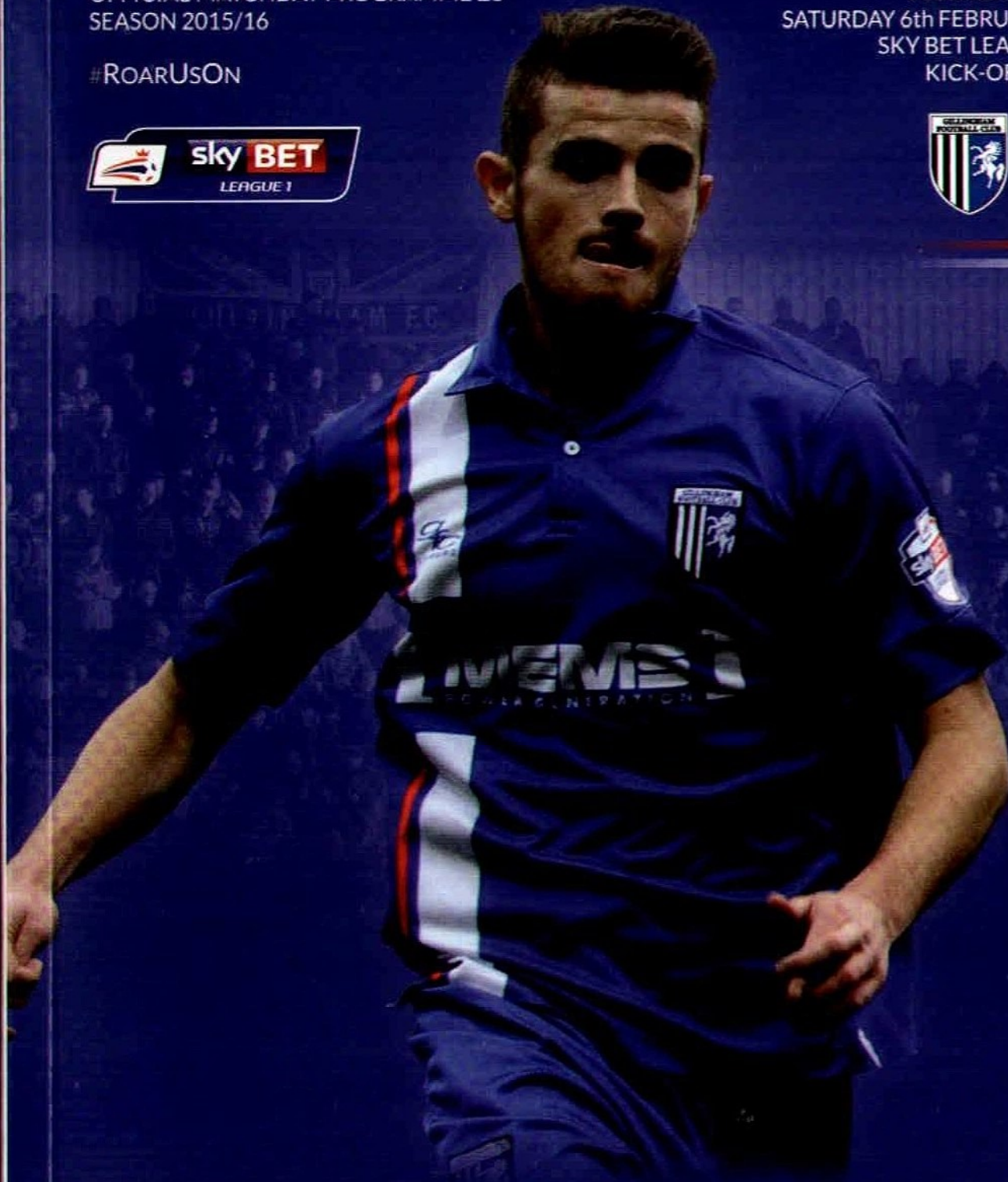


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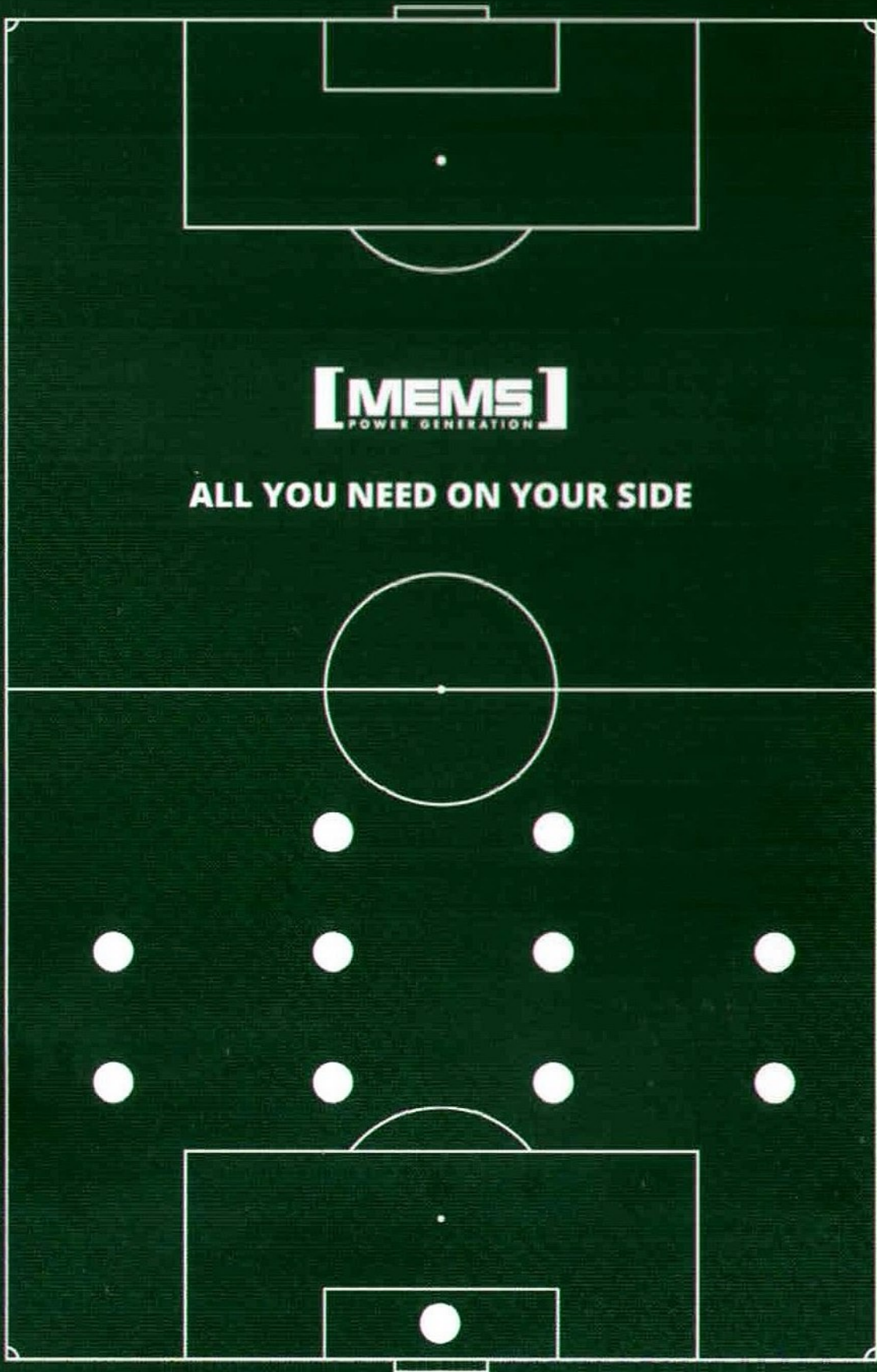
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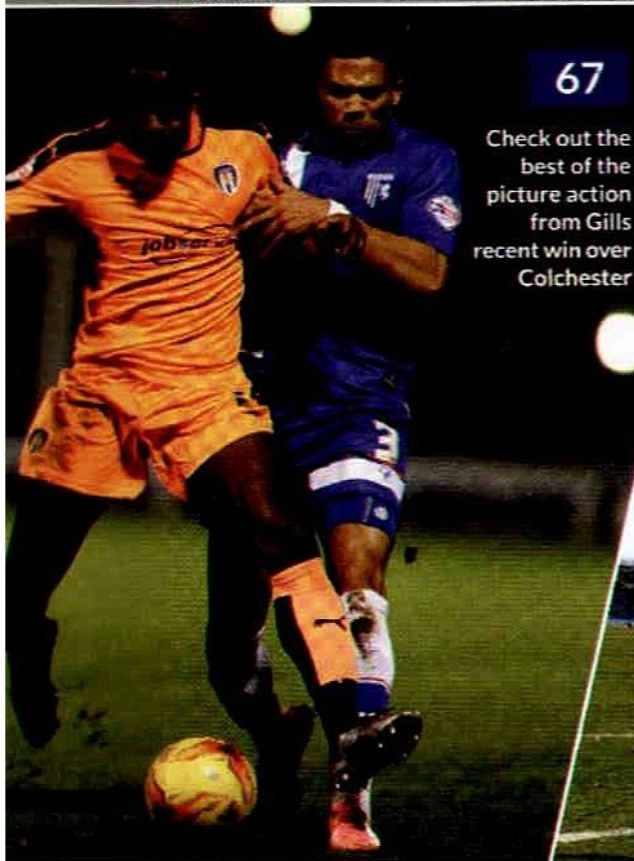


