the board of directors, have been giant figures in the Magpies' history around the past quarter of a century.

In September 1968, when Notts were struggling badly in the old Fourth Division, Don arrived from Middlesbrough with no fanfare and no great expectations on the part of Notts supporters. But everybody soon realised that here was a player of exceptional talent.

There remains in existence an historic picture taken on May Day 1971. It shows Don leading out the Notts team as Exeter City formed a Guard of Honour to salute the winning of the Fourth Division championship.

It was the first of three occasions Don skipped Notts to promotion - a unique record.

Two years later Notts were on the rise again, getting back into the Second Division after an absence of 15 years, a more significant promotion bringing the exciting prospect of several big clubs - and, above all, Forest - visiting Meadow Lane.



Honourary Lifetime Vice President John Mounteney awards Colin Slater with a commemorative plaque as a mark of his service to the club.

It was in the first season back at the second-tier, 1973-74, that Don produced a stunning performance that, for me, was among his finest ever. At Sunderland's old Roker Park on New Year's Day Don controlled the midfield and capped it by scoring both Notts goals in a 2-1 victory.

Yes, there were other great days from the man described by Jimmy Sirrel as "a jewel", yet there's a sense in which he had to leave Notts for his true greatness to be generally acknowledged.

It must never be overlooked that in 1975-76, when he moved on to Queens Park Rangers, Don helped them to within two points of winning the First Division title. Liverpool pipped them with 60 points with QPR on 59.

Don had a short time with Derby County before returning to Notts for a second spell and figuring in 36 of the 1980-81 matches that finished with promotion to the top-flight. It's ironic that injury forced him out of the clinching win at Chelsea, but he'd already played his part.

John saw most of Don's appearances, not because he was a director for much of the time. As I wrote at the time of his passing, John was essentially a fan who cared deeply about the club he supported from 1946.

I asked then 'Have Notts ever had a greater or more devoted friend?'

Nobody has responded for one reason. The only answer is no.

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A VIEW FROM THE PRESSBOX

Nottingham Post's Meadow Lane correspondent **Leigh Curtis** gives us his views from the pressbox during the 2014-15 campaign...

Today, the late John Mounteney and Don Masson, two Notts legends, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in what is set to be a memorable occasion for both families.

When you look back at their contribution to this most wonderful of football clubs, they are more than worthy of their place alongside the likes of Jimmy Sirral and Tommy Lawton. Both contributed so much to the club both on and off the pitch and their work, allied to their achievements, course through this club's DNA.

Sadly, Mounteney is no longer with us after passing away earlier this year, but it just shows

"It's safe to say modern-day players and directors could learn from them what it truly means to care about your team and the community they represent"

how highly regarded he was by everybody at Meadow Lane that he has been honored in this fashion.

Described by some as the club's own guardian angel he always offered reassurance and safety in times of crisis. He was always incredibly polite and courteous to me, and I will never forget our first meeting ahead of the Sheffield United game last January. He thrust me his card and said whenever I needed any help, I could call him at any time.

To someone new on the beat and perhaps a little anxious, I knew from his warm welcome he was a very special man, whose love of the Magpies was unrivalled.

While Mounteney contributed immensely to the club off the pitch, Masson was a gladiator and a leader of men on it.

He captained Notts to three promotions, scoring 96 goals in the process, to make himself one of the club's most successful players.

What he achieved on the pitch in black and white stripes was truly phenomenal, at a time when the game was played by real men, and not by some of today's lot who can sprain an ankle by tripping over a daisy.

I guess it is merely another reminder that football in today's world is not like it used to be. Masson and Mounteney were motivated only by the love of their football club. It's safe to say modern-day players and directors could learn from them what it truly means to care about your team and the community they represent.

Enjoy the game.



The club will induct the late John Mounteney into the Hall of Fame this afternoon



HALL OF FAME

The club will be inducting club legends **Don Masson** and **John Mounteney** into the Notts County Hall of Fame ahead of kick-off this afternoon. Former midfielder Masson will be in attendance at Meadow Lane, while Honorary Lifetime Vice-President Mounteney, who tragically passed away earlier this year, will be represented by his family for the special presentation.

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FULLY DESERVED RECOGNITION TO OUR GREATEST SUPPORTER

John Mounteney devoted a large part of his life to the club and Notts owe him an incredible debt of gratitude. Having served as long-term Vice-Chairman and contributed so much over the years, it was testament to his legacy at Meadow Lane how hard the club felt his passing back in August.

It felt right to honour his success and thank him for his years of support by inducting him into the Hall of Fame this afternoon.

John stood on the old Spion Kop watching his heroes in the 1940s, including Jackie Sewell and Tommy Lawton. Today he will join them in the Hall of Fame.

The enthusiastic fan and friend of the club realised his dreams by being appointed onto the club's board of directors in 1980. He was in charge of day-to-day decisions as Vice-Chairman, while Chairman Jack Dunnett was in London and served the club in that role for 24 years.

Nottingham-born Mounteney was on the board in two of the greatest spells in the



club's history. He was a close friend with Don Masson as Notts secured promotion in 1981 and was also pivotal to the Magpies' success in the early 1990s under Neil Warnock.

Along with the highs, he was instrumental in ensuring Notts didn't go out of business on a number of occasions. A true gentleman and forever loyal to the club, he is still sadly missed at Meadow Lane.



ONE OF THE GREATEST TO EVER PLAY FOR THE CLUB

Don Masson's performances on the pitch in black and white stripes were truly outstanding.

His enviable career record saw him captain Notts County to three promotions, make more than 440 appearances for the club over two spells and score 96 goals, including 23 during the 1969-70 campaign.

'Masson the Magnificent' arrived in Nottingham from Middlesbrough in 1968, signing alongside Bob Worthington for a bargain price of just £7,000.

He was quickly made captain by interim manager Jack Wheeler as Notts sat a lowly 90th out of the entire Football League at that time. That would soon change thanks to the Scottish international's influence.

Masson scored on his debut and didn't stop, being the catalyst and inspiration in firing Notts up the leagues. A fully focussed midfielder, he was the key component to Jimmy Sirrel's golden era.

More than 20,000 supporters flocked to watch the new brand of football emerging at Meadow Lane. Masson experienced two promotions in the East Midlands before moving to QPR and Derby County. He returned to the Magpies for his second spell to lead the club to the top-flight.

Needless to say Masson is held in the highest esteem at Meadow Lane, where he is still a regular visitor. 'The Don' has a suite named in his honour at the stadium, as well as an annual youth football competition and always tops the polls when supporters are asked for their best ever Notts player.

We are delighted to welcome the true Magpies legend back to the stadium today, so he can rightly take his place in the club's Hall of Fame.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

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A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS: PAUL HART

The Mag sat down with temporary Academy Manager **Paul Hart** to talk about his short spell at the County Ground, how he is enjoying life back at Meadow Lane and his hopes to unearth the next Mark Draper and Tommy Johnson...

I had a very short spell at Swindon and, sadly, it wasn't successful. The memories I have from my time in Wiltshire aren't good ones. I arrived with the team and club struggling both on and off the pitch. They were very much relegation material and it wasn't easy to turn it around, which was proven.

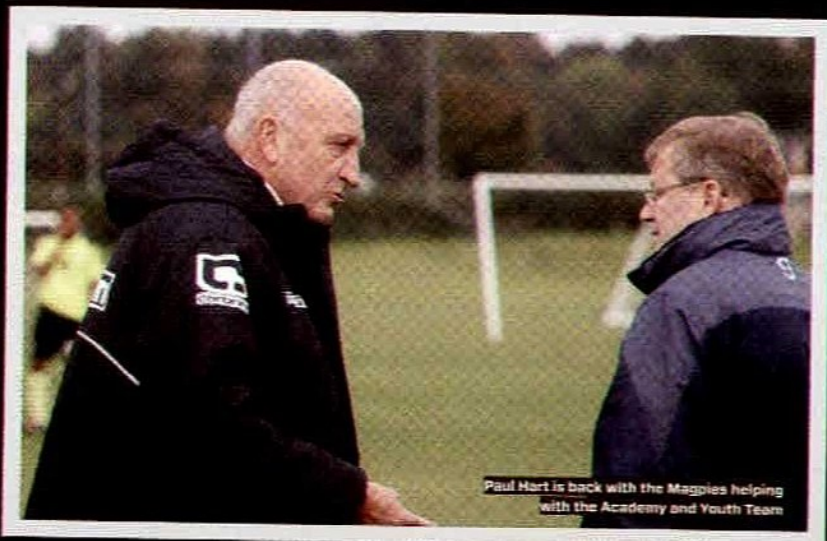
There was a lot of turmoil and discontented people there and it was difficult. It was hugely disappointing not to keep that team up though and I left by the end of the season. Don't get me wrong, it's a great club, but ultimately it was a difficult situation for me.

