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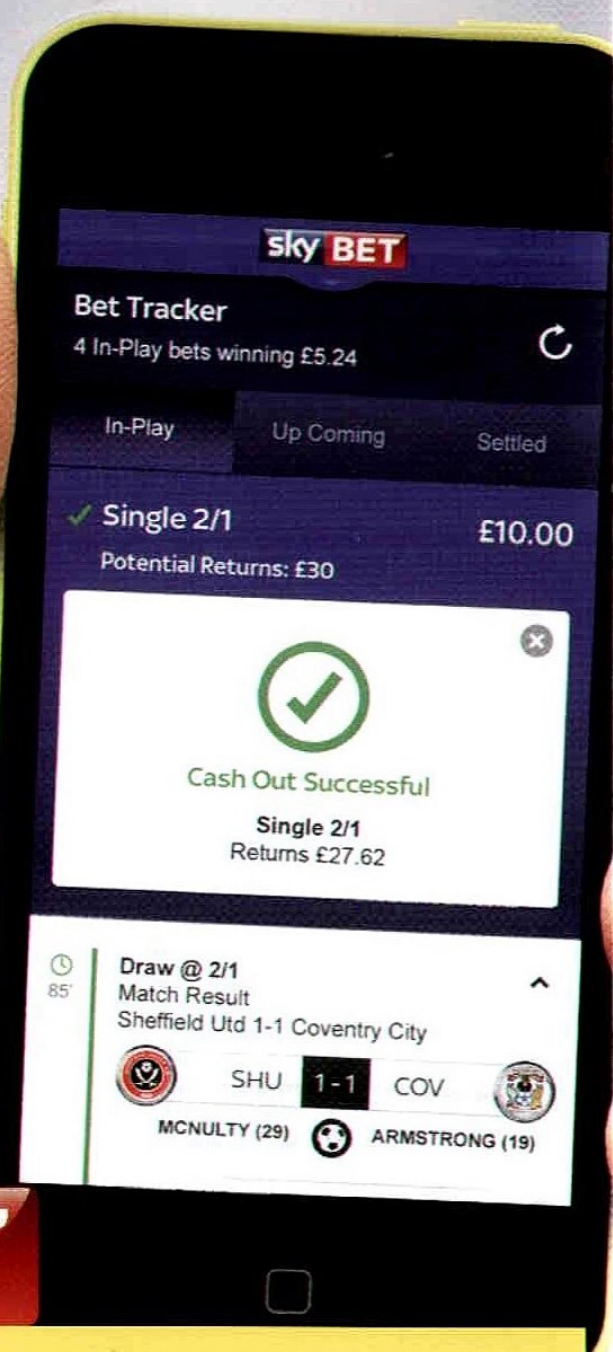


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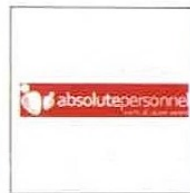
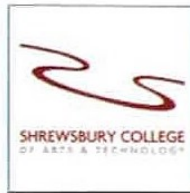
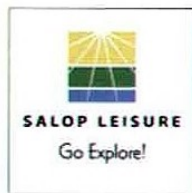


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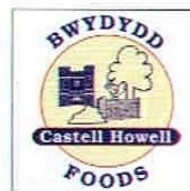
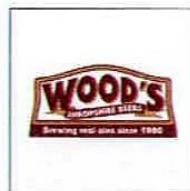
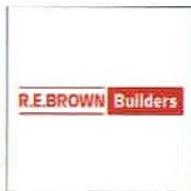
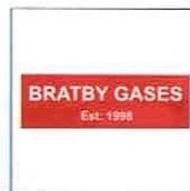
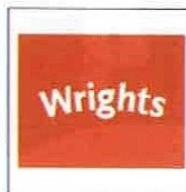
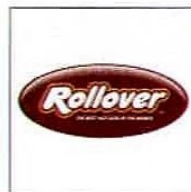
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Happy 50th Birthday to Jerry Reakes-Williams from all his family. Pictured with his son Oilly, we hope you all have a great time with us this afternoon!



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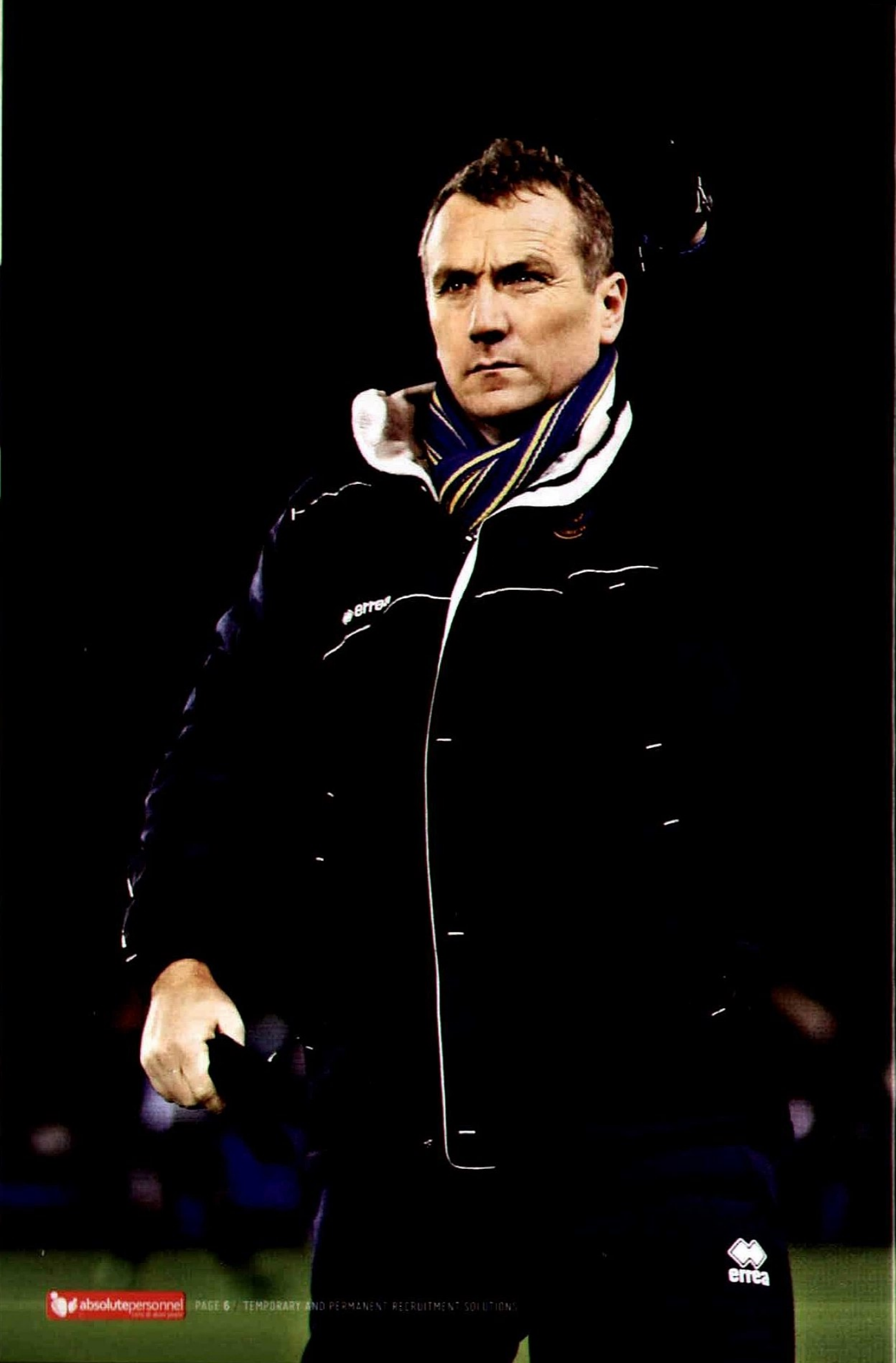
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# MICKY MELLON

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I WOULD LIKE TO START BY WELCOMING MARTIN LING, HIS STAFF, PLAYERS AND EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH SWINDON TOWN TO THE GREENHOU MEADOW FOR TODAY'S GAME.

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Martin has recently taken over at Swindon but is a very experienced manager whose sides are always competitive.

On Tuesday night we played Grimsby Town in the FA Cup replay and in the end came out winners thanks to a great goal from Abu Ogogo.

It wasn't one of our better performances and we looked a little laboured at times and lacking a bit of sharpness.

But sometimes the more important thing is the result and that is what we got. The players never stopped working and continued to have the belief that we could get the result that we wanted.

There have been enough games where we have stood around after the game saying that we played so well but never got the result we deserved, so we'll take that result and a trip to Cardiff in the next round.

The next run of games provides us with some tough tests but to have two home league games in a row is welcome.

We always try to go out and put in performances that the supporters can

be proud and ones which will help lift the atmosphere. Your support will be important today and then again next week against Fleetwood and if we all pull together I'm sure we can get the results that we want.

On Thursday evening we had the annual Christmas Carol concert at Shrewsbury Abbey and it was once again a terrific evening. The Abbey was a beautiful setting to host the evening.

Last week I went to Holy Trinity Church in Meole Brace to see Meole Brace C of E Primary School's rehearsals for their nativity play. It was great to take a break from football and to spend time with the children to see them put on a great performance.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope you all have a great time. Christmas is a time to celebrate and I love Christmas.

My family are coming down to Shropshire so we can all stay together as a family over the holidays. It will be great to have them all here and it will make it a special time for us all.

Enjoy the game. ■





## Not such a Silent Night?

Most of us love a good sing. Whether it's in the shower to ourselves, in the car to the radio, or on the terraces to the fans, almost everyone I know would admit to at least giving singing a go at some stage. Even the most tone-deaf of friends have been known to open up their voice and sing their hearts out at something worth celebrating.

When did you last have something worth singing about? Something worth cheering about? Something that sticks in the memory because something amazing has happened?

We've had a few nights like that this year, when there's been plenty worth singing about. Clinching promotion at the first time of asking. Or one-all with ten minutes to go against Mourinho's men. Talk to some of the pubs here locally and they'll tell you it wasn't such a "silent night" locally.

The Christmas story begins with something worth singing about. In fact there's singing everywhere you look. Mary sings a song about the baby she's going to have, that God has a heart not just the great and the good but also the last, the least and the lost. John the Baptist's dad sings about God's promises. And the angels entertain the scared-witless shepherds to a one-off choir-practice that they would never forget. "Glory to God in the highest" they sing, at the top of their voices to the frightened shepherds.

"Not such a silent night?" For the shepherds it certainly wasn't, as their night's work was interrupted by a choir of angels. They hot-foot it to Bethlehem to find out what the noise was

**SING CHRISTMAS**

*Not such a*  
**SILENT NIGHT**

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all about. And there – lying in a manger – is the real reason for all the singing. "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

And the song goes on today, and all over this Christmas time. On Thursday night of this week hundreds of people gathered together at Shrewsbury Abbey, as STFC players, staff and fans celebrated the Christmas carol concert. Through beautiful music from the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir, Highley Primary School, and the Borders Scouts Brass Band, with familiar carols and Bible readings of the Christmas story, we heard again of the gift of love, hope and peace. And we thought about how this Christmas time maybe this same gift might break through in our lives as well.

Since the birth of Jesus countless men, women and

children the world over have discovered for themselves something of this peace, hope and love. They have encountered God making the first move, stepping into the story of our own lives, leaving the glory of heaven and coming to earth as a baby. His Christmas present was to bring reconciliation, to spread joy, and to shine light in the darkness. And he came to us not just to bring change for a day, but for the rest of our lives.

So keep singing, wherever you are. And in our families and in our local communities, in the good times and the tough times, may we know this gift of love, peace and hope, delivered on God's original "Silent Night."

*Rev'd Phil Cansdale is the club chaplain. His 'day job' is as Vicar of Trinity Churches in Meole Brace, Shrewsbury. ([www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org))*



# DIVISION ROUND-UP



BURTON MAY HAVE LOST JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBANK TO QPR BUT THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO EFFECT THEM AT GILLINGHAM, AS THE BREWERS RAN OUT 3-0 WINNERS AGAINST A SIDE WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY UNBEATEN AT HOME.



Nigel Clough has returned to the Pirelli Stadium and he finds his former employers in rude health, five points clear at the top of League One.

Clough could not take charge of Burton on Saturday as he was bound by long term media commitments.

He will be in the dug-out for Burton's home match against Doncaster today.

Burton fans will be happy to see Clough back at the club.

The former Liverpool midfielder guided Burton from the Southern Premier League to the brink of promotion to the Football League during his eleven years in charge before he joined Derby in 2009.

Clough was first appointed as Burton player-boss in October 1998 at the age of 32, his first managerial role.

Since leaving Burton, Clough spent more than three years at Derby, but 10th place was the club's best finish under him in his final full season in charge.

He was sacked in September 2013 after a 1-0 loss to Nottingham Forest left the Rams 14th in the Championship after nine games.

Clough soon joined Sheffield United and reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup, eventually losing to Hull at Wembley.

Sheffield United lost to Spurs in the last four of the League Cup the following season.

Clough was surprisingly sacked after the Blades lost to Swindon in last season's League One play-offs.

He doesn't seem to like semi-finals much.

Clough's relationship with Burton chairman Ben Robinson has been integral to his return and, with confidence soaring, 49-year-old Clough seems to be the right man to build on the foundations laid by Hasselbank, just as Roy Macfarland did when Clough last left Burton.

Clough has said that he doesn't want to tarnish his reputation

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1	Burton	21	11	44
2	Coventry	21	16	39
3	Walsall	20	16	39
4	Gillingham	21	11	38
5	Peterborough	21	15	34
6	Wigan	21	9	34
7	Bury	21	2	33
8	Millwall	20	3	31
9	Southend	20	3	31
10	Bradford	20	2	31
11	Sheff Utd	21	3	30
12	Port Vale	21	3	30
13	Rochdale	21	0	27
14	Scunthorpe	21	-3	27
15	Doncaster	21	-5	27
16	Swindon	21	-4	25
17	Chesterfield	21	-11	23
18	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>22</b>
19	Blackpool	21	11	22
20	Fleetwood	20	-2	21
21	Barnsley	21	-6	21
22	Colchester	21	-20	20
23	Oldham	20	-10	19
24	Crewe	21	-15	19

amongst fans, citing that it was a very difficult decision to rejoin the club.

However, as Burton's longest serving manager to date, Clough is likely to be afforded plenty of time to get his feet back under the table.

A home match against a struggling Doncaster side could accelerate his sense of comfort come 5pm today.

Adam Calverley

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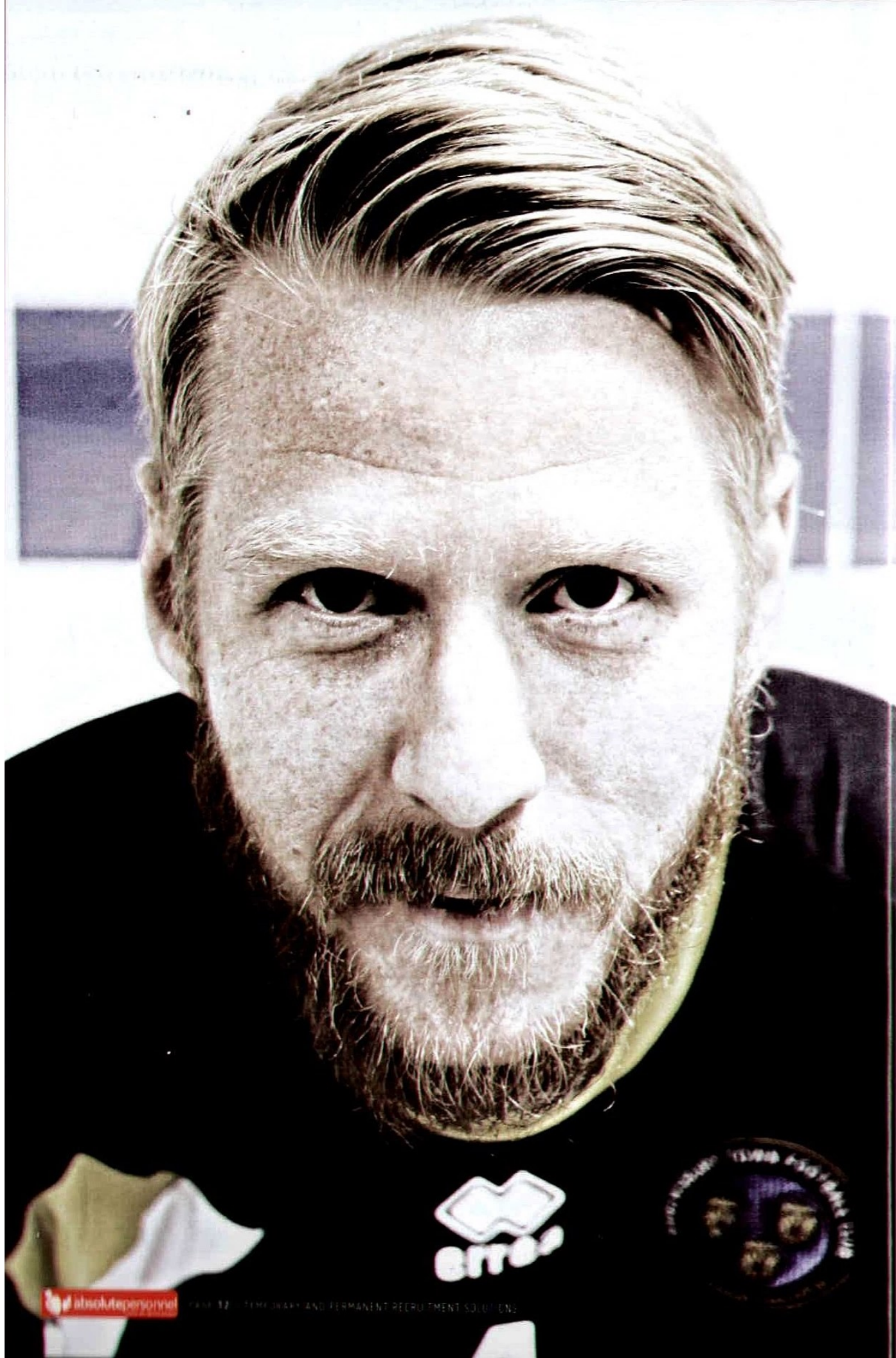
# Zak Whitbread

DEFENDER *ZAK WHITBREAD* SPOKE TO LIZ OWEN ABOUT HOW MUCH HE IS ENJOYING HIS FOOTBALL AGAIN HERE AT GREENHOU MEADOW.











His first competitive game in six months may have ended in a frustrating debut defeat, but it also marked a turnaround in fortunes for Zak Whitbread.

After struggling with injury problems over the last few seasons, the centre-back is now determined to become a permanent fixture in the Shrews defence under Micky Mellon, having put his previous fitness concerns firmly behind him.

It's merely another challenge faced and another obstacle overcome by Whitbread, whose football-immersed and rather unique upbringing helped mould him into a confident and hard-working professional.

Born in Houston, Texas, he moved to England at the age of two, before spending around five years living in Singapore, as father Barry's coaching career took the Whitbreads to different corners of the globe.

And the 31-year-old looks back on his early life with gratitude as he recalls how instrumental his family were in helping him realise his ambition to be a footballer.

"I joined Liverpool's academy aged eight and stayed at the club until my early 20s, with a break in the middle while I lived in Singapore – although I came back during the summer

and at Christmas to join back up with them.

"My dad was part of the FA over in Singapore and then became the national side's head coach. I played with my age group in the national side and also joined a local team, so I got to enjoy plenty of football.

"But the concern for my dad was that the quality wasn't the same, so, when I was 15, we decided as a family to move back to England so that I could give football my best shot. I can't thank them enough

## "I JOINED LIVERPOOL'S ACADEMY AGED EIGHT AND STAYED AT THE CLUB UNTIL MY EARLY 20S,"

for giving me that chance. Singapore was a great place to live and we were all happy there, so it was a big sacrifice for everyone to make and one which I am very grateful for.

"My dad has been the biggest influence on my football career, without a doubt. He has always been there to give the right advice at the right time and offer me so much support.

"I've definitely benefitted from my early experiences. Going out to a brand new country and a brand new culture at a

young age helped shape my character and I'm very lucky to have had that opportunity."

Whitbread continued to progress upon his return at Liverpool, signing his first professional contract at the age of 17 and developing under the wing of some of the most influential defenders from the Premier League era.

"It was a great environment to learn in, particularly training with the first team as a young player and listening to advice from world-class players.

"Jamie Carragher and Sami

Hyypia were invaluable to learn from and it would be hard to pick two better players to be giving you advice. They were really helpful and good guys along with it. To be able to witness how they conducted themselves and how they played the game was a pleasure and an honour.

"Rafael Benitez was very good with me too. He was very thorough and very successful; the parts of the game he focused on, such as fitness and nutrition, are only just creeping into the game now. He was way ahead of his time.



"To make my debut for the club aged 20 was special, and I was also part of the celebrations after Liverpool won the Champions League the following season - that was surreal.

"But ultimately it's difficult to break into a team full of top players with a lot of pressure on the manager to succeed. It came to a point where it was best for me to move on and get some games under my belt."

A loan move to Millwall followed - the team he had

experience. I was in a scenario where men were playing every week to pay their mortgage.

"There was an opportunity to sign permanently at the end of the season, and although it was a drop to League One, my decision was an emotional one. I'd been part of them going down and I wanted to do my best to get them back up and be part of something.

"We almost did that in the play-off final a few years later. We beat Leeds United in the semis as the underdogs but it didn't go our way in the final

"I'd gone to the cinema one night and had 26 missed calls when I came out. I rang the number back and it was Paul Lambert - which tells you something about the desire he had for the club to do well. He was so instrumental in taking that club to where it got to and I was amazed by his passion.

"We had an unbelievable group of players who he'd managed to bring in - everyone was so hungry and full of desire. We wanted to play for each other, for the manager and for the club, and he made us believe we could get promoted, not only from League One, but from the Championship to the Premier League too.

"To this day, the game we sealed it, a 1-0 win at Portsmouth, was probably the best game I've been part of, purely because of the sheer joy at the end of it. I'd never played in the Premier League for Liverpool and I was thrilled to get the chance to do something that I had been desperate to achieve."

Released by City at the end of their first season back in the top flight - "it was an amicable parting of ways as I'd had my injuries and they were looking for someone a bit more stable" - Whitbread joined Leicester City in 2012, before moving on loan to

## "I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP SHREWSBURY GET AS HIGH UP THE TABLE AS POSSIBLE."

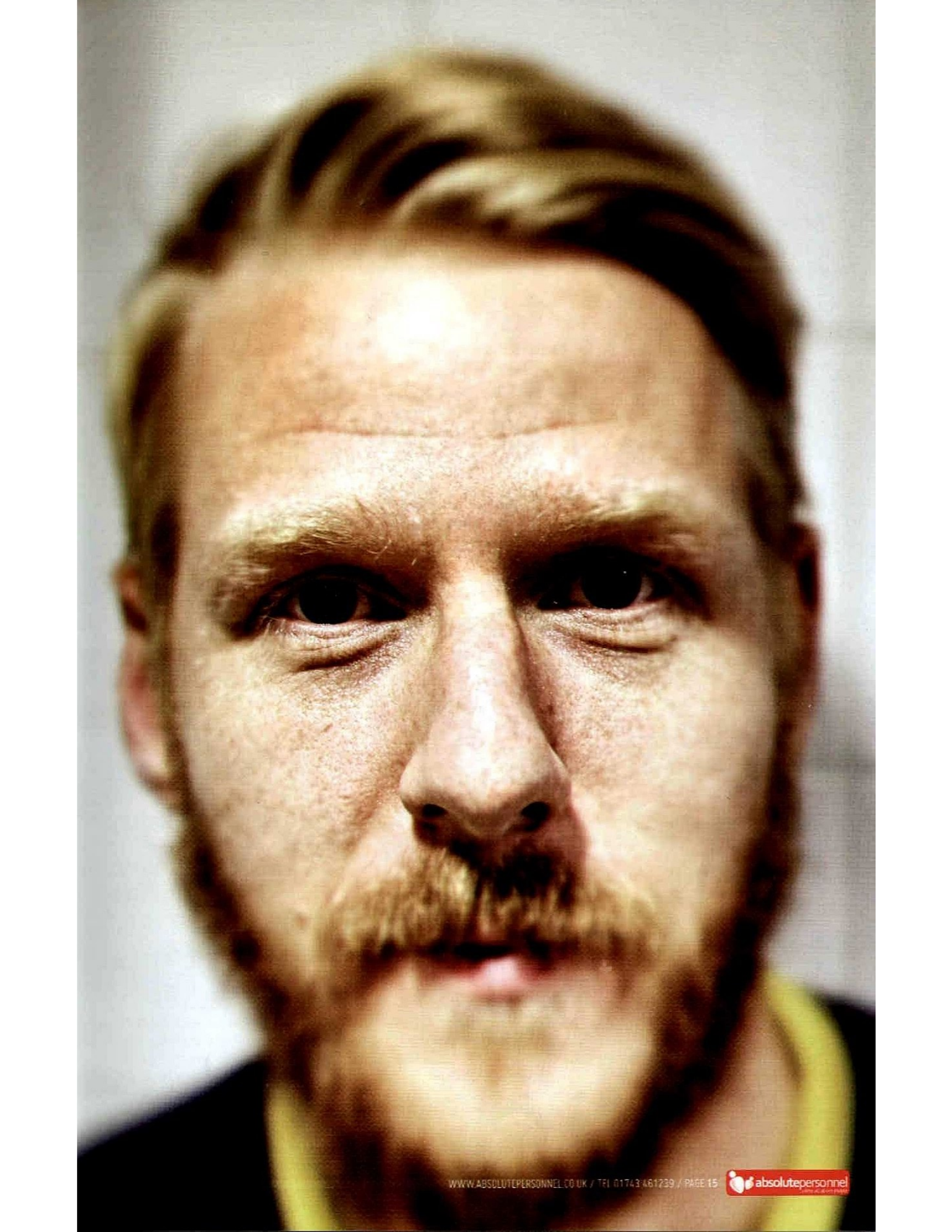
lined up against on his Liverpool debut. After making the switch permanent in 2006, Whitbread remained at The Den for just over four years in total and helped his side to the League One play-off final in 2009, as he looked to establish himself away from Merseyside.