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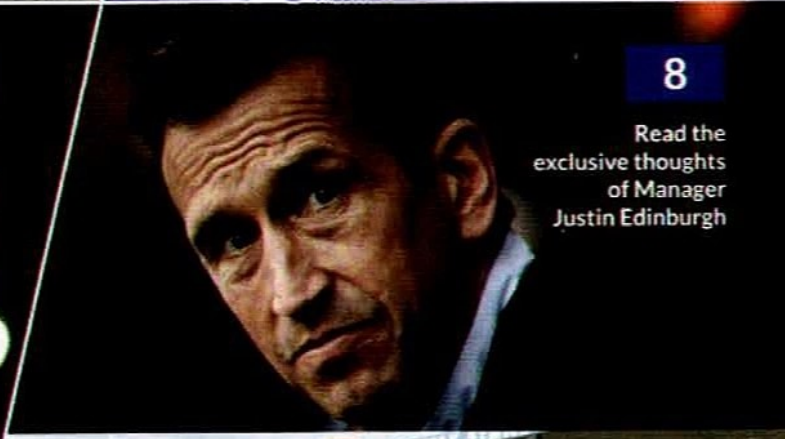
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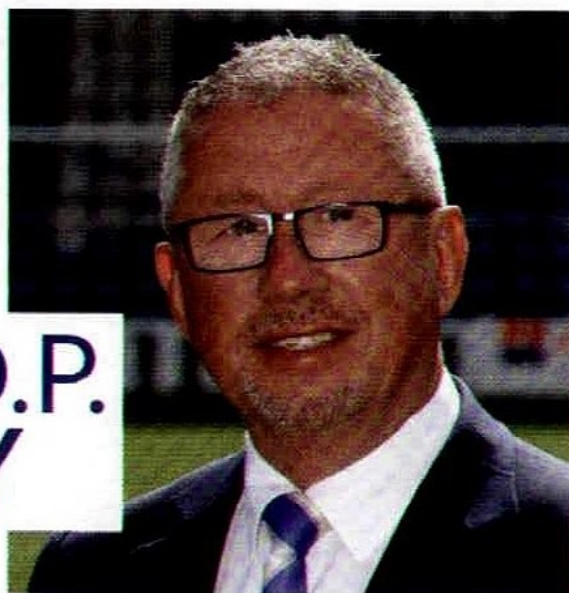
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PAUL D.P. SCALLY



Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman, Boys and Girls, and welcome back to Priestfield Stadium for this afternoon's Sky Bet League One fixture against Swindon Town.

Firstly I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the team of Directors, Coaches, Players and Supporters that have made the trip from Wiltshire and, result aside, I wish you a pleasant stay at the home of Football in Kent and a safe journey home later this evening.

It's only six weeks since the two teams last met at the County Ground and everyone performed to their maximum on the day to record a much deserved 3-1 win, our second victory at the venue in the space of eight months.

It's hard to believe that we are already into early February, only three months until the end of the regular season. We remain in an excellent position in the league table and with everyone seemingly capable of beating any team in this division

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Last weekend we made the incredibly long trip to Blackpool which, on the day, seemed the coldest and most miserable place on the planet with bizarre weather conditions, hail, rain, mist and sun all in 90 minutes.

I think you would find more grass in a house gutter than on the pitch but the boys worked hard on the mud, had most of the possession but were unable to break down a solid and well organised Blackpool defence.

Prior that we recorded a brilliant 2-1 win over Peterborough United which put us second in the league table, however Walsall's midweek win ensured we slipped down to third.

As many of you will know the transfer deadline closed earlier this week and we were able to retain the services of our key players despite a lot of interest. We really could have done with the cash as we are really



suffering from the walk out of Centerplate, our caterers, last March and the loss of income as a result thereof, plus the spend to bring facilities up to scratch.

But the importance of keeping the squad together over the next three months as we attempt to reach the playoffs, our second goal, meant that we wouldn't entertain the offers we had on a couple of our players. We can all now focus on the effort that will be needed to turn our season into a successful one.

Away from the field momentarily and I'd like to officially welcome Steve Waggott to the club who has been appointed CEO this week and he will be responsible for all day to day matters, taking some of the mounting pressure off me personally given the work I have to do on a legal and strategic matters at the moment. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him well.

I mentioned bringing facilities up to scratch and I'm delighted



to say that Factory is now open. It remains under construction but we are opening for business from today on match days only until April, when full facilities should be completed and then open six days a week. After the game there will be an "After Party" from 5pm till late.

It would be great to see our fans supporting this new venue, and the profits that are generated from our new facility will go towards improving our playing squad.

Back to the action though and this afternoon gives us the opportunity to return to winning ways here at Priestfield. Our form here has been excellent over the last 10 months and if we can clinch maximum points then we could return to the top should results elsewhere go in our favour.

Once again I'd like to thank each and every one of you for

your continued support, I feel the club is very together at this moment in time and that is the best way to achieve success.

There is still a long way to go this season but if we can maintain what we have been doing then I'm sure we will be cheering more often than not before the curtain drops in three months time.

Let's get Priestfield rocking!

Up the Gills
Paul D P Scally
Chairman

FACTORY RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT TO OPEN



Gillingham FC are delighted to have finally announced the opening of Factory, our new bar/restaurant facility.

Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes at the venue and we are pleased we can now open for all home match days only from now until the end of the season.

Chairman Paul Scally said:

"Factory remains under construction but we are opening for business from today on match days only until April, when full facilities should be completed and then open six days a week. After the game today there will be an "After Party" from 5pm till late. Please come and support the venue, all profits taken will go to strengthening the squad."

FANTASTIC DAY WITH FREE KICKS



Thanks to the tireless work of The Free Kicks Foundation, our recent game against

Peterborough saw the Gills welcome two very special mascots to the game, Alicia Morton from Abbey Court Community School and Luke Berry from Danecourt School.

On the day Alicia and Luke were welcomed at Main Reception where they changed into their very own Gills strip before heading in to the changing rooms to meet the players. Once in they were able to ask questions, collect autographs and of course pose for some photographs with the players. Then they moved on to a tour of the ground after which they made their way on to the pitch where they were able to put their footballing skills to the test alongside the first team as they warmed up.

While the warm-up continued we welcomed Steve Thorpe and Sam Downing, who run Free Kicks, pitchside to thank them for all their hard work.

Shortly before kick-off Alicia and Luke followed the players down the tunnel where they prepared to walk-out with the team. Alicia asked to walk out with Bradley Dack, while Luke asked to walk out with Stuart Nelson. Then to the cheers of the waiting Priestfield faithful they walked hand in hand with their players and posed for a few more photos before heading off to their seats to enjoy the game.

Thank you again to Sam and Steve of The Free Kicks Foundation and to find out more about the amazing work they do please visit their website www.freekicksfoundation.org or @FreeKicks. You can also help support the fantastic work they do by donating on line www.justgiving.com/freekicks.

CHICKSEN BACK AT PRIESTFIELD



Gillingham FC have recently completed the signing

of Brighton left back Adam Chicksen on loan until February 23.

The 24-year-old has had a spell at MEMS Priestfield Stadium before, playing four times for the club during the 2014/15 season. Chicksen was recalled by the Seagulls and has featured for their first team this season, however he has spent time on loan elsewhere including Leyton Orient and Fleetwood Town.

He made his debut against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road last weekend.

SAMUEL EXTENDS GILLS LOAN

Dominic Samuel has extended his loan deal to remain at MEMS Priestfield Stadium until the end of the 2015/16 Sky Bet League One season.

The forward joined the club from Championship side Reading in mid-November and has so far scored five goals in 13 appearances.

The 21-year-old will be available for the Play-Offs should Gillingham qualify. Manager Justin Edinburgh said: "This is great news for everybody at the club, Dominic has scored some important goals for us and we were always keen to secure his services for longer if the opportunity came up."

GILLS SUPPORT FOOTBALL v HOMOPHOBIA INITIATIVE



February is the annual Football v Homophobia month of action & we at Gillingham Football Club would like to celebrate and welcome Diversity along with challenging any forms of discrimination and prejudice.

We believe in a game for all, where LGBT, can be seen and heard whilst contributing to making Gillingham FC a safe, inclusive & enjoyable environment.

Today we are raising awareness and continue our journey in

adopting a zero tolerance policy towards any forms of Homophobia and Discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. Our rationale is we believe that change comes with education and we are conscious and proactive in being the positive role model for the community in leading the way in challenging Homophobic behaviour.

In order to achieve this Gillingham FC would like to encourage supporters to stand up, #RoarUsOn with your support for our efforts to prevent unfair treatment whilst promoting Equality for all.

Gillingham FC would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the making the Club inclusive for everyone to come & enjoy.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



This afternoon we are delighted to welcome three mascots who will walk out alongside the players prior to kick-off this afternoon.

Firstly we have **Joshua Davies**, he is 11 years old and has come all the way from Somerset to be with us today. His favourite Gills players are Bradley Dack and Doug Loft.

Secondly we have **Cameron Vince**, he is 13 years old and comes from Higham in Rochester - he is looking forward to meeting Goalkeeper

Stuart Nelson and midfielder Jake Hessenthaler.

Finally we are pleased to welcome **Harry Cooper**, he is eight years old and comes from here in Gillingham. His favourite duo are Stuart Nelson and Cody McDonald.

We hope you and your families enjoy your day with us at MEMS Priestfield Stadium and let's hope you can inspire the boys to all three points.

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12th MAN

This afternoon's 12th man is **Bradley Norton** - everyone at Gillingham FC

wishes you a happy 18th birthday and a great day with us at MEMS Priestfield Stadium.

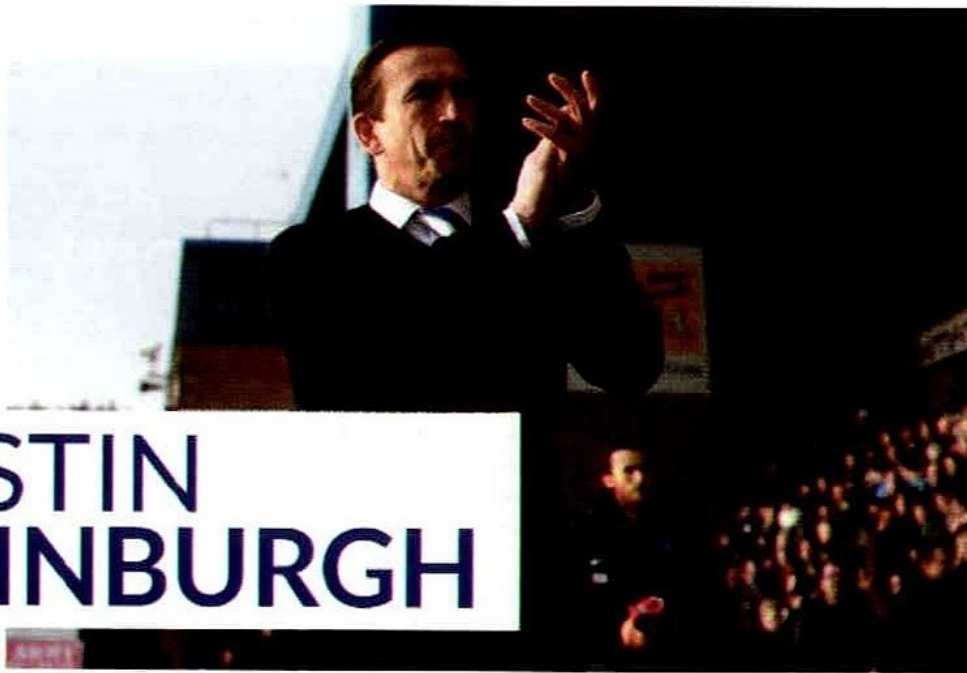


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to **Ben Cheal** who is 15 today. Ben is a member

in the Legends lounge and will be watching from the Upper Medway stand today.

