

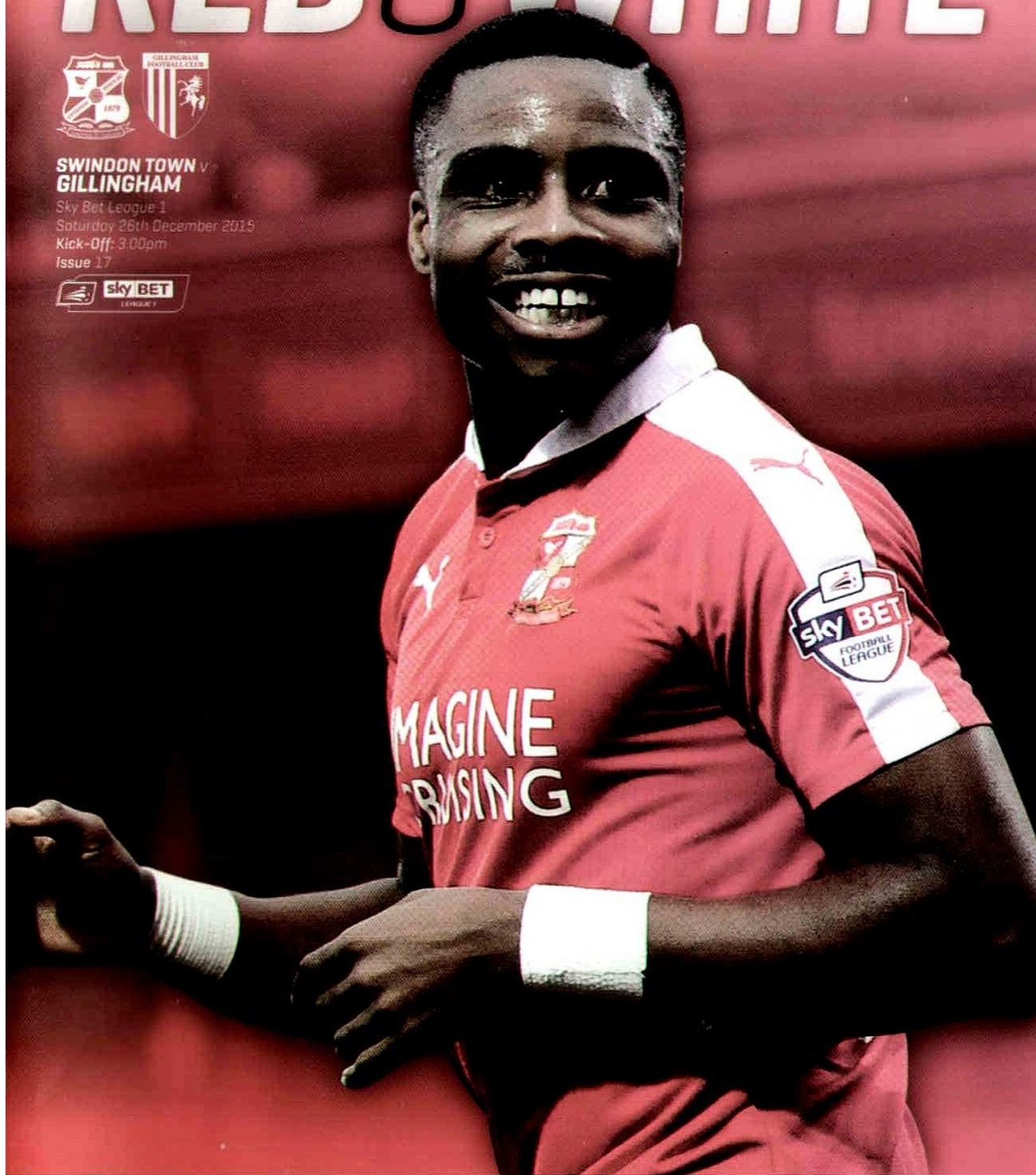
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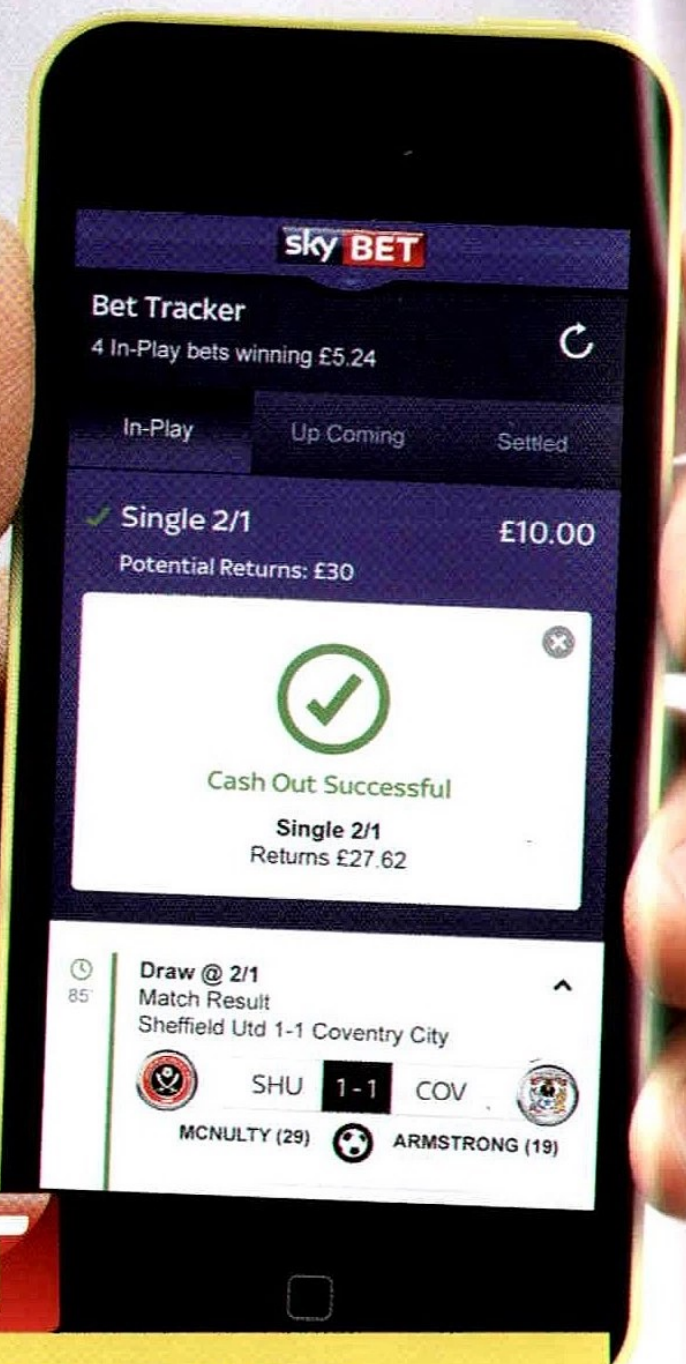
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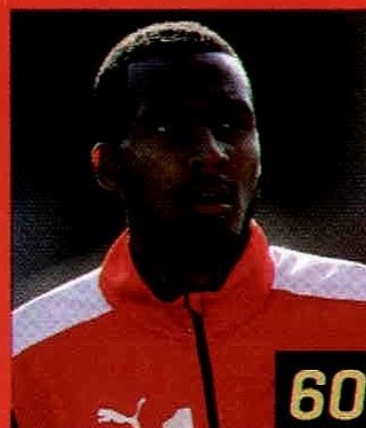
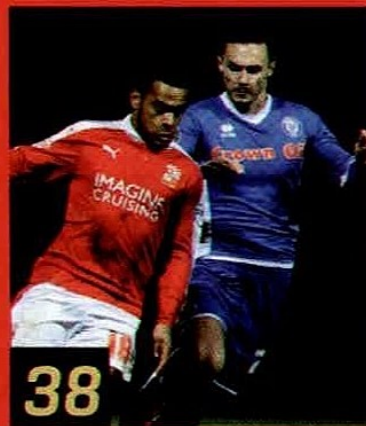
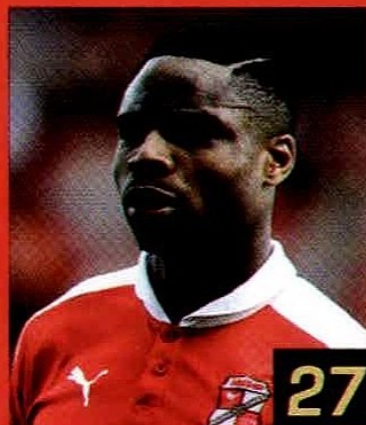
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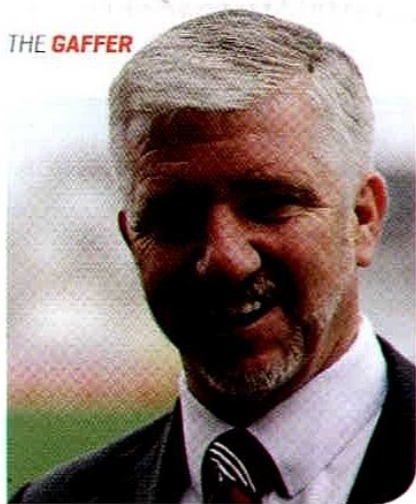
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MARTIN LING



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Welcome back to the County Ground. We've got a busy run of matches coming up so the win at Shrewsbury last week was a good way to start the Christmas period.



We've won four games back-to-back now. It's also another away win and a clean sheet which is really pleasing. In the first half I thought we played really well. The second half was not quite what we wanted but we're getting closer and closer to that complete performance. There have been patches before but those patches are getting longer now and the periods of the game we're controlling are getting longer so that's pleasing from a management point of view.

With today being a Saturday, this week has just been a normal week for us: we trained Monday and Tuesday, had Wednesday off then trained on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day ready for the game this afternoon. Obviously Monday comes around quickly so we'll have back-to-back games in a period of 48 hours and that is the bigger test. Usually when you play three games in

"We can't be going into today's game with any more confidence than we have at this present time but these two games will test our mettle and show us where we're really at..."

a week it's Saturday-Tuesday-Saturday but this one is Saturday-Monday and that's the period where there is a difference compared to other times in the season.

I did enjoy this time of year as a player, I must admit. Everyone talks about not having a Christmas and that "you can't do this" and "you can't do that" but once you're in the game, you know that and you accept that. You just do what you have to do to be prepared but the atmosphere on Boxing Day is always really good. People like to get out of the house after being stuck indoors all day on Christmas Day so it can be a release for people.

The next two games against Gillingham and Burton will show us where we're really at. I've talked about it before but they are two teams that you

wouldn't expect to see up at the top of the league with the size of budgets they have but we're coming up to halfway in the season now. It's a bit like the Leicester scenario in the Premier League: everyone is waiting for these so-called 'smaller' teams to fade away and it's not happened yet. Burton are top and Gillingham are in third at the moment so it's a real test but we played Walsall here who are second in the league and got a positive result in that game. We can't be going into today's game with any more confidence than we have at this present time but these two games will test our mettle and show us where we're really at.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2016. See you next year.

Martin Ling
FIRST TEAM MANAGER

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FROM THE TOP

Welcome to the County Ground for this Boxing Day clash with Gillingham.



It's hard to believe that these will be my final programme notes of 2015 – a year which has seen many highs and lows on and off the pitch after we were so close to reaching our goal of promotion to the Championship back in May. After a solid start to the season, a shaky sequence of results ended with us parting ways with Mark Cooper and bringing in Martin Ling which, I hope we all agree has been a great appointment which is really starting to pay dividends on the pitch now. Let's hope that Martin and the lads can carry that form through into 2016.

You will have seen that the

floodlights we installed prior to the Rochdale game were operational during the match. Naturally, we'll need to make a few adjustments in order to maximise their luminosity. This is just one of many things that the club is doing behind the scenes to bring the County Ground a little more up to date. We'll keep all of you informed of any changes made and hope that you'll appreciate them as much as the club does.

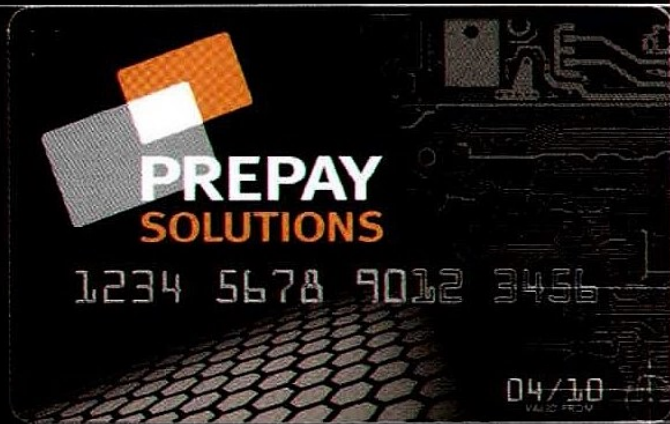
We've enjoyed three wins on the bounce at home now and hopefully that will continue this afternoon. Today's opponents, Gillingham are flying high in the league and it will prove to be a tough test for the players.

"You will have seen that the floodlights we installed prior to the Rochdale game were operational during the match."

Justin Edinburgh has got them working really well. They had a bit of a blip recently but are surely going to bounce back stronger which means it will be difficult today. I'm sure Martin will have the boys up for it and you will see an exciting game of football on Boxing Day – at home for the first time in nine years!

Finally we'd like to wish all of you a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back here during the final part of the 2015/16 season.

