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# TODAY'S SQUADS...



20.12.14 3.00PM

## SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER: Mark Cooper



P		G	●	●
1	Wes Foderingham (GK)			
2	Nathan Thompson (CAPT)			
3	Nathan Byrne			
4	Massimo Luongo			
5	Jack Stephens			
6	Jordan Turnbull			
7	Ben Gladwin			
8	Yaser Kasim			
9	Michael Smith			
10	Andy Williams			
12	Amaril Bell			
14	Jake Reeves			
15	Harry Toffolo			
16	Connor Waldon			
17	Ryan Harley			
18	George Barker			
19	Louis Thompson			
20	Jonathan Obika			
21	Mathew Jones			
22	Darren Ward			
23	Jack Barthram			
24	Curtis Da Costa			
25	Tyrell Belford (GK)			
26	Anton Rodgers			
27	Josue Antonio			
29	Raphael Branco			
30	Harry Agombar			
31	Will Randall			
32	Lee Marshall			
33	Tom Holland			

## DONCASTER ROVERS

MANAGER: Paul Dickov



P		G	●	●
3	Cedric Evina			
4	Dean Furman			
5	Rob Jones (CAPT)			
6	Jamie McCombe			
9	Theo Robinson			
10	Harry Forrester			
11	Curtis Main			
12	Luke McCullough			
13	Marko Marosi (GK)			
14	Nathan Tyson			
15	Liam Wakefield			
16	Andy Butler			
17	Enda Stevens			
18	Paul Keegan			
19	Richie Wellens			
21	De Val			
22	Reece Wabara			
23	Kyle Bennett			
24	Paul McKay			
25	Alex Peterson			
26	James Coppinger			
29	Harry Middleton			
30	Ben Askins			
31	Mitchell Lund			
32	Billy Whitehouse			
33	Sam Johnstone (GK)			
35	Lewis Ferguson			
36	Jack McKay			
37	Liam Mandeville			

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## NOVEMBER FAN OF THE MONTH

# LESLEY BRETNALL

Chesterfield fan Lesley Brentnall has been named the Sky Bet League 1 Fan of the Month for November.

Lesley hasn't missed a Chesterfield game, home or away, for 17 years.

The last game she missed was back in 1997, when her mum grounded her for a home fixture against Bristol City.

Lesley said: "I have lived in Chesterfield all my life and both my mum and dad are Chesterfield fans.

"I am a firm believer in supporting your local club. There is something special about watching your home-town club through the good and the bad times.

"The highlight of my time as a Chesterfield fan was the promotion in 2001. A Hull draw gave us promotion 15 minutes after Brighton had won the league at our ground.

"What a party we had on the South Coast!"

Chesterfield chief executive Chris Turner said: "The award is deserved recognition of Lesley's loyal support.

"To not miss a game in 17 years is a tremendous record.

"Lesley's help with the True Blue Travel service is also appreciated by the staff who run it as she ensures that everyone boards the coaches for away matches."

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### Lesley's score predictions:

GILLINGHAM .....	0
CHESTERFIELD .....	2
WITH ROBERTS TO SCORE FIRST	
CHESTERFIELD .....	3
PETERBOROUGH UTD.....	1
WITH DOYLE TO SCORE FIRST	
COVENTRY CITY .....	1
CHESTERFIELD .....	1
WITH MORSY TO SCORE FIRST	

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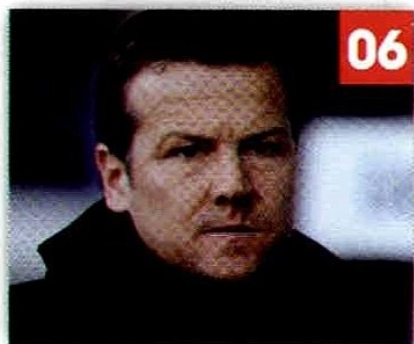
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Football League Third Tier Winners: 1995/96  
Runners-Up: 1962/63, 1968/69  
Play-Off Winners: 1986/87

Football League Fourth Tier Winners: 1985/86, 2011/12

Southern League Winners: 1910/11, 1913/14

Football League Trophy Finalists: 2011/12

FA Youth Cup Finalists: 1964

FA Charity Shield Runners-Up: 1911

Anglo-Italian Cup Winners: 1969/70

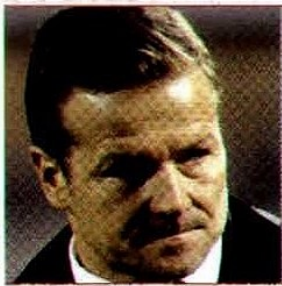
Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners' Cup Winners: 1968/69

Dubonnet Cup Winners: 1909/10

Wiltshire Cup Winners: 1886/87, 1887/88, 1888/89, 1889/90, 1890/91, 1891/92, 1892/93, 1896/97, 1903/04, 1919/20

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**WELCOME** back to The County Ground for this League 1 meeting with Doncaster Rovers. I'd like to welcome Paul Dickov, his staff and his players.

I was delighted with the Manager of the Month award for November. It's always nice to get awards like that but it is a team award. A lot of people deserve credit for that: the backroom staff, players and everybody at the club. As I say, it's always nice to get awards but we have to keep going. Luckily, we didn't have a game on the Saturday and then we had a week off so I think we forgot about the Manager of the Month 'curse' when we went to Notts County. It wasn't until after the game that someone reminded me.

We're playing a team today that have been very good away from home and not so good at home so we'll have to be on our guard. Doncaster have had some really good results away from home so we're fully aware of that and we will be working on our strengths and the reasons why we've got those away results before the game this afternoon. Then we go to Walsall - another team on form, serious form, in what will be a cracking game on Boxing Day.

Doncaster are a very similar team to Notts County. I went to watch them recently and it was an even game that could have gone either way. They have Theo Robinson and Curtis Main up front, who are a real threat. Ritchie Wellens and Kyle Bennett can also hurt you at



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any time, so we know they have good players and we're going to have to be at our best to get anything. I used to like watching Paul Dickov play. He was a real bundle of energy and his teams always try and play good

football so hopefully it'll be another good game.

You've probably seen the club's Christmas video where I can be seen dressed as Rockin' Robin. I'm not too happy about it to be honest - I thought it was going to stay local but it found its way onto YouTube somehow and a lot of people found it funny especially everyone in the office who found it very funny indeed, so thanks very much!

Christmas really isn't the time for footballers and staff. It's a time for work: we're training on Christmas morning so the players are delighted about that. Then we have to go to work on Boxing Day so we have to prepare properly like any other game - we'll have a couple of hours with our families and make the most of that but we'll be fully focused for Walsall and then Port Vale after that.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas - the fans have been amazing this year and everyone who went to Notts County, hopefully they back us at home and at Walsall next Friday.

As always, keep the faith and keep believing.

**MARK COOPER**  
MANAGER



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# FROM THE TOP

LEE POWER

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**WELCOME** back to The County Ground and a warm welcome to the Directors, Players, Officials and Supporters of Doncaster Rovers.



**THE** team has been on a fantastic run over this last period and last week at Notts County was probably our best performance of the season. Even before the sending off, we were phenomenal and the way we passed the ball and opened Notts County up was a joy to watch. It's very important now that we have put ourselves into a fantastic position to remember that we're not even halfway yet. I'm sure that the manager will make sure the lads keep their focus.

As everyone is aware, after the Port Vale game, we lose Mas and Yas to the Asia Cup which is a huge disappointment and

finding replacements will be very difficult but, as we saw in the Bristol City game, there are players waiting in the wings. When they came in to the side they performed admirably and I am sure they will do so again.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and I hope to see you all back here for the visit of Port Vale on the 28th.

**LEE POWER**  
CHAIRMAN

**“We were phenomenal and the way we passed the ball and opened Notts County up was a joy to watch.”**



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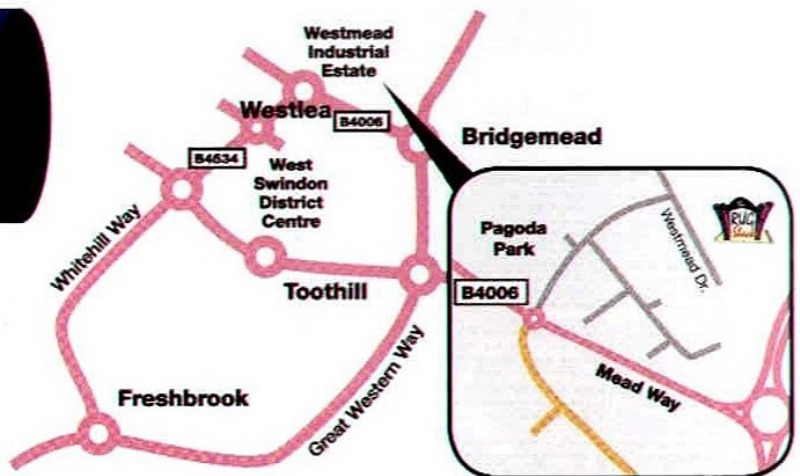
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# CG NEWS

THE LATEST HEADLINES

**R&W** rounds up the latest news from in and around The County Ground.

**glad all over...**



**TOWN** midfielder Ben Gladwin has put pen to paper on a new contract at SN1 until the end of the 2016/17 season.

Speaking to the official website shortly after signing, the former Marlow man was delighted to have secured an extended stay in Wiltshire. "I'm buzzing," he said. "It's a really good feeling and I'm really enjoying my football at the moment. I think this is a good place for me to carry on developing."

"I've come a really long way. Just over a year ago I was working in removals so I guess I'm living the dream. Now, I just have to keep working hard and build on what I've already learned. Over the last couple of weeks I've managed to score a goal and create goals too. I want to add to that, score a few more goals and keep setting

them up.

"It's a fantastic squad to join, really easy to settle in and I think that's why we work so well together on the pitch. I'm just looking forward to the rest of this season and the rest of my time at the club."

Swindon Chairman, Lee Power, said: "I am delighted Ben has agreed to a long-term deal to stay at our club. We are at the start of a very long and hopefully successful journey and Ben is one of the many young players at the club that we feel has the potential and ability to go the whole journey with us. I think he is going to be a fantastic player for this club for many seasons to come and I am so pleased that he has bought into our vision and committed himself to us until 2017."



## stfc christmas carol service...

**MANAGER** Mark Cooper, first team players and members of Swindon Town's staff attended the club's Christmas Carol Service at Christchurch on Thursday evening. The service, led by club Chaplain, Simon Stevenette, saw supporters joining in with the singing of traditional Christmas Carols as well as hearing readings from club staff and an interview with Caroline Morgan about the work of STFC's Charity of the Year, the NSPCC.



## junior reds...

**TOWN'S** young supporters enjoyed an evening of fun and games at the annual Junior Reds Christmas Party.

Our junior fans were treated to special appearances from Rockin' Robin and Santa Claus who delivered a fab Rockin' Robin hat to all attendees.

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# NATHAN THOMPSON

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

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**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for our final fixture before Father Christmas's visit.

**THIS** time of year seems to spark interest in what the players do over the festive period - at least I notice how many times I'm asked about it - so to share with you: this year's training schedule sees us in on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. With the game on Boxing Day, Louis and I enjoy our Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and keep our Christmas Day dinner to our regular pre-match meal. We've got used to this routine and, as huge fans of Christmas, it makes it feel like it lasts longer which isn't a bad thing at all!

In previous notes, I said November could potentially define our season. To finish the month with 12 points from a possible 15 sent a warning to our opponents and I believe every team in this league will be taking note.

I couldn't be prouder of the team's recent performances; we've only conceded one goal in the last 500 minutes of playing time and we've scored in every league game for the last 18 matches. Not only does this breed confidence - which is being shown in our performances - but it is a strategy that is sustainable and stands us in good stead for promotion.

I would like to congratulate Ben Gladwin on his new contract. In recent games, Ben has expressed himself in the way we know he is capable of. He has been given an extended run in the team and grasped the



**"As always, it's imperative that we impose our style from the start and strike when we have our opportunity to attack."**

opportunity with both hands. To see him commit his future to this club is another nod to the work that our chairman and management are doing here as we look to secure and develop young talents such as Ben, so a huge congratulations to all parties involved.

Finally, today's opposition Doncaster will be another good test. With Championship quality within their squad, their league position of 17th could be a false indicator. Whenever we have come up against a Paul Dickov team in the past, they have

been extremely well organised. As always, it's imperative that we impose our style from the start and strike when we have our opportunity to attack.

Please get behind us, as your support recently has been superb, and enjoy the game.

Merry Christmas.

**NATHAN THOMPSON**  
TEAM CAPTAIN



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Doncaster Rovers 1

Tue 2 Dec 2014, SBL1  
Barnsley 1  
Doncaster Rovers 1

Sat 6 Dec 2014, FAC R2  
Oldham Athletic 0  
Doncaster Rovers 1

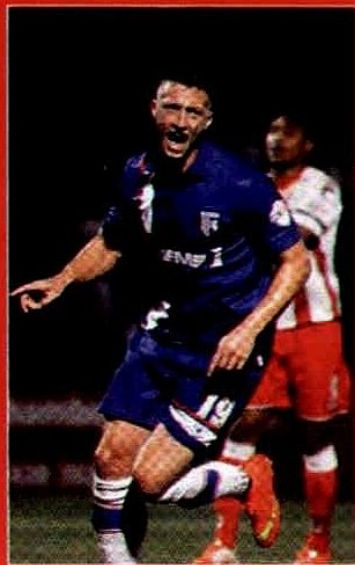
Tue 9 Dec 2014, JPT ASF  
Doncaster Rovers 0  
Notts County 1

Sat 13 Dec 2014, SBL1  
Doncaster Rovers 1  
Gillingham 2

**LEAGUE POSITION:**  
SKY BET L1: 17th (23pts)  
As on 15.12.14.

## LAST TIME OUT...

A second-half brace from Luke Norris handed the Kent side a fortuitous 2-1 victory at the Keepmoat Stadium last weekend, with a stoppage time Curtis Main penalty reducing the arrears for Rovers.



# INTRODUCING THE ROVERS



**AFTER** a solitary campaign in the Championship, Donny return to League 1 with the aim of rising again...

**AFTER** being involved in one of the most frantic final-day finishes ever two seasons ago, Rovers clinched the League One title from the jaws of defeat to reclaim their place in England's second tier for 2013/14 at the first time of asking.

Progress over Rochdale in the first round of the League Cup preceded the Yorkshire side's only league victory in August, over Blackburn Rovers, which happened to be one of only two occasions during the season that saw the club register back-to-back wins. A 2-0 home reverse to Burnley was sandwiched by the club's first three point-haul on the road, at Sheffield Wednesday and a success over eventual champions, Leicester, courtesy of a comical Kasper Schmeichel own-goal. However, instead of being the kick-start the club needed, that performance heralded a run of two wins in fifteen in the league; a period that also included a third-round exit at the hands of Stevenage in

the FA Cup.

A winless February saw Rovers locked deep in the relegation battle and, at the beginning of March, the club's heaviest defeat of the campaign (a 5-0 thumping away to Bournemouth) looked to have galvanised Paul Dickov's men at the right time, as they collected 13 from a possible 21 points that month. A poor April harvested just one point, though, with yet more final-day drama and a timely intervention from ex-Town man, Paul Caddis preventing Birmingham City from taking Donny's place back in League 1 this year by virtue of a superior goal difference.

A mixed start to this season sees the Yorkshire outfit lying in 17th position after nineteen games and with just one win in their last five games. After exiting the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at the quarter-final stage recently, an emphasis on cup competitions has been a welcome distraction for the side.