Best wishes from everyone at the club and love from all the family.



JUSTIN EDINBURGH

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman, Boys and Girls, and welcome back to Priestfield Stadium for this afternoon's Sky Bet League One fixture against Swindon.

Firstly I'd like to welcome Manager Luke Williams and his team of Directors, Coaches, Players and Supporters that have made the trip from Wiltshire and, result aside, wish you a pleasant stay with us and a safe trip home later on this evening.

I'd like to start off by commenting on the recent speculation surrounding Bradley Dack and John Egan.

People were aware of the interest in Bradley and John and the Chairman takes a lot of credit in keeping the squad together, certainly for now because there were some serious bids coming in which would have broken the transfer record at the Football Club and that shows his intent.

It also shows the backing and belief he has in myself and the players and I think it was a massive boost for the whole club, including the fans that we were able to keep this talented young squad together during a tricky transfer window.

Position

Credit to the players too, their heads were not turned and it hasn't affected them – it shows their belief in what we are trying to achieve at the club and what they feel they can achieve certainly this season with the team and the position we are in. When 11 o'clock passed I was a very relieved man.

There is no doubt that a lot of members in this squad have a lot of potential and if it isn't to be fulfilled with this club then we understand top players will move on.

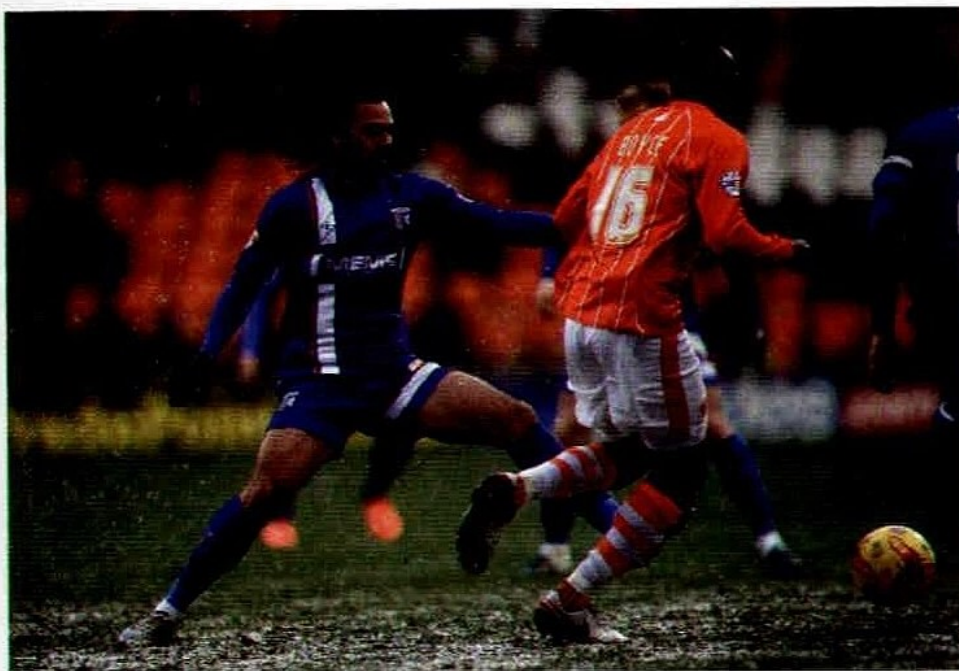
On top of being able to keep those two players we were also able to secure the services of

Dominic Samuel on a half season loan which is very good for him because after each of his loans there has been an unsettling period but now he knows he's here for the remainder of the season and that was massive for us and I think we are still to see the best from him.

He's been excellent for sure but I think we will see him come to the fore now and I'm sure we will see an improvement in his performances, we were delighted with that.

In regards to Deji Oshilaja we may be able to get him back but that will only be done once the window re-opens. That would be another great addition to the squad and with him knowing us it would be like having a player back from injury.

When the window closed there was some excellent news and that lifted the whole club. We were a bit down after the Blackpool game; it was a performance with grit and



determination but it was a really difficult pitch with the weather conditions and we found it hard to stamp any fluency or brightness in the final third.

The players gave it everything but it wasn't a cohesive pitch in terms of how we wanted to play. I always felt that perhaps the team that scored first would go on to win as the surface wasn't easy to chase a game on, credit to Blackpool though because once they got in front they defended well but on another day it would have been 0-0 and another valuable point.

What I said to the players after the game is that in those conditions you have to make sure you don't lose and take a point but the group are learning on their feet and I have no doubt that will prove invaluable experience should they come across those same conditions again.

That was followed by another fantastic second half

performance against a really good Peterborough side.

To come from behind was a magnificent effort and a high quality display, certainly in the second half as they played well for a long period in the first half.

We made some changes at half time and credit to the players as they came strong and were worthy of the 2-1 win, there is no doubt about that.

Opportunity

We are in the business end of the season now, it's a short month in February and then it's all about March and April. Four of our next six games are at home and that gives us a really good opportunity if we can continue our form, we know today will be a difficult game against a Swindon side who have made some improvements following a poor start and on their day can be a dangerous team to play against.

However we need to focus

on ourselves from now until the end of the season, we can't affect people's games in hand or whatever else they are doing. We've done very well so far, the group have really focused this week – speculation has been put behind them and we can now solely concentrate on trying to gain promotion from this league.

Your support has been key to our success all season and will continue to be in the 16 games we have remaining after this one. I ask you to keep turning up in numbers as the atmosphere generated can only have a positive impact on the players, and as our record shows, they respond well.

Thanks again, we appreciate it enormously.

Enjoy the Game
Justin

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Gillingham FC would like to say thanks to RWH Haulage Ltd who sponsored the club's most recent home game against Peterborough United.

The Gills recorded another excellent 2-1 win, with Bradley Dack on target again to put Justin Edinburgh's side second in the table.

And it was the midfielder who was awarded 'Man of the Match.'

We hope you enjoyed your day at MEMS Priestfield Stadium and the club look forward to welcoming you back again soon.



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DONCASTER

2

SCORERS
Stewart 75,
Williams 88

LINE UP

Stuckmann, Alcock,
McCullough, Butler
(Stewart 49, Lund 86),
Taylor-Sinclair, Evina,
Coppinger, Keegan,
Grant, Williams, Main
(Mandeville 50)

UNUSED SUBS:

Chaplow, Mackenzie,
Marosi, Middleston

Picture above:

Josh Wright wins an
important challenge



GILLINGHAM

2

SCORERS
Donnelly 9, 47

LINE UP

Nelson, Jackson,
Ehmer, Egan, Garmston,
A Morris, Wright
(McGlashan 72), Dack,
Hessenthaler (Loft 90),
Samuel, Donnelly

UNUSED SUBS:

G Morris, List,
Dickenson, Osadebe,
Norris

Pictures courtesy of
Kent Messenger Group

"We were in control we were absolutely superb. Yes, you can look at us and say we lost a 2-0 lead but there were decisions from last week (against Wigan) and again in this game that have cost us."

Justin Edinburgh

"They were 2-0 up against Walsall and lost and 2-0 up to Wigan and lost. We mentioned it at half time.

When it went 2-2 I thought we would go on and win it and I'm disappointed with the result."

Darren Ferguson

Donny	Match Stats	Gills
2	Goals	2
12	Total Attempts	7
3	On Target	5
8	Off Target	1
1	Blocked	0
0	Hit Woodwork	0
6	Corners	3
2	Caught Offside	1
2	Fouls conceded	13
0	Yellow Cards	1
0	Red Cards	0



Bradley Dack and Jake Hessenthaler congratulate Rory Donnelly



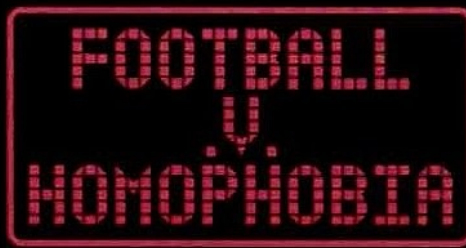
The players celebrate with Donnelly after bagging a brace



Stuart Nelson comes out of his area to claim a loose ball



Bradley Dack does well to control the ball with his head



FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

AT TODAY'S GAME GILLINGHAM FC IS SHOWING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE FOOTBALL V HOMOPHOBIA CAMPAIGN.

Football v Homophobia (FvH) takes place year round and the campaign has its Month of Action in February. It is an international campaign to tackle homophobia and prejudice against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) people in football. The aim of FvH is to make football safe and welcoming for everyone.

Prejudice and discrimination in football affects us all, not just LGBT people. In fact a lot of the homophobic language and abuse that is directed at football players, managers, officials and fans, targets heterosexual people. This doesn't mean that it's OK. Using discriminatory language towards someone because you don't like the way they play football, manage a team, make a refereeing decision or because of whom they support is wrong. It's against the Laws of the Game and can be a criminal offense, but most importantly, it can make football an intimidating and unpleasant place for people.

Football is changing, and more people are coming out in the professional game. But we still have some way to go to make sure that football is a welcoming sport for all sections of the community.

Throughout Football v Homophobia month and beyond, please help Gillingham FC by standing up to prejudice and discrimination against LGBT people in the game. Together we can make football a welcoming place for everyone.

If you witness any behavior during a game, like anti-gay chanting and hateful or prejudiced language, speak to a nearby steward, the police, a club official or contact Kick It Out via the reporting line - 0800 169 9414 – or the Kick It Out app www.kickitout.org/get-involved/report-it Remember, doing nothing only allows discrimination to get worse!