Steve Anderson
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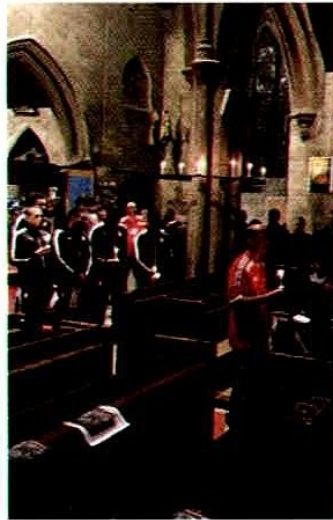
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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Club Chaplain, Simon Stevenette led the recent Christmas Carol Service at Christ Church. The service was also attended by members of the STFC Football in the Community Trust's Football Fans in Training programme along with their families. As well as traditional reading and Carols, all the participants stood in a circle around the church and received a festive Christingle from the Club Chaplain. Simon was a proud participant on the FFIT programme and had this to say about his experience:



"Happy Christmas! I am 53 years old and, although reasonably fit, was overweight for me when I began the Football Fans in Training course in September. I had heard great reports about the first course and I have loved working with Jon and Shane on other projects.

Looking back over the last three months the course has been one of the most outstanding courses I have ever done. I have loved every minute learning from Jon, Shane and Louise and being part of a supportive, energising, inspiring community of 30 football fans.

As a group we have lost nearly 44 Stone between us. This is entirely due to the support and friendship of the group. I am now less weight than I have been in my whole 29-year marriage! Nicola and I have five sons and in the beginning they were joking about me doing the course but they are now very proud of the progress I have made!

For all those who struggle with their weight I have nothing but the greatest understanding. Having watched Swindon Town players over 17 years kiss our club badge, there is great power in wearing the Swindon Town strip and being part of the team. I would describe being part of the course like being part of a retreat. Participating has helped me love myself more and has increased my self-esteem mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Thank you to my team mates for their inspiration and countless words of encouragement. Looking forward to keeping up the good work as we are playing Manchester City Football Fans in Training at the Etihad in the New Year."

ROCKIN' ROBIN'S NEW SPONSOR



Sweets Galore have been unveiled as Town's new sweet partners and the sponsors of club mascot, Rockin' Robin.

The sweet shop, based in Canal Walk in Swindon, are also offering discounts to Swindon Town fans if they show a current matchday ticket or Season Ticket. They will also be opening a shop in the Don Rogers Stand on matchdays.

Delighted by the news, RR said: "I can't wait to get my beak into some sweets! I'm sure some pre-match treats will help me prepare for my famous Haka!"

TOWN PLAYERS MEET THE FANS



Before Christmas, the Town squad were present at the Junior Reds Christmas party and manager Martin Ling dropped in to the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch. A gallery of images from these events is available on page 63 of this programme.



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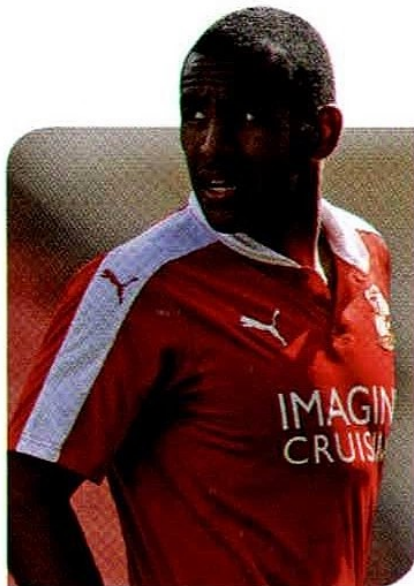
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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Good afternoon and welcome back to our first Boxing Day home match in nine years. I trust you all had a fantastic Christmas Day and we can hopefully make it extra special by continuing this run we have found ourselves on.



Today we host Gillingham who come to the County Ground sat third in the league table. Since Justin Edinburgh has taken charge they have seen a huge turnaround in results and we have no doubt they will come here believing they can end our four-game unbeaten run. The Gills were able to keep a strong nucleus of players together from last season and their league position this year is a consequence of that.

Reflecting on our previous game and it was fantastic to get another win on the board. Although we weren't at our best for the whole game, we have developed a way of grinding out results. I personally believe our defending

of crosses has come on leaps and bounds lately and we're also looking very dangerous of the counter-attack. These two characteristics have allowed us to string together five wins from the last six and we intend to continue that winning streak today.

On a personal level, 2015 has been extremely mixed emotions for me. After promising so much at the turn of the year, it never really materialised. Leading last year's team out at Wembley will forever live on as one of my proudest moments however, we all know how that ended. I have been blighted by injuries this year but I am a firm believer in everything happening for a reason and what has happened

"Leading last year's team out at Wembley will forever live on as one of my proudest moments however, we all know how that ended."

in 2015 will make me a stronger person and a better captain.

Back on deadline day, I felt this team had the potential to get promoted and I am assured the fans shared a similar optimism. I appreciate we have had a difficult couple of months, but a win today puts us in touching distance of the Play-Offs - and who knows what 2016 will bring? I myself remain very optimistic and I will strive to work even harder and help this team to push back up the league.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Nathan Thompson
TEAM CAPTAIN



THE VISITORS

GILLINGHAM

The high-flying Gills visit the County Ground tucked in nicely behind the division's leading pair and ready to build on their positive start to 2015/16...

What a start it was too – the Kent outfit had to wait until late September to taste defeat in the league for the first time this term when they went down 2-1 at Colchester. The unbeaten sequence began with a 4-0 walloping of promotion favourites, Sheffield United on the opening day. Wigan, Doncaster and Blackpool were all despatched before that maiden defeat. Their first heavyweight clash of the campaign against fellow high-flyers Walsall was only settled by a 90th-minute strike in favour of the Saddlers who came out on top by the odd goal in five at the Banks's

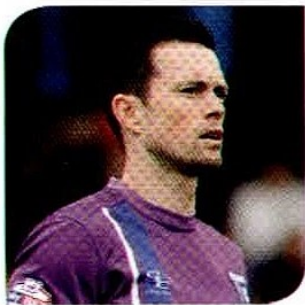
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JOHN EGAN

Stadium. While the Gills interest in the cups has now gone, their recent run of matches had seen heavy defeats at the hands of Coventry City and Burton Albion before an emphatic 3-0 success at Millwall last Saturday. When Justin Edinburgh took over in early February, the Gills were 18th in League 1, just four points off the relegation places having sacked former incumbent, Peter Taylor on New Year's Eve. The former Newport boss steered the Kent side to 12th in the final table after a run of results that saw them leave the County Ground with all three points after a 3-0 win back in March.

THE VISITORS



STUART NELSON

The Stroud-born stopper is a former Cirencester Academy player but made his breakthrough with Brentford. Despite being sent off on his Bees debut he went on to skipper the club and make over 130 appearances at Griffin Park. Before arriving at Priestfield, he was at Leyton Orient, Norwich City, Aberdeen and Notts County. A regular since arriving in Kent, he was voted Player of the Year at the end of the 2013/14 season.



RYAN JACKSON

Snapped up by Justin Edinburgh in the summer having played for the current Gills boss at Newport County, the right full-back has been a regular for the Kent side this term. Starting out at AFC Wimbledon, he enjoyed loan spells with Fleetwood Town and Cambridge United before joining Macclesfield Town on a free transfer. A year later, he moved to South Wales and spent two years at Rodney Parade.



BRADLEY GARMSTON

A graduate of the youth academy at West Bromwich Albion but never made a senior appearance for the Baggies. After a loan spell with Colchester United for the latter part of the 2012/13 season, Garmston was sent out on loan to Gillingham in January 2015. After impressing enough to earn himself an extended stay in Kent, the defender was snapped up on a free transfer in June after his release from the Hawthorns.



JOHN EGAN

A Republic of Ireland international, Egan started his career at Sunderland but spent the majority of his Black Cats career out on loan. In 2012, he played for three different clubs - Crystal Palace, Sheffield United and Bradford City - making only a handful of appearances for all three. Enjoyed a more productive loan stint at Southend towards the end of the 2013/14 season and signed for Gillingham in the summer of 2014.



ADEDEJI OSHILAJA

Currently on loan from Championship outfit, Cardiff City. Well-known to the Gills management - he worked under Justin Edinburgh at Newport and assistant, David Kerslake while he was at Cardiff. Has also spent time with Sheffield Wednesday and last term was voted AFC Wimbledon's Young Player of the Year during a loan stay with the Dons. Scored on the opening day of the season for Gillingham and has been a regular fixture at Priestfield this term.



JAKE HESSENTHALER

The son of Gills icon, Andy, Hessenthaler junior has graduated from the youth ranks into the first team. At an even younger age, the midfielder was on the books at Chelsea before being released and joining up with the Kent side. Broke into the first team under Peter Taylor in October 2013 and has been a regular in the heart of the Gills midfield ever since. Recently put pen to paper on a four-and-a-half-year deal with the club.



EMMANUEL OSADEBE

A young midfielder, Osadebe joined Gillingham from Tottenham Hotspur's Foundation College Programme in May 2015 having impressed the management in development games towards the end of last season. Made his senior bow in the opening day defeat of Sheffield United and earned himself the Man of the Match award. A regular for Justin Edinburgh so far this season, he notched his first senior goal in November in a 3-1 win over Bury.



CODY McDONALD

Experienced goal-getter who is currently in his second spell with the Gills. McDonald started his career in non-league football before earning a move to Norwich City. With opportunities limited at Carrow Road, he enjoyed a prolific loan spell at the Priestfield in the 2010/11 season before signing for Coventry City. Two years later, he was back in Kent on loan and joined the Gills on a permanent basis in the summer of 2013.

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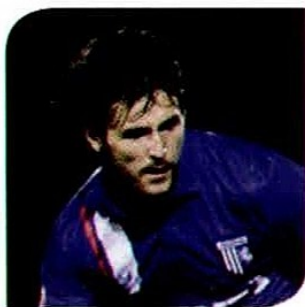
Joined the Gills on a permanent basis in the summer after spending time on loan at the Priestfield last term. The former QPR man has also enjoyed loan stints at Yeovil, Preston, Stevenage and Carlisle and made his R's bow in September of 2013.

JORDAN HOUGHTON

The central midfielder is currently on loan from Premier League champions, Chelsea until early January. He skippered the Blues' Under-21 squad last term and was a member of the squad that won the FA Youth Cup the season before.

JERMAINE McGLASHAN

The winger has worked his way up the football pyramid having started his career in the non-leagues with Staines Town. Spells with the likes of Kingstonian and Ashford Town were followed by a stint with Aldershot. Has most recently been at Cheltenham before joining the Gills in 2014.

**AARON MORRIS**

Morris is capable of operating as an orthodox defender as well as his preferred defensive midfield position. The Welshman started his career with Cardiff City and spent a short time on loan with Newport County before joining Aldershot in 2010. He spent three years in Hampshire with his final season cut short by injury. Made his comeback with AFC Wimbledon and made 17 appearances for the Dons before signing for Gillingham in 2014.

**DOMINIC SAMUEL**

Currently on loan from Reading until January, the striker has made a handful of substitute appearances for the Royals but has spent the majority of his fledgling career out on loan. His first loan spells came with Colchester United and Dagenham & Redbridge but he netted his first goals in a short loan stint with Coventry City towards the end of last season. Scored on his Gillingham debut against Bury last month.

BRADLEY DACK

DANGER MAN

R&W takes a closer look at one of the Gills' attacking threats this afternoon...

The youngster is a graduate of the youth ranks at Gillingham and is one of the Kent side's most highly-rated young prospects. His exploits from an advanced midfield position have yielded enough goals to take him into double figures for the season already. He initially joined the Gills on trial in 2009 and in 2011/12 netted a whopping 26 goals for the youth team. In August of 2012, he made his senior bow in a Capital One Cup win over Bristol City. Scored his first goal in a Johnstone's Paint Trophy win at Crawley in September of that year and made 24 appearances over the course of the campaign. After a brief loan stint at Braintree in the early part of 2013, Dack has gone on to feature regularly for the Gills ever since and made 50 appearances in all competitions last term. This season, he hit the ground running, scoring five goals in the opening five games of the campaign.

**JOSH WRIGHT**

The midfielder is back at the Priestfield Stadium on a short-term deal having enjoyed a loan stint with the Gills earlier in his career. Has plied his trade with the likes of Charlton and Millwall and has most recently been with Leyton Orient.

BRENNAN DICKENSEN

Comfortable on the wing or up front, Dickenson joined the Gills from Brighton & Hove Albion in the summer of 2014. He started his career with Dorchester Town in the non-leagues before signing for the Seagulls in 2012.

RORY DONNELLY

Donnelly started his career with Cliftonville in his native Northern Ireland before he was snapped up by Swansea City in 2012. Enjoyed loan spells with Coventry City and Tranmere Rovers before signing for Gillingham in the summer after his release from the Liberty Stadium.



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JUSTIN EDINBURGH

Edinburgh started his playing career with Southend United before earning a move to London giants, Tottenham Hotspur. During his time at White Hart Lane, the full-back would make over 250 appearances during a decade-long stay and lifted the FA Cup in 1991 and the League Cup in 1999. In March 2000, he joined Portsmouth before taking on the role of player/manager at Billericay in July 2003. He cut his teeth in management with the Essex outfit before going on to take charge of Fisher Athletic, Grays and Rushden & Diamonds. Prior to taking the job at the Priestfield, he enjoyed a successful spell in charge of Newport County

“Prior to taking the job at the Priestfield, he enjoyed a successful spell in charge of Newport County where he led the Welsh side back into the Football League after a 25-year exile.”

where he led the Welsh side back into the Football League after a 25-year exile. In February 2015, he was unveiled as the new man at the helm of Gillingham. He took over a side that was 18th in League 1 and steered the Gills away from the danger zone to a comfortable mid-table finish.



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Long throw - keep an eye on the Gills right back who has a huge long throw, something the visitors will look to make use of whenever they can this afternoon.

Up front - Dominic Samuel who is on loan from Reading will be a threat while Justin Edinburgh also has the talents of Rory Donnelly to call on.



Scouting Report

The Gills are likely to set up in a 4-diamond-2 formation this afternoon. They are a hard working team that aim to get the ball in-and-around the opposition penalty box as much as possible. They don't tend to play out from the back and exploit the channels a lot. In midfield, Doug Loft - who is suspended this afternoon - sits and protects the back four. The two either side of him provide legs in the engine room then Bradley Dack finishes off the quartet as the '10'. The midfielder is a creative force for the Gills and chips in with goals as well as assisting them.