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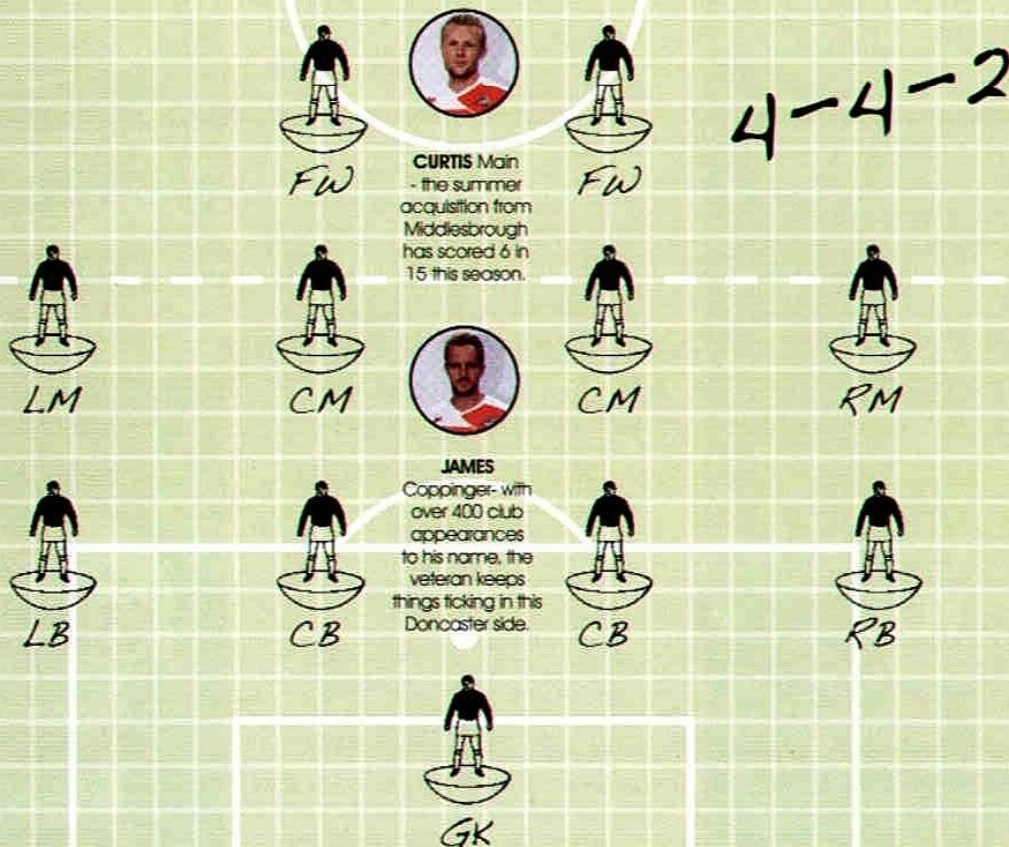


**DONCASTER** Rovers come to SN1 today playing a staple of English football, the 4-4-2 system. Whilst allowing for as much coverage of the pitch as possible, the structure of a 4-4-2 is equally limiting in as much as it remains fairly rigid and orthodox in encouraging off-the-ball player movement. The defensive structure it affords teams has allowed the organisational skills of their experienced players to come into their own, with fan favourites James Coppinger and Richie Wellens, now in

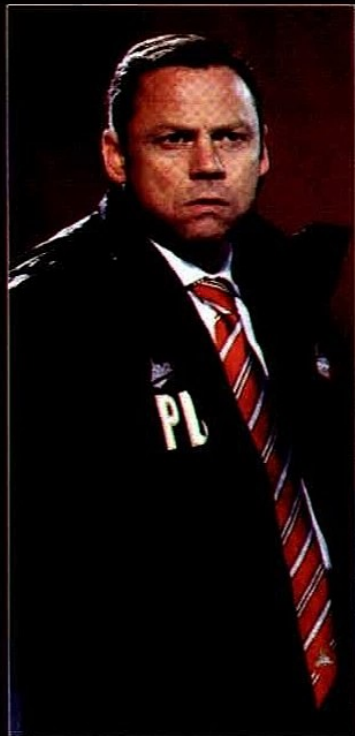
his second spell with the club, taking on the mantle of helping out the club's inexperienced backline.

The South Yorkshire side tend to play a direct style of attacking football, with the emphasis on getting the ball to their big and powerful strikers, Theo Robinson and Curtis Main, be it through the close control and tactical nous of Coppinger, who has the ability to drift in off the wing and support the front two with quick exchanges or the pacy, touchline play of Kyle Bennett. Composed

and measured build-up play lays a platform to show how well adept Rovers are at getting runners beyond the ball once they have broken through the opposition lines. A good proportion of Doncaster's goals this season have come from training ground routines, so Town will have to be organised, to a man, at picking up on set pieces. Nevertheless, a lack of pace in the middle of the park means that they can be overrun, on occasion, leaving space for Town to exploit.



## MEET THE GAFFER



### Paul Dickov

AS a player, Dickov started out at Arsenal before going on to ply his trade for Manchester City and Leicester City. Also represented the likes of Blackburn, Derby and Leeds before finishing his career at Oldham Athletic. Was installed as manager at Boundary Park in 2010 and guided the Latics through a memorable FA Cup run before resigning in 2013. Took the reins at Doncaster in May 2013.

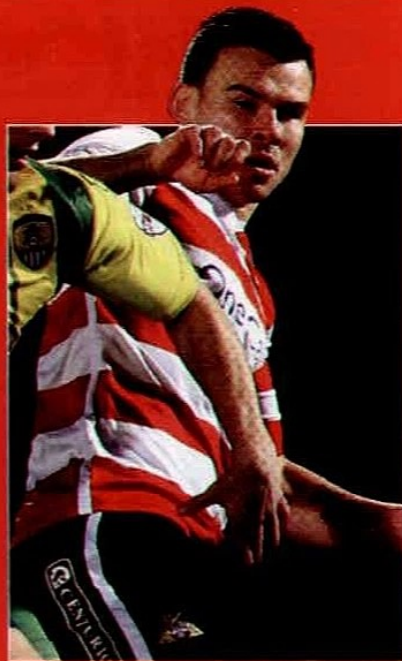
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DICKOV'S last-gasp equaliser against Gillingham in the 1999 Division Two Play-Off final was voted Manchester City's greatest ever goal in 2005.

## KEY MEN...

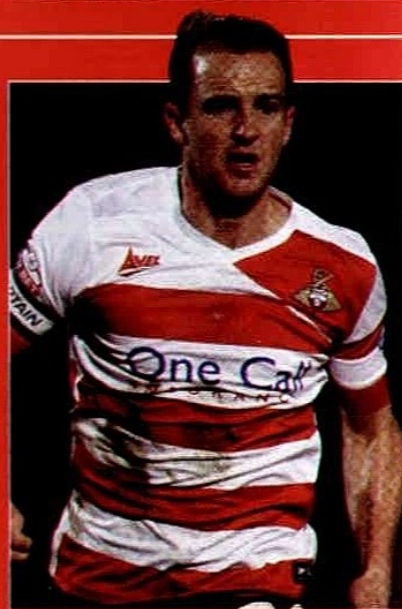
### 16 Andy Butler DF

BUTLER started his career at Scunthorpe where he racked up over 100 appearances. His next move was to Huddersfield, spending two years in Yorkshire before joining Walsall in the summer of 2010. A regular fixture for the Saddlers over the past four years, the central defender joined Sheffield United in the summer. With first team opportunities hard to come by at Bramall Lane, he has spent time on loan at former employers Walsall before joining Doncaster on loan until January.



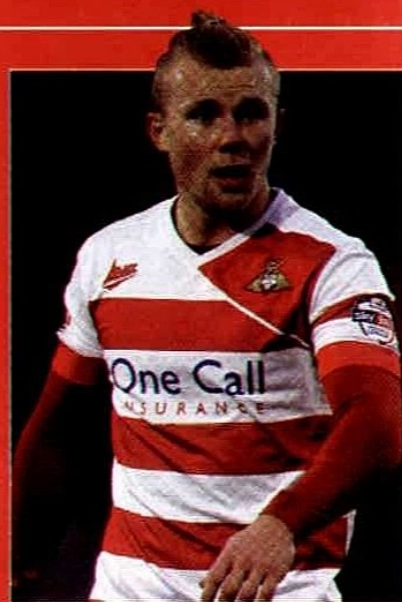
### 26 James Coppinger MF

A mainstay of the Doncaster side over the past ten years, Coppinger came through the ranks at Darlington and went on to play for Newcastle United and Exeter City before signing for Rovers in 2004. One of only four players over the course of Doncaster's history to reach the 400 appearance mark, the midfielder's goal against Brentford on the final day of the 2012/13 season clinched promotion for Rovers. Put pen to paper on a new deal in the summer.



### 11 Curtis Main FW

THE summer arrival started his career at Darlington, making his breakthrough at the tender age of 15. He would go on to lead the line for the Quakers for the next four years before making the move to Middlesbrough in 2011. Found the net on six occasions for Boro and secured a move to Doncaster in the summer. The powerful centre-forward took just eight minutes to open his Rovers account and currently leads the way in Donny's scoring charts.



## MEET THE REST...

**33 Sam Johnstone** GK

**THE** highly-rated stopper is currently on loan from Manchester United. The England Under-21 international had a temporary spell with Rovers last term and is back at the Keepmoat for a second stint. Has also spent time on loan at Yeovil and Walsall.

**22 Reece Wabara** DF

**A** graduate of the youth academy at Manchester City, the defender once worked with Paul Dickov during a loan spell at Oldham Athletic in 2012/13. After an injury-hit loan stint at Doncaster last term, Wabara penned a short-term deal with Rovers in the summer.

**15 Liam Wakefield** DF

**THE** defender, who can operate at right full-back or in the heart of the defence, is a product of the Doncaster academy. Since signing professional forms with his hometown club, Wakefield has netted his first senior goal against Stevenage last term.

**23 Kyle Bennett** MF

**SPENT** ten years with Wolverhampton Wanderers before penning his first professional deal at Molineux in 2007. Joined Bury in 2010 and after one season at Gigg Lane, made the switch to Doncaster. Spent time on loan at Bradford last term.

**09 Theo Robinson** MF

**AFTER** coming through the ranks at Watford, the striker spent time on loan before earning a permanent move to Huddersfield. His next destination was Derby County. Had further loan stints at Millwall and back at Huddersfield before signing for Doncaster in 2013.

**12 Luke McCullough** DF

**THE** Northern Irishman started his senior career with Dungannon Swifts before earning a move to Manchester United at 16-years-old. Since signing for Rovers in the summer of 2013, he has been a first team regular and won his first international honours over the summer.

**06 Jamie McCombe** DF

**THE** experienced centre-half spent five years with Scunthorpe United. Following a spell with Lincoln City, he moved to Bristol City. Has most recently been with Huddersfield and has three promotions from the third tier under his belt.

**18 Paul Keegan** MF

**AFTER** coming through the ranks at Leeds United, Keegan departed Elland Road for a spell in the League of Ireland with Drogheda United and Bohemians. Signed for Rovers in 2011 and has gone on to become a first team regular.

**21 Marc De Val Fernandez** MF

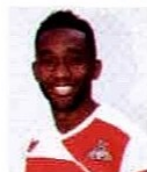
**AS** a teenager, the midfielder was snapped up by Spanish giants Real Madrid for a reported 4 million Euros. A regular in the academy side at the Bernabeu, De Val made the move to Doncaster in 2013. Missed a large part of last term with an injury.

**10 Harry Forrester** FW

**A** product of the academy at Watford, the striker was snapped up by Aston Villa as a teenager. A regular in the youth and reserve sides at Villa, Forrester then turned down the chance to join Dutch giants, Ajax and signed for Brentford. Joined Doncaster in 2013.

**17 Enda Stevens** DF

**THE** Irish defender is on loan at Doncaster from Aston Villa. Started out with Shamrock Rovers before moving to Villa Park in 2012. Last term, spent time on loan at Notts County and Doncaster and has also been on loan this season at Northampton.

**03 Cedric Evina** DF

**A** graduate of the Arsenal academy, the left back had a spell at Oldham Athletic before making the switch back to the capital to join Charlton Athletic. Helped the Addicks win the League 1 title in 2012 but joined Doncaster on a free last summer.

**19 Richie Wellens** MF

**THE** experienced midfielder has enjoyed promotions with Blackpool and Doncaster. After starting out at Manchester United, Wellens has also represented Oldham, Leicester City and Ipswich. Is currently in his second spell with Rovers after re-joining in 2013.

**04 Dean Furman** MF

**THE** midfielder came through the ranks with Glasgow Rangers. After a loan spell at Bradford, Furman went on to make nearly 150 appearances during a four-year stint with Oldham Athletic. Helped Rovers to the League 1 title in 2013.

**36 Jack McKay** FW

**THE** Doncaster academy product made his senior debut at the age of 17 when he came off the bench against Sheffield United in November. Recently earned himself a two-year professional deal and has been with the club since the age of nine.

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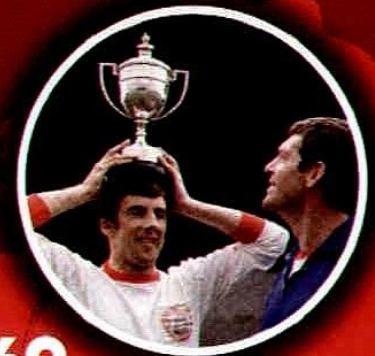
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**1969**

**FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

**ROVERS** clinch a return to the third tier, lifting the Division Four title.

**2003**

**PROMOTION FROM THE CONFERENCE**



**2004**

**LEAGUE 2 CHAMPIONS**

A second successive promotion caps a remarkable rise from the non-leagues and sees Rovers take their place in League 1.



**2007**

**JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY WINNERS**



**2008**

**LEAGUE 1 PLAY-OFF WINNERS**



**2013**

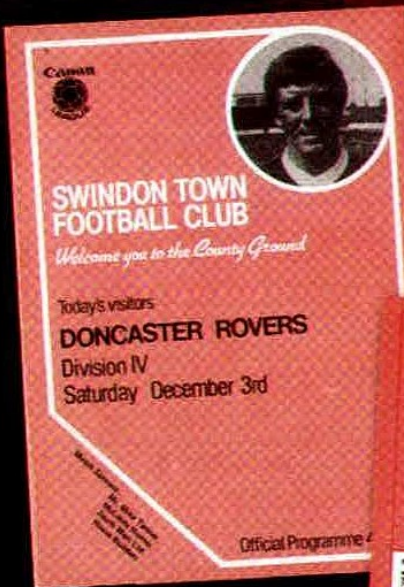
**LEAGUE 1 CHAMPIONS**



AN astonishing final day at Griffin Park sees Doncaster snatch the League 1 title from the jaws of defeat against Brentford.

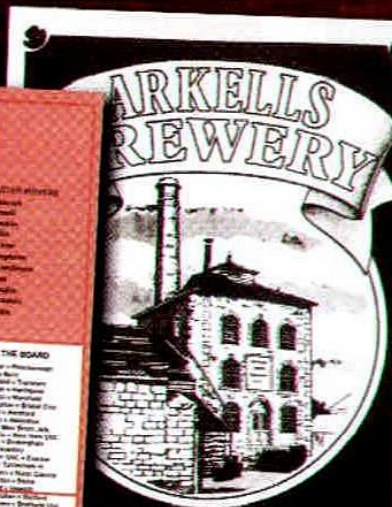
# PROGRAMME VAULT

## A LOOK INTO THE ARCHIVES



**R&W** delves into the CG archives and looks back on the programmes from two previous encounters.

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What an wonderful memory of weeks in the 1983/84 season...  
 I was able to offer you the following...  
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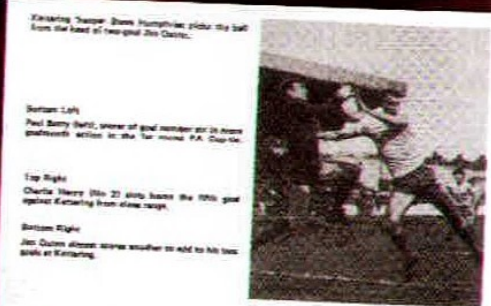


### PEN PICTURES

**BEYOND THE GOALS**...  
**GOALS**...  
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**VICTORY** in this encounter from 1983 saw Swindon register their sixth consecutive home victory and put themselves within striking distance of the promotion places. Ian Snodin's penalty gave the visitors the lead before Jimmy Quinn levelled matters. Leigh Barnard struck the winner on 58 minutes.