Find out more about the Football v Homophobia campaign at:

WWW.FOOTBALLVHOMOPHOBIA.COM



Image courtesy of Leyton Orient FC



DOUBLE TRIUMPH IN THE FUTSAL CUP FOR THE GILLS

Last week The Howard School and Rainham School for Girls headed off to Leyton Orient to represent Gillingham FC in the Area Finals of the Kinder +Sports Futsal Cup.

The Kinder +Sport Futsal Cup is a new schools competition for Under 16 Boys and Girls run by the Football League Trust in collaboration with Community Trusts at the 72 League Clubs. The competition kicked off this season seeing thousands of Year 10 and 11 students battle it out to represent their local club at the National Final.

Both Finals were played on a round robin basis of two

leagues with each team playing each other twice – home and away before the winners of each league faced each other in the final. The boys from The Howard School encountered Leyton Orient and Dagenham and Redbridge, while the girls from Rainham Girls played Dagenham and Redbridge, QPR and Southend.

Finals

Both teams comfortably won their group stage with only one loss each, both against Dagenham and Redbridge. This set up finals between the boys and the school representing

Charlton Athletic with the girls facing the school representing Dagenham and Redbridge.

The mirroring from the group stages continued as both teams won their finals in impressive fashion, meaning both teams would continue on to the Regional Finals taking place in February. At the Regional Finals the teams will each meet three other Area Finals winners from the South with the top two teams on the day from both the boys and girls going on to represent the South in the National Finals Festival taking place in March.

Congratulations and good luck.

2015-16 STAT PACK



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MATCH FACTS

Gillingham have scored at least two goals in their last six league matches against the Robins.



MATCH FACTS

Swindon are winless in six league matches against the Gills, last beating them in October 2011 (D2 L4).



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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*Data does not include games played on Feb 2-3.





SWINDON TOWN



Images courtesy of Swindon Town FC

Since the Gills triumphed at the County Ground on Boxing Day, ongoings at today's visitors to the MEMS Priestfield Stadium, Swindon Town, have been rather eventful.

Three days after the sides' last encounter, manager Martin Ling resigned from his role after just 56 days, citing health reasons. The former Town player won five of the nine matches he took charge of Town in, as he steered them away from the relegation zone.

Former Brighton under-21 manager Luke Williams has been in charge since, initially as a caretaker, before the club recently announced he will remain in his current role until the season end.

He won his first two games in the role, both in attention-grabbing style. Town went from being two-nil down against Southend United after 13 minutes to winning 4-2 on January 9th, before Williams's

side overturned a 3-1 half time deficit against Crewe to claim a 4-3 victory courtesy of a last-minute Nicky Ajose goal seven days later.

Since then, Town have drawn 1-1 against Sheffield United, lost late on at home to Barnsley 1-0 last Saturday before falling to the same scoreline away to Port Vale on Tuesday night. They sit 17th in Sky Bet League One ahead of this afternoon's fixture.

In his first weeks in charge, Williams had to deal without loanees Ben Gladwin, Adam El-Abd and Louis Thompson, who returned to QPR, Bristol City and Norwich City respectively in recent weeks having become mainstays of the Town starting line-up. Thompson has this week returned to the County Ground in a deal that will keep him at the club until the end of the season.

Williams has also brought in midfielder Michael Doughty on loan from QPR. The

23-year-old played nine times for the Gills last season, and subsequently made three substitute appearances for his parent club in Premier League games. Town were also believed to be chasing Exeter City's leading scorer Tom Nichols, who joined Peterborough United from the League Two side on transfer deadline day.

The Gills have won three of the last five meetings between the two sides, although Town earned a point in their last meeting at the Priestfield Stadium in August 2014. Goals from Danny Kedwell and Kortney Hause twice put the hosts in front, before a last-minute own goal by goalkeeper Stephen Bywater levelled the tie. Town's last victory in Kent came in the infamous 1986-1987 season, which ended with the Wiltshire club winning the third division play-off final in a replay at the Gills' expense.

A photograph of Lawrence Vigouroux, a goalkeeper, wearing a light blue and white kit, holding a yellow and red soccer ball.

VISITORS

LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Goalkeeper

Age: 22
Date of Birth: 19/11/1993
Previous Clubs: Tottenham,
Hyde (loan), Liverpool

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 Chilean youth international was a regular for Liverpool's U21 side.

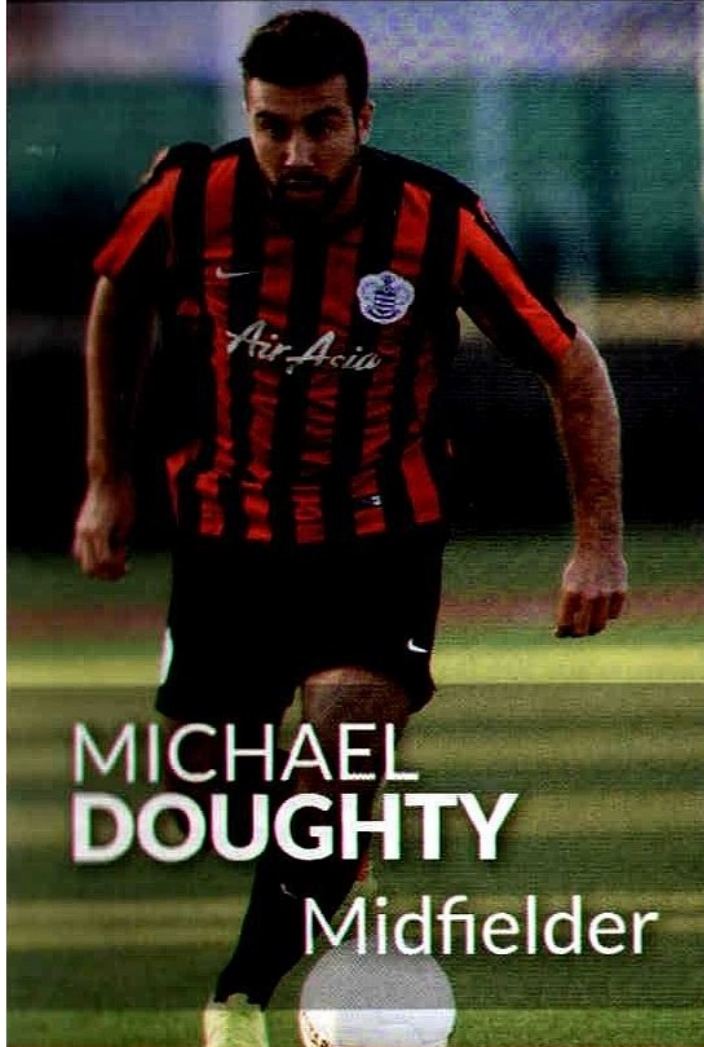
A photograph of Nathan Thompson, a defender, wearing a red and white kit with "IMAGINE CRUISING" on the front, running on a field.

NATHAN THOMPSON

Defender

Age: 25
Date of Birth: 09/11/1990
Previous Clubs: None

A product of the STFC 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 firm fans' favourite ever since, the two-time Player of the Year winner is the current skipper at the County Ground.



MICHAEL DOUGHTY

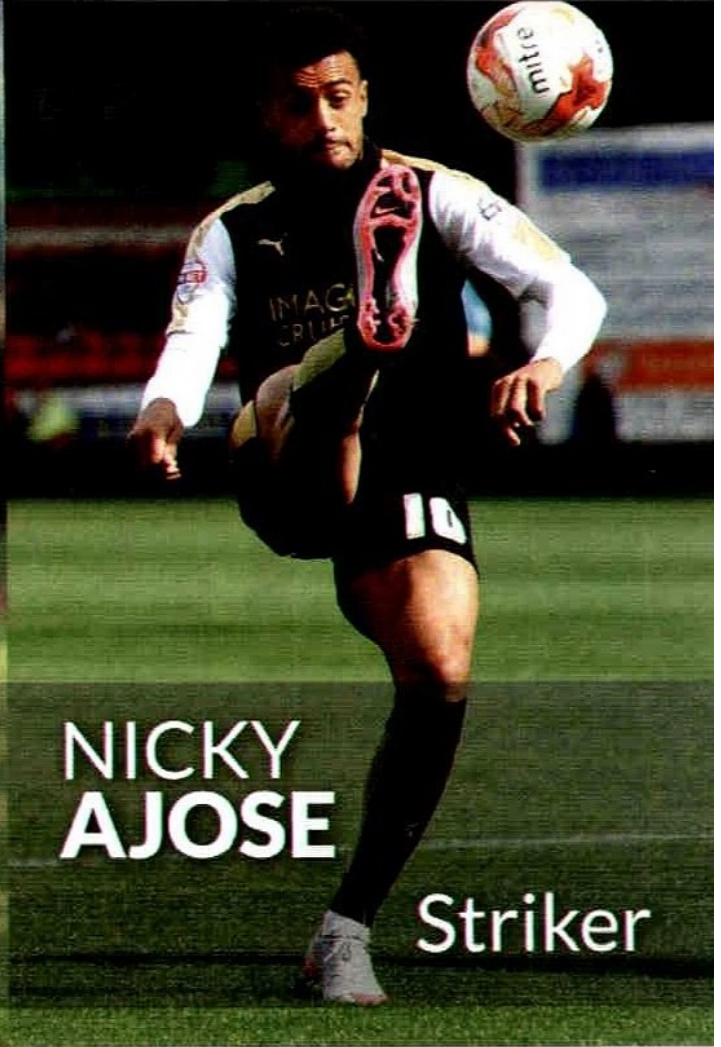
Midfielder

Age: 23

Date of Birth: 20/11/1992

Previous Clubs: Queens Park Rangers, Woking (loan), Crawley (loan), Aldershot (loan), St. Johnstone (loan), Stevenage (loan), Gillingham (loan)

The QPR midfielder signed for Swindon on loan in January 2016 having appeared for his parent club on eight occasions this season. Michael spent his entire youth career at Loftus Road but the majority of his first team opportunities have come away from London, including with Gillingham during the 2014/15 season. He has also enjoyed spells at Stevenage and Crawley.