"I remember the ground was a full house and the atmosphere was electric - I thought it was a fantastic place to play and that always stuck with me. They were in a relegation fight when I joined on loan, and that was a completely different

against a good Scunthorpe United side. Millwall did earn promotion the season after, and although I left halfway through so didn't experience it with them, it was great to see them get back up to the Championship."

It was Norwich City manager Paul Lambert who persuaded Whitbread to be part of his own ambitious promotion plans, as the defender signed in January 2010 and played a part in the Canaries' incredible journey from League One to the Premier League.













Derby County the following season which then became a permanent switch. Between 2012 and 2015, however, he had played less than 40 first-team games.

After deciding against a move to the MLS with New England Revolution after the birth of his son, Whitbread returned from America with the 2015/16 campaign in full flow, and put his efforts into keeping fit and joining a club which matched his own ambitions.

This he found in Shrewsbury Town and Mellon, and with his own injury problems behind him, Whitbread is relishing his involvement at his new club and is aiming to impress as the end of his short-term deal approaches next month.

"I wanted to make sure I was happy with where I was going to be playing, and after speaking to the gaffer here, both his philosophy and his personality really clicked with me. I couldn't wait to come in and get started and be a part of what he's looking to do here

"I'm working hard all the time on trying to get things right and I finally believe that, even though I've had a little niggle over the past couple of weeks. I'm seeing the right people and getting told the right things. It's great to be playing again and being part of matchday on a Saturday. I've had a frustrating couple of weeks but it wasn't too serious and I'm fully fit now and looking forward to challenging for a regular first-team place.

"The manager and the staff here are desperate to move forward and challenge and I think we have definitely shown that we can really kick on. We are working hard every day on the training pitch to build on what we've done so far and everyone is pushing in the same direction.

"When I came here in October I just wanted to be playing football, and that's still where I am at the moment. I want to do everything I can to help Shrewsbury get as high up the table as possible. We'll sit down in January, revisit that and see what the situation is then, but there's no pressure. I'm just enjoying being involved and giving my all for the club for the time being." ■



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TODAY'S VISITORS  
**SWINDON TOWN** >







## SWINDON TOWN

Words: Mark Young

### BACK TO FORM ROBINS FINALLY IN FLIGHT

Swindon Town are finally starting to get things right as they have started to hit their stride in League One.

The club suffered heartache at Wembley Stadium in May as they fell to a 4-0 defeat in the League One Play Off Final against Preston North End.

Three wins out of three against Walsall, Chesterfield and Rochdale have put Swindon

back on track with Martin Ling's side striving to kick on from a good end to the year.

Nicky Ajose is the club's top goal scorer with nine goals so far, eight of which have come in the league.

Jonathan Obika is the club's second top scorer with the ex Spurs man currently on four goals this season in the league.

The club re recruited Ben Gladwin from QPR this season with the midfielder starting to find the back of net as he did on so many occasions last season.

With the Robins now back in form, the County ground will be viewing and upwardly mobile Swindon side over the festive period.

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## THE MANAGER

Martin Ling has only been in charge of the Robins since the start of November and has only tasted defeat once in that time as the team re-discover their form of last year.



## CULT HERO

Lescinel Jean-Francois was a free transfer in 2008 and despite an early struggle to his career the defender established himself as a rock at the heart of the Swindon defence. The Haitian was taken to the hearts of the Swindon fans after playing through troubles after the Haitian earthquake. He left for Sheffield United in 2011.

## ONE TO WATCH

Ben Gladwin is back at Swindon after a short spell with QPR and if last season is anything to go by, he could prove to be a superb acquisition back at the club.



## KEY PLAYER: NICKY AJOSE

Ex Manchester United striker Nicky Ajose has nine goals this season and is the biggest threat to any defence in the league that comes up against the striker.

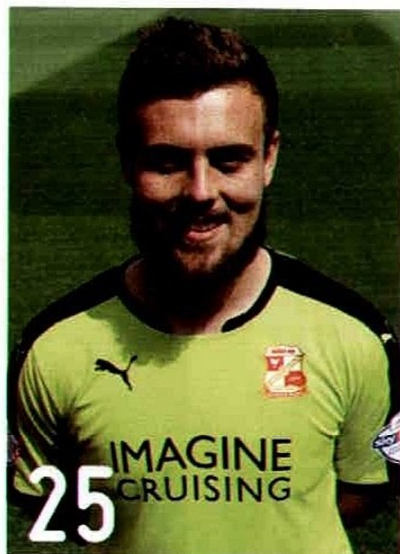






#### LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

The Liverpool goalkeeper is currently on loan until the end of the 2015/16 season. Vigouroux was snapped up by Tottenham in 2012 before moving to Anfield in the summer of 2014 after leaving White Hart Lane. Last term, the former Chile youth international was a regular for the Under-21 side at Anfield.



#### TYRELL BELFORD

Belford signed a deal with Swindon in the summer of 2013 following his release from Liverpool's Academy. The highly-rated youngster was at Coventry before he was snapped up by the Anfield outfit. He made his Town bow in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Plymouth Argyle and helped secure Swindon's place in the Area Final, saving two penalties in the shoot-out win over Stevenage in the Area Semi-Final. Belford made his league debut against Leyton Orient in February 2014 and made four appearances last season.



#### NATHAN THOMPSON

A product of the Swindon Academy, Thompson made his breakthrough into the first team during the 2012/13 campaign. The tough-tackling defender was a regular as Swindon made the League One Play-Offs. A regular fixture in the starting XI and a fans' favourite ever since, the two-time Player of the Year winner is the current skipper at the County Ground.



#### YASER KASIM

Kasim penned a permanent deal with Swindon ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. The former Brighton and Hove Albion academy player spent time on loan at Luton Town and Macclesfield Town during his time at the Amex Stadium. Yaser has also represented Iraq at international level and played for his country at the 2015 Asian Cup in Australia.



#### R. ROSSI-BRANCO

Formerly with the academy at Brighton and Hove Albion, the Brazilian centre-half penned a deal with Swindon in the summer after a successful trial period. Rossi-Branco made his debut against Plymouth Argyle in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. He stepped off the bench to make his league debut in a 1-1 draw at Bradford City, and featured regularly last season as The Robins reached the Play-Off final.



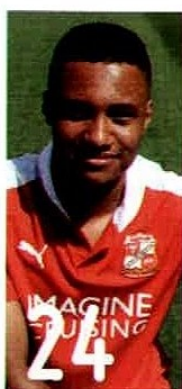
#### ANTON RODGERS

The midfielder joined Swindon in the summer of 2014 after leaving Oldham Athletic. Having started his career at Chelsea, Rodgers broke into the professional game with Brighton and Hove Albion. Anton is the son of former Liverpool manager, Brendan. He signed a contract extension earlier this summer.



#### JON OBIKA

After a brief spell on loan at The CG in 2011, Obika is now back in Wiltshire on a permanent deal having joined from Tottenham Hotspur on deadline day in 2014. The frontman netted twice on his debut at Bradford and went on to score in his first four games, equalling a record set by Swindon's all-time highest goalscorer, Harry Morris, in 1926. Obika has bagged four league goals during this campaign.



#### JERMAINE HYLTON

The pacey striker penned a two-and-a-half year contract with Swindon in the January 2015 transfer window, joining from non-league side, Redditch United. Formerly with Birmingham City and Kidderminster Harriers before breaking into the Redditch side, Hylton made his Swindon bow as a substitute in the televised win at Coventry City before netting his first goal against Peterborough Utd.



#### LEE MARSHALL

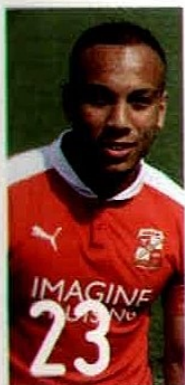
A graduate from the club's academy, Marshall has been with Swindon since the age of eight. The 19-year-old made his first-team bow at Luton Town in the Capital One Cup last term and made his first league start at Preston at the end of last season. Marshall signed his first professional contract midway through last season.

Words: Jamie Smith

## MEET THE SWINDON SQUAD







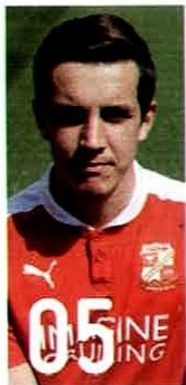
**JOSH COOKE**

Cooke is a first-year professional having put pen to paper on his first senior contract over the summer. A powerful forward, in the mold of a traditional 'Number 9', Cooke's presence up front brought him plenty of goals for The Robins' Under-16s last season.



**BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL**

Ormonde-Ottewill joined Swindon from Arsenal having spent his scholarship with the Gunners. The left wing-back has featured regularly during pre-season and will be hoping to make the left back/left wing-back slot his own over the course of 2015/16.



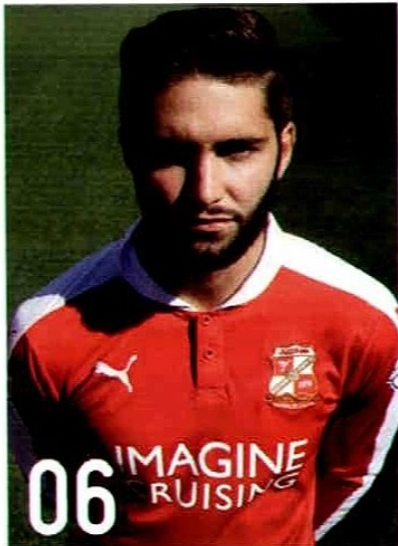
**JORDAN WILLIAMS**

A loan signing from Liverpool, the Wales youth international made his Reds bow last season against Middlesbrough in the Capital One Cup, where he scored a penalty in the Anfield side's epic 14-13 penalty shoot-out win. The defender spent the latter part of last season on loan at Notts County and is due to stay at the County Ground for the duration of the 2015/16 campaign.



**KEVIN STEWART**

Another loan signing from Anfield, Stewart joined Liverpool from Tottenham Hotspur. A versatile addition to the Town ranks, Stewart spent time on loan at Cheltenham Town last season before helping Burton Albion clinch promotion to League 1, scoring the goal that secured the League 2 title for the Brewers.



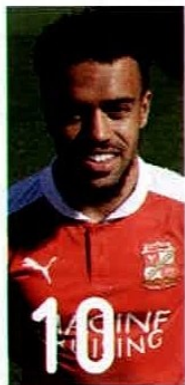
**JORDAN TURNBULL**

The centre-back has returned on a season-long loan from Southampton after a successful stint at Swindon in 2014/15. Turnbull started out in the Academy at Swindon before moving to Southampton in 2007. In recent seasons, he has featured regularly for the Under-21 sides at St. Mary's. Last season, he was ever-present in the starting line-up, making 52 starts in all competitions, including 47 in the league, as Swindon made the League 1 Play-Off Final.



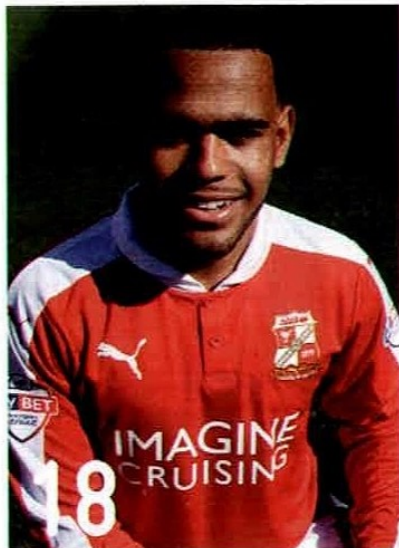
**ELLIS IANDOLO**

The young winger secured a professional deal with Swindon in August 2015 after a short trial period. The 17-year-old took up a one-year deal with the option of a second. Released by Gillingham as a youngster, Ellis then joined the Soccer Elite FA Academy. One for Swindon fans to watch out for in the future.



**NICKY AJOSE**

The former Swindon loanee agreed a three-year deal in September 2015. Having started his career with Manchester United, Ajose spent time on loan in Wiltshire from Peterborough United at the start of the 2015/14 season, netting ten goals in his first spell. Since leaving the Posh, he has also been out on loan at Crewe Alexandra during his time at Elland Road. Ajose is currently the club's top scorer.



**LOUIS THOMPSON**

Currently on loan at Swindon from Norwich City, the youngster came up through the ranks at The Robins' Academy and made his debut for the first team in the FA Cup fourth round in January 2012. After penning a first professional contract in the summer of 2013, Thompson would go on to score his first senior goal against Sheffield United that season. On loan from Norwich City for the 2014/15 campaign, Thompson was an integral part of the side that made the Play-Off Final at Wembley but missed the final months of the season through injury.



**HENRIK OJAMAA**

The frontman penned a permanent deal with Swindon in September 2015. After starting his career at Derby County, Ojamaa went on to play for clubs abroad before moving back to the UK and plying his trade with Matherwell in the Scottish top flight. He has most recently been in the Polish Ekstraklasa with Legia Warsaw and has played in European competition for the Polish side. Last term, he spent time on loan at Matherwell and at Norwegian side, Sarpsborg 08. An international at junior level for Estonia, the frontman has also earned senior honours for his country.



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# SWINDON IN STATS

## IN THE CABINET



SECOND TIER  
CHAMPIONS



FOURTH TIER  
CHAMPIONS



LEAGUE CUP  
WINNERS



ANGLO ITALIAN  
CUP WINNERS

NICKNAME:

**THE ROBINS'**

Most Capped Player:

**ROD THOMAS**

Wales



Record Transfer Fee Paid  
to West Ham for Joey Beauchamp,  
August 1994

**£800,000**

Record Fee Received  
from West Brom for Simon Cox,  
July 2009

**£1,500,000**

HIGHEST HOME ATTENDANCE

**32,000** v Arsenal, January 1970

**15,547** Current Ground capacity



Record Victory

v Luton Town, 28th August 1920

## CLUB LEGENDS

Most Appearances

**770**

John Trollope

1960-80

Most League Goals

**216**

Harry Morris

1926-33

Youngest League Player:

**PAUL RIDEOUT**

16 years, 107 days v Hull City,  
November 1980.

## Did you know?

After winning the League Cup in 1969 Swindon Town were denied entry to the Inter Cities Fairs Cup because they were not a First Division team. As compensation it was agreed they should meet the Coppa Italia winners for the Anglo Italian League Cup, Town went on to defeat AS Roma 5-2 on aggregate in the two-legged match.

Club founded

**1881**







# SHIRT TALES >

FROM SWINDON AFC TO SPARTANS TO SWINDON TOWN TO PREMIER LEAGUE AND CUP GLORY, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE WILTSHIRE CLUB HAVE BEEN FULL OF UPS AND DOWNS LIKE ANY CLUB, BUT PERHAPS MORE THAN MOST - ESPECIALLY AT THIS LEVEL.

The home kit colour hasn't been consistent either, with the club donning red and black stripes as Swindon AFC, white shirts with black shorts as Spartans, before going through red and black quarters, green and burgundy before trying red in 1904. Burgundy would return from 1909 to 1914, but after the First World War finished in 1918, it was red all the way, and that colour remains the same today.

With the club recovering from another cruel Wembley play-off final defeat this season,

the rollercoaster ride at The County Ground continues to twist and turn and rise and fall, with the club languishing in the lower half of the table - so far at least. It will remain to be seen then whether Swindon's current Puma kit will be seen as the one to end the recent pain, but for now, Town Talk takes a look at four other notable kits from years gone by.

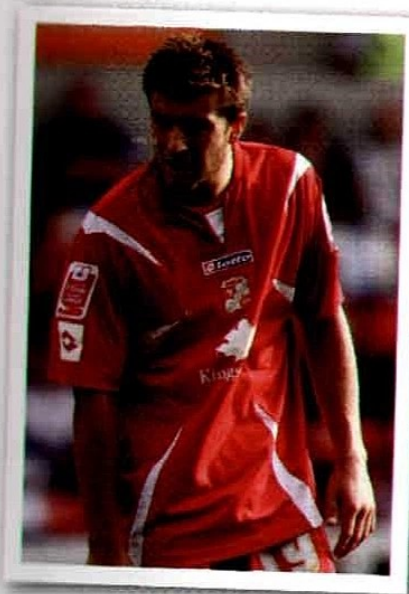
## HISTORY MAKER HOME KIT 1967-1972

The amount of teams that have won a major cup competition in the lower reaches of the English Football League pyramid are by and large, pretty small. Swindon however, are an exception to that rule, as in 1969 the club went to Wembley for the League Cup final, and defeated a highly fancied Arsenal side 3-1 after extra time. The run started with a 2-1 win over Torquay United in August, before an away trip at Bradford City beckoned, which finished 1-1. In the replay, Town won 4-3 in a thriller and their reward was Blackburn Rovers, who they defeated 1-0.

Coventry City were next, and following a 2-2 draw, another replay came calling and this time, Swindon won 3-0. The replay system seemed to be a recurring theme, as Derby County were then beaten 1-0 having drawn the initial tie 0-0. The semi finals brought a 3-3 aggregate tie with Burnley, and in the replay for that, Swindon won 3-2. Fans may have been forgiven for thinking their name was on the cup ahead of the final, and indeed it would be. Roger Smart gave Swindon the lead before Bobby Gould equalised for Arsenal with five minutes left to play, however a Don Rogers brace in extra time gave the tie and the cup to Swindon.







## BEST FORGOTTEN HOME KIT 2007/08

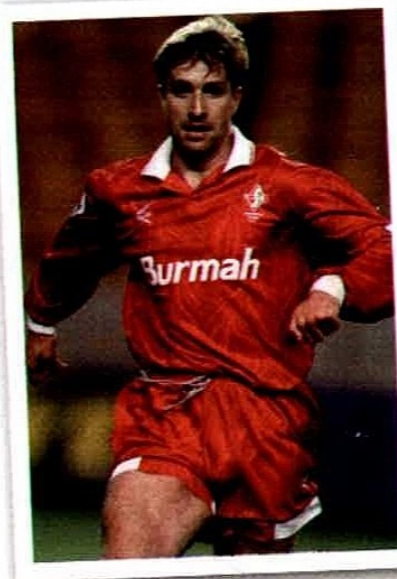
Unless you like the idea of white spikes stabbing you from all angles, this shirt was certainly one to leave behind in the memory banks. The team didn't fare much better than the Lotto design they were given to run around in, finishing 13th in League One - some 15 points behind sixth placed Southend United, and 13 clear of 21st

placed AFC Bournemouth, whose 10 point deduction for entering administration cost them dearly. Simon Cox was Town's top scorer that season, with 16 in all competitions.

## CLASSIC HOME KIT 1993-1995

In some ways classic, in other ways a disaster kit, as Swindon suffered back-to-back relegations wearing this number from Loki, which some Town fans must believe to be cursed. However, it was worn when Swindon took part in the 1993/94 Premier League, where they finished bottom having conceded an incredible 100

goals, finishing 13 points from safety. The season after was slightly better, as they only finished six points from safety, but incredibly the double relegation happened and still gives fans nightmares today.



## MASTERPIECE HOME 2009/10

Another kit that evokes painful memories, namely for the bobble which cost Charlie Austin a Wembley goal, but all the same, it was a stunning kit. Swindon were a force to be reckoned with in League One wearing this jersey, and finished fifth - going into the play-offs. After drawing 3-3

with Charlton on aggregate, Swindon defeated the Addicks and moved onto Wembley. Unfortunately for them, Millwall won 1-0 thanks to a Paul Robinson goal, meaning Billy Paynter's figures of 29 in 52 were in vain.



# TOP BOYS



FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF SWINDON TOWN'S 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD



**MIKE  
SUMMERBEE**

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of honours under the Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, where player-manager, he has since been a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.



**DON  
ROGERS**

England U-23 winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as the Robins won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall before reuniting with Stan Harland at Yeovil Town in March 1977. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.



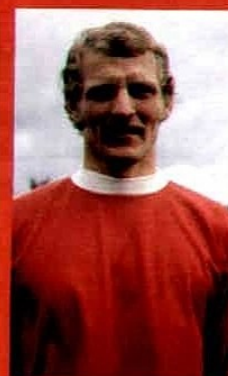
**PETER  
DOWNSBROUGH**

Goalkeeper Peter Downsbrough was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in exchange for Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969-70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975-76 and won promotion in 1976-77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.



**JOE  
BUTLER**

Versatile midfielder Joe Butler was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1969-70 and 1972-73. He turned professional with hometown Newcastle United in September 1960, given his League debut against Manchester City in April 1964, but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and joined Swindon in August 1965. Starring in their 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, he was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and helped the Robins to win the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. He netted 18 goals in 342 League games prior to joining Aldershot in March 1976, then played for Witney Town. Settling in Swindon, he has run a taxi firm.



**JOHN  
TROLLOPE**

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later Swindon's youth team boss, he was awarded the MBE.





**COLIN CALDERWOOD**

Central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and was 'Player of the Year' as Swindon stormed to the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also starred as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He later managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian, since assisting Chris Hughton at various clubs.



**FRASER DIGBY**

England U-21 goalkeeper Fraser Digby was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Initially with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986, appearing in their 1986-87 promotion campaign. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons including their 1993 Wembley triumph and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title success, he had a testimonial match in July 1997 and played 417 League games, joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.



**ALAN McLOUGHLIN**

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Alan McLoughlin was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final in 1989-90. Starting with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1986 and helped qualify for the play-offs in successive years. He scored 19 times in 106 League games before sold to Southampton for £1,000,000 in December 1990. Moving to Portsmouth in February 1992, he was ever-present as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-93. He joined Wigan Athletic in November 1999, then played for Rochdale and Forest Green Rovers, since holding coaching posts.



**SHAUN TAYLOR**

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as the Robins won promotion to the Premier League in 1992-93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98. He has since coached at Exeter City and Torquay United.



**LEE PEACOCK**

Former Scotland U-21 striker Lee Peacock was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town won promotion in 2006-07. Initially with Carlisle United, he helped them to win the Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion in 1996-97. He joined Mansfield Town in October 1997 and moved via Manchester City to Bristol City in August 2000. Starring as they won the LDV Vans Trophy and reached the Second Division play-offs in 2002-03, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in July 2004. He moved to Swindon in January 2006 and netted 20 goals in 125 League games before joining Grimsby Town in January 2010, then Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh.



CELEBRITY INTERVIEW

# > TOM WESTON-JONES

AS OUR SEARCH FOR WELL-KNOWN SALOP SUPPORTERS CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, TODAY WE BRING YOU ACTOR TOM WESTON-JONES. THE 28-YEAR-OLD, WHO IS NOW BASED IN LONDON, STILL HAS ROOTS IN HIS HOME-TOWN, ONE OF WHICH BEING THE FOOTBALL CLUB. TOWNTALK CAUGHT UP WITH THE STAR OF SUCH DRAMAS LIKE SPOOKS, WORLD WITHOUT END, NOT SAFE FOR WORK AND BBC AMERICA'S HIT SHOW COPPER TO TALK ABOUT HIS LOVE OF SHREWSBURY AS WELL AS HIS UPCOMING CHRISTMAS DRAMA.

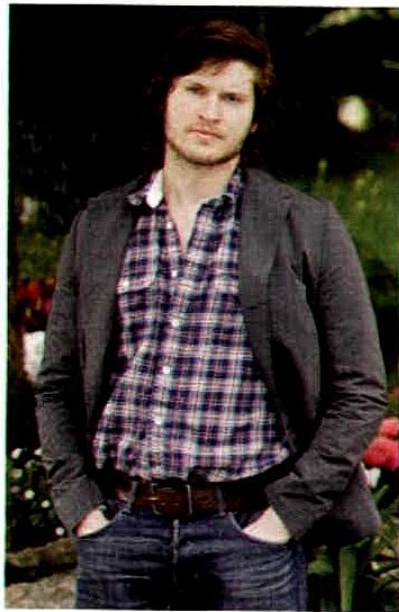
**SW:** Hi Tom, thank you for taking the time to talk to us today. How did you originally get involved with acting?