**Bottom Left**  
Paul Barry (left), winner of goal number 10 in three consecutive action in the far corner P.A. Chapter.

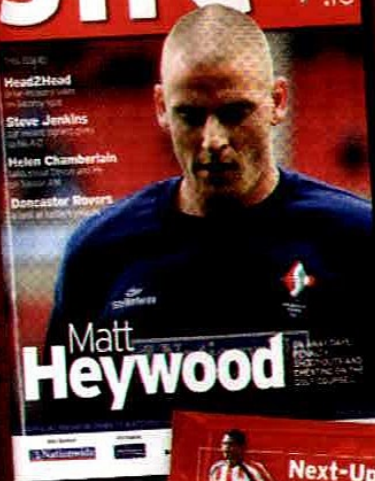
**Top Right**  
Charlie Waters (left) 22 also home the 10th goal against Kettering from close range.

**Bottom Right**  
Alan Quinn almost scores another to add to his two goals at Kettering.

**MATCH:** FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
**RESULT:** SWINDON TOWN 2 DONCASTER 1  
**GOALSCORERS:** QUINN, BARNARD; SNODIN  
**ATTENDANCE:** 3,545

## 2004/05 11TH DEC 2004

**GREGG** Blundell opened the scoring for Donny when the two sides met for the first time in 17 years in 2004. Having gone into the break a goal down, Swindon earned a share of the spoils when Sam Parkin headed home David Duke's pinpoint cross from the left flank.



### Head 2 Head

Steve Jenkins  
Helen Chamberlain  
Doncaster Rovers

## Matt Heywood

### Squad

Rovers returned their Football League status in 1996 at the end of a season that anyone associated with the club will want to forget. Only 4 wins in 42 games and a massive 102 goals against tally. It was a stark message that they were starting their new season with a clean slate.

<b>Goalkeepers</b>	<b>Defenders</b>	<b>Midfielders</b>	<b>Forwards</b>
<b>1. Dean Wynne</b> Age 25, 2'0", 160lb. Signed from Luton Town in 2003. A solid performer in the goal, Wynne has kept 18 clean sheets in 28 appearances.	<b>2. Greg Blundell</b> Age 27, 5'10", 170lb. Signed from Luton Town in 2003. A versatile defender, Blundell has played in defence and midfield. He has 14 goals in 117 appearances.	<b>3. Matt Heywood</b> Age 27, 5'10", 170lb. Signed from Luton Town in 2003. A versatile midfielder, Heywood has played in defence, midfield and forward. He has 14 goals in 117 appearances.	<b>4. Sam Parkin</b> Age 27, 5'10", 170lb. Signed from Luton Town in 2003. A versatile forward, Parkin has played in attack and midfield. He has 14 goals in 117 appearances.
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### 21 Donny Men Michael McIndoe



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#### Next-Up

Doncaster Rovers vs Swindon Town  
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Doncaster Rovers	Swindon Town
1. Dean Wynne	1. Dean Wynne
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3. Matt Heywood	3. Matt Heywood
4. Sam Parkin	4. Sam Parkin
5. David Duke	5. David Duke
6. Steve Jenkins	6. Steve Jenkins
7. Helen Chamberlain	7. Helen Chamberlain
8. Doncaster Rovers	8. Doncaster Rovers



### Dave Penney

Doncaster Rovers manager Dave Penney has been a key player for Donny, scoring 14 goals in 21 appearances. He has been a key player for Donny, scoring 14 goals in 21 appearances.

## Rovers On The Rise

Doncaster Rovers have risen from the Conference to League One. The club has been a success story, rising from the Conference to League One. The club has been a success story, rising from the Conference to League One.



The giant defender on a days, penalty shoot-out cheating on the golf course.

Words: Nick Judd & Chris Tanner

**A**ir King has pulled off some transfer masterstrokes in his time. Yet the capture of a then unknown centre-back from Burnley during the depths of the 2000/01 season has to be among the best.

Four years, 174 appearances and an impressive number of goals later, Matt Heywood is still going strong. And while the club's playing personnel and fortunes on the field have improved during his happy stay in Yorkshire, the club's behaviour on the golf course is still as entertaining as ever.

It's been a good run for you since your refusal to the side at Eland Road...

Yeah, we tried on the morning game, again. I came out on Leeds. I gradually came out more and more before then - Matt Heywood is still going strong. It's tough on a defender, but I'm playing regularly now and it's good to be back.

Nothing like being thrown in at the deep end, Lee.

It was an unusual time out there. I was out there for a while. I was out there for a while. I was out there for a while.

It was tough because I'm a defender. But Brighton got me into the side. It was an unusual time out there. I was out there for a while. I was out there for a while.

# Heywood

**MATCH:** COCA COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1  
**RESULT:** SWINDON TOWN 1 DONCASTER 1  
**GOALSCORERS:** PARKIN; BLUNDELL  
**ATTENDANCE:** 5,452



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KEELAN McNALLY



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The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch took place last week and was a huge success and I would like to say a huge thank you to the STFC Supporters Club and PrePay Solutions for sponsoring the event.

All at Swindon Town Football Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**KEELAN McNALLY**  
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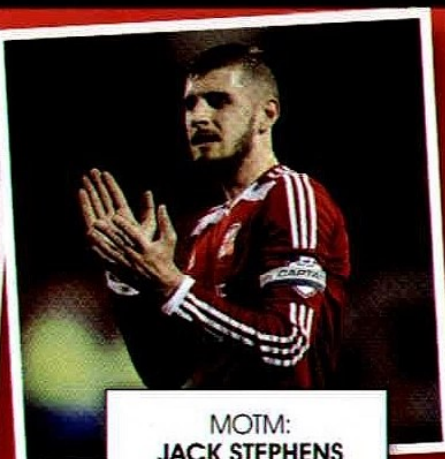
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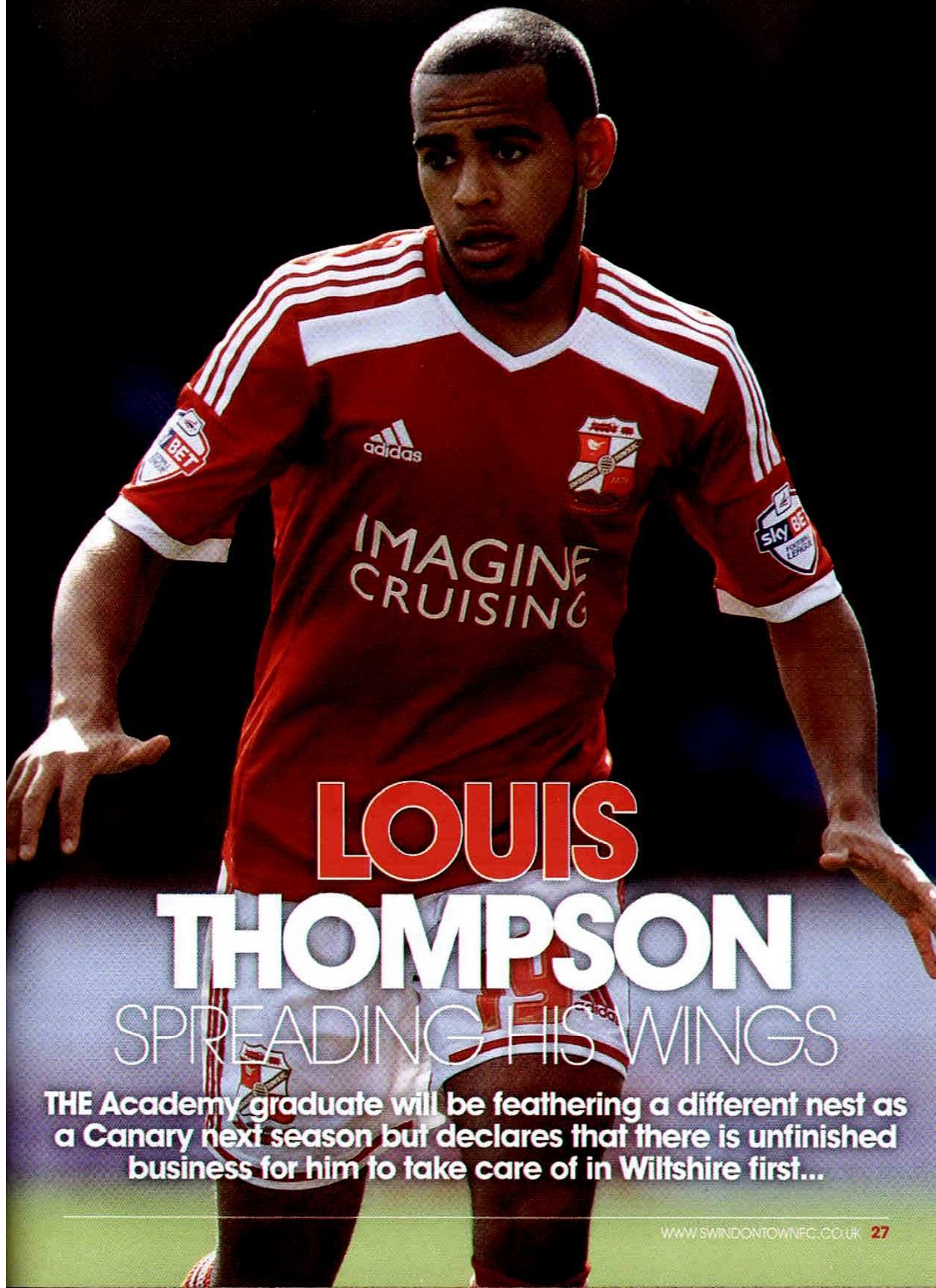
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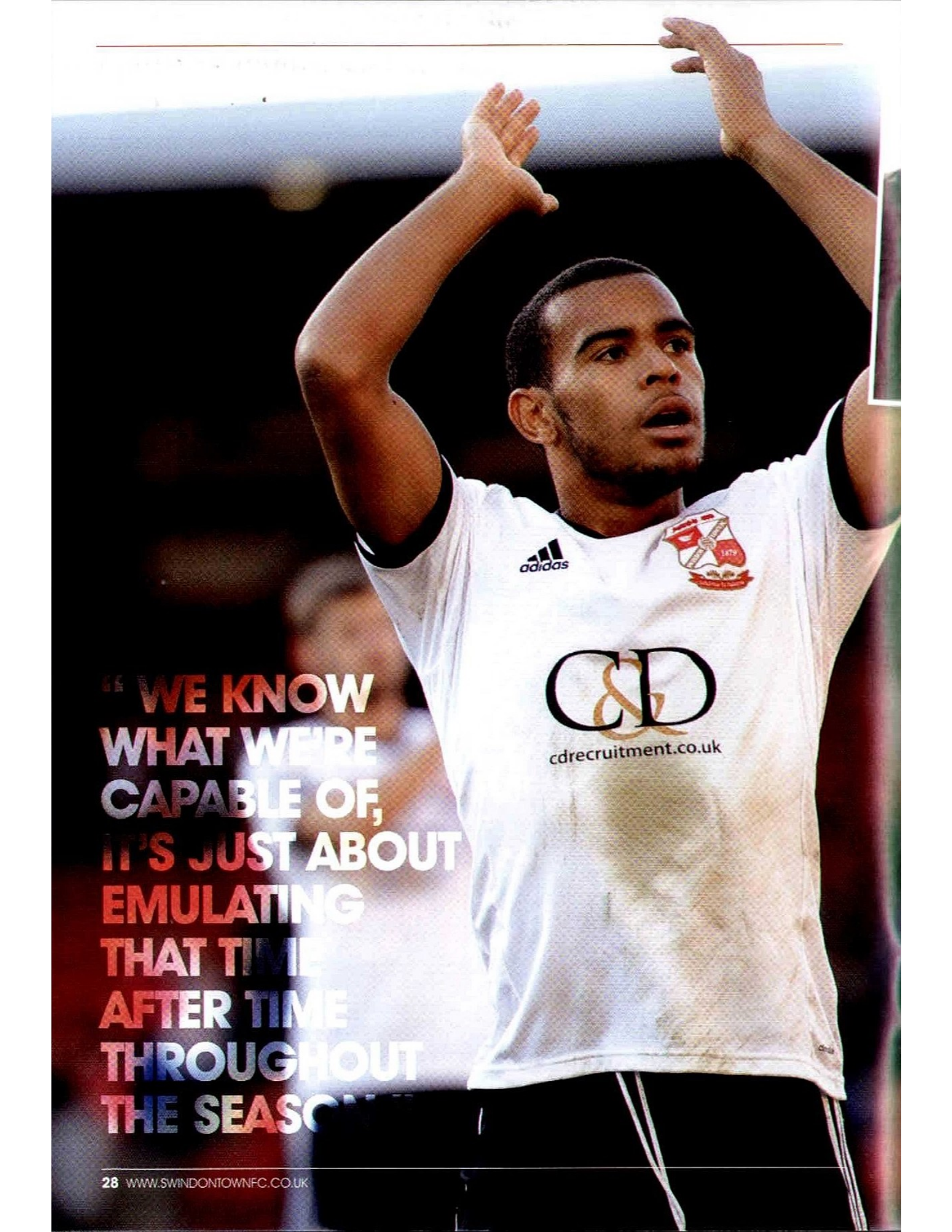
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# LOUIS THOMPSON

## SPREADING HIS WINGS

THE Academy graduate will be feathering a different nest as a Canary next season but declares that there is unfinished business for him to take care of in Wiltshire first...



**“ WE KNOW  
WHAT WE’RE  
CAPABLE OF,  
IT’S JUST ABOUT  
EMULATING  
THAT TIME  
AFTER TIME  
THROUGHOUT  
THE SEASON”**



***This time last week, the team were putting in a very dominant performance and collecting three points at Notts County...***

Yes, it was a brilliant performance from the boys, to be fair. We started with intent. Sometimes we have been a bit lackadaisical after a bit of a break but that break suited us. We seemed rested and came out sharp and we asserted ourselves on Notts County which I don't think they were expecting. Even their manager came over to us at the end of the game, held his hands up and said "you were the better side today". We know what we're capable of, it's just about emulating that time after time throughout the season.

***Cast your mind back to Scunthorpe on the opening day. Could you have imagined, at that point, the transformation of expectations among supporters from then until now?***

To be fair, the pre-season that we had was a good one. We knew we had a good bunch of boys, it's just how well we applied ourselves and whether we could do better than last year. No-one expected us to be where we are now but it's only Christmas time. Tranmere were top at Christmas a couple of years ago and they

soon fell away so we know that we need to keep ourselves on it, try and rest up when we have the opportunity to do so and keep churning out performances which are worthy of three points. Whether or not we get them is irrelevant



***"Here you're encouraged to try different things, you're encouraged to express yourself and that is why we're doing so well."***

because good performances eventually get the rewards they deserve. We're happy with where we are now but we know there is still a long way to go.

***What do you put that togetherness down to?***

I think it's down to having the set of players that we do. Each and every player is full of unbelievable quality. That and the fact that we're blessed with having the coaching staff that we do. Luke (Williams) has really put a spin on the team this year and has got us playing the way that they want us to play and that's being rolled out through the Academy which is promising but the main reason is that the boys are fantastic. The camaraderie that we have is second to none and that will

go a long way come the sticky Tuesday night games in the New Year - that is why we are where we are now.