Looking at the table now it's great to see both Notts and the Rabbits competing at the right end of the table. We've both had fantastic starts and we will be looking to carry on our form throughout a busy Christmas schedule.

Here at Notts we have a terrific manager who is doing unbelievable things, on not the biggest of budgets, compared to our rivals.

Shortly after I left Swindon a lot of money was invested in the team and they are rightly up there this term, with Mark Cooper deservedly winning Manager of the Month for November. It's sure to be a cracker today.

Christmas is always an important time for clubs. Going



Paul Hart is back with the Magpies helping with the Academy and Youth Team

into any game at this stage of the season, it's important. We will be looking to maintain our form and come through this period still in touch with the pacesetters and that will give us a great chance to push on.

I've settled in brilliantly. I love it here. I'm thoroughly enjoying it, but I'm still not sure how long I will be here as it is still temporary. There is a great spirit around the place from the first-team down and I, of course, have great respect for the manager and his assistant and they deserve a great deal of credit.

The Youth Team are doing well too, but there is a long way to go in terms of getting these guys in the first-team, but certainly there are signs that players in the current set-up are taking on

board instructions and hopefully they will progress.

I've worked closely with various age groups and had a good look at them all. We've got players that have impressed me.

I finished my career at Notts after breaking my leg. I only played around 20 games or so, but my fondest memory was my time as Player/Coach and we were driving up with the reserve team to various places such as Hartlepool in the week.

We had two kids back then, Mark Draper and Tommy Johnson, I remember them as young boys progressing. Our hope is that we can find the next Tommy and Drapes. That's our aim, but only time will tell. That's what Notts should be looking to find and I'm sure we will.

Show your true colours



📍 Congratulations to these newly weds, Neil Ward told The Mag: "Had to share this picture with you. Just returned from honeymoon with my wife Siobhan, which concluded in Vegas via Los Angeles. I was obviously representing the 'Pies!'"



📍 Ahoy there! The Page family spread the Magpie message from the pirates village hotel, Santa Ponsa, Majorca.

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MAGPIE INBOX

This season we want your photos, drawings, poems, memorabilia and stories!
Simply e-mail media@nottscountyfc.co.uk and let us know...



📍 Five-year-old Lacey Odell Taylor was thrilled to meet Mr and Mrs Magpie at the Accrington Stanley match, after being taken by her daddy Scott Odell.



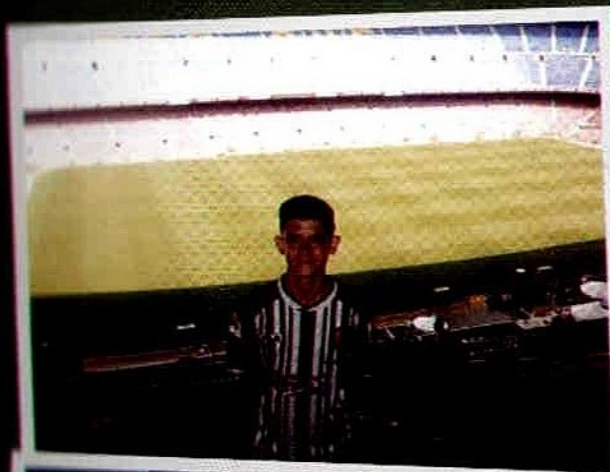
📍 Here are three generations of Notts fans at Meadow Lane to watch the Pies against Walsall, grandad Chris, dad Matt and grandson Daniel Curtis, aged three.



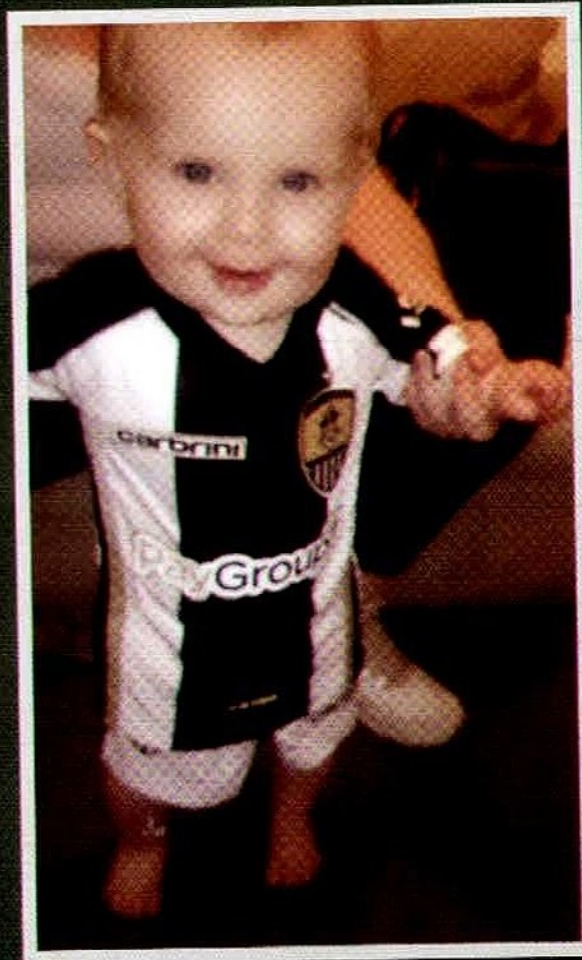
Many happy returns to Joshua Marriott, who is pictured on his eighth birthday party with his Notts cake. The season ticket holder will be at today's game with dad Paul.



Faraway fan John Smalley from the Philippines has been in touch, saying: "We had a sportswear-themed day in the office, and, obviously my wife Sheryl and I have had our colours on!"



Kop season ticket holder Thomas Wells proudly wears his Magpie colours on a trip to the Nou Camp last summer, before showing off the new shirt in Lanzarote with dad Paul in August.



How cute does Christopher look in his new Notts kit!? He will be celebrating his first birthday in January!

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW LANE



Name: Rev Liam O'Boyle
Job title: Notts County Club Chaplain

How long have you been in the role? I'm about to celebrate my second anniversary at the club which comes against Sheffield United on 3rd January here at Meadow Lane - by a quirk of fate exactly the same fixture I started with two years ago.

How did you get the job as club chaplain? Mark (Tanner) the previous Chaplain had done a brilliant job here. After conversations with our Bishop, I was invited for an interview with Jim Rodwell, the Chief Executive, who is really positive and supportive of the role of Chaplains and fortunately I was offered the post.

For me, becoming a football chaplain is a dream job really as I'm able to combine my love for football with my love for God.

What does your role entail? My role is very much about offering pastoral care, support and friendship to everyone at the football club, regardless of whether someone has faith or not. Chaplains are there for everyone: for players and their families, for directors and staff, to former players and fans.

We're not 'bible bashers', although to be fair if I've got my dog collar on I can always clear a path to the bar and get a drink quickly, so it has its perks!

More often than not, my role is about catching up at the training ground, then at Meadow Lane, and on matchdays my role can vary depending on what's going on and if I'm needed in a specific role. I've lost count of the number of times fans say to me - "Keep praying Rev... we need lots more... The Boss/Him upstairs not listening to you



Rev... you need to sprinkle more holy water on that pitch Rev!" That might come sooner rather than later as I'm doing a baptism here at Meadow Lane in the New Year! I'm still waiting for my first wedding here though.

You recently spent an evening in Nottingham on the streets, can you explain what that was in aid of? Along with 200 other people we took part as a family in Framework's 'The Big Sleep Out' in Sneinton Market because we wanted to help raise money and awareness to support increasing numbers of local homeless people in our city.

One of my roles in the church is to help run a temporary project called 'Nottingham Winter Shelter' and I work closely with Framework. It's fair to say that I didn't have much sleep on 'The Big Sleep Out' but our thermals and hot drinks did the job!

It was a brilliant atmosphere on the evening, we met some great people and raised £30,000 for Framework on the night. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

What's been your highlight working for the club?

Remembrance Sunday when it was an honour to walk onto the pitch with former soldiers and heroes Ralph McClure, Stewart Hill and Dean Cumberpatch to hold a minute's silence.