COMMERCIAL UPDATE



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After a positive set of results let's hope we can win this final game in December and carry the good form on into the New Year.



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Last time out here against Rochdale, there was a fantastic atmosphere across the hospitality floor. We have since received lots of positive feedback and some great testimonials. We hope for more of the same today and that you've not used up all your Christmas spirit to help cheer us on to another three points.

Onto today's match sponsors we welcome PrePay Solutions. PrePay need no introduction. They have been fantastic supporters of the club commercially over the past two seasons. They support us with a number of matchday sponsorships combined with an advertising package. We look forward to working together long into the future.

Today's matchball sponsors are the Rugshack. Once again, the Rugshack supported us very well previously and we all hope you have a great day with us. If you're thinking of replacing your carpet for the new year, pop in to see them at Westmead Industrial Estate or give them a call on 01793 872240.

And finally, welcome and many thanks to Eclipse Labels who, just like PrePay and Rugshack, have supported us well in the past as we continue to build a very good commercial relationship with them moving forward.

In the news, we welcome on board Sweets Galore. They have taken a mini advertising package with us and if you have a sweet tooth, you can also find them in the Don Rogers stand in association with Nationwide, where they have a stall selling all your favourites from years gone by to the present day. By supporting them, you're supporting us and this goes for every other business who commits to a package with us, so look out for their services.

Avon Tyres are another business who are now in partnership and have committed to a year-long deal. This is very lucrative for the club and we look forward to driving this relationship forward. We have worked very closely with Shane Wride at Avon and this is another example of how it takes time to nurture a relationship to make sure it's right for

all parties involved.

In my last notes the North Wilts Youth Football League were mentioned and we can now confirm that we have agreed a two-year partnership with them which will see them host their cup finals on the County Ground pitch on the 21st and 22nd May of 2016, with dates to be confirmed for 2017. As part of this agreement they will also sponsor Marcus Cassidy and his team of groundstaff with the NWFYFL logo adorned on their kit. The partnership will also see them and a number of our partners (our Football in the Community department being one) push our Pro Red initiative which is a scheme designed to attract the next generation of fans. With their reach into the community, it's a perfect fit for the club and for the NWFYFL.

I'd like to finish these notes by wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Come on you Reds!

Adam Wainwright
COMMERCIAL MANAGER

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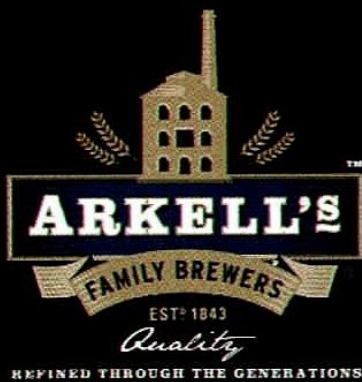


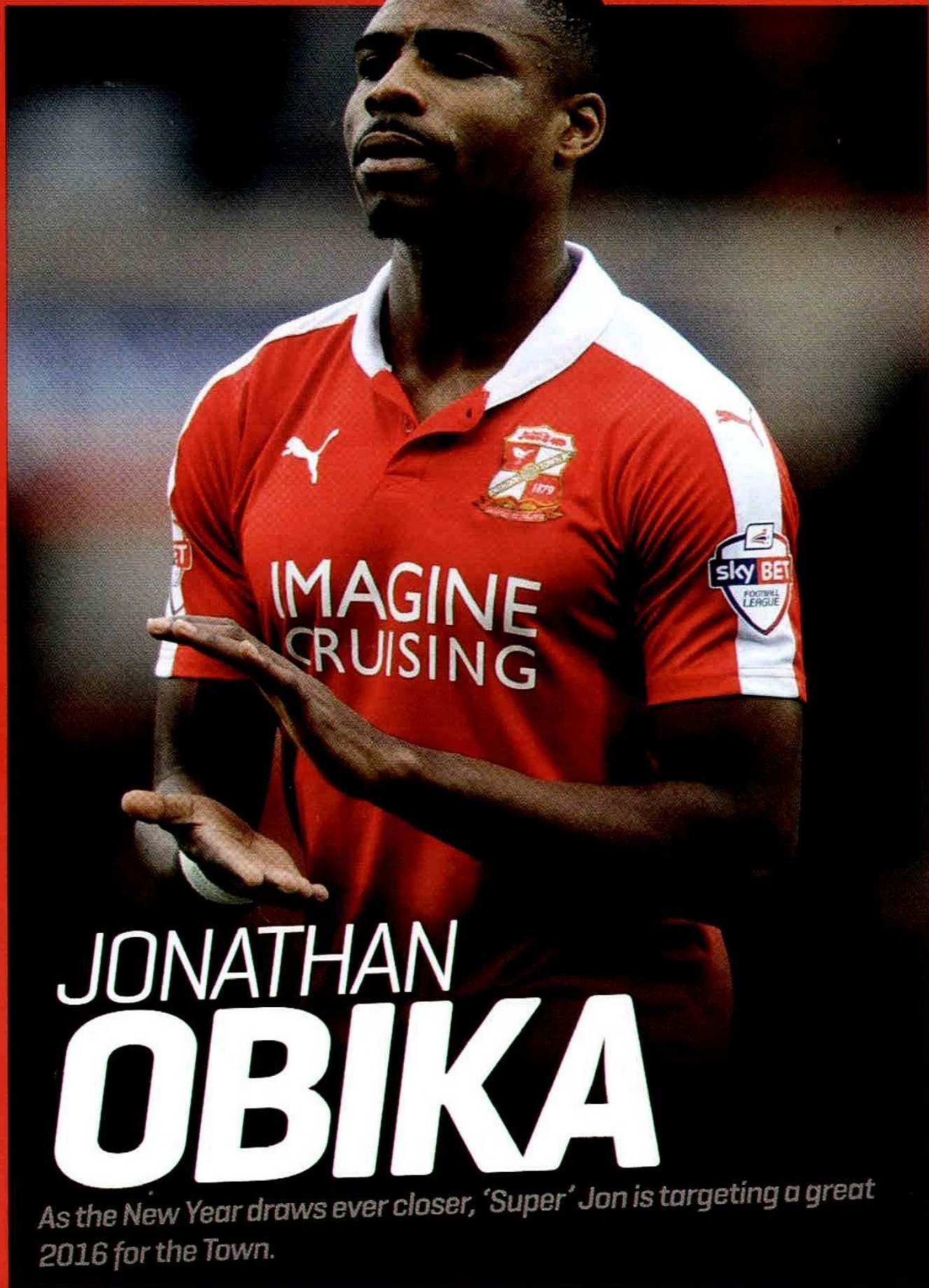
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JONATHAN **OBIKA**

As the New Year draws ever closer, 'Super' Jon is targeting a great 2016 for the Town.



It's been so far, so good for the Town in the period leading up to Christmas hasn't it, Jon?

Yeah, definitely - three wins on the bounce so we're happy about that. There is confidence about us so I feel we'll play our best football over the second half of the season.

What do you feel has sparked that turnaround in form?

I feel the Walsall game was a big game for us. They were high-flying and for us to get a win against them when we were quite low on confidence brought us a lot of joy. We're looking

forward to the games coming up now.

How good is it to have that injection of confidence before the festive run of games?

I feel we're on form at the moment. Training is going well and everyone is buzzing around the ground. I feel we're finding solutions in games: where we may struggle in the first half or second half of games we're finding solutions and that's what's bringing us a lot of joy.

What about you personally - are you enjoying the switch to

"There is confidence about us so I feel we'll play our best football over the second half of the season."

two up front?

I like it when you have a partner up there. Even when you're pressing the opposition you know that you can press with intensity because you know that your partner is behind you. I feel we've become a bit more direct which sometimes throws off the opponents. Sometimes I think they think we're going to pass and keep possession so it's good for us.

Does that help your game?

When you're playing as the one up front you have to make a lot of unselfish runs in behind but



JONATHAN OBIKA



when you're playing with two strikers you can share the load and I really like that.

Today's visitors have had a brilliant start to the season, haven't they?

They're in the top five so they are full of confidence and going strong but I think now is a bad time to face us because we're looking good.

Cast your mind back to this time last year. How has the team progressed over the course of those 12 months?

The team has progressed well. We lost a few players from last season obviously a few of the loanees went back and we brought in new players this season but I feel we've adapted well. It was always going to be tough at the start of the season but you could always see the individual qualities. Now we're gelling well and it's going to be a great second half of the season.

What are your personal highlights or standout moments of 2015?

I must say I did enjoy pre-season because we played a lot of Premier League teams. We started well at the start of the season too so I feel the start of this season was my highlight because I was scoring a lot

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of goals and I was full of confidence.

It's Boxing Day now but how difficult is it to stay disciplined at this time of year with everyone else enjoying themselves around you?

It was harder when I was growing up and I was a youngster of about 17 but now I've gone through a lot - I've always had to train on Christmas Day so you just have to eat well. It's a chance to see the family too so I'll go to see them. I always used to enjoy watching the Boxing Day games so now I'm involved it's a joy.

Are you going to be setting yourself any New Year's resolutions?

I wouldn't say New Year's resolutions but I always set myself targets. Even in training I'd set myself immediate targets or long-term goals. The season hasn't finished yet so I'll still be gunning for the targets I've set myself.

Are you looking forward to 2016, though?

Definitely. Another year to get stronger and learn more.



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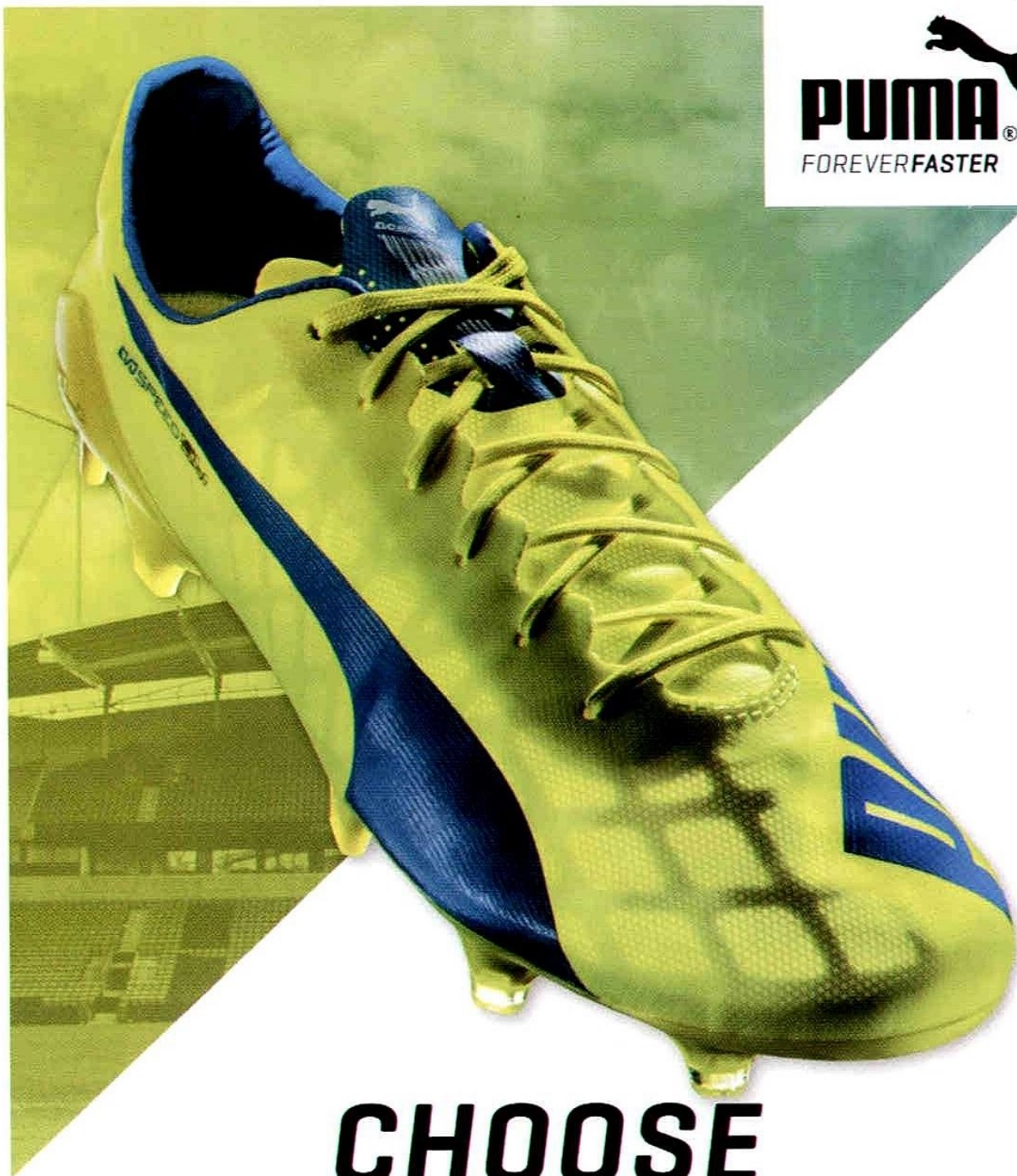


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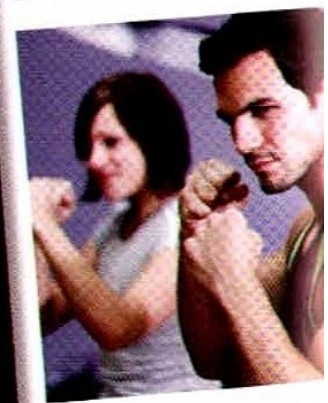
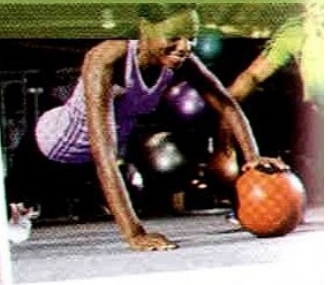


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STEVE HALE

"Courage" – The ability to do something that frightens one; Bravery / Strength in the face of pain or grief



To play in goal you need two types of courage, mental and physical. The mental courage to come for a cross or through ball knowing if you don't get to the ball it will likely be a goal and many fingers will be pointed at you. The physical courage to dive amongst bodies or at a player's feet and take a nasty knock as the Shrewsbury Town goalkeeper Jayson Leutwiler did recently in a game live on BT Sport.