***A lot of players interviewed in R&W this year refers to playing in this side being like playing with your mates. Is that something you agree with?***

Yes, completely! It doesn't feel like a first team environment if I'm honest, at least not one that I'm used to. I'm used to a bit of dictatorship or somewhere you don't really want to step out of line because you know you're going to get punished for it but here you're encouraged to try different things, you're encouraged to express yourself and that is why we're doing so well. If you look at 'Byrney' for example, his form this season compared to last season where he'd

sometimes be sat on the bench with myself. It's a massive difference and that's because he's been given more of a license to express himself. That little bit of pressure has been taken off us, we're excelling and I think that will continue to happen as long as we stick to our guns, do what we do best and not get dragged into the dog fights some teams want to take us into. If we keep putting our own spin on games we play, this will continue to happen and our good form will continue.

***Nathan has been a role model for you growing up. Do you think he's now fulfilling that role for the team?***

I think so. Having Nath as such a young captain makes him much more approachable. It's

not a situation where you're a bit frightened to speak to one of the older boys. We appreciate everyone in the changing room, we're all together, we all know our job within the team and together as a team we can go a long way. The boys are starting to realise that, as we saw at Notts County - it was 3-0 there and it could have been a lot more. We're constantly hearing how good we are but the boys realise the mountain we need to climb. We're halfway up at the minute.

***You mention about hearing how good you are. The popular phrase in the manager's press conferences at the moment seems to be "going under the radar". Does that affect you or do you just concentrate on your football?***

That's the way we see it - we're focusing on what's happening on the pitch and I think that is why we are going to excel. Instead of getting caught up in where we are and relying on other teams to lose - we're not in control of that, we're only in control of the performances we give so, as long as they are high, the results can lead to a whole host of things. I know that the boys will be giving 110% right to the wire. Whether that gets us promotion or not, I'm still proud of the boys.

***You mentioned everyone knowing their role. When we spoke to Massimo Luongo earlier in the season he echoed that point...***

When you play with people like Massimo and Yaser, they ooze class and when you've got that sort of weaponry in your armoury it's difficult to stop that. The opposition can bring up any sort of game plan but, nine

times out of ten, we will break that down and we will create a chance. When you've got the strikers that we have in ridiculous form it's going to equal goals so we know every player that steps onto that pitch, whether they're the starting XI or stepping in, we know they're capable of coming in and performing at the highest level. We saw from Ben Gladwin last weekend: left wing-back is not his favoured position but how well did he play? That comes from the hard work that he puts in off the pitch and when he gets his chance he takes it. That's important in the long run - we need the whole squad to be on it and the balance between the whole squad is good. It's a good ethos we've got here.

***Christmas is usually a busy period for footballers. Are you looking forward to it?***

Absolutely. I look forward to every game we play, as it comes because we're in good form. Whilst we're in this good form, bring the games thick and fast. We're looking forward to playing Doncaster here today in front of (hopefully) a big crowd. I know over Christmas the Town fans like to get behind their team so it's going to be nice to have all these festivities. We can enjoy it with three points in the bank then move onto the Boxing Day game where it's another tough match at Walsall. Doncaster are going to pose a tough test here. Through no fault of our own, we've become a scalp for teams so they'll come here with a game plan but it's our job to overcome that and put three points on the board.

***Describe a typical Christmas in the Thompson household...***

To be fair, we have our Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve so it's not too heavy come Boxing Day! We'll wake up on Christmas Day, come to training, go home and enjoy the presents and things like that but we are fully focused and we know the whole team will be fully focused on the job to come on Boxing Day so they won't go overboard. We're looking forward - as a team - to what this Christmas period will bring.

***And the perfect Christmas present would be to go top today...?***

Absolutely - I don't think that could be any better. I know the boys want to be there and we'll strive to be the best that we can be. Bristol City are a very good side and we know it's going to take a lot to nudge them off the top. They've been there for a while now but I think we're capable of it.

***"...whether they're the starting XI or stepping in, we know they're capable of coming in and performing at the highest level."***



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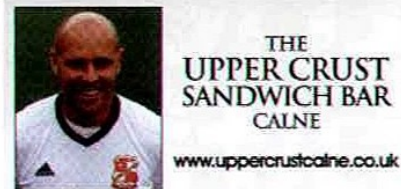
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**SWINDON TOWN**

**v**

**DONCASTER ROVERS**



## MATCH FACTS

Swindon have lost just one of their last seven home league matches with Doncaster (W2 D4).



## MATCH FACTS

Rovers have won three and lost none of their last four clashes with Swindon.



**GOALS**



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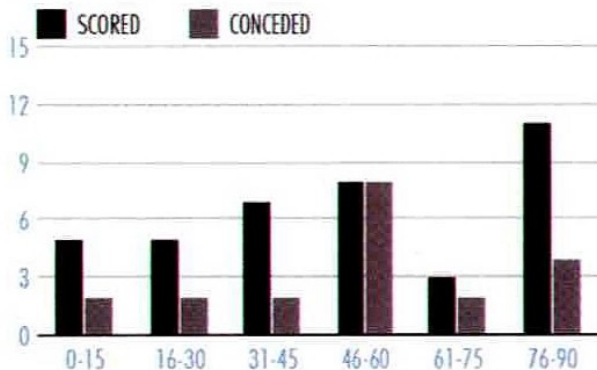


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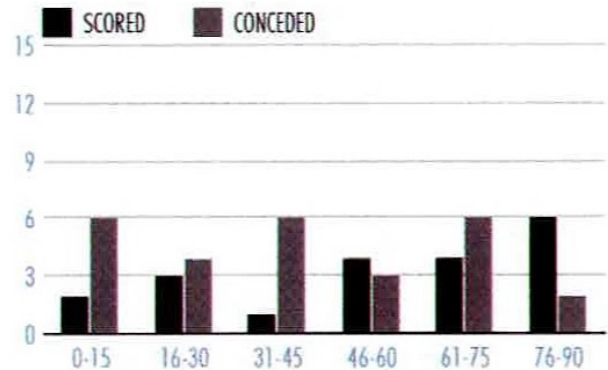


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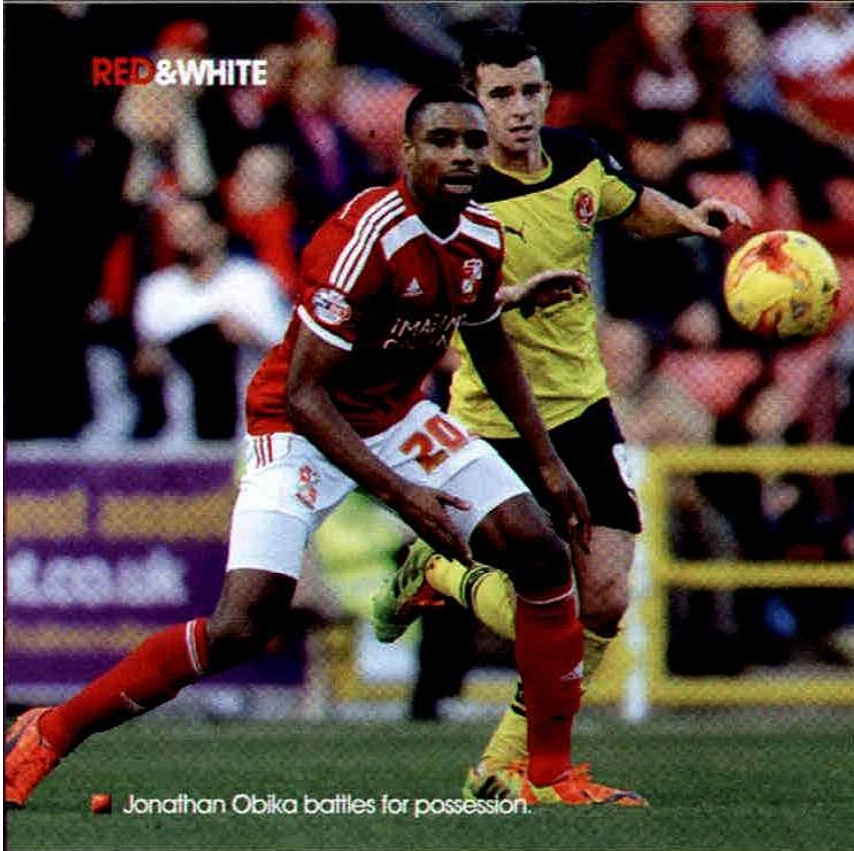
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## GOAL TIMES



RED & WHITE



Jonathan Obika battles for possession.



Sat 29th Nov, 3pm

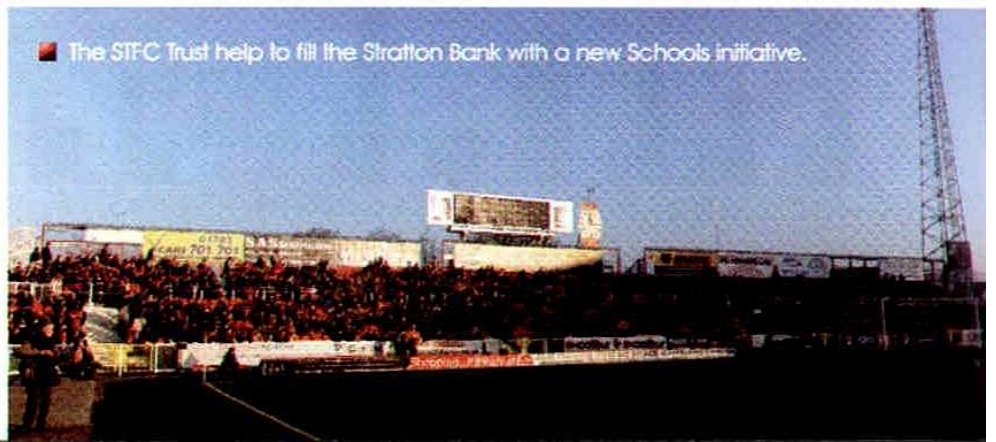
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GLADWIN 86'

**FLEETWOOD 0**



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Ben Gladwin jumps for joy after he nets Town's winner.



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### happy 16th charlie mccarthy

**CHARLIE** was 16 yesterday (19th December). He has been a Season Ticket holder for five years. His favourite Swindon game was this year's victory over City and he can't wait to do the double over them in April when we win the League at Ashton Gate! With love from Mum, Dad and all the family.



### jamie plaister

**JAMIE** joins us in The Sponsors' Suite today. He turned 28 on the 3rd December. Jamie has been a Swindon Town fan since he was six. He started watching the Town with his Gran, who was a Season Ticket holder way back then! His main passion in life is motorbikes, and he has recently purchased his first brand new road bike a Triumph Triple R. He has also just purchased his first house with his partner Sammy and they hope to move in early next year! Have a great day with us Jamie!

### happy birthday jason boyd roberts!

**HAPPY** Birthday Jason Boyd Roberts, Best wishes and love from Jack, Paul and Rhiannon.

## today's mascot



### Bailey Lambourne

**AGE:** 12  
**SCHOOL:** Bridlewood  
**PLAYED FOR:** None at present, signed for Croft as of February 2015  
**HOBBIES:** Football & Electric Motorcross  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Nathan Thompson



### Richard Poole

**RICHARD** passed away suddenly on 30th November 2014, aged 66. He had supported Swindon Town since his schooldays and attended all five Wembley finals. He had been a Season Ticket holder since 1979 and joined the Members Suite in 2011. Born and bred in Malmesbury, Richard played both football and cricket for the town and was a keen and knowledgeable lover of all forms of sport. He was a well-known character around the town, a member of Malmesbury's Old Corporation, known locally as the 'Commoners', and a founder member of Malmesbury Jazz Society. Richard will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



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*Obika*  
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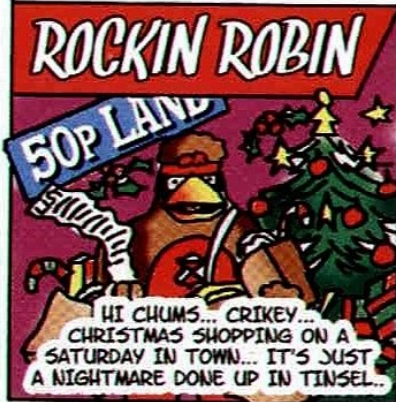
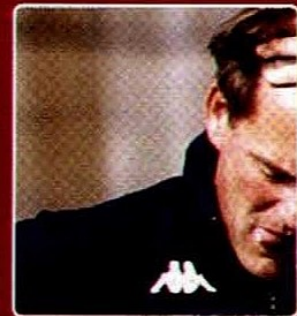
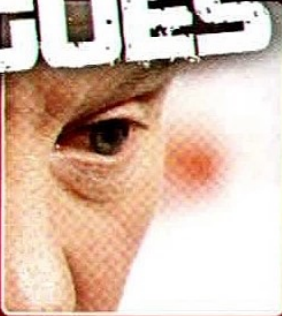


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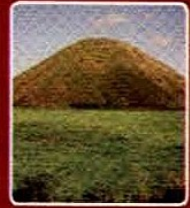
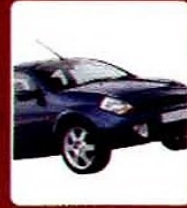


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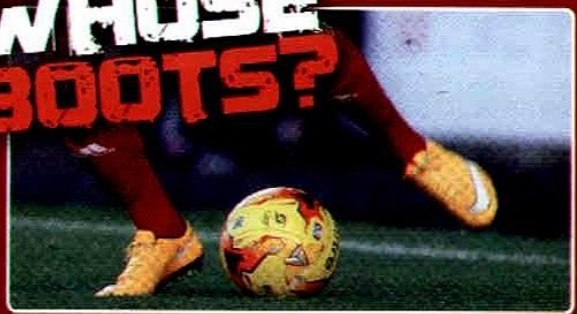


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WHOSE BOOTS?



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Jack Stephens



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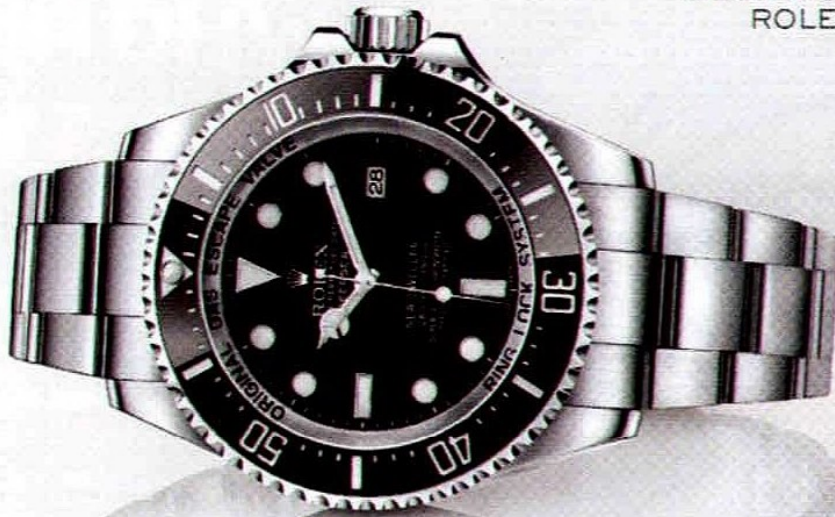
JOB SWAP?



ANSWERS...

