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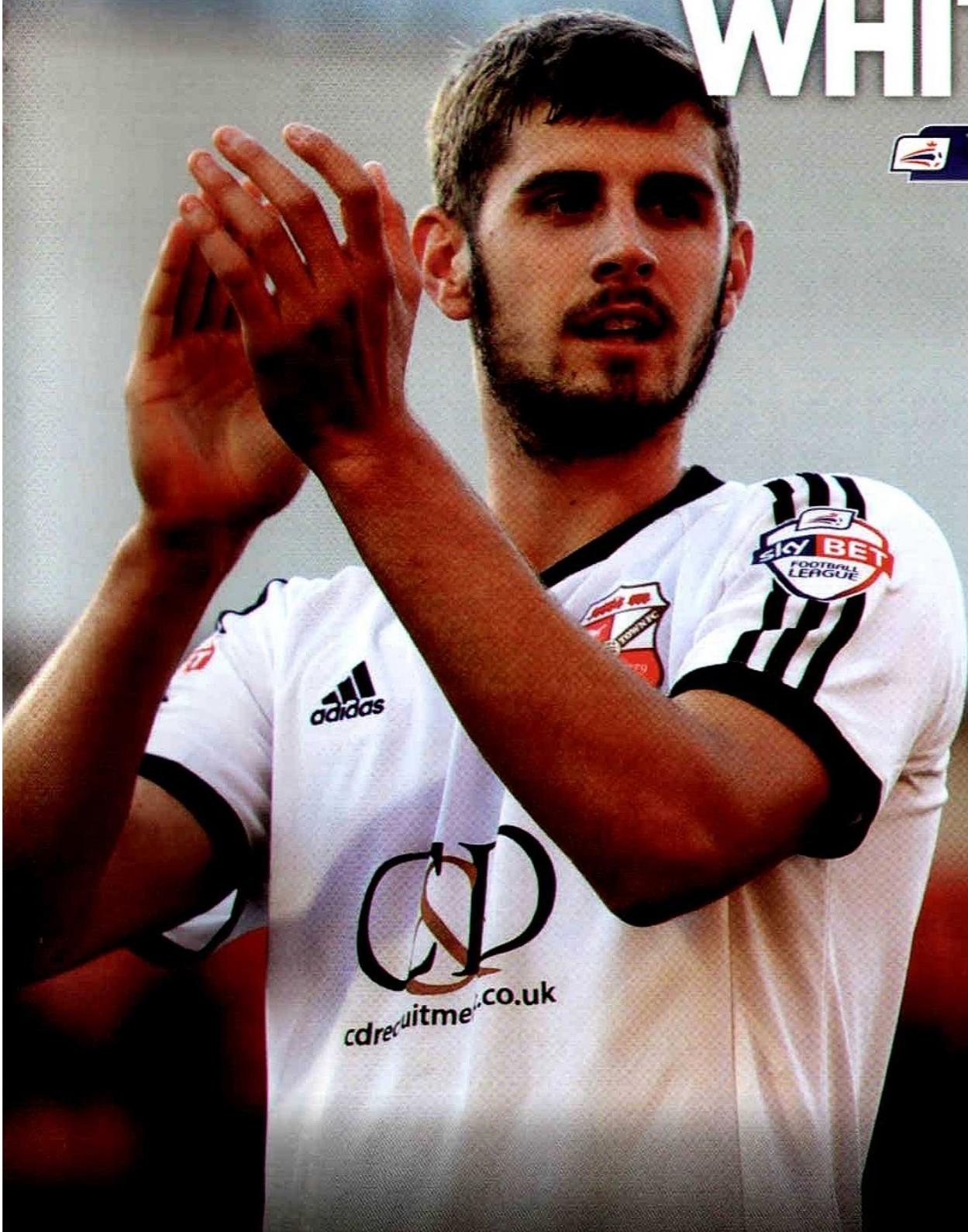


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2	Nathan Thompson (CAPT)		
3	Nathan Byrne		
4	Massimo Luongo		
5	Jack Stephens		
6	Jordan Turnbull		
7	Ben Gladwin		
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9	Michael Smith		
10	Andy Williams		
12	Amaril Bell		
14	Jake Reeves		
15	Harry Toffolo		
16	Connor Waldon		
17	Ryan Harley		
18	George Barker		
19	Louis Thompson		
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21	Matthew 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		

## PORT VALE

MANAGER: Rob Page



P	G	Y	R
1	Chris Neal		
2	Adam Yates		
3	Carl Dickinson		
4	Chris Robertson		
5	Ryan McGivern		
6	Richard Duffy		
7	Chris Birchall		
8	Louis Dodds		
9	Ben Williamson		
10	Chris Lines		
11	Tom Pope		
12	Sam Johnson		
14	Colin Daniel		
15	Michael O'Connor		
16	Reiss Greenidge		
17	Michael Brown		
18	Steven Jennings		
19	Byron Moore		
20	Mark Marshall		
21	Frederic Veseli		
22	Ryan Lloyd		
23	Ryan Boot		
24	Nathan Smith		
25	Jordan Slew		
27	Enoch Andoh		
28	Achille Campion		
33	Dany N'Guessan		
38	Aziz Deen-Conteh		

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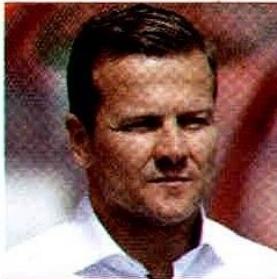
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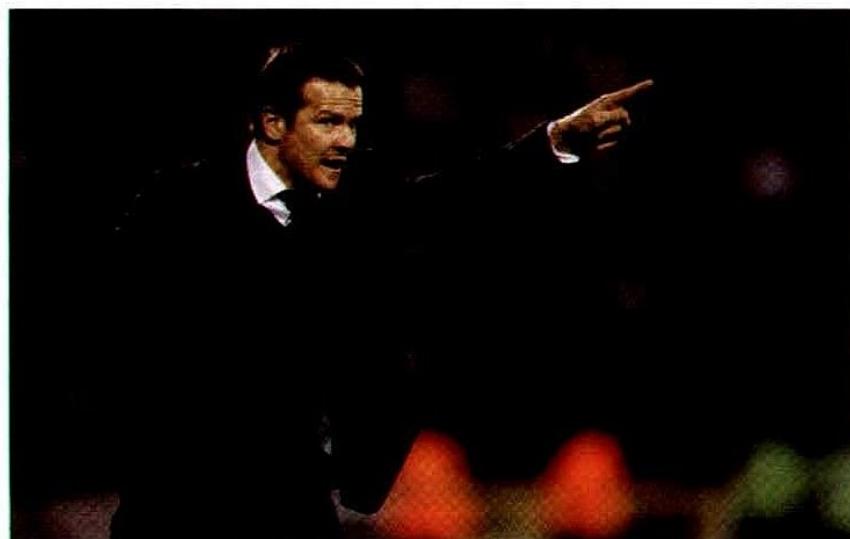
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**WELCOME** back to The County Ground for this League 1 meeting with Port Vale. I'd like to welcome Rob Page, his staff and his players.

OF course when you lose like we did against Doncaster it's always disappointing but I'm going to look at the positives. It's a game we should have won when you look at it on chances but it wasn't going to be our day. No matter what we did, we wouldn't have scored but we have to bounce back now. It's a difficult time of year over Christmas: players can get tired so we have to make sure we pick the right team. Some players won't be able to play both games so we have to monitor it carefully and try and get the right team out on the pitch.

I'm writing these notes before Christmas so hopefully we have picked up all three points at Walsall on Boxing Day. Christmas is a difficult time for players and staff: of course you try and enjoy it with your family but you always know there's a game or training the next day so you have to be fully focused and ready for it.

Port Vale will be a difficult team to beat this afternoon. They had a good away win at Crawley in their last game before Christmas and they seem to have picked up some decent results of late. The manager, Rob Page, has come in and you know that it's always a tough game against Port Vale. Rob had a really good career as a player. Obviously he was a Welsh international and he was an uncompromising centre back so I fully expect his team



**"We need to win at home in front of our own fans so that it sends us into the second half of the season with a lot of optimism."**

to be a reflection of that. Of course, Dany N'Guessan is there too so he'll be trying to prove a point today.

It's important to get a win this afternoon. We need to win at home in front of our own fans so that it sends us into the second half of the season with a lot of optimism. It's always traditional at this time of year to reflect on what has gone on over the past year. My highlight of 2014 would have to be the game against Bristol City recently. Not just because it was Bristol City but it was a great atmosphere and to end their unbeaten run with the way we played was special.

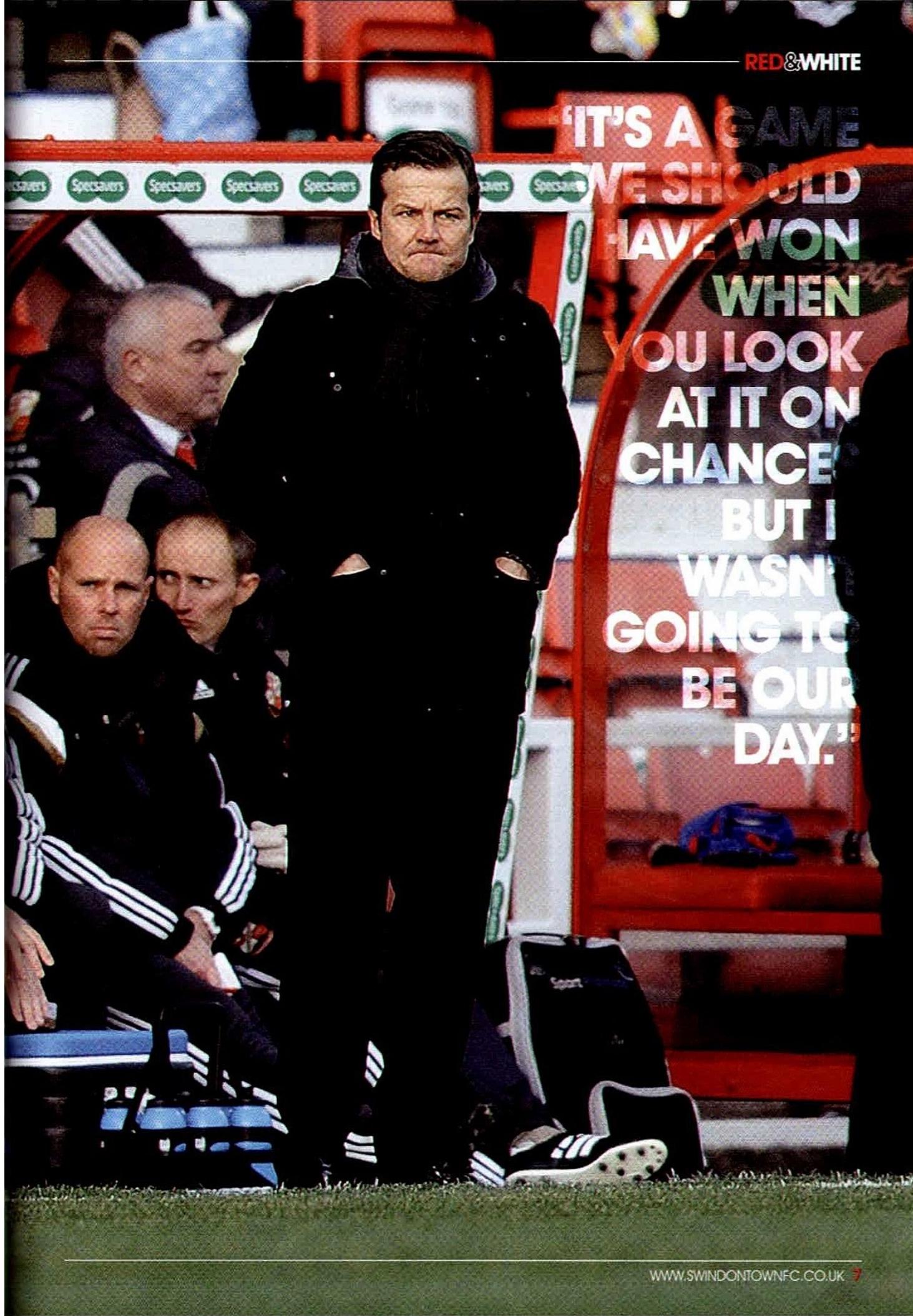
I'd like to close these notes by saying a big thank you for your support. Please continue to keep backing the players. It's difficult for us to win every week but as long as we keep putting in the performances, it gives us more of an opportunity to win games.

Happy New Year.

**MARK COOPER**  
MANAGER

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# FROM THE TOP

STEVE ANDERSON

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to The County Ground, particularly to the Directors, Players, Management and Supporters of Port Vale.



2014 has been a year of great progress on and off the pitch for Swindon Town Football Club. On the field, Mark and his staff have taken this team into the upper echelons of League 1 playing a brand of football that, I'm sure, we all take great pleasure in watching.

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard to get this club on a stable financial footing. We have also launched six and eight-match ticket packs for supporters which will continue to be available for the remainder of the 2014/15 season.

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our average attendance here at The County Ground for this season and beyond.

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Today will be another difficult test for the team in the form of Port Vale. Let's hope we can round off 2014 with three points.

On behalf of everyone at Swindon Town, have a happy New Year.

**“2014 has been a year of great progress on and off the pitch for Swindon Town Football Club.”**

STEVE ANDERSON  
GENERAL MANAGER



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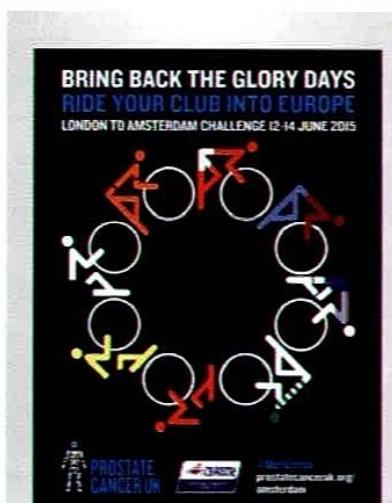
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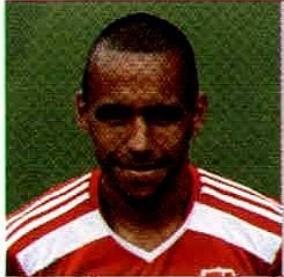
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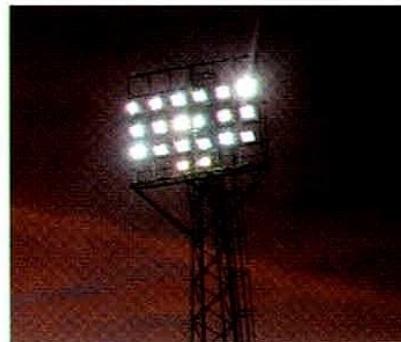
**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for the final game of 2014. Reflecting on the last twelve months on an individual and team basis, I feel it's been a hugely progressive season.

As a team we have exceeded expectations and there seems to be a positive buzz around what is happening at the club. On a personal note, I have been able to captain the side I have grown up playing for, in addition to committing my future to a club I've become extremely fond of.

Looking forward to 2015 and there is excitement among the team. We have an honest group of players who are always looking to learn and, coupled with their potential, I believe we have a recipe for success. If we continue to improve as we've done since the start of the season then hopefully come May we could be all celebrating 2015 as the year Swindon Town was promoted to the Championship.

At time of writing these notes, we have just lost to Doncaster - the first taste of defeat for six games and the first time we haven't scored in a league game since August. It was a hugely frustrating game having dominated possession and created numerous chances. But, we're beginning to see a trend in our opponent's tactics when they come to The County Ground. Having to break down teams when they get every player behind the ball can be difficult but we are working hard to counter this.

Today is the first game we lose



Yaser and Massimo to the Asia Cup. Having lived with Yas for the last six months I have begun to understand the importance of this tournament. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase the talent they both possess and learn from top international players. I speak on behalf of the team on wishing them success and prosperity in this competition.