**TWJ:** I guess I got involved when I was at school. It wasn't something I really believed I could do until later in life. And I guess it wasn't until drama school that I really felt like I could commit to it fully. I always took it seriously. But it wasn't until going to Bristol that I really grasped how much I wanted to do it.

**SW:** Was there any other career path you wanted to follow instead of acting?

**TWJ:** I don't think so. I've had loads of jobs that had nothing to do with acting and although I enjoyed them, none of them gave me the excitement or adrenaline rush that acting can give you. I've worked in pub kitchens, bars, restaurants and one of my favourite places to work was Bertram Edwards, an old builders merchants in Belle Vue that is sadly no longer around. The camaraderie was brilliant and I loved the physical work.

**SW:** You're only 28 but what are your proudest acting moments so far in your career?



**TWJ:** There are many things that I hold dear. But I've always believed that you're only as good as the company you keep. I've worked with some brilliant people in the past. It's that working relationship that I love so much. The type of people who take the job very seriously, but themselves: anything but. I've recently worked with my girlfriend on a short film. That is an absolute highlight for me as we love doing it. We have a great short hand when it comes to working together. I hope it keeps happening.

**SW:** And any low moments?

**TWJ:** Low moments would have to be any large chunks of time spent not working. It's the hardest thing to maintain as an actor: a level head in the quiet periods. But I've realised how to deal with any quiet time. I enjoy it more now and spend time being creative in other ways. That's key to keeping focused and having faith in yourself.

**SW:** Ultimately it must be an exciting and fun occupation, with plenty of good stories?

**TWJ:** I don't know... I'm not a fan of actors constantly swapping stories of 'the good old days' until they're blue in the face... but I've definitely had some fun doing the job. I've been thrown off horses while filming a couple of times. That hurt. But I love the physical side of the job. Stunts can be absolutely brilliant. But they can and have gone wrong for me a few times. I had my nose broken on a job by getting punched in the face... but it's fine. Stuff heals. You get over it.

**SW:** As fun as some films and dramas must be to do, is it tough when some are so far away and demand so much of your time?



**TWJ:** That's always hard. The last job I did was based in London, which was amazing to be working from. I've spent a lot of time filming away and I'm a bit of a home bod, which has been a test in the past. There's a way of dealing with it but I always find it hard working away from the ones I care about.

**SW:** And people are going to be able to see you over the Christmas period?

**TWJ:** Yes that's right I am playing Meriwether Compeyson in BBC One's Dickensian which is to be aired on Boxing Day. The premise is that of a mash up with all of Dicken's characters. It's brilliant. My character is completely horrible but really likeable at the same time, which was brilliant to play. There are 20 episodes in total starting on Boxing Day, with two episodes on the 27th.

**SW:** So a bit about Shrewsbury then. I know you're a rugby fan at heart but when did you first watch Town play?

**TWJ:** I first watched town play about nine years ago and I can't remember who they were facing. My Uncle Tony took me and I loved it. We lost but we made the most of the afternoon. I try to see them when I can but it's a lot harder now as we live down in London.

**SW:** Are you a visitor to the Greenhous Meadow when you are in Shrewsbury?

**TWJ:** Whenever I get the chance to go then yes. It's a lovely ground. I miss the charm and the character of the old Gay Meadow but times change and you have to move with them or get left behind. So far this season I haven't been able to make it to any games but I am planning on coming up over Christmas and watching a few with my family.

**SW:** Do you have a favourite all time Shrewsbury Town player?



**TWJ:** I am a big fan of Dave Edwards who, obviously doesn't play for Town anymore but I've always admired him as a player for what he has done for Shrewsbury and, being half Welsh, I'm proud of what he and the boys have achieved in getting to Euro 16.

**SW:** And you have a closer affiliation with club as well don't you?

**TWJ:** Yes a few of my family members have worked for Salop in some capacity. My Uncle Keith is one of the head stewards at the ground and knows so much about the club. My cousins have coached and worked on the programmes as

well so yes the club definitely has an affiliation in my family.

**SW:** Were there aspirations to become a footballer when you were younger?

**TWJ:** No not really. I played rugby more when I was younger. I have made my own player on Fifa 16 however. It is great fun and satisfying playing as myself and representing Shrewsbury Town, but I've come to terms that it won't probably happen in reality.

**TOWNTALK** would like to thank Tom for his time and wish him a very Merry Christmas. You can see Tom in action BBC1's drama Dickensian, 26th December, 19.00.



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# PROGRAMMES FROM THE PAST

TODAY OUR INSERT PROGRAMME IS FROM SWINDON'S VISIT ON 20TH FEBRUARY 1988 WHEN MANAGER IAN MCNEILL WAS BATTLING TO ENSURE WE AVOIDED RELEGATION FROM THE "OLD" SECOND DIVISION.

A 2-1 win with goals from Bernard McNally and Victor Kasule helped in achieving 18th spot come May. The front cover of the programme depicting our "friendly alien" was the last time he appeared as a new cover was used from the following game!

With apology to today's visitors back to Friday 6th May 1955 when Swindon visited for the final game of the season. Shrewsbury created a new Gay meadow record with a 7-0 win which still stands today, alongside a similar scoreline against Gillingham in 2008, as our record Football League win. Ray Weigh scored four, Alex McCue got two and Willie O'Donnell got the other. Our programme covered two games, that against Swindon and the following day's Birmingham League reserve game against Burton. The front cover was given over to an advert for next season's season tickets with good savings demonstrated against match by match prices. We were told "your pal has ordered his ticket, be sure you join him. Get your ticket for that favourite spot". A stand seat would cost you £5-15-0 (£5.75) for the season against match by match prices of £8-1-0 (£8.05) for the 23 games.

As was usual at the end of the season "Notes" thanked "that great band of supporters who have stuck to us loyally not only at home but, aye, on very long journeys when it has been most heartening to hear the cry "Up The Town". There were also thanks to "several gentlemen" for "the provision of training gadgets". What on earth

were those? Thanks also to the Supporters Club and the Board of Directors. And of course there was appreciation to the Manager Walter Rowley and his players for achieving our best League finish, 16th, since entering the league in 1950.

Elsewhere a reminder that the Shropshire Senior Cup semi final against Oswestry (we won 7-1) was the following Monday and then the final the following week (we lifted the cup, regarded much more importantly in those days, by beating Wellington 6-1). And our old favourites in the adverts included the Sports and Games shop in Castle Gates, Medicott Brothers on Mardol and if you needed a job The Chatwood Safe and Engineering Company were looking for fitters, borers, turners and millers.

Now to our Third Division Championship season and our visit to The County Ground on 18th November 1978 when we were second in the table and Swindon 5th. With a mean defence conceding just 41 times during the season it looked as if we would travel home with a 1-1 draw following a Colin Griffin goal. That was until the 86th minute when a quick throw in lead to Steve Aizlewood getting the winner for Swindon. At least ex Shrewsbury goalscorer Chic Bates playing for Swindon that day didn't find the net!

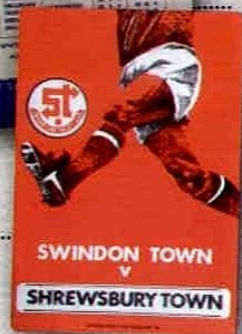
The Swindon programme included a lengthy report on a recent supporter's forum with the Chairman, Manager and his coaching staff. Seemed like an excellent session with wide ranging

questions including one asking if the floodlights could be left on for a while at the end of evening games so that supporters making their way to the car park could avoid the potholes. And another about a leaking roof in the stands which the questioner didn't know had been fixed already because he hadn't been to a game that season!

"Star of the night" was Manager Bob Smith who was on his feet for almost 90 minutes covering team issues agreeing with some points but "politely disagreeing" with others. Seems as though almost 200 supporters had a good evening.

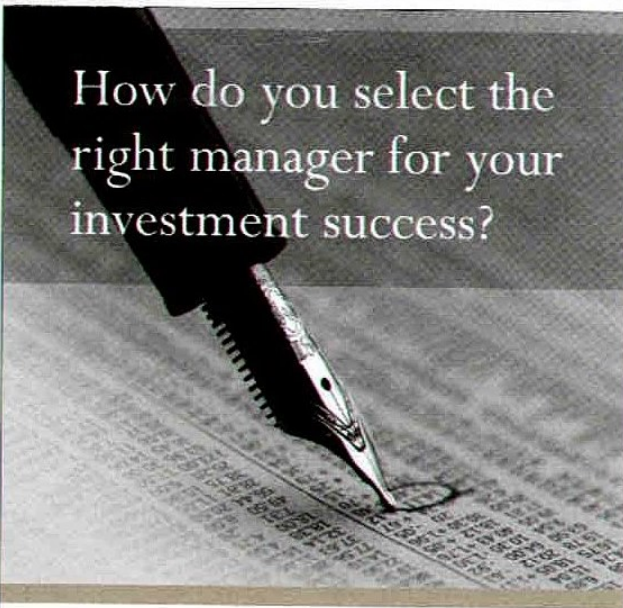
Elsewhere two centre pages were given to Shrewsbury including a squad photo while "bits and pieces" looked forward to the forthcoming FA Cup game against March Town United (Swindon won 2-0). The "Commercial Office" reminded supporters of the club open day the following day and we were also told that like most other clubs at that time Swindon were running a weekly "Moonraker Lottery" and a cheque for £1,000 was being presented before the match to the latest winner, a lady from Hungerford. Assuming she was a Swindon supporter she would have had a great day!

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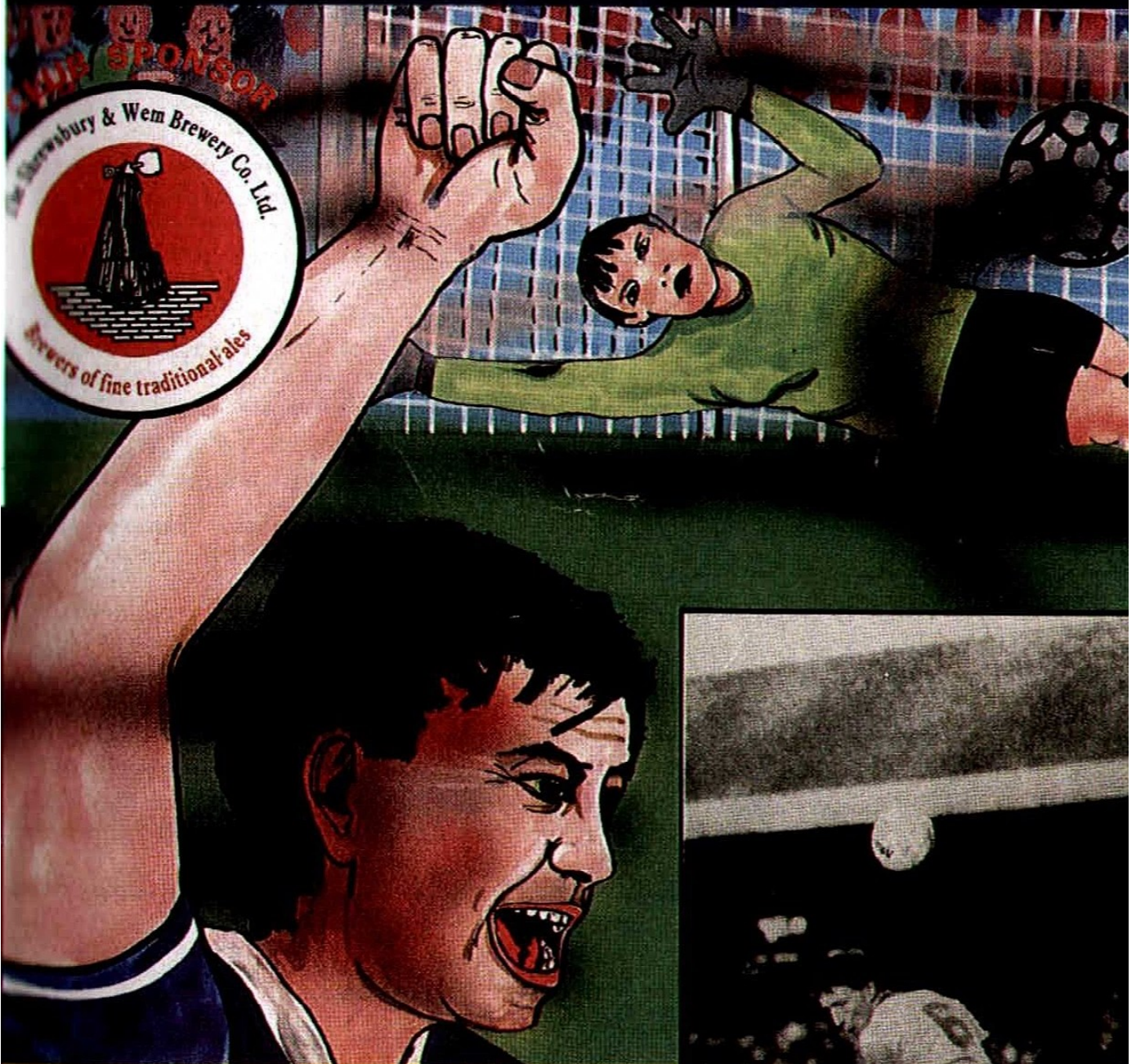
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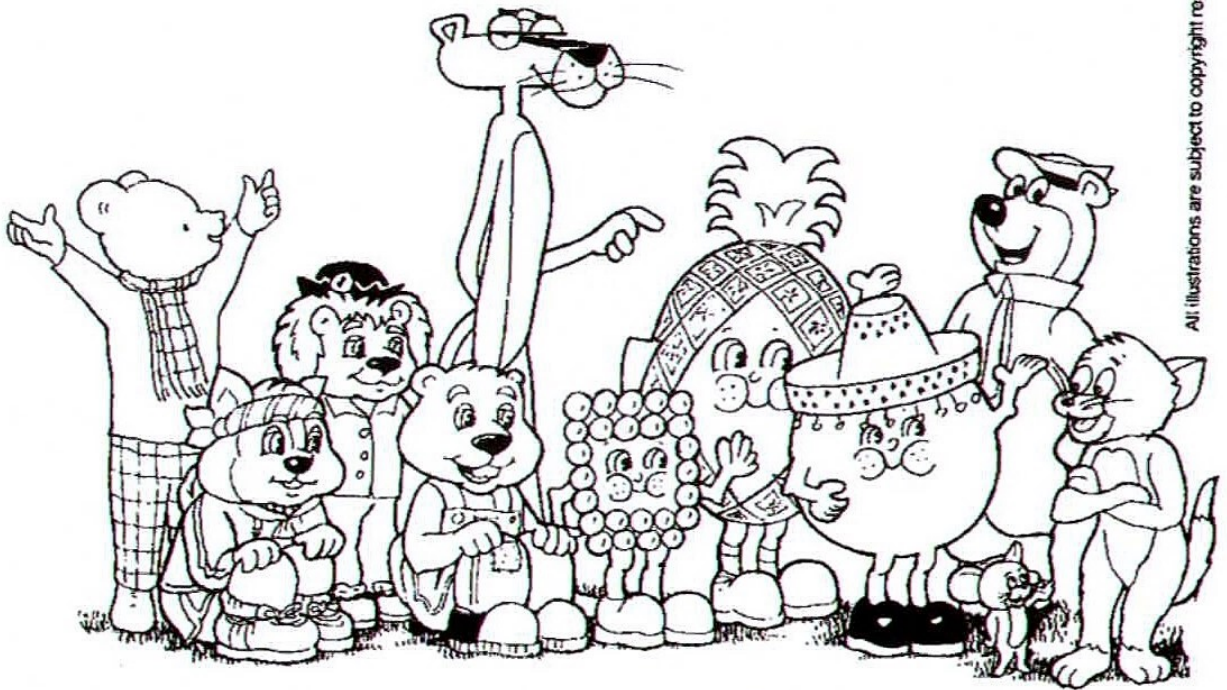
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# TEAM TALK

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Good afternoon all.

What a pity last week's match at Sheffield was not at The Gay Meadow. This was a performance that proved once and for all to me that given the right breaks we can retain our place in the Second Division. There was not one section of the team that let us down, and it leaves me in the very good position of team problems of the right kind and that is who to leave out and not who to put in.

I now feel I have the squad capable of a decent run and also with regards to the future a solid foundation to build on.

I do sincerely hope we can put on some good displays at home and bring the crowds flocking back to The Meadow, as I have said previously, where our last home game was disappointing, last week at Sheffield it was particularly stimulating.

It would be amiss not to mention our two newcomers, Richard Pratley and Alan Irvine. Richard was thrust in straight away and with David Linighan formed a solid central defence. Alan who had lots of travel coupled with a virus came on as Sub and nearly got on the score sheet.

Vic Kasule also did really well and David Geddis and Jim Melrose formed a very experienced strike force which kept the Sheffield defence on their toes.

But this was not a game of isolated performances. Every man Jack of them performed and if we can produce the same stuff today I will be more than happy.

A very warm welcome to Lou Macari and his Swindon team and a special welcome to Chic Bates who gave Shrewsbury Town years of valuable service.

**Ian McNeill.**

## OBITUARY - STAN JONES

It is with deep personal sorrow that I record the death of Stan Jones.

Stan, of Belvidere Avenue, Shrewsbury, has been associated with Shrewsbury Town Football Club for nearly forty years, working unflinchingly for the benefit of the Club, in the first instance as Treasurer of the Supporters Club and, for the last twenty-seven years, as Secretary of the Supporters Association. The amount of his spare time given to the Club over all these years is so immense as to be incalculable and indeed not only Stan's time, but also that of his wife Mary and daughter Susan.

I recall when we used to organise Bingo sessions in the Music Hall on Tuesday evenings, the whole family used to attend and take on various tasks which helped to make these sessions such a success.

Stan was a quiet man with a personality that was placid and good natured and his innate decency invited people to trust him at all times, which made him an obvious choice for the different tasks he undertook on behalf of the Football Club.

On behalf of the Directors and staff of Shrewsbury Town Club, I take this opportunity of conveying our deepest sympathy to Mary and Susan on their great loss.

Ivor Hookway.





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# TOWN

## ● AWAY TRAVEL

Our next away game is at Crystal Palace on Saturday February 27th, with a kick off at 3.00 p.m. Coaches will leave Gay Meadow at 9.15 a.m. and the Bucks Head, Wellington at 9.45 a.m.

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As the Town has no matches arranged on March 12th and April 9th, I've made plans to organise trips to:-

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A number of people are seeking to attend all 92 League grounds, so here's a tremendous opportunity to travel to two Fourth Division grounds.

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Shrews' mascot pictured before our game with WBA



# TALK



## ALAN IRVINE

One of our two new signings, Alan Irvine is certainly not lacking in experience of football at the highest level and he has already shown the sort of qualities that will help us to stay in Division Two.

Born in Glasgow in 1958, he played for Glasgow Boys Club before linking up with Queens Park in 1977. After four good seasons in the Scottish League he joined Everton in 1981 and made his first Division debut against Aston Villa in December 1981. He scored his first goals in a game against Wolves at Molineux a month later and for the next three

seasons was in and out of the Everton team, playing in the Milk Cup final of 1983/4 season in which they went down to Liverpool.

In the summer of 1984 he moved to Crystal Palace and played here in his first away game for his new club. Then in 1985/6 season he missed only one game all season for Palace and he was again a regular in the side last season.

He moved to Dundee United in the close season and he was quickly put on Ian McNeill's shopping list when our new manager sought to strengthen our midfield. In fact Ian had at one time sought to sign him for

Chelsea during his time as John Neal's assistant there.

Ian made his bow for us on the very muddy Bramall Lane pitch on Saturday, when going on as substitute for Jim Melrose. We look forward to him and his fellow Scots making a major contribution in the next few weeks.

## ● PROGRAMME FAIRS

If you are interested in programmes here are a few dates for programme fairs in the area.

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# shrew's stars



## GEORGE ANDREWS

George Andrews was a Midlander born and bred, who went to Cardiff City to launch his Football League career, but gave good service to both ourselves and Walsall when past the age of 30 and was a natural goalscorer whichever team he played for.

Born in Dudley in 1942 he was signed by Luton Town in 1960, but was released without making first team debut and returned to play for Lower Gornal Athletic in the West Midlands League before being spotted and signed by Cardiff City in 1965. Almost immediately he made his debut for the Welsh club in a League Cup-tie against Portsmouth - and scored a goal. While at Cardiff he linked up with another future Shrew - Terry Harkin and occasionally with the young John Toshack. He had scored 43 goals in 43 Second Division games by the time he moved to Southport in February 1967.

He helped them win promotion from Division Four within three months of his arrival and all in all scored 39 goals in two and a half seasons before coming to us in November 1969.

He made his debut for us in a 1-1 draw here with Orient within days of arrival, resuming his partnership with Terry Harkin that had also blossomed at Southport, and getting our goal. He also found the net in the next game against Bury and got two more in his first away game - at Walsall. By the end of the season his tally was 13 in 27 games and he went on to get another 19 in the following season and 20 in 1971/2 including a hat-trick in a first round FA Cup-tie at Colchester.

By the time he moved to Walsall in January 1979 he had scored exactly 50 League goals for us and after a quiet start at Fellows Park he went on to enjoy four good seasons, highlight of which was a headed matchwinner in a fourth round FA Cup-tie against Newcastle United in January 1975.

His career goal tally in League and cup games topped the 160 mark and he was also most effective in laying the ball off, his slender frame being no handicap in getting up to high balls. He later played for Dudley Town in the Southern League and Tipton Town in the West Midlands League where he was playing last season at the age of 45, besides being assistant manager and coach.

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# Topic

There will be a particular joy this season for any team winning Football League honours inasmuch as they will be adding their own individual celebrations to those of the League itself. Wolves and Notts County for instance are two of the twelve original members in 1888 who could well celebrate the hundred years by winning promotion, the former from Division Four and the latter from Division Three. For County there is the additional joy in showing that as the oldest club in the Football League they are still going forward and upwards.

Two Football League clubs also have their centenary Years, Walsall and Blackpool, and indeed Walsall are looking good for promotion, but Torquay United on the other hand are just 90 years old, and promotion for them from Division Four would make the most wonderful way of celebrating their last gasp rescue from losing their place altogether at the end of last season. Then of course there is the distinct possibility of Lincoln City (aged 106) winning back their Football League place just a year after losing it.

Coventry City share a 106th birthday with Lincoln and they will have to be satisfied with sliding on to their First Division place for the 21st successive season (no mean feat in itself), though they have a link with another remarkable century that one of their keenest supporters, octogenarian Bert Bissell attempts his hundredth climb of Ben Nevis in the name of peace. Bert, a retired probation officer, has spent his life working amongst young people and had his own way of restoring soccer hooliganism many years ago by leading groups of young men in a walk from his home town of Dudley in the West Midlands all the way to Coventry's Highfield Road to see a game - a matter of close on 40 miles.

Whether Everton will be able to win anything this year or not remains to be seen, but they are in fact the only one of the original twelve Football League clubs with a realistic chance of gaining either the Championship or a cup. In fact of that twelve, Derby County are the only other team currently in Division One. Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers could be climbing back there at the end of the season however, while Stoke City and particularly West Bromwich Albion will be satisfied if they can avoid slipping to a first-ever spell in Division Three where, apart from Notts County there is also Preston North End. Bolton Wanderers and Wrexham too have an outside chance of joining Wolves in the promotion race from Division Four. Then of course there is Accrington Stanley, who are currently in the North West Counties League.

One wonders which teams will be in the League another hundred years time.