Spot The Ball: Poshon A.  
Mystery Guest: Glenn Hoddle.  
Job Swap: Mark Cooper.  
Who Am I: Gary Cahill.  
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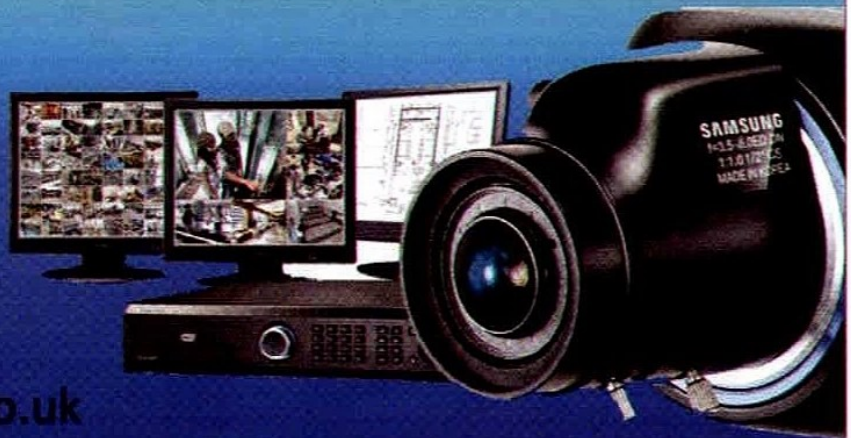
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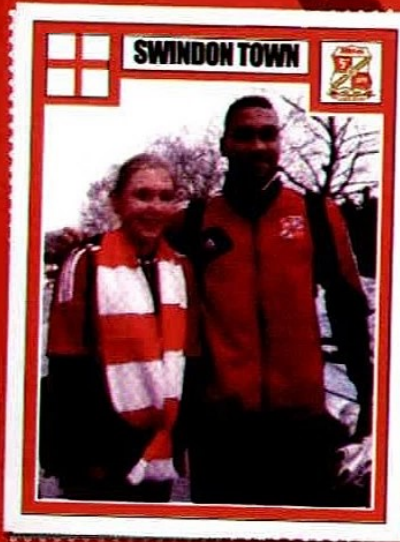




# THE STFC STICKER COLLECTION

## MASCOT MOMENT!

L-R Lewis Jackson, Fraser Nardoni-Parker, Reece Ricks and Ben Fostekew meet Nathan and Jack following the victory over Fleetwood.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY EMMA!

EMMA Broughton is 17 on Christmas Day and has been a Town fan for over 10 years. With love and best wishes from Mum, Dad and Sophie.



## AWAY SUPPORT!

TWO young Town fans, Caleb and Kian Haines are seen here supporting the Reds on the road at Peterborough United.



## BIRTHDAY FLOWERS

MARION Childers is pictured above receiving flowers and a birthday cake from Nathan and Jack following the Fleetwood victory.



## GREAT DAY OUT!

OVER 2,000 children and parents took advantage of the STFC Trust Schools offer against Fleetwood Town which saw the Bank full of home support!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE Swindon Town Stadium Maintenance team (Marcus Cassidy, Fred Brown & Matthew Vernon) would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas!

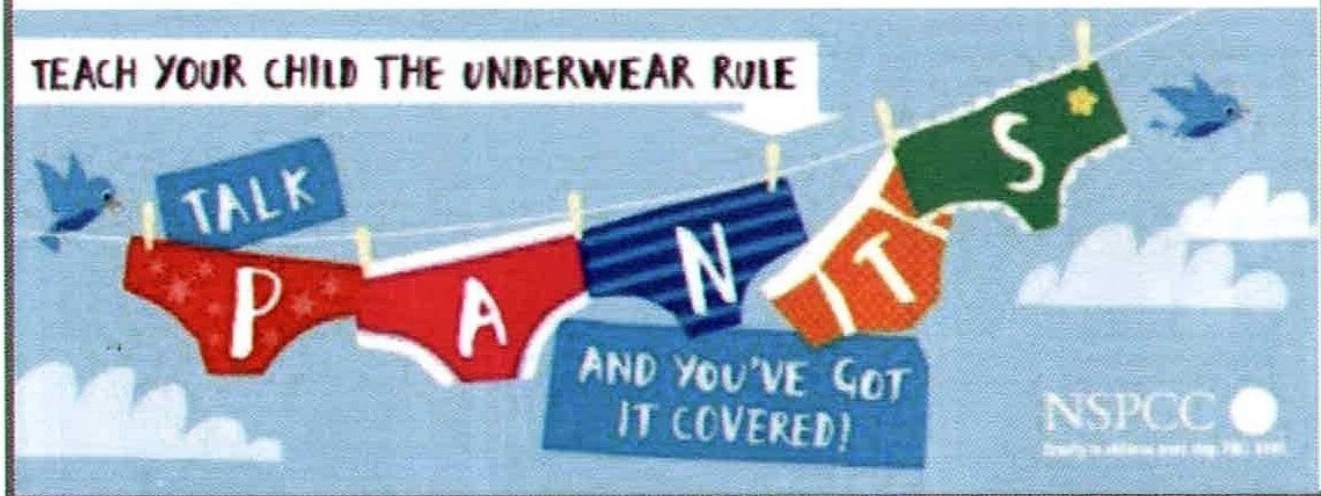


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHANNON!

ARKELL'S Stand Season Ticket holder Shannon Hearn recently celebrated her 19th birthday. Happy birthday and lots of love from all of your family.

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**THIS** afternoon we welcome Doncaster Rovers to The County Ground for what I am sure will be a festive fixture!

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A couple of weeks ago we held a race night at the club which raised over £2,400 thanks to our ladies Rachel, Teresa, Ann and Sally-Ann – who were aided by a few men! Many thanks to all those who attended and helped by sponsoring the races.

We are approaching the half way stage of the season and had anyone said we would be in second in the league we would have taken that. If we can repeat that standard, we will not be far away.

Congratulations to the manager on winning the Manager of the Month award. It was well-deserved and may there be many more. I would also like to thank him for

supporting our STFC Supporters Club functions.

Once again, we helped with the annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner to the tune of £600. The highlight for me - other than the Seniors enjoying themselves - was to see Don Rogers enjoying a conversation with Massimo Luongo. Some real quality there!

### DRAW RESULTS vs FLEETWOOD

**1st: 917 wins £545**

J Watton Swindon

**2nd: 292 wins £60**

P Savaman Hinksey

This season, the average payout is over £500 every game so make sure you get one this afternoon.

On behalf of the Supporters Club, may I wish you all a very, very Happy Christmas.

### ROGER BUNCE

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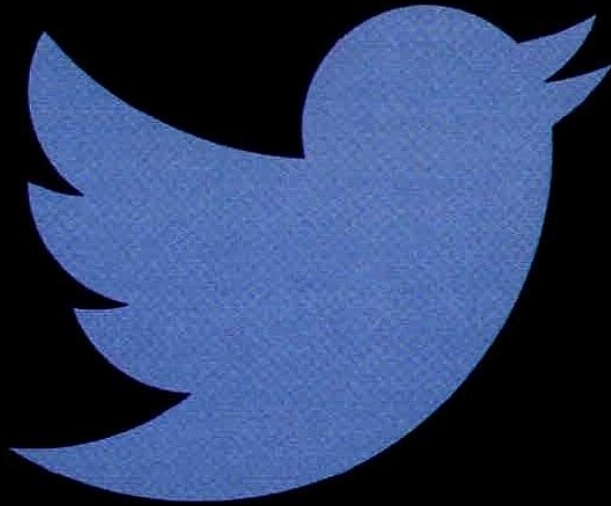
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# FANATIC'S ATTIC

Words  
Dave  
Wallis

**MUCH** of what can be found in a Fanatic's Attic will have started its journey there from a football ground.

THE boxes of programmes, the ticket stubs, the replica shirts and the club badges will have been sourced from the confines of a football club somewhere.

So it seems as though it might go against standard protocol that there was once one particular source of memorabilia that today seems far removed from football. Once upon a time, rival petrol stations fought each other for the affections of motorists by twisting their arms with football related promotions, and none tried harder than Esso.

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Mark Cooper's dad, Terry, was amongst the pieces on offer.

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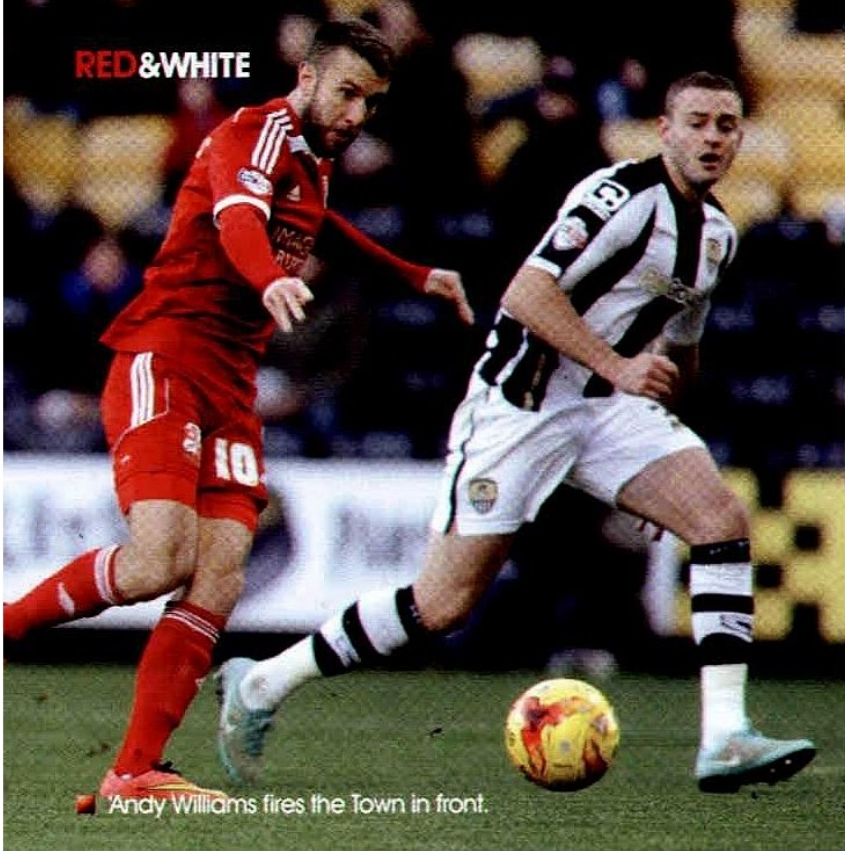


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answers to trivia and foil club badges which were expected to be mounted to a card to display every club's crest.



RED & WHITE



Andy Williams fires the Town in front.



Sat 13th Dec, 3pm

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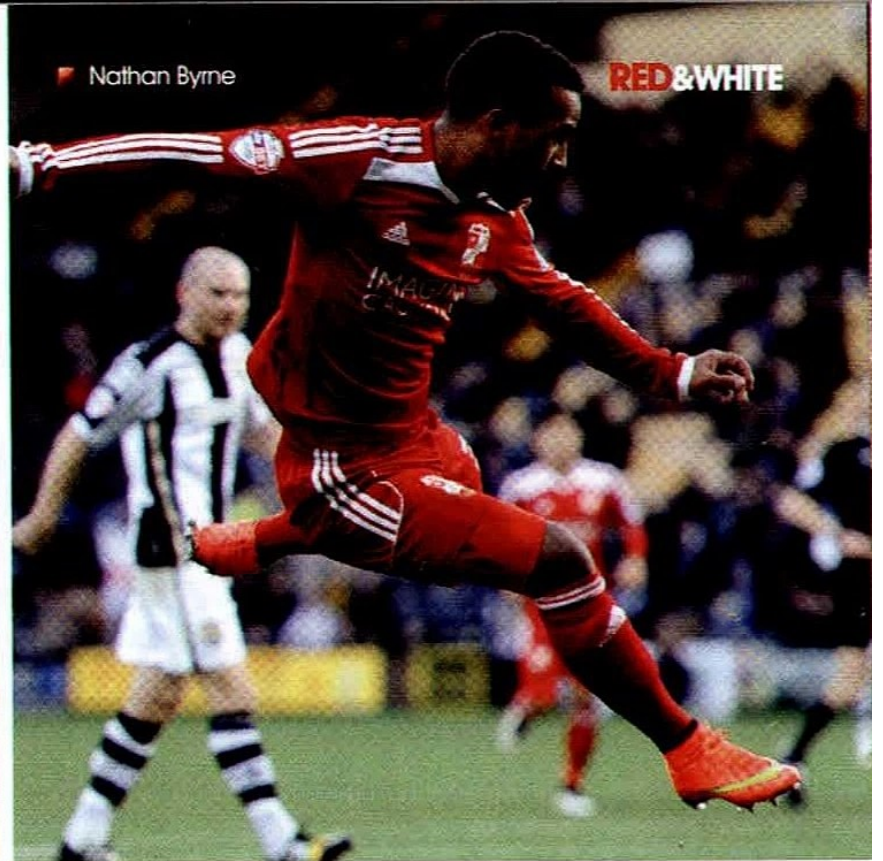
**TOWN 3**

WILLIAMS 6' 54', LUONGO 59'



Massimo Luongo celebrates his goal



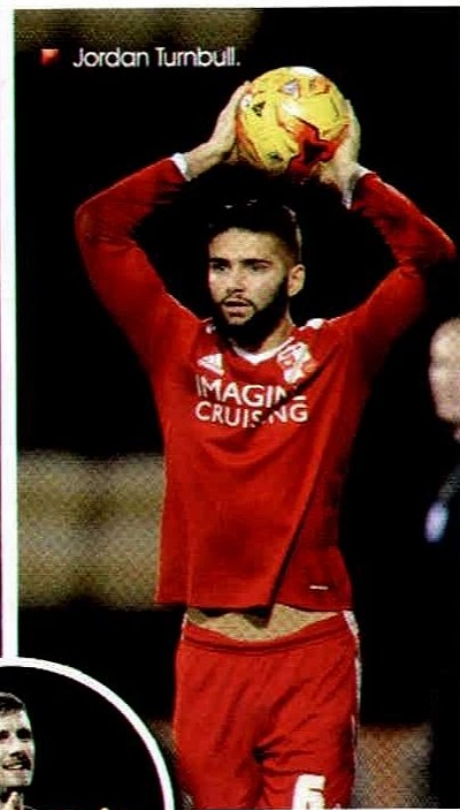


■ Nathan Byrne

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■ 'Willo' runs off to celebrate his second with the travelling fans.



■ Jordan Turnbull.





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# 50s In focus

R&W turns the clock back 60 years as we continue our new feature in the 2014/15 edition of the programme...

Words **Paul Plowman**

**ON** Good Friday 1959 Town travelled to Doncaster for the first ever meeting between the clubs - and the first of two over the holiday weekend. Instead of having to endure a tortuous coach journey to Yorkshire, the players had been treated to a flight in a 19-seat aircraft direct from Lyneham - at a cost of £90!

Rovers were struggling just one place off the foot of the table, while Swindon were looking to halt a run of twelve away games

without a victory - nine of which had ended in defeat. But their hopes of ending that dismal run were dealt a major blow just fifteen minutes into the game.

Experienced left-half Maurice Owen, who had been at the County Ground for 12 years, went down following a tackle and broke his right leg. With no substitutes allowed in those days, Town had to continue a man short for the remaining 75.

By the break, Jim Fletcher had netted twice in

ten minutes to give Rovers a two goal lead but a dogged defensive performance in the second-half by Bert Head's side prevented any further damage.

Owen - who had broken an arm over the Easter holiday four years earlier - was detained at Doncaster Royal Infirmary overnight and travelled back to Swindon on the Monday - on Rovers' team coach!

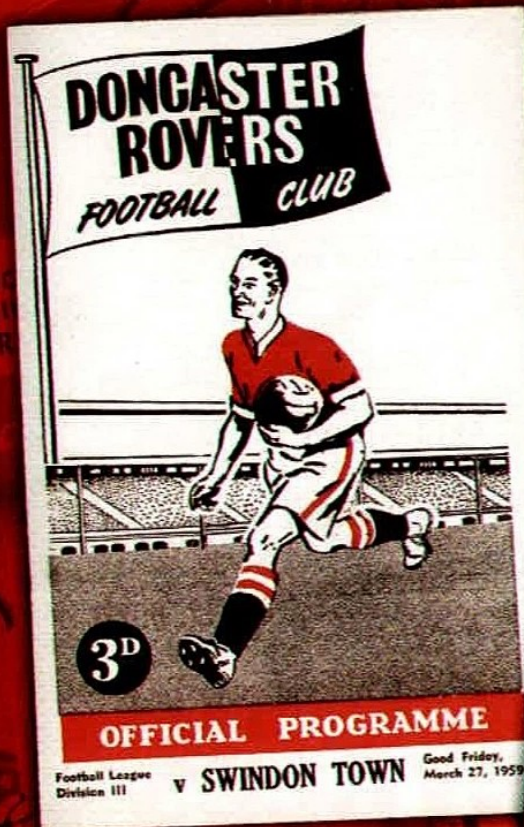
Again, Town would not get the better of their visitors, the game ending in a goalless draw. But the points gained failed to help the Belle Vue club, as they were unable to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division. Swindon finished 15th.