Although the lads have been fantastic for us this season, their absence leaves space for others to shine. We've seen incredible performances from Ben and Jack in midfield recently and with the likes of Jake Reeves and Anton Rodgers also available to showcase their talent, I'm confident there will be healthy competition in the middle of the park - and I'm sure whoever takes the opportunity will give the management a headache when it comes to Yaser and Massimo returning.

Today's match sees us playing for the second time within 48

hours. As we approach the middle of the season, recovery is just as important as tactics if we're to be successful. In terms of managing our bodies, Mike Cooper stresses how important post-game ice baths are in order to flush the lactic acid build-up out of our muscles. In terms of managing the games, the gaffer and Luke stress how our dominance in possession is crucial. Combining these two together, we work to mitigate this demanding period of the season.

Port Vale sees us welcome back two former Swindon Town players: Mark Marshall and Dany N'Guessan. Having played alongside both of them, I know that on their day they're both extremely dangerous and possess pace and strength. Therefore, it's important we're concentrating intensely from the first whistle. If we can keep the ball and execute in the final third, then there's nothing stopping us returning to winning ways today.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Enjoy the game.

**NATHAN THOMPSON**  
TEAM CAPTAIN



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MK Dons 1

**Port Vale 0**

Sat 29 Nov 2014, SBL1

Gillingham 2

**Port Vale 2**

Sat 13 Dec 2014, SBL1

**Port Vale 0**

Coventry City 2

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Crawley 1

**Port Vale 2**

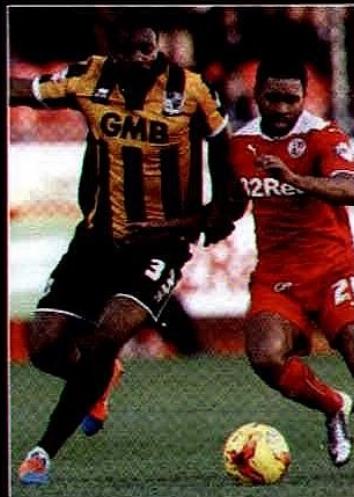
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SKY BET L1: 15th (26pts)

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## LAST TIME OUT...

**GOALS** in the first half did the damage for Vale in their last outing before Christmas at Crawley. Michael Brown opened the scoring before Louis Dodds doubled the lead. The hosts missed a penalty then Conor Henderson netted a late consolation.



# INTRODUCING THE VALIANTS



**THE** men from Staffordshire take to the field today looking to improve on their recent league record against Town...

THE Valiants' 2013/14 campaign began in middling fashion as they claimed a win, a loss and a draw in their opening three league fixtures. A Capital One Cup defeat to Midlands rivals, Walsall, was one of four losses for the newly-promoted outfit in August. An upturn in fortunes during September saw the club pick up maximum points from all but one game, a narrow 3-2 reverse to top-six contenders, Leyton Orient. After two league victories at the end of October, today's preceding fixture produced a major scoreline (a 5-2 Swindon victory, instigated by a goal from current Vale man, Dany N'Guessan) but a minor blip for Vale, as they proceeded to win four of the next five games in all competitions, including an historic three points at Walsall for the first time in sixty-six years. They later confirmed a first league 'double' over the Saddlers in more than a century.

Just one defeat, to MK Dons, in December saw the Valiants put their name into the hat for the FA Cup Third Round draw and end

the year with a 2-0 triumph at home to high-flyers, Rotherham. Aside from booking a showdown with Brighton in the fourth round, courtesy of replay success over Plymouth, Vale's new year got off to an inauspicious start, as they picked up just seven points from a possible thirty, heading into March. Wins over struggling Carlisle and Tranmere were not enough to reignite their top-six challenge, nevertheless, Micky Adams' men found themselves punching above their weight throughout the season, far exceeding expectations for an immediate return to the third tier with a 9th placed finish, one place and five points below Town.

The first half of this season has passed by indifferently for Vale, winning six of their twenty League 1 fixtures ahead of the busy Christmas schedule. Their biggest win of the season came back in August as Hartlepool were demolished 6-2 in the League Cup, whilst their FA Cup run was ended in round one.

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# SCOUTING REPORT



As with most teams in the division, Port Vale switch between different systems to suit the opposition and, in recent games, they have favoured a 4-1-4-1 line-up when playing away from home against teams who like to control possession. By placing a man in the anchor role, Vale gain an extra man in situations where they'd lose out in the quick passing exchanges that get men in behind the lines of midfield and defence. It can also allow the option to man-mark and get in the faces of Town's forwards, with veteran

Michael Brown charged with these 'clean-up' tasks that he has relished throughout his career.

The Burslem-based side have a squad full of football league experience and, in the engine room, have a midfielder in Chris Lines whose creative talents and eye for a dead-ball delivery compliment the battle-hardened Brown, with summer signing, Michael O'Connor also an all-round performer in the heart of the team.

The emphasis on the wingers to get forward is helped by the pace of Mark Marshall (formerly

on the books at Swindon) and the technique of ex-Macclesfield man, Colin Daniel and, with a small transition to a 4-4-2, Vale are able to get their forward(s) in on goal and waiting for any knock-downs that may come.

The Valiants have struggled with defending the ball into the box, however, so Town may find some joy in delivering the ball in when stretching the team across the length of the 18-yard box and the off-the-ball movement in the final third could prove too much for the Staffordshire opposition.

4-1-4-1



**MICHAEL BROWN:** Has 4 goals this season to add to the task of keeping the opposition at bay.



**MARK MARSHALL:** Leads the way in assists for the Valiants this term with 7.



## MEET THE GAFFER



**Rob Page**

THE former Wales international enjoyed an 18-year stint as a professional. After starting his career at Watford, the defender would skipper the Hornets to promotion to the Premier League in 1999. His next destination was Sheffield United before going on to play for Cardiff City, Coventry City and Huddersfield Town. He finished his career at Chesterfield, hanging up his boots in 2011. Moved into coaching with Port Vale and was handed the reins as manager at Vale Park in September.

## DID YOU KNOW?

PAGE earned 41 international caps for Wales and even had the honour of captaining his country on one occasion.

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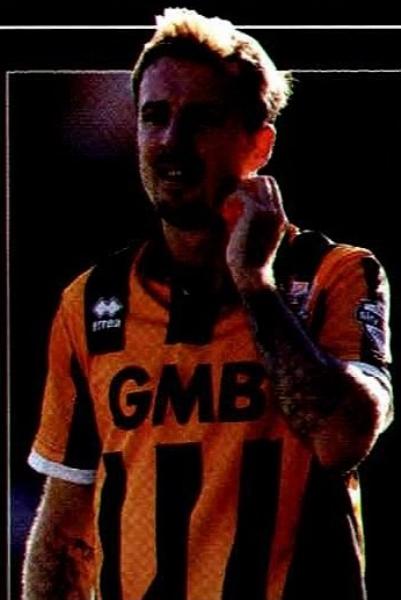
### 03 Carl Dickinson DF

A firm fans' favourite at Vale Park, Dickinson started his career with the Valiants' fierce local rivals, Stoke City, helping the Potters into the Premier League. After a seven-year stint at the Britannia Stadium, a two-year spell at Watford preceded a switch to the Burslem-based outfit in the summer of 2013. The defender is equally comfortable operating at full back or in the heart of the defence and is closing in on 80 appearances in all competitions for the Valiants.



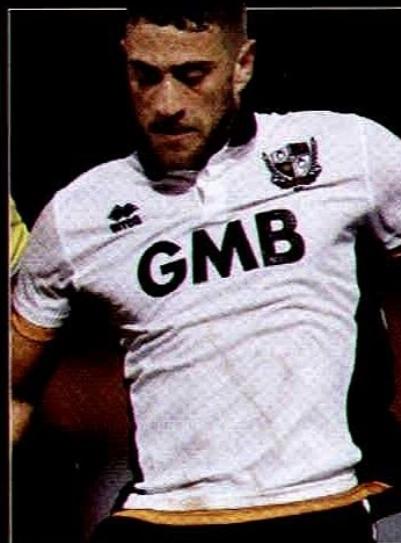
### 10 Chris Lines MF

A graduate of the youth ranks at Bristol Rovers, Lines spent his formative football years with the Gas winning promotion from League 2 in 2007. The midfielder made the move to Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 2011 and helped the Owls win promotion to the Championship. He also enjoyed a brief loan stint at MK Dons before joining Port Vale ahead of last season. The dead-ball specialist has now made over a half-century of appearances for the Valiants.



### 09 Ben Williamson FW

WILLIAMSON was a striker at Worthing in non-league football before being offered a place at the Glenn Hoddle Academy in Spain. Having impressed on the continent, he was then offered a deal by AFC Bournemouth after a spell on loan with the Cherries but opted to join the Valiants on loan before turning the move permanent in the summer of 2012. A regular fixture in Vale's attacking line, the striker has - at the time of writing - seven goals to his name this term.



# MEET THE REST...

## 01 Chris Neal GK



THE stopper started his career with Preston North End and enjoyed loan stints with Tamworth and Morecambe before joining Shrewsbury in the summer of 2009. Was part of the Shrews side that won promotion in 2012 then joined Vale at the start of last term.

## 05 Ryan McGivern DF



FORMERLY a Manchester City trainee, McGivern was a summer arrival from Scottish side Hibernian, where he had spent the past two seasons. He can operate as a centre-half or at left full-back and has won international honours with Northern Ireland.

## 17 Michael Brown MF



THE experienced midfielder is another summer signing. Formerly of Manchester City, Sheffield United, Tottenham Hotspur and Leeds United, Brown has racked up over a century of Premier League appearances over the course of his career.

## 07 Chris Birchall MF



FORMERLY with the Valiants in the early part of his career, Birchall then had spells at Coventry, St Mirren and Brighton, before moving across to the USA to play for the likes of LA Galaxy and Columbus Crew. The Trinidad & Tobago international re-joined Vale in 2013.

## 08 Louis Dodds FW



THE former Northwich Victoria, Rochdale and Lincoln City man joined Port Vale on a free transfer from Leicester City in 2008. A goalscoring midfielder, Dodds is also comfortable playing up front and has now racked up over 200 appearances for Vale.

## 02 Adam Yates DF



YATES helped Morecambe into the Football League in 2007 after spells with Crewe Alexandra, Halifax Town and Leek Town. He made the move to Port Vale in July 2009 on a free transfer and has been a regular for the Valiants ever since.

## 21 Frederic Veseli DF



THE young defender was previously on the books at both Manchester clubs as a youngster before making the move to Bury. The former Switzerland Under-21 international was snapped up by Ipswich Town last term before joining Vale on loan in July 2014.

## 20 Mark Marshall MF



A familiar face to Town fans, Marshall was plucked from the non-leagues by Swindon and spent two seasons at The County Ground. Has also played for Hereford United, Barnet and Coventry City before penning a deal with Vale in the summer.

## 22 Ryan Lloyd MF



THE youngster is a graduate of the Port Vale youth set-up, making his debut against Morecambe in April 2011. After spending a month on loan at Tamworth last term, Lloyd is yet to feature for the Valiants this season.

## 26 Alex Nimely FW



ONCE on the books at Manchester City, Nimely has spent time on loan at Middlesbrough, Coventry City and Crystal Palace. Recently put pen to paper on a deal with Port Vale until the end of the 2014/15 campaign.

## 04 Chris Robertson DF



THE defender made the move to Vale Park in the summer of 2013 from Preston North End. Robertson had featured regularly for Torquay United prior to his switch to Deepdale. The experienced centre-half made 45 appearances last term.

## 14 Colin Daniel MF



COMFORTABLE operating anywhere along the left flank or even as a forward, Daniel was a summer addition from Mansfield Town. Joined Crewe from the non-leagues in 2007 and has also represented Macclesfield Town before moving to Field Mill.

## 15 Michael O'Connor MF



A graduate from Crewe's Academy, O'Connor has also represented Lincoln and Scunthorpe before joining Rotherham in 2012. Helped the Millers win back-to-back promotions and joined Vale in the summer after being released by the Yorkshire club.

## 33 Dany N'Guessan FW



ANOTHER former Town employee on the books at Port Vale, N'Guessan was at SN1 last season after joining from Millwall. Since moving from Auxerre in France, he has represented the likes of Glasgow Rangers, Lincoln City and Leicester City.

## 28 Achille Campion FW



THE Frenchman's career has taken him from the United States – where he also studied Economics – to Sweden's Second Division with Norrby IF before linking up with Vale in a loan deal this term. Has only made one appearance so far this season.

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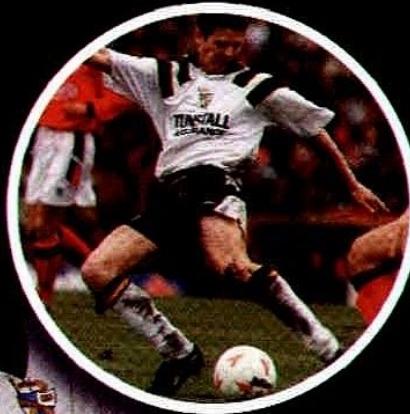
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AFTER falling behind in this encounter, a second half strike from Chris Hay restored parity before a long-range screamer from Craig Taylor edged the Town in front. Hay completed his hat-trick inside the last ten minutes while the last word went to Martin Foyle who reduced the arrears to just two.

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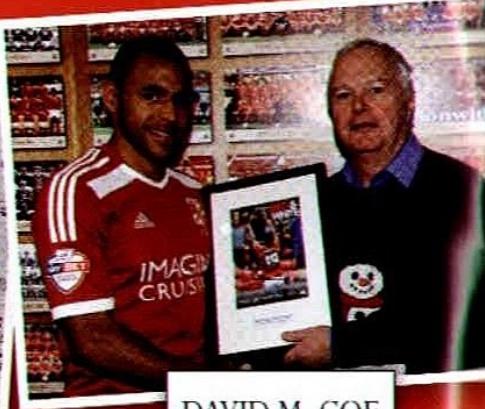
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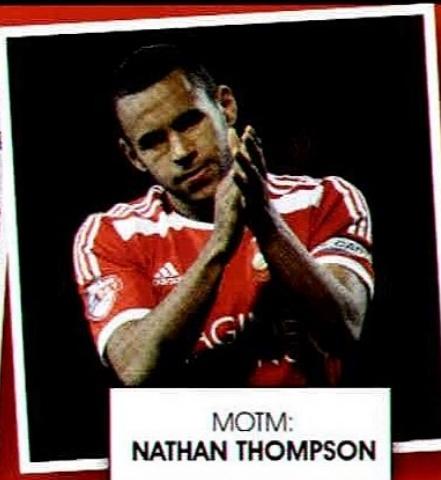
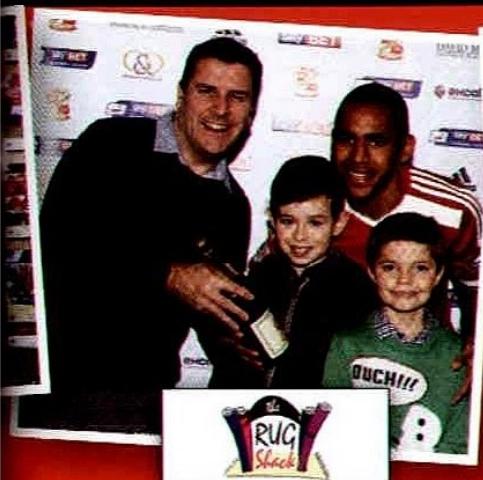
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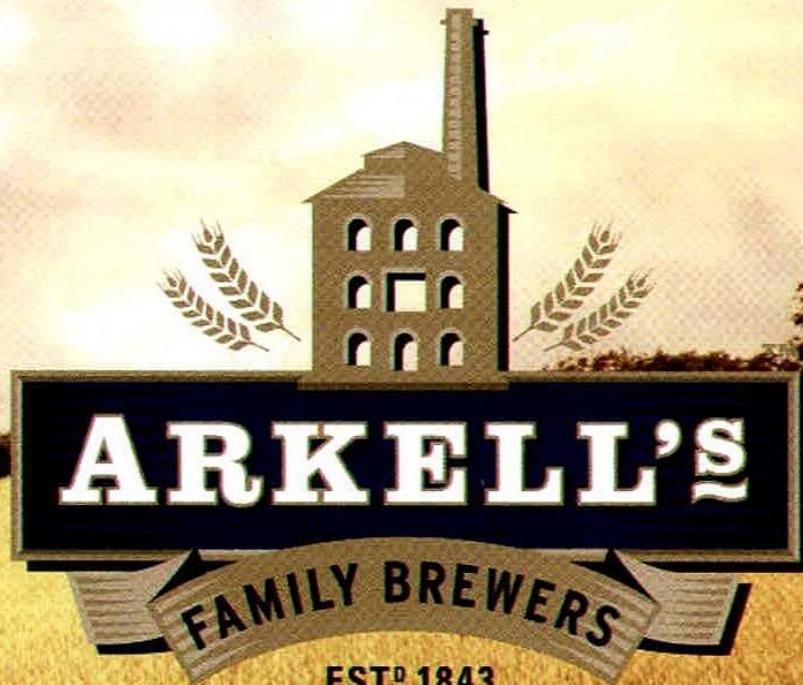