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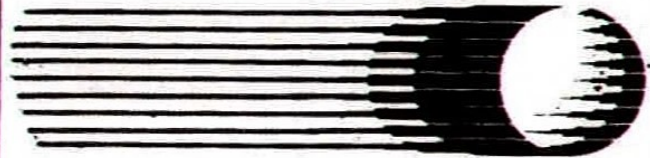
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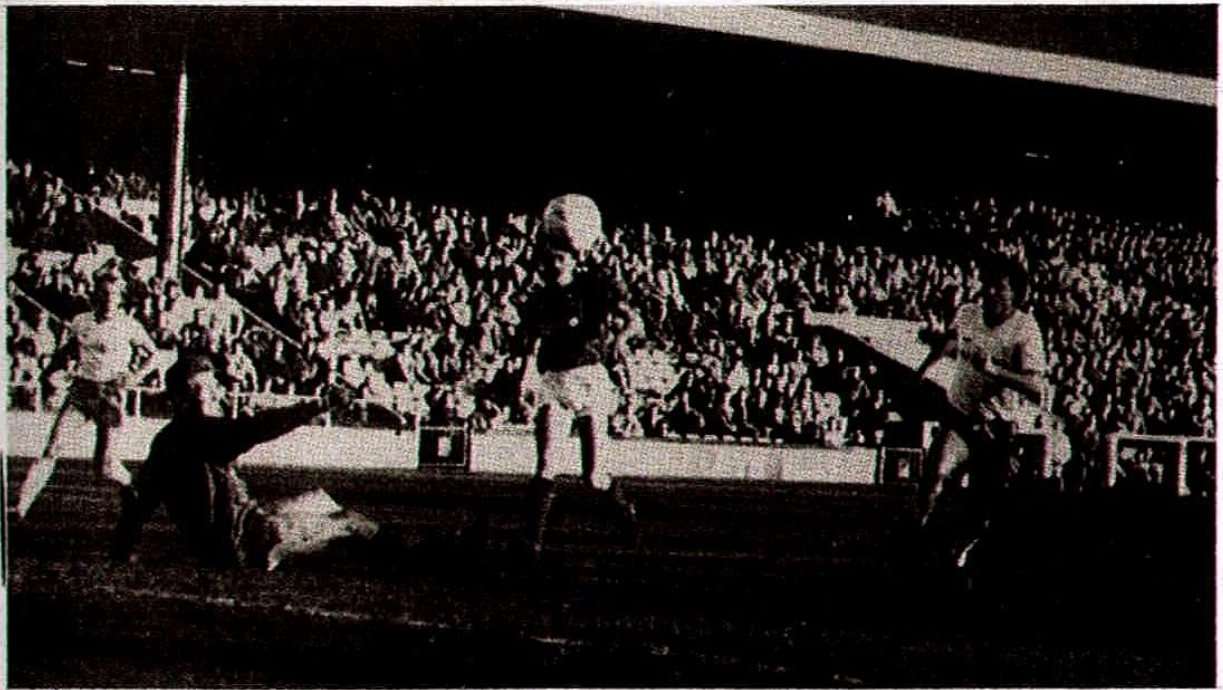
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This season's Leeds United programme must be one of the better ones in Division Two this season. It's a 24 pager priced at 60p. The front cover is blue with yellow and white trim and a colour photograph in the middle. Page 3 contains Billy Bremner's column and is one of the smaller ones I've seen from a manager this season. Fact File on John Stiles covers two pages - a page colour photograph and a page of background with a black and white picture. Club News covers a page and then there's a page with a large black and white action photograph. The visitors get two pages which include a black and white team photograph, pen pictures, club background and a memory match. This being an early season issue the middle two pages contain a colour team photograph. They Played For Leeds, covers a page, looking at old favourites. Back Track goes to 1967, 72, 77 and 82. Statistics cover two pages and the Reserves and Juniors get 2/3 page between them. Supporters Club News is 1/2 page. The teams are on the back page. This programme includes a fair amount of colour and coupled with some useful articles which you can expect from a club with such following, and I know their programme sales are quite high, but all this, will I'm sure make it one of the better programmes in the division.

Sheffield Wednesday produce a 36 pager priced at 70p and the issue I reviewed is against Manchester United so it contained 10 1/2 pages of advertising. The front cover is grey with a colour action photograph. Manager Howard Wilkinson has a good sized column with a small black and white photograph alongside. A full page colour photograph shows two of Wednesday's injured players in the gym with the physio. Talking Points is 1/2 pages of club news. The kit sponsorship page includes a colour photograph. Club captain Martin Hodge's article fills a good page. The visitors get two pages with a black and white photograph, pen pictures and club background. There is also a page of three black and white photographs of the entrants for Miss Sheffield Wednesday competition. Passing Back, goes 5, 10 and 20 years ago and includes a black and white photograph from one of the games. Two pages contain colour action photographs. Sidelines looks

# TALKING PROGRAMMES

with Steve Davies

at previous games between the clubs. Young Owls get a page and there are details of the away travel and ticket arrangements for future games. Two pages contain match reports, comments and action photographs from recent games. A profile of Lee Chapman also includes black and white action photographs and a colour portrait photo of him. The team lineups are on the back page and I feel this has slipped fractionally from last season, although it's still a superb read and still one of the best in the League.

Northern Premier League Division One side Droylsden produced a 12 pager for the vis former Football League club, Accrington Stanley. No price is stated however. Four pages contain advertisements and the front cover is white, bordered in black with the club badge printed in red in the middle. Page 3 contains the team lineups. A list club officials covers a page. The Today's Opponents get two pages on their history and one of penpictures. Club notes cover a page and a league table covers full page. Today's Division One Fixtures and a profile of the day referee complete a basic programme which in places is poorly typed making it hard to read.

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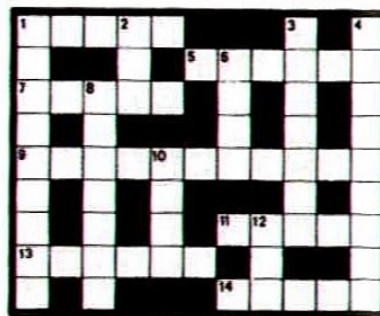
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### SIX OF THE BEST.

- To which club was Tim Flowers loaned for two Third Division games last season?
- Which Second Division team is still unbeaten at home?
- Which Third Division club's goalkeeper is also Commercial Manager?
- Which goalkeeper played in all four divisions last season?
- Which former Shrewsbury and Wolves player is currently with Telford United?
- Which was Jim Melrose's first Football League Club?

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The postwar boom continued in the late forties as crowds flocked into grounds up and down the country to see goals flooding into nets. Those were the days of Blackpool's Stan Mortensen (197 goals in 320 League games), Raich Carter (213 goals in 451 League games) and just as successful after the war with Derby County as he had been with Sunderland before it. Then there were wingers (flank attackers in today's parlance) such as Liverpool's Billy Liddell (216 goals in 492 games) and Preston North End's Tom Finney (187 goals in 433 games) not forgetting Stanley Matthews, who was a goal provider for thirty years and still managed to score over a hundred goals himself.

Players managed to stay at the top that little bit longer in those days and Arsenal signed Ronnie Rooke from Southampton in December 1946 at the age of 35 in time for him to score 67 goals in 88 games and help them to the 1947/8 Football League Championship.

Transfers in those days were in general around the £10,000 mark for good First Division players and oddly enough the first £20,000 fee to be handed over was by Third Division Notts County for reigning England centre forward Tommy Lawton when he moved in November 1947. Gates rose to capacity levels wherever Tommy played in Division Three and he maintained his England place for most of the time while he netted 90 goals in 151 games for County.

Most teams had a major goalscorer in those days. Jordan got 42 of the goals that took Doncaster into Division Two in 1947. They went down again a year later, but two years later they were back up again, helped by Northern Ireland international Peter Doherty's 26 goals. Goalscorers didn't come any more consistent than Vally Ardon, who in the first three postwar seasons netted 38, 27 and 29 respectively for Rotherham and then moved on to get 25, 36 and 29 respectively for Nottingham Forest, who had made their one and only invasion into Division Three.

The late forties were the golden days of Portsmouth, who won two successive First Division Championships and become the team that everyone wanted to beat just as Arsenal had been in prewar days. They had an outstanding forward line with Peter Harris on the right flank and Jack Froggatt on the left with big Doug Wood in the centre. Jimmy Dickenson was right at the start of his long and distinguished career in midfield with Reg Hewin at the heart of the defence.

By contrast Norwich, Crystal Palace and Brighton were amongst the teams having to apply for re-election at the bottom of Division Three (South) while amongst the teams holding their own in Division Three (North) were Barrow, Gateshead and Accrington. Bradford Park Avenue were still making their mark in Division Two even after transferring Len Shackleton to Newcastle and in 1948 they set the FA Cup competition alight by beating Arsenal at Highbury.

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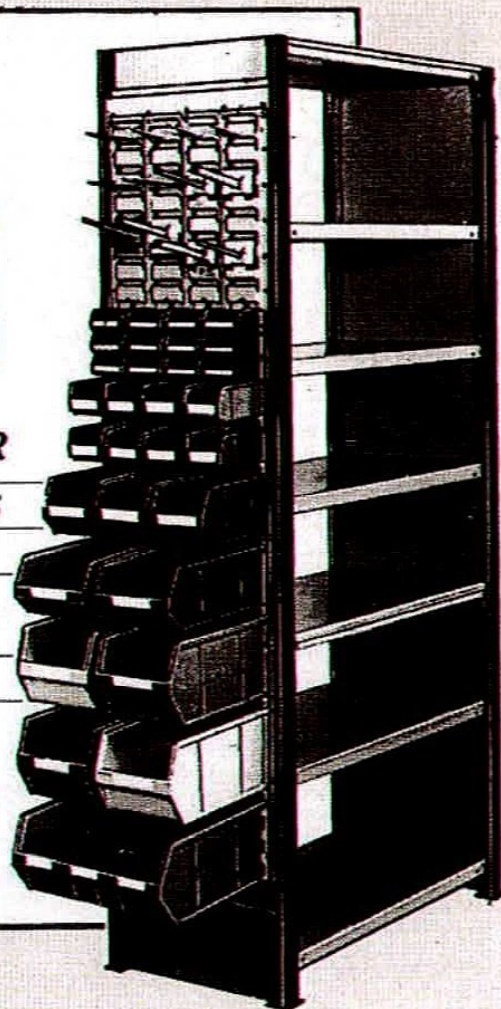
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Front Row: Alan McLoughlin; Bryan Wade; Peter Coyne; Lou Macari (Team Manager); John Trollope (Assistant Manager); Steve Berry (now with Aldershot); Leigh Barnard.  
 Middle Row: Andy Rowland (player/coach); Dave Hockaday; Phil King; Terry Merriman; Dave Bamber; Jon Gittens; John Kelly (now with Oldham); Steve White; Steve Foley; Chris Ramsey (now with Southend); Kevin Morris (physiotherapist).  
 Back Row: Jimmy Quinn; Fraser Digby; Chris Kamara; Nicky Hammond; Charlie Henry; Colin Claderwood.

#### FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper.

Sheffield born Fraser, a former Manchester United apprentice spent two loan spells at Swindon before joining them in December 1986 for a £25,000 fee. His outstanding displays last term not only helped Swindon to promotion but also helped to gain him an England under-21 cap. 20-year-old Fraser made 39 appearances last season.

#### NICKY HAMMOND - Goalkeeper.

Signed on a free transfer from Arsenal in the close season the former Highbury keeper had a loan spell with Bristol Rovers last season and also spent loan periods with Aberdeen and Peterborough United, but did not appear in their first team.

#### DAVE HOCKADAY - Defender.

A former Blackpool player that moved to Swindon in August 1983. After several seasons of appearing in midfield or as a winger he switched to full back during the Town's climb to win the Fourth Division Championship in 1985/6. Dave is one of the only two players to remain on the staff from the day Lou Macari was appointed manager in July 1984. Now with over 300 League appearances to his credit he is an ever-present so far this season.

#### TERRY MERRIMAN - Defender.

A former Coventry City player who joined Swindon in July 1987 on a free transfer. Terry had joined the Highfield Road club as an apprentice but had limited appearances in the Central League side last term and was keen to take his chances with Swindon.

#### BRYAN WADE - Striker.

Signed from Trowbridge Town for a nominal fee in 1985 after having had previous spells with Bath City and Manchester City. A strong and powerful player he scored many crucial goals in Swindon's promotion seasons.

#### ALAN McLOUGHLIN - Defender.

Another former Manchester United player who joined Swindon on a free transfer two close season's ago. Alan did not make the United's first team but made his debut soon after joining Swindon in September 1986 and has played in a variety of positions. Last season he spent a loan spell with Torquay United for 16 games.

#### PHIL KING - Defender.

Another all present member of the Swindon side this season, Phil joined the Town from Torquay United in March last year for a fee of £12,500 after only being with the Devon club for a few months having joined them from Exeter City the previous July for a £3,000 fee set by a tribunal. He made 21 appearances in the Town's promotion side last term.

#### JON GITTENS - Defender.

A close season signing, and the fifth made by Macari. This former Southampton centre defender cost the Town a £40,000 fee after being bought from Birmingham non-league side Phoenician Rangers. He attracted the attention of Lou Macari when playing against Liverpool and his display against Swindon in last season's Littlewoods Cup.

#### CHRIS KAMARA - Midfield.

Chris now in his second spell at the County Ground having rejoined them from Brentford in August 1986 for a fee of £12,500. His earlier spell with the Town came following a move from Portsmouth in July 1977 and is now one of the few players who have had two different spells with the club, he also rejoined Pompey in 1981 although this was shortlived. He has now made over 400 appearances in League soccer.

#### PETER COYNE - Midfield.

Following some great displays with English Schoolboys Peter joined Manchester United, but his early promise declined and after only two first team appearances he was given a free transfer and moved into non-league soccer. Then he came back into the League with Crewe and spent four seasons with them. Another free transfer took him back into non-league soccer and he joined Hyde United. In August 1984 Lou Macari signed Peter for £5,000 and has now made over 100 appearances with Swindon.

#### LEIGH BARNARD - Midfield.

Leigh along with Dave Hockaday is one of the two players still remaining with Swindon who were at the County Ground when Lou Macari arrived in July 1984. Signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in July 1982 he has now made well in excess of 200 appearances in their colours.

# SWINDON TOWN

#### GARY MARSHALL - Striker.

A non-contract player who is just 18 and joined the club from Coventry City having been on trainee forms with them and was a member of their FA Youth cup winning side last season.



## SWINDON TOWN THIS SEASON

Aston Villa 2 Swindon 1  
 Barnsley 0 Swindon 1  
 Birmingham 1 Swindon 1  
 Bradford City 2 Swindon 0  
 Crystal Palace 2 Swindon 1  
 Huddersfield 0 Swindon 3  
 Ipswich Town 3 Swindon 2  
 Leeds United 4 Swindon 2  
 Leicester City 3 Swindon 2  
 Middlesbrough 2 Swindon 3  
 Millwall 2 Swindon 2  
 Reading 0 Swindon 1  
 Sheffield United 1 Swindon 0  
 WBA 1 Swindon 2  
 Swindon 0 Birmingham 2  
 Swindon 0 Hull City 0  
 Swindon 1 Middlesbrough 1  
 Swindon 1 Plymouth 1  
 Swindon 1 Shrewsbury 1  
 Swindon 2 Oldham Athletic 0  
 Swindon 2 Sheffield United 0  
 Swindon 2 WBA 0  
 Swindon 3 Manchester 4  
 Swindon 3 Stoke City 0  
 Swindon 4 Bournemouth 2  
 Swindon 4 Huddersfield 1  
 Swindon 4 Ipswich 2  
 Swindon 4 Reading 0

**Littlewoods Cup**  
 Bristol City 3 Swindon 2  
 Swindon 3 Bristol City 0  
 Swindon 3 Portsmouth 1  
 Portsmouth 1 Swindon 3  
 Swindon 1 Watford 1

**FA Cup**  
 Swindon 0 Norwich City 0  
 Norwich City 0 Swindon 2  
 Newcastle United 5 Swindon 0

**Slmod Cup**  
 Blackburn Rovers 1 Swindon 2  
 Swindon 4 Chelsea 0

### TIM PARKIN - Defender.

Arrived from Bristol Rovers in July 1986 for a transfer fee of £27,500. Tim had made over 200 appearances for Rovers but soon settled into the team's defence and played a prominent role in a promotion season. He began his career with Blackburn Rovers and had a brief spell with Swedish club Malmo before a return to English football and Bristol Rovers.

### BOBBY BARNES - Forward.

A former West Ham United apprentice, where he made 13 League appearances and scored 5 goals, Bobby had a loan spell with Scunthorpe United for six games before a move to Aldershot where he scored 19 goals in 39 appearances last term, and is the Town's latest signing, joining them in December last year.

### CHARLIE HENRY - Midfield.

A former apprentice with Swindon, Charlie can play in a number of positions which he did in their promotion seasons and was their leading goalscorer with 18 goals in the 1985/6 season. Last term he struggled to find his form, and in fact had a loan spell with Northampton Town for four games, although he has now appeared in 200 games for the Town.

### MARK JONES - Midfield.

Mark joined the Town in October 1986 from Oxford United for £25,000, after having been an apprentice with the Manor Road club and helped them in the rise to the First Division. He has now made over 50 appearances in the Town's colours.

### STEVE FOLEY - Midfield.

Another close season signing having joined the Town from Sheffield United for a tribunal fee of £35,000. The Liverpool born player started his career at Anfield as an apprentice but never made their League side and made his debut while on loan to Fulham. A free transfer followed and Steve joined Grimsby Town in 1984 and made 31 appearances for them before another free transfer saw him move to Sheffield United to make 55 appearances and score 9 goals for them.

### JIMMY QUINN - Striker.

The man to watch this afternoon, the current leading goalscorer with 24 goals, Jimmy moved to Swindon from Blackburn Rovers in December 1986 for a fee of £50,000. This Northern Ireland international had previously joined Swindon from Oswestry Town in 1982 and had 49 appearances with them before his move north to Blackburn for £32,000. Now nearing the 100 mark in appearances he netted 9 goals last season.

### COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender.

Another all present member of the Town's side this season, Colin has had the distinction of being captain of their side to promotion in two consecutive seasons. He moved from Mansfield Town in July 1985 for £27,500 and to date has not missed a single first team game, which has made him the target for a number of top flight clubs.

### DAVE BAMBER - Striker.

Another man to watch this afternoon, Dave, a much travelled striker has netted 13 goals this term to be Swindon's second top striker. He started his career with Blackpool making 86 appearances and scoring 29 goals before signing for Coventry City in 1983 where he made 19 appearances and scored 3 goals. A move to Walsall saw Dave score 7 goals in 20 appearances but he moved onto Portsmouth where he netted once in four games before his move to the County Ground and is now nearing the 100 mark being an ever-present this season.

### STEVE WHITE - Striker.

Joined Swindon on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July 1985, Steve has proved to be a great signing and has hit 11 goals so far this term. Steve had two spells with the Rovers, inbetween moves to Luton Town for £200,000 and Charlton Athletic, before re-joining them in August 1983 and has now well over 250 League appearances behind him.



### SHREWSBURY TOWN

#### SWINDON TOWN

	Home	Away
DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)		
1951/2	0-1	2-1
1952/3	2-1	2-2
1953/4	1-0	1-2
1954/5	7-0	1-2
1955/6	1-1	1-2
1956/7	7-3	2-1
1957/8	1-3	0-1
DIVISION THREE		
1959/60	3-0	2-4
1960/1	1-1	1-1
1961/2	1-3	2-1
1962/3	1-2	0-1
1965/6	1-1	0-0
1966/7	3-1	2-2
1967/8	0-1	0-0
1968/9	1-1	0-3
1975/6	3-0	0-3
1976/7	2-2	0-1
1977/8	2-3	0-5
1978/9	0-0	1-2
DIVISION TWO		
1987/8		1-1

We may feel that we are overdue for a win today as we have won only nine of our previous Football League games against Swindon. Yet oddly enough in two of these games we have scored no fewer than seven goals. Our 7-0 win in May 1955 still stands as our biggest-ever Football League win with Ray Russell amongst our scorers just as he was nearly two years later when we chalked up a 7-3 win.

Since then however we have won only three home games out of thirteen, the most recent success here being in September 1975 when David Collier netted a penalty in each half and Ray Hayward completed the scoring in a 3-0 success. The point that we picked up at Swindon in September was our first there in our last six visits. After a goalless first half Jimmy Quinn netted for the home side and Tim Steele for us.

The last game was in August 1978 when despite having just won both our opening games of the season there were only 2,869 here to see us held to a goalless draw.



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# Meet Swindon Town's Manager LOU MACARI

Lou Macari is one of the comparatively few soccer men to achieve spectacular success both as a player and as a manager. In fact if ultimately he takes Swindon into Division One he may yet outdo as a manager his spectacular feats as a player.

Born in Edinburgh in 1949 he is the descendant of a family that hails from the same part of Italy that has produced at different times Sir Charles Forte, Gina Lollobrigida and former Italian Prime Minister, Signior Guilio Andreotti. He played for Kilmarnock Amateurs before joining Celtic in 1965 with Schoolboy and Youth international honours already behind him. It took him some little time to earn a regular place in the Celtic team, but then in the course of three full seasons he gained three Scottish League medals, two Scottish Cup medals and six full and one under-23 Scottish cap.

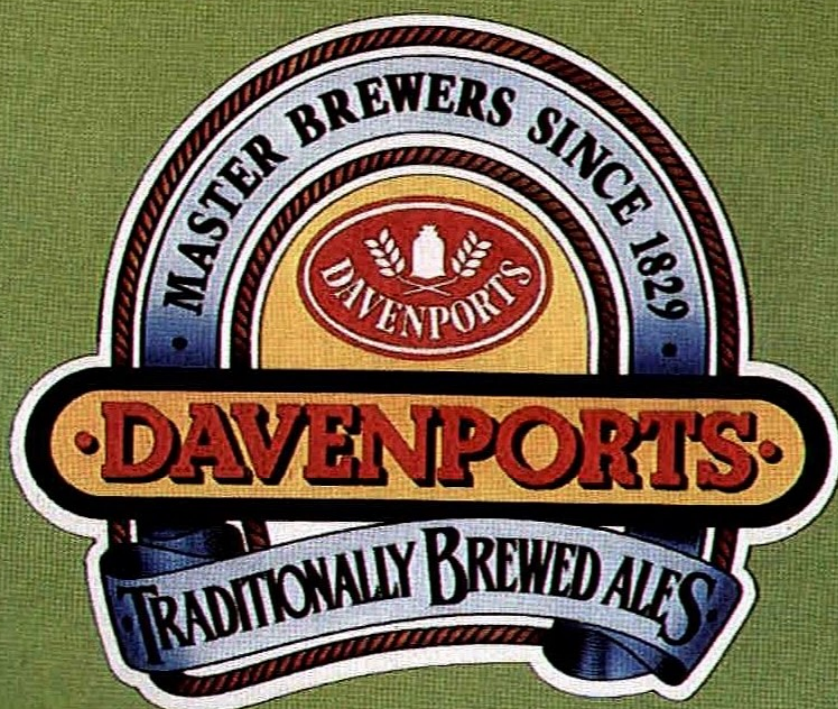
Liverpool were keen to sign him, but Tommy Docherty pipped them by taking Lou to Old Trafford in January 1973. In a spectacular career there he won a further 18 Scotland caps, an FA Cup winners medal in 1977, runners-up prizes in 1976 and 1980 and was a key figure in United's bounce back from Division Two in 1975. He also appeared in the 1983 Milk Cup final in which United went down to Liverpool after extra time at Wembley.

All in all he played in 392 League and cup games for United and scored over a hundred goals in eleven seasons. In July 1984 he moved to Swindon as manager with another former United man Harry Gregg as his assistant, but things did not work out and in the following April both were sacked with Lou re-instated on his own shortly afterwards.

Things then began to hum and a season later Swindon topped Division Four and a season after that they climbed into Division Two where they are currently in the top half of the table. They have also pulled off two cup wins over First Division teams this season to bring back memories of Lou's Old Trafford days. He is clearly the man to write more exciting pages in the history of Swindon Town.



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Looking at Shrews' Programmes -

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This afternoon we look back to a game 31 years ago when we were on the edge of the Third Division (South) promotion race and Swindon were battling it out with Norwich City, Coventry and Plymouth in the re-election zone.

We were at that time on the crest of a wave with an unbeaten run of five games in the course of which we had scored 15 goals. Though the eight-page programme selling at three old pence, was a small one by present-day standards it contains some interesting notes including an appeal for more support.

There were in fact over 8,000 at this particular game and they had a real feast with both teams playing fast direct football and us coming out winners by 7-3, the second time we had netted seven against Swindon in the space of three seasons. Ray Russell and Colin Whittaker got two goals each and Ray Weigh, Jim Shields and Derek Price the others, while Bob Edwards (2) and Gordon Pembrey replied.

Geoff Allman.


No. 11 'Kick off 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, DEC. 29th, 1956

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It was a pleasure to receive the Christmas cards from the boys and girls of the club, but no less a pleasure to see the festive season to all and well wishes. Whilst it was a pleasure to see the Christmas cards from the boys and girls of the club, but no less a pleasure to see the festive season to all and well wishes. Whilst it was a pleasure to see the Christmas cards from the boys and girls of the club, but no less a pleasure to see the festive season to all and well wishes.

work, the Colls entered Wrockford United at the Racecourse, and the "A" side go to Chelwood. **Finalist.** Everyone will realize that despite our team's success, that various interventions, the weather and the like, have decreased the gates, and the biggest blow was, of course, the postponement of the Walsall game at home, which promised to bring the best gate for several seasons. This and the inclement weather attending recent matches has meant a tightening of the belts, but we hope we do not appeal in vain for better and increased support for our remaining home games. Our aim for promotion is a real one, even the severest of our critics have realized that we are well amongst the leaders. To achieve that aim the Players need the maximum of encouragement from large crowds, and the Board and Management need the bigger crowds to have the necessary wherewithal to bring that dream of promotion to reality and establish ourselves for the future. Everyone will realize that the fall in gates has not been altogether the Club's fault, and our recent form and goalgetting does confirm the Managers view that this is his best ever team.