**Above/Left:** Maurice Owen

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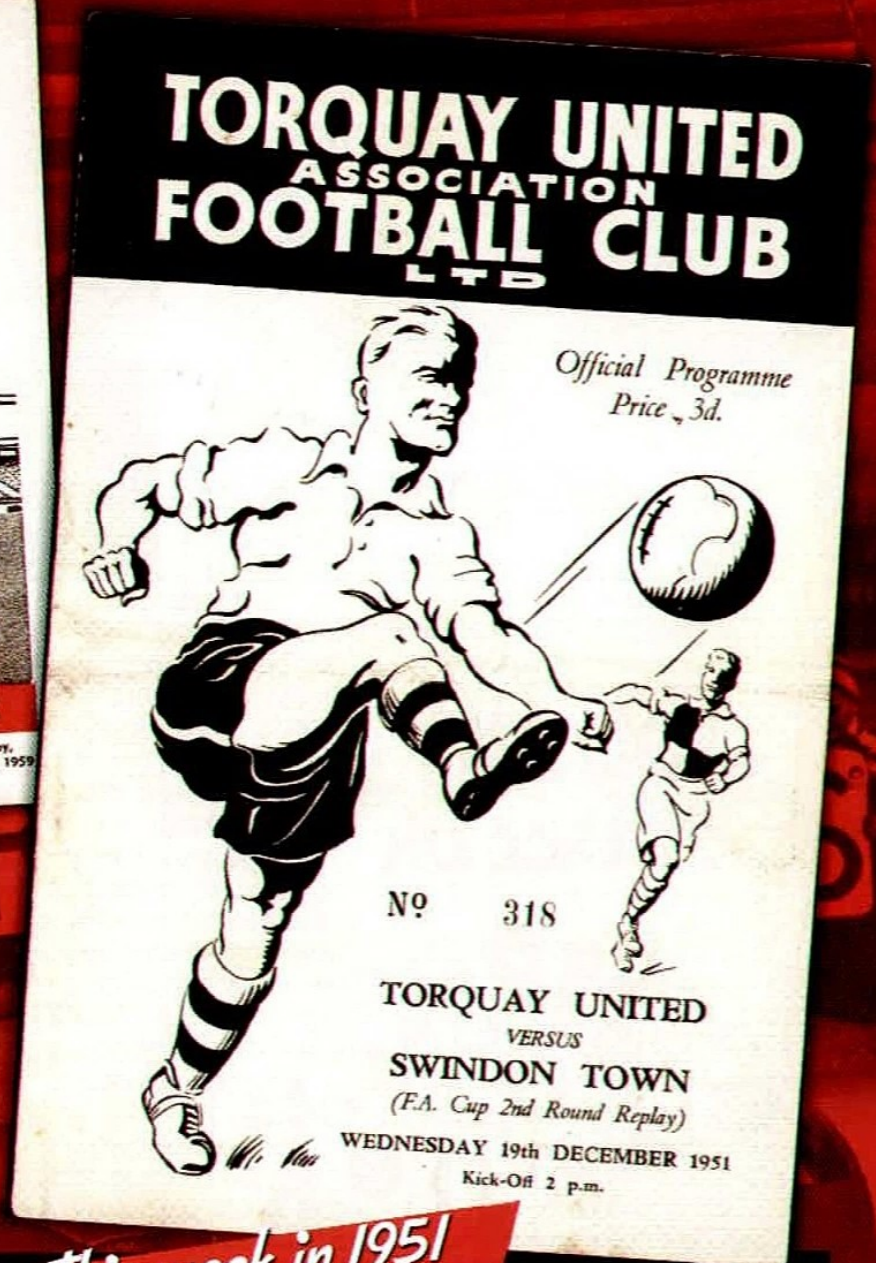
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A former apprentice at a car works in his home town of Abingdon, Owen had scored over 150 goals during his earlier career as a forward.

Fortunately, he made a full recovery from the injury. He was back in action in the October when he played in a third team game at Thame United. By Christmas he was assisting the reserve side but he did not re-appear in the first team until the opening game of 1960/61.


However, there was still time for Owen to clock up 600 appearances - then a club record - after which he continued in various backroom duties at the club until retiring at sixty, in 1984.



This week in 1951

**DECEMBER 19:** Swindon drew 1-1 at Torquay in an F.A. Cup Second Round replay at Plainmoor. The first game had ended 3-3, Maurice Owen scoring twice. He found the target again in the second replay at Ashton Gate which Town won 3-1 to set up a meeting with Cardiff.





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IT was a busy couple of weeks building up to the Trust Family Day held on 29th November for the visit of Fleetwood Town. We learned a lot of lessons along the way but, thankfully, the event was a big success, with almost 3,500 free tickets distributed through the TrustSTFC School Partnership and the resultant boost to the matchday attendance. In truth, we needed a slightly better 'run-up', as preparation time was tight. We had originally agreed with the club somewhere in the region of 800-1,200 free tickets however, once the numbers started rolling in, we had to have some urgent further discussions as it would've been a real shame to have kids sat at home on the day. It would have been easy for the club to reject our request but Steve Anderson (General Manager) sat down with us and had a really proactive mindset to make the initiative work.

Onto the day itself and The County Ground was clearly full of so many children and parents who were attending their first match. It was brilliant to see the Stratton Bank and indeed the Don Rogers both full again with home support as part of the 10,506 crowd. Many of us have grown up and witnessed some classics from 'up on the bank' so it was great seeing it full of Town fans again. To make the day operate smoothly, the Trust board would like to thank Fast Plant for donating toilet facilities, C&D Recruitment for donating stewards and Imagine Cruising who agreed to forego their large inflatable shirt in support of our community initiative.

You can watch a video of the day, including our work behind the scenes, as well as reactions from the families, Mark Cooper and Lee Power – by typing [j.mp/trustfamilyday](http://j.mp/trustfamilyday) into your browser.

The Family Day is part of longer-term plans by TrustSTFC to help the club to take our

attendance regularly past 10,000 and then eventually onto filling the ground every match. Anyone present would've noticed that the increased numbers add to the feel that you are at a big event, so we need to keep working together and encouraging people to come along to games; especially given the club are being successful on the pitch.

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**THE** Town midfielder is looking forward to the Christmas period before jetting off for the warmer climes of home in January...



*Massimo Luongo*  
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# MASSIMO LUONGO

GUNNING FOR GOALS



**BEFORE** he is due to meet up with the Soccerroos for next month's Asia Cup, Luongo says that the festive period could be a crucial point in the Town's season.

"I love Christmas," he said. "I love playing through Christmas. It's exciting and the Boxing Day game is always special - for the fans as well. Then we have a game two days later and it's probably a crucial part of the season where we can pick up points. If we pick up maximum points, other teams may drop points.

"The Asia Cup should be good. It's another part of my career I want to do well in. It's not going to be easy, it's a tough group but I think, being at home, it's quite exciting and I'm looking forward to it."

After a healthy haul of points from their fixtures over the past few weeks, the midfielder put Swindon's performances down to their training regime. He explained: "It's been a good month. We took points off the teams at the top of the table. Obviously training has paid off because a lot of those games were won in the last few minutes so I put it down to the boys, their



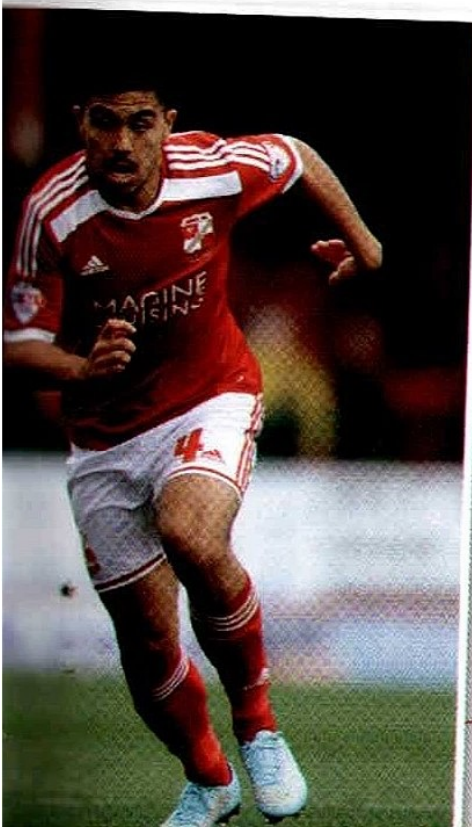
**"It's been a good month. We took points off the teams at the top of the table. Obviously training has paid off..."**

fitness and the training that we have been doing."

Luongo found himself back on the scoresheet last weekend as Town ran out 3-0 winners at Notts County and admits that he was delighted to have netted his first goal since the opening day of the season. "It's been a long time coming and the gaffer's been getting on to me to score," he smiled. "I'd had a good week before that so having a good week I put pressure on myself to get that goal and I was buzzing. The way I was shouting (at Ben Gladwin), he couldn't have refused to pass to me - he knew I was desperate to score. We got an early goal which probably settled us

and made us confident in possession. We looked quite dominant throughout the whole game and even though the sending off helped we took that responsibility and kept our discipline. We made it a controlled win which was pleasing."

Finally, the Australian declared that his and the side's focus was solely on the visit of Doncaster this afternoon. "Last time I played them when I came on loan, they were quite solid," he said. "I remember them being organised, solid, they didn't mess about and they were a hard team to break down. We've been through a few things in training this week to help us get through them."



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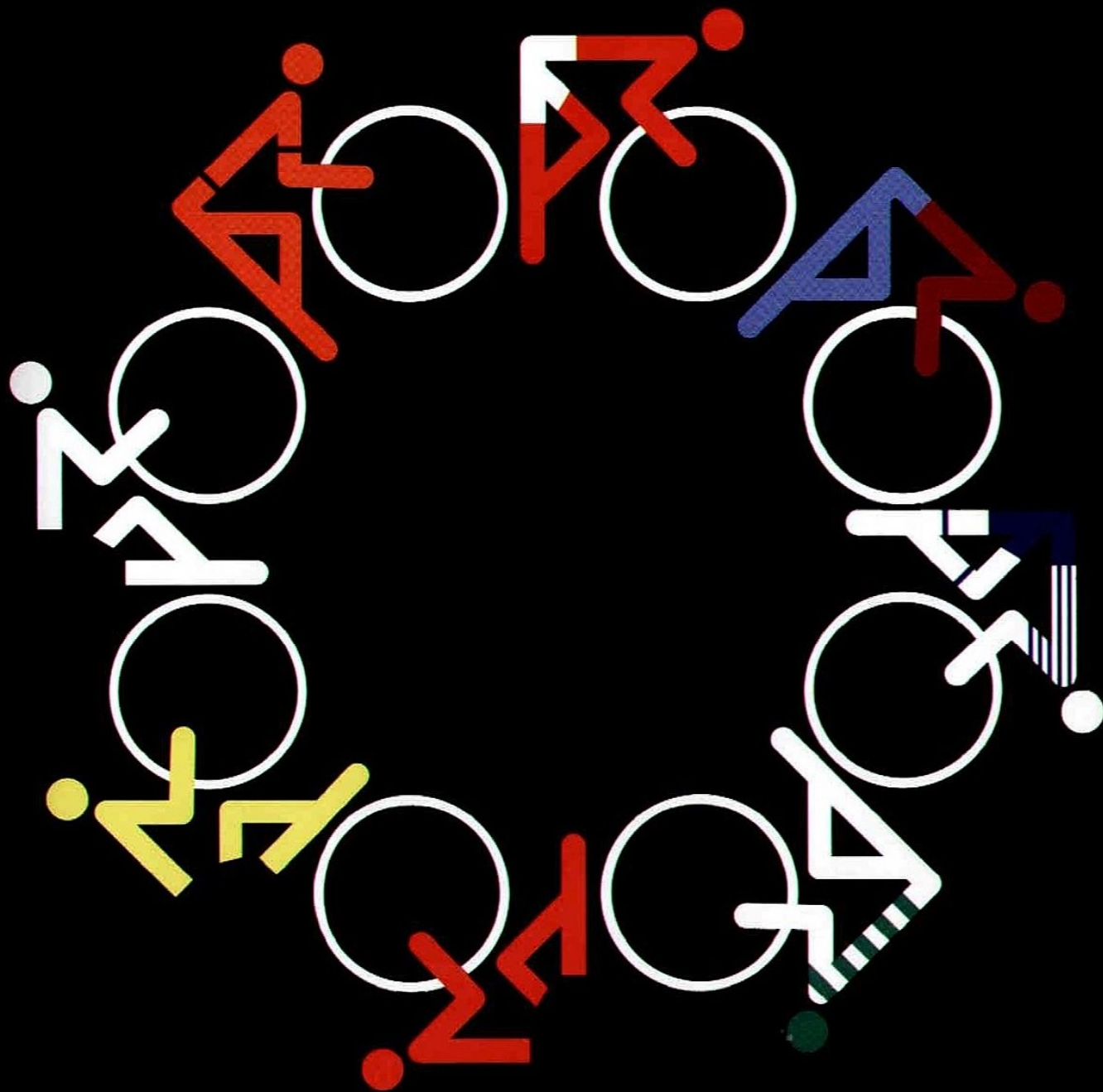
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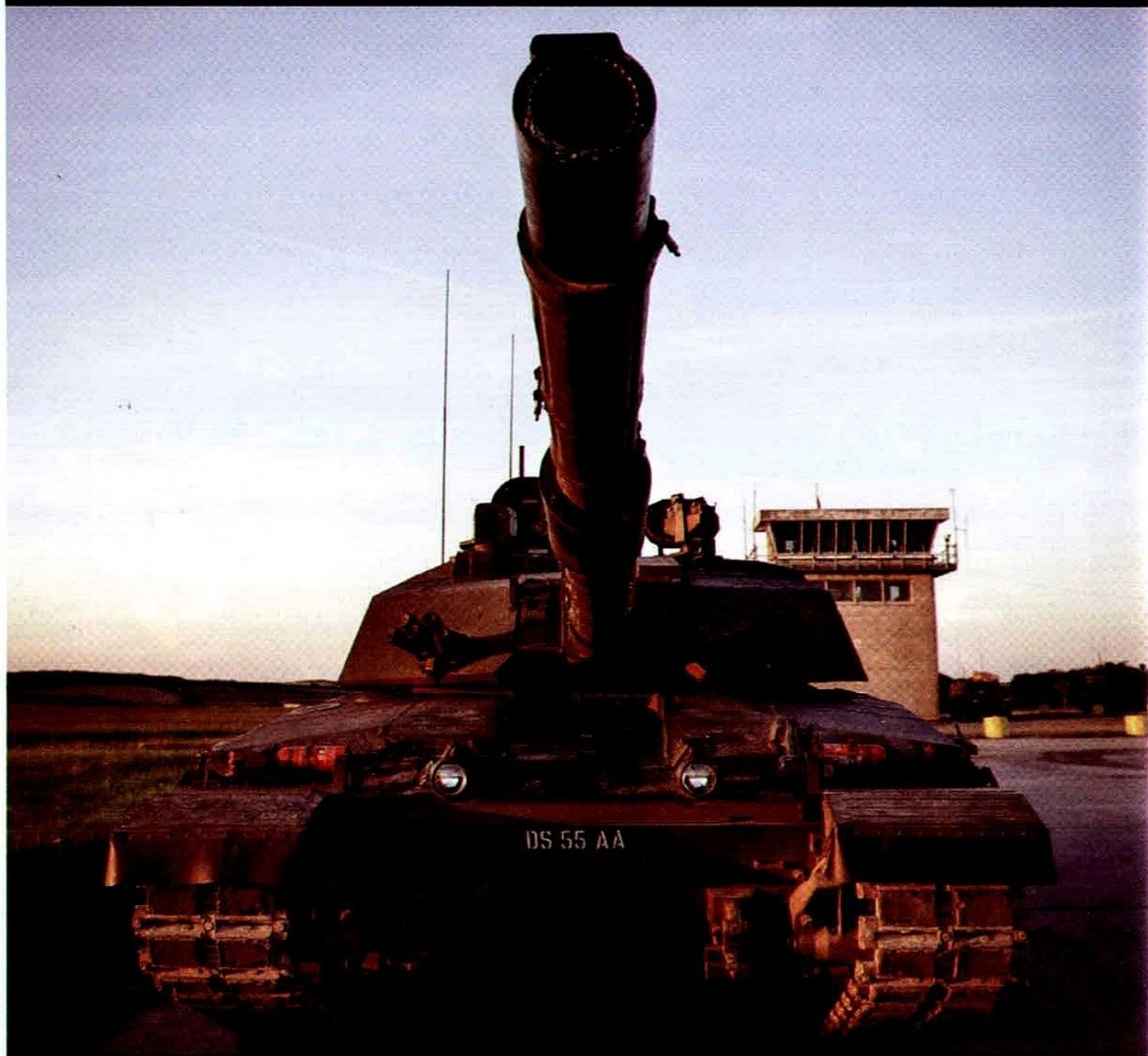


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**THE** Academy will close for the Christmas period this weekend, so the boys will be in today and that will be the last session before coming back in early January.