In recent weeks I have witnessed great courage in two people with slightly different connections to Swindon Town Football Club.

I attended the club's Christmas Carol Service run smoothly by our club Chaplain Simon Stevenette and during the service one of the clubs supporters, Jason Cass who has recently been on the Football in the Community "Football fans in training" scheme in a bid to shed a few pounds got up and spoke.

Jason spoke in front of all the players, management and staff along with many other Swindon fans about how he had found out he had a brain tumour. He spoke about how through a negative mind set he had put on some pounds and went on the scheme to lose some and how it also helped encourage him in his battle against the tumour. The way he spoke in front of his audience left us all captivated.

The way Jason spoke openly about his battle against the tumour, trying to lose some weight and trying to keep positive, to many people he simply didn't know, without breaking down in tears showed true courage. If you are in the crowd today Jason, you have my utmost respect!

The reason Jason's story struck a chord with me particularly that night was because the horrible disease that is Cancer had been fresh in my mind that same week due to the next person I will mention.

Declan Lehmann is our Academy under 16 goalkeeper a local boy who joined the club at just 7/8 years of age and I have coached him for 7 of my 9 years at the club. Obviously many of you will have heard the phrase "The Goalkeeping Union" and as a goalkeeping coach because you work so closely with a small group of goalkeepers you do tend to have a closer bond with them than perhaps an outfield coach does with a whole squad of players. Therefore when Declan's dad Markus informed us in the academy that Declan had found out he had a tumour we were all shocked and it certainly hit me personally. I arranged a card and collection amongst the clubs GK Union with all the academy goalkeepers along with Lawrence and Ty and we raised enough to get Declan an iPad to use while he spends time at

numerous hospitals visits and resting up at home. I met up with Declan at a recent under 16's game he came to watch and I presented him with our gift. I don't mind admitting I found it hard trying to get my words of support out, with a big lump in my throat. His dad was in tears and I soon followed suit as you'll see in the attached picture! However Declan stood there and handled things in such a mature and positive manner while myself and his dad fought back our tears. For a 15 year old to be dealing with something like this in the way that he is also shows great courage, courage that belies his tender years and as with Jason he has my utmost respect and I hope he wins his battle. We wish both Jason, Declan and their respective families well.

At this time of year and especially when you hear of peoples personal battles for health it's a reminder we should take a moment and never take anything for granted and enjoy the time we have. I wish all Swindon Town fans the best over the remainder of the Christmas period and a good new year and thank you all for your support this season so far, especially those who have made some of the long away trips we have had so far!

Steve Hale
HEAD OF GOALKEEPING

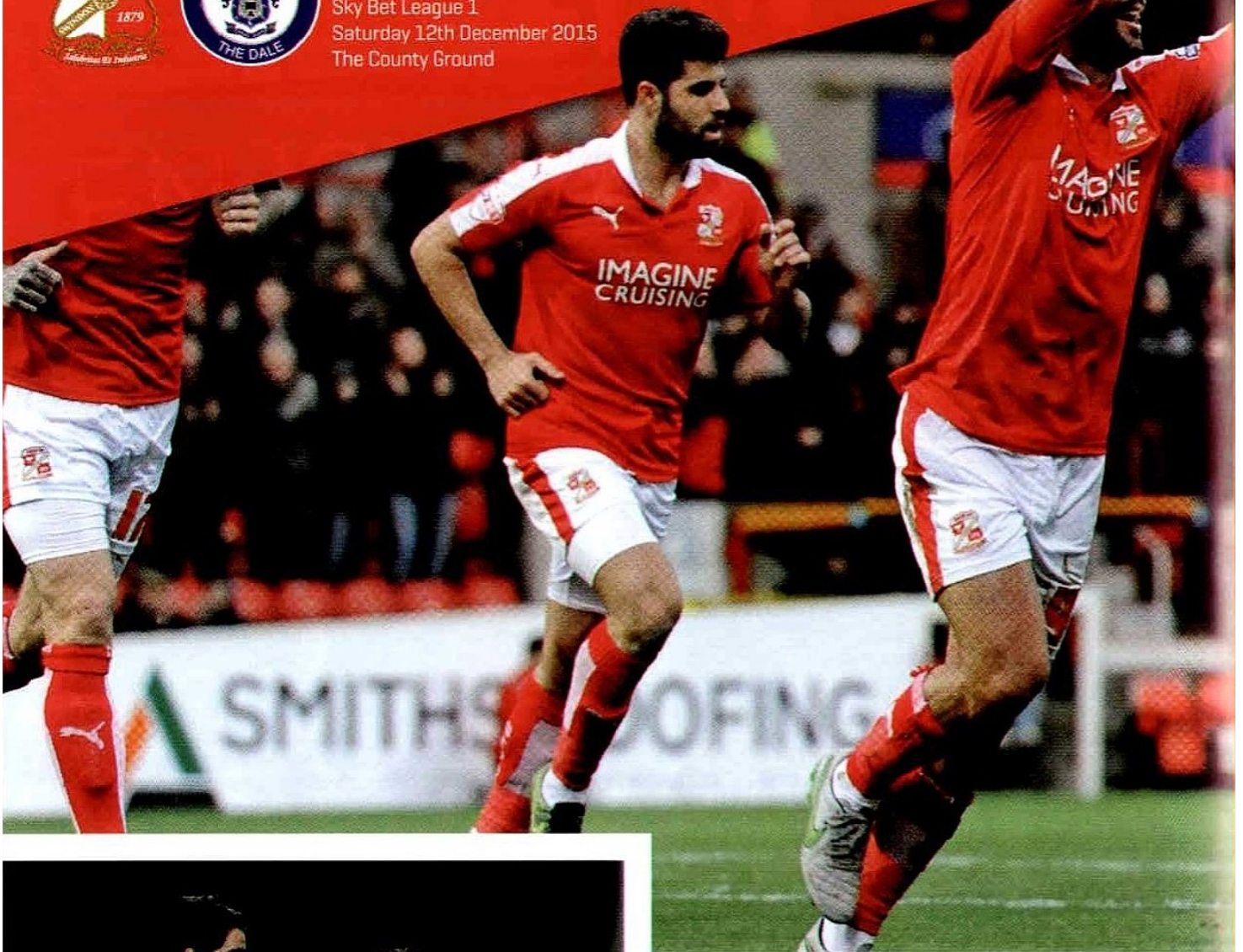
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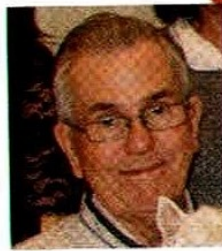
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In celebration of the life of Royston Leonard Jackson (fondly known as 'Jacko') who played with STFC between 1953 and 1955. Roy then went on share his passion by coaching young people at a local sports centre. Roy and his sense of humour will be greatly missed by family and friends. Rest In Peace.

Lifelong Swindon Town fan Bernard Berry celebrated his 80th birthday on the 22nd of December. He attended the first home match after the end of the Second World War and has been coming to this day. He has been a great advocate for grassroots football and has been actively involved in Highworth Junior Football Club, helping to secure funding to construct a new pavilion for the club in 2004. Happy birthday from all your family!



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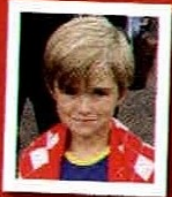
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Favourite Town player: Nathan Thompson



Name: Charlie O'Connell
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School: Minety Infant School
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Hobbies/likes: Football, rugby, karate, learning how to play the guitar
Favourite Town player: Nathan Thompson



Name: William Murdoch
Age: 6
School: Shrivenham Primary
Teams played for: School team and STFC FITC
Hobbies/likes: Football, rugby, tennis
Favourite Town player: Nathan Thompson



Name: Nathan William Ford
Age: 6
School: Grange Junior School
Teams played for: STFC FITC
Hobbies/likes: History (WW1 & WW2), cubs, swimming, Lego
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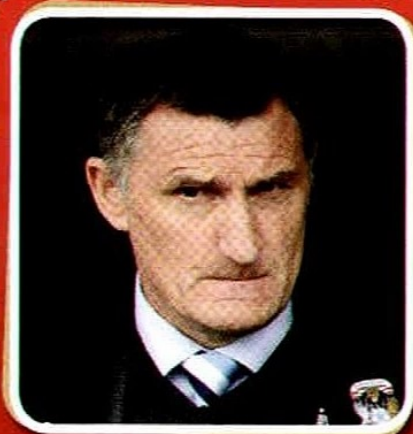
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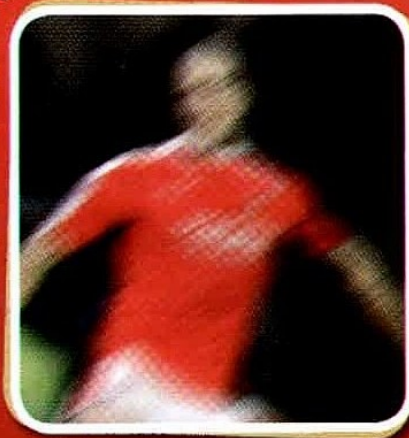
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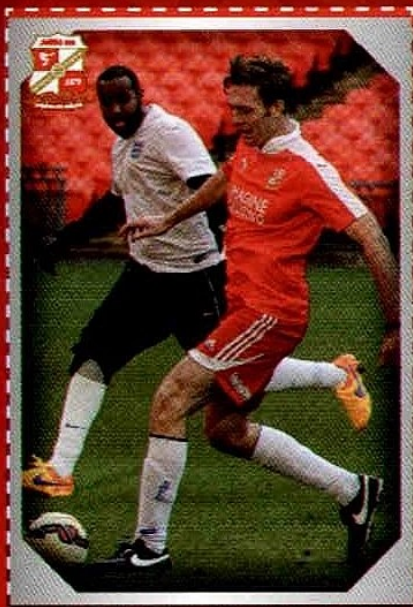
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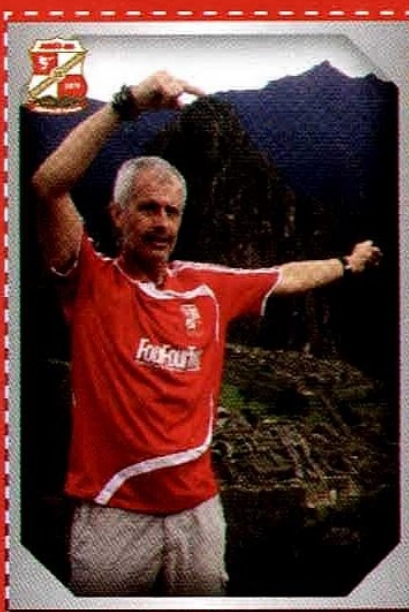
Tom Hartley played and scored in a staff game at Wembley Stadium last week – the first person in a Swindon shirt to score at the famous venue since Paul Bodin!



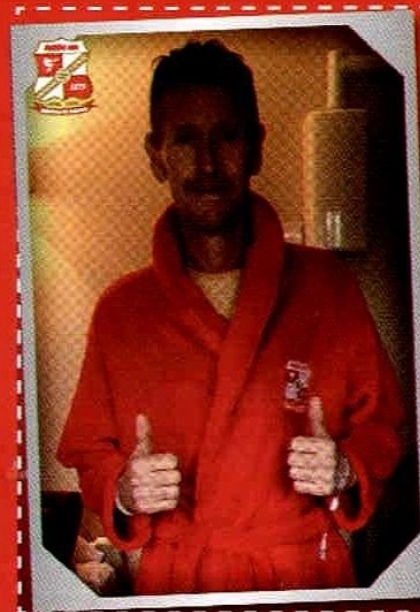
Pictured here is Keith Dowding checking out alternative transport for away games. He still prefers Sally's coffee on the SAS Travel coaches, though!



Pictured here is Ben Sharp's mum, proudly displaying her homemade Christmas jumper at Town's last home game against Rochdale.



Pictured here is Town fan Mark Pasternakiewicz displaying his Swindon colours on holiday.



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I am delighted to say how many compliments we have received regarding the Seniors' Christmas party. The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed the event. People have already starting asking about next year! I am sure this will be one of our community projects again next season.

Last Saturday we were match sponsors against Rochdale when ten lucky members enjoyed a VIP day at the club. Again, it was a very good day. This is something we do once or twice a season when asked. It is a two way street as the club benefit financially and our members enjoy a day at the club. I think this only the second time we have ever won a sponsored match.

We have started to pencil in our End of Season dinner so watch this page for details for this popular event.

Finally may I thank all supporters for their concern when I was taken to the hospital last Saturday missing two goals and three points. The doctor said he thought I had an irregular heart beat amongst other things. I said it goes with watching Swindon.

Let us hope we can win a few more points and continue up the table. On behalf of the Supporters Club may I wish you all a very happy New Year.

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With both clubs still having a chance of securing a top three place with just four games remaining, this meeting came five weeks after the one at Priestfield, when Town recovered from a first minute Dean White goal to bring a point back to Wiltshire.

Gills were left a man short for the entire second half after 14-goal top scorer Danny Westwood had been red-carded for foul language.

They arrived at the County Ground having lost only once in their previous ten games.

Over 15,000 turned up, but this figure was only the third highest of the season - both Swansea [16,987] and Watford [16,414] having attracted higher gates during April.

This time Town had a one man advantage from the 37th minute following the dismissal of another Gillingham player, Terry Nicholl, for a challenge on Ray McHale.