Best thing about working at Notts? The people - all of them! Directors, playing and non-playing staff, stadium staff, former players and fans.

Not only are we the oldest Football League club, we're the friendliest - I'm always struck by the amount of people in Nottingham who describe us as a family club - that's not something people say lightly.

Christmas is coming, have you got a message to Notts fans?

Have a fantastic time, pretend you like every gift you're given and remember you only have to eat Brussel sprouts once a year!

Have a happy, joyful and holy Christmas and don't forget everybody needs a Boxing Day walk, so set off in the direction of Meadow Lane where we take on MK Dons at 3pm.

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Football in the Community's BTEC courses in sport provide the opportunity to develop knowledge in a wide range of sports-related topics, as well as giving participants A-level equivalency for when applying to university.

Football in the Community's Motivate programme has been running for three years and provides a great weight-management programme for men. If you're looking to watch your weight this Christmas, Craig Stewart from the Motivate team has put together some great tips on how to enjoy the festive season by making smart food choices. If you find you've overindulged during the holidays sign up to the Motivate programme to help you burn off the Christmas pud. Call 0115 905 5896.

When it comes to snacks and treats, temptation is all around us at Christmas. Below are some healthier options. If you're hosting your own party, make the traditional favourites less calorie heavy with these following tips:

- ✦ *Make open-top mince pies. Using less pastry cuts down on calories and fat. Alternatively, use filo pastry, which is thinner and lower in calories than traditional pastry. One sheet of puff pastry has 620kcal, and two sheets of filo have 80kcal. Add finely chopped apple to the mincemeat to make it fluffier and slightly lower in calories.*
- ✦ *Don't wrap sausages in bacon or pastry. Grill, dry fry or bake them on a wire rack so that the fat drains off.*
- ✦ *Don't have dips made with cream or cream cheese. Choose tomato-based dips, such as salsa, or mix some chopped herbs into low-fat yoghurt.*
- ✦ *Serve rice cakes, oatcakes or plain popcorn with drinks, instead of crisps and salted nuts.*
- ✦ *Some seasonal favourites do make healthy festive snacks. Satsumas are high in vitamin C, and roast chestnuts are low in fat.*

SNACK OFFENDERS

If you're at a party at a friend's house, you sometimes can't avoid picking up nibbles. Below, the British Nutrition Foundation's snack swaps lists some unhealthy snacks and their healthier alternatives.

PASTRY

Stop: mini pastry tartlet (45kcal, 3.2g fat).

Swap: mini filo tartlet (30kcal, 1.5g fat).

CHICKEN

Stop: breaded chicken bite (40kcal, 2g fat).

Swap: marinated chicken bite (29kcal, 0.8g fat).

SALMON

Stop: salmon and cream cheese bite (30kcal, 2.5g fat).

Swap: salmon sushi bite (28kcal, trace fat).

ONION BHAJI

Stop: mini bhaji (64kcal, 2.8g fat).

Swap: mini satay stick (34kcal, 1.6g fat).

PRAWNS

Stop: prawn toast (53kcal, 4.1g fat).

Swap: prawn wonton (35kcal, 2.3g fat).

CRISPS

Stop: 30g handful of ready salted crisps (155kcal, 9.7g fat).

Swap: 30g handful of tortilla chips (147kcal, 7.3g fat).

PEANUTS

Stop: 30g handful of salted peanuts (184kcal, 15.7g fat).

Swap: 30g handful of pretzels (114kcal, 0.8g fat).

CHEESE STRAWS

Stop: two cheese straws (100kcal, 6.4g fat).

Swap: one large breadstick (25kcal, 0.4g fat).

TRIFLE

Stop: 100g luxury sherry trifle (235kcal, 17.5g fat).

Swap: 100g satsumas in 15ml brandy (69kcal, trace fat).

BUCK'S FIZZ

Stop: 175ml glass of pre-mixed Buck's fizz (106kcal, 0g fat).

Swap: 175ml glass of white wine spritzer, with 2:1 wine and soda water (75kcal, 0g fat).

RED WINE

Stop: 175ml glass of red wine (119kcal, 0g fat).

Swap: 175ml glass of mulled wine, made with 50% orange juice (111kcal, 0g fat).

MARZIPAN

Stop: one marzipan fruit (51kcal, 1.7g fat).

Swap: one fruit jelly (39kcal, 0g fat).

MACADAMIA NUTS

Stop: 30g handful of macadamia nuts (225kcal, 29.3g fat).

Swap: 30g handful of almonds (184kcal, 15.3g fat).

CHOCOLATE

Stop: three pieces of chocolate orange (139kcal, 7.9g fat).

Swap: three sticks of chocolate-covered orange peel (90kcal, 3.9g fat).

MORE CHOCOLATE

Stop: four wrapped chocolates (160kcal, 8g fat).

Swap: four dates (116kcal, 0g fat).

DIPS

Stop: 2tbsp sour cream and chive dip (110kcal, 11.3g fat).

Swap: 2tbsp salsa (20kcal, trace fat).

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HALF-TIME TEAM: ATTENBOROUGH COLTS UNDER-11s

The Attenborough Colts Under-11s are at Meadow Lane this afternoon, who play in the Nottingham YEL on Sundays and are in their fourth season.

The majority of their boys have been with them from the start, along with a few new faces this year to help make up the numbers when moving to nine-a-side.

The boys are all great fun to be with according to their manager Brian Jackson, who says: "It's one big happy family with plenty of social events in and outside of football for both the kids and parents!

"We are a team that puts the development and enjoyment of playing football first above anything else so we maximise every players' potential. We have recently taken up Futsal



for our winter training, which has really helped improve the boys' close control and decision making which hopefully you will see today.

Team members: Archie Jackson-Haigh, Callum Lowe, Daniel Clark, Ethan Patel,

George Lawrance, Jack Davies, Jacob Bowers, Jacob Hayward, Jordan Hall, Lucas Adkin, Sachin Matharu, Solomon Beard, Sonny Rea, Tom Wilmott, Tommy Longmoor.

Manager: Brian Jackson,
Coaches: Wayne Davies and Phil Clark.

SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

As we approach Christmas the community work is continuing into Winter with sessions taking place and visits to schools alongside ground tours at Meadow Lane. This afternoon Blidworth Dakes Primary are the 'School of the Week', led by big Notts fan Phil Johnson. If you are not involved, sign your school up today!

For full details about our 'School of the Week' scheme, your school can contact Matt Lawson at the club via matthew.lawson@nottscountyfc.co.uk





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With just two draws until the end of 2014, it's the perfect time to join the Lifeline scheme and be pulled out the bucket to win the four-figure sum.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it though. So if you aren't a member already simply visit the Club Shop today and sign up.

LIFELINE CHRISTMAS PARTY – SOLD OUT

The club's Lifeline Christmas party will be on Friday 19th December with comedian Adger Brown, back by popular demand, performing again.

The night in the 1862 Suite includes a three-course dinner/dance and an excellent DJ playing all your favourite festive songs until 1am to get you in the spirit. The evening begins at 7.30pm and car parking is on site.

The event is now sold out, but you can be added to the reservation list by contacting the club, in case any spaces become available.

Supporters can also book by phoning 0115 9557 200 or emailing lynn.lawson@nottscountyfc.co.uk to register your interest.



Notts fan and playwright Billy Ivory picks out another supporter to win £1,000. Will it be you today?

STILL STRUGGLING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Still not sure what to get the Notts County fanatic in your life this Christmas, then how about signing them up to Lifeline?

By doing so you aren't just being incredibly generous, but you are also helping the club.

Money from the scheme goes straight back into the club to fund all sorts of things, including bills and new equipment.

You've got a better chance of winning than with the National Lottery, so don't delay and join today! Membership costs just £2 a week, though for an extra 50p you can enter into the 50/50 draw, which gives you another chance of winning some cash.

For more information about signing up to Lifeline, call 0115 9557 200 or email lifeline@nottscountyfc.co.uk.

LATEST WEEKLY WINNERS

What a time to win the weekly jackpot ahead of Christmas! Make sure you check the club's Official Site to see if you've won this Monday. Good luck!

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A stadium not too far from Nottingham, but can you name this Premier League arena?

AND FINALLY...

Which club did new loan signing Ryan Hall start his career with?



NAME THE MISSING PLAYERS

Our final home game of last season against Swindon Town provided a vital three points in the club's 'Great Escape'. Can you name the starting XI from the match back in April?

GUESS THE LOGO!

A team we visited last year in the cup and one of the most famous clubs in the world. But can you guess them from just their club crest?