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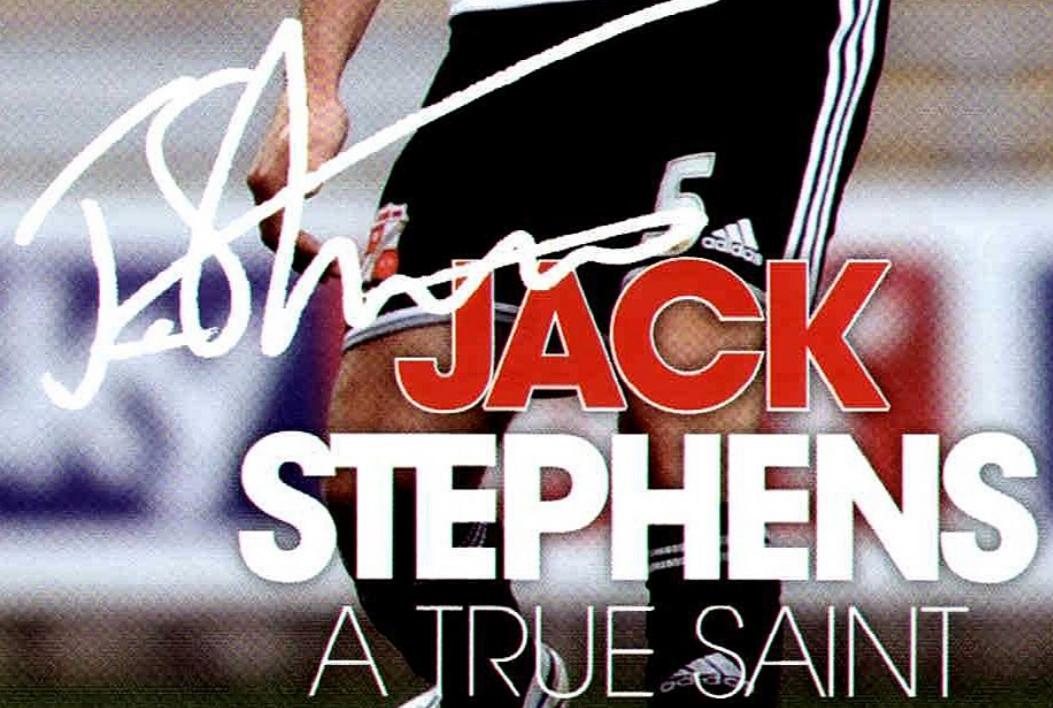


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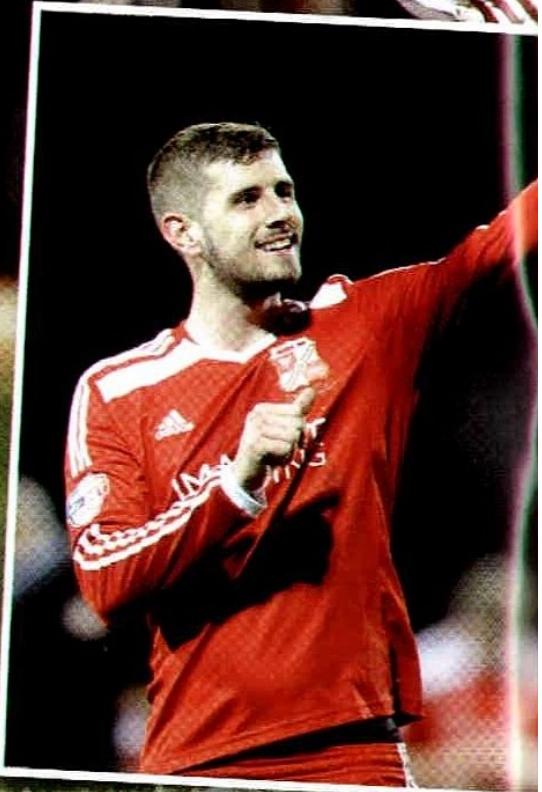
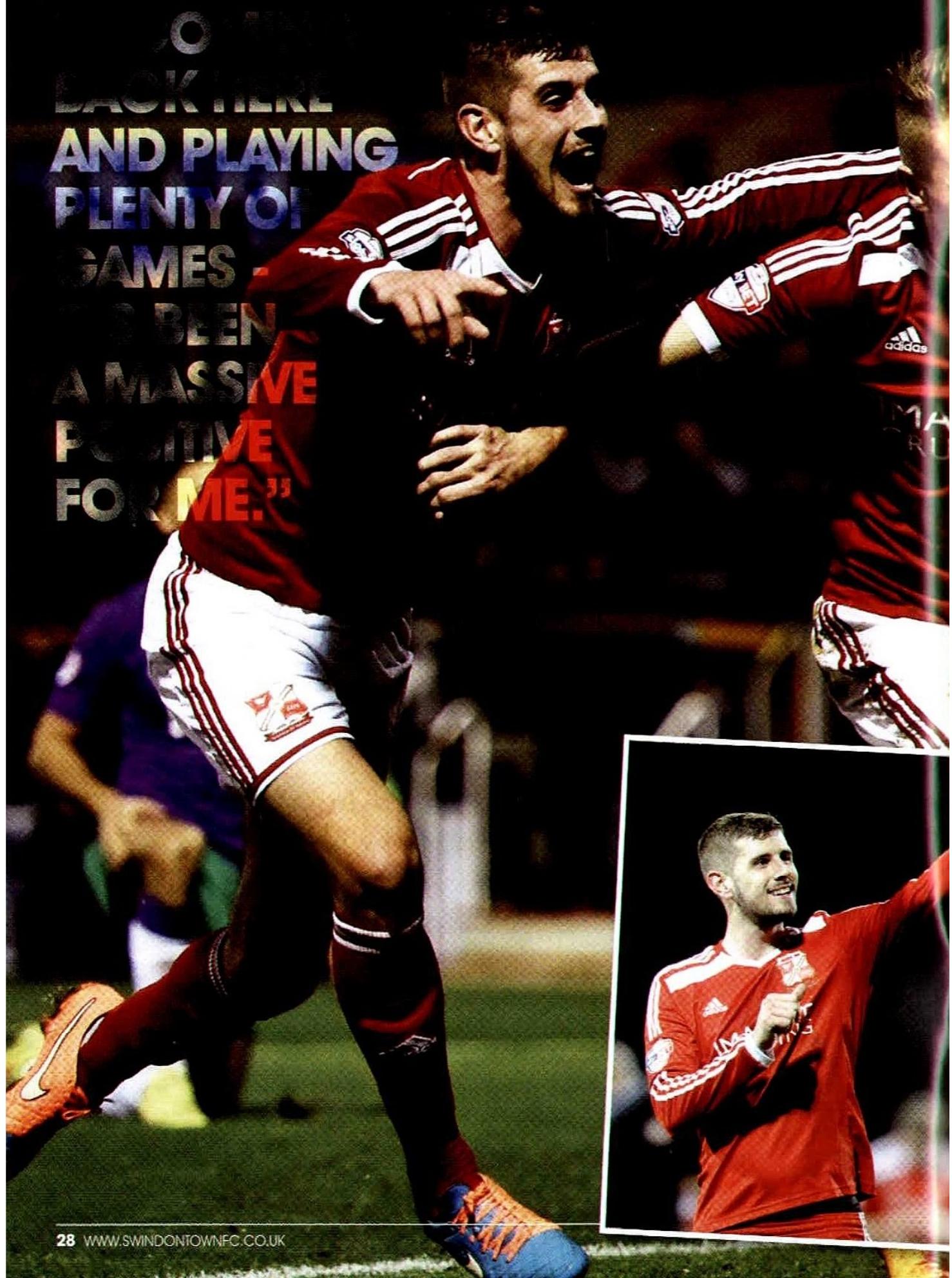


Jack Stephens

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**THE** defender looks back on a year that has taken him from Wiltshire all the way to Anfield then back again and says that he is looking forward a positive 2015...

“I’VE BEEN BACK HERE AND PLAYING PLENTY OF GAMES - IT’S BEEN A MASSIVE POSITIVE FOR ME.”



**So, 2014: how has it been for Jack Stephens?**

It's been good. I've developed as a player and it has helped coming on loan towards the back end of last season. I then spent pre-season at Southampton which was successful in my eyes.

Then, coming back here and playing plenty of games - it's been a massive positive for me.

*You went back to St Mary's and found yourself involved with the first team over pre-season...*

That was fantastic. It was a great experience to be in that environment

for the whole of pre-season but to be back out on loan is a good thing for me. At this age, I need to be playing regular games and I'm being tested all the time. It will stand me in good stead when I go back.

***There aren't many of us who can claim to have been involved in a matchday squad at Anfield. Describe the feeling when you found out you'd be on the bench...***

They told me I was travelling but there were about 19 or 20 travelling so I was fairly certain that I'd be sat in the stands just watching on. I actually got told in the pre-match meeting about two hours before kick-off that I was on the bench and I couldn't believe it. That's what I've wanted ever since I joined Southampton was to be involved in the Premier

at Anfield, the dugouts are so close together so you're sat next to their substitutes. You're looking across and seeing people like (Philippe) Coutinho and you think "wow, I'm actually next to these players". It would have been great to come on but, as a defender you rarely get to come on, so it was all about soaking up the atmosphere and relishing the opportunity.

***Then you come back on loan to The CG and it's almost as if you'd never been away...***

When I came back I was ill straight away which was frustrating for me. The boys had a great start so I had to be patient then, when I got my chance, I felt right at home. I can't speak highly enough of this club, the lads and the coaching staff - it's brilliant. Just like home, really.

***"I felt right at home. I can't speak highly enough of this club, the lads and the coaching staff - it's brilliant."***

League. It was an unbelievable atmosphere and we were unlucky not to get a result. The strangest thing was,

***The tonsillitis must have put you off eating ice cream for life, though?***

To be honest, I couldn't even eat ice cream it was that horrible! But, I finally got back training and playing and what I love doing

***Did it also help having Jordan Turnbull alongside you to help ease that transition?***

It's brilliant to have Jordan there. We're in the same position, we're desperate to play games and we want to succeed at the highest level. We want to do that together and to be doing that at Swindon is brilliant. I can only speak for myself but I know that he is enjoying it as well. It's a great place to be.



**You obviously get on well with each other off the pitch too...**

It's not just me and Jordan that get on really well - I don't think there is anyone in that changing room that doesn't get on, which is a massive positive. To have over 20 lads all get on, it's quite a hard thing to do, so that's a massive positive and it shows on the pitch.

**Did you enjoy your cameo role stepping into midfield on a couple of occasions this season?**

I loved it! If I had a choice, I'd probably choose to play in midfield (laughs) but I'm happy to play wherever.

**What's been the highlight of your season so far?**

It would have to be Bristol City, even though the game itself was spoilt a bit with the sending off. Ideally, we want to play 11 against 11 and have a really good game and hopefully that's what it will be like in April. The adrenaline and the feeling and the relief after the game was unbelievable.

**You mention that home game against Bristol City. Of course, you made your Town bow at Ashton Gate last season...**

I didn't know too much about the derby itself but it was a great atmosphere that day. There were about 16,000 there so it was a brilliant atmosphere. It was nothing compared to what it was like here a few weeks ago; there was so much riding on it. It's a positive derby, you've got to have those types of games and they are great to play in as a player.

**You came through a testing run of fixtures then, at Notts County earlier this month Swindon could have gone top of League 1...**

We don't tend to look at the table or other results. We know how we want to play and if we carry on playing as we know we can, then there is no team in this league that can stop us, we know that. It's when we start doing things that we haven't practised and we're not used to, that's when we will struggle. We have to treat each game as if we're playing the best team in the league because if we're not on our game 100%, then we will struggle. We might still win but

it's a gamble - we need to play 100% in every game to give ourselves the best opportunity to win the game.

**Is there a sense in the dressing room that this is just the tip of the iceberg and there is, perhaps, more to come from this team?**

Obviously, we want to get promoted and there are people talking about promotion but the main thing for us is just to enjoy it, which we do. We enjoy the way we play, we train as we play and we enjoy that and that's the main thing in football. It's quite often forgotten - the enjoyment side - and it's all about "you've got to win". Yes, it's about winning and you enjoy winning but you won't win if you don't enjoy things.

**It would be nice to round off 2014 with a win and a good performance, though?**

This is the last game of 2014 so we want to finish on a high and take it into the New Year. It would be great to have three points and start to push on.

**"The adrenaline and the feeling and the relief after the game was unbelievable."**



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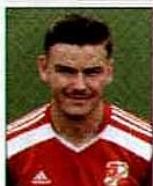
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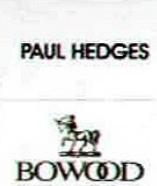
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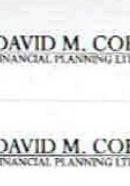
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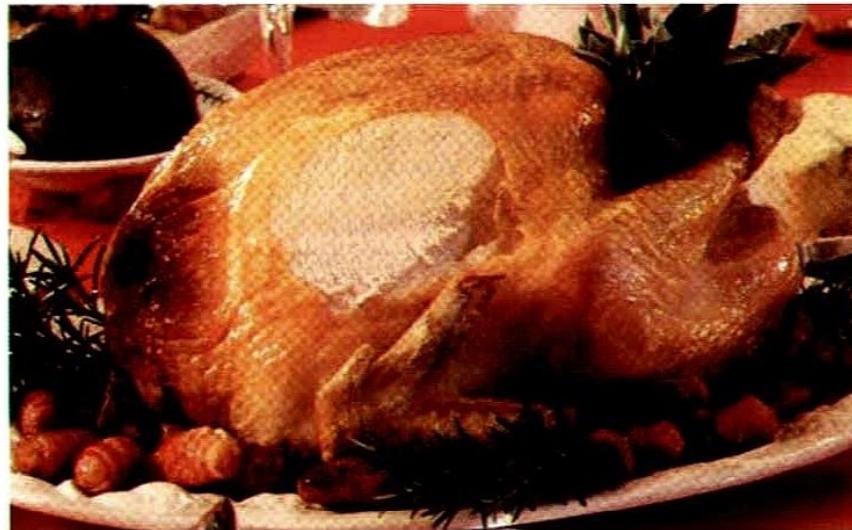
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**OVER** this festive period, it's not so much what the players eat and drink - the lads are pretty well-versed in that - they are young but they're pretty good in terms of what they eat.