The battling midfielder had come closest to opening the scoring when his 15th minute free-kick was pushed on to a post by Ron Hillyard.

The Gills keeper did his best to prevent the hosts from taking the lead early in the second half. An Alan Mayes drive rebounded off his legs but Andy Rowland netted with a back header.

Swindon quickly grabbed the initiative to double their lead within three minutes.

The speedy Ian Miller sent in a low cross and this time Mayes made no mistake.

And it was 3-0 just after the hour when Mayes latched on to a Chic Bates through ball to fire past the advancing Hillyard for his ninth goal since arriving in February.

Tony Funnell pulled one back for the visitors on 72 minutes.

Town defender Steve Aizlewood left the ground on crutches en route for Princess Margaret Hospital, along with assistant manager Wilf Tranter who had sustained a facial injury after trying to act as mediator during a players' scuffle.

In the end, both sides missed out on promotion - Swindon by three points, Gillingham by just one.



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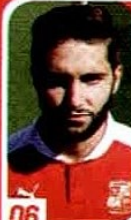

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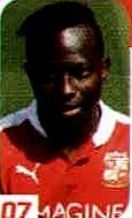

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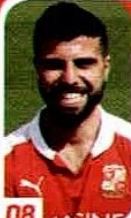
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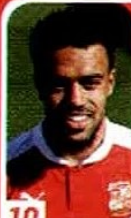

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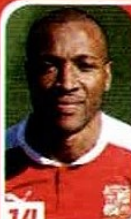

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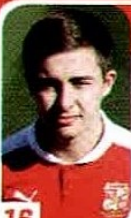

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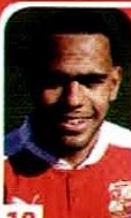
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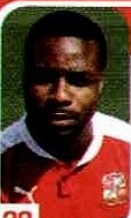
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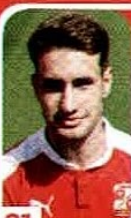

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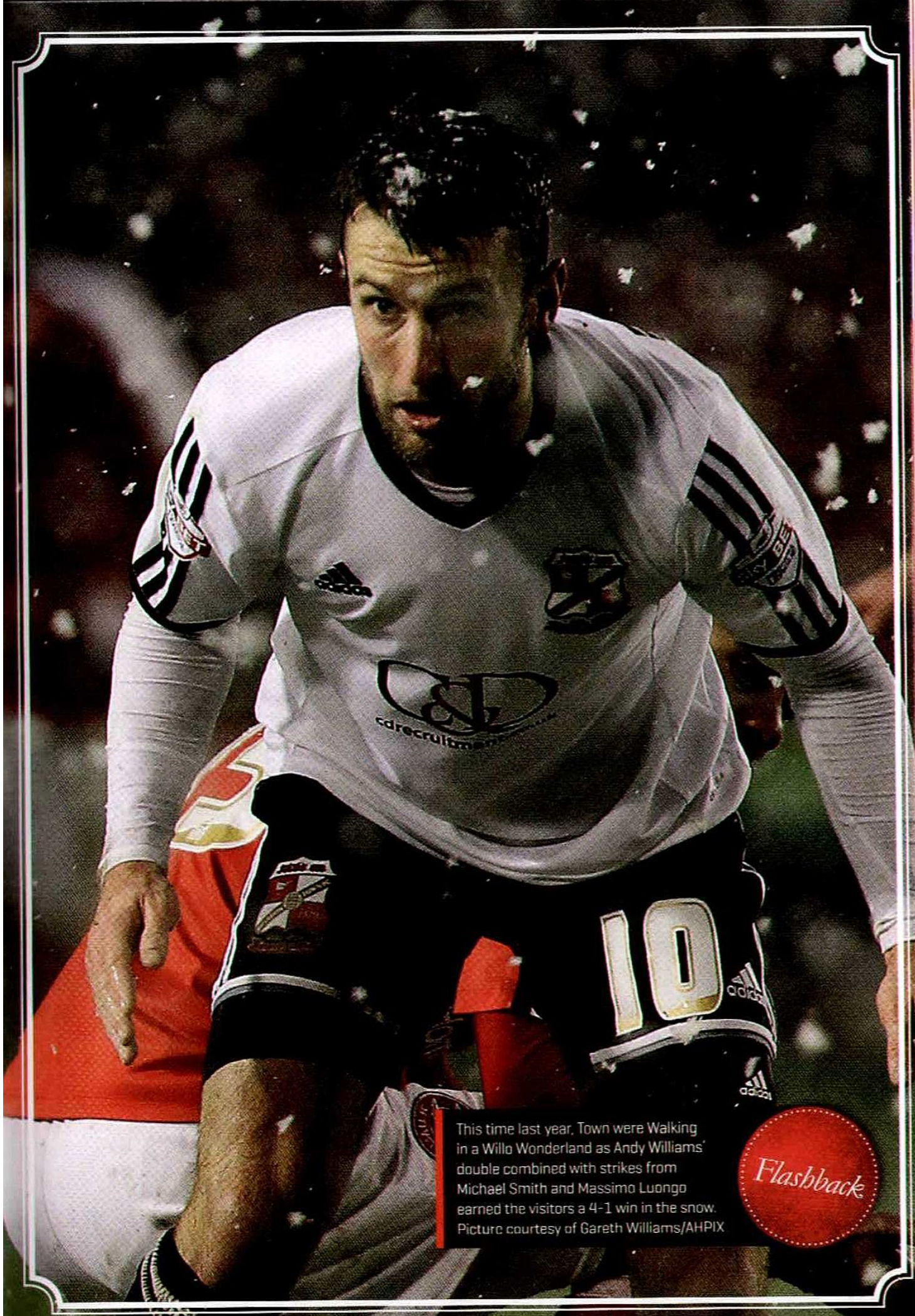
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"WITH THE WINTER WEATHER TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE FESTIVE FIXTURE LIST, PLAYERS AND MANAGEMENT HAD TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO KEEP THEMSELVES OCCUPIED..."

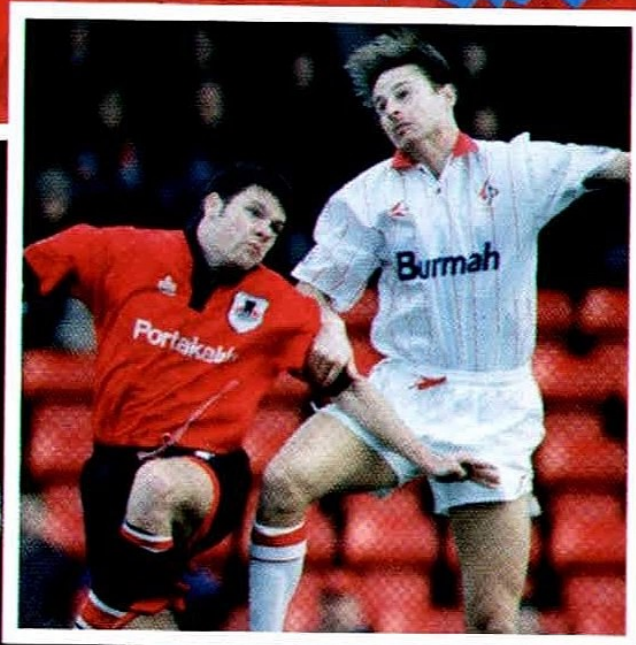
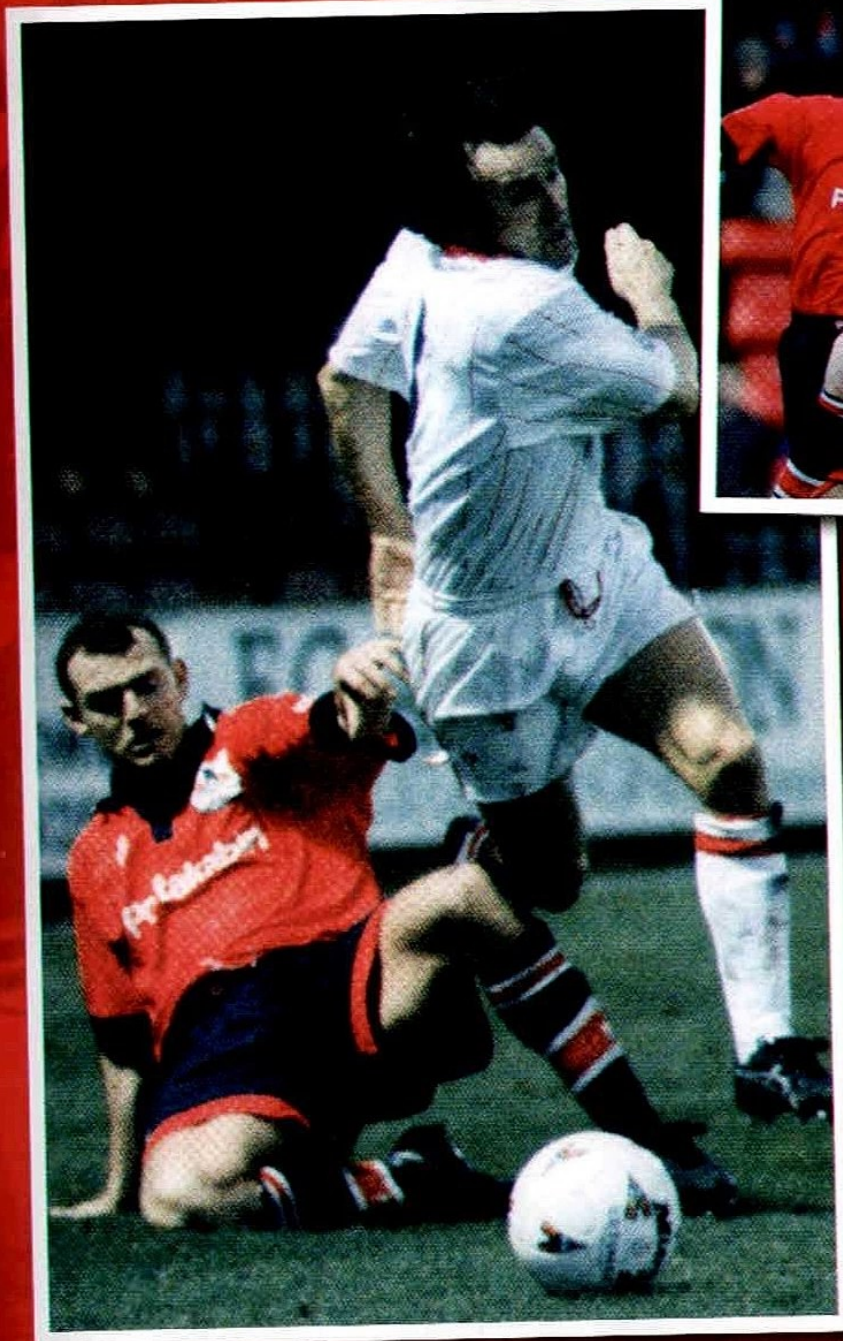
With the winter weather taking its toll on the festive fixture list, players and management had to find other ways to keep themselves occupied - the manager even taking part in some community bowling in West Swindon. By the time Town stepped out onto the County Ground turf to face non-league outfit, Woking in the FA Cup third round, it had been almost a month since they last tasted victory. It was Wayne Allison who opened the scoring on a difficult afternoon for the hosts. The big striker took a touch to control a low cross before turning the ball home from an unmarked position. After forcing a good save from the previous move, Paul Bodin booked Swindon a place in the third round draw when he collected a pass from McMahon at a corner before clipping a shot into the top corner.

Four days later, the Town returned to winning ways in the league against Swansea City. Allison was on hand to give Swindon the lead as he had done the previous Saturday, lurking with intent to head home inside the box. Paul Allen was the architect for



STEVE McMAHON'S CHARGES LOOKED TO START THE NEAR YEAR WITH A BANG AFTER A DISAPPOINTING END TO 1995...

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the second, his driving run down the right clipped to the far post where Peter Thorne was waiting to direct a head in. Then, when a corner was flicked on into the same area, Thorne was in the right place to deflect the ball into the net and complete a 3-0 win.

Next up for Town was a trip to York City. A city synonymous with the Vikings of the ancient world, Town would do precious little plundering at Bootham Crescent, going down 2-0 to the Minstermen. Things looked to have been going the visitors' way early on when Paul Barnes' penalty was turned away by Fraser Digby low down to his right. After the break, it was the home side who went in front through Glenn Naylor. He was set free in the box and clipped the ball high into the net past the stranded Digby. Swindon then laid siege to the York goal, spurning a number of opportunities and even had one effort from Kevin Horlock hacked clear off the line. Late on, Town were caught on the break and when the ball eventually squirted out to Andy McMillan, the full-back [who had joined the attack] sealed all three points for the visitors.

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Back in September we were approached by Colin Williamson, who kindly offered us a complete collection of Swindon Town Premier League programmes, from their spell in the top flight, back in the early nineties.

Colin offered them in support of the TrustSTFC Red Army Fund (www.redarmyfund.co.uk), as they had belonged to his late brother Les, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Like many of us, Les was a lifelong Town fan and as a boy used to cycle the six miles along the A420 from

Shrivenham with his brother in all weathers. Together they spent many years on the Stratton Bank where they witnessed the highs and lows, promotions and relegations which are all part and parcel of supporting Swindon Town.

We've just sold the programmes in an online auction and all proceeds will go towards the Red Army Fund. Thank you Colin, and thank you Les.

This month we also started our first in a series of social media promotional giveaways and one lucky person won

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a lovely little Town supporting bear in our December Facebook competition. If you haven't done so already, head over to our Facebook page (Trust STFC) and 'Like', the page as there will be more Swindon Town related competitions to come.

In other news, we've just delivered another twenty TrustSTFC shirts to our Red Army Fund contributors and hopefully you'll start to see a few of these around the ground from now on. These shirts are available exclusively to Red Army Fund supporters and cannot be purchased anywhere else.