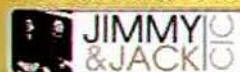


TEAM MAGPIES CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Save the date, Monday 15th December, as the annual Christmas Party will be taking place in the MLSB. The event will be packed full of guests including the entire first-team squad, Santa Claus and Mr and Mrs Magpie! Doors open at 6pm, with the evening ending at 8pm.

The £5 tickets will allow a child and adult entry, and are on sale now to all members. On the evening there will also be games and activities, plus a chance to be the club's flag bearer at the MK Dons fixture on Boxing Day.

To secure your ticket contact the Ticket Office on 01159 557210 or email ticketoffice@nottscountyfc.co.uk



Thank you to Jimmy and Jack CIC who are sponsoring the Team Magpies Christmas Party.

Team Magpies Christmas Party

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Location: Meadow Lane Sports Bar



HAVE YOU JOINED THE TEAM MAGPIES THIS SEASON?

You can join for free today with our bronze membership, or sign up for the gold package which lasts until you're 16-years-old and costs £18. Make sure you are signed up ahead of the festive season so you can come along to our Christmas party!

Membership packages can be collected this afternoon from the Football in the Community Office, next to the Ticket Office. You can also sign up today from the Ticket Office. For full details please call 0115 9557 215 or email teammagpies@nottscountyfc.org.uk.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The Retail Team have been in overdrive recently as they prepare for their busiest time of year, while dealing with hundreds of online orders via the club's new online store.

Visit www.nottscountyfc.co.uk and click shop on the top right hand-corner to see what Notts Christmas goodies you can find. You will find it easy to search, select and pay for items with the new format. Everything from shirts, mugs, hats, bags, socks, cuddly toys and the new range of Christmas decorations is online so log on today!



2015 NOTTS COUNTY CALENDAR ON SALE

The must-have gift ahead of the new year, the official 2015 Notts County calendar is on sale now in the Club Shop.

The A3 calendar features first-team players Alan Smith and Roy Carroll, manager Shaun Derry and also the Bench photograph with supporters taken on the open day.

Priced at £6, and with photography from JMS Photography and Dan Westwell, the calendar is available to buy now in store or on-line.

FINAL POSTING DATE:

Final posting dates to guarantee Christmas delivery have now been confirmed, with second class available up until Wednesday 17th December and first class postal orders available for two further days, until Friday 19th December. There's a wide range of gifts available online in the new-look Magpie Store, so fans are sure to find something special for the Notts County fan in their lives.

MEET THE PLAYERS THIS AFTERNOON

Make sure you visit the Club Shop at 2pm every home game this season, as you could meet members of the first-team squad. Look out for pictures on the club's social media pages.

LUCKY FOOTBALL MANAGER 2015 WINNERS

The lucky winners of our start of the month online shop promotion have been drawn, with five ladies claiming a copy of the computer game Football Manager 2015.

To preserve their anonymity and so that their friends and family don't know that they have been shopping with MagpieStore in the build-up to Christmas - we don't want to spoil any surprises - we will not be publishing names, but rest assured all winners have been contacted.

SHOP CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 15th December	9am-5pm
Tuesday 16th Dec Game	9am-10pm
Wednesday 17th December	9am-5pm
Thursday 18th December	9am-5pm
Friday 19th December	9am-5pm
Saturday 20th December	9am-4pm
Sunday 21st December	10am-4pm
Monday 22nd December	9am-5pm

Tuesday 23rd December	9am-5pm
Christmas Eve	9am-2pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day Game	10am-6pm
Saturday 27th December	CLOSED
Sunday 28th December	10am-2pm
Monday 29th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 30th December	CLOSED

Wednesday 31st December	CLOSED
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Friday 2nd January	9am-5pm
Saturday 3rd January Game	9am-6pm
Sunday 4th January Rugby	11am-3pm
Monday 5th January	CLOSED
Tuesday 6th January	9am-5pm
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Stew shows off the stripes in Spain

TWEET OF THE WEEK

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Stew Morris @StewSm:
Home from the Valencia vs Barcelona match, tour round the stadium, had to take my Notts flag!

FESTIVE FILMS

The Media Team have been asking members of the squad for their Christmas wish lists this month.

You can find out what they want in their stockings this year, what's the best gift they've ever given or received, what they will be watching with their loved ones and what they will be singing driving to the training base this December!

Visit the club's Official Site and the YouTube channel to watch this festive season.


YOUTUBE

 Already this month we've uploaded Christmas features, first-team highlights, the Goal of the Month competition and an introductory interview with the club's new podiatrist. Log on today!

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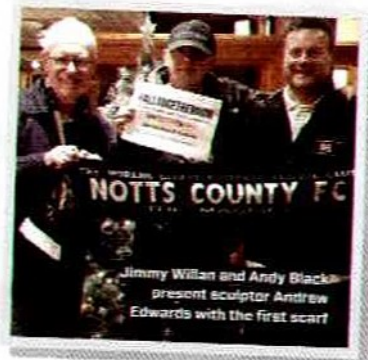
League One	Facebook Likes	Twitter Followers	Tweets	Instagram Followers	YouTube Subscribers
Notts	70,777	24,949	65,329	2,800	1,570
Swindon Town	23,144	29,024	17,909	-	1,206

FACEBOOK COMMENT OF THE WEEK

 The Jimmy and Jack Committee have been working closely to mark the 1914 Christmas Truce match.

Lisa Black told the club's Facebook Page: "A new monument has been sculpted to mark the centenary of the 1914 Christmas Truce football match called 'All Together Now'.

"The Notts scarf will travel with others collected from football clubs all over the world in a display of unity and mutual respect. The Jimmy and Jack Committee were delighted and proud to be invited to play a little part in this and members of the J & J Statue Committee, Jimmy Willan and Andy Black, presented sculptor Andrew Edwards with the first scarf donation, a Notts County FC 1862 scarf from the World's Oldest Football League Club. Well done the J&J Statue Fund!"




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COMMERCIAL NEWS



BOXING DAY HOSPITALITY

Christmas is coming and we've got the perfect way to spend Boxing Day, with a great hospitality package for our Sky Bet League One encounter against MK Dons at Meadow Lane.

For just £49 you can book your place for our special Boxing Day hospitality, which will feature a three-course Christmas meal, a copy of the club's award-winning matchday magazine *The Mag*, an official teamsheet and a match ticket in our corporate seating area in the Derek Pavis Stand.

All hospitality guests will be treated to pre-match entertainment as BBC Radio Nottingham's Colin Slater interviews a special guest, while the Official Man of the Match will also be presented in the hospitality area, so it's the perfect place to enjoy any special occasion.

Season ticket holders can upgrade to this fantastic hospitality package for just £30, while under-12s are £20 to upgrade their season ticket or £30 including a match ticket.

To book your place in our award-winning hospitality for this important festive fixture, please call a member of our commercial team on 0115 9557 241 or email sales@nottscountyfc.co.uk.

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YEOVIL TOWN MAN OF THE MATCH

Congratulations to Michael Petrasso who was awarded the Man of the Match gong against Yeovil Town.

The Canadian Under-20 international put Notts ahead and was a constant threat throughout.

Football in the Community Director Steve Hill, who were match sponsors, presented the on-loan winger with a meal for two at Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar and Grill Nottingham, who are this season's award sponsors.

MAG & PIE CLUB THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Supporters can book a new matchday hospitality package for our next home fixture against MK Dons on Boxing Day.

The club have launched a hospitality offering here at Meadow Lane, called the Mag, Pie & Pint Club, which will be based in the 1862 Suite on all home matchdays.

With two new large screen TVs installed and plenty of seating, the 1862 Suite provides the perfect venue for supporters to have a bite to eat and something to drink before the action kicks off.

At just £9 for Bench Members and £12 for non-Bench Members to upgrade their matchday ticket, this is one of the most affordable hospitality packages available and gives fans exclusive use of the 1862 Suite pre-match.

You'll also get a pie, peas and gravy meal, plus a pint of beer, glass of wine or soft drink as part of your package, with a copy of our award-winning matchday magazine *The Mag* thrown in for all non-Bench members.

The Mag, Pie & Pint Club will open an hour and a half before kick-off and supporters with tickets located in either the David James Estate Agents Kop Stand, or the Haydn Green Family Stand, will be escorted by stewards to these stands 10 minutes before kick-off to ensure ease of access to your chosen seat.

To book your tickets for the Mag, Pie & Pint Club, call the ticket office on 0115 9557 210.