**THE** Day Release Programme is going well and since the last set of notes, I have been up to Premier League headquarters to have a meeting with the auditors about the recommendations that they put to us in the Academy. Those recommendations have been supported by the evidence that we submitted to the auditors and they were happy with the evidence that was submitted so it's all good now, we just have to continue to work away and obviously get more players through the system. The Under-12s and Under-13s are going to England HQ (St George's Park) this weekend to have a training session and stay the night so that will be good for them. They'll also be eating in Club England where

all the England players eat - I've managed to sort that out for them. Next year's Netherlands trips are all booked as well so it's shaping up to be a busy 2015. We have a group going back to the Caribbean in February and then the Dutch trips for the Under-10s to the Under-15s in March and early April. Then, looking ahead even further than that, we'll start planning for next season - hopefully the first team can continue their run and get us up. With that in mind, we need to do a bit of pre-planning to see where we go with the categorisation of the Youth Academy as a result. Over the Christmas period all the schoolboys will have their own individual plans, from Under-9s

all the way up. They've got their player packs to refer back to as well. The Under-18s will be away from this weekend too. I'm sure that one or two of them will be expected to be in with the first team. Hopefully if we can get three or four in with the first team then brilliant but Christmas is going to be a very busy time for the first team. If three or four boys will be pulled in and be a part of it through the Christmas period we'll get them to understand the importance of managing themselves during that period of time. It's really important that they start to learn about that at such a young age.

**JEREMY NEWTON**  
ACADEMY MANAGER



# UNDER-18s GAFFER

SCOTT LINDSEY

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**WE** were very pleased to win last week at Torquay: we dominated possession and we were more ruthless in front of goal than we have been in the past few games.



I was really pleased about that because we had been working on it and had mentioned it a few times during training so it was something that the players were mindful of during the game. They put it to practice and I think, over the 90 minutes, we had something like 20 chances on and off target which mirrored the possession statistics. We've played games before where we've had a lot of possession and not had a lot of chances. There has to be a reason why we have so much of the ball because we want to try and dominate the game and hopefully score lots of goals but, in past games, we haven't done that and then on Saturday we did so I was pleased with that more than anything. We are now scoring goals not just from

the two strikers - who are on 13 and 14 goals apiece - but we're also seeing players chipping in from other areas as well which is pleasing.

In my last set of notes we were reviewing the FA Youth Cup defeat to Oxford and I definitely think that game is out of our system. We're now concentrating on getting as many points as we can and obviously playing as well as we can do every week which is massively important. Around Christmas time it's an important time for the second years because we start talking about making decisions for the players so it's really important that they kick on and focus on their football.

We're starting to notice - like the first team - that the surfaces we're playing on are starting to

deteriorate and this obviously doesn't make it any easier but we will never change from what we do because of that. On Saturday, we played on a really poor quality pitch but we actually passed it really nicely because we don't change what we do and we'll just carry on doing it. The likelihood is that there will be mistakes made and there will be times that we give away possession because of the state of the pitch but they're not going to hear me shouting and moaning at them for doing that - it's just a case of don't worry about it, do it again, carry on and just make sure you get the ball to where it should be.

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**AUGUST**

Sat Aug 9	Torquay United	2-0 W
Sat Aug 16	Newport County	6-4 W
Sat Aug 23	Cheltenham Town	2-0 W
Sat Aug 30	Plymouth Argyle	4-2 W

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat Sep 6	AFC Bournemouth	3-1 W
Sat Sep 13	Exeter City	2-1 W
Sat Sep 20	Oxford United	0-2 L
Sat Sep 27	Bristol Rovers	1-0 W

**OCTOBER**

Sat Oct 11	Portsmouth	3-3 D
Sat Oct 18	AFC Bournemouth	1-2 L
Sat Oct 25	Plymouth Argyle	2-3 L

**NOVEMBER**

Sat Nov 1	Oxford United	1-2 L
Tue Nov 4	Christchurch FAYC	5-0 W
Sat Nov 15	Exeter City	P-P
Tue Nov 18	Oxford United FAYC	2-3 L
Sat Nov 22	Portsmouth	3-4 L

**DECEMBER**

Sat Dec 6	Bristol Rovers	0-1 L
Sat Dec 13	Torquay United	3-0 W

**JANUARY**

Sat Jan 10	Newport County	Home
Sat Jan 17	Cheltenham Town	Away

**2014/15 YOUTH ALLIANCE:**

TEAM:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Bournemouth	15	11	2	2	14	35
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>
Exeter City	16	8	1	7	2	25
Plymouth	12	7	2	3	6	23
Portsmouth	14	6	4	4	12	22
Oxford	16	7	1	8	0	22
Cheltenham	14	6	1	7	-5	19
Bristol Rovers	14	4	4	6	-1	16
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## At the Christmas break, the Town Ladies stay on top of the league after a positive first half of the season...

**THE** latest win saw the ladies defeat Shanklin IOW 5-0 in what was the visitors' first away defeat of the season.

Steve Robertson and Claire Power have done a fantastic job this season and hopefully the ladies can continue their fine form in 2015.

The Development Team also finished 2014 on a high with an emphatic 12-0 win over Market Lavington. The girls can take this into the New Year with added optimism and achieve a top five finish. Again, I would like to thank Jason Brizzell and Amanda Martin for their fine work with our talented younger players with their patience and encouragement being rewarded with some positive results.

This Monday our Under-12s CFFE face Cheltenham Town and our Under-15s and 16s face Yeovil Town and we wish all our girls all the very best and look forward to reporting on the games in the next

programme notes.

Last week, we ran our first FFD Festival of the year with over 40 girls attending a six-team tournament. These girls aged 14-18 have all been part of the 120 girls who have participated in the Football League Trust Female Growth programme. These sessions have been operating in schools, sports hubs and youth centres across Swindon and Wiltshire over the past 10 weeks. The girls who chose to come to the festival were players who felt that they would like to try the next level of football offered within the county's female affiliated leagues. Swindon Town Ladies, Swindon Spiffires and Highworth Town Ladies all attended the festival along with Tim Hall from the County FA offering information on joining our affiliated clubs. We were delighted that 10 girls have decided to join local clubs and hopefully continuing in the game for many years to come. It's so important that, although

we are STFC Ladies, that we also offer support to our neighbouring teams to help develop the Women's game here in the county for many years to come.

Have a great Christmas and let's hope for three points from today's game!

### SHANE HEWLETT

WOMEN & GIRLS DEV. OFFICER

### SWD1 2014/15 TABLE:

TEAM:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>
Forest Green	11	7	2	2	20	23
Exeter City	10	6	2	2	22	20
Southampton	11	6	1	4	5	19
Chichester	9	3	1	5	-3	10
Larkhall Ath	8	3	1	4	-3	10
Shanklin	7	2	3	2	-4	9
Cheltenham	9	2	2	5	-13	8
St Nicholas	8	1	0	7	-18	3
Gosport Boro	6	0	0	6	-29	0

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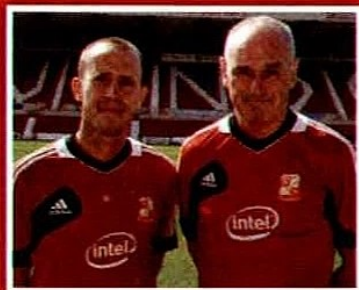
**Pictured:** Girls from our recent FFD Festival.



## KEEP IN TOUCH...



Introducing our Community  
Development Managers...



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## OUR COURSES...

- Holiday Courses
- Soccer Centres
- After School Coaching Clubs
- Saturday Team Club
- Tiny Tots (2-3 year olds)
- Mini Soccer (4-5 year olds)
- Extra Time (over 60s Healthy Living Programmes)
- Birthday Parties
- Disability Programme
- Twilight Football:  
Teenage Sessions
- Ground Tours
- Club Coaching Days
- Free In-Schools Coaching
- Girls Coaching &  
Development & Centre  
For Excellence
- Multi Sports
- Swindon Town Ladies  
Football Club

# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



## GOOD afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's encounter against Doncaster Rovers.

### SATURDAY TEAM CLUB...

**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to today's game. We'd like to wish all our supporters a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We would also like to extend these wishes to our Saturday Team Club members who are here today enjoying a ground tour, the coaching experience along with some matches before having their pizza lunch just after 1pm then taking their seats to hopefully witness Swindon Town pick up today's festive three points. We'd like to say a big hello to Wantage Town Boys U13 and U12 Girls organised by Toni Cooper, Ludgershall Sports U8s organised by Scott McCallum and Wootton Bassett Town U7s organised by Jeremy Smith. If any of you are

in the crowd today that play for a local team and would like to come and experience the Saturday Team Club package here at Swindon Town please contact Andy Ealey who is taking bookings for the rest of the 2014/15 season. Andy can be contacted on **01793 421303** or **andy@stfc-fitc.co.uk**.

### SOCCER CENTRES

IT has been a busy couple of weeks with us collecting the re-enrolments for the new term for our Soccer Centres and our After-School clubs which will kick off in early January. We are delighted that so many people sign up for our activities and are not put off by the weather at this time of year. We are really looking forward to commencing with these popular programmes

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in the New Year and for further information please do not hesitate in visiting our website or contacting us on the above telephone number.

**EXTRA TIME**

OUR extra timers have broken up for Christmas and they all enjoyed their Christmas lunch last week at the Blunsdon House Hotel which concluded another great year for everyone who has taken part. We are delighted to boast over 50 members who participate in a number of weekly activities such as country walks, croquet, bowls and golf tuition. Again, we would like to take this opportunity with everyone from FITC wishing all our extra time participants a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**FOOTBALL FANS IN TRAINING**

THE 15th of January sees the launch and kick off of this brand new initiative where we will be

having 30 participants engaging in the 12-week programme which will hopefully see our male participants choose a healthier lifestyle and give them the opportunity to lose weight and kick off 2015 in a healthier vein. We nearly have a full quota of people but we have a few places left. For further information, don't hesitate in contacting Shane Hewlett or Jon Holloway as soon as possible.

**GIRLS CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE**

WE have some fixtures arranged for our various age groups within our CFFE Girls programme with us entertaining Plymouth at Under-15 and Under-16 level on Monday 22nd December and on the 2nd January, our Under-12s and Under-13s will be travelling down to Plymouth to play our Devonshire counterparts on their patch. We will give you a full update of these fixtures in one of the home programmes in 2015.

**DEVELOPMENT CENTRES...**



**LINK CENTRE**

Swindon Borough	
Mon: 4.00-5.00	4-5 yrs
5.00-6.00	5-7 yrs
Sat: 9.15-10.00	3-4 yrs Tots
8.30-9.15	3-4 yrs Tots

**STRATTON**

Grange Drive	
Tues: 3.30-4.30	5-6 yrs
Wed: 1.00-1.45	2-3 yrs Tots
1.45-2.30	3-4 yrs Tots
3.30-4.30	7-8 yrs
4.30-5.30	8-9 yrs
5.00-6.00	5-14 yrs GK
Fri: 3.30-4.30	4-5 yrs

**CRICKLADE**

Fri: 5.30-6.30	5-7 yrs
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**CROFT**

Swindon Borough	
Sat: 9.00-10.00	7-8 yrs
10.00-11.00	4-6 yrs
Mon: 1.00-1.45	3-4 yrs Tots
1.45-2.30	3-4 yrs Tots

**HAYDON CENTRE**

Swindon Borough	
Thurs: 4.00-5.00	5-6 yrs
5.00-6.00	7-8 yrs
6.00-7.00	9-11 yrs

**OASIS**

Mon: 5.00-6.00	8-11 yrs
5.00-6.00	11-14 yrs

**RIDGEWAY**

Wed: 6.00-7.00	8-11 yrs
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**DORCAN**

Swindon Borough	
Mon: 5.00-5.45	4-5 yrs
Tues: 5.00-5.45	4-5 yrs
Thurs: 5.00-6.00	8-11 yrs
Fri: 5.00-6.00	5-6 yrs
Sat: 6.00-7.00	6-7 yrs

**BEVERSBROOK**

Wed: 5.00-6.00	5-7yrs/8-11yrs
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**GIRLS CENTRES**

Link Centre:	
Mon: 5.00-6.00	8-12 yrs Girls
Stratton	
Tues: 4.30-5.30	5-10 yrs Girls
Thurs: 4.30-5.30	7-12 yrs Girls
Dorcan	
Friday: 5.30-6.30	11-14 yrs girls
5.30-6.30	11-15 yrs girls
(Advanced Girls, Invite only)	



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**A warm welcome to Doncaster Rovers who arrive in Swindon this afternoon for the first of our four important fixtures in the next fourteen days over the Christmas and New Year period.**

**DESPITE** two consecutive home defeats, Doncaster will provide stiff opposition with five victories on their travels to date in comparison to their poor home form where they have won only once in nine outings. I would like to give a special mention to Brian Horton - the assistant manager at Doncaster - whom I played alongside at Luton Town back in the early 1980s. He was captain of our 1982 Second Division championship-winning team and was an inspirational leader both on and off the pitch. He set the standards so high and demanded the same from his teammates.

After our magnificent run of results with five consecutive victories against our close rivals taking us within a point of Bristol City at the top, we now enter a crucial part of the season over the festive period where, if we are not totally professional and focused on our jobs then all that good work can be undone in a trice. Professional footballers are in a privileged position and most working men would love to be in their position - being paid for taking part in a sport you love. At this time of year, our footballers must show their true professionalism with sacrifice in search of that end goal the order of the day and, unfortunately, that means the family must often take second place.

Congratulations to Mark



**“It was fully deserved for guiding us through that most difficult month with so many victories...”**

Cooper for picking up the SkyBet League 1 Manager of the Month award for November. It was fully deserved for guiding us through that most difficult month with so many victories and how good to hear him lavishing praise on all those backroom staff that are such an integral part of producing that winning team.

Praise also must go to the STFC Supporters Trust who were instrumental in organising the family day against Fleetwood where the extra 3,000 supporters on the Stratton Bank boosted the attendance to 10,500 people, creating a great atmosphere within the stadium and, of

course, the late winning goal sent them all home happy. Let's hope for more of these initiatives in the coming weeks.

Our physio, Paul Godfrey, has been working tirelessly to get our injured players ready for selection today so let's hope we have a full squad to choose from as we try to build on our recent home successes which have taken us towards the summit.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. Please get behind the team once more today.