NICKY AJOSE

Striker

Age: 24

Date of Birth: 07/10/1991

Previous Clubs: Manchester United, Bury (loan), Peterborough, Scunthorpe (loan), Chesterfield (loan), Crawley (loan), Leeds, Crewe (loan)

The former Swindon loanee agreed a three-year deal at the County Ground in September 2015 after leaving former club, Leeds United. Having started his career with Manchester United, Ajose spent time on loan in Wiltshire from Peterborough United at the start of the 2013/14 season, netting ten goals in his first spell. Since leaving the Posh, he was also out on loan at Crewe Alexandra during his stint at Elland Road. Made the perfect start to life back at SN1, finding the net on his second debut against the Alex.

LUKE WILLIAMS

Manager



Williams spent three seasons at Brighton and Hove Albion where he was in charge of the Under 21s and was a coach with the reserve team, before joining Swindon ahead of the 2013/14 campaign.

He has also been an FA Skills Coach and has worked at Leyton Orient and West Ham.

After serving as a coach under the previous two incumbents at SN1, he was handed the reins full-time in January 2016 until the end of the 2015/16 season.

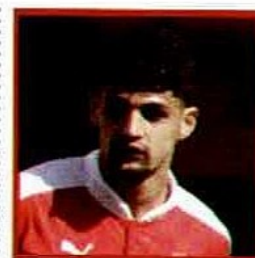


TYRELL BELFORD

GOALKEEPER

Age: 21
DOB: 06/05/1994
Previous Clubs: Liverpool

Belford signed a deal with Town 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.

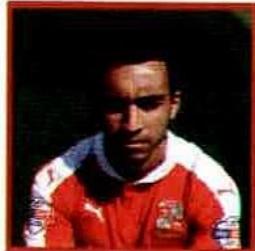


RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO

DEFENDER

Age: 25
DOB: 25/11/1990
Previous Clubs: Cruzeiro, Vitoria, Porto Alegre, Brighton, Whitehawk

Formerly with the academy at Brighton and Hove Albion, the Brazilian centre-half penned a deal with Town in the summer after a successful trial period. Made his debut against Plymouth Argyle in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and stepped off the bench to make his league debut in a 1-1 draw at Bradford City. A regular fixture last term as Town reached the Play-Off final.

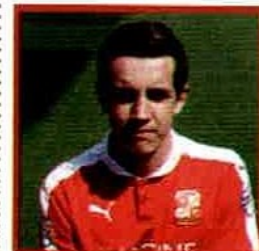


BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

DEFENDER

Age: 20
DOB: 21/12/1995
Previous Clubs: Arsenal

The left wing-back joined the Town from Arsenal having spent his scholarship with the Gunners. 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

DEFENDER

Age: 20
DOB: 06/11/1995
Previous Clubs: Liverpool, Notts County (loan)

A loan signing from Liverpool, the Wales youth international made his Reds bow last season against Middlesbrough in the Capital One Cup where he netted 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.



JORDAN TURNBULL

DEFENDER

Age: 21

DOB: 30/10/1994

Previous Clubs: Southampton

The centre-back is back on a season-long loan from Southampton after a successful stint at SN1 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 a virtual ever-present, making 52 starts in all competitions, including 47 in the league, as Town made the League 1 Play-Off Final.



JAMES BROPHY

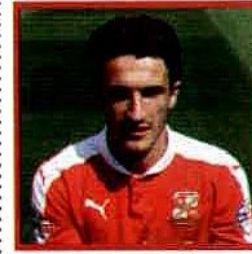
DEFENDER

Age: 21

DOB: 25/07/1994

Previous Clubs: Harrow Borough, Woodlands United, Broadfields United, Edware Town

The defender signed a one-year deal at SN1 following a successful trial period. The 21-year-old had been training with the squad over the course of pre-season before putting pen to paper on a permanent deal and joins Town from non-league football.



BRADLEY BARRY

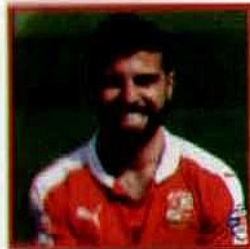
DEFENDER

Age: 20

DOB: 13/02/1995

Previous Clubs: Brighton

The former Brighton defender – the nephew of Everton and England midfielder, Gareth – put pen to paper on a one-year deal in August 2015 following a successful trial period. Worked alongside Town's first team coach, Luke Williams at the Amex.



YASER KASIM

MIDFIELDER

Age: 24

DOB: 10/05/1991

Previous Clubs: Brighton, Luton (loan), Macclesfield (loan)

A former player with Brighton and Hove Albion's Academy side, Kasim penned a permanent deal with the Town ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. In his time at the Amex Stadium, the classy holding midfielder spent time on loan at Luton Town and Macclesfield Town. Yaser has also represented Iraq at international level and played for his country at the 2015 Asian Cup in Australia.



ANTON RODGERS

MIDFIELDER

Age: 23

DOB: 26/01/1993

Previous Clubs: Brighton, Exeter (loan), Oldham

The midfielder joined the Town 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. Put pen to paper on a contract extension in the summer of 2015.



LEE MARSHALL

MIDFIELDER

Age: 19

DOB: 21/11/1996

Previous Clubs: None

A graduate from the club's academy, Marshall has been with Swindon Town since the age of eight. Made his first team bow at Luton in the Capital One Cup last term and made his first league start at Preston at the end of last season. Signed his first professional forms midway through the 2014/15 season.



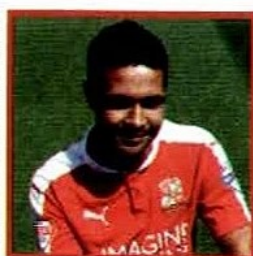
DRISSA TRAORE
MIDFIELDER

Age: 23

DOB: 25/03/1992

Previous Clubs: Le Harve II,
Le Harve, Notts County

Traore started his career in his native France with Le Havre and has most recently plied his trade for Notts County. He has also represented France at junior level and has played for the Ivory Coast in an Olympic qualifier. Put pen to paper on a permanent deal with Town earlier this summer.



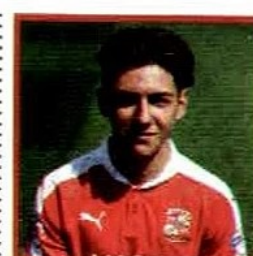
FABIEN ROBERT
MIDFIELDER

Age: 27

DOB: 06/01/1989

Previous Clubs: Lorient, Boulogne
(loan), Lorient B, Doncaster (loan)

The midfielder put pen to paper on a one-year deal with a year's option in the summer of 2015 after a short trial spell with the Town. The Frenchman moves to Wiltshire after the expiration of his contract at Ligue 1 side, FC Lorient. Robert has also represented his country at junior level.



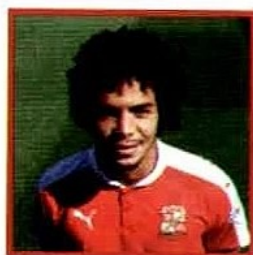
ELLIS IANDOLO
MIDFIELDER

Age: 18

DOB: 22/08/1997

Previous Clubs: None

The young winger put pen to paper on a professional deal with Town 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 Town fans to watch out for in the future.



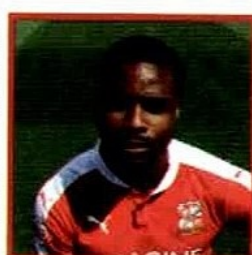
JEREMY BALMY
MIDFIELDER

Age: 21

DOB: 19/04/1994

Previous Clubs: Notts County,
Oxford Utd, Oxford City (loan)

The midfielder joined Town on a one-year deal in September 2015. Balmy spent two seasons with Notts County after a youth career with Le Havre in his native France and has most recently has been on the books at Oxford United.



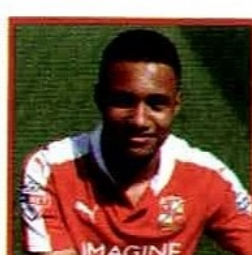
JON OBIKA
STRIKER

Age: 25

DOB: 12/09/1990

Previous Clubs: Tottenham, Yeovil
(loan), Millwall (loan), Crystal
Palace (loan), Peterborough (loan),
Charlton (loan), Brighton (loan)

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



JERMAINE HYLTON
STRIKER

Age: 22

DOB: 28/06/1993

Previous Clubs: Redditch United

The pacy 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 Town bow as a substitute in the televised win at Coventry City and netted his first goal against Peterborough United.



JOSH COOKE

STRIKER

Age: 19

DOB: 04/02/1997

Previous Clubs: Staines Town (loan), Cheltenham (loan), Gloucester City (loan)

Cooke is also a first-year professional having put pen to paper on his first senior contract over the summer of 2015. A powerful forward, in the mould of a traditional 'Number 9', Cooke's presence up front brought him plenty of goals for Town's Under-18s last season.



Swindon ended a run of no wins and 8 defeats from 10 league games by winning 4 and losing 1 of their next 6. Their last 6 have seen 2 wins and 4 defeats.

SWINDON TOWN
At a Glance



Founded:
1879

Nickname:
The Robins

Ground:
The County Ground

Chairman:
Lee Power

HONOURS:

- Football League 2nd Tier (Currently Football League Championship):
Playoff Winners (2):
1989-90, 1992-93
- Football League 3rd Tier (Currently Football League One):
Winners (1): 1995-96
Runners up (2): 1962-63, 1968-69
Playoff Winners (1): 1986-87
- Football League 4th Tier (Currently Football League Two):
Winners (2):
1985-86, 2011-12
- Southern League:
Winners (2): 1910-11, 1913-14
Runners up (4): 1897-98, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1912-13
- Western League:
Winners (1): 1898-99

CUP HONOURS:

- Swindon won the League Cup in 1969.
- Football League Cup:
Winners (1): 1968-69
- FA Cup:
Semi-Finalists (2): 1909-10, 1911-12
- Football League Trophy:
Finalists (1): 2011-12
- FA Youth Cup:
Finalists (1): 1964
- FA Charity Shield
Runners-up (1): 1911
- Football League
Third Division South Cup:
Finalists (1): 1935-36
- Anglo-Italian Cup:
Winners (1): 1969-70
- Anglo-Italian League Cup:
Winners (1): 1968-69



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PAST PROGRAMMES

by Nigel Clark

When the fixtures were announced for the 2005/06 season it was the date of our first meeting with Swindon Town in almost two decades that was of most concern to many Gills fans of a certain age.

Strangely we weren't scheduled to meet until the second-half of the season, with the return match exactly one month later, and both teams had played 26 league games by the time they met here at Priestfield on 14 January 2006.