KASABIAN GIVEAWAY

The Reeve family were randomly chosen as the winners of Kasabian tickets after the club's recent partnership with Capital FM Arena and enjoyed the gig last month.

We hope to have more giveaways and competitions soon, so watch this space! Thanks to the Arena for their support.

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NOTTS COUNTY TICKET NEWS



NEXT HOME LEAGUE GAME: vs MK DONS

Friday 26th December, 3pm

Competition: Sky Bet League One

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased either at the turnstiles or at the ticket office.

Ticket prices:

Derek Pavis Stand

Adults.....	£24
Seniors (60 years and above).....	£15
Young adults (16-21 years of age).....	£15
Juniors (under-16).....	£6

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Adults.....	£22
Seniors (60 years and above).....	£15
Young adults (16-21 years of age).....	£15
Juniors (under-16).....	£6



ON THE ROAD: vs ROCHDALE

Saturday 20th December, 3pm

Competition: Sky Bet League One

Ticket status: On sale

Ticket prices:

Adults.....	£20
Seniors (65 years and above).....	£14
Young adult (17-21 years of age)*.....	£14
Juniors (16 years and under).....	£5



Ticket information: *Young adults are required to provide photographic ID at the turnstiles.

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JPT TICKET DETAILS

Notts County can confirm that the **Johnstone's Paint Trophy Northern Area semi-final**, at home to **Preston North End**, will take place on **Tuesday 16th December**, kick-off **7:45pm**.

Ticket prices for the match, which will see the winner take on Walsall over two legs for a place in the Wembley final in March, have been set at £12 for

adults, £10 for concessions and £2 for under-16s.

The Derek Pavis Stand and David James Estate Agents Kop Stand will be open to home fans for the game, while visiting supporters will be housed in the Jimmy Sirrel Stand.

Due to the short time available to purchase tickets, unfortunately season ticket holders will not be able to

reserve their seats for this JPT clash with North End, but will be able to purchase them on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets for the game went on sale from 9am on Thursday 11th December and are available from the Meadow Lane Ticket Office, online by visiting www.nottscountydirect.co.uk or by telephoning the Ticket Office on 0115 9557 210.

AWAY DAYS: ROCHDALE

with Laura Hartley

Ground: Spotland

Postcode: OL11 5DR is 100 miles away, taking nearly two hours from Meadow Lane.

Directions: Get on the M1 in Nuthall from the A6006 and A610. Follow the M1 to the M62 for Edinburgh Way/A664. Then, drive to the B6452, turning left onto Edinburgh Way/A664 (look for signs for Rochdale/A58) and then slight right onto Roch Valley Way and your destination will be on the right.



Parking: Car parking at the ground is for permit holders only and nearby on-street parking is subject to a "residents only" parking scheme. Town centre parking is recommended.

Railway Station: Rochdale Station is roughly two miles from the ground, meaning a 35-40 minute walk from Spotland.

Eat and drink: The Ratcliffe Arms is located at the car park entrance to the ground, on Sandy Lane. This pub has Sky Sports TV, real ale, hot food and is family friendly. The pub has a mixture of home and away fans.

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OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION



A GRAND NIGHT OUT - FUNDRAISING FOR OUR ACADEMY

It was a grand night out at the MLSB on Tuesday 2nd December when the Official Supporters' Association raised funds for the Academy.

Compèred by Les Bradd, the evening started with Paul Hart giving an insight into his footballing career, which included playing with one of the great Leeds United teams.

Greg Abbott then entertained the large crowd, poking fun at Paul about his dress sense and Mike Edwards's performances for Carlisle. Dean Yates then talked about his time as a Junior at Notts County and rising through to the first-team, as well as how Jimmy Sirrell had pushed them hard to gain the ball skills that helped take Notts up the divisions.

Following that Damian Irvine invited the audience to put questions to the quartet. The highlight being a great question from an Academy player who asked Mike what was the greatest goal he had scored and could he recreate it! Mike then attempted his famous overhead kick at Darlington only to crash on his backside to great applause.

After the questions Mike Edwards, Les Bradd, Dean Yates and Brian Stubbs were presented with honorary memberships by the OSA.

All through the evening our Notts County celebrities kept on stressing the importance of creating and sustaining the strong family feel at Meadow Lane.

Paul called all the Academy players forward to congratulate them on the progress they were making and then thanked the OSA for their work and the importance of their funding for balls, nets and transport.

Irvine said about the evening: "A special thanks must go to the Association for organising such a great evening. The opportunity for the Academy youngsters to mix with the experienced legends was a winning formula and all profits from the night will go to our Academy to develop the future stars in black and white."

If you would like to get involved with the OSA then contact secretary@nottscountyfcofficialsupportersassociation.co.uk

'MR NOTTS COUNTY' RECEIVES HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Membership Secretary Lois Brough and Barbara Lessiter lunched with Colin Slater in the Wheelers Suite before presenting him with Honorary Membership to the NCFCOSA.

Lois said: "When I contacted Colin he was really pleased to be made an Honorary Member of the NCFCOSA, however, he was not going to be in Nottingham for the Forum on 2nd December.

"Barbara and I were part of a group who had been together and watched Notts for well over 30 years, standing and then sitting in the Jimmy Sirrell Stand and now in the Pavis. One of our group, Joan Leivers, sadly died a

couple of months ago and in her will she left money for us all to have dinner in the Notts County restaurant. So it was decided that Colin would be presented with the Honorary Members Package on that day and Director Aileen Trew very kindly agreed to do the introduction which she did with great expertise.

"Colin thought it was very fitting the presentation should take place in the Wheelers Suite where he operates before every home match. It was also very special for him as Aileen joined us and he was given his package containing items which he will both use and treasure.

"Over the years Colin has given his time for Notts County and Barbara and I have seen him at matches in all weathers. It was an honour to present him with the Honorary Members package.

"A true gentleman and 'Mr Notts County' is a well-deserved title."



MacMILLAN MEN'S CANCER AWARENESS DAY AT THE LANE

You'll no doubt have spotted the MacMillan Information Bus at Meadow Lane this afternoon to offer help, support and information about men's cancer. David Akers writes this personal account to encourage supporters to take advantage of its presence.

"If sharing my experience of prostate cancer talks one man into having a PSA test (Prostate Specific Antigen) it has been worth every minute of my time trying to convince you menfolk how important it is to have a test.

The PSA test is not completely reliable. For every 100 men with a raised PSA level about 30 will have prostate cancer detected in a biopsy. Approximately 15 per cent of men with a normal PSA level will have prostate cancer. So listening to your own body is important, go to your doctors for advice if you do have worries. A lot of people, my friends included, have the misconception that men do not die from prostate cancer. They do if men do not listen to their own bodies and don't get a health check.

In 2008 my first symptoms started with passing urine more frequently (no other symptoms.) I went to see my doctor who recommended a PSA blood test. My reading came back 8.0 which my

doctor said was normal for my age. One year on and a number of visits to my doctor with frequency to pass urine I asked to see a specialist. The hospital decided to put me on tablets to shrink the prostate. After five months there was no change.

My next visit I saw an Australian doctor, he said "a PSA reading of 8.0 that is high," he suggested a biopsy. Opinion seems to vary on 'high', a lot of other factors have to be taken into consideration. I had the biopsy that same day. My wife and I had an appointment a week later to see the surgeon for the results. The news was not good, we were told I had cancer and our immediate reaction was disbelief and shock. We talked for hours when we arrived home.

We realised how lucky I was as my Gleason score was low which meant the tumour was slow growing, and it was contained within the gland, we only thought about the positives. I was admitted for my operation and had a full prostatectomy in February 2009. In the summer of 2012 I had eight weeks of radium as my PSA had risen to 4.0, which was done as a precaution.

Five years on and my time is occupied fundraising for our Academy with the NCFCDOSA, watching Notts County FC, holidaying in our motorhome with our grandchildren and spending time with my family.

I hope by writing this article it will show men the



importance of seeing your doctor at the first sign of any problems, having a PSA Blood test and getting treatment in the early stages.

Anyone wishing to talk to me about my experiences can see me in the NCFCDOSA office on Saturday home games."

David Akers
Treasurer

David's wife Patricia writes:
"I really hope the men will take note, I really do! If the wives knew what I went through from start to finish they would push the menfolk into going. I reached rock bottom doing all the housework, gardening, cleaning the pond and nursing him or visiting him. What made it harder was that I have a good family and lots of friends and I would sit down about 8pm after getting home from hospital and the phone would start ringing. Enough of the boring stuff now, let's hope the men listen!"