I'M sure that on Christmas Day, they had a traditional Christmas dinner and a lot of them will probably have eaten together because we trained in the morning and then we played at Walsall the following day. A lot of the lads know that if they over-indulge in terms of the volume of food they eat, that's obviously going to have a bearing on how sluggish they may have felt on Boxing Day. The lads know they can't drink alcohol - that's banned. We have to trust them to do that but the lads know that alcohol is an absolute no-no over the festive period. In terms of food, a lot of the Christmas stuff like turkey is a good source of protein. There won't be too much that will be too bad, it's just about the amount that they eat. These lads have an idea of what they should be doing anyway so we won't have to spend too much time educating them on that. I think this Christmas/New Year period is always a worry from the medical department particularly in a squad like ours where it's relatively small. You worry about the conditions as a turn in the weather can suddenly make the pitches very heavy and that can suddenly increase the risk of injuries. Then it's a question of "do the lads get enough recovery time between games?" but the biggest issue we have in the Christmas period is between Boxing Day and the 28th, the lads



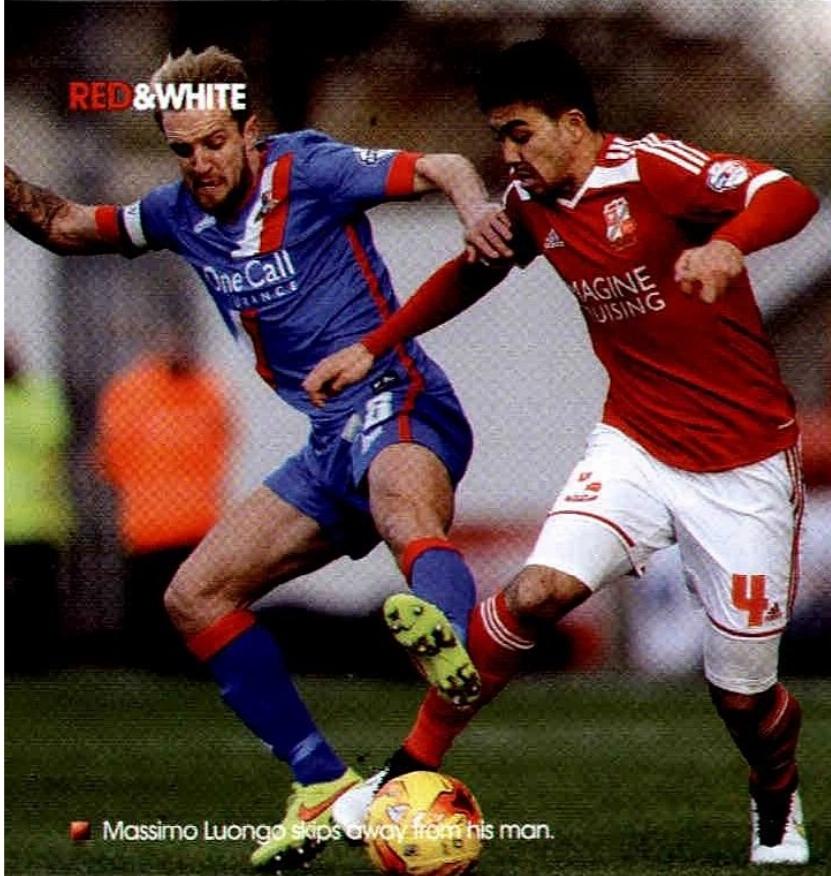
**“...a lot of the Christmas stuff like turkey is a good source of protein.”**

literally have a day's recovery. I know every team is in that situation where they are not going to be fully recovered and it's just a question of which team is the fittest because, at that stage, they will be the ones that recovered the most. At the same time, you don't know what sort of game they have had on Boxing Day; if it's been a hard-fought game, then that will add to the stresses of getting them right for today but, after that, we enter a stage in late December/January/February where we are just keeping an eye on the weather

and hoping it holds.

Our pitch here at The County Ground is great throughout the season but that can't be said when you visit a lot of away grounds. They get pretty sparse and that can upset the players not just in the type of football they're able to play but also the injury risks. Hopefully with a full squad even if we pick up the odd little injury or niggle it's not going to impact us. I think the biggest impact potentially will be in January when Massimo and Yaser will be away for the best part of a month. That's a little bit more pressure in that we hope that the rest of the lads stay fit but I think we have more than enough cover in the midfield area to keep our winning run going.

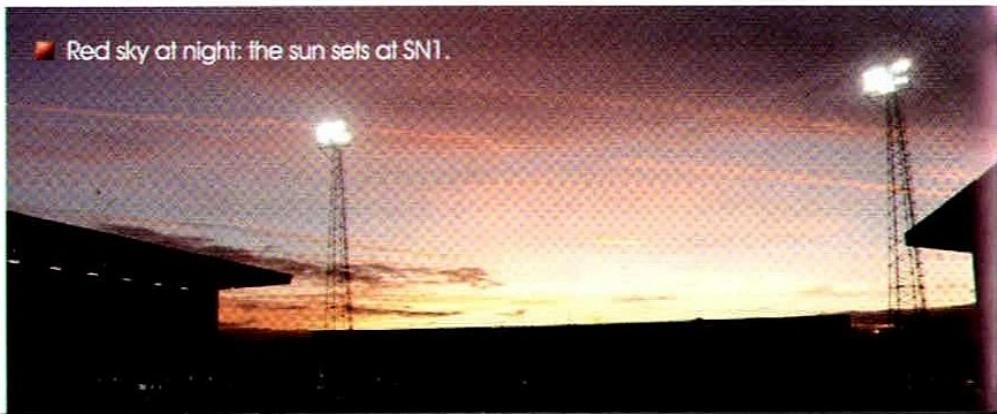
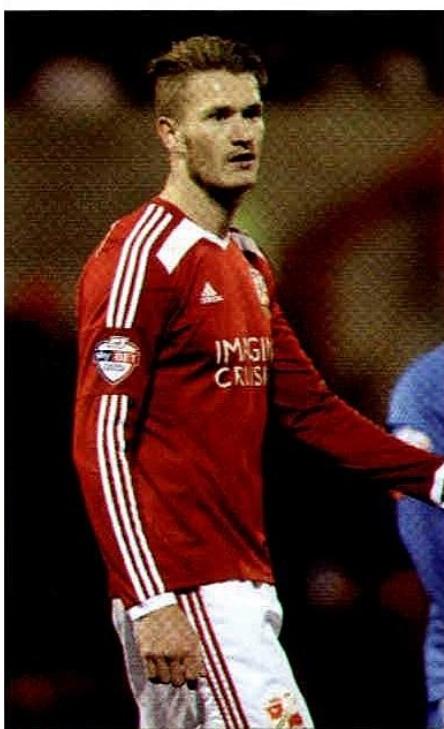
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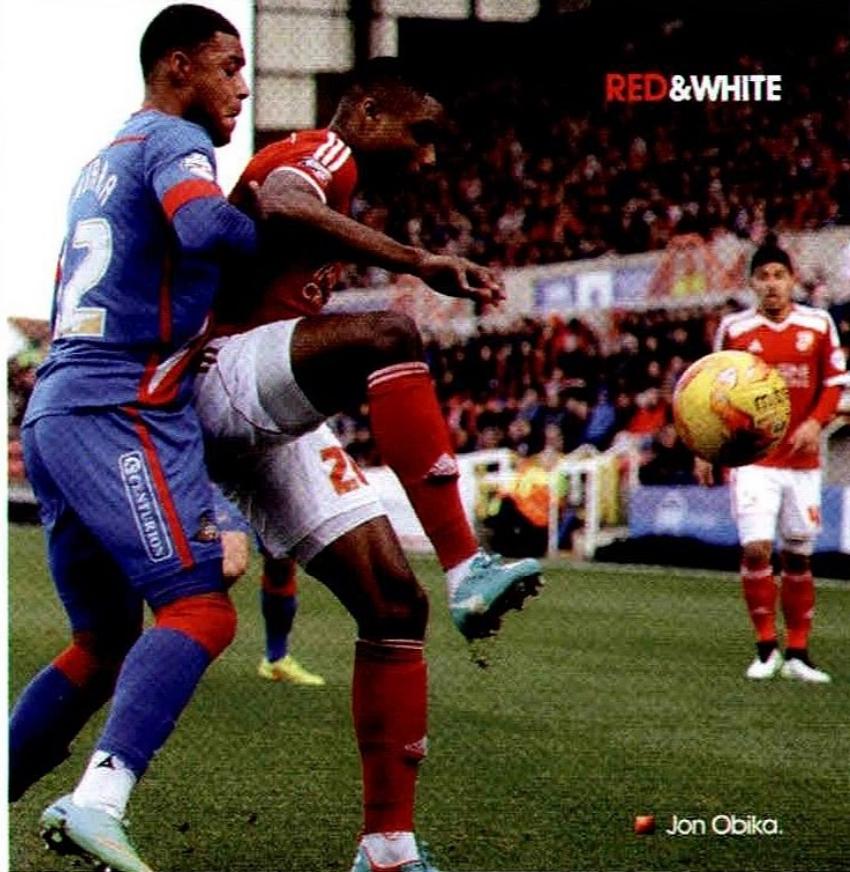


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**YOUR birthdays,  
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### David Stock

HAPPY birthday to David Stock who joins us today in The Sponsors' Suite. David is pictured below with his wife Gerry.

David started watching the Town when he was 12, some 48 years ago and soon got hooked. He describes his time following the Town like being on a rollercoaster ride! However, this season is certainly the best football since the Glen Hoddle days.

A big thank you to Mark Cooper, Lee Power, the players and all the staff for that.



### Happy birthday Charlie!

A special happy birthday to Charlie Smith, STFC's newest fan, born on 23rd November 2014. We look forward to seeing Charlie in the Town End soon with his proud parents, Kev and Lois!.

If you would like a message to appear on this page, please email programme@swindontownfc.co.uk

### today's mascots



**Ben Allison** AGE: 9

SCHOOL: Sylwood Primary School

HOBBIES/LIKES: Football, Football, Football!

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Louis Thompson



**Sam Allison** AGE: 7

SCHOOL: Sylwood Primary School

HOBBIES/LIKES: Football, Football, Football!