It hadn't been a vintage campaign for either side. The Robins were 23rd in the table, a position they were to occupy come the end of a season that saw them return to the fourth tier for the first time since 1986. We were in 19th position and very inconsistent having won three, drawn three and lost three of our last nine matches. Most notably we had failed to win away from home, drawing five and losing nine of our fourteen games on the road in all competitions.

As often happens when we have a season of poor away form, our home form was excellent and only Barnsley, Nottingham Forest and leaders Swansea City could boast better records.

The Gills issued a 68 page programme for the visit of Swindon, which cost £2.50 and, as this season, was A5 size. The cover featured Danny Spiller in action at a sun drenched Priestfield when Colchester had been the visitors on the opening day.

There were some references to the significance of the occasion, one of them in chairman Paul Scally's

column where he said that, 'Before my time as chairman I understand games against Swindon were always spicy, and I have no doubt that today's event will prove to be no exception as both sides battle for points'.

Rebuilding

He made mention of the problems the club was facing with rebuilding the team, something that manager Ronnie Jepson also considered in his notes. He explained that he was looking for players he could coach rather than players at the end of their careers but added that

our squad size still needed to be reduced.

The news page mentioned two players who had recently left, both Scotsmen brought to the club by Neale Cooper during his short spell in charge. Goalkeeper Tony Bullock, who will ever be associated in my mind with the word Burscough, had joined St Mirren, while Steven Hislop had joined Livingston and by coincidence made his debut for them that afternoon against Inverness, the team that we had signed him from.

The programme's interview was with former Arsenal youth team





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player Sean Clohessy who had made his Gills debut at home to Wycombe in the JPT two months earlier. He scored his first goal in last home game of 2005, a 3-0 victory over MK Dons, which he described: 'Brent Sancho told me to push forward and I got the feeling that the ball was going to drop on the edge of the box. Luckily I hit it properly. The referee did quite well. He was blocking the keeper's view and it also went through his legs.'

He recalled his time as a Gunner ('We used to see Arsene (Wenger) but he didn't know too much about you unless you were with the first team') and also his hopes for the rest of the season ('If we put a nice run of games together maybe we could push for the play-offs').

We were never serious play-off contenders but we did eventually put a nice run of games together, winning six in a row and only failing

to extend that to a club record seven when we were beaten 4-3 at Yeovil.

Elsewhere there was a Q&A with Leon Johnson who wanted it to be known that he introduced the G Star clothing brand to the dressing room, and a feature on David Peach, who played for both the Gills and the Robins and was an FA Cup winner with Southampton in 1976.

Opposition

Graham Dorkins Whistle Stop poured scorn on Birmingham City's idea to have sponsored announcements when red and yellow cards were dished out to opposition players at St Andrews, while a regular two page article looked at the work of the club's main sponsor, which was local housing organisation MHS Homes.

Swindon were managed by Gills legend Iffy Onuora who a year later was to become Gillingham's

caretaker boss after Ronnie Jepson's departure early on in the 2007/08 season. There had been rumours that Ron Atkinson was going to become Iffy's assistant but it was later announced that he was at the County Ground in an advisory role to record a TV programme called, 'Big Ron Manager'.

There was a crowd of 7,300 to see the resumption of one of football's stranger rivalries and it was a great day for the Gills as we won 3-0 thanks to goals from Darren Byfield, Michael Flynn and Neil Harris.

We lost the return game at the County Ground 1-0 on Valentine's Day but a fortnight earlier had picked up our first away win of the season, winning 2-1 on our first visit to the Liberty Stadium against a title challenging Swansea who would eventually finish 6th, 11 points ahead of us in 14th place.

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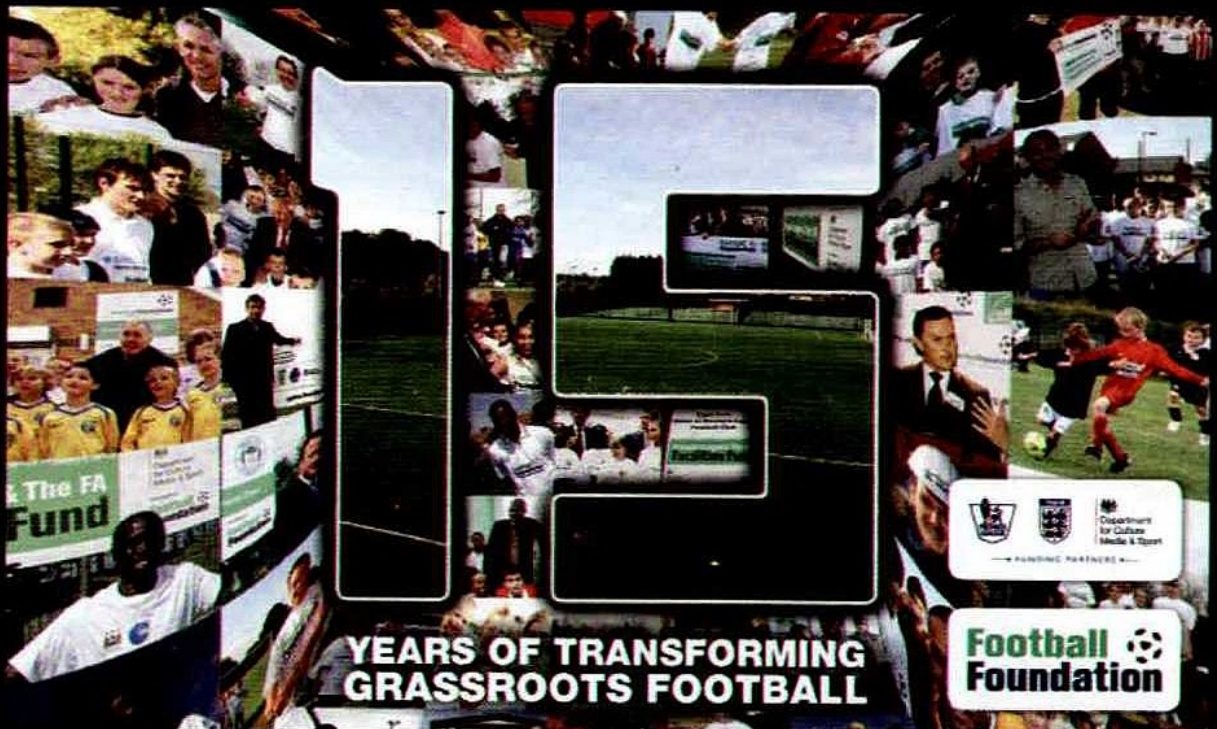
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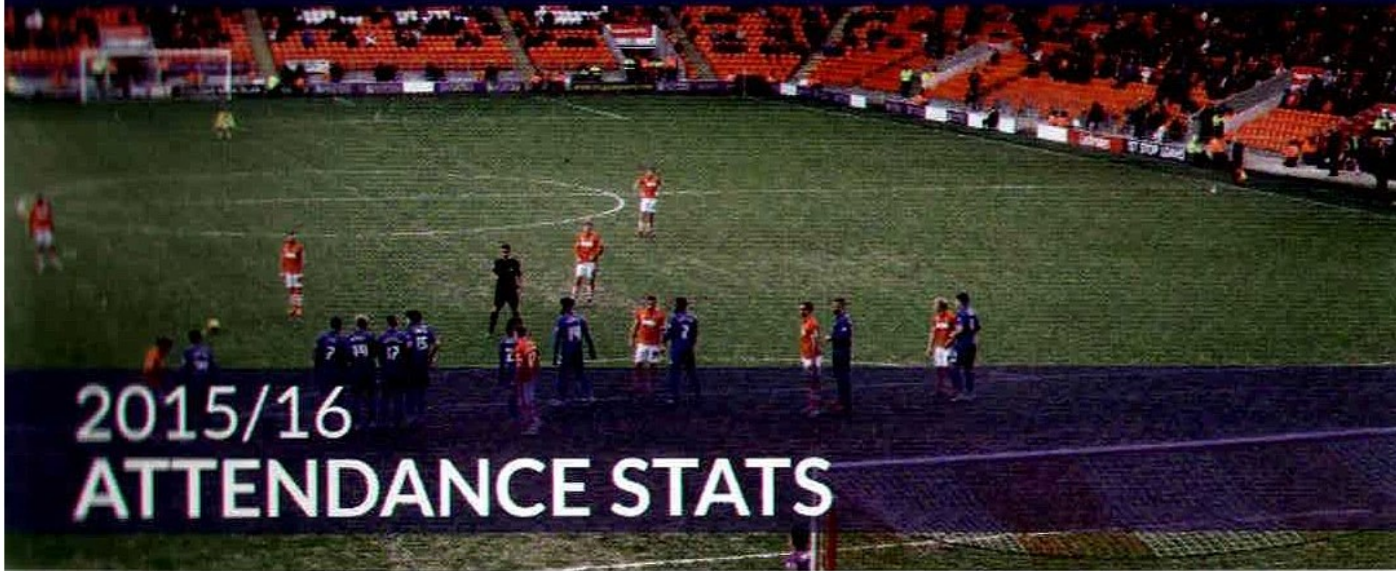
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	Visiting Fans	Gills Fans Away	2015-16 Av	Highest	Lowest
Sheffield United	1,832		19,999	24,777 vs Bradford City 28/12/15	17,623 vs Colchester United 15/09/15
Bradford City	361	187	17,974	19,317 vs Sheffield United 19/09/15	17,435 vs Blackpool 03/11/15
Coventry City		857	13,306	17,779 vs Port Vale 26/12/15	10,954 vs Barnsley 03/11/15
Barnsley		248	9,114	13,571 vs Sheffield United 29/11/15	8,227 vs Swindon Town 12/09/15
Millwall		1,607	8,995	12,092 vs GILLS 19/12/15	7,657 vs Barnsley 18/08/15
Wigan Athletic	286	182	8,606	10,113 vs Sheffield United 12/01/16	7,794 vs Scunthorpe United 19/08/15
Swindon Town		488	7,366	9,228 vs GILLS 26/12/15	6,385 vs Walsall 24/11/15
Blackpool	221	499	6,692	7,755 vs Fleetwood Town 29/11/15	5,960 vs Chesterfield 29/09/15
Southend United	1,378		6,673	10,099 vs Millwall 28/12/15	5,212 vs Shrewsbury Town 12/09/15
Chesterfield		396	6,603	9,057 vs Coventry City 28/12/15	5,227 vs Colchester United 12/09/15
Gillingham			6,121	7,511 vs Sheffield United 08/08/15	4,823 vs Scunthorpe United 20/10/15
Doncaster Rovers	234	414	6,003	9,033 vs Barnsley 03/10/15	4,693 vs Swindon Town 29/09/15
Peterborough United	534	728	5,650	7,153 vs Chesterfield 26/12/15	4,208 vs Bury 29/09/15
Walsall		689	5,323	7,176 vs Coventry City 22/08/15	4,127 vs Doncaster Rovers 12/09/15
Shrewsbury Town		256	5,183	6,671 vs Millwall 08/08/15	4,057 vs Oldham Athletic 26/01/16
Port Vale		273	4,751	6,822 vs Sheffield United 03/10/15	3,256 vs Swindon Town 02/02/16
Crewe Alexandra		310	4,675	6,751 vs Port Vale 08/08/15	3,404 vs Southend United 29/09/15
Oldham Athletic	181		4,355	5,743 vs Sheffield United 17/10/15	3,301 vs Southend United 24/11/15
Bury	212		4,135	6,470 vs Rochdale 17/10/15	2,343 vs Crewe Alexandra 26/01/16
Colchester United	345	1,171	4,002	9,222 vs Southend United 26/12/15	2,493 vs Fleetwood Town 19/01/16
Burton Albion	142		3,751	5,029 vs Sheffield United 29/09/15	2,666 vs Crewe Alexandra 20/10/15
Scunthorpe United	135		3,723	5,150 vs Sheffield United 19/12/15	2,596 vs Walsall 29/09/15
Fleetwood Town	37		3,411	4,232 vs Wigan Athletic 28/12/15	2,880 vs Swindon Town 21/11/15
Rochdale	69		3,207	5,690 vs Oldham Athletic 24/10/15	2,190 vs Shrewsbury Town 29/09/15
Plymouth Argyle		272			
Birmingham City		382			
Lufton Town	225				
Stevenage		518			
Yeovil Town	64				