Patricia Akers
Secretary

OFFICIAL AWAY TRAVEL: ROCHDALE

Official Notts County FC away travel will depart from near the Club Shop on Meadow Lane at 11am and is priced at the following rates:

General adults/seniors:	£15
General under-16s*:	£7.50
Bench season card holder adult/seniors:	£14
Bench season card holder under-16s*:	£7
Official Supporters' Association member and Lifeline members	£13

* The first under-16 in a travelling family/group pays the appropriate price. Any further under-16s in the party will be charged at £1.

Travel can be booked by calling the Ticket Office on 0115 9557 210 or online by visiting www.nottscountydirect.co.uk.

There is strictly NO alcohol permitted on the official club travel, which is provided by Ausden Clark.

NOTTS COUNTY YOUTH TEAM

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Check out the latest news from Notts County's next generation of young players as they look to earn professional deals come the season's end...

DONCASTER ROVERS 3 NOTTS COUNTY 1

Notts County's Youth Team lost their first league game since October after a 3-1 defeat to Doncaster Rovers last weekend.

Striker Colby Bishop was amongst the goals again after turning the ball in at the near post from a Luther Wildin cross, but defensive errors cost the Magpies.

The set-back came after consecutive wins over Hull and Grimsby had moved Notts second in the table.

Head of Academy Coaching, Mick Halsall, told *The Mag*: "It was a disappointing result against Rovers, especially after the two decent results previously. We went a goal down early on and defensive errors cost us, but we responded well and got an equaliser.

"The second-half could have gone either way. I thought we started much brighter and at one stage it looked like there was only one team going to go on and win it. Another mistake allowed a second goal for them, but we never really took the initiative to get back in the game.

"There is a lot of hard work ahead. We have no game this Saturday, so we finish the year against Burton at home looking to finish 2014 in the right manner. We will take it on and hopefully finish on a high after a disappointing performance."



Colby Bishop was on target against Doncaster Rovers last week

NOTTS COUNTY 2 GRIMSBY TOWN 0

Head of Academy Coaching Mick Halsall was delighted after seeing his side move second in the table following victory over Grimsby.

The Youth Team beat the Mariners 2-0 at the Eagle Valley Stadium thanks to first-half goals from Reece Fyfe and Colby Bishop to claim back-to-back wins, and Halsall told *The Mag*: "They've done really well to be up there in the league. It's been a fragmented season, so it's nice to get a run together.

"It was a good performance, especially the first half-an-hour. We took a two-goal lead in the

first ten minutes and played some very good stuff. We looked bright and inventive. The last 15 minutes in the first-half - and at times in the second period - we lost our way a little and we have to give Grimsby credit for that.

"It was disappointing we couldn't maintain it and get going again, but they weathered the storm and made it a lot harder for us.

"Are we being a little picky? Yes I think we are, but that's the level we have set ourselves this season. We have standards and we have to maintain them. It's probably the best we've played this season."

HULL CITY NOTTS COUNTY

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Luther Wildin and Lartey Sarpong stole the headlines as their goals handed the Magpies' youth team a 2-0 win at table-toppers Hull City.

The victory moved Notts up to fifth in the table and Head of Academy Coaching Mick Halsall praised his side after the success.

Halsall told The Mag: "It was a good win, obviously against the league leaders, and it was excellent to turn around the home defeat against them, having lost 3-0 to the Tigers on home soil in August.

"From a 3-0 home defeat against them at the start of the campaign, to a 2-0 away win now is very pleasing.

"Our play was great to watch, despite finding it difficult in the first 20 minutes. The lads stuck at it though and took the lead through Luther, after good play down our left-hand side.

"We then managed the half. They were more of a force going forward, but we got that crucial second goal and we made sure that we were going to leave Humberside with the points.

"We stopped them showing a cutting edge and we should have probably gone on and won the game by a bigger scoreline if I'm honest.

"The lads stayed in the game early on and we turned that to our advantage."

YOUTH TEAM PLAYER PROFILE:

Name: Paulous Beraki

Age: 17 (First Year)

Position: Striker/winger/
attacking midfielder

Nickname: I don't really have one, just "P" for short. Some people can't pronounce my name, so they just call me that.

How long have you been at the club for?

Since Under-11s, so a long time. I was playing for a local side and got scouted. I was initially going to Forest, but then

Mick Leonard brought me here and I'm enjoying it. My brother Youhan is here too, so hopefully he will get a scholarship and we will be in the same side.

Who do you support? I starting off supporting Manchester United, but quickly changed to Arsenal. Everyone was supporting them, so I went along with it. They play better football. Sanchez is clearly the best player in the league and hopefully we can finish in the top four.

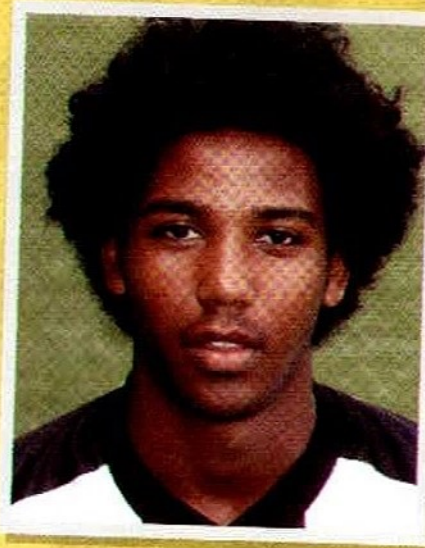
Jobs and roles off the pitch? To clean the dining area and Liam Noble's boots, but I got sacked! I was cleaning the wrong boots and there was a bit of miscommunication where they were training. I was gutted about it, but it was an honest mistake. Now I'm doing Louis Laing's.

Who do you admire in the first-team squad? Probably one of our lads, Colby Bishop. He's just been offered a pro contract and he deserves it. We should all be looking up to him. We were all buzzing when we heard the news.

Personal target for the season? To be in the starting XI regularly and to score more goals, like I did last year.

Who are you going to nominate for the Boxing Day edition?

Luther Wildin. It's his birthday this month, so I will pick him. He talks a lot, so he might have a few things to say, although I'm not sure they will be interesting!



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NOTTS COUNTY - FL YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 NORTH EAST

Sat 9th Aug	Doncaster Rovers	H	D1-1	Sat 20th Dec	Burton Albion	H	
Sat 16th Aug	Burton Albion	A	D1-1	Sat 10th Jan	Rotherham United	H	
Sat 23rd Aug	Hull City	H	L0-3	Thu 15th Jan	Mansfield Town	A (KO 7pm)	
Sat 30th Aug	Burton Albion (Cup)	A	D1-1*	Sat 24th Jan	Hartlepool United	H (KO 11.30am)	
Sat 6th Sep	Rotherham United	A	L0-1	Sat 14th Feb	Lincoln City	A	
Sat 20th Sep	Hartlepool United	A	W4-2	Sat 21st Feb	York City	H	
Sat 11th Oct	Lincoln City	H	W3-0	Sat 28th Feb	Scunthorpe United	H	
Sat 18th Oct	York City	A	W7-1	Sat 7th Mar	Chesterfield	A	
Sat 25th Oct	Scunthorpe United	A	L1-3	Sat 14th Mar	Chesterfield	H	
Sat 8th Nov	Bradford City	H	W3-2	Sat 21st Mar	Bradford City	A	
Tue 11th Nov	Peterborough (FAYC)	A	L0-2	Sat 4th Apr	Grimsby Town	A	
Sat 29th Nov	Hull City	A	W2-0	Sat 11th Apr	Mansfield Town	H	
Wed 3rd Dec	Grimsby Town	H	W2-0				
Sat 6th Dec	Doncaster Rovers	A	L1-3				

*Burton won 8-7 on penalties

Fixtures are subject to change.