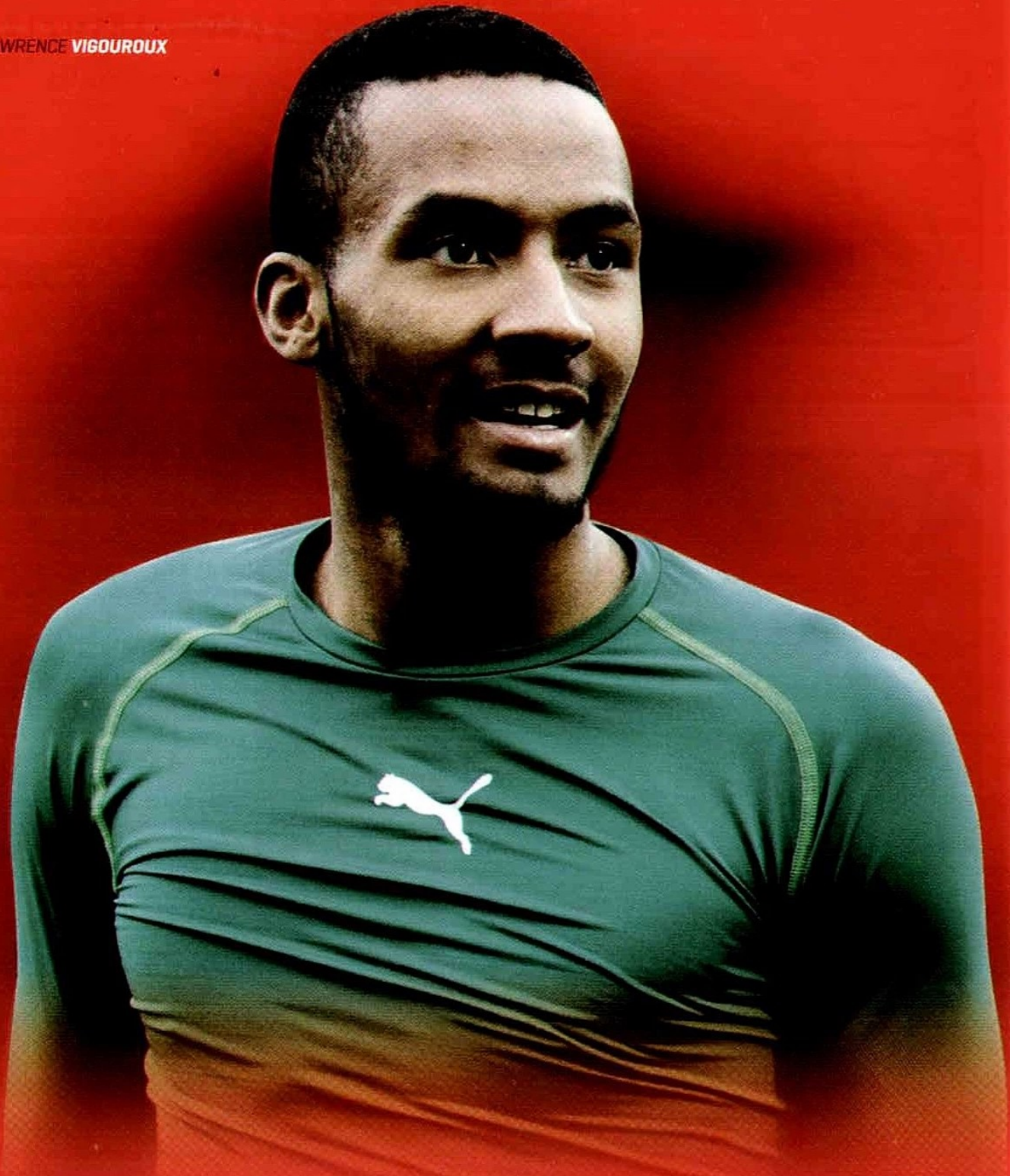
Onto footballing matters - It's been a great few weeks at the County Ground since Martin Ling's arrival and we're climbing the table again. In a very tight League One, any team that puts on a run can find themselves back in contention.

Now that the fixture list fairy has finally given us the home Boxing Day match that we all wanted, let's give the boys the vocal encouragement and backing they deserve against Gillingham today. Another three points would be an excellent Christmas present for us all and would keep up the positive momentum.

Merry Christmas to all Town fans from everyone involved with TrustSTFC.

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LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX



LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

The stopper talks Christmas, staying disciplined and the remainder of the season as Town near the halfway point of the 2015/16 campaign...



Speaking to **R+W** before the big day, the Liverpool loanee says that Town need to push on through the busy festive period after a positive sequence of recent results.

"It's the second time I've played over Christmas so I've already had the experience," he said. "I'm just hoping that we can go and get another couple of wins on the board. The most important thing for us now is to keep going and get as many points as possible over the Christmas period.

"If we get the crowd alongside us we can beat anyone. We've got a good squad of players and I think at the moment we're hitting form at the right time over a difficult Christmas period. If we stick to doing what we do best

we'll be alright."

While Christmas is traditionally associated with excesses of food and drink, Vigouroux says that it's vital for players to stay disciplined.

"We just eat turkey and open presents," he said of the festivities in his own home. "So just like any other household! It's definitely important because you don't want to put extra pounds on over Christmas and it's important as a footballer to stay fit. We have work to do over Christmas. It will be tough on the legs but as professional footballers that's what we have to do. That's important for us."

As 2015 draws to a close, the stopper reflected on the past 12

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months and revealed his personal aims for the New Year.

"Up and down to be fair," he said. "I started off quite well then talled off a bit. I didn't do well in October but I'm trying to get back to where I was at the start.

"I don't set football ones [aims]. I just want to spend more time with my family so that's what I'll do. It will be a good year for me, hopefully. I want to do well here and go back to Liverpool a better player and a better goalkeeper so that's my target."

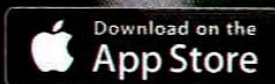
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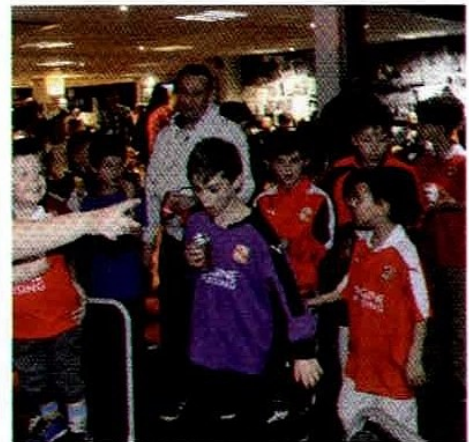
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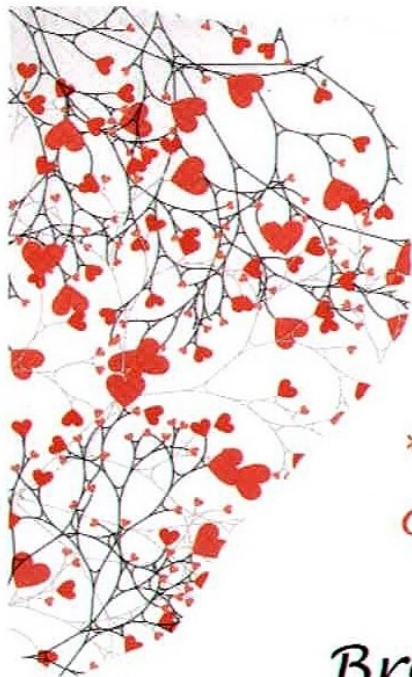


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JEREMY NEWTON

It's been another productive year for the academy. The calibre of opposition we're playing on a regular basis is fantastic and it shows we're able to compete against the big boys.



Having said that, it's all about having the opportunity to play against the bigger clubs. We can only do that if we've got better players so it's something that's taken a long time to build up. You can see in the first year scholars who are a fantastic group - they've been together since they were six or seven years old so ten years they've been in the building. Now it's up to them to try and get to the first team. We introduced a new age group at the start of this season - the Under-6s. They're just five years old so they're on an even longer journey. It's a long time in the system and it's a long investment for the club but hopefully they'll get the returns in the players coming through.

We're always wanting to improve the academy. The resources are limited but that's what we do best - we get a raw product, we develop it, nurture it and we try and get it as best as we can to hand up for the boss and the first team. The EPPP has made things more structured with different departments. We're covering everything as much as we can: analysis, sports science, education and psychology.

Hopefully it's an exciting time with players developing at different stages. No two weeks are ever the same in the academy because players will surprise you and players will continue to improve but there is also a risk that players won't improve. It's then about being

honest to them and honest to the club that sometimes their football is away from this club. Recruitment is a massive thing for us. You're only as good as the recruitment then coaching and development after that. You've got to get the unique product first - you have to target and attract the better players and we have a strong pull now. We're getting lads that are signing for Swindon at an early age rather than going to Southampton and that's a massive positive for us. It means we've got the environment and the staff and the desire of the player to be here rather than Southampton, Reading or Bristol City so that's a big plus. We've got to keep going and it's only going to get harder. Everyone in the academy wants it to improve so that development will continue. Finally, a bit of good news that Luke Haines has agreed a contract extension with us. He's tied up for the next four years. Hopefully you'll get the chance to see him in a couple of years for the youth lads and maybe into the first team if he keeps learning and listening. We certainly hope he'll be in the first team in years to come.

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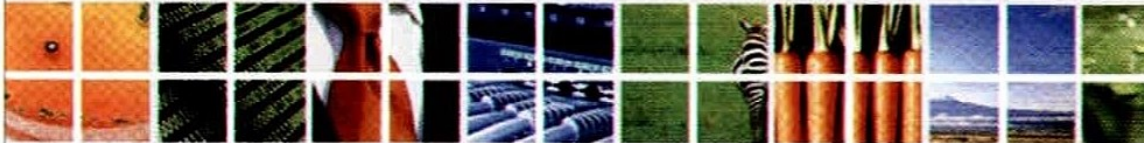
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SCOTT LINDSEY

I've been very pleased with the lads this year. We've got 19 players in total - 12 of those being first years so when you look at that, we're relatively young for a youth team but the boys have done really well.

I can see an improvement in each player which is what we need. Results have been fantastic of late - 10 unbeaten in the league. From a performance point of view it's been very good and they've all improved so I'm more than happy.

A few of the boys live in digs so we have to give them a bit of a break and let them see their families over Christmas but personally, I'd prefer to be in. Realistically, we're trying to get these boys ready for professional football. As we all know professional football is a very busy period over Christmas so I feel they should be in doing what the pros do and getting used to it. That said, some of the second years will come in and train with the first team to show what they can do. It's good for them and it's good for the new manager to see them at close quarters.

We had a situation last year where the second years came back from Christmas and a lot became sloppy because I felt one or two knew that they weren't going to get a deal. This group is different because the six second years we have all have a realistic chance of a deal.

The way I look at it is like a conveyor belt: the second years are the ones I'm trying to push through because they're the next ones we're making decisions on so I'm giving them every opportunity. That doesn't mean to say I'm neglecting the first years because the same will happen next year - it's a knock-on effect. The first year of their scholarship they learn about the philosophy of the club as well as the technical, tactical and physical



side which they're getting used to now. There is a lot to take on in that first year and by the time the second year comes around they know exactly what they're doing - in possession, out of possession, transitions and set-pieces because they've done it for a year. The first year is where they learn all that and the second year is where we push them. That's the conveyor belt.

We've got four fixtures left away from home then we find out which league we play in next year against teams from the south east. It's always interesting and usually quite hard. Last year we came across some good teams and found it difficult against teams like Luton and Southend who have good academies but I'm looking forward to it.

Today we play Gillingham - a team I played for in the mid-1990s and my family actually still live there. They've



done well this season so it will be interesting to see how they do this afternoon. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

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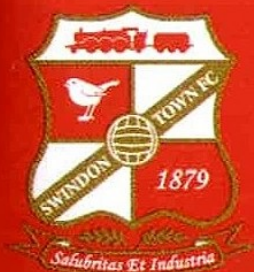
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GIRLS DEVELOPMENT

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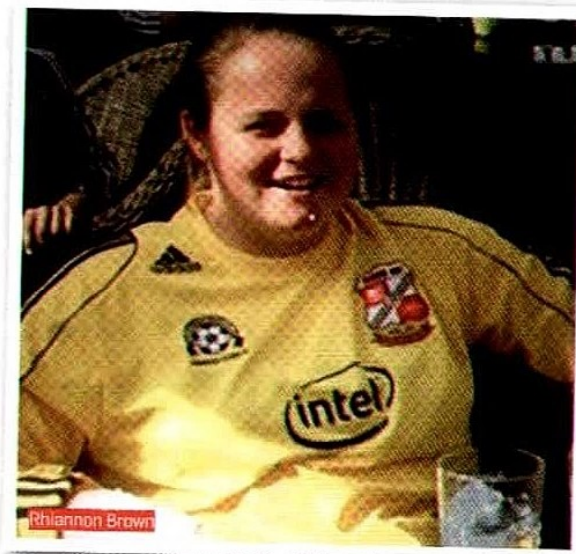
I wanted today's page to be about all of 2015 and wanted to start by remembering our inspirational goalkeeper, Rhiannon Brown who sadly passed away on January 21st, 2015. She will always be missed and her legacy will live on through Rhiannon's charity, Rhi's Goals. The Girls Centre For Football Excellence have worked hard to make Rhi proud in 2015 and have had some magical moments throughout 2015.

Pictured here is a collage of images that sum up the past 12 months.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to an unbelievable year.

RIP Rhiannon

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Rhiannon Brown

STFC LADIES

The Town Ladies secured a place in the quarter final of the FA Women's League Cup with a five goals to two win against Old Actonians in London. First half goals from Beth Westlake, Sally Butterfield and Serena Smith plus two second half strikes from Ellie Maynard and Chyna Collings set up a trip to face Nottingham Forest in the next round.