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Total 2,393,056 (338) Highest 24,777 Sheffield U vs Bradford City 28/12/15

Average 7,080

Lowest 2,190 Rochdale vs Shrewsbury 29/09/15

Average Visiting Away Fans (14) 426

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OH, TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE...

Gillingham's first trip to Blackpool since August 2006 (not counting detours to Fleetwood) could and should have been another fun day out in an enjoyable campaign but it didn't really pan out that way.

It began online on social media in the build up with Blackpool fans politely asking any travelling Gills fans to reconsider attending (unlikely) or at least to boycott all merchandise, food and drinks inside Bloomfield Road. The response was largely supportive and many pledged to do just that. The situation at Blackpool and the less than happy relationship between their fans and owners (The Oyston family) have been a cause celebre for quite a while now and it doesn't appear to be getting any better.

Last season Blackpool FC made the headlines for all the wrong reasons as they were relegated from the Championship with just 4 wins (none away), a record low 26 points and culminated in their abandoned fixture at home to Huddersfield that featured a mass pitch invasion protest featuring a chap on a mobility scooter. That might have raised a smile but with one fan recently jailed and others being sued for what they had written on football forums

the battle for the future of the Tangerines is arguably the most poisonous in League football at the moment.

Unfortunately they aren't the only ones as fans at Aston Villa (shambles on the pitch), Coventry (recovering from their insane Northampton odyssey), QPR (huge debt and instability), Bolton (truly spectacular debt), Leeds (impulsive owner) and Newcastle (cynical owner) all continue to test the boundaries of any theoretical "fit and proper person" test. However Blackpool's ongoing situation appears to be the most divisive - number one in the recent Daily Telegraph list of "The Ten Worst-Run Football Clubs"!

Sustained

Gills fans made their own feelings quite clear during the home game at Priestfield back in September with numerous anti-Oyston chants and then sustained abuse when they were spotted exiting stage right in the Medway stand ten minutes before the final whistle. They were warned that dissent at the return game might be not tolerated given some Crewe fans were refused entry at Blackpool with an anti-Oyston banner even after they agreed to leave it with the stewards at the turnstiles.

The last time Gills fans were asked to boycott anything was the opening day of the season in August 2002 in the Championship at Selhurst Park when the moribund shell of Wimbledon was poised to decamp to the concrete jungle that is Milton Keynes. A few did but 1,800 did travel to see a surreal 1-0 win. With just over 600 "home fans" dotted around it felt more like a reserve game but at least the Gills triumphed and those that did follow the Gills made their feelings abundantly clear to anyone actually in the directors box that cared a jot what we thought of that particular ongoing scandal.

20 years ago and the Gills were also an interested third party in another club imploding. Brighton and Hove Albion had just been kicked out of the Goldstone Ground and were homeless and destitute. The Gills offered them a temporary rented home for two seasons before they moved back to the city for the "delights" of the Withdean Stadium. Again most ordinary fans across the nation had nothing but sympathy for their plight and breathed a little sigh of relief that it wasn't their own club being asset stripped.

Back to Blackpool in 2016 and it appears many of the Pool



Fans have decided to vote with their feet. Our taxi driver from Blackpool North told us his own son had been sued for £10,000 for his part in the campaign and many fans had now given up the fight. They won't be back until the situation changes. I don't blame them, it must be heart-breaking. The hardest thing a lifelong fan can ever do it boycott their own beloved team.

Turnstiles

When we finally got to Bloomfield Road we found quiet streets lacking any pre-match buzz, the horizontal sleet and the gale off the Irish Sea didn't help, but the magical vibe associated with any match was clearly missing. At the turnstiles we were greeted by a plethora of chunky stewards who gave everyone a thorough frisking and demanded to know whether the Gills flag in my bag had a fire certificate and what was on it. Given it was sleeting at the time and was put up in a deserted temporary stand of metal and plastic their real reason for the third degree was presumably to weed out any more home made protest flags rather than the risk of spontaneous combustion.

The 499 travelling fans were housed in a portion of the

Mortensen Stand - affording us a fine view of a terrible pitch but that can't have gone down well with the remaining Pool fans given it was their boisterous home end until recently. Amazing to think the ground hosted Premier League football as recently as 2010-11.

In the intervening years since our last visit in League One Blackpool had been up and back down, two new stands, albeit one that looks semi-permanent and boasts a plethora of obstructive posts, have made it back into a four sided stadium again. A far cry from the two and a half sided limbo a decade again and unrecognisable from the rusting, semi-derelict hovel I found on my first visit to the Fylde coast back in 1985. With a Kop minus a roof and partly condemned it was a miserable place to watch football. Sparse crowds and an air of decline and ghosts of former glories haunted the place. The flaking orange paint and faded adverts from another era made it a sad cliché of the time.

Now 30 years later it is very orange and shiny, but something was missing, oh yes, people. The official attendance was given as 6,828 but that must have been tickets sold rather than bums on seats because it looked like

no more than half that number in reality. It might have been freezing cold, blowing a gale and sleeting on and off but that wouldn't normally put off hardy northerners, so presumably the boycott is keeping people away.

Aside from the away section (several noisy spells of anti-Oyston chanting), the atmosphere was largely non-existent, funereal. It must be tough for the "home" players to motivate themselves in such a situation, but credit to Neil McDonald and his cobbled together team for putting a recent run together. They were well drilled, adapted to the conditions well, got their noses in front via a soft penalty and held on to win on a pudding of a pitch.

At the final whistle we disconsolately headed off for our train back to Preston and the long slog back to Kent with a view to warming up, drowning our sorrows and fretting about the transfer window. At least though we could be thankful that we aren't stuck in a horrible limbo like Blackpool supporters. I trust they enjoyed their one season in the sun but doubt many of their fans will think it was all worth it now. How the authorities and the League don't intervene is a mystery to us all.

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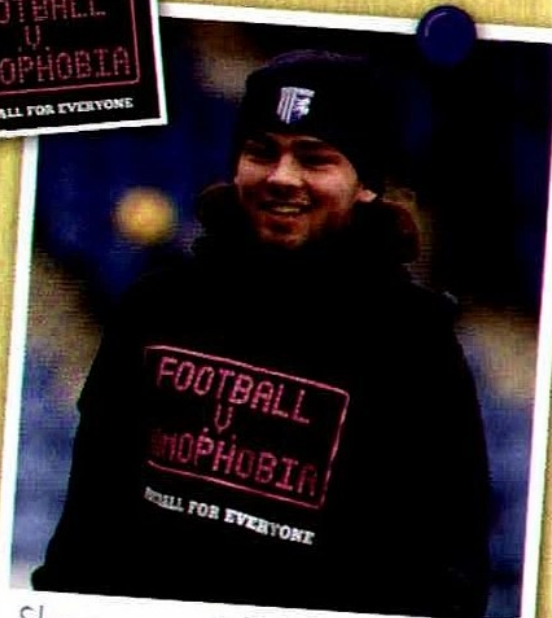
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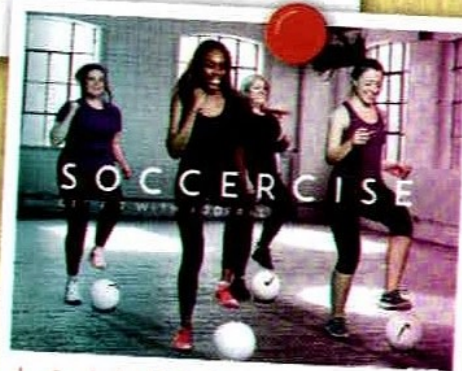
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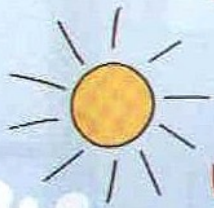