**STEVE WHITE**

STFC HALL OF FAME MEMBER

# ON THE ROAD

NEXT UP AWAY



**SAS TRAVEL**



VS **WALSALL**



We are now taking bookings for the visit to Walsall.

**Date:** 26/12/2014

**Price:** £15 Adult, £13 Junior

**£1** Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card. Departs The County Ground at **10.45am**



VS **FLEETWOOD**



We are now taking bookings for the visit to Fleetwood.

**Date:** 03/01/2015

**Price:** £25 Adult, £23 Junior

**£2** Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card. Departs The County Ground at **8am**



VS **COVENTRY CITY**



**Date:** 12/01/14

For details of the trip to Coventry please visit the official website where details will be published as soon as they become available.

All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Please note that credit/debit card payment will be taken at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats

#### SAS CONTACT DETAILS:

Call on **01793 536757** and leave a message on the answer phone, SAS Travel will reply as soon as possible. Alternatively, email [sastravel@sky.com](mailto:sastravel@sky.com) or follow SAS Travel on Twitter @SAS\_Travel

## R&W looks ahead to Swindon's trip to Walsall on Boxing day.



A Boxing Day trip to the Banks's Stadium is next on the cards for Swindon away from home. Town will be looking to set the record straight after not claiming more than a point in two of the last three outings at Walsall. Last term, a second-half strike from Michael Smith rescued a point for Mark Cooper's men. The Robins have not beaten the West Midlands side since November 2012 when a strike from Matt Richie and a goal after just 58 seconds from Scotsman Simon Ferry sealed a 2-0 win for Paolo Di Canio's side. Town will be looking to build on their good form away from home this season beating the likes of Notts County, Peterborough and Chesterfield in a run of three wins in four league encounters away from The CG over the past few weeks.

**Full ticket and travel details for Town fans wishing to make the trip to Walsall can be found on these pages.**

#### SAS TRAVEL BOOKING GUIDELINES:

**THE** following guidelines are designed to allow SAS Travel to ensure that they can take as many fans as want to travel with them to each away game.

- As a general rule, SAS Travel have to order coaches one week before the fixture date. Therefore if you leave booking until within this time, they cannot always guarantee that there will still be spaces available.
- After this time, SAS Travel will always try (alongside their coach provider) to source further coaches and meet all the demand for spaces, although they cannot run a coach unless economically viable to do so.
- SAS Travel tend to open games for booking around three weeks before the fixture date and usually have three fixtures booking at any one time. This may increase to four due to fixture rearrangements.
- SAS Travel advise that the best policy is to book as early as you can to ensure that you get the spaces that you want.

# TICKET DETAILS

www.stfcdirect.com



## COMING up home and away...



### WALSALL vs SWINDON TOWN (A)

Friday 26th December, 3pm Kick-Off  
Banks's Stadium, WS1 4SA.

#### PRICES:

Adult	£22
Over 60	£16
Under 18	£16
Wheelchair	£22

Carers Free of charge.  
Advance ticket sales will stop at 9am 24th December. If tickets are still remaining Walsall will then sell tickets on the matchday. All prices increase by £2 on matchday.

Tickets available to buy online.



### SWINDON TOWN vs PORT VALE (H)

Sunday 28th December, 3pm Kick-Off  
The County Ground

TICKET PRICES: SILVER CATEGORY (See right)

Tickets now on general sale.

Tickets available to buy online.



### FLEETWOOD TOWN vs SWINDON TOWN (A)

Saturday 3rd January, 3pm Kick-Off  
Highbury Stadium, FY7 6TX.

#### PRICES:

	SEATING	TERRACE:
Adult	£22	£20
Senior O65/U18	£17	£15
Under 16	£14	£12
U5/Carer	FREE	FREE

All tickets increase by £2 on matchday with exception to the under 5.

Tickets available to buy online.



### COVENTRY CITY vs SWINDON TOWN (A)

Monday 12th January, 7.45pm Kick-Off  
The Ricoh Arena, CV6 6GE.

#### PRICES:

Adult	£22
Senior O60	£15
Y Adult 16-21	£15
Junior	£11

Wheelchair and ambulant disabled pay the aged related prices with the carer free of charge. For disabled tickets please call 08718761993 option 2.

Tickets available to buy online.



### SWINDON TOWN vs CHESTERFIELD (H)

Satday 17th January, 3pm Kick-Off  
The County Ground

TICKET PRICES: SILVER CATEGORY (See right)

Tickets now on general sale.

Tickets available to buy online.



## HOME TICKET PRICES

MATCH categories for the 2014/15 season will be announced in advance of each fixture.

### GOLD:

	SEDS	TEND
Adults:	£27	£20
Concessions:	£19	£15
Young Adults (16-18):	£19	£15
Juniors (15 & Under):	£12	£12
Under 10s	FREE*	

### SILVER:

	SEDS	TEND
Adults:	£25	£19
Concessions:	£19	£15
Young Adults (16-18):	£17	£15
Juniors (15 & Under):	£12	£12
Under 10s	FREE*	

### BRONZE:

	SEDS	TEND
Adults:	£23	£18
Concessions:	£18	£14
Young Adults (16-18):	£16	£14
Juniors (15 & Under):	£10	£10
Under 10s	FREE*	

#### Adult:

Aged 19-64 on fixture date

#### Conc. Senior 65:

Aged 65 on fixture date

#### Conc. Student:

In Full Time Education

#### Conc. Disabled:

Registered disabled only

#### Young Adult:

Aged 16-18 on fixture date

#### Juniors Under 16:

Aged 15 or Under on fixture date

Reminder: Juniors are not permitted into the Fast Plant Town End unaccompanied. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will be issued tickets in the family enclosure. Under 12s must be accompanied by an Adult in all areas.

\*To qualify for a FREE under 10 ticket, children need to join the Junior Reds for a ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £30, proof of age will be required at time of purchase. Under 10s must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. To avoid long queues on matchdays it is advantageous to register and purchase family/FREE under 10 tickets in advance.

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# 2014/15 GAME CENTRE

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



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<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat Aug 9	Scunthorpe United	H	3-1	7,060 (454)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	LELAN	B SMITH
Tue Aug 12	Luton Town CAP R1	A	2-1	4,410 (436)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Sat Aug 16	Crawley Town	A	0-1	2,710 (667)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	BARTHAM
Tue Aug 19	Gillingham	A	2-2	5,264 (TBC)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Sat Aug 23	Crewe Alexandra	H	2-0	6,513 (133)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Tue Aug 26	Brighton & HA CAP R2	H	2-4 AET	5,414 (628)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Sat Aug 30	Coventry City	H	1-1	7,299 (851)	FODERINGHAM	LELAN	TURNBULL	BRANCO 1	B SMITH
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
Sat Sep 13	Bradford City	A	2-1	12,486 (310)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Tue Sep 16	Oldham Athletic	H	2-2	6,332 (228)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Sat Sep 20	Sheffield United	H	5-2	7,536 (873)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	B SMITH
Tue Sep 23	Newport Co. JPT R1	A	2-1	1,822 (648)	BELFORD	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	LELAN	B SMITH
Sat Sep 27	Barnsley	A	3-0	8,879 (453)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat Oct 4	Leyton Orient	A	2-1	5,422 (1,220)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Tue Oct 7	Plymouth A. JPT R2	A	2-3	2,668 (323)	BELFORD	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Sat Oct 18	Yeovil Town	A	1-1	5,679 (1,545)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Tue Oct 21	Rochdale	H	2-3	6,718 (174)	FODERINGHAM	KASIM	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Sat Oct 25	Colchester United	H	2-2	7,871 (246)	FODERINGHAM	L THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Tue Oct 28	Chesterfield	A	3-0	6,144 (371)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sat Nov 1	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-2	9,494 (1,292)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL
Tue Nov 4	Preston North End	H	1-0	6,646 (319)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	TOFFOLO
Sat Nov 8	Cheltenham T. FAC R1	A	0-5	3,470 (1,566)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	TOFFOLO
Sat Nov 15	Bristol City	H	1-0	12,565 (2,971)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	TOFFOLO
Sat Nov 22	Peterborough United	A	2-1	7,182 (476)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	TOFFOLO
Sat Nov 29	Fleetwood Town	H	1-0	10,506 (110)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	TOFFOLO
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Sat Dec 13	Notts County	A	3-0	4,753 (536)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	GLADWIN
Sat Dec 20	Doncaster Rovers	H	3pm						
Fri Dec 26	Walsall	A	3pm						
Sun Dec 28	Port Vale	H	3pm						
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Sat Jan 3	Fleetwood Town	A	3pm						
Mon Jan 12	Coventry City	A	7.45pm	sky SPORTS HD					
Sat Jan 17	Chesterfield	H	3pm						
Sat Jan 24	Bradford City	H	3pm						
Sat Jan 31	Sheffield United	A	3pm						
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat Feb 7	Barnsley	H	3pm						
Tue Feb 10	Oldham Athletic	A	7.45pm						
Sat Feb 14	Scunthorpe United	A	3pm						
Sat Feb 21	Crawley Town	H	3pm						
Sat Feb 28	Crewe Alexandra	A	3pm						
<b>MARCH</b>									
Tue Mar 3	Gillingham	H	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 7	Notts County	H	3pm						
Sat Mar 14	Port Vale	A	3pm						
Tue Mar 17	Doncaster Rovers	A	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 21	Walsall	H	3pm						
Sat Mar 28	Colchester United	A	3pm						
<b>APRIL</b>									
Fri Apr 3	Milton Keynes Dons	H	3pm						
Mon Apr 6	Bristol City	A	3pm						
Sat Apr 11	Peterborough United	H	3pm						
Tue Apr 14	Rochdale	A	7.45pm						
Sat Apr 18	Yeovil Town	H	3pm						
Sat Apr 25	Preston North End	A	3pm						
<b>MAY</b>									
Sat May 2	Leyton Orient	H	3pm						



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# 2014/15 GAME CENTRE



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POS	TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Bristol C	20	7	2	1	17	8	5	4	1	20	11	+18	42
2	<b>SWINDON</b>	20	6	3	1	20	11	6	2	2	19	9	+19	41
3	MK Dons	19	7	2	1	26	9	4	3	2	14	10	+21	38
4	Preston	20	5	4	1	19	12	6	1	3	14	8	+13	38
5	Sheff Utd	20	4	3	3	11	9	5	2	3	15	14	+3	32
6	Rochdale	20	3	2	5	11	12	6	1	3	25	13	+11	30
7	Notts Co	19	3	2	5	12	15	5	4	0	13	5	+5	30
8	Oldham	20	5	3	2	15	14	2	6	2	13	10	+4	30
9	Peterborough	20	4	2	4	14	15	5	1	4	14	10	+3	30
10	Bradford	20	3	2	5	13	15	5	3	2	14	10	+2	29
11	Fleetwood	20	4	5	1	12	8	3	0	7	8	11	+1	26
12	Walsall	20	4	4	2	12	6	2	4	4	6	11	+1	26
13	Chesterfield	20	4	3	3	13	12	2	4	4	13	15	-1	25
14	Coventry	20	4	3	3	12	13	2	3	5	11	15	-5	24
15	Barnsley	20	3	2	5	19	21	3	3	4	11	13	-4	23
16	Port Vale	20	4	2	4	14	14	2	3	5	11	15	-4	23
17	Doncaster	19	1	3	5	6	13	5	2	3	14	14	-7	23
18	Gillingham	20	4	4	2	14	12	1	3	6	8	16	-6	22
19	Scunthorpe	19	3	1	5	9	15	3	3	4	16	19	-9	22
20	Crawley	20	4	3	3	11	15	1	4	5	8	15	-11	22
21	Yeovil	20	1	4	5	5	15	4	1	5	13	15	-12	20
22	Leyton Orient	20	1	3	6	11	16	3	4	3	14	15	-6	19
23	Colchester	20	2	2	6	11	18	2	3	5	14	20	-13	17
24	Crewe	20	3	2	5	9	17	1	2	7	7	22	-23	16

## STFC Player Stats:



No.	Player	Age	SBL1	FAC	CUP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	23	20	1	2	-	23	-	-	-	165
2	Nathan Thompson	23	16	1	2	2	21	-	4	2	93(12)
3	Nathan Byrne	22	19	1	2	1	23	3	1	-	67(8)
4	Massimo Luongo	21	17(1)	1	2	-	21(1)	2	1	-	81(2)
5	Jack Stephens	20	12	1	-	1	14	-	4	-	24
6	Jordan Turnbull	19	20	1	2	2	25	-	4	-	25
7	Ben Gladwin	22	9(3)	(1)	1(1)	(1)	10(6)	2	1	-	17(16)
8	Yaser Kasim	23	18(1)	1	2	-	21(1)	3	7	-	62(5)
9	Michael Smith	22	16(2)	(1)	2	(1)	18(4)	12	3	-	38(4)
10	Andy Williams	27	9(11)	1	1(1)	2	13(12)	12	-	-	62(15)
11	Bradley Smith	20	7	-	2	1	10	-	-	-	10
12	Amar'li Bell	20	7(2)	-	-	1	8(2)	-	-	-	8(2)
14	Jake Reeves	21	1(8)	-	-	2	3(8)	1	-	-	3(8)
15	Harry Toffolo	19	4(3)	1	-	-	5(3)	-	-	-	5(3)
16	Connor Waldon	19	1	-	(1)	1(1)	2(2)	-	-	-	3(5)
17	Ryan Harley	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18(7)
18	George Barker	22	(4)	-	(1)	(2)	(7)	-	-	-	2(13)
19	Louis Thompson	19	18(1)	1	2	2	23(1)	2	5	1	46(16)
20	Jonathan Obika	24	12(2)	1	-	1	14(2)	7	-	-	17(4)
21	Mathew Jones	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
22	Darren Ward	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
23	Jack Barthram	20	1(1)	-	(1)	2	3(2)	-	-	-	9(11)
24	Curtis Da Costa	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Tyrell Belford	20	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	11
26	Anton Rodgers	21	1(1)	-	-	1(1)	2(2)	1	1	-	2(2)
27	Josue Antonio	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	24	9(1)	(1)	2	-	11(2)	1	3	-	27(4)
30	Harry Agombar	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Will Randall	18	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(2)
32	Lee Marshall	18	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)

## 2014/15 STAT PACK

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE



84,477

TOTAL TRAVELLING TOWN FANS



9,842

TOTAL SHOTS ON GOAL



346

TOTAL SHOTS ON TARGET



143

TOP SCORER ANDY WILLIAMS

12



TOTAL GOALS FOR

47



TOTAL GOALS AGAINST

34



TOTAL CLEAN SHEETS

7



TOTAL YELLOW CARDS

38



TOTAL RED CARDS

3







# PRESSING MATTERS

TOM OTREBSKI

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**TRAVELLING** back from Notts County last week made me realise that I've passed a number of personal milestones following Swindon this season...



**SATURDAY** was the first time that I'd seen Town avoid defeat at Meadow Lane and it was the first time I'd actually seen them score a goal at Notts County. Read exactly the same for the win at Leyton Orient. I have also now seen all three points plundered at Peterborough and Bradford after a number of otherwise winless visits to those grounds.

I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas video that has been live for nearly a fortnight now. It was tremendous fun to produce and has hopefully spread a bit of festive cheer. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone

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that took part and everyone that helped in the production of the video – without their assistance and co-operation, it would not have been possible. I'd also like to thank the Swindon Male Voice Choir for their time and patience in recording the soundtrack that ran underneath the video footage. If you haven't had the chance to see it yet, it is available to watch on STFC Player and on the club's official

YouTube channel.

It would only be right for me to sign off by wishing you, your family, friends, loved ones and everyone who is part of the extended Swindon Town family, a very Merry Christmas and a Polish 'Wesolych Swiat'!

Enjoy the game.

**TOM OTREBSKI**  
CLUB PRESS OFFICER

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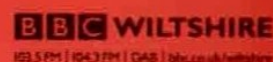
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