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2014-15: STATS UPDATE



SKY BET LEAGUE ONE 2014-15 LEAGUE TABLE		HOME						AWAY						+/-	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	BRISTOL CITY	19	6	2	1	16	8	5	4	1	20	11	+17	39	
2	SWINDON TOWN	19	6	3	1	20	11	5	2	2	16	9	+16	38	
3	MK DONS	18	7	2	1	26	9	4	2	2	13	9	+21	37	
4	PRESTON NORTH END	19	5	3	1	18	11	6	1	3	14	8	+13	37	
5	SHEFFIELD UTD	19	4	3	3	11	9	5	1	3	14	13	+3	31	
6	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	19	5	3	1	15	10	2	6	2	13	10	+8	30	
7	NOTTS COUNTY	18	3	2	4	12	12	5	4	0	13	5	+8	30	
8	ROCHDALE	19	3	2	5	11	12	5	1	3	21	12	+8	27	
9	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	19	4	2	4	14	15	4	1	4	12	9	+2	27	
10	BRADFORD CITY	19	3	2	5	13	15	4	3	2	13	10	+1	26	
11	FLEETWOOD TOWN	19	4	4	1	11	7	3	0	7	8	11	+1	25	
12	CHESTERFIELD	19	4	3	2	13	11	2	4	4	13	15	0	25	
13	WALSALL	19	3	4	2	9	5	2	4	4	6	11	-1	23	
14	BARNSELY	19	3	2	5	19	21	3	3	3	10	10	-2	23	
15	PORT VALE	19	4	2	3	14	12	2	3	5	11	15	-2	23	
16	DONCASTER ROVERS	18	1	3	4	5	11	5	2	3	14	14	-6	23	
17	CRAWLEY TOWN	19	4	3	3	11	15	1	4	4	8	14	-10	22	
18	COVENTRY CITY	19	4	3	3	12	13	1	3	5	9	15	-7	21	
19	LEYTON ORIENT	19	1	3	5	10	14	3	4	3	14	15	-5	19	
20	GILLINGHAM	19	4	4	2	14	12	0	3	6	6	15	-7	19	
21	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	18	2	1	5	7	14	3	3	4	16	19	-10	19	
22	COLCHESTER UNITED	19	2	2	5	10	14	2	3	5	14	20	-10	17	
23	YEOVIL TOWN	19	1	4	5	5	15	3	1	5	9	15	-16	17	
24	CREWE ALEXANDRA	19	3	2	5	9	17	1	2	6	6	20	-22	16	

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NOTTS COUNTY 2014-15 ROLL CALL

No	Player	Lg Apps	Lg Gls	Cup Apps	Cup Gls	Notts Apps	Notts Gls	Career Apps	Career Gls
1	Roy Carroll	18	-	4	-	21	-	429 (5)	-
2	Mustapha Dumbuya	12	-	2	-	41 (1)	-	107	-
3	Blair Adams	9 (1)	1	5	-	14 (1)	1	105 (1)	2
4	Alan Smith	7 (1)	-	3	-	9 (1)	-	387 (122)	71
5	Hayden Mullins	5	-	3	-	22 (1)	1	618 (49)	33
6	Haydn Hollis	18	-	5	-	39 (2)	4	50 (3)	6
8	Nicky Wroe	5 (1)	-	2 (3)	-	7 (4)	-	328 (51)	52
9	James Spencer	-	-	-	-	13	5	22 (11)	6
10	Ronan Murray	5 (9)	1	4	3	26 (18)	12	48 (57)	19
11	Garry Thompson	10 (3)	5	2 (2)	-	12 (5)	5	426 (148)	98
12	Jake Cassidy	12	3	3 (1)	1	15	4	80 (18)	21
13	Gary Jones	16	2	2 (1)	-	18 (1)	2	674 (35)	92
14	Taylor McKenzie	1 (1)	-	1 (1)	-	2 (2)	-	2 (2)	-
15	Curtis Thompson	5 (6)	-	4 (1)	-	20 (13)	-	20 (13)	-
16	Liam Noble	17	2	4 (1)	1	20 (1)	3	147 (23)	25
17	Tyrell Waite	-	-	-	-	3 (6)	1	7 (9)	1
18	Kyle Dixon	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	(2)	-
19	Greg Tempest	-	-	-	-	9 (8)	-	10 (8)	-

No	Player	Lg Apps	Lg Gls	Cup Apps	Cup Gls	Notts Apps	Notts Gls	Career Apps	Career Gls
20	Danny Haynes	1 (1)	-	-	-	18 (7)	4	156 (134)	49
21	Cieron Keane	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
22	Brad McGowan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Fabien Spiess	-	-	2	-	11 (2)	-	11 (2)	-
24	Jeremy Balmby	(1)	-	(1)	-	(3)	-	(3)	-
25	Drissa Traore	(1)	-	2 (1)	-	2 (2)	-	7 (2)	-
26	Elliott Whitehouse	-	-	1	-	1	-	23	-
27	Harry Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Mike Edwards	4	1	2	-	297 (13)	23	556 (32)	32
31	Shaun Harrad	4 (6)	2	1 (3)	-	10 (36)	3	275 (153)	111
32	Stephen McLaughlin	9	-	2	1	11	1	52 (21)	14
33	Jordan Cranston	8	-	2 (1)	-	10 (1)	-	17 (2)	-
34	Louis Laing	9	-	2	-	11	-	21 (2)	-
36	Michael Petrasso	5 (1)	3	3	-	8 (1)	3	30 (6)	5
37	Ryan Hall	(1)	-	1	-	1 (1)	-	106 (47)	29
-	Zell Iamsil	10 (4)	4	2	-	12 (4)	4	30 (23)	7
-	Adam Dawson	1 (1)	-	(1)	-	1 (1)	-	6 (7)	-
-	Reece Brown	3	-	1	-	4	-	9 (4)	-

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE OPTA STATS



NOTTS COUNTY

v

SWINDON TOWN



GOALS



AV. GOALS PER GAME



SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)



% SHOTS ON TARGET



CLEAN SHEETS



% GOALS TO SHOTS



CORNER KICKS



GOALS CONCEDED



AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME



FOULS

GOALS

1	DOYLE	16
2	FORTE	13
3	GARNER	11
4	WILBRAHAM	10
5	AFOBE	9

ASSISTS

1	MCLAUGHLIN	7
2	BYRNE	6
3	DONE	6
4	FREEMAN	6
5	JAKE HESSENT...	6

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	SEARS	39
2	GARNER	37
3	PADDY MADDEN	28
4	DOYLE	27
5	MADDISON	23

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	BURNS	56
2	RODGERS	64
3	UCHE IKPEAZU	72
4	LISBIE	91
5	FORTE	99

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	DOYLE	62
2	HOURIHANE	48
3	PADDY MADDEN	48
4	DONE	47
5	BRADSHAW	47

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	EMMANUEL-T...	53
2	KEVIN DAVIES	78
3	RANDALL	90
4	HUGILL	96
5	MCLAUGHLIN	112

FOULS

1	GARNER	43
2	MCLEOD	42
3	MORSY	36
4	HENDERSON	32
5	CHAMBERS	31

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	GLENN MORRIS	15
2	MAROSI	20
3	SEVERN	23
4	WRIGHT	24
5	GRAINGER	25



SLO UPDATE: STUART BROTHERS

Supporters Liaison Officer **Stuart Brothers** gives us an update on his progress in the club's new role...

A few weeks ago a number of supporters travelled to the new (as we appear to still call it) Wembley Stadium to see England's Ladies take on Germany.

I always told myself I wouldn't step foot in the new national stadium until it was to see Notts, but I justified it to myself by thinking Notts' own Jess Clarke or Carly Telford might get a game. They didn't. But the experience was still an interesting one nonetheless.

Since taking on the SLO role, away games have taken on a different perspective. From kick-off until the final whistle little has changed (for better or worse!) but up until then if I'm not speaking with supporters in the away end I'm spying things to try and improve our own matchday experiences back at Meadow Lane.

In that respect, Wembley was incredible. Easily the best stadium I've ever set foot in, yet sorely lacking in the one area you'd imagine it to excel given the amount of them - the tea bars. My wait for merely two hot chocolates was incredible, taking up the entire half-time break. If they can't serve you two drinks quickly at Wembley, what chance do football clubs have?

A common point of consternation amongst Notts fans has been the half-time tea bars and problems getting served.

A lot of people have said to me that other clubs don't suffer this problem but I beg to differ - not only from my Wembley experience, but also from those frozen to the bone at Barnsley on the

Tuesday night last month will attest to that. But different stadiums have different facilities and I'm told any club would struggle with stands of our nature being fed and watered by tea bars of our size.

Yet that's where things are starting to change for the better. Supporters present at the last home game against Yeovil will have noted a number of burger vans (or mobile catering units as I'm told they prefer to be called) in place in the Pavis and Kop Stands. They are the result of hard work by Richard Cokayne at the club acting on the feedback he'd received. Yet he isn't stopping there, and is constantly in talks with other vendors in the hope of addressing some of the longer standing wishes of the fanbase.