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Wes Foderingham



**Oliver Gargett** AGE: 9

SCHOOL: Millbrook Juniors

PLAYS FOR: Lydiard Millicent - Under 10s and plays in midfield

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Nathan Byrne



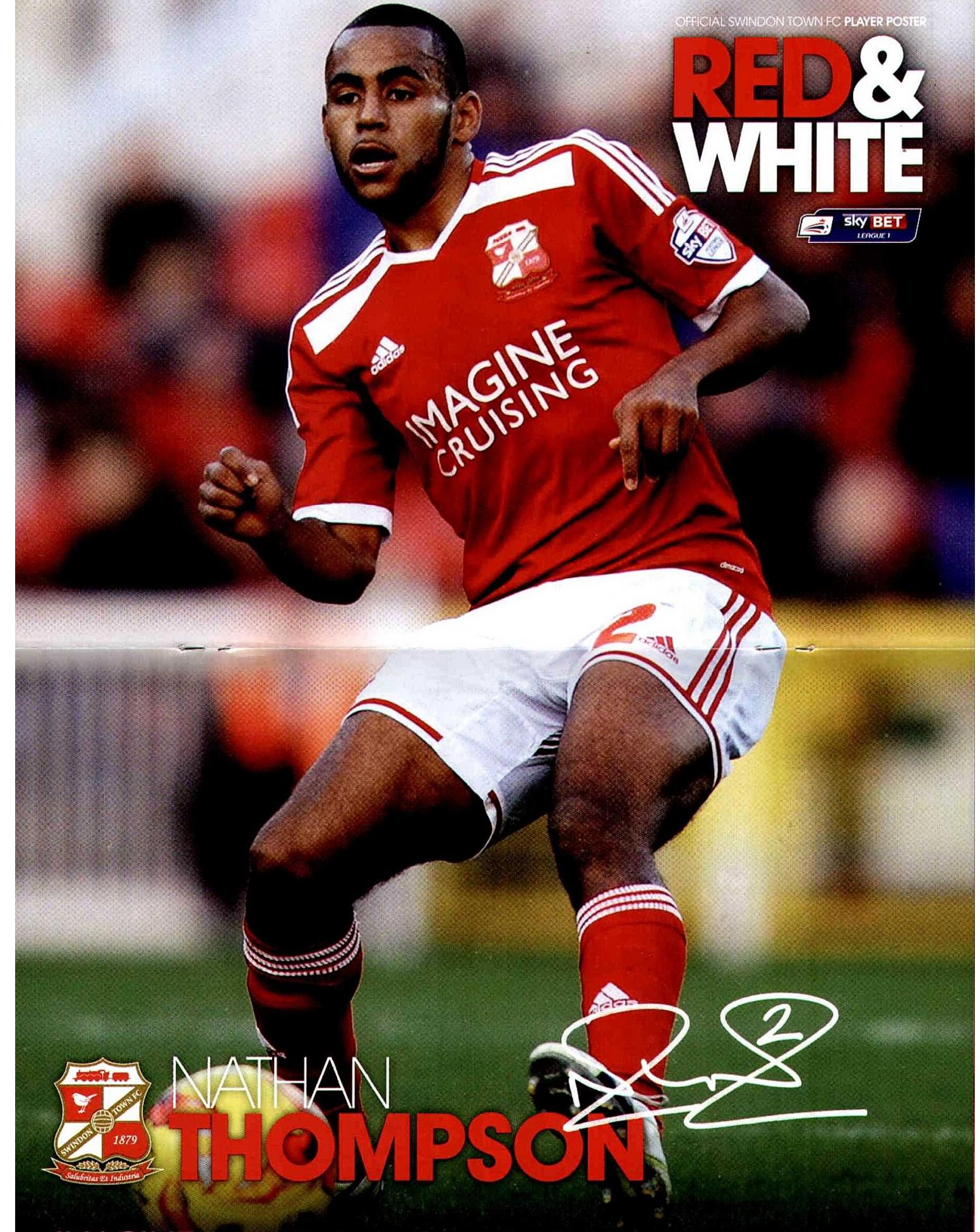
**Joseph Gargett** AGE: 7

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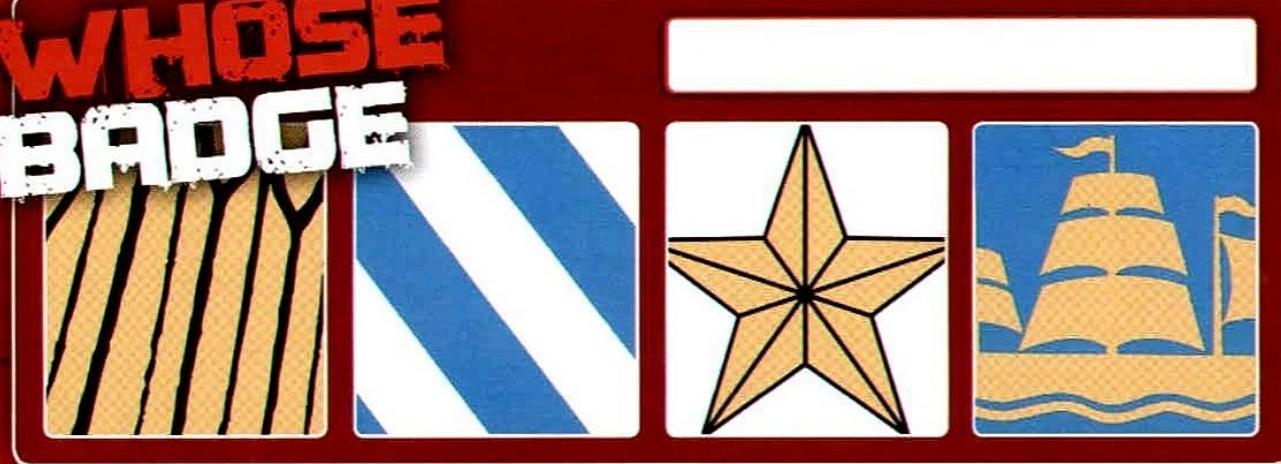
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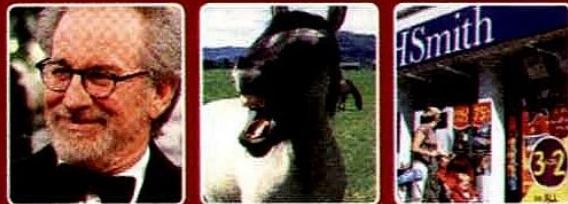
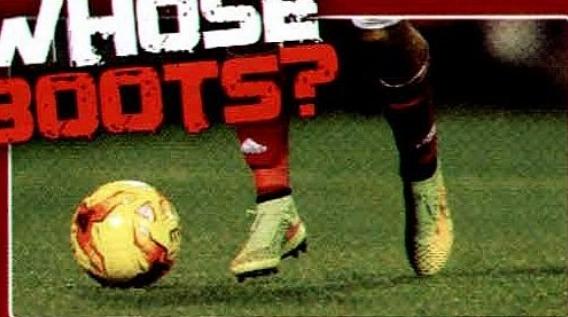
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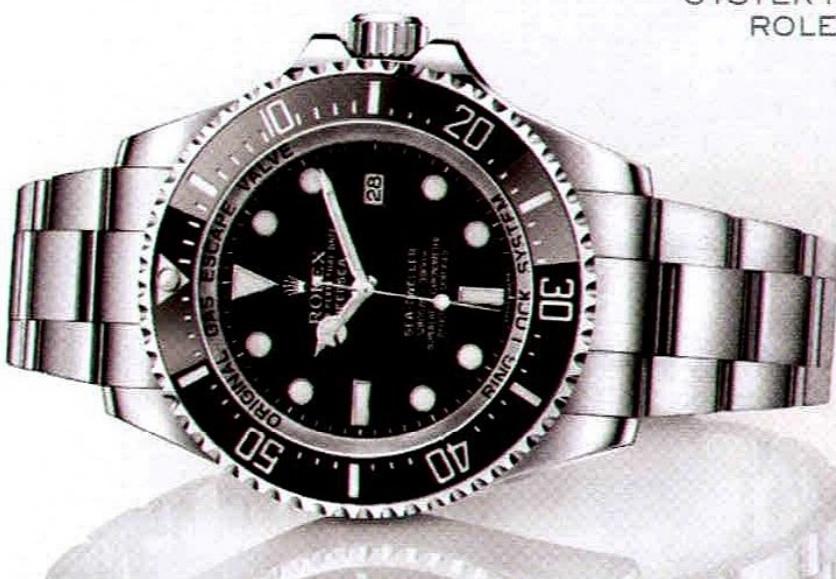
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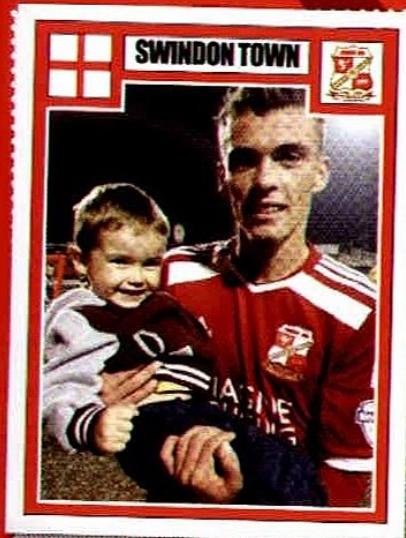
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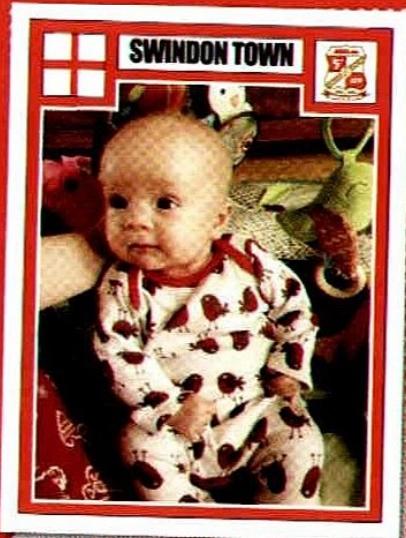
### GRUFFULO HUNT!

THANKS to Jessica Buck for sending this pic of her little boy's first game against Fleetwood. He managed to meet Harry Toffolo after the match!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY COOPS!

EVERYONE at Swindon Town would like to wish Mr Cooper belated birthday wishes. We hope you enjoyed your special day.



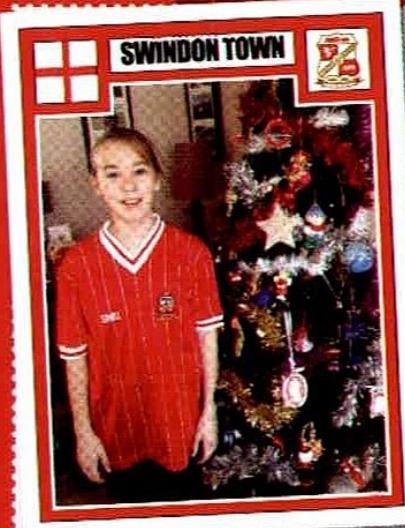
### A YOUNG TOWN FAN!

'AVA', The Grand Daughter of Marion Childers - Matchday Members' Suite Host. Love you, Grandma xx.



### IS THAT RUDOLPH?

THANKS to STFC staff member Callum Hampson who kindly dressed up for the Seniors' Christmas Lunch. He is now a favourite with the Seniors!



### RETRO CHRISTMAS!

THANKS to Honor Fraser for this great pic in her 80's Town shirt! You may recognise Honor from her appearance in the STFC Christmas video!



### THANK YOU VALERIE!

EVERYONE at STFC would like to thank Valerie Johnson who is leaving the Club after the many years of managing programme sales!

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**THIS afternoon we welcome Port Vale to The County Ground for our final home fixture in 2014...**

AS the festive season draws to an end, we can only hope the results have gone our way and we are still in the leading group and can look forward to some exciting football between now and May.

The club must already be working on the prices for Season Tickets for next season. The club have a figure they need to target, whilst the fans also have their own budgets to work to.

I think football in recent seasons has become expensive. I have four children who would come with me to football. Although they are now all adults, there is no way I could afford to pay for myself and four children now. I think pro rata to other entertainment, football has become more expensive.

I remember a few years back driving into Burnley and stopping at a fish and chip shop called Connelly's Plaice and John Connelly was the fryer. John had been a member of the England World Cup squad in 1966. Although he only played



one game (the opening match at Wembley), he made 20 appearances for England, won league championships with Burnley and Manchester United in a successful career. Such is the money in this day and age, with his playing career, he would have been a rich man. He was happy to talk about football - it still meant a lot to him. I cannot see Frank Lampard retiring and owning a fish and chip shop!

May I wish everyone a Happy New Year and many more happy visits to The County Ground.

**ROGER BUNCE**

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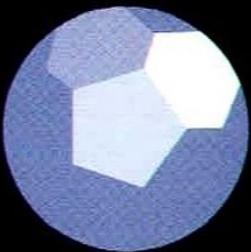
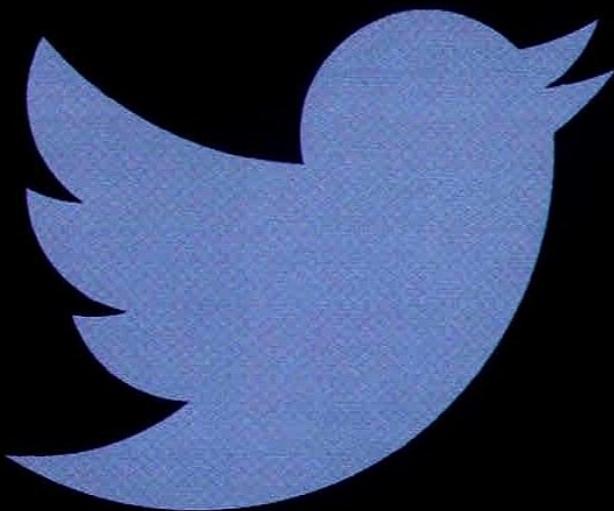
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# retro red

Words **Dave Wallis**

## SOMETHING that I'm sure we would all appreciate today to add to the season's festivities would be a goal or two.

IN fact the more the merrier, providing the team we support end up with the majority of them.

Today's Retro Red is going all festive by sharing out the attention in a 'better to give than receive' type of way. Because this is going to be more Retro than Red. More history than Swindon Town.

On Boxing Day 1963 we travelled to Carrow Road to take on Norwich City. The game was a Division Two fixture, with Town jostling for position near the top of the table. A place in the top flight awaited whoever could finish in the top two positions, and we were putting up a spirited fight to claim one in our first ever campaign in what is now known as the Championship.

The match saw the two teams share five goals and sadly it was Town who returned to Wiltshire pointless. Goals from John Stevens and Bill Atkins weren't enough to claim a share of the spoils as the Canaries bagged three of their own. The result left us in fifth place in the table, still ahead of the likes of Manchester City, Southampton, Newcastle and Middlesbrough.

Five goals eh? One of the better returns for a football supporter that day? Not a bit of it!

Because Christmas in Division One was very jolly indeed. Everton failed

to score in their 2-0 defeat at Leicester, while Bolton did likewise in a 3-0 loss at Sheffield Wednesday. Of the twenty teams in Division One in action that day, those were the only two not to find the net.

Elsewhere there were 3-3 draws at Molineux, where Wolves shared the points with Aston Villa, and at Nottingham Forest where another six goal draw was played out against Sheffield United.

Neither were they the highest scoring draws that day, because at the Hawthorns, West Brom and Tottenham managed four apiece in a 4-4 'stalemate'.

Meanwhile at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool registered just once... but Chelsea managed five.

At Anfield, Liverpool bettered that with a 6-1 win over Stoke City, while Burnley and Manchester United equalled the feat as the Clarets stuck six past their guests from Old Trafford for one in reply.



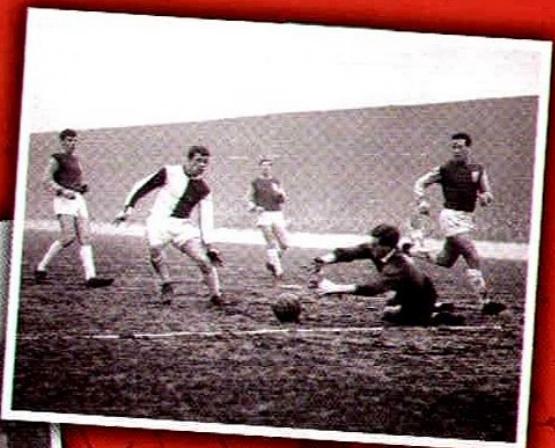
### First Division - Dec 26, 1963

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BLACKPOOL... (0) 1	Bridges 2, Murray, Houseman, Venables 17,163
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BURNLEY.....(2) 6	35,764
Lochhead 4, Morgan 2	IPSWICH.....(1) 1
FULHAM.....(5) 10	Baker
Cook, Leggat 4, Howfield 3, Robson, Mullery	19,374
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Wrighton, Crawford 2	ASTON VILLA.....(0) 3
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That accounts for eight of the ten Division One games that day... but only seventy per cent of the goals scored.

Because at Upton Park West Ham scored twice, while Blackburn Rovers scored eight! Ten goals in a match (pictured below right). Supporters must have gone home thinking they'd witnessed the day's top goal scoring action. Nope.

Outscoring everyone that day were the home team at Craven Cottage. While visitors Ipswich Town grabbed a goal themselves, they couldn't prevent Fulham notching ten! (Pictured below left).



Ten matches and sixty six goals.

Cue newspaper headlines of 'Christmas Cracker' and 'Festive Stuffing'.

What will we see today?

# 2014-15 STAT PACK



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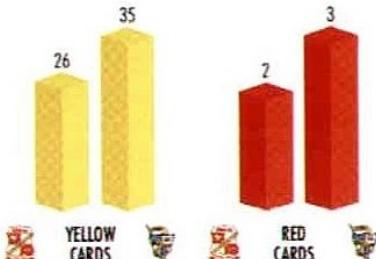
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## MATCH FACTS

Swindon have won their last five games against Port Vale, scoring 21 goals in the process.

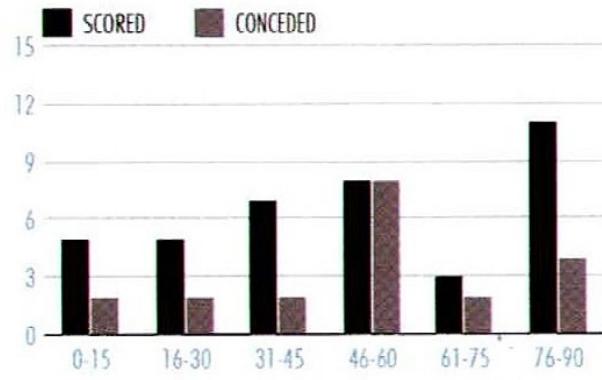


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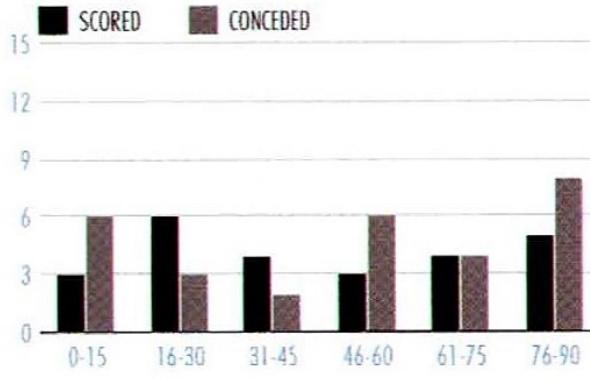
Tom Pope has scored in both of his last two appearances against Swindon.



## GOAL TIMES



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\*Data accurate as of December 18th

# 2014-15 STAT PACK



## LEAGUE ONE TOP FIVES

### GOALS

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

### ASSISTS

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

### SHOTS ON TARGET

1		SEARS	41
2		GARNER	37
3		PADDY MADDEN	29
4		DOYLE	28
5		HENDERSON	23

### MINUTES PER GOAL

1		BURNS	56
2		RODGERS	73
3		LISBIE	91
4		FORTE	99
5		FALLON	101

### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		DOYLE	62
2		HOURIHANE	50
3		FORTE	46
4		BRADSHAW	44
5		SEARS	44

### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		EMMANUEL-T...	53
2		KEVIN DAVIES	81
3		RANDALL	90
4		HUGILL	96
5		REED	117

### FOULS

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

### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

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

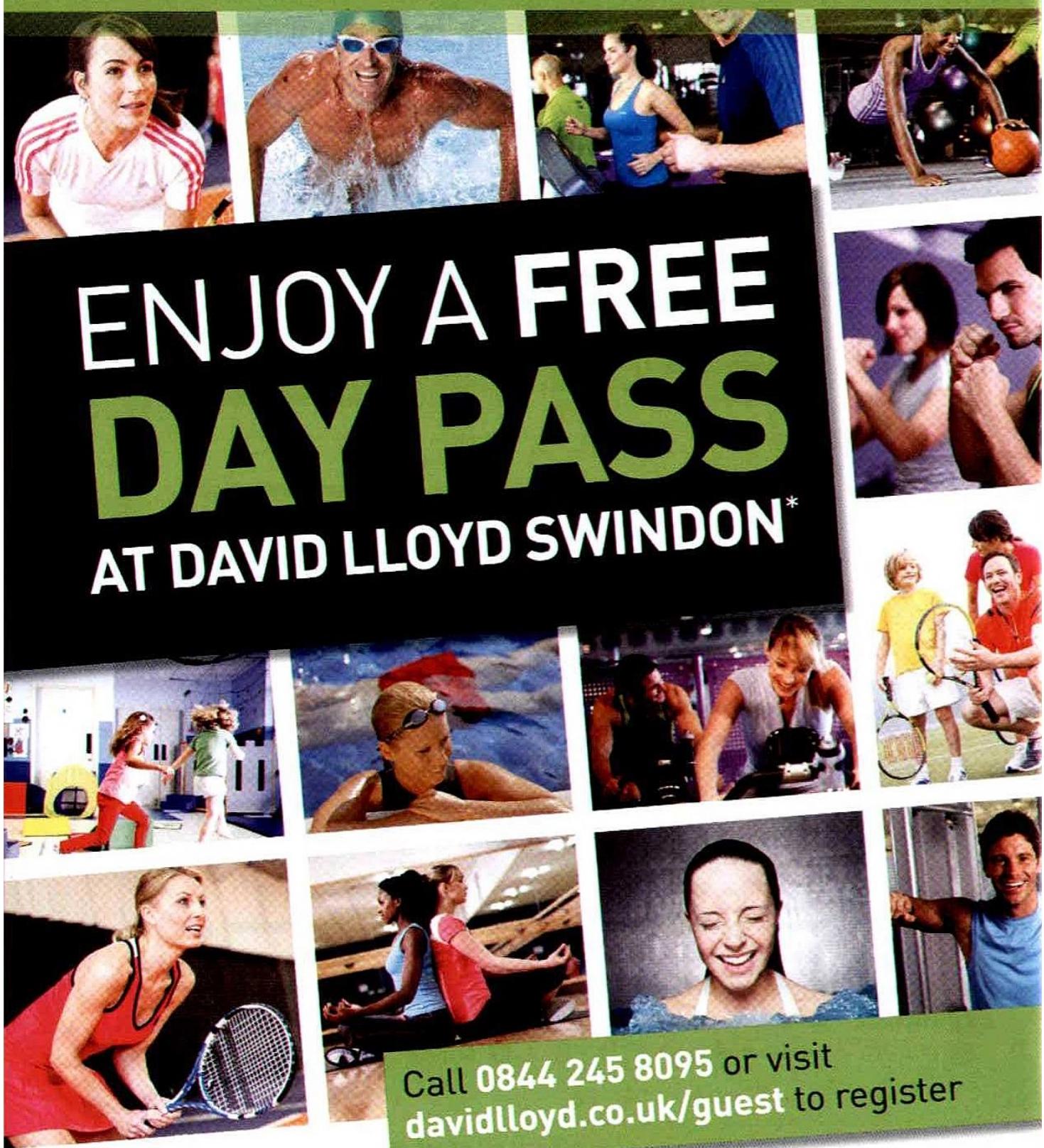
## LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

The last two teams to lead League One on Christmas Day have failed to earn promotion (Leyton Orient 2013/14, Sheffield United 2012/13).

## LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Since the three point rule was introduced, just four teams have reached 100 points in a third tier season, but two have come in the last three campaigns.

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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

IN 1958, the last ever Christmas Day games were completed. Swindon fulfilled home and away fixtures against Brentford on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. But on the following day, Saturday 27th, there was no rest day for six of those who had played in both games when the German First Division side SSV Reutlingen arrived at The County Ground for a friendly!

It was a 'return' engagement following a visit by Town to Germany in mid-May.

Although keeping the same defensive set-up as that in the two League games, manager Bert Head experimented with

his front line. Wingers John Skull and Johnny Stephens came in, while John Richards and Ray Sampson filled the inside-forward berths. Ray Middleton - fresh from scoring five goals in three reserve and 'A' team games - led the line in his first senior outing.

Initially on a one-month contract, Middleton was a native of Nottinghamshire but was no stranger to Wiltshire, having joined Bulford United seven years earlier while on national service. He later represented the county but was something of a journeyman with brief spells at five previous League clubs.

Swindon had won only one of their six games in December but their new look attack put the Germans under pressure straight from the kick-off. Both Skull and Middleton went close, while an effort from Richards rebounded off keeper Karl Bogelein.

And the visitors were a goal down inside twenty minutes when Middleton set up the chance for Richards to net with a tap in. Town doubled their advantage nine minutes before the break, when Middleton dispossessed centre-half Schiessi and fired a low shot across goal and into the far corner of the net.

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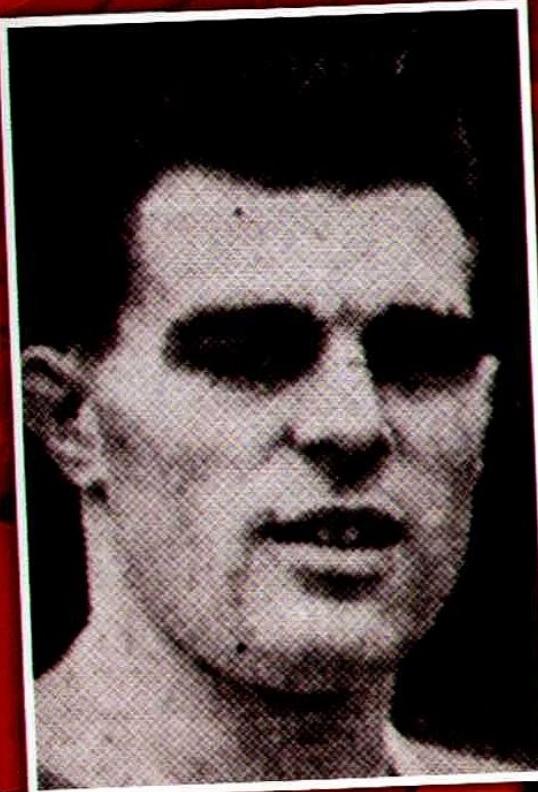
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**Above/Right:** Sporting Pink headline and Ray Middleton in action against SSV Reutlingen.



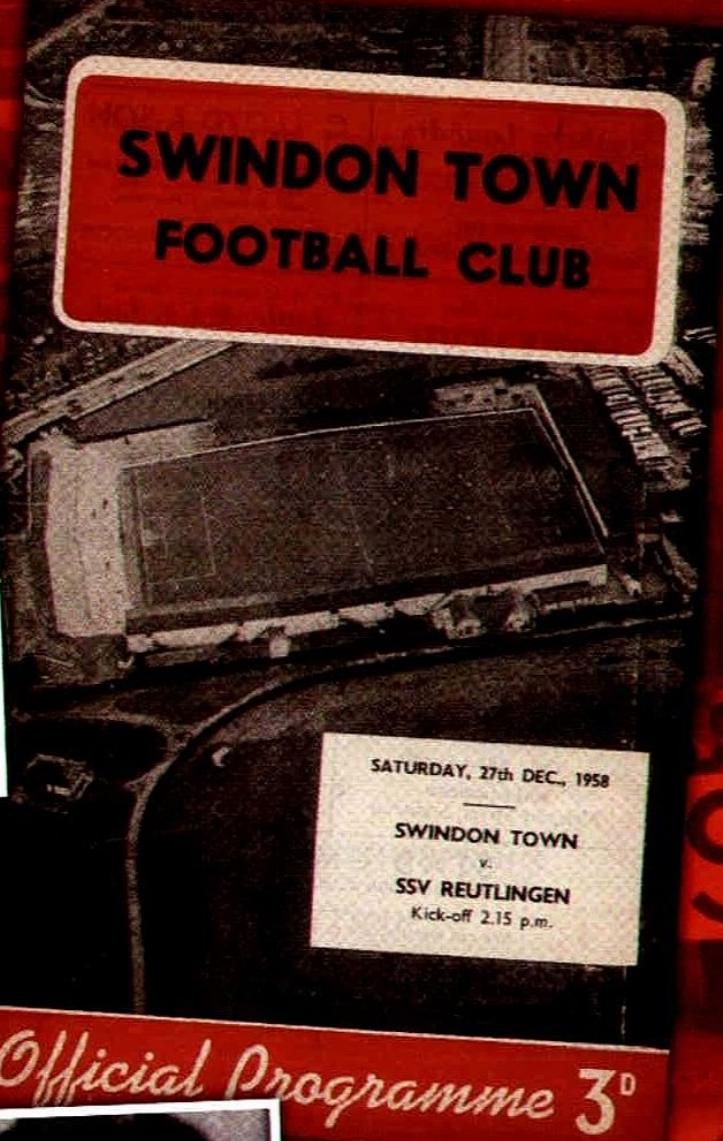
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The second half was a more even affair but good football was at a premium as The County Ground surface rapidly turned to a sea of mud. Middleton went close again in the closing minutes, his header forcing Bogelein into a full length save, before Richards struck again to make it 3-0.

The boss was sufficiently impressed to sign Middleton for the remainder of the season, giving him his League debut on the following Saturday against Southampton.

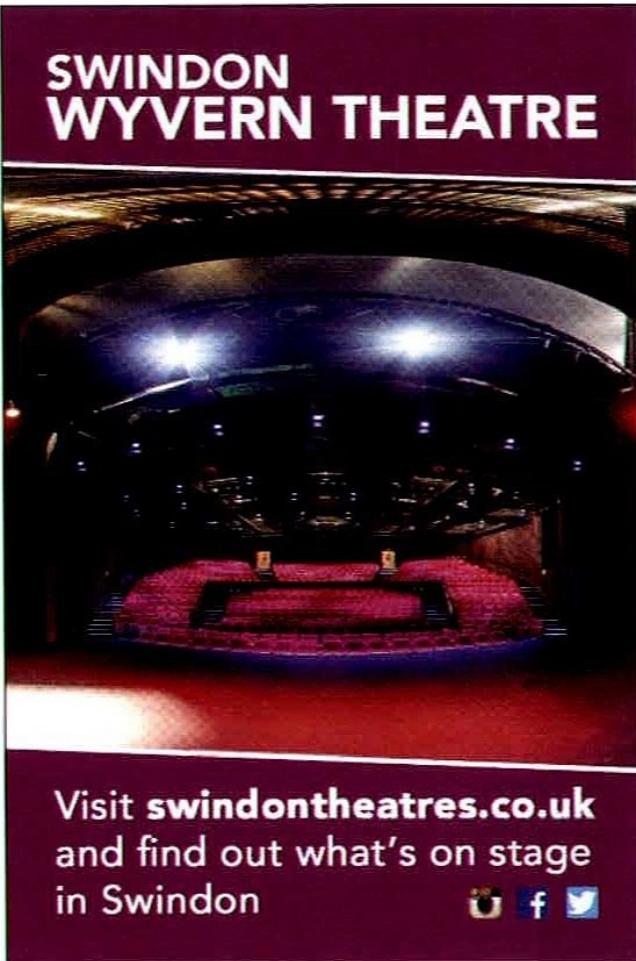
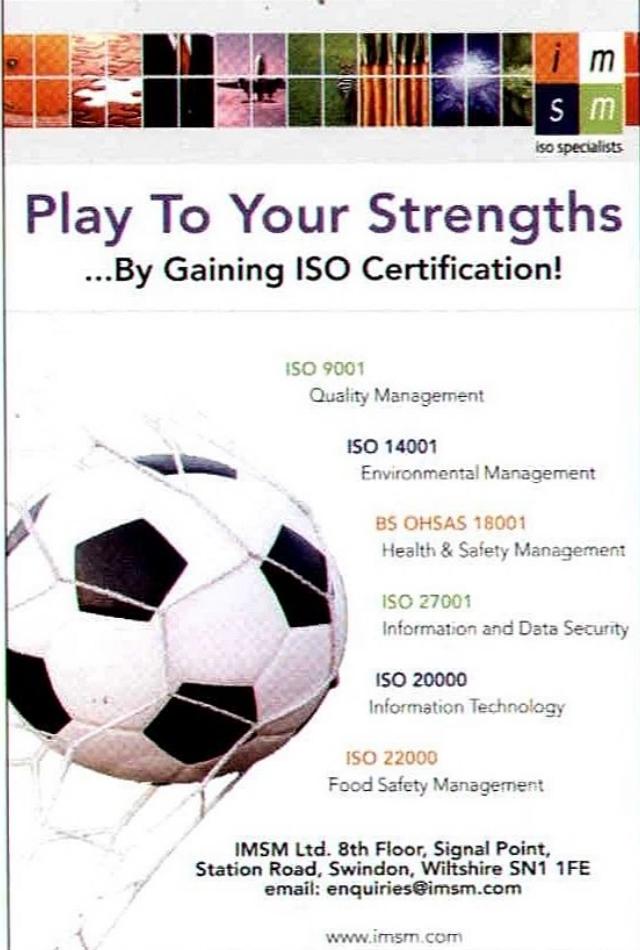
The newcomer helped his side to a 3-1 victory but then, after four successive defeats, lost his place and was once again on his travels in the close season.



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Having earlier this month celebrated his 81st birthday, Ray still lives just a few miles away from his old stomping ground of over sixty years ago at Bulford.

Top Left: Ray Middleton  
Left: John Richards





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## **TODAY** TrustSTFC welcomes Port Vale to The County Ground for this final fixture of 2014...



**2014** has been a busy year for the Trust as we've substantially grown our membership and continued to drive our positive engagement with the club and wider community. Here's a brief summary of what we've achieved this year...

## Protection of The County Ground

IT seems like so long ago now, but back in January the Trust secured the designation of The County Ground as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The ACV status is an essential tool to protect the continued use of our home for football, the only stadium within 33 miles capable of hosting a Football League fixture. The ACV enables the community a role in its future, including the opportunity to bid to acquire the asset should it ever become available for sale or let. Given Lee Power has recently stated the club are again re-evaluating investment in the facilities and a potential redevelopment, the Trust board welcome this news.

and look forward to working with the club and Borough Council to achieve this.

**With greater numbers  
comes greater influence**

Our recruitment drive started in May when the Trust board resolved to reduce annual membership to £1. Within days at the final home game versus Rotherham United, over 200 new members joined the Trust and the numbers continued to grow. The Trust launched this season's recruitment campaign for the first home game versus Scunthorpe, where we presented Town legend Don Rogers with our first Honorary Life Membership. The Trust board has maintained a regular matchday presence at the Ground leading to the 1,000 member milestone being hit three months earlier than expected in October; and have continued to sign up hundreds of members every match. You can join the Trust today for £1 online at [www.truststfc.com](http://www.truststfc.com)

## Engaging the community

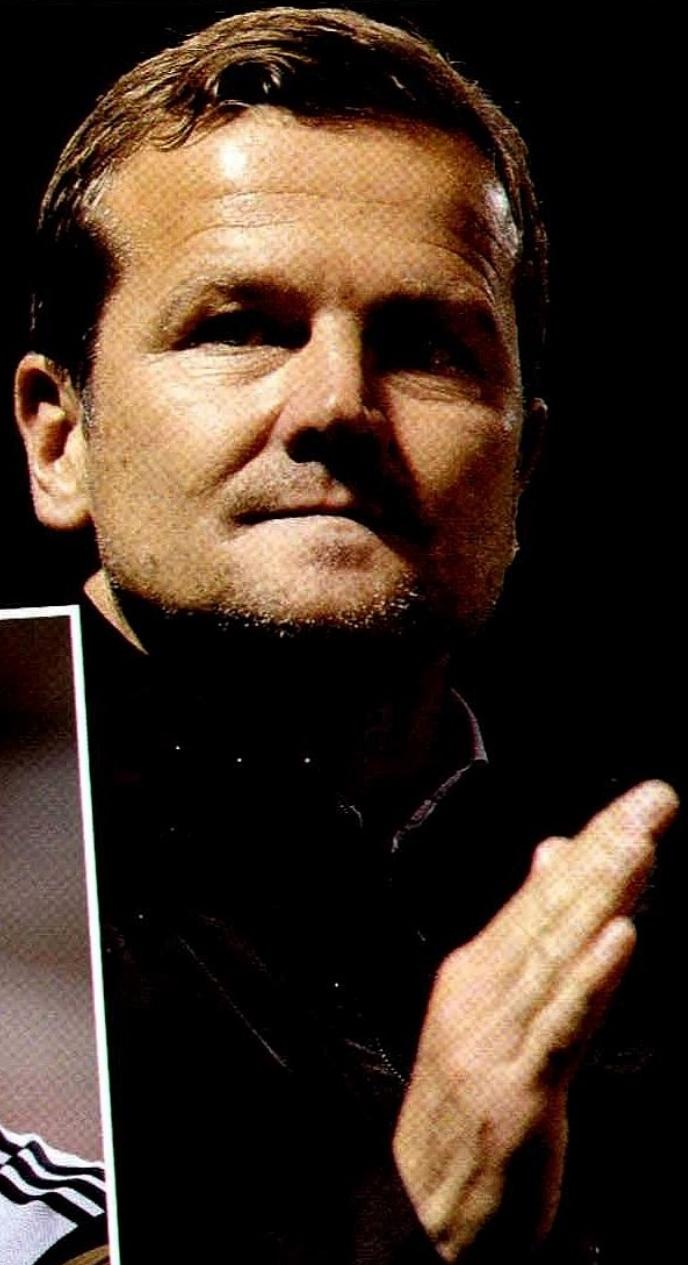
We were all disappointed with

the decline in attendances at the start of this season, so the Trust board consulted members on the key issues which may affect matchday attendances. A summary of the 216 respondents were provided to the club and the Trust board welcome the subsequent initiatives from the club towards increasing the gate.