The Town Ladies are now into the two-week Christmas break and do not play again until the 3rd January when they entertain Cheltenham in an FA Women's Premier League Division One South West fixture. With Cup games and postponed fixtures, the Town have not played a League fixture since 1st November when they were held to a one-apiece draw with Keynsham Town. Despite the lack of league games the Town still hold third place with seventeen points from seven fixtures. Larkhall are in top spot having collected twenty five points from nine outings, four points ahead of Exeter City who have played eleven games. It looks as though it will be a tight finish to the League with the Town being pushed by fourth-placed Chichester City who are a point behind with the same number of games played.

SSE WOMEN'S FA CUP ROUND 2



SWINDON TOWN LADIES

v

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR LADIES

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY
KICK-OFF: 2PM

at Shrivenham FC, Barrington Park,
Shrivenham, SN6 8BJ

Admission £2, U16s FREE



The U15s Girls CCFE win Swindon cup defeating Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, South Wales and Charlton Athletic on the way. There were also wins for the U14s and U10s while the U11s, U13s and U16s were runners up

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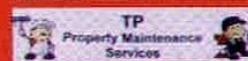
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OUR COURSES

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

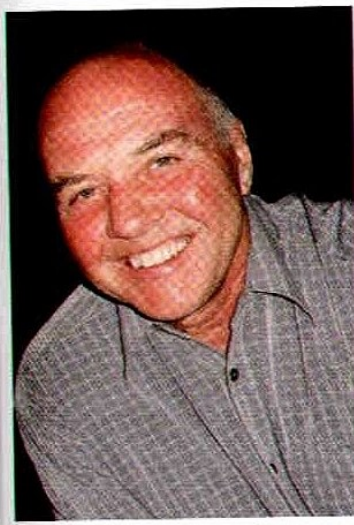
Everybody here at Swindon Town FITC Trust hope that you are all having a wonderful festive Christmas holiday and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. From our perspective it has been a very emotional year with some real highs and some very low lows. Tragedy struck in January this year with the unexpected death of young Rhiannon Brown who sadly passed away at the young age of 15 years. In October we were devastated to hear of the tragic death of Stephen Thomas, aged 18 and his father, David who were killed in a freak accident while holidaying in Canada. Both Rhiannon and Stephen were valued participants amongst the activities which we deliver in FITC with Rhiannon being a very talented goalkeeper who played for our U16s Centre for Excellence and the Swindon Under-18 Development Squad. Stephen, who had Down's syndrome was an active member of the DSAActive squad who train every Wednesday at the Haydon Centre. Both young people will be sadly missed by all their friends and family. 2015 has proved to be another successful year in the life of FITC with some of the highlights being the launch of the new Football Fans in Training programme where we have had two courses delivered with 60





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local football supporters aged 35-65 being educated in taking on a healthier lifestyle. We have also been on several tours taking girls teams to the Barcelona Cup in June and also to the Gothia Cup in July. Our disability programme has also flourished with the support of the Dave Turner Memorial Fund enabling an increase in the delivery of multi-sports social inclusion courses which are delivered during school holidays.

Moving forward into 2016, we are kicking off the New Year with a new Football Fans in Training course for January where, again, we will have 30 male supporters who are expressing a wish to change their lifestyles in order to lead a healthier life. All our holiday

development courses are in place for 2016 with all the details on the online booking system and on our website. July sees us take a record five teams (boys and girls) ranging from U14 to U16 to compete in the Gothia Cup in Sweden where 70 local youngsters will experience a trip of a lifetime. We are also looking forward to our Football Education Programme with Commonweal C6 from September 2016 where we will have 35 students - both boys and girls - taking part.

Finally, we would like to pay a special tribute to an ex player here at Swindon Town called Dave Lewis. Dave was a native Swindonian who was on the books for the mighty reds in the 1960s. Dave was a pupil at Kingsdown secondary school and played for Swindon schoolboys and was also selected to play in the all-England championship. Apart from being a keen footballer, Dave was a member of the North Wiltshire Schools athletic team but his main passion was always football. Dave sadly passed away earlier this year and with the wishes of his family, his beloved wife Shirley and his son, Neil, all the proceeds from Hillier's funeral directors have been donated to our Gothia Cup trip next year. Jon Holloway and myself would like to sincerely thank the Lewis family for their wonderful generosity and kindness and our sincere condolences go to them all. We would like to wish them all a happy and healthy New Year. Shirley, Neil and daughter-in-law, Kelly are here this afternoon and hopefully will witness us picking up all three points.



DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

LINK CENTRE

Swindon Borough

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

STRATTON

Grange Drive

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

CRICKLADE

Fri:	5.30-6.30	5-7yrs
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CROFT

Swindon Borough

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

HAYDON CENTRE

Swindon Borough

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

OASIS

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

Wed:	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs
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DORCAN

Swindon Borough

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

BEVERSBROOK

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

Link Centre

Mon:	5.00-6.00	8-12yrs
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Stratton


Tues:	4.30-5.30	5-10yrs
Thurs:	4.30-5.30	7-12yrs

Dorcan

Friday:	5.30-6.30	11-14yrs
	5.30-6.30	11-15yrs

(Advanced girls, invite only)

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ADAM WOODYATT
as Chambers



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SUPER SAMMY SAYS

Happy Christmas and well done for all getting off the sofa and down to SN1 this afternoon. Hopefully you're taking your seat with Town going into today's game looking for a fifth straight victory.

Shrewsbury is one of the few grounds I've never had the pleasure of so I can avoid all the 'tough place to go' clichés and just say that hopefully there was a repeat of the last away game at Chesterfield. I wasn't able to be here for the game against Rochdale but it sounded like a hard-fought victory. Playing against ten men can be incredibly difficult. How many times do you see a side with ten men soak up waves and waves of attacks before scoring on one of their rare forays forward. It wasn't so long ago that the team was being questioned defensively so the last two games have been encouraging from that point of view.

Gillingham have had a great first half of the season and kick off what on paper looks like a very difficult run of fixtures for the players. Hopefully like me during my playing days, the players kept the roast potato consumption down to an even dozen yesterday and they can do the business today!

You tend to think that by Christmas you'll have a good idea where teams are likely to finish in May. I don't think you can predict anything about League 1 this season. I would have heavily fancied Wigan and Sheffield United to be leading the race at this point but at the time of writing they sit in 6th and 11th respectively. That's why [with caution] I still believe Swindon have a lot to play for in the New Year. It's such an unpredictable league - a few wins on the bounce can shoot you right up that table.

It's been much the same in the Premier League this season. I've heard a lot of talk about a so-called lack of quality. It's the same people that were calling it boring last season when Chelsea were running away with the title. Don't people want to see the big clubs faltering and teams like Leicester and Palace flirting with European competition? I'd still prefer a high-scoring game with defensive errors galore to witnessing a routine 2-0 home win for one

of the big four. Maybe that's just me.

Leicester's story has been incredible and they have a great chance of finishing in that top four. I'd still be concerned as to who would get the goals and assists if Vardy or Mahrez were to be missing for any length of time. If the season were to stop now, my player of the year would have to be Mahrez. He is exactly the type of player I enjoyed watching as a child. His beautiful left foot and drop of the shoulder reminds me of Chris Waddle in his Marseille days.

I can still remember the face of the waiter in a south of France beach bar who told me about 'Magic Chris' every day during a two week holiday. I suppose the Gallic flair of Laurent Robert is the closest we have to either of the afore-mentioned players at the County Ground right now. He's been one of my real highlights of the first half of this season. One of those players who can raise the atmosphere with a bit of skill or a slaloming run. In fact we're very fortunate to have him and Ben Gladwin at the manager's disposal. I'm surprised as anyone that Ben is back playing in League 1. I struggle to think of a more gifted footballer to come out of non-league in the last few seasons. Hopefully those two will flourish over the remainder of the season.

So I thought I'd finish the year with my STFC awards of 2015!

The best win: I'll go for joint winners - the opening day victory against Bradford. All the summer's hope rewarded with a wonderful win and a rare Nathan Byrne treble. That tied with the recent last-gasp win over Walsall, purely for the cheek of it.

Best Goal: Ben Gladwin's first against Sheffield United in the Play-Off second leg. Incredible strike in the best atmosphere of last season. I don't think anyone could have predicted the outcome that night but what a way to start. Anton Rogers with the silver

medal for his wonderful free kick against Leyton Orient.

Best player: After much deliberation I'm going for Jordan Turnbull. I think it's too early to consider any of the class of 2015/16 and with Andy Williams and Nathan Byrne having left the building, Jordan's consistency and improvement over the year gets him the coveted trophy!

Best away trip: Oldham and Boundary Park in February. Not for the temperature or the result but purely for the meat pie and my BBC Wiltshire colleague, Andrew Hawes trying to vacate the car park with an luminous plastic bollard attached to the bottom of the car.

Best comeback: Back to the very start of the year and Fleetwood away. Eight-hour round trip, 2-0 down. Louis Thompson with a late equaliser for 2-2 and the quality of the fish & chips as always, top notch.

Best interviewee: I could go for Nathan Thompson's forever honest assessments but I'll have to opt for Fabien [he's not my brother] Robert. For those of you that are puzzled, never trust Wikipedia. Very nearly the end of my not so fledgling media career.

And finally the best celebrity spot by me and Shaun Hodgetts: I could go for the big bloke off The Chase or Lofty from Eastenders who were spied in the County Ground stands. But I'll have to plump for Timmy Mallett in the corridors of the Kassam before the JPT defeat, the highlight of an otherwise miserable evening.

Enjoy today's game and the rest of the festivities.

See you in the new year.

Come On You Reds!
Sam

ON THE ROAD



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All seats must be paid for at time of booking.
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All U16's must be accompanied by an adult.

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- SAS Travel advise that the best policy is to book as early as you can to ensure that you get the spaces that you want.

2015/16 MILEAGE

Barnsley - 182 miles	Millwall - 85 miles
Blackpool - 200 miles	Oldham - 172 miles
Bradford - 205 miles	Peterborough - 112 miles
Burton - 120 miles	Port Vale - 124 miles
Bury - 173 miles	Rochdale - 179 miles
Chesterfield - 156 miles	Scunthorpe - 198 miles
Colchester - 154 miles	Sheff Utd - 166 miles
Coventry - 88 miles	Shrewsbury - 121 miles
Crewe - 131 miles	Southend - 137 miles
Doncaster - 176 miles	Walsall - 86 miles
Fleetwood - 205 miles	Wigan - 165 miles
Gillingham - 134 miles	TOTAL: 3,469 miles



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£16 Non Members

Departs at 10.00am



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HOW TO BUY

In Store

Online at www.eticketing.co.uk/swindontown

Telephone 08718761993 option 1
[£2 booking fee per ticket applies]

SEATING

Adult - £20 | 065 - £18 | 17-22 - £18 |
U17 - £10 | Disabled - Age-related price
| Helper - Free

TERRACE

Adult - £17 | 065 - £15 | 17-22 - £15 |

U17 - £5 | Disabled - Age-related price |
Helper - Free

Tickets will be available on the match day but please note - all prices increase by £2 except the U17 terrace price.

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Young Person must take I.D. with them on
match day.

Advance sales at Swindon will stop at
1pm on 24th December.

15/16 TICKET PRICES

In an attempt to encourage younger supporters to the CG, prices have been slashed for Junior fans with Under-11s without a Junior Red membership getting in for just £2. Fans under the age of 17 have also seen a drop in matchday prices. Price categories have also changed from Gold, Silver and Bronze to A Grade and B Grade fixtures.

A GRADE:

	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£25	£19
Student/065	£19	£15
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£8
Juniors (U11)	£2	£2
Junior Red (U11)	FREE*	FREE*

B GRADE:

	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£23	£18
Student/065	£18	£14
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£8
Juniors (U11)	£2	£2
Junior Red (U11)	FREE*	FREE*

ADULT:

Aged 19-64 on fixture date

CONC. SENIOR 065:

Aged 65 on fixture date

CONC. STUDENT:

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CONC. DISABLED:

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Aged 17-19 on fixture date

JUNIORS UNDER 17:

Aged 16 or under on fixture date

JUNIORS UNDER 11:

Aged 10 or under on fixture date

*To qualify for a FREE Under 11s ticket, children need to join the Junior Red scheme for a one-off payment of £30. Proof of age will be required at the time of purchase. Under 11s must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. There is a maximum of two free tickets per full paying Adult. Junior Red tickets must be purchased through STFC either in store or by ringing 0871 876 1993 and selection option 2.

**Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the FastPlant Town End.

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**You can book tickets
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HOME TICKETS

SWINDON TOWN vs SOUTHEND UNITED



Saturday 9th January / Kick-Off: 3pm
Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs CREWE ALEXANDRA



Saturday 16th January / Kick-Off: 3pm
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SWINDON TOWN vs BARNSELY



Saturday 30th January / Kick-Off: 3pm
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SWINDON TOWN vs BLACKPOOL



Saturday 20th February / Kick-Off: 3pm
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BURTON ALBION vs SWINDON TOWN



Monday 28th December / Kick-Off: 3pm
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Saturday 2nd January / Kick-Off: 3pm
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FIXTURES & RESULTS



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AUGUST

Sat 8	Bradford City	H	FL1	4-1	8,090	1,025	2	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 11	Exeter City	H	CAP1	1-2	4,693	506	-	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 15	Bury	A	FL1	2-2	3,947	439	4	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 18	Port Vale	H	FL1	2-2	7,026	248	9	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 22	Southend United	A	FL1	1-0	5,839	580	6	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 29	Sheffield United	H	FL1	0-2	8,614	1,117	8	Vigouroux	Turnbull	Branco	Williams	K. Stewart

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	Newport County	A	JPT1	1-1*	1,434	453	-	Belford	Barry	Brophy	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 5	Crewe Alexandra	A	FL1	3-1	4,400	417	6	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 12	Barnsley	A	FL1	1-4	8,227	351	8	Vigouroux	Barry	Williams	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 19	Burton Albion	H	FL1	0-1	7,005	203	10	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Williams	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 26	Colchester United	H	FL1	1-2	6,687	212	17	Belford	Turnbull	Williams	Branco	Kasim
Tue 29	Doncaster Rovers	A	FL1	2-2	4,633	203	14	Belford	Brophy	Williams	Turnbull	Branco

OCTOBER

Sat 3	Blackpool	A	FL1	0-1	6,704	772	17	Vigouroux	Barry	Brophy	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 6	Oxford United	A	JPT2	0-2	9,013	1,179	-	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 10	Peterborough United	H	FL1	1-2	7,025	438	19	Vigouroux	Brophy	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Sat 17	Millwall	A	FL1	0-2	8,524	561	20	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Tue 20	Oldham Athletic	H	FL1	1-2	6,430	141	23	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Sat 24	Coventry City	H	FL1	2-2	8,309	1,686	23	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 31	Wigan Athletic	A	FL1	0-1	8,466	529	23	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco

NOVEMBER

Sat 7	Rochdale	A	FAC1	1-3	2,060	ttc	-	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 14	Scunthorpe United	H	FL1	2-1	6,957	320	20	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	FL1	1-5	2,880	243	22	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 24	Walsall	H	FL1	2-1	6,385	282	20	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 28	Chesterfield	A	FL1	4-0	5,540	255	17	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	El-Abd

DECEMBER

Sat 12	Rochdale	H	FL1	2-1	7,148	177	16	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 19	Shrewsbury Town	A	FL1	1-0	5,115	467	14	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 26	Gillingham	H	FL1	15.00								
Mon 28	Burton Albion	A	FL1	15.00								

JANUARY

Sat 2	Port Vale	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 9	Southend United	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 16	Crewe Alexandra	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 23	Sheffield United	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 30	Barnsley	H	FL1	15.00								

FEBRUARY

Sat 6	Gillingham	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 13	Colchester United	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 20	Blackpool	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 27	Peterborough United	A	FL1	15.00								

MARCH

Tue 1	Doncaster Rovers	H	FL1	19.45								
Sat 5	Oldham Athletic	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 12	Millwall	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 19	Coventry City	A	FL1	15.00								
Fri 25	Wigan Athletic	H	FL1	15.00								
Mon 28	Scunthorpe United	A	FL1	15.00								

APRIL

Sat 2	Fleetwood Town	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 9	Bradford City	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 16	Bury	H	FL1	15.00								
Tue 19	Walsall	A	FL1	19.45								
Sat 23	Chesterfield	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 30	Rochdale	A	FL1	15.00								

MAY

Sun 8	Shrewsbury Town	H	FL1	12.30								
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*Worn 7-5 on penalties



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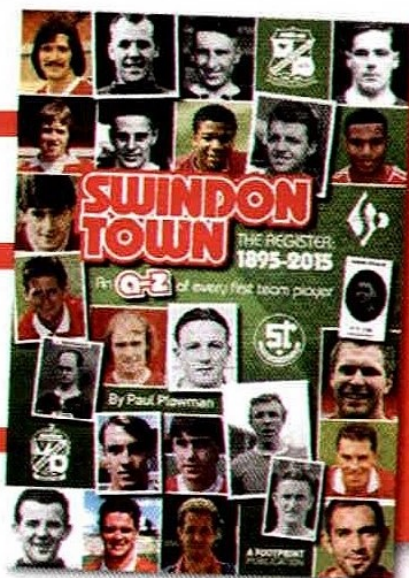
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GAME CENTRE



		HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Burton Albion	22	7	3	1	19	9	7	0	4	11	10	11	45
2	Walsall	21	6	3	2	17	10	6	3	1	20	9	18	42
3	Gillingham	22	8	2	1	25	11	4	3	4	17	17	14	41
4	Coventry	22	7	4	0	25	13	4	3	4	14	10	16	40
5	Wigan	22	6	3	2	15	5	4	4	3	16	15	11	37
6	Peterborough	22	5	3	3	24	19	5	1	5	23	15	13	34
7	Southend United	21	6	2	3	14	10	3	5	2	15	13	6	34
8	Bradford	21	4	4	2	11	9	5	3	3	12	11	3	34
9	Sheff Utd	22	6	1	4	22	17	3	5	3	12	13	4	33
10	Bury	22	5	4	2	18	15	4	2	5	15	19	-1	33
11	Millwall	21	5	1	5	14	16	4	3	3	17	15	0	31
12	Rochdale	22	6	2	3	17	12	2	4	5	11	14	2	30
13	Port Vale	22	6	4	1	19	11	2	2	7	8	15	1	30
14	Swindon	22	4	2	5	17	17	4	2	5	15	18	-3	28
15	Doncaster	22	5	4	2	16	10	2	3	6	10	21	-5	28
16	Scunthorpe	22	5	1	5	8	10	3	2	6	17	19	-4	27
17	Blackpool	22	5	2	4	11	12	2	2	7	8	16	-9	25
18	Chesterfield FC	22	2	2	7	14	22	5	0	6	11	15	-12	23
19	Fleetwood Town	21	4	3	3	19	9	2	1	8	9	21	-2	22
20	Shrewsbury	22	3	1	7	14	16	3	3	5	13	17	-6	22
21	Barnsley	22	3	2	6	11	13	3	1	7	17	25	-10	21
22	Oldham	21	1	3	6	11	22	2	8	1	12	11	-10	20
23	Crewe	22	2	3	6	11	20	3	2	6	11	17	-15	20
24	Colchester	22	3	4	4	19	20	2	1	8	14	35	-22	20



		LEAGUE		CUP		15/16 TOTAL			
		APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	YEL	RED
01	Lawrence Vigouroux	20	0	3	0	23	0	4	0
02	Nathan Thompson	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0
03	Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill	12	0	2	0	14	0	0	0
04	Fabien Robert	11(8)	4	2(1)	0	13(9)	4	4	0
05	Jordan Williams	9	0	1	0	10	0	1	0
06	Jordan Turnbull	19	0	4	0	23	0	4	1
07	Drissa Traore	10(3)	0	2	0	12(3)	0	2	0
08	Yasir Kasim	15(1)	0	2	0	17(1)	0	4	0
09	Michael Smith	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
10	Nathan Byrne	5	3	1	0	6	3	1	0
10	Nicky Ajose	17	9	2	1	19	10	0	0
11	Kevin Stewart	3(2)	0	2	0	5(2)	0	1	0
12	Mornar Bangoura	1	0	(1)	0	1(1)	0	0	0
14	Wes Thomas	5(1)	2	0	0	5(1)	2	0	0
15	James Brophy	8(4)	0	2(1)	0	10(5)	0	4	0
16	Jordan Stewart	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
17	Ben Gladwin	11	2	0	0	11	2	3	0
18	Louis Thompson	9(2)	2	1	0	10(2)	2	4	0
19	Jeremy Baimy	(6)	0	(1)	0	(7)	0	2	0
20	Jonathan Obika	6(5)	4	3	1	11(5)	5	0	0
21	Will Randall	(4)	0	1(1)	0	1(5)	0	0	0
22	Lee Marshall	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
24	Jermaine Hylton	2(5)	0	1(1)	0	3(6)	0	1	0
25	Tyrell Belford	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
26	Anton Rodgers	14(4)	2	3	1	17(4)	3	1	0
27	Bradley Barry	13	0	3	0	16	0	3	0
28	Ellis Iandolo	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0	0	0
29	Raphael Rossi-Branco	21	1	4	0	24	1	5	0
30	Miles Storry	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0	0	0
31	Tom Smith	(1)	1	(1)	0	(2)	1	0	0
32	Henrik Djarnaa	7(2)	1	1(1)	0	8(3)	0	0	0
34	Adom El-Abd	11	0	1	0	12	0	3	0



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Saturday 19th December

Barnsley 0-2 Wigan
 Blackpool 2-0 Peterborough
 Burton 3-3 Doncaster
 Chesterfield 0-1 Bradford
 Coventry 1-1 Oldham
 Crewe 1-1 Fleetwood
 Millwall 0-3 Gillingham
 Rochdale 3-1 Colchester
 Scunthorpe 0-1 Sheff Utd
 Shrewsbury 0-1 Swindon

Sunday 20th December

Walsall 2-0 Port Vale

Today

Blackpool v Oldham
 Bradford v Burton
 Bury v Barnsley
 Colchester v Southend
 Coventry v Port Vale
 Doncaster v Scunthorpe
 Millwall v Walsall
 Peterborough v Chesterfield
 Rochdale v Crewe
 Shrewsbury v Fleetwood
 Swindon v Gillingham
 Wigan v Sheff Utd

Monday 28th December

Southend v Millwall
 Barnsley v Blackpool
 Burton v Swindon
 Chesterfield v Coventry
 Crewe v Shrewsbury
 Fleetwood v Wigan
 Gillingham v Colchester
 Oldham v Doncaster
 Port Vale v Bury
 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
 Sheff Utd v Bradford
 Walsall v Peterborough

Saturday 2nd January

Barnsley v Millwall
 Burton v Blackpool
 Chesterfield v Shrewsbury
 Crewe v Coventry
 Fleetwood v Bury
 Gillingham v Bradford
 Oldham v Colchester
 Port Vale v Swindon
 Scunthorpe v Wigan
 Sheff Utd v Peterborough
 Southend v Doncaster
 Walsall v Rochdale

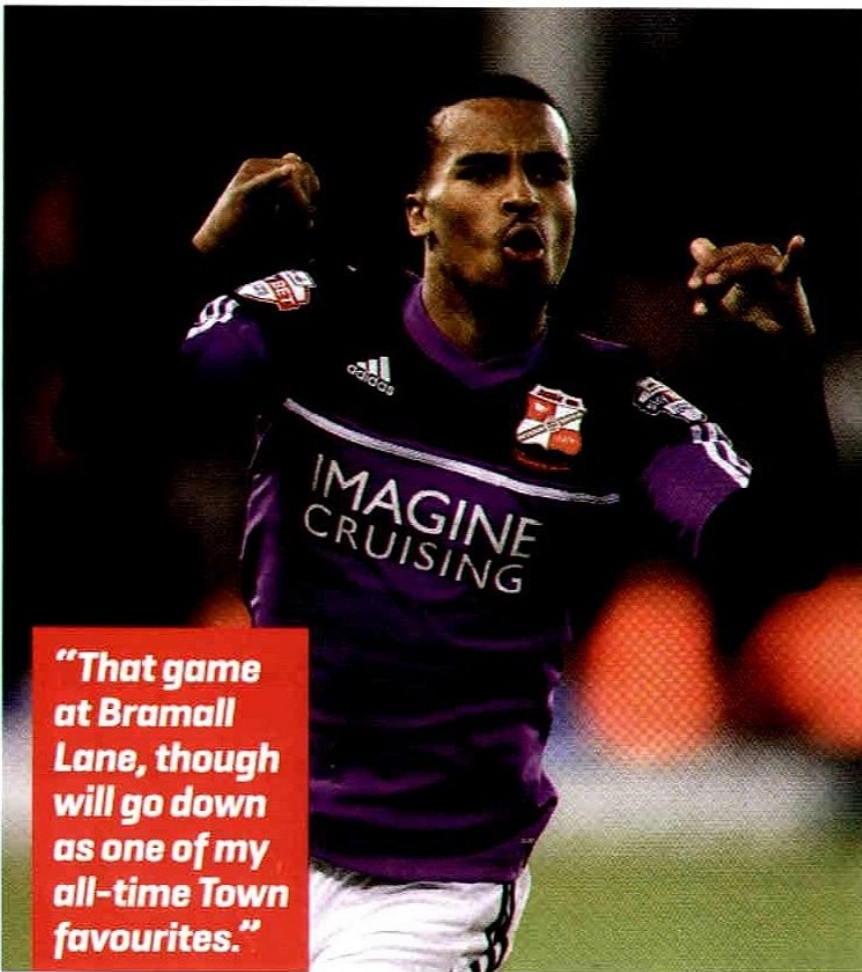


PRESSING MATTERS

So here it is. The last game of 2015 and what a year it has been.

It's such a cliché simply because such is the nature of life itself but it has been a real year of ups and downs at the County Ground. I can still recall the grin on my face leaving the Ricoh Arena last January having just witnessed the complete dismantling of Coventry City in their own back yard. Contrast that with the feeling having left Ashton Gate or even Wembley. That's just considering what's happened on the field let alone everything that has happened behind the scenes at this club plus the countless memories made following this wonderful team over this fair and sceptered isle.

The one memory that still vividly sticks in my mind is the first leg of the Play-Off semi-final against Sheffield United. If most fans were to pick their one standout game from this season then I'd argue that a lot of people would go for the second leg because of the nature of what happened and what was at stake. That game at Bramall Lane, though will go down as one of my all-time Town favourites. Right from the moment the teams walked out and the away fans created that ticker tape reception it was just written for it to be a special night. Even when Sheffield United scored there was a feeling that there may be more to come and as the evening wore on and Town got back into it, that little voice in the back of every football fan's mind that whispers 'maybe' grew louder and louder. Enter Sam Ricketts with a bullet of a header. I simply adore a good header and that was a stunner. What I'll remember most about that whole day was the moment when Nathan Byrne shaped to shoot goalwards. The Town supporter in me [well-versed in things going wrong at precisely the right moment] thought:



"That game at Bramall Lane, though will go down as one of my all-time Town favourites."

"Take a draw back to the County Ground. Just blow that whistle, referee we'll take 1-1 right now." I didn't even think of what eventually did happen so belted out "don't shoot, Byrne!" quite audibly. Never have I been happier to tuck into an extra-large slice of humble pie.

This year has also been one of change. Players have come and gone while there has even been a re-shuffle on the coaching staff too. Even office colleagues have moved onto pastures new. I cannot wait for what lies ahead

in the New Year. I'm not usually in the business of making resolutions or setting goals/aims so I'm going to play with the straightest of bats and add that I'm going to take each day as it comes and enjoy what I can. How about that?

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2016. See you next year.

Tom Otrebski
RED&WHITE EDITOR



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