Meanwhile, the Mag, Pie & Pint Club is again open for business in the 1862 Suite. Richard's plans for this aren't merely to get burns on seats, pies in bellies and drinks down necks - this is a long-term project with more being added all the time to offer greater value for money.

I think as a Supporter Liaison Officer it's important for these notes to tread the line carefully between letting fans know what's going on and not simply being an extended advertorial piece. But this is one such case where the club has taken feedback on board and improved matters.

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Even the waiting time at Wembley's tea bars is unsatisfactory

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TAKE YOUR SEAT ON THE BENCH

The club's greatest strength and best signings during the summer months were all the recruits to The Bench for the 2014-15 campaign...

TODAY'S REPRESENTATIVES

The club would like to wish a warm welcome to our three Bench members who were chosen to be today's representatives.

Matchday Representative: William Todd

Junior Representative: Ben Goodman

Media Representative: Simon Bradd

TODAY'S BENCH MESSAGES

Brandon Chambers: Give 100 per cent and battle hard, then whatever happens, happens. One club, one team, forever Notts!

Gary Blake: Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Jamie Barry: Black and white, player and fan. Together as one.

FIRST MATCH FOR MICHAEL

Dad Justin Whittaker emailed the club and asked if there was anything they could do to ensure Michael enjoyed his first ever men's match at Meadow Lane, apart from guaranteeing three points of course.

The club didn't disappoint and invited the youngster on a pre-match behind-the-scenes tour, as well as meeting club legend Les Bradd.

We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to seeing you back for another game soon. We know how important first games are!

HALF SEASON TICKETS - THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

After a promising start to the season, non-season ticket holders can now sign-up to The Bench for the remainder of the campaign.

Half season tickets, covering the final 13 home games of 2014-15, are on sale now.



Following on from the success of the club's award-winning season ticket campaign, The Bench, fans who are not already members can now sign-up and enjoy benefits that include a copy of the matchday programme, an exclusive pre-match email from the manager, a Bench contract and a welcome letter from Shaun Derry.

The Notts manager said: "We've had a great start and a big part of that has been the backing from the supporters. With some key games coming up over the festive period and into the New Year, we're going to need as many people down the Lane as possible, giving us their full support."

"The Bench initiative was great for helping the fans to feel part of what we're looking to build here, and I'd like to think that plenty of fans will want to come on board for the second half of the season."

There are savings to be made in signing up to a half season ticket, which include the visits of Sheffield United, Peterborough and Preston. The first game included in the half season ticket is the Boxing Day clash against MK Dons and there are some key home fixtures to come thereafter in the second half of the campaign, all of which will be included in the price of the ticket.

HALF SEASON TICKET PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRICE BAND	DEREK PAVIS STAND	SPION KOP STAND	HAYDN GREEN FAMILY STAND
Adult	£250	£205	£205
Senior	£150	£140	£135
16-21	£120	£110	£110
Under-16	£40	£40	£40

Every supporter under the age of seven can claim free membership to The Bench with every full paying adult, senior or 16 to 21-year-old.

You can purchase a half season ticket online at www.nottscountydirect.co.uk, from the Notts County Ticket Office or by calling 0115 9557 210.

2014-15 SEASON RECORD



Colours indicate players subbed and their replacements.
 ■ - 1st Sub, ■ - 2nd Sub, ■ - 3rd Sub, ■ - Yellow Card,
 ■ - Red Card, **CCO** - Capital One Cup, **FAC** - FA Cup,
JPT - Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

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Date	KO/FA	H/A	Opposition	Pos	Att (Away)	Ref	Scorers
AUGUST							
SAT 9	D1-1	A	Preston North End	12th	12,857 (764)	Webb	Cassidy (52), Garner (88)
TUE 12	L0-3	A	Sheffield Wed. (CCO1)	-	12,851 (739)	Ilderton	Maghoma (2), Madine (10), Nuhia (65)
SAT 16	L0-1	H	Fleetwood Town	18th	5,051 (166)	Haywood	Proctor (45)
TUE 19	W2-1	H	Colchester United	16th	3,792 (115)	Eltringham	Murray (8), Sears (69), Noble (71)
SAT 23	W2-0	A	Port Vale	10th	5,090 (381)	Brown	Jones (11), Noble (87)
SUN 31	L1-2	H	Bristol City	10th	5,678 (918)	Whitstone	Ismail (13), Wilbraham (60), Emmanuel-Thomas (90)
SEPTEMBER							
TUE 2	W2-0	H	Mansfield Town (JPT1)	-	3,701 (1,386)	Haywood	Murray (28), Cassidy (65)
SAT 13	00-0	A	Peterborough United	14th	6,567 (607)	Harrington	-
TUE 16	D1-1	H	Leyton Orient	18th	4,024 (311)	Sutton	Ismail (25p), Dagnell (51p)
SAT 20	00-0	H	Oldham Athletic	16th	5,109 (663)	Martin	-
SAT 27	D1-1	A	Chesterfield	16th	7,422 (1,222)	Woolnor	Adams (15), Margreitter (62)
TUE 30	W3-0	A	Crawley Alexandra	10th	3,495 (293)	Hill	Cassidy (44, 62), Harrad (52)
OCTOBER							
SAT 4	W1-0	H	Gillingham	8th	4,900 (394)	Scott	Harrad (35)
TUE 7	W2-1	A	Scunthorpe Utd (JPT2)	-	1,508 (170)	Haines	Madden (14), McLaughlin (23), Murray (32)
SAT 18	W5-3	H	Crawley Town	6th	6,086 (120)	Banks	G.Thompson (9, 37, 63), Ismail (18), Edwards (57), Hamrick (65), Jones (80), Elvir (84)
TUE 21	W3-2	A	Barnsley	5th	6,506 (527)	Stockbridge	Cole (8), Hourihane (12), G.Thompson (20), Petrasso (62, 71)
SAT 25	W1-0	A	Scunthorpe United	3rd	4,008 (1,057)	Miller	Ismail (89p)
NOVEMBER							
SAT 1	L1-2	H	Walsall	6th	5,884 (480)	Hooper	Jones OG (16), G.Thompson (31), Bradshaw (64p)
SUN 9	00-0	H	Accrington S. (FAC1)	-	3,661 (157)	Bond	-
SAT 15	W1-0	A	Coventry City	4th	8,116 (764)	Bull	G.Thompson (72)
TUE 18	L1-2	A	Accrington S. (FAC1R)	-	1,026 (170)	Ilderton	Murray (12), Joyce (45), Carver (48)
SAT 22	L1-2	H	Yeovil Town	6th	7,746 (250)	Attwell	Petrasso (63), Clarke (84, 80)
FRI 28	D1-1	A	Sheffield United	6th	19,385 (1,111)	Mesley	Edwards (31), Murphy (78)
DECEMBER							
TUE 9	W1-0	A	Doncaster R. (JPT3)	-	2,570 (342)	Webb	Noble (76)
SAT 13	15:00	H	Swindon Town				
TUE 16	19:45	H	Preston N.E. (JPTSF)				
SAT 20	15:00	A	Rochdale				
FRI 26	15:00	H	MK Dons				
SUN 28	15:00	A	Bradford City				
JANUARY							
SAT 10	15:00	A	Bristol City				
SAT 17	15:00	H	Crawley Alexandra				
TUE 20	19:45	A	Doncaster Rovers				
SAT 24	15:00	H	Peterborough United				
SAT 31	15:00	A	Oldham Athletic				
FEBRUARY							
SAT 7	15:00	H	Chesterfield				
TUE 10	19:45	A	Leyton Orient				
SAT 14	15:00	H	Preston North End				
SAT 21	15:00	A	Fleetwood Town				
SAT 28	15:00	H	Port Vale				
MARCH							
TUE 3	19:45	A	Colchester United				
SAT 7	15:00	A	Swindon Town				
SAT 14	15:00	H	Bradford City				
TUE 17	19:45	H	Rochdale				
SAT 21	15:00	A	MK Dons				
SAT 28	15:00	H	Scunthorpe United				
APRIL							
FRI 3	15:00	A	Walsall				
MON 6	19:45	H	Coventry City				
SAT 11	15:00	A	Yeovil Town				
TUE 14	19:45	H	Barnsley				
SAT 18	16:00	A	Crawley Town				
SAT 25	15:00	H	Doncaster Rovers				
MAY							
SUN 3	12:15	A	Gillingham				
TBC	TBC	H	Sheffield United				



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