Another focus for the Trust has been the establishment of the TrustSTFC School Partnership in October. So far over 30 primary schools throughout the Borough have signed up, with the aim of reconnecting children and their families with their local football club.

The recent culmination of our efforts was the Trust Family Day held on 29th November for the visit of Fleetwood Town, where almost 3,500 free tickets were distributed through the TrustSTFC School Partnership. This event gave a significant boost to the matchday attendance with over 10,500 at The County Ground, with many children and adults attending their first ever football match.

**AS 2014 draws to a close, the Town chief says that he cannot wait for what the New Year will bring...**



**TIME TO  
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**WITH MARK COOPER**

**SPEAKING** to R&W recently, the Gaffer explained that the past 12 months have been a learning curve for him and his staff.

"It's been a good year," he said. "If you look back on the calendar year and look at the points to games ratio I think it would be really high especially when we went to the 3-5-2 formation."

"I've learned loads. Dealing with a group of young professionals and young men, it's totally different to a normal squad where you've got a lot of experienced players. It's been really interesting. I think you definitely have to change your ways when dealing with young players. It's more of a father figure role really so I think I've learned about dealing with the players. I also got a bit of stick about my media work but that's just me – I like to think about what I'm going to say first so I've learned to be a bit more light-hearted. Not a lot, a little. You're always learning about your players and learning about different tactics so I've really enjoyed it."

Cooper admits that after a summer of uncertainty among supporters, the mood inside the



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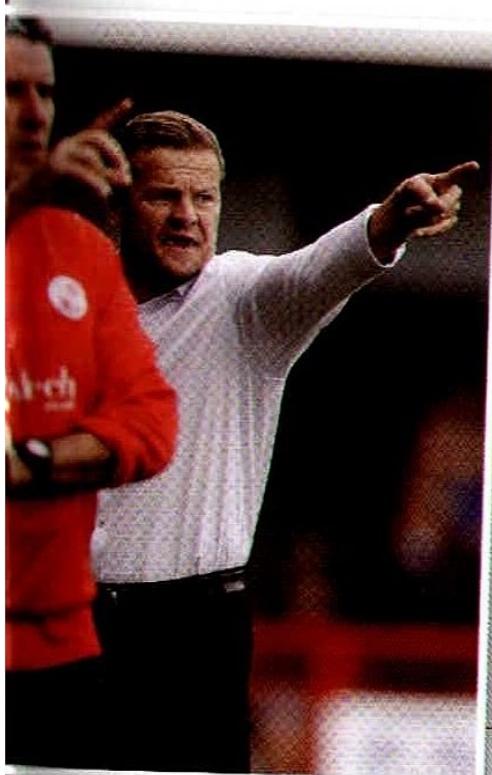
camp among the players was always one of quiet confidence.

"We've added to the group really well," he continued. "We haven't got any characters that we're not sure about. Every member of the group has bought into what myself and the staff are trying to do so that's made it really easy for us. I don't

think anyone expected us to do that with the uncertainty in the summer because of the court case and the lack of recruitment. It was a bit of doom and gloom outside the building - definitely not in it - and we knew what we were trying to do in terms of what players we were going to get and we got 95% of the targets we wanted - fair play to the chairman again."

Finally, the manager revealed his new year's resolutions for 2015.

"My first one would be to not be as harsh on referees, which I'm getting better at. I'm going to try and not to take the downs too harshly and I'm going to keep up my fitness regime. I can't wait for 2015!"



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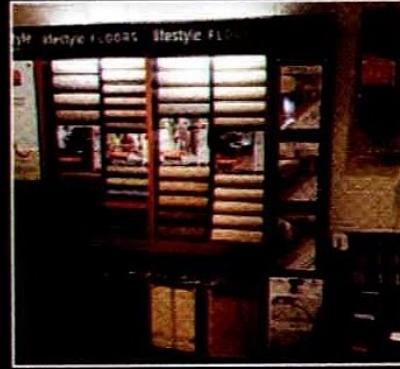
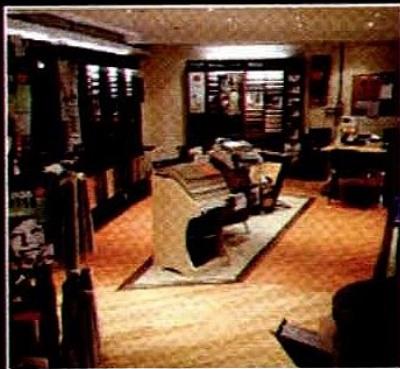
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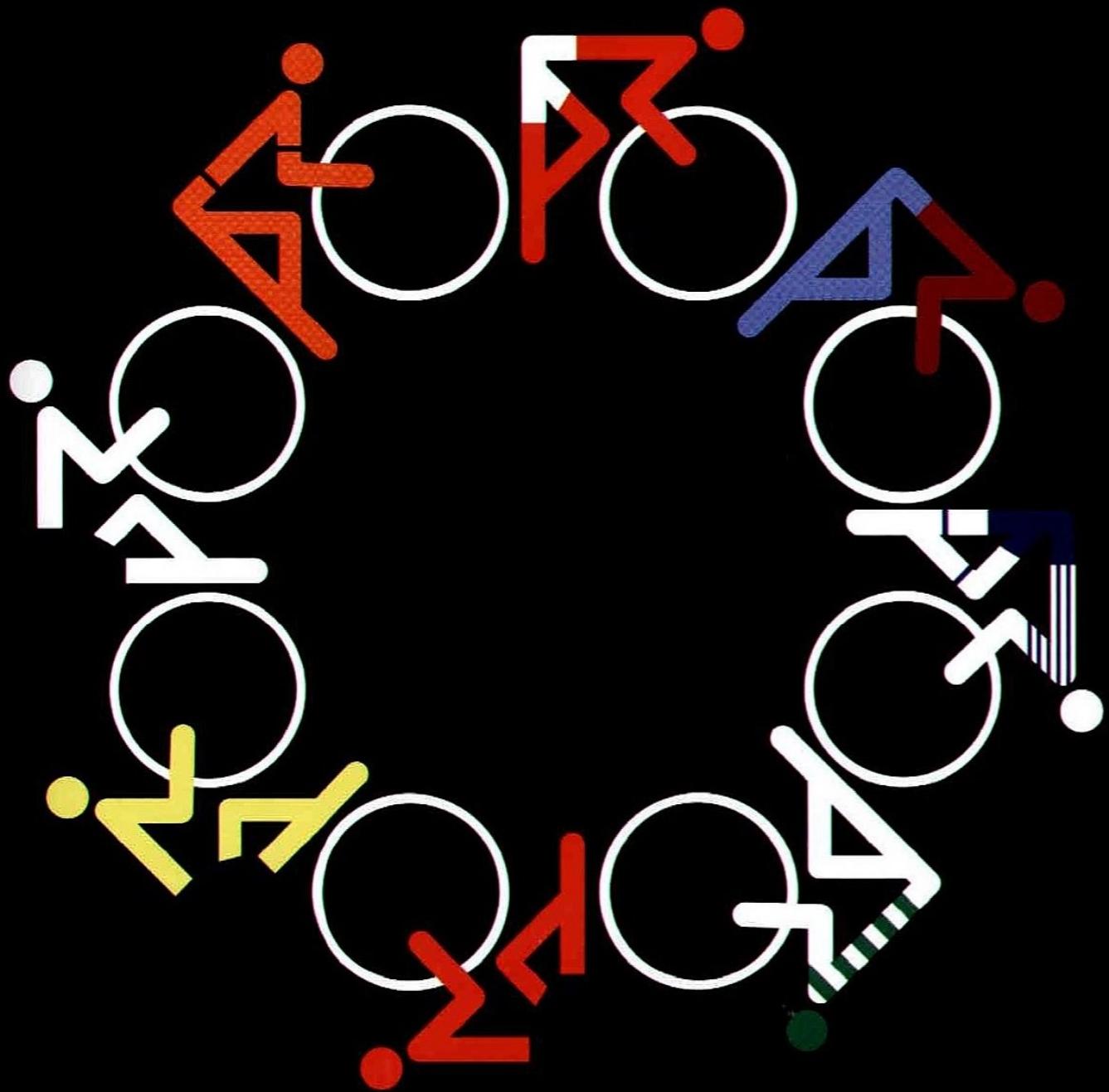
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**THE** Under-12s and Under-13s recently trained at England Headquarters: St George's Park.



**THE** Academy players enjoyed a break from their normal training programme the weekend before Christmas, when they went up to St George's Park to train and stay the night. They also had the pleasure of traveling up on the first team coach. In the afternoon, they were in the classroom and continued their education on lifestyle. James Parsons, our Academy analyst took a session looking at their latest set of games, before I took an education session myself. That consisted of the players being put into eight groups of four. They all had to talk and deliver back to the players and staff regarding playing systems and the positives and negatives of those different systems. We then ate together in the Club England room - where all the national

sides eat together. It was fantastic for our players to experience that. We then had training in the full-size indoor training facility, before having a debrief session at the end of the day. The players then got the chance to relax in their rooms before lights out. The following day started with us all eating breakfast together, then we made the journey back to The County Ground. The Under-12s and Under-13s have become a very strong unit, due to the teams being together on the Day Release Programme. It's important that we can take the players and the staff to England HQ on trips like this to



experience what it is like to play at the very highest level and replicate what their heroes do, by staying and training at the same venue.

**JEREMY NEWTON**  
ACADEMY MANAGER



# UNDER-18s GAFFER

SCOTT LINDSEY

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I think that we are starting to get noticed as an Under-18s team who play very good football and who people talk quite highly of...



I think that we're probably one of the better sides in the league in terms of possession and being comfortable on the ball which is what we want to try and aim to do. I've heard a lot of people complimenting what we're doing, a lot of people in the game complimenting what we're doing as well. We had a PFA coach come in to do the coaching badges for the boys - as part of their scholarship programme they have to do the Level Two coaching badge. He also goes around a lot of other clubs and does the same. He was mentioning that it was quite unusual for coaches to comment on how well other clubs are doing and he said that a lot of clubs in our league had complimented what we're doing here at Swindon. So, with that in mind, I'm more than happy with the way that things have gone. We could have probably won more games than

we have done but the actual football that we've been playing is more than pleasing me.

The highlight of my time at Swindon so far was definitely when we played Bournemouth at home. They've only lost two games all season but we beat them 3-1 and we beat them very comfortably. It was a game where I think that everything seemed to come together and the fact that we played a Championship side and we looked far superior to them is a very pleasing moment for us. That was a highlight and, of course, we've played in games where we've played just as well but didn't get the result through poor defending or just not being ruthless enough at the other end but; all-in-all, I'm really pleased with the way the boys have been and I've got to say that they work hard for me every day. I've got nobody that doesn't put it in,

I've got no bad attitudes, they're all good lads and they all work extremely hard and they're all trying to achieve the same thing which is a professional contract.

Hopefully, we carry on playing good football. I want to try and bring more Under-18s into the Under-18s to try and blood them at this level. I want to try and finish this season on a high in terms of how we're playing and results but I also want to get in place the next players coming through. Obviously, that's the main aim to try and get as many of them on a professional contract as possible so that will be something we need to discuss in the New Year - how many and who and if any. Those are the questions that need to be answered and we've got to sit down and sort out what we're doing.

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 Sat Aug 23 Cheltenham Town 2-0 W  
 Sat Aug 30 Plymouth Argyle 4-2 W

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 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  
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 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
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## GOOD afternoon - I hope you all had a great Christmas...

WITH the New Year fast approaching it seems a great time to thank everyone for their hard work with the Women and Girls Programme this year.

The Ladies sit in first place in the South West Premier League, our development team have been steadily climbing the table and the Under-16s remain unbeaten this season so there is a lot to be proud of. We had our first girl break into the England setup and our Girls CFFE U12s, U13s and U15s gave a fantastic account of themselves in Sweden in July.

I would like to mention our main Women and Girls sponsors Intel and Trak Employment for their support this season and Verelogic and Hills Group for all of their support throughout the Gothia Cup journey in 2014. These sponsors are hugely important to the future of the ladies section and we are so grateful that they share our vision of putting STFC on the map of Women's football in this country.

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2015 will be such an exciting year with our sides in the mix for promotion and titles. The hard work starts again next week when we entertain Southampton at home and this game could see us knock the south coast side out of contention for promotion this season. It will be another tough encounter and the Saints will be out for revenge after we knocked them out of the League Cup earlier in the season.

Our CFFE U-12s, U14s and U16s make the long journey to Plymouth on Friday 2nd January which will see our girls test themselves against a tough outfit but I know the girls will all be raring to go after the Christmas period. Hopefully we can come back with three wins and start the New Year with a bang. The

girls have big aspirations of playing at the highest level and these games are always good tests of mental and physical strength.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in 2014 and we hope we can make you all proud at the end of the season.

**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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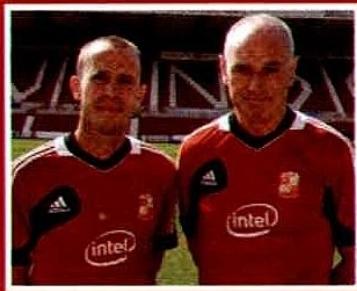
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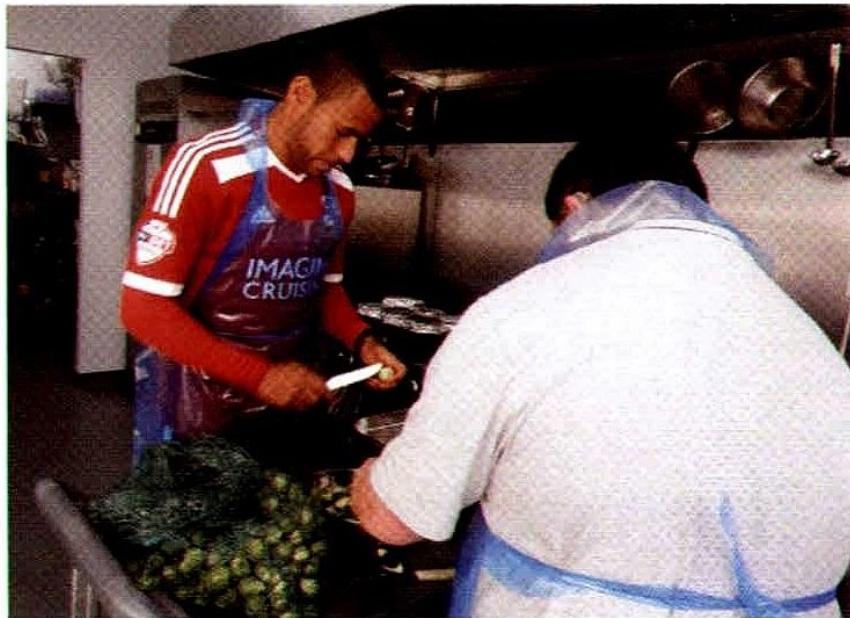
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# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's encounter against Port Vale.

WE hope you all had a very merry Christmas and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2015. Today, we are delighted to welcome our DS Active group who make up our Swindon Town DS Active football team where we currently have 18 people who attend the regular weekly sessions delivered by Alan Minns at the Haydon Centre in Swindon. We have had a few fixtures over the year with the highlight being on 12th October when we travelled to take on our friends at Northampton Town. We are hoping to reciprocate this fixture in February. I would like to say a very big thank you to Jo Messenger who has helped administrate the group for many years. Without her support and commitment, the group would

not be able to engage in all the activities that they do. We hope everyone enjoyed their meal before the game and let's hope we can pick up all three points today. Some of our DS Active members were delighted to cook a Christmas meal two weeks ago for their friends and families and were supported by both Louis and Nathan Thompson on the day. The group are really looking forward to seeing them both again this afternoon to thank them for their valuable support.

### EXTRA TIME

WE were delighted to present all of our Extra Time members with a Swindon Town sweatshirt before their meal at the Blunsdon House Hotel on Tuesday 17th December. They

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were also treated to meeting Andy Ealey's new arrival, Ella Amelia Ealey, who was born on Sunday 7th December 2014. Everybody at Extra Time and all of us at FITC would like to say congratulations to Andy and his partner Amy and wish them every happiness for 2015.