We welcome today Swindon Town to the Day Meadow, a team who started the season badly, but who have improved so much since Bert Head, former Torquay captain and cricket ball and latterly Assistant Manager at Barry, took over the team. Swindon will provide stern opposition and be a worthy opponent. Early in the season we won 2-1 at Swindon, with O'Donnell and Whittaker, both at wing-forward, scoring the goals. A repeat win would do us good and keep us in a challenging position and give us our first double of the season. **New some Club notes and feelings.** word of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace on the birth of young Martin William, note Joe, he is eligible for England, not Scotland. So this year each of the occupants of Club Flats at Belmont Bank (Jimmy Hambliter, Colin Whittaker and now Joe) have had additions to the family, but wishes to all three families. New to Norman Hobson who joins Miss June Walker in holy matrimony in the summer, we wish them both well. Hospital news of injuries, Ross Walker has recovered from his accident and was fit for duty today, apart from Willie O'Donnell, doubtful for today, we have a clean bill of health. The boys received a very nice letter of thanks from the Dr. Barnardo's homes, the recipients of Xmas gifts as per the usual custom that our players follow at Xmas time. **Note a last word of sympathy to Jimmy Hambliter, the cancellation of the Walsall match robbed Jimmy of a good collection for his benefit, but may we remind you that donations will be gratefully received for this fund, and that other efforts and another collection will be made at dates to be announced later.**

DIVISION III SOUTH		SATURDAY, DEC. 29th, 1956	
<b>SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>			
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PEMBREY (6)	JACK (5)	CROSS (6)	
DEAR (3)		LEE (2)	
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BRIAN WILLIAMS	3	PHIL KING
PHIL PRIEST	4	CHRIS KAMARA
RICHARD PRATLEY	5	TIM PARKIN
DAVID LINIGHAN	6	COLIN CALDERWOOD
VICTOR KASULE	7	DAVE BAMBER
BERNARD McNALLY	8	JON GITTINS
JIM MELROSE	9	JIMMY QUINN
DAVID GEDDIS	10	BOBBY BARNES
MICHAEL BROWN	11	KIERAN O'REGAN
	12	
	14	

White and Blue

Red and White

### TODAY'S REFEREE - I.S. HEMLEY

Ian Hemley from Ampthill, in Bedfordshire is a schoolteacher and commenced refereeing in 1972 and has been a League Referee since 1985. Married with two young daughters. Ian is interested in all sports, especially cricket and golf.

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- G Portsmouth v Bradford City
- H Blackburn v Aston Villa
- I Ipswich Town v Leicester City
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- L Reading v Middlesbrough
- M Charlton v Sheffield Wednesday
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- P Bristol City v Mansfield
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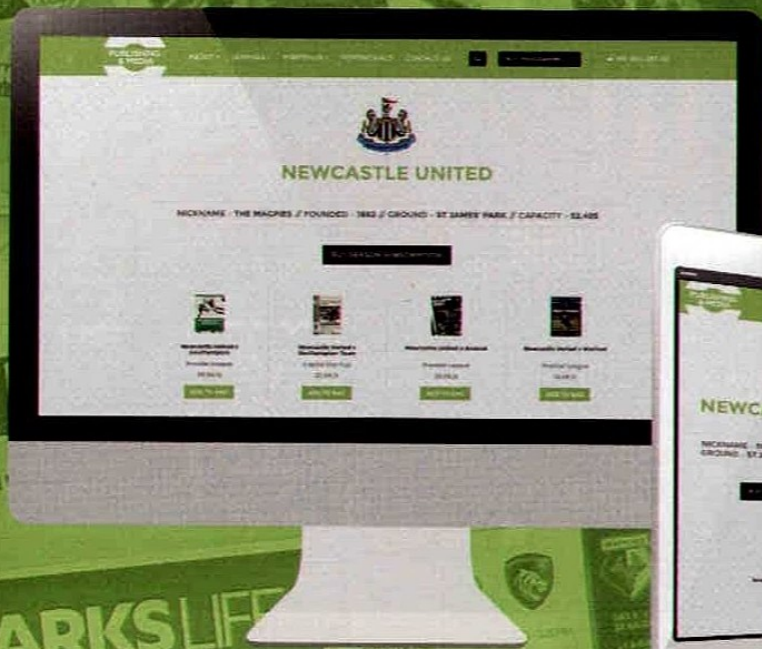


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Shrewsbury produced a stirring away day display to win a thrilling League One encounter at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane.

**Town:** Leutwiler; Grandison, Gerrard, Whitbread, Brown; Kaikai, Ogogo, Black (Lawrence 79), Cole (Akpa Akpro 76); Vernon, Collins (Barnett 79).

**Subs not used:** Burton, Whalley, McAlinden, Smith.



# SHEFFIELD UTD 2 > SHREWSBURY TOWN 4

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2015 / SKY BET LEAGUE 1

The Blades had the early advantage, taking the lead when Connor Sammon swept the ball home from 15 yards after being set up by Jose Baxter.

But Town's response was clinical - and swift - as three goals in a 10-minute burst saw them take total control.

Sullay Kaikai drew Shrewsbury level on 25 minutes with a bullet from the edge of the box, and they were ahead just a minute later when Ian Black bundled the ball home at the second attempt.

They added a third on 35 minutes when a super cross from Junior Brown was volleyed home by Scott Vernon.

And a swift counter-attack from a Sheffield United free-kick three minutes into the second half ended with James Collins firing into the bottom corner to make it four.

Dean Hammond did reduce the arrears with a 65th minute header but Shrewsbury deservedly held on from there for a big win.

"We were determined that we were going to come here and have a go," said Town boss Micky Mellon. "We wanted to build on stuff from previous games, when we defended really well but weren't as good as we'd like to be with the ball.

"The boys showed the character to battle back. I knew we had a bit of cutting edge and something more going forward and that we'd get back in it. We knocked it around and scored some great goals.

"I'm thrilled for everybody but the work still has to carry on. We've not done anything yet other than show we've now got a base to go forward."





Goalkeeper Jayson Leutwiler pulled off a string of fine saves as Shrewsbury earned a valuable point against high-flying Gillingham.

**Town:** Leutwiler; Grandison, Gerrard, Knight-Percival, Brown; Cole, Black, Ogogo, Kaikai; Vernon, Collins.

**Subs not used:** Burton, Lawrence, Whalley, McAlinden, Barnett, Akpa Akpro, Smith



## SHREWSBURY TOWN 2 GILLINGHAM 2

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2015 / SKY BET LEAGUE 1



At a rain-soaked Greenhous Meadow, it was Shrewsbury who took the lead when Ian Black's harmless looking free-kick was headed into his own net by the Gills' on-loan defender Deji Oshilaja on 31 minutes.

But the Kent side hit back strongly, and only Leutwiler's brilliance kept them at bay as he made a string of remarkable saves.

But even he could do nothing as, with the pressure mounting; Cody McDonald lashed in a 36th minute equaliser.

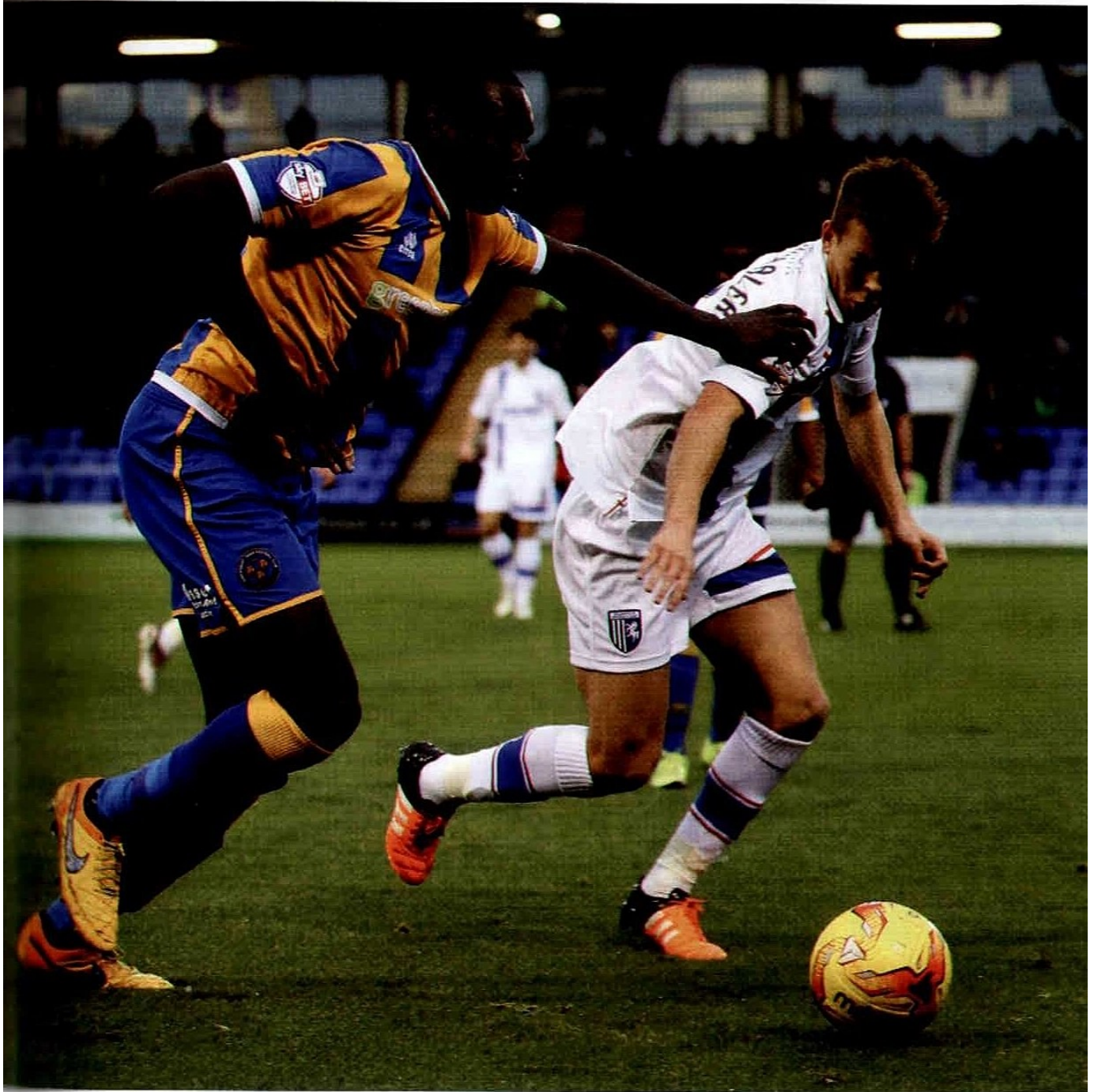
With driving rain greeting the players for the second half, it was the visitors who struck first as a 30-yard thunderbolt from Ryan Jackson gave them a 59th minute lead.

But it was Shrewsbury who had the last word with a fine 70th minute counterattack that finished with Scott Vernon teeing up James Collins to rescue a share of the spoils.

"It was a very good point for us against a very good Gillingham side," said Town boss Micky Mellon. "The weather conditions were awful - the worst conditions since I've been here. It was driving rain, the wind was rough too.

"We have a number of qualities in this team. We'd have taken four points this week after going away to Sheffield United on Tuesday night."



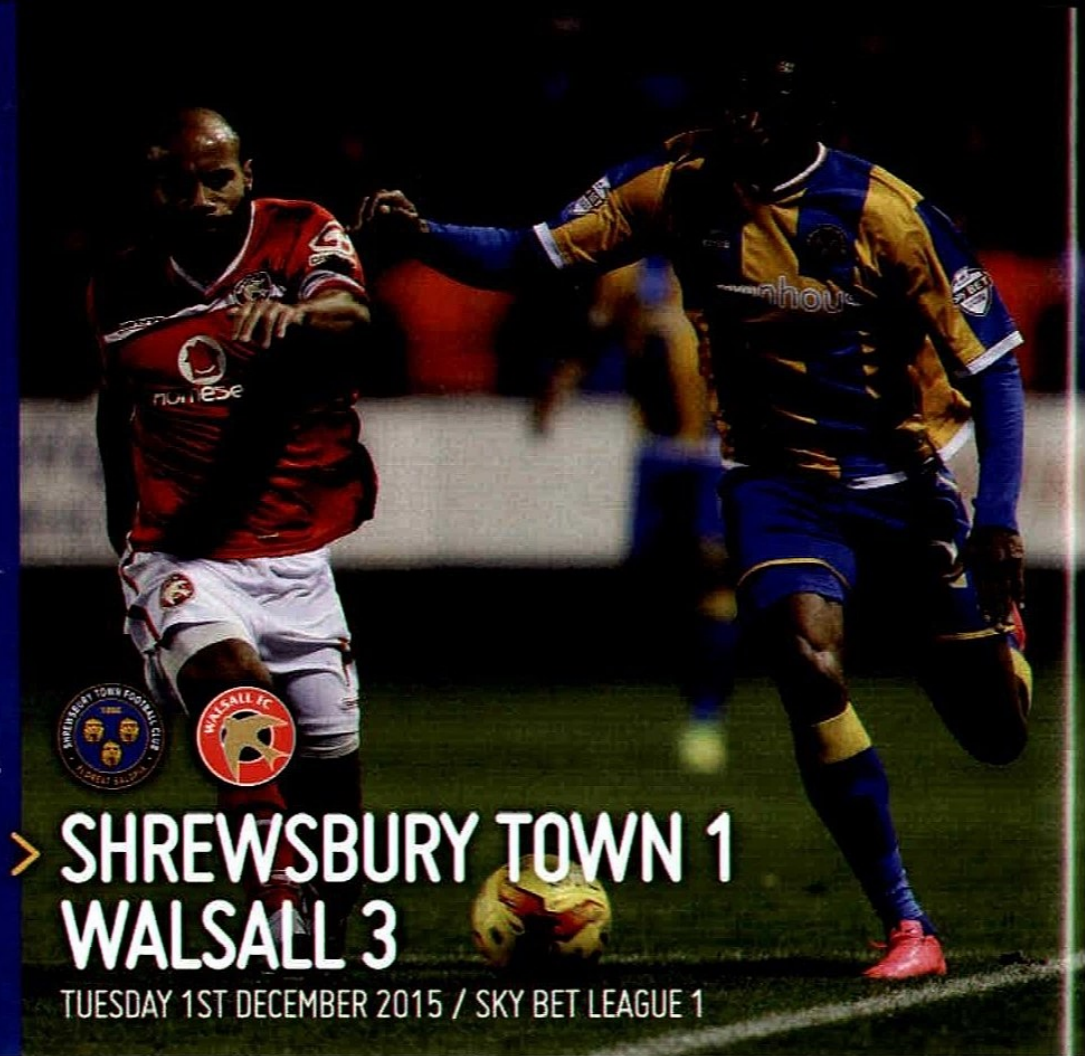




Ten-man Shrewsbury sank to a derby defeat as Ian Black's red card handed Walsall the initiative.

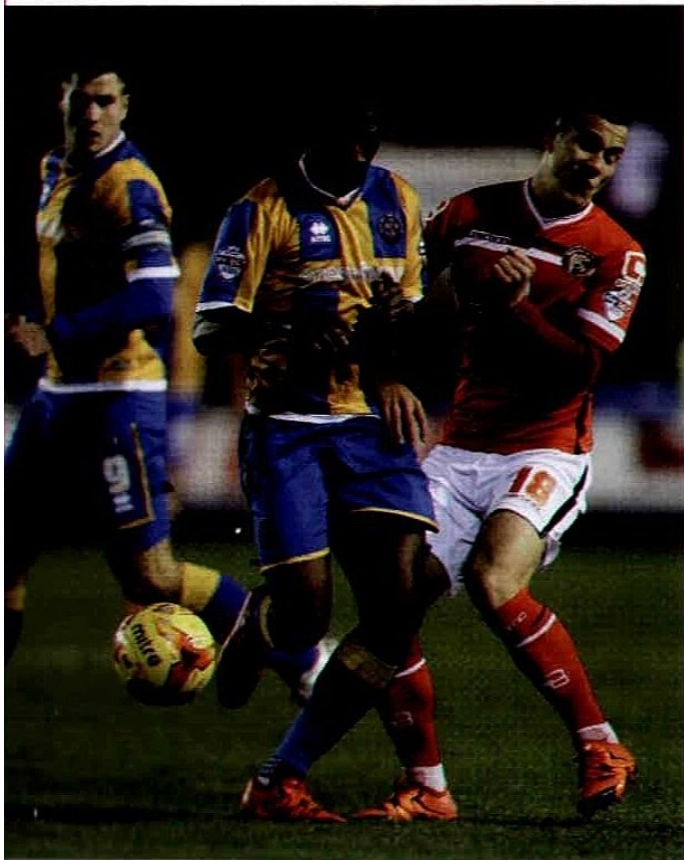
**Town:** Leutwiler; Grandison, Gerrard, Knight-Percival, Brown; Cole (Akpo Akpro HT), Ogogo, Black, Kaikai; Vernon (Lawrence 78), Collins.

**Subs not used:** Halstead, Whalley, McAlinden, Barnett, Smith.



## > SHREWSBURY TOWN 1 WALSALL 3

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015 / SKY BET LEAGUE 1



Shrewsbury had struck first in front of a healthy crowd of 6,078 at the Greenhous Meadow, with Fulham loanee netting his first goal in senior football.

Cole struck on 41 minutes, latching onto a defence-splitting pass from Scott Vernon and taking one touch before finishing past keeper Neil Etheridge.

James Collins had a great chance to make it two just moments later, but sliced wide from close range.

And that miss was punished as Walsall went straight up the other end and scored through Milan Lalkovic to go in level at half-time.

Town's fortunes, though, really turned on two bookings for midfielder Black.

He was first punished on 52 minutes for dissent after giving away a foul, and that meant that when, 20 minutes later, his foul on Paul Downing was also judged worthy of a booking, he had to go.

Walsall made the extra man count and took the lead on 81 minutes when Downing headed in off Anthony Forde's inswinging corner.

Jason Demetriou then hit the woodwork for the visitors before Jordan Cook fired in a third in stoppage time to complete his side's victory.







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## STUART DUNN COVERS TOWN'S FORTUNES FOR BBC RADIO SHROPSHIRE AND THE SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE

IT'S happened before and it will no doubt happen again - but how pleasing to be at Peterborough last weekend to see Tyrone Barnett enjoy a goalscoring first return to London Road.

It was almost a case of it really being too good a story not to happen.

Barnett produced an impressive 20 minute cameo off the bench against the club which splashed out more than £1 million to sign



him from Crawley earlier in his career before allowing him to move on to Shrewsbury earlier this year.

As Barnett noted afterwards, there were "more than a few" boos from the Peterborough supporters when he was introduced as a substitute by boss Micky Mellon.

But Barnett delivered the perfect response when, 10 minutes from time, he followed up to knock in the rebound in front of the London Road End after Sullay Kaikai's well struck shot from outside the penalty area proved too hot to handle for goalkeeper Ben Alnwick.

It secured not only a deserved draw and hard-earned point for Town against a talented Posh side which had won their six previous games, but it also provided the big striker with a special memory against his former club.

"It's a very, very good feeling, I must say," admitted Barnett in our post-match interview on BBC Radio Shropshire. "I was obviously happy to get back into the game at 1-1, but then to score is very nice."

He added: "I'm pleased. The lads deserved the point at the least. I'm happy to get a point, that was the most important thing, and obviously happy to score."

As for the reception he received when he came on as a sub, the boos from the home sections

of the ground, he said: "That's football for you. They pay to have an opinion so they can have whatever opinion they want."

Boss Mellon, pleased with Town's impressive level of performance, was delighted that Barnett made a goalscoring impact after sending him on.

"You always hope when players come back to their former clubs that these things happen," he said. "They don't happen all the time, that's for sure, we only remember the times that they do happen."

"It happened for us today and I know we thoroughly deserved it, so I was delighted to see it go in."

Barnett is not the first Town player to return to a former club and find the net this season. Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro was on target at Rochdale in the 3-2 defeat in September and Jordan Clark, memorably, struck a late minute winner to wrap up a dramatic 2-1 victory at Barnsley, his local club.

It's happened quite often down the years, too, with perhaps my favourite memory Nigel Jemson, having been subjected to a hot reception from the Oxford United fans on his first return to the Kassam Stadium, volleying home a late winner to seal a 1-0 smash and grab win against the U's in 2001 - I seem to recall he really enjoyed that one! ■



# LIFE AFTER TOWN



# MARVIN MORGAN

FORMER TOWN STRIKER MARVIN MORGAN SUGGESTS THAT HIS TIME AT SHREWSBURY WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN HIS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLING CAREER.

Morgan netted 15 times in 82 league appearances during a two-year spell at the Greenhous Meadow, also bagging three goals in the League Cup.

And the Manchester-born striker has fond memories of his brief stay in Shropshire.

"It was a really good time and I enjoyed it. I think that, in a short career as a professional, it was possibly my most successful time with promotion and then staying in League One," he told TownTalk.

"Playing at the Emirates (September 2011) and going on our cup run were highlights. Those are things that you'll never forget as a player—we battled with Arsenal in the cup and at half time their team got booed off.

"I think they were probably the best times, as was going to Coventry away (January 2013), winning 1-0 and scoring the goal—they were all good memories."

Following Shrewsbury's first season in League One, Morgan signed for Plymouth Argyle on a free transfer—proceeding to make 39 appearances and score three goals.

However, his time in Devon was plagued with injuries before he experienced a career-changing moment after suffering what was described as a mini seizure in training back in April 2014.

"Since I left Shrewsbury things went down on a bit of a spiral. We were hoping for promotion at Plymouth but in pre-season I got injured and tore a ligament in my shoulder," the 32-year-old reflected.

"I went to see a surgeon and he said that I would need an operation immediately. I thought I could play on as I was taking painkillers but it wasn't doing anything so I had to have an operation on my shoulder.

"My time at Plymouth was probably spent injured more than it was playing—I was out for five months with my shoulder. Then I got back from that in my second season and two months later I collapsed on the training pitch.

"It was quite a nightmare and I'm still on medication now for the illness that I've got. It made me realise that I had to kind of say goodbye to football and focus on my health and staying fit."

And Morgan, who has also played for Aldershot Town and

Dagenham and Redbridge, admitted it was a very difficult situation to deal with.

"It was quite tough because at first we thought it was something to do with my heart but it was down to something that I have in my brain called a cavernoma.

"I've had it all my life but it remained dormant in my body until that day at training when I collapsed so looking back it was quite scary.

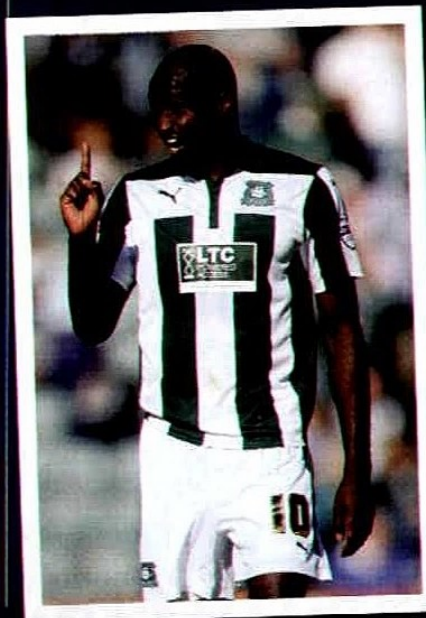
"I still speak to some of the lads who were training that day—they all thought I was dead. That's how crazy it was. The defibrillator had to be brought out because my body went into shock so it was a bit scary for the people around me."

Since the seizure, Morgan has had to take medication each day, every morning and at night time, which has significantly affected his football.

"The medication didn't help with training. It was quite hard to get the medication right and by the time that was happening it was hard to stay fit.

"About three or four years ago I was in my prime, I thought I'd be able to play for ages because I got into football so late but with this happening it's quite hard to stay at the highest level and play at full intensity.

"I have gone down to part time football now for Havant and Waterlooville. But even now I'm not at the top fitness-wise and this is only part time."





Football was not the only thing affected by Marvin's illness, with other aspects of his life, such as driving, also impacted upon.

However, despite what he has been through, Marvin has tried to remain upbeat.

"I lost my license so I lost my independence. I haven't had a seizure for about 14 or 15 months- but if I do have a seizure then I have to wait another year or two before I can get my license back.

"But it is life- things like this pop up. I was recently speaking to someone with heart problems who was advised to stop playing football early. It is tough but sometimes you have to stay mentally strong and keep going."

Shrewsbury Town are currently in 21st place in the Vanarama National League South having accumulated just 18 points in their opening 20 fixtures.

Nevertheless, Morgan attributes the struggles to injury problems and is optimistic that The Hawks can turn their season around.

Marvin suggested: "For us, a whole load of new players have come together and injuries haven't gone our way.

"We won't get relegated but we've just gone through that bad spell of players getting injured at the wrong time and players not being fit.

"My attitude was not that it was going to be easy. It was more that I'd had a good time as a pro and now had my own business that I had to keep focus on.

"I had to drop down the leagues to concentrate on my business- I did get offers from teams in League Two, the Conference and in Scotland but I'd had a good time as a professional and I wanted to go down some other routes."

Alongside his footballing commitments, Morgan is the founder of Fresh Ego Kid Ltd, a fashion brand aiming to take on the fashion scene head on with bright, stylish and creative designs about people's egos.

For Marvin, the business has been very successful and he finds it peculiar to think that



the company all started in Shrewsbury.