## REVIEW OF 2014

IT has been an interesting year for us at FITC with some great highlights during 2014. We were delighted to take our CFFE Girls over to the Gothia Cup in Sweden in July and also to go to Zambia in October/November with us also being able to bring a delegation of Zambian players and coaches to the UK in April. Along with the successful delivery of our Holiday Development Courses, Soccer Centres and After School Clubs, it has been another successful year for the FITC Trust. We have seen some changes in staffing and we very much view a positive future moving into

2015. We are delighted to be engaging in new programmes such as Football Fans in Training and the PLCF Coaching Delivery in local schools which also sees us embark on a more positive relationship with the Academy at the club. 2014 has also seen us being able to increase our delivery of disability coaching, particularly with us being able to offer multi-sports social inclusion courses during half terms for children with special educational needs and physical disabilities. Finally, we are delighted that we have a new Chair in Kirsteen Fraser and we would like to sincerely thank her for taking on this mantle and also to thank Mike Spearman, the outgoing Chairman, for all his hard work and commitment. Mike has gracefully accepted his new position of Honorary Patron which he thoroughly deserves for his commitment and endeavour not only to the FITC Trust but Swindon Town Football Club itself.

## 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

### 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

### 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
	6.00-7.00	6-7 yrs

### BEVERSBROOK

Wed: 5.00-6.00 5-7 yrs/8-11 yrs

### 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

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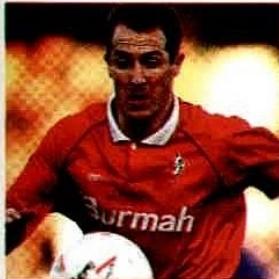
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**PLEASE** extend a warm welcome to Port Vale as they come to The County Ground in what will be our last fixture of 2014 and, indeed, the 23rd league match of this season...

**PORT** Vale have endured a challenging time in recent years and were issued with a winding up petition by HMRC in 2012. Currently they lie just below mid-table and no doubt will prove dogged opponents this afternoon as they look to end the year on a high.

These notes were written before the Doncaster Rovers game and our Boxing Day visit to Walsall so we must hope that our recent devastating run of form has been continued right to the year's end. It's good to see that Ben Gladwin has signed a new contract that ties him to the club until the summer of 2017. The boy from Marlow has bags of ability and is probably fed up with being termed as the best man in training – it is matchday that counts. I have seen many of his games this season and his technique is on a parallel to some of our most talented players, his recent performances now beginning to warrant a place in the starting XI. I am sure if he continues to work on his fitness levels - with particular attention to speed recovery sessions - then he will surely cement his place in the first team. We must also hope that Rapha Rossi Branco can agree terms and sign a new contract with the club. The 24 year old Brazilian is a powerful athlete, an uncompromising defender who has a lot to offer and he would certainly benefit from a period



of stability here at Swindon Town where the philosophy now is to keep and nurture our most talented young players. Our chairman, Lee Power has the job of renegotiating the contract of those players that are considered an asset to the club but, quite rightly, will not be held to ransom.

I would like to personally say a Happy Christmas to Terry Cooper and wish him the best of health in the New Year after going through such a difficult time in 2014. I first saw Terry back in 1972 when, as a 13-year-old, my dad took me to watch the great Leeds United of the 1970s in a third round FA Cup tie against my first club Bristol Rovers at Elland Road. As a kid, you remember those stand-out moments: the first live match I had watched under floodlights with 33,000 people crammed

into Elland Road. I stood on the terraces to the left of the dugouts and was simply star-struck by the whole occasion. Terry Cooper was part of that great team and, later that year, after beating Rovers 4-1, Leeds went on to lift the FA Cup at Wembley beating Arsenal 1-0 in the final. Seven years later, in 1979, Terry came to Bristol Rovers as player/coach when I was a young pro trying to make my way in the game and I could not fail but to be impressed by both his professionalism and humility as a person. I was so intense back in those days, sometimes too intense for my own good and Terry sat me down one night on a pre-season tour of Holland. He said I needed to relax more and to take my mind away from the game. That night we drank a bottle of red wine between us before our first tour match against RKVV Hellust the next day. We won 6-1 and the team included Tony Pulis at number 8, Garry Mabbutt at number 10, Terry Cooper at number 11 (he played on the left wing) and me at number 9. I scored a hat-trick but Terry said nothing to me after the match just a nod and a wink. I had learned a lesson from one of the greatest left-backs this country had ever produced.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

**STEVE WHITE**  
STFC HALL OF FAME MEMBER

# ON THE ROAD

NEXT UP AWAY



SAS TRAVEL



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



We are now taking bookings for the visit to Coventry.

**Date:** 12/01/2015

**Price:** £15 Adult, £13 Junior

**£1** Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card. Departs The County Ground at **3.30pm**



VS SHEFFIELD UTD



**Date:** 31/01/2015

For details of the trip to Sheffield 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 first ever trip to Fleetwood Town.



THE new year begins with a trip to a new ground for Town fans in January when Swindon make the journey north to Fleetwood Town. The Cod Army made the voyage to SN1 at the end of November in a historic first meeting between the two sides, an encounter that was eventually settled by Ben Gladwin's 86th minute header in front of the Stratton Bank. Town fans have travelled to Highbury before but Fleetwood's incarnation will be a new one to tick off the list for those supporters 'doing the 92'. Away supporters are usually housed in the Percy Ronson terrace behind one of the goals. Much like SN1's own 'Bar71', Highbury boasts Jim's Sports Bar which admits away supporters and is located at the rear of the Memorial Stand. Supporters not making the journey with SAS Travel are

advised that there are a limited number of spaces available at the ground but street parking is available on the surrounding roads. The nearest convenient mainline railway station is Blackpool North, just over seven miles away from the stadium. Transport from the station to the stadium is available in the form of buses, trams or taxis.

*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

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**COMING** up home and away...



## 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

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increase by £2  
on matchday  
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## COVENTRY CITY vs SWINDON TOWN (A)

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



PRICES:	Wheelchair and ambulant disabled pay the aged related prices with the carer free of charge. For disabled tickets please call 08718761993 option 2.	
Adult	£22	
Senior O60	£15	
Y Adult 16-21	£15	
Junior	£11	

Tickets  
available to  
buy online.



## SWINDON TOWN vs CHESTERFIELD (H)

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



TICKET PRICES: SILVER CATEGORY (See right)

Tickets now on general sale.



## SWINDON TOWN vs BRADFORD CITY (H)

Saturday 24th January, 3pm Kick-Off  
The County Ground



TICKET PRICES: SILVER CATEGORY (See right)

Tickets now on general sale.



## SHEFFIELD UNITED vs SWINDON TOWN (A)

Saturday 31st January, 3pm Kick-Off  
Bramall Lane, S2 4SU.



Ticket details for this fixture are yet to be  
announced. Please visit [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk)  
for up-to-date information.

## HOME TICKET PRICES

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

### GOLD: SIDES END

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

### SILVER: SIDES END

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

### BRONZE: SIDES END

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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## AUGUST

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>B SMITH</b>
Sat Aug 16	Crawley Town	A	0-1	2,710 (667)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>BARTHRAM</b>
Tue Aug 19	Gillingham	A	2-2	5,264 (TBC)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Sat Aug 23	Crewe Alexandra	H	2-0	6,513 (133)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Tue Aug 26	Brighton & H.A. CAP R2	H	2-4 AET	5,414 (628)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Sat Aug 30	Coventry City	H	1-1	7,299 (851)	FODERINGHAM	LELAN	TURNBULL	BRANCO 1	<b>B SMITH</b>

## SEPTEMBER

Sat Sep 13	Bradford City	A	2-1	12,486 (310)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Tue Sep 16	Oldham Athletic	H	2-2	6,332 (228)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Sat Sep 20	Sheffield United	H	5-2	7,536 (873)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	BRANCO	<b>B SMITH</b>
Tue Sep 23	Newport Co. JPT R1	A	2-1	1,822 (648)	BELFORD	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	LELAN	<b>B SMITH</b>
Sat Sep 27	Barnsley	A	3-0	8,879 (453)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	BELL

## OCTOBER

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	<b>BELL</b>
Tue Oct 21	Rochdale	H	2-3	6,718 (174)	FODERINGHAM	KASIM	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	<b>BELL</b>
Sat Oct 25	Colchester United	H	2-2	7,871 (246)	FODERINGHAM	L THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	<b>BELL</b>
Tue Oct 28	Chesterfield	A	3-0	6,144 (371)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	<b>BELL</b>

## NOVEMBER

Sat Nov 1	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-2	9,494 (1,292)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	<b>BELL</b>
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

## DECEMBER

Sat Dec 13	Notts County	A	3-0	4,753 (536)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	GLADWIN
Sat Dec 20	Doncaster Rovers	H	0-1	7,793 (283)	FODERINGHAM	N THOMPSON	TURNBULL	STEPHENS	GLADWIN
Fri Dec 26	Walsall	A	3pm						
Sun Dec 28	Port Vale	H	3pm						

## JANUARY

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						

## FEBRUARY

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						

## MARCH

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						

## APRIL

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						

## MAY

Sat May 2	Leyton Orient	H	3pm						
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LUONGO	BYRNE	KASIM	L THOMPSON	GLADWIN	M SMITH 2	BARTHRAM	WILLIAMS	MARSHALL
LUONGO	BYRNE	KASIM	L THOMPSON	GLADWIN	M SMITH	WILLIAMS	RANDALL	SUB NOT USED
LUONGO	BYRNE	KASIM	GLADWIN	WILLIAMS 1	M SMITH	BARKER	LELAN	SUB NOT USED
L THOMPSON	BYRNE	KASIM 1	GLADWIN	WILLIAMS 1	M SMITH	BARTHRAM	BARKER	SUB NOT USED
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LUONGO	BYRNE	KASIM	L THOMPSON	OBIAKA 2	M SMITH	WILLIAMS	REEVES	LELAN
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BARTHRAM	BYRNE	REEVES	L THOMPSON	OBIAKA 1	WILLIAMS 1	BARKER	RODGERS	WALDON
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LUONGO	BYRNE	KASIM	REEVES	WILLIAMS	M SMITH 2	TOFFOLO	OBIAKA	SUB NOT USED
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LUONGO	GLADWIN	KASIM	L THOMPSON	OBIAKA	M SMITH	WILLIAMS 1	SUB NOT USED	SUB NOT USED
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GLADWIN	BYRNE	STEPHENS	L THOMPSON	OBIAKA	M SMITH 1	WILLIAMS	SUB NOT USED	SUB NOT USED
LUONGO	BYRNE	STEPHENS	L THOMPSON	OBIAKA 1	WILLIAMS 1	LUONGO	KASIM	BELL
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# 2014/15 GAME CENTRE



as at 22.12.14

POS	TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Bristol C	21	7	2	1	17	8	5	4	2	20	12	+17	42
2	MK Dons	20	8	2	1	33	9	4	3	2	14	10	+28	41
3	<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>41</b>
4	Preston	21	5	4	1	19	12	7	1	3	15	8	+14	41
5	Sheff Utd	21	4	4	3	12	10	5	2	3	15	14	+3	33
6	Rochdale	21	3	3	5	13	14	6	1	3	25	13	+11	31
7	Notts Co	20	3	2	5	12	15	5	5	0	15	7	+5	31
8	Bradford	21	3	3	5	14	16	5	3	2	14	10	+2	30
9	Peterborough	21	4	2	5	14	16	5	1	4	14	10	+2	30
10	Oldham	21	5	3	2	15	14	2	6	3	13	17	-3	30
11	Chesterfield	21	4	3	3	13	12	3	4	4	16	17	0	28
12	Fleetwood	21	4	5	1	12	8	3	1	7	9	12	+1	27
13	Walsall	21	4	4	2	12	6	2	5	4	7	12	+1	27
14	Barnsley	21	4	2	5	21	21	3	3	4	11	13	-2	26
15	Port Vale	21	4	2	4	14	14	3	3	5	13	16	3	26
16	Doncaster	20	1	3	5	6	13	6	2	3	15	14	-6	26
17	Coventry	21	4	4	3	13	14	2	3	5	11	15	-5	25
18	Scunthorpe	20	3	1	5	9	15	3	4	4	17	20	-9	23
19	Gillingham	21	4	4	3	16	15	1	3	6	8	16	-7	22
20	Crawley	21	4	3	4	12	17	1	4	5	8	15	-12	22
21	Colchester	21	2	2	6	11	18	3	3	5	15	20	-12	20
22	Yeovil	21	1	4	6	5	16	4	1	5	13	15	-13	20
23	Leyton Orient	21	1	3	6	11	16	3	4	4	14	17	-8	19
24	Crewe	21	4	2	5	10	17	1	2	7	7	22	-22	19

## STFC Player Stats:



No.	Player	Age	SBL	FAC	CAP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	SITC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	23	21	1	2	-	24	-	-	-	166
2	Nathan Thompson	23	17	1	2	2	22	-	4	2	94(12)
3	Nathan Byrne	22	20	1	2	1	24	3	1	-	68(8)
4	Massimo Luongo	21	18(1)	1	2	-	22(1)	2	1	-	82(2)
5	Jack Stephens	20	13	1	-	1	15	-	5	-	25
6	Jordan Turnbull	19	21	1	2	2	26	-	4	-	26
7	Ben Gladwin	22	10(3)	(1)	1(1)	(1)	11(6)	2	1	-	18(16)
8	Yaser Kasim	23	19(1)	1	2	-	22(1)	3	7	-	63(5)
9	Michael Smith	22	16(3)	(1)	2	(1)	18(5)	12	3	-	38(5)
10	Andy Williams	27	10(11)	1	1(1)	2	14(12)	12	-	-	63(15)
11	Bradley Smith	20	7	-	2	1	10	-	-	-	10
12	Amaril Bell	20	7(3)	-	-	1	8(3)	-	-	-	8(3)
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	19(1)	1	2	2	24(1)	2	5	1	47(16)
20	Jonathan Obika	24	13(2)	1	-	1	15(2)	7	-	-	18(4)
21	Matthew Jones	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
22	Darren Ward	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
23	Jack Bartram	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 Agorinbar	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Will Randall	18	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(2)
32	Lee Marshall	18	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)

## 2014/15 STAT PACK

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE



**92,270**

TOTAL TRAVELLING TOWN FANS



**9,842**

TOTAL SHOTS ON GOAL

**358**

TOTAL SHOTS ON TARGET

**144**

TOP SCORER  
ANDY WILLIAMS

**12**

TOTAL GOALS FOR

**47**

TOTAL GOALS AGAINST

**35**

TOTAL CLEAN SHEETS

**7**

TOTAL YELLOW CARDS

**39**

TOTAL RED CARDS

**3**



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I say the same thing every year – it's getting boring now - but does anyone know where the past 12 months have gone? Anyone? No, me neither...



**BEFORE** I start, these notes are being written before the home game against Doncaster due to programme printing deadlines so it's a bit strange writing about 2015 when I haven't even tucked into my first turkey dinner of the festive season yet! That said, I hope you all had a truly wonderful Christmas and that you are reading this with a warm glow having seen the Town pick up all three points against both Doncaster and Walsall.

2014 has been packed full of memories. Michael Smith's winner at Coventry was up there in terms of raw euphoria and, of course, his goal against a certain team from down the road made an awful lot of us smile. That's been contrasted with sheer delight at watching some of the

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football on show: Leyton Orient, Peterborough, Chesterfield and Notts County (to name but four) were just beautiful to watch. Funnily enough, something that really sticks with me is the opening day of the season. How many of us turned up here not knowing what to expect? Then, after a few minutes, Massimo gets on the end of a cross and the whole ground just seemed to breathe a huge sigh of relief. That opening 45 minutes, in many ways, has set the tone for the season to date. We've got plenty coming up in the

New Year including plans to commemorate our re-discovery of the Dubonnet Cup when Barnsley come to visit in February and much, much more.

Finally, I'd like to wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015. On behalf of everyone who helps produce Red&White, thank you for reading. We've got an awful lot to look forward to over the coming 12 months...

Enjoy the game.

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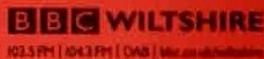
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