"It's going very well. It's strange that the whole brand started in Shrewsbury. The idea began when I was at Aldershot but then I went to Shrewsbury and thought: 'I'm going to do this'.

"So I do have a lot of love and time for Shrewsbury. I got a lot of stick for having a business and playing football- some people didn't like it.

"No one is going to like everything you do, but it was a gift and a curse because ever since I started Fresh Ego Kid, I have been told my focus is not on football.

"If I could do it again, I wouldn't make it so blatant that the company would be mine but hindsight is a great thing.

"Jon (Taylor) used to live with me and he used to help me post some orders. Now, there's some satisfaction in that we're in a position where we have a warehouse for orders to be picked up.

"You've got to be happy within yourself- football is a great sport but sometimes it's just a great living at the time unless you're at the highest level.

"It's got to suit you and you've got to be happy in what you're doing. Currently I'm happy in focussing on my business and other business interests."

A lot has changed at Shrewsbury since Morgan left the club in 2013, and he has been impressed with the club's development over the past two years.

"The club itself has made great progress. I think they are doing everything right really- they have a great fanbase and a lovely stadium," he added.

"It's down to whoever is running the club and what they want to spend and where they want to go. If you look at League One, it's very open, which shows that if you can get a good run together then you can do very well."

To find out more information about Fresh Ego Kid, you can visit [www.freshegokid.com](http://www.freshegokid.com)



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**PLUS LOADS MORE**







# LENNY

Hello Everyone! - Welcome back to the Greenhouse Meadow for this afternoons tie against Swindon Town, of course - an extended welcome to all Swindon Town fans who have made the trip up to the wonderful Town of Shrewsbury today, we hope you are all very impressed by our Town and leave with lots of fond memories, but kindly request you leave the 3points for us - you can have 3points next week!!



Ben Witcher was our mascot for the game at home to Walsall

Well, Christmas is fast approaching with only 6 days to go until the big day, meaning that by now you should really have completed your Christmas shopping for all your family, but... If you haven't, then no need to panic!! - There are countless goods for sale with Sib and Si in the STFC Club Shop, and they're open every day right up until Christmas Eve!

Joining me on Mascot Duty today I have... FREDDIE, THEO, OLIVER - BROTHERS JJ AND RYAN.. PLUS Swindon fans HARRY AND JAMIE! - Im sure you will give all our mascots a huge round of applause as they experience the honour of leading out there heroes!

What do you all think the score will be today? - The results of both ourselves and Swindon this year haven't always perhaps gone as both sets of fans may have liked, but I know for a fact that today we have two very good teams on this pitch who will both be wanting to get those three points on offer! - But with Home advantage and the support of you guys, I'm sure we will see a Salop victory here today!!

**BREATHE ON EM' SALOP!!!**



## JJ DOWNES

AGED 10

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER? Footballer

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE PREDICTION FOR TODAY? Shrewsbury Town 2-1 Swindon

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Playing on my XBOX, Football and riding my bike

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO? Meeting the Players

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER? Sulley Kakai



## RYAN DOWNES

AGED 7

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER? Footballer

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE PREDICTION FOR TODAY? Shrewsbury Town 1-0 Swindon

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Playing Football and Running

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO? Meeting the Players

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER? Abu Ogogo



## THEO LEWIS

AGED 8

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER? Footballer AND... A Drummer in a Rock Band!

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE PREDICTION FOR TODAY? Shrewsbury Town 3-0 Swindon

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Playing on my Drum kit, Football and PlayStation

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO? Meeting the Players

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER? Tyrone Barnett and Jayson Leutwiler



## FREDDIE DALE

AGED 8

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER? A Professional Footballer, or a Sports Pyhsiotherapist

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE PREDICTION FOR TODAY? Shrewsbury Town 2-1 Swindon

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Playing on my XBOX, Football, Tennis, Judo and Reading

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO? Meeting the Players

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER? Jayson Leutwiler



## OLIVER LLYOD

AGED 8

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER? RICH!! (Great Answer! - Lenny!)

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE PREDICTION FOR TODAY? Shrewsbury Town 2-1 Swindon

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Ice Skating, Tennis and Football

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO? Meeting the Players and Walking out onto the Pitch

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER? Jean Louis Akpa Akpro



# HALF TIME GAMES

## QUICK QUIZ!

- How many of our players have birthdays in December?  
(a) 2 (b) 7 (c) 5
- On this day, December 19th, in 1989, Shrewsbury which team 4-0?  
(a) Chelsea (b) Cardiff (c) Coventry
- What is Swindon's nickname?  
(a) The Blackbirds (b) The Robins (c) The Swifts
- What is the name of the stadium where Swindon play their home games?  
(a) County Ground (b) County Park (c) County Stadium
- Why is there a picture of a steam train on Swindon's badge?  
(a) There was once a railway station on the site of Swindon's ground  
(b) Because, until 1960, Swindon was the main manufacturer of Steam locomotives  
(c) Because the first Railway engine, The Rocket, was built there.

## SWINDON MASCOTS



**JAMIE HULL**

AGED 8  
 WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER?  
 Archaeologist  
 WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?  
 Archaeology, Rugby and Football  
 WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO?  
 Meeting the Players  
 WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER?  
 Matt Tootle for Shrewsbury Town and for Swindon - NATHAN THOMPSON



**HARRY HULL**

AGED 10  
 WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER?  
 Professional Sportsman  
 WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?  
 Football, Rugby, Cricket and Fishing  
 WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO?  
 Meeting the Players  
 WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER?  
 Matt Tootle for Shrewsbury Town and for Swindon - YASER KASIM

## LENNY'S CHALLENGE

Lenny challenges you to find the names of these Premiership goalkeepers including of course, our own "home grown" Joe Hart! Look in all directions- including on the diagonal.)

- HOWARD (Everton) MIGNOLET (Liverpool)  
 GUZAN (Aston Villa) FOSTER (Southampton)  
 DE GEA (Manchester United) CECH (Arsenal)  
 LLORIS (Tottenham) PANTILIMON (Sunderland)  
 BUTLAND (Stoke) HART (Manchester City and England!)



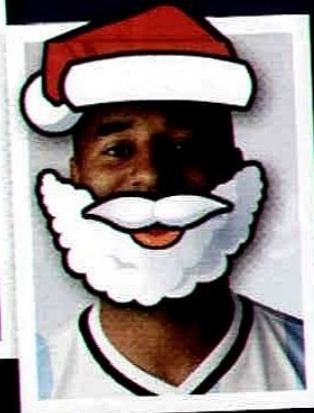
Today's Anagram and Distorted Picture has a festive feel! - Can you guess who they are?



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## 2015 REPORT

### Who we are:

Shrewsbury Town in the Community is a community development programme working with Shrewsbury Town Football Club, delivering to a range of different communities and age groups across Shropshire. Our four main themes, governed by the Football League Trust, are: Sports Participation, Education, Health, Social Inclusion.

We are a registered charity (Charity No: 1125101), which strives to make a positive difference for all through sport and learning. We aim to do this by providing fun, safe and enjoyable activities for people of all ages and abilities while ensuring our sessions are accessible and delivered to the highest of standards. We recognise the positive impact we have on the community, but are continually looking to develop and expand our reach.



### Our Mission

To utilise the power of sport to engage, inspire and strengthen our local community.

To deliver a service that can be judged as 'first class' by our participants, funders and community partners.

A service that is seen to make a significant social contribution, changing lives by creating opportunities for all of our participants.

### Our Purpose

To deliver a service that can be judged as 'first class' by our participants, funders and community partners.

A service that is seen to make a significant social contribution, changing lives by creating opportunities for all of our participants.

2866 individual participants (Jan - Nov)  
1586 individual sessions delivered (Jan - Nov)  
Our oldest participant was 88 years old.  
(Jan - Nov) ■



# INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

## Holiday Soccer Schools

During 2015, the Shrewsbury Town in the Community Soccer Schools engaged with over 2,500 children over 7 different locations across Shropshire (Shrewsbury, Whitchurch, Wem, Ludlow, Lilleshall, Bridgnorth and Bishops Castle).

This summer we piloted the 'Shrewsbury Town Summer Experience', giving the children a closer look at what goes on behind the scenes at Shrewsbury Town Football Club and that engaged with 45 children per day over 4 days.



## Female Football Development

Playing an integral role in the progression of the Women's & Girls' game, Shrewsbury Town in the Community are driving participation growth and retention, as it delivers over 1000 FFD sessions built upon an ethos of fun, friends and fitness

We have increased Women's and Girls engagement by **179%** from 2014.

## Walking Football

Walking Football, a slow-paced version of the beautiful game aimed at the over 55s.

Walking Football is designed to help people keep an active lifestyle despite their age, as well as getting those back playing football who had to stop due to injuries.





# DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## NCS

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a life changing national programme for 16 to 17 years olds (or current year 11 and 12 students). It is a fun, exciting and challenging programme that offers young people the opportunity and skills to make a real difference in their local communities.

2015 has been our most successful year to date with 79 young people engaged in the programme with an astonishing **£6,200** raised for local charities to date.

*"Challenging enough to make a difference! Lifelong friends have been made"* Shania Mundy, 16.

*"This is the best summer I have ever had and it's all thanks to Shrewsbury Town in the Community's NCS programme. I've made so many new friends and fantastic members of staff and been able to help people through raising money for charity - I wouldn't change my experience on this programme for the world"* Haifa Masefield 16.

## Extra Time

A club for those of retirement age seeking social interaction and physical activities. As well as offering enjoyable exercise, the sessions also give an opportunity for social engagement, contributing to emotional health and well-being.

*We have increased our elderly engagement by **238%**.*



## Disability Sport

Our Disability programme offers weekly sessions to children and adults living with Cerebral Palsy and Down's syndrome.

*Our Disability engagement has increased **20.8%** from 2014*

## Short Breaks

Our Short Breaks sessions are specifically for children with disabilities or additional needs aged 5-14. The sessions give parents and carers are much deserved and vital 'Short Break'.

*Crime Figures decreased by **52.81%** in Meole Brace since Street Games started in 2014.*

## Street Games

Through sport the StreetGames Network changes lives, changes sport and changes communities. Our StreetGames clubs are delivered for 48 weeks of the year to youths aged 14 to 19 in Meole Brace, Harlscott and now Ludlow.

## Kinder + Kids Cup

Our Kinder + Kids Cup engaged over 30 local schools and had one of the largest increases across the 72 football league clubs.





# SUPPORTING EDUCATION



## Football and Education Programme

The academic programme allows for students to study for a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in association with Shrewsbury College, whilst developing their ability as a football player in a professional environment.

## Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development

The Foundation Community Football Coaching and Development degree has been designed in conjunction with the Football League Trust in order to identify the type of skills and qualities that are required to work within professional football clubs community departments or national governing bodies in areas of growth such as social inclusion, community coaching and football development.

*Our FD students have delivered 768 voluntary hours within the community.*

## Stadium Education

Using the backdrop of the Greenhous Meadow, we have designed visits that are cross curricular and use the power of sport and Shrewsbury Town FC to engage each individual.

Class visits are designed for pupils in Key Stage 2. This includes a worksheet incorporating Literacy, Math and Art and Design for students to complete as they tour our 1st class stadium.

*Over 200 children have enjoyed our Stadium Education visits.*

## Reading the Game

'Reading The Game' is a literacy programme, which is designed to use the motivational power of football and sport to inspire children to read more and improve their English skills. 'Reading The Game' has already engaged over 100 children since starting in September 2015.





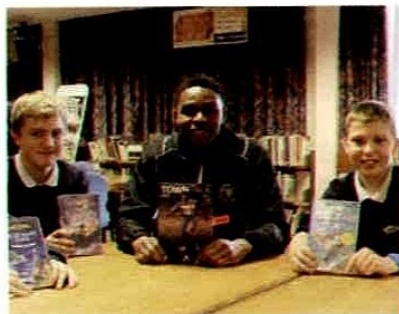
# IMPROVING FACILITIES

## South Shropshire Regional Community Hub

When Ludlow Football Stadium was in danger of closing, Shrewsbury Town in the Community partnered with the Shropshire FA and Football Foundation to design a sustainable project that increases the use of Ludlow Football Stadium and delivers our numerous projects across South Shropshire.

The South Shropshire Regional Community Hub opened its doors to the community on 1 October 2015 and has began engaging with the local Ludlow and South Shropshire community in its first five weeks.

We are currently active within 4 local schools/colleges delivering both curriculum time and after school club coaching, engaging with 212 children per week across both programmes. Through the October 2015 Half Term, we ran a three-day soccer school programme which engaged with 60 children throughout the holiday period.



November saw the start of our Street Games initiative which targets 14-19-year-olds and we hope to have up to 40 players per week participating having forged good links with the local policing authority and local community youth groups.

Over **£90,000** is being invested into the South Shropshire Regional Community Hub over the next 3 years.

### Player Engagement

During the course of the year our players have averaged over 25 community appearances per month. This has ranged from Jermaine Grandison opening a charity shop, Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro taking part in a French Lesson and Nathaniel Knight-Percival and James Wesolowski completing a 90-mile bike ride to raise money for Hope House Children's Hospice.

*We have averaged over **25** community appearances per month*

## MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE

Today's Matchday Experience team is **Oswestry Boys and Girls Club U14 Minions**.

**Brown Clee** are also attending the game, they are working in partnership with Shrewsbury Town ITC.







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Words: James Eley

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## ANTHONY GERRARD

Today sees Anthony Gerrard under the cosh.



**Q -** If you invited me round for dinner what would you cook?

**A -** *I would cook a nice roast dinner, I am good at that.*

**Q -** At a theme park when it comes to rides do you stick to the roundabouts or head for the big, fast rollercoaster's?

**A -** *I like the big rides. I haven't been in a while though.*

**Q -** Do you keep up to date with the latest fashions?

**A -** *A little bit. But I wouldn't turn up to training in bootleg jeans or anything!*

**Q -** Who was your favourite sportsman as a kid (any sport)?

**A -** *Zinedine Zidane and Paolo Maldini were my favourite players. Zinedine was fantastic and Maldini was a brilliant defender so they were the two I looked up to.*

**Q -** Do you think you would make a good politician and if so why?

**A -** *No because I am too honest and politics and honesty doesn't mix.*





**Q - How would you describe your mood on an average morning?**

*A - Depends if I have to drive to Shrewsbury for an hour and a half! If I am at home with my family I am fine but if I have to get up at half 6 to drive down then I am not in the best of moods.*



**Q - Are you an animal lover?**

*A - To an extent. I had a dog but I am not bothered either way.*

**Q - Which film would you watch again and again?**

*A - I don't have a particular favourite. It depends what mood I am in. If I am feeling girly then pretty woman but if I am feeling manly it would be something like Gladiator or 300! I have an eclectic taste in films.*



**Q - What do you plan to do when you retire from the game?**

*A - I would like to stay in football in some capacity. Maybe as a coach or something like that but I am not sure how that will come about. It would be nice to pass my knowledge and experience on to other players. My agent has suggested I go and work with him, I've had some bad experiences with agents so hopefully I could improve their reputation.*

**Q - Are you squeamish - do you faint at the sight of blood?**

*A - No, definitely not, I've been cut too many times, put a bit of vaseline on, tape yourself up and get on with it.*



**Q - Have you ever cried watching a film and if you have what film and why?**

*A - I cried at the Champ which is an old film. I cried at Lion King too when we had our little boy!*

**Q - What song would you pick to sing at an initiation and why?**

*A - My way by Frank Sinatra because everything I have done in my career I have done how I want. I have never bowed down to any managers or anything, even if it might have been to the detriment of my career!*



**Q- When you go shopping with your other half, do you enjoy it or would you rather be elsewhere?**

*A - No I hate shopping with my missus. I have to do Christmas shopping now but if it is me I like to just get in and out quickly.*



**Q - Musically what's your favourites and what is currently on repeat play?**

*A - Not really a massive music fan too be fair but I do like Motown and I like listening to that.*





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**ON THIS DAY**

**1903** - Town host Kidderminster in what is their first ever home game on this date, winning 2-1. They will not play at home again on this date until 1980

**1914** - The FA Cup pairs us with Nottingham Forest, away, but a solitary goal by Hughes is all we take in a 6-1 defeat

**1989** - Town host Cardiff in the LDV Trophy first round stage, winning 4-0 with McGinlay (2), Naughton and Priest the scorers

**TOP 10'S**

**MOST GOALS CONCEDED IN A BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE SEASON**

1.	106	1906/07
2.	98	1895/96
3.	96	1900/01
4.	95	1919/20
5.	90	1898/99
6.	84	1905/06
7.	82	1931/32
8.	80	1901/02
9.	79	1930/31
10.	79	1926/27

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1.	10	1947/48	ML
2.	9	1945/46	ML
3.	8	1922/23	BL
4.	7	1936/37	BL
5.	7	1935/36	BL
6.	6	1937/38	ML
7.	6	1937/38	BL
8.	6	1928/29	BL
9.	5	1946/47	ML
10.	5	1927/28	ML

**PLAYERS WITH MOST GOALS VS. SWINDON TOWN**

1. Arthur Rowley	6
2. Ray Weigh	5
3. Colin Whitaker	4
4. Jimmy McLaughlin	4
5. Arnold Jackson	2
6. Alec McCue	2
7. Willie O'Donnell	2
8. Ray Russell	2
9. Derek Price	2
10. Roy Ambler	2



Arthur Rowley



Ray Weigh

**BIRTHDAYS:**



Bob Tooze 69



Mark Blake 48



James Wallace 24

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The most clean sheets recorded by any Town side in the League Cup came in the 1986/87 campaign when out of the seven matches played, our opponents failed to find the net in five, which included a run of three consecutive shut-outs versus, Stoke, Hull and Cardiff, a record equalled in 2014/15 season with three consecutive clean sheets versus Blackpool, Leicester and Norwich.

The gate receipts for the 1930/31 Welsh Cup replay versus Lovells Athletic played on 26th March, and which Town won 1-0, amounted to the grand total of... £14.



A warm welcome to all of our fans, Sovereign Club members, sponsors and box holders to today's game against Swindon.

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I would like to thank our match ball sponsor the Reakes-Williams family, who are here to celebrate the 50th Birthday of Jerry Reakes-Williams. Happy Birthday Jerry from everyone at the club.

A special mention must also go to our associate match sponsor Shropshire Chamber of Commerce. Richard Sheehan and his team do a sterling job of linking businesses together



all around Shropshire and across the UK to help create a wealthier business economy in our fair county.

We have a limited number of spaces left for our festive game against Fleetwood on the 26th of December. Prices start at

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*Richard Hill* ■



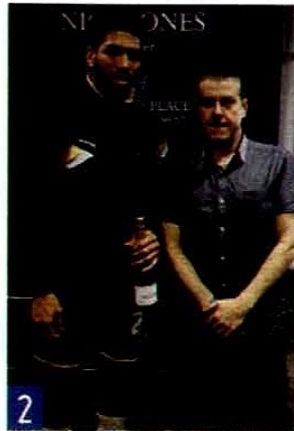


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1. Ed Parkes, Robin Kent and Alan Leech of match ball sponsors GTE Transport Ltd with match referee Peter Bankes



2. Alan Leech of match ball sponsors GTE Transport Ltd with Nathaniel Knight-Percival



3. Andrew Hughes of Pleydell Smithyman with Nathaniel Knight-Percival

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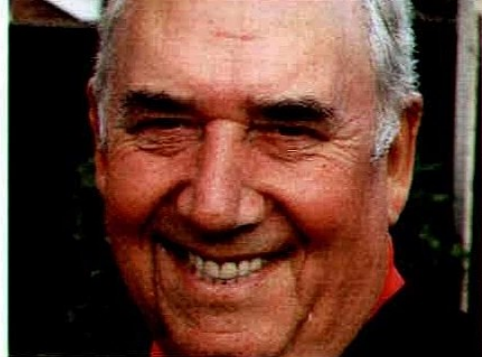
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# > Bob Davies

view from the pressbox



FLICKING THROUGH THE SPORTS PAGES ON MY COMPUTER THE OTHER DAY THERE WAS THE USUAL SPECULATION AS TO WHO THE TWO MANCHESTER CLUBS - UNITED AND CITY - OR ARSENAL AND LIVERPOOL WERE LIKELY TO SPEND THEIR MULTIMILLION POUNDS ON WHEN THE TRANSFER WINDOW REOPENS NEXT MONTH.

It is tedious because, more often than not, nothing ever comes of the repeated suggestions - generally based on comments from an anonymous "insider" - that this, that and the other European star is on his way to the Premier League.

But amid all the conjecture there was one story which leapt out of the page at me. It featured an incident in Germany in which a second division player had caused considerable offence by taunting a woman referee with a string of what were claimed to be sexist remarks.

What made it all the more intriguing, however, was that the authorities hit on the perfect solution by ordering the player who had caused so much upset to referee a ladies match. Humiliating or what?

Whether or not it will prove to be a complete antidote and prevent similar distressing scenarios being repeated in Germany or, indeed, other countries, remains to be seen.

But it prompted me to think that the lot of the man in the middle - or, in the incident in Germany, the woman - is not always a happy one.

The whistle blower is an essential part of the game but there are times when they are not afforded the respect they are due by either the fans or the players.

How often, for instance, does the chant "You don't know what you're doing" reverberate around grounds? And how frequently do we experience the unsavoury side of the game when players dispute a decision and vent their feelings on the referee?

It is a futile exercise because I can't recall a single occasion when a referee has been persuaded by the players to change a conclusion he has come to, having had a split second in which to make up his mind.

Don't get me wrong, I am not here to champion the cause of referees as they are perfectly capable of doing that for themselves. But I do think at times they deserve a little more sympathy than they are given, especially when the temperature of a game is running at a high level.

Believe me, referring it is not that easy. I had a taste of it in my young days as a reporter when, having been sent to cover a Shrewsbury Thursday League match, I was cajoled into taking the whistle when the referee failed to put in an appearance.

It was daunting, to say the least, while a close friend of mine went through the routine of qualifying as a referee, thinking he was giving back something to the game he had played for

many years, only to pack it in because he could no longer tolerate abuse from 15 year olds or having expletives hurled at him by their parents on the touchline.

What we all forget is that the man in charge doesn't have the benefit of hindsight when making a decision over an incident which happens in the blink of an eye. Neither does he have the luxury of halting play while television pictures from all angles are analysed before he has to give his verdict.

As we all know, that happens in rugby and cricket but I am not so sure that it should be introduced into football as it would undoubtedly halt the flow of the game and inevitably deprive one side or the other of momentum.

But back to that little splot in Germany in which a player thought it clever to undermine the authority of the referee just because she happened to be a woman.

We already have the occasional game in which one of the linesmen - or, as they are referred to these days, assistant referees - is female.

In these days of equality how long will it be before one of them steps up to take control? Hopefully, if that comes about, they will be offered more respect than that poor German lady. ■





## ON THE ROAD>>> CREWE

Words: Mark Young



CREWE ARE THE NEXT TEAM UP FOR THE SHREWS AWAY FROM HOME ON THE 28TH DECEMBER, THE FINAL FIXTURE OF 2015.

### THE OPPOSITION

Steve Davis has been in charge of the club in 2011 and has won over a third of his games but with only 19 points so far this season from 21 fixtures leaving the club bottom at this stage.

The one piece of confidence that can be gained is that a position of safety is not far

off. Two points from safety but four positions from it makes it look worse than it is.

The Shrews however are only three points ahead of their rivals and will be looking to keep the gap to at least three points come the end of December.



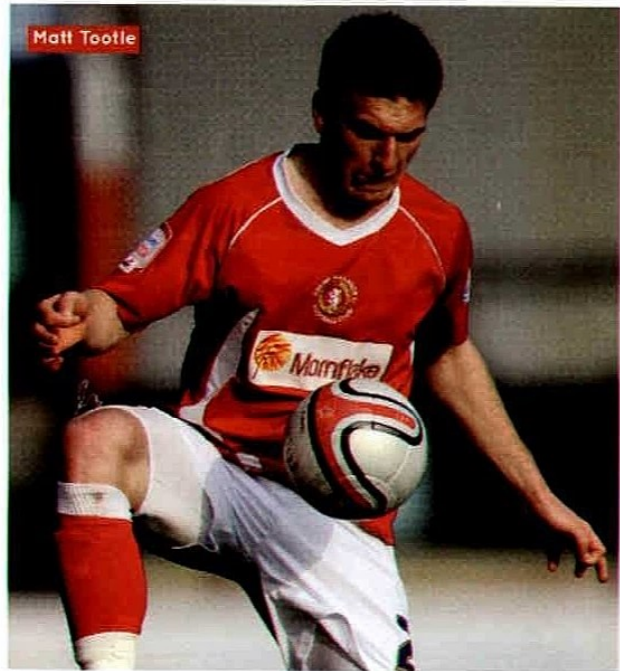


## PLAYER CONNECTIONS

Lee Bell and Matt Tootle have both represented the Shrews and Crewe during their careers.

Bell had a loan spell with the Shrews in 2003 and went on to spend between 2010 and 2012 representing The Alex.

Current Shrews defender Tootle has only represented Shrewsbury and Crewe in his career. The 25 year old made close to 200 league appearances for the Alex and is now a first team regular for his new club.



## COACHES

### Away Travel Club

#### Monday 28th December

#### Departure Times

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# > James Bond



## RIVALRY WITH AN EDGE

Formula One partners **Mark Webber** and Sebastian Vettel seemed to have a hate-hate enmity within the Red Bull racing team which the press loved to headline.

There was an infamous moment in the 2013 Malaysian Grand Prix when Vettel ignored team orders not to overtake Webber. He did – and snatched the chequered flag.

Tension had been festering from 2010 though – and the Turkish GP, when Vettel tried to get past but seemed to swerve into Webber. Most felt Vettel was at fault, but the Red Bull management thought otherwise – and that lit the touch-paper between the two.

Webber was in Shropshire recently, launching his new autobiography *Aussie Grit* before a packed audience in Oswestry – organised by the town's Booka Bookshop.

I asked him about that rivalry. "It started by mistake, really," he said. "We got on so well in 2009 and the team was coming through the transition phase into getting some sensational results. "Red Bull was on a tremendous high, and we started to fight for the World Championship in 2010 which none of us really saw coming.

"That caused tension, and it was difficult for the team to manage. Was there a favourite? There was paranoia on both sides and the relationship went a bit sour from there."

Webber grew up in Australia, and reveals in his book that his father steered him from motorbikes to karting – which is where his love of racing took off.

Webber eventually left home for the UK with his dream to get into Formula One. Living on a wing and prayer (and in a friend's box room), he persisted – attracting the attention of Mercedes via Formula Ford and Formula Three successes.

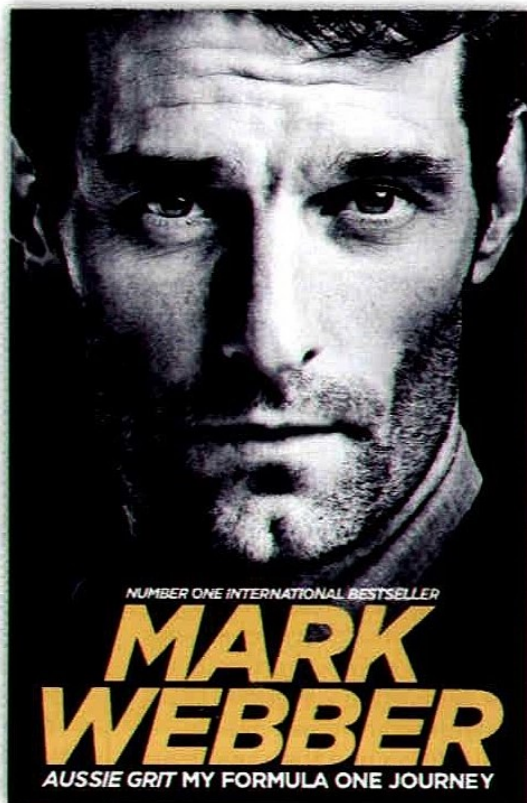
This led to his F1 breakthrough with Minardi and later Jaguar, Williams and Red Bull.

Webber made 42 podiums in his career. Which was the most memorable, he was asked in Oswestry?

"Winning at Monte Carlo is special. It's such a tough circuit (he had two victories there) – closely followed by winning here in Britain, my second home, racing in front of the Brits who are so knowledgeable about the sport."

Webber, who retired at the end of the 2013 season, still lives in the UK and now races for Porsche in the sportscar series.

In his book, he relates the journey from the Australian back of beyond to the top of



F1, with personal tales ranging from being scraped upside down across the ground after a high-speed crash – to the official GP banquet with the Monaco royal family when he turned up in T-shirt and trainers!

A good read from an entertaining fellow!

*'Aussie Grit' by Mark Webber is published by Macmillan*

Another big-name Formula One racer is also in print. *Staying On Track* by the 1992 World Champion Nigel Mansell is published by Simon & Schuster.





# OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

GOOD AFTERNOON ALL



Following our excellent away win at Sheffield United a week or so ago refereeing was under the spotlight once again. I fully understand referees have a difficult job and they see things in real time and they make a call based on what they see. This is fine but all through the Sheffield game Ian Black was targeted by their players and two or three times he ended up in a heap on the pitch. But one tackle on him was nasty and this resulted in him being forced off later in the game. No action was taken against the player involved. In another

game on the same evening a similar challenge saw the offending player shown a red card. I guess unless we make referees robots we will always get different interpretations of situations but I think as football fans we have a right to demand consistency. Also I feel match officials are led by crowds and in some cases if the crowd shouts the officials are influenced. But I guess all these topics give us something to talk about on the way home from games.

**Simon Moore**  
OSC Chairman



**OSC MAN OF THE MATCH AT PETERBOROUGH**

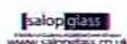
**Mark Halstead**  
**RAFFLE WINNER ON THE COACH TO PETERBOROUGH UNITED**  
**Mike Empson**

## WEB SITE & FACEBOOK:



The OSC now have a Facebook page (**Shrewsbury Town OSC**) where we will be advertising any events that we are holding on the page as well as our away travel arrangements, also there is our web site which is [www.shrewsburytownosc.com](http://www.shrewsburytownosc.com).





# > SUPER BLUES



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## First and foremost Merry Christmas to all Town fans.

Can we take this opportunity to thank all our members for their support and loyalty. Many thanks to our main sponsors Nick Jones (Wealth Manager) and Hydraulics and Precision Ltd.

Tony Holton and Damian Winstone of ARH Group must have a special mention as their support this year has been invaluable to the Super Blues.

## Monthly Draw

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid your subscriptions but for the few remaining people who are still to pay please send your cheque (made payable to STFC Super Blues Club) to our membership secretary Jackie Klekot.

Our November Monthly Draw was held at half time at the

## Gillingham game, winners were

1st Prize £200	437	Mrs S Emery	Shrewsbury
2nd Prize £100	217	Mr C Crossland	Shrewsbury
3rd Prize £100	103	Mr S Fletcher	Telford
4th Prize £50	42	Mr D Maund	Lincoln
5th Prize £50	335	Mr T Allen	Shrewsbury

## Five runners up who receive £20 each

£20	63	Mr R Evans
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£20	170	Mr D Gilmour
£20	91	Mr R Key

## Legends Badges

We are delighted to report that these have proved extremely popular and only a few of those depicting Arthur Rowley, Alf Wood, and Graham Turner remain. Ken Mulhearn badges are also now available.



**Only a few badges celebrating promotion from league two remain on sale.**

To purchase your badges see Chris Smith in the Powerleague bar before today's game or contact Chris 01952 604742 or e-mail [shrewsawaytravel@hotmail.com](mailto:shrewsawaytravel@hotmail.com)

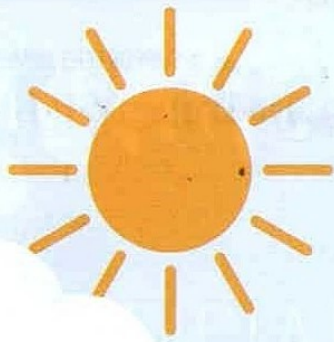
## Man of the match awards...

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# THE FOOTBALL MEN

## > ALBERT JOHANNESON

# 11



ALBERT JOHANNESON WAS A FOOTBALLER OF IMMENSE NATURAL TALENT; HE WAS ALSO A BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN.

But for his sporting abilities he would probably have been a shoemaker in his hometown of Germiston. A schoolteacher spotted his talent and contacted Leeds United, with a three month trial being the result.

Black footballers had been part of the professional game in Victorian and Edwardian England – bravely playing through the explicit prejudices of those times. Gradually their presence diminished and by the 1950's they had been squeezed out to the game's margins. Leeds did have one black player on their books – Gerry Francis from Johannesburg – which was probably why Johanneson's sponsor contacted that club. Newly appointed manager Don Revie was impressed by the young South African's potential and Johanneson became his first signing.

The transition to being a professional footballer in a foreign country was difficult. Johanneson had to acclimatise to the English winter – he had not experienced such cold weather before. Having been brought up under South Africa's apartheid regime he was also disorientated by living in a completely different political and social environment. It seemed incomprehensible that he was now expected to share a communal bath with his white teammates, or that a white apprentice would clean his boots. Away from football there was the freedom to go to previously forbidden places, use public services without restriction and

socialise with people who at home would have lived separate lives. Yet when he played football Johanneson would be subjected to vicious racial taunts from both players and spectators.

In 1961 Leeds were languishing in the lower reaches of the second division. Revie painstakingly revived the club's fortunes, but the team he built was functional and played rather dour football. Johanneson was a lightning-quick, skilful, winger who stood out in a relatively anonymous team. Billy Bremner said his teammate was a genuinely frightening player with the ability to turn defenders inside-out. He was fast, possessed clever footwork and could supply accurate crosses. There was also a terrific shot – over his career Johanneson averaged a goal for every three appearances.

That Johanneson did not reach the heights his talents suggested he was destined was down to an inconsistency generated by a lack of self belief. Bremner felt that Albert had little confidence in himself. It was as if he did not believe what was happening to him; as if he thought a black man was not entitled to be famous.

Johanneson was a regular in the Leeds team that won the second division title in 1963-4, scoring 15 goals. The following season the club made an immediate impact at the highest level, being runners-up in both the league and FA Cup. Johanneson was the first black player to appear in the FA Cup final, but it was an unhappy experience – he was

particularly ineffective as Leeds were completely outplayed by Liverpool.

Thereafter his career fell away. He was increasingly injury prone. Full-backs regularly kicked him believing that being a black man he lacked courage. The ever growing number of scars on his legs suggested the opposite. His first team appearances diminished; the admirably consistent Eddie Gray became first-choice on the wing. Johanneson was made available for transfer and moved to York City in 1970. At Bootham Crescent he made 26 appearances in two seasons, but continued to be plagued by injury. When released by York he decided to retire.

Johanneson struggled with life after football, descending into alcoholism. His marriage broke up, his wife and two daughters going to Jamaica and then settling in the United States. Despite the efforts of his former teammates to help him, Johanneson lived a reclusive existence crippled by his addiction. In 1995 the 53 year-old former footballer was found dead in his council flat, probably having lain undiscovered for a number of days.

Albert Johanneson's tragic end should not detract from the fact that he was a wonderful, entertaining, footballer who battled with the ignorance and prejudice of the times in which he played. His career might have been brief, but he left his mark on the game. ■





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# > A Large Scotch

the story of a Shrewsbury Town fanzine.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY A LARGE SCOTCH

Issue 6 of the now well established ALS celebrated our first anniversary. It was quite an achievement for a bunch of 'twentysomethings' to produce a regular and topical fan magazine. All this at a time when STFC were definitely on a downward spiral.

The front cover highlighted the latest rumour doing the rounds "Why sell me?" said a picture of Tony Kelly. Arms outstretched. "Why not" came the comment from the blurb leading from Chairman Ken Woodhouse mouth. With £ signs in his eyes. The fans beef at the time was why sell Kelly, when the previous summer we had sold John McGinlay? Over the next few seasons, the answer would become clear as the excessive wages paid to members of Ian McNeill's squad came home to roost.

This issue came out after Town had gained their first win of the season (at the seventh attempt). I'm sure there are a few out there that remember Tony Kelly taking on the whole of the Stoke City squad, beating them one by one, before slotting home off a defender in front of a thousand Salopians packed into the away end at the Victoria Ground! Graeme Worsley's 35 yarder was eclipsed only by Gary Shaw walking in front of the Town fans after the game (this was the days when away fans were held in the ground).

I always remember the Stoke fans before the game putting on bets that they were going to win 5-0. I'll be honest, a lot of Town fans thought we'd get tanked that day. How sweet it was to drive back down the A53 with three valuable points.

But in reality, the continued struggles for Salop were only just beginning, and for Asa Hartford, who at 40 was still called for to play in Town's midfield. Especially more so now that Paul Wimbleton had put in a transfer request.

Highlights in this 28 page issue included a look back at Town's foray into the Welsh Cup (and six times winners to boot!), Paul Maguire as "Crowd Hero". A review of the 'Season so far' (which apart from a League Cup win over Gillingham - two legs, had seen tight matches, lots of draws, and a good jump around at Tranmere courtesy of a late Willie Weir equaliser).

The centre pages drew some attention, as A Large Scotch called for the return of "Blue and Gold!" Now it might seem strange but Amber was only listed as our colour mainly in the 70's, most programmes listing us as Blue and Gold well into the 80's. Yet, of course it was Amber. And fans wanted a return to it and the Loggerheads badge as well. As my fanzine editorial colleague Kevin Bright proudly pointed out "Blue and Gold are the colours of the Borough

Council!" He also commented that the fanzine had received quite a lot of letters on the subject. There was even an idea to have a "Blue and Gold" match.

What is still quite incredible to me is that Town at this time were playing in white shirts, with red trim, and blue shorts.

Famous Town Fans featured Nora Batty (????????), there was a review of the first five issues, an article called "Champions of Shropshire" followed by another asking for a re-think on the Shropshire Senior Cup (and again I can't believe we played Telford on the same night we were at Accrington last season - and our youth team thumped The Bucks!).

Our letters page was always topical. Interesting to look back as unlike today with social media, and phone ins, this was the only way to comment in general on STFC (unless you were down the pub, or wrote into the Shropshire Star).

One particular letter of interest was from a fan who had wrote in to recommend Dean Spink (this after he had done the same with Ian McNeill; only for the ex-Shrews Boss to tell our letter writer that "If Spink became a Professional Footballer he was a f\$%^in genius (alas it proves that McIan wasn't right all of the time).

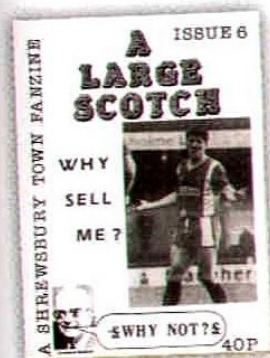
The back page showed three photographs under the banner "What next?"

They were of Gay Meadow, Tony Kelly and John McGinlay. Under each one it said, "Going?, going?, gone".

However the world was changing, eras were coming to an end, and new ones starting, and so it would soon be for Salop.

Adrian Plimmer

A Large Scotch ■





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The Frenchman is working towards his UEFA B-License and took the training session at London Road to gain more real-life coaching experience.

After a warm-up and an opening introduction, where Jean-Louis congratulated the team on last season's promotion, the former Toulouse man put Sean Evans' team through a number of drills before finishing off with a game.

Watching on from the side-lines was Shrewsbury Town in the Community Manager Jamie Edwards who commented: "It's great to see Jean-Louis take the session. It's great that he asked to come here. That's the thing with Jean-Louis, he's so enthusiastic about whatever he does when he comes out on community visits but for this one he's going through his B-License and wants to go on to his A-License so the more varied sessions he can do the better. I think the Ladies have really engaged with him and taking everything on board so everyone wins. It's trying to make sure that the players realise there's not just one team here and hopefully the fans realise that too. There's a Ladies team, a futsal, football education, the Academy and our disability teams so it's trying to make sure we're in it together and representing Shrewsbury Town which is one of the key goals we are trying to achieve in the community."



Shrewsbury Town Ladies manager Sean Evans, who guided his side to promotion last season, took his side to the midweek game against Doncaster Rovers and let the Ladies know that the striker up front would be taking their session in the week.

"I gave them a little heads up," said Sean. "They were there to watch the Doncaster game and I pointed him out to everyone so they all knew who he was. It's great for the girls to have that connection with the club and the girls have enjoyed it and so has Jean-Louis too. We'd love to see more players come down and take some sessions. We're always open to have anyone down here from the Club."

"Jean-Louis was eager to come and even tonight he was here at 6.45 and we don't start till 7.30 so that shows just how keen he is."

Emma Higgs of Shrewsbury Town Ladies enjoyed the change in coaching that Jean-Louis brought to the session.

"It was a really enjoyable session," she said. "It's nice to mix things up and it's great to have someone down here from the professional league share his experience with us. It helps boost the ladies and was a great experience. It seemed to boost everyone and hopefully we can take that high tempo into our next game." ■



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## Final Third Development League – West Division Shrewsbury Town 3-1 Wrexham. 08/12/2015

TYRONE BARNETT SCORED A BRACE AS SHREWSBURY TOWN BEAT WREXHAM IN THE FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE - WEST DIVISION.

The Red Dragons took the lead through John Cofie in the first half but Barnett equalised with a tap in following Liam McAlinden's cross two minutes before the break.

The striker then fired home from close range from another McAlinden cross in the second half, and Darren McKnight sealed the victory for Town with 15 minutes to go by rifling into the bottom corner.

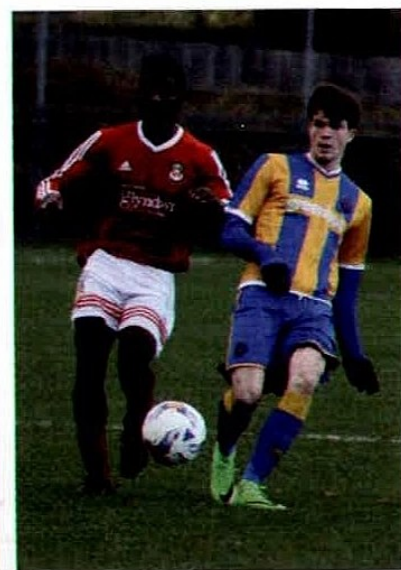
### FIRST HALF

Defender Callum Grogan was the only non-professional in Shrewsbury's starting line-up as Town named a strong side.

On loan winger McAlinden looked to open the scoring with two efforts from long range in the opening 12 minutes - one flying over and the other being well held by Wrexham goalkeeper Liam Sharpe.

Striker Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro was then picked out unmarked at the far post from Mat Sadler's cross on the left, but the Frenchman could only glance his header wide.

And it was the visitors who took the lead in the 25th minute when Danny O'Brien fed Cofie to the inside right of the penalty area and the winger fired underneath the goalkeeper from the angle.



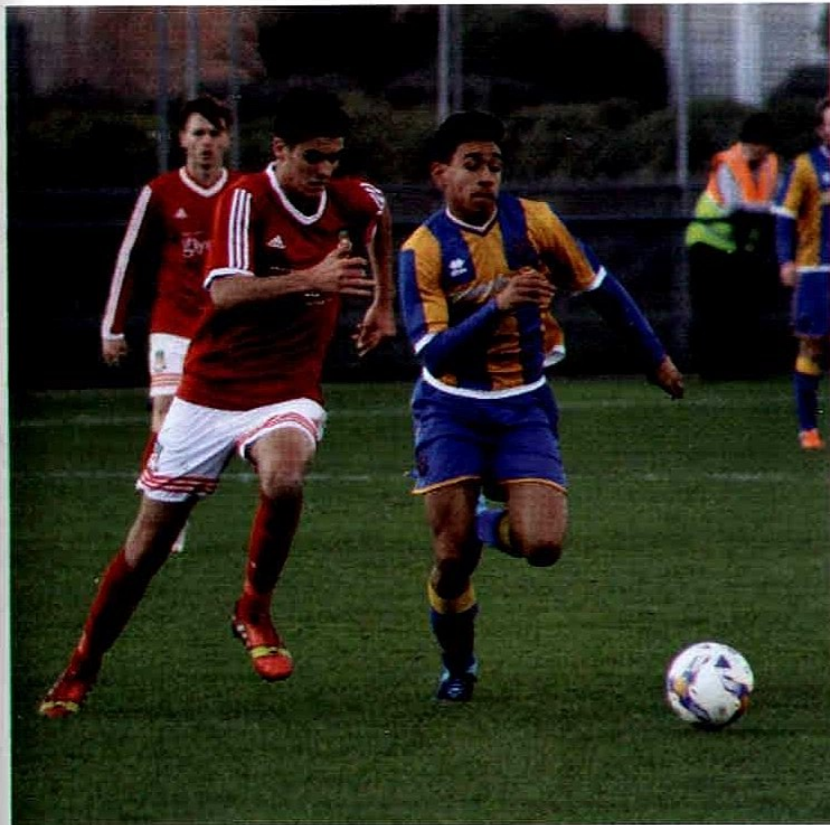
James Gray also saw a low strike fly whiskers wide for the Red Dragons.

At the other end, defender Sam Patterson drove forward from his right-back position, feinted past two players and forced a low save from Sharpe when entering the Wrexham box.

However, Town did find an equaliser in the 43rd minute when McAlinden crossed low from the right, looking for Barnett, and the 'keeper could only help it onto the striker who had a tap in from ten yards.

**HALF-TIME:** Shrewsbury Town 1-1 Wrexham





## Shrewsbury Town Youth Team Fixtures 2015/16

DATE	OPPONENT	RES
<b>AUGUST 2015</b>		
SAT 8TH	MORECAMBE A	W 4-1
SAT 15TH	BURNLEY H	W 2-0
TUE 18TH	CARLISLE A	L 2-0
SAT 22ND	WALSALL A	L 2-0
SAT 29TH	SCUNTHORPE A (YA CUP)	W 2-0
<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>		
SAT 5TH	BURY H	W 3-0
SAT 12TH	FLEETWOOD A	W 2-0
SAT 19TH	TRANMERE H	W 3-0
SAT 26TH	PORT VALE A	W 2-0
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>		
SAT 3RD	MANSFIELD TOWN A (YA CUP)	W 2-0
SAT 17TH	WIGAN A	D 1-1
SAT 24TH	BLACKPOOL H	L 3-1
TUE 27TH	AFC TELFORD H (FA Y Cup)	W 2-1
SAT 31ST	WREXHAM H (YA CUP)	W 2-1
<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>		
SAT 7TH	PRESTON A	L 2-1
SAT 14TH	WREXHAM H	L 1-1
WED 18TH	ILKESTON A (FA Y CUP R2)	L 4-1
FRI 27TH	ACCRINGTON A	L 2-1
<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>		
SAT 5TH	ROCHDALE A	D 1-1
SAT 12TH	CARLISLE UNITED H	D 1-1
SAT 19TH	TRANMERE A	
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>		
SAT 9TH	FLEETWOOD H	
SAT 16TH	WIGAN H (YA CUP)	
SAT 30TH	PORT VALE H	
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>		
SAT 6TH	BURNLEY A	
SAT 20TH	MORECAMBE H	
SAT 27TH	BURY A	
<b>MARCH 2016</b>		
SAT 5TH	WALSALL H	
SAT 12TH	WIGAN H	
SAT 19TH	BLACKPOOL A	
<b>APRIL 2016</b>		
SAT 2ND	PRESTON H	
SAT 9TH	WREXHAM A	
SAT 16TH	ACCRINGTON H	
SAT 23TH	ROCHDALE H	

Akpa Akpro almost gave the Shrews, led by Ian Dawes and Danny Coyne, the lead four minutes after the break when he beat his man on the left before curling a low shot narrowly wide of the far post.

Matt Tootle also looked to catch Sharpe off his line from just inside the Wrexham half, but the effort was off target.

And McAlinden went even closer to a Town second as he rattled the crossbar with a thumping left-foot drive from just inside the box.

Towns goalkeeper was forced into a superb stop on the hour mark to beat away a powerful half-volley from Gray from over 25 yards out.

And a minute later, Shrewsbury went in front as McAlinden drove down the left and crossed low for the unmarked Barnett in the box who then fired low first-time into the bottom right corner.

McKnight then scored a decisive third as McAlinden pulled the ball back to the

edge of the box to McKnight who drilled a low shot into the bottom left corner.

**FULL-TIME:** Shrewsbury Town 3-1 Wrexham

**SHREWSBURY TOWN LINE-UP:** Callum Burton (GK); Sam Patterson, Mat Sadler, Dominic Smith (C), Callum Grogan, Matt Tootle, Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Ethan Jones, 62), Darren McKnight, Tyrone Barnett (Kaiman Anderson, 62), Jordan Clark, Liam McAlinden.

**UNUSED SUBS:** Chris Gallagher.

**GOALS:** Barnett (43, 61), McKnight (76).

**WREXHAM LINE-UP:** Liam Sharpe (GK); Ross White (C), Joe Williams (Johnny Smith, 80), Taylor McKenzie, Iwan Cartwright, James Gray, Jon Nolan, Danny O'Brien, Joel Logan, John Cofie, Aaron Simpson.

**UNUSED SUBS:** Kieran Wolland (GK), Jordan Davies, Leroy Jennings.

**BOOKED:** Simpson (75), Gray (81).





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NAME: Joe Kenton	
NICKNAME: Kents	DATE OF BIRTH: 19/05/98
PLACE OF BIRTH: Wolverhampton	POSITION: Winger
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wolverhampton Wanderers	
WHICH FIRST TEAM PLAYER ARE YOU MOST SIMILAR TO? Junior Brown	WHOSE BOOTS DO YOU CLEAN? Nobody
WHICH BOOTS DO YOU WEAR? Nike Mercurials	WHAT AGE WERE YOU WHEN YOU JOINED THE CLUB? 14
LAST ARTIST/BAND YOU WENT TO SEE: Drake	LAST FILM YOU WATCHED: Fast Furious 7
LAST BOOK YOU READ: Pirlo autobiography	LAST PLACE YOU WENT ON HOLIDAY? Italy
WHO MAKES YOU LAUGH? Ethan Jones	WHO MAKES YOU ANGRY?
WHAT WAS YOUR BEST SUBJECT AT SCHOOL? P.E	
AIMS FOR THIS SEASON: To be consistent throughout season	





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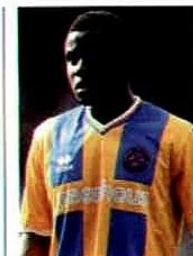
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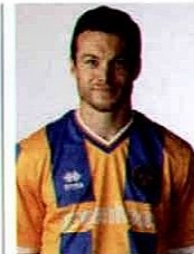
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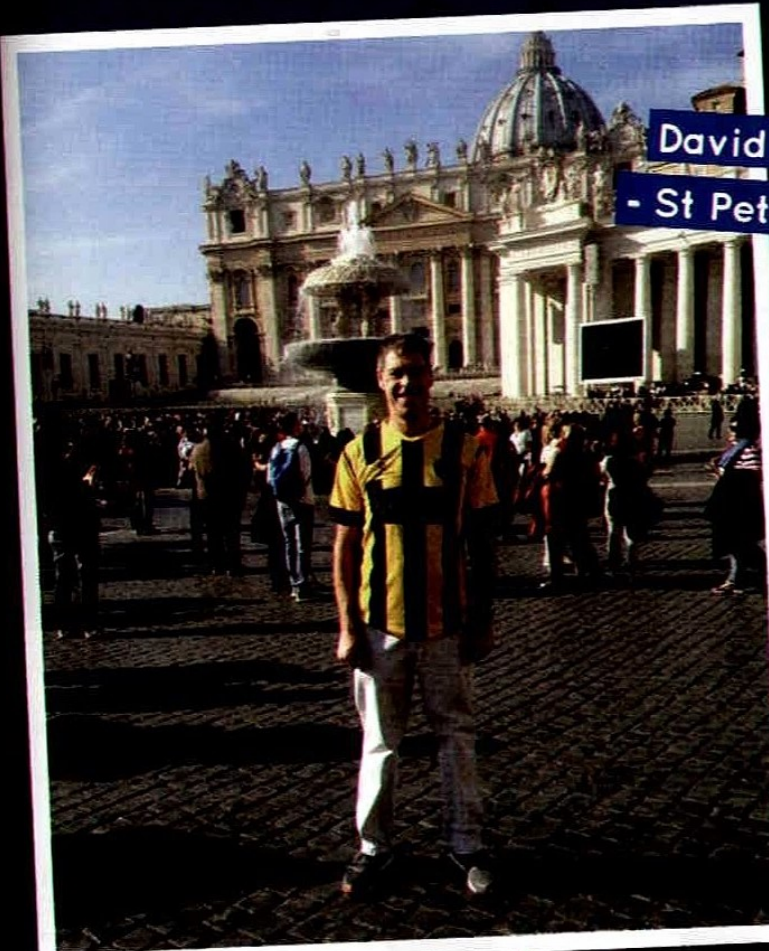


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	SKY BET LEAGUE 1		FA CUP		CAPITAL ONE CUP		JPT		TOTAL STFC CAREER	
	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
JAYSON LEUTWILER	17	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	77	-
MARK HALSTEAD	3	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	3 (3)	-
CALLUM BURTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHAUN ROWLEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MICKY DEMETRIOU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46 (2)	3
MARK ELLIS	9	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	47	4
JERMIANE GRANDISON	13	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	150 (15)	5
NATHANIEL KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	13	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	51	4
SAM PATTERSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
MATT SADLER	11 (1)	1	1	-	2	-	1 (1)	-	66 (2)	1
DOMINIC SMITH	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
MATT TOOTLE	16	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	18	1
ZAK WHITBREAD	4 (1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5 (1)	-
IAN BLACK	7 (1)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	9 (1)	1
JUNIOR BROWN	11 (2)	-	2	-	1 (1)	-	2	1	16 (3)	1
JAMES CATON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (2)	-
JORDAN CLARK	6 (3)	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	30 (15)	4
LARNELL COLE	14 (1)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	16 (1)	1
LIAM LAWRENCE	10 (5)	-	1	-	2	-	(1)	-	48 (10)	6
DARREN MCKNIGHT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ABU OGOGO	20	1	2	-	2	-	1 (1)	-	25 (1)	1
JAMES WESOLOWSKI	1	-	-	-	(1)	-	1	-	25 (6)	1
SHAUN WHALLEY	(4)	-	1 (1)	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	1 (2)	-
JEAN-LOUIS AKPA AKPRO	7 (10)	2	(1)	-	1 (1)	-	-	-	39 (32)	11
TYRONE BARNETT	11 (7)	5	(1)	-	1 (1)	-	2	1	22 (19)	9
JAMES COLLINS	13 (5)	5	2	1	2	1	-	-	123 (25)	48
LIAM MCALINDEN	1 (4)	-	(1)	-	-	-	2	1	6 (9)	4
SCOTT VERNON	3 (1)	1	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	17 (15)	3
SULLAY KAIKAI	10 (2)	5	1	-	-	-	(1)	-	11 (3)	5



# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2015/16



DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	KO	RES	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS							
<b>AUGUST 2015</b>															
SAT 8TH	MILLWALL	H	15:00	L	1-2	6,671	1547	19	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler	Goldson	Grandison	M. Woods	
TUE 11TH	BLACKBURN (COCT)	A	19:45	W	1-2	5,280	648	-	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler	Goldson	Grandison	M. Woods	
SAT 15TH	BRADFORD	A	15:00	D	1-1	18,039	381	18	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler	R Woods	Grandison	Goldson	Ellis
TUE 18TH	CHESTERFIELD	H	19:45	L	1-2	4,935	344	19	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler 1	R Woods	Grandison	Ellis	
SAT 22ND	OLDHAM	A	15:00	D	1-1	3,963	364	19	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler	R Woods	Grandison	Ellis	
TUE 25TH	CRYSTAL PALACE (COX2)	A	19:45	L	4-1	10,978	735	-	Leutwiler	Tootle 1	Sadler	R Woods	Grandison	Lawrence	
SAT 29TH	BURTON ALBION	H	15:00	L	0-1	4,780	442	21	Leutwiler	Tootle	Sadler	R Woods	Grandison	Ellis	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>															
TUE 1ST	OLDHAM (JPT1)	H	19:45	W	2-0	1,817	133	-	Leutwiler	Grandison	Brown	Wesolowski	Ellis	Ogogo	
SAT 5TH	BARNLEY	A	15:00	W	1-2	6,630	437	16	Leutwiler	Tootle	Grandison	Ellis 1	K-Percival	Ogogo	
SAT 12TH	SOUTHEND UTD	A	15:00	W	0-1	5,212	218	15	Leutwiler	Tootle	K-Percival 1	Ellis	Grandison	Sadler	
SAT 19TH	CREWE	H	15:00	L	0-1	5,481	667	19	Leutwiler	Tootle	K-Percival	Ellis	Grandison	Sadler	Akpa-Akpro 2
SAT 26TH	BLACKPOOL	H	15:00	W	2-0	5,241	478	16	Holstead	Tootle	K-Percival	Ellis	Sadler	Akpa-Akpro 1	
TUE 29TH	ROCHDALE	A	19:45	L	2-3	2,190	272	16	Holstead	Tootle	K-Percival	Ellis	Sadler	Akpa-Akpro 1	
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>															
SAT 3RD	COVENTRY	A	15:00	L	0-3	11,445	803	19	Holstead	Tootle	K-Percival	Grandison	Sadler	Akpa-Akpro 1	
TUE 6TH	FLEETWOOD (JPT2)	A	19:45	L	2-1	1,267	113	-	Leutwiler	Patterson	Ellis	Grandison	Sadler	Brown	
SAT 10TH	COLCHESTER	H	15:00	W	4-2	4,947	194	13	Leutwiler	Tootle	Ellis	K-Percival	Smith	Brown	
SAT 17TH	SCUNTHORPE	A	15:00	L	1-2	3,558	227	18	Leutwiler	Tootle	Ogogo	K-Percival	Smith	Brown	
TUE 20TH	DONCASTER	H	19:45	L	1-2	4,735	250	18	Leutwiler	Tootle	Ogogo	K-Percival 1	Smith	Brown	
SAT 24TH	BURY	H	15:00	W	2-0	4,945	525	16	Leutwiler	Tootle	K-Percival	Whitbread	Lawrence	Brown	
SAT 31ST	PORT VALE	A	15:00	L	0-2	4,880	528	17	Leutwiler	Tootle	K-Percival	Whitbread	Lawrence	Brown	
<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>															
SUN 8TH	G. TRINITY (FAC1)	A		W	1-0	2,160	305	-	Leutwiler	Smith	Gerrard	Whitbread	Sadler	Coleridge	
SAT 21TH	WIGAN	A	15:00	L	0-1	6,803	812	20	Leutwiler	Gerrard	Sadler	Whitbread	Grandison	Black	
TUE 24TH	SHEFFIELD UTD	A	19:45	W	4-2	17,843	240	18	Leutwiler	Grandison	Gerrard	Whitbread	Brown	Kaika	
SAT 28TH	GILLINGHAM	H	15:00	D	2-2	4,959	256	19	Leutwiler	Grandison	Gerrard	K-Percival	Brown	Kaika	
<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>															
TUE 1ST	WALSALL	H	19:45	L	1-5	6,078	1,472	19	Leutwiler	Grandison	Gerrard	K-Percival	Brown	Coleridge	
MON 7TH	GRIMSBY (FAC2)	A	19:45	D	0-0	3,366	75	-	Leutwiler	Grandison	Gerrard	K-Percival	Brown	Whitbread	
SAT 12TH	PETERBOROUGH	A	15:00	D	1-1	5,568	204	18	Holstead	Grandison	Gerrard	K-Percival	Brown	Clark	
TUE 15TH	GRIMSBY (FAC2R)	H	19:45	W	1-0	2,730	280	-	Holstead	Grandison	Gerrard	Whitbread	Brown	Lawrence	
SAT 19TH	SWINDON	H	15:00												
SAT 26TH	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H	15:00												
MON 28TH	CREWE	A	15:00												
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>															
SAT 2ND	CHESTERFIELD	A	15:00												
SAT 9TH	CARDIFF (FAC3)	A	15:00												
SAT 16TH	BARNLEY	H	15:00												
SAT 23RD	BURTON ALBION	A	15:00												
SAT 30TH	SOUTHEND UTD	H	15:00												
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>															
SAT 6TH	FLEETWOOD TOWN	A	15:00												
SAT 13TH	BLACKPOOL	A	15:00												
SAT 20TH	COVENTRY	H	15:00												
SAT 27TH	COLCHESTER	A	15:00												
<b>MARCH 2016</b>															
TUE 1ST	ROCHDALE	H	19:45												
SAT 5TH	DONCASTER	A	15:00												
SAT 12TH	SCUNTHORPE	H	15:00												
SAT 19TH	BURY	A	15:00												
FRI 25TH	PORT VALE	H	15:00												
MON 28TH	WALSALL	A	15:00												
<b>APRIL 2016</b>															
SAT 2ND	WIGAN	H	15:00												
SAT 9TH	MILLWALL	A	15:00												
SAT 16TH	BRADFORD	H	15:00												
TUE 19TH	SHEFFIELD UTD	H	19:45												
SAT 23TH	GILLINGHAM	A	15:00												
SAT 30TH	PETERBOROUGH	H	15:00												
<b>MAY 2016</b>															
SUN 8TH	SWINDON	A	15:00												





R Woods	Ogogo	Akpa Akpro	Collins 1	Barnett	Burton	Ellis	Lawrence	Brown	Whalley	McAlinden	Vernon
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Collins	Brown	Ellis	Ogogo	Akpa Akpro	Halstead	Barnett	Wesolowski	Whalley	M Woods	McAlinden	Clark
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Smith	Kai Kai 1	Cole	Barnett	Ogogo 1	Rowley	McAlinden	Sadler	Clark	Akpa Akpro	Gerrard	Collins
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Cole	Ogogo	Collins	Brown	Kai Kai	Burton	McAlinden	Whalley	Smith	Vernon	Lawrence	Barnett
Black 1	Ogogo	Cole	Collins 1	Vernon 1	Burton	Lawrence	McAlinden	Barnett	Akpa Akpro	Smith	Whalley
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Black	Ogogo	Kai Kai	Collins	Vernon	Whitbread	Lawrence	Whalley	McAlinden	Barnett	Burton	Smith
Barnett	Ogogo 1	Kai Kai	Collins	Vernon	K Percival	Black	Whalley	McAlinden	Clark	Burton	Smith

Half time game Answers:

QUIZ:

- (c) 5- James Collins, Jermaine Grandison, Ryan Woods, Liam Lawrence, Scott Vernon
- (b) Cardiff
- (a) County Ground
- (b) The Swifts
- (b) Swindon's railway works really put Swindon on the map! (But "The Rocket" was built in Newcastle-on-Tyne!)

ANAGRAM: Christmas Tree

GUESS WHO: Scott Vernon & Tyrone Barnett





**SHREWSBURY TOWN**

V

**SWINDON TOWN**



## MATCH FACTS

There hasn't been a draw between the sides (all comps) in the last 15 games, with four wins for Shrewsbury and 11 for Swindon since February 1988.



## MATCH FACTS

The Robins have won four of their last five against the Shrews, though they lost the most recent away meeting in August 2013.



GOALS



AV. GOALS PER GAME



SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)



% SHOTS ON TARGET



CLEAN SHEETS



% GOALS TO SHOTS



CORNER KICKS



GOALS CONCEDED

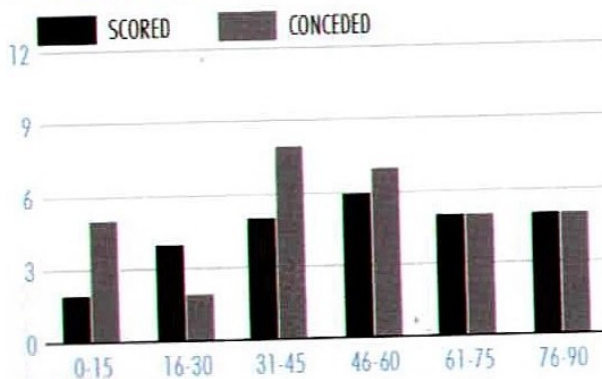


AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME

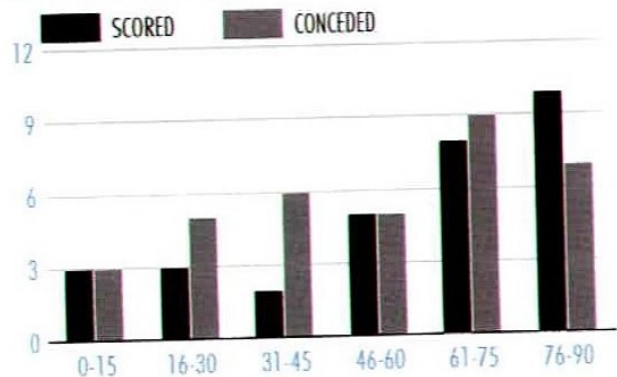


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## GOAL TIMES



## GOAL TIMES



\* Data doesn't include games played on Dec 15-18



# THE LAST WORD

## WITH RYAN JERVIS

### A FEW REASSURING WORDS FROM A SCANDINAVIAN

I needn't have worried. Every bar, pub and hostelry on the Island of Tenerife seemed to be offering televised coverage of Town's FA Cup second round tie from Grimsby. The fact that it was BT and not Sky providing the live transmission didn't seem to make a blind bit of difference. The Premiership dominates every advertisement board outside the many eateries and bars in an attempt to entice holiday makers inside. It wasn't just the Brits who were watching either; the British game is universally popular.

Town's fixture list for early December offered the opportunity of a few days away without missing a home game. My offer of a holiday in the sun took Mrs Jervis slightly by surprise. 'What about your beloved Shrewsbury Town?' she enquired. 'It doesn't matter', I lied, it is important you have a few days away!

The only possible complication might have been a home draw in the second round of the FA Cup. I hadn't bargained for a replay and neither did I anticipate the Walsall game being postponed because of international call ups! Tom Bradshaw of all people let me down again!! The game is unpredictable in so many ways and my best laid plans were undone.

And so Mrs Jervis and I decided to watch the match in what used to be called the Rovers Return but for reasons unknown was recently renamed the Rovers Beach. Regulars to Playa de la Americas will know the bar well. The food is cheap, the portions plentiful and the beer is the equivalent of a pound a pint. I can only guess that the authorities in this holiday idyll are trying to make their all year round resort more international, attractive to all nationalities. If that is the intention, it is working because I was aware of very many more fellow sun seekers from every part of Europe.

I say Mrs Jervis and I, I really mean that I decided we would spend the first Monday evening of our holiday at this particular beach side bar. My BAFTA

winning performance of expressing complete surprise that Shrewsbury Town were on the TV shortly after plying her with a favourite tippie and ordering an extra large battered cod, mushy peas and a generous portion of chips for her. If our forty odd years as man and wife had taught me anything, a good helping of anything normally avoids too long of an analysis of my motivations! It was also fortunate that I had slipped her Kindle into her handbag as we left our hotel room!

Unfortunately the Town game coincided with the Crystal Palace versus Everton game which was also in big demand that evening from a group of men who from their accents were Scandinavian. This was complicated further by the presence of a group of women who wanted the Juke Box on. It was a surreal experience viewing two games of football with the commentaries switched off to a background of Adele singing songs from her latest album over and over again. This was not helped by the excessive and alcohol fuelled exuberance of the ladies. Their Brummie accents left you in no doubt as to where they came from.

All of the sensible predictions about our first season in League 1 are becoming reality. It is a tuff league. Even playing the likes of Gainsborough and Grimsby as better teams than we have discovered is challenging. As the final whistle blew and we prepared to leave the bar slightly disappointed that I would be landing in East Midlands Airport as the replay kicked off, I was heartened by the few words shared with me in perfect English by an elderly man who had been watching the Everton game. I had become aware however that he had been taking an increasing interest in the game from Grimsby.

*'A lot of teams would have given up the fight long before the end - your team don't know when they are beat and I was very impressed with their determination - good luck in the replay and for the rest of the season but if they continue to show the same character luck will not be necessary'* ■





## SHREWSBURY TOWN

MANAGER: MICKY MELLON

- JAYSON LEUTWILER 1
- MATT TOOTLE 2
- MAT SADLER 3
- ZAK WHITBREAD 4
- JERMAINE GRANDISON 5
- IAN BLACK 6
- LIAM LAWRENCE 7
- JAMES COLLINS 9
- SHAUN WHALLEY 10
- SULLAY KAIKAI 11
- JUNIOR BROWN 12
- ANTHONY GERRARD 13
- JAMES WESOLOWSKI 14
- MARK ELLIS 15
- SCOTT VERNON 16
- ABU OGOGO 17
- MICKEY DEMETRIOU 18
- LIAM MCALINDEN 19
- NATHANIEL KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 20
- MARK HALSTEAD 21
- JORDAN CLARK 22
- TYRONE BARNETT 23
- DARREN MCKNIGHT 24
- CALLUM BURTON 25
- JEAN-LOUIS AKPA AKPRO 26
- JAMES CATON 27
- SAM PATTERSON 28
- LARNELL COLE 29
- ETHAN JONES 30
- DOMINIC SMITH 31
- KAIMAN ANDERSON 32
- SHAUN ROWLEY 33

### OFFICIALS

REFEREE:  
**JEREMY SIMPSON**

ASSISTANT REFEREES:  
**NICK HOBBS**   
**CHRISTOPHER WARD**

FOURTH OFFICIAL:  
**PAUL THOMPSON**

### LAST ENCOUNTER

1-3

LEAGUE ONE  
 25TH JANUARY 2014

### NEXT UP AT THE MEADOW



**FLEETWOOD TOWN**  
 SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER  
 SKY BET LEAGUE 1  
 KICK OFF 15.00

## SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER: MARTIN LING

- 1 LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX
- 2 NATHAN THOMPSON
- 3 BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL
- 4 FABIEN ROBERT
- 5 JORDAN WILLIAMS
- 6 JORDAN TURNBULL
- 7 DRISSA TRAORE
- 8 YASER KASIM
- 10 NICKY AJOSE
- 11 KEVIN STEWART
- 12 MOMAR BANGOURA
- 14 WES THOMAS
- 15 JAMES BROPHY
- 16 JORDAN STEWART
- 17 BEN GLADWIN
- 18 LOUIS THOMPSON
- 19 JEREMY BALMY
- 20 JONATHAN OBIKA
- 21 WILL RANDALL
- 22 LEE MARSHALL
- 23 JOSH COOKE
- 24 JERMAINE HYLTON
- 25 TYRELL BELFORD
- 26 ANTON RODGERS
- 27 BRADLEY BARRY
- 28 ELLIS IANDOLO
- 29 RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO
- 32 HENRIK OJAMAA
- 34 ADAM EL-ABD
- 37 JAMIE CALVIN

# BELL TAYLOR

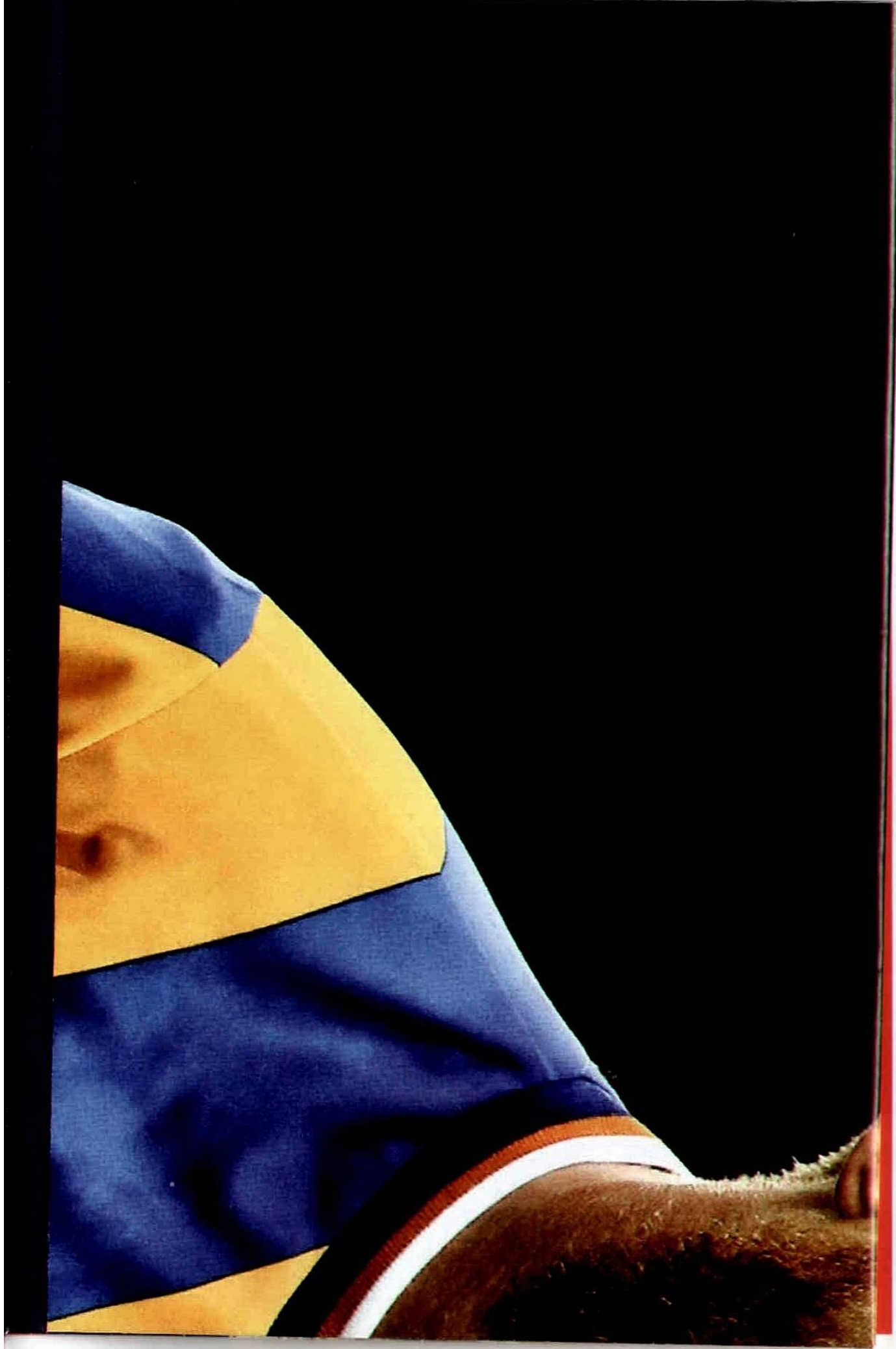
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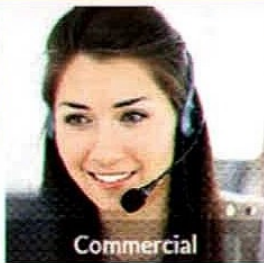
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