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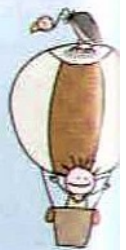
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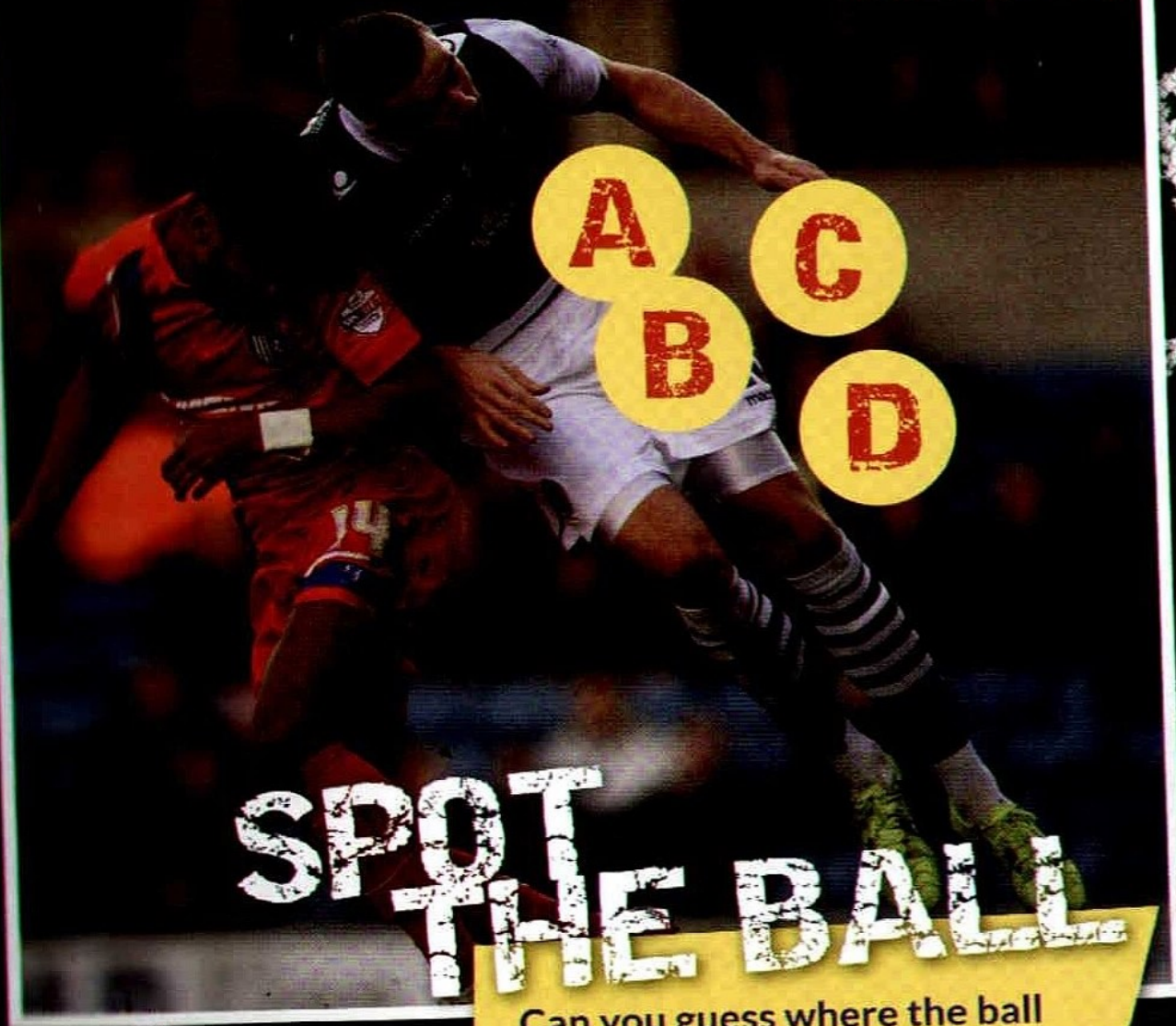


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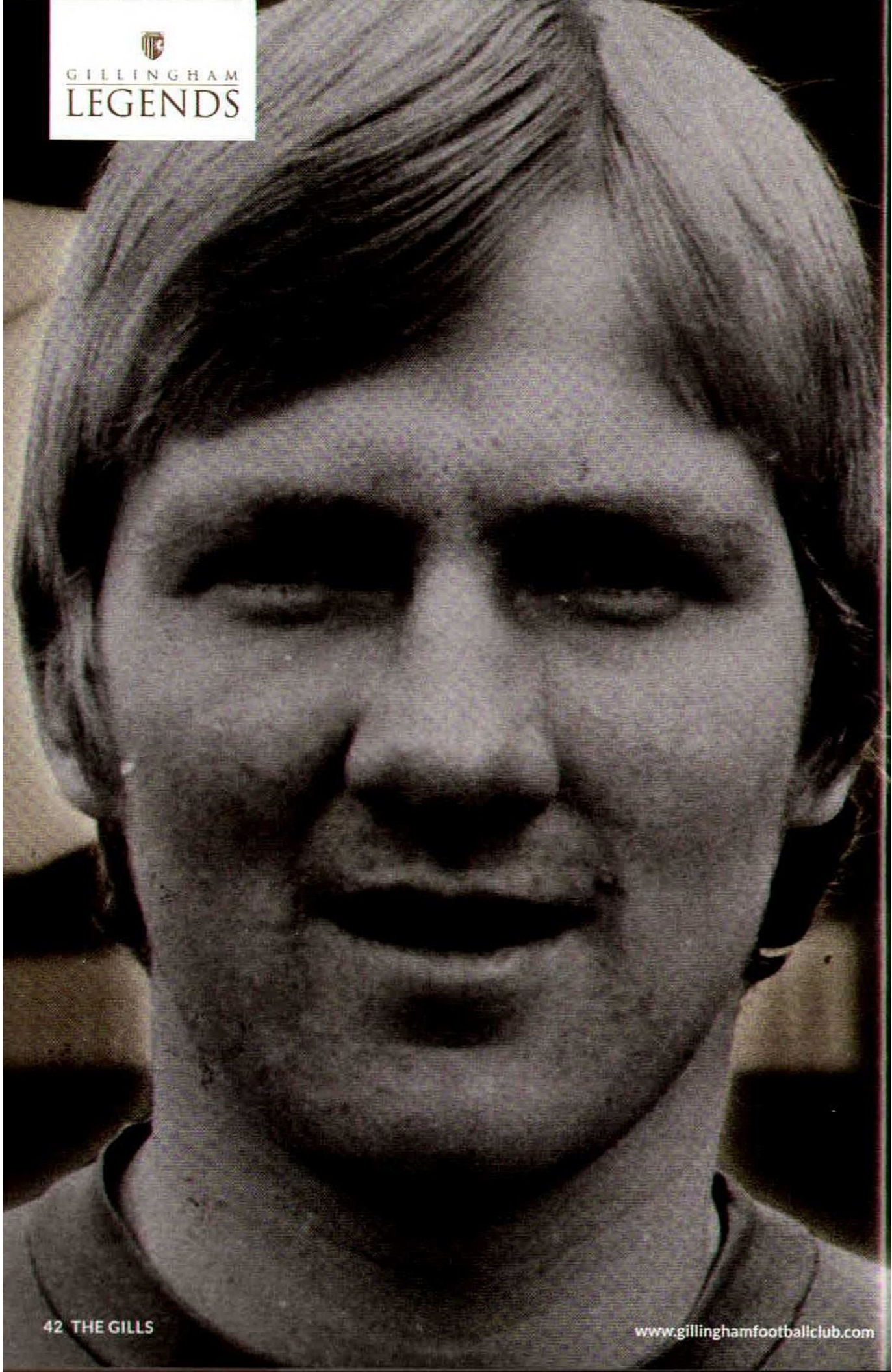
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FACE OFF

Can you guess who these three Gills players pictured are?
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LEGENDS REVISITED DAVE PEACH

Southampton supporters voted him the club's greatest ever player.

Dave Peach won our official vote quite convincingly in the latter stages of 2013, and the man himself came to MEMS Priestfield Stadium to unveil his number three shirt in our legends lounge.

After leaving Gills he went on to win the FA Cup with Southampton in 1976, and played alongside former Manager Peter Taylor for a short while as he finished off his career with Leyton Orient.

However prior to even signing for the club Dave was given the huge honour of being a ball boy for the 1966 World Cup Final, and the full back says it is a memory he will always treasure.

Speaking to Phill Catterick he said: "I played for the county in Bedfordshire and we played for the County Cup, got through to the final and played Middlesex.

"They told us after the game that they were going to toss

a coin and regardless of the result, one of the teams would go the quarters and the semis and one would go to the final.

"Fortunately we got to the final, there were eight of us and out of the squad of 16, eight would be around the pitch and the other eight would be on the side-lines as guests.

"I was about the third one out and I was behind the goal when our disputed goal was scored! It was definitely in.

Autographs

"I was also behind the goal when Geoff Hurst scored the final goal of the game. The other lads were in the stands but they spent the day with us, we got a tour of Wembley and met both squads of players, had lunch and it was a fantastic day.

"We all got an England strip, kept the tracksuits and got all of the autographs.

"I still have the programme which is signed by both sets of players."

Peach then exchanged Wembley

Stadium for Priestfield having decided to leave Chelsea, and he revealed it was perhaps the decision that made his career.

He added: "Basil Hayward brought me here from Bedford; he was a prominent manager in the Southern League and had a lot of success. I was a schoolboy at Chelsea, I left school in the January and they didn't take their next batch of apprenticeships until the summer.

"He found that out and asked me if I would come here straight away and he would give me a three year apprenticeship on the spot. I had a chat with my Dad and I think I did the right thing.

"At Chelsea I used to go in the school holidays, train with them and their first team and looking at their calibre of players I probably wouldn't have made it.

"What I have got out of the game I have worked my nuts off for, but they just had natural ability.



... On the Wednesday we were playing at home against Barnsley and that was my first game at left back and I scored ...

DAVE PEACH

"I came here and there was only one apprentice and that was Bobby Foulks, and I knew him because Basil bought him from Bedford.

"The opportunities were more and as it turned out I was in the first team when I was 17 so I think I made the right call."

I asked Dave what memories he has of the club in particular, and like most players, he identified his debut as his favourite.

He said: "My first game – I was sub at Rotherham on a Saturday and I came on in the last 15 minutes up front because Gordon Riddick got injured.

"I came off having not touched the ball, I ran like a headless

chicken and didn't get a kick, but I remember it.

"On the Wednesday we were playing at home against Barnsley and that was my first game at left back and I scored.

"It was a cross from the half way line, the wind got it and went over the keeper's head as he came out...but we'll say it was a shot!"

Potential

A change of Manager didn't change a great deal as Peach continued to impress, however it wasn't long before bigger clubs had spotted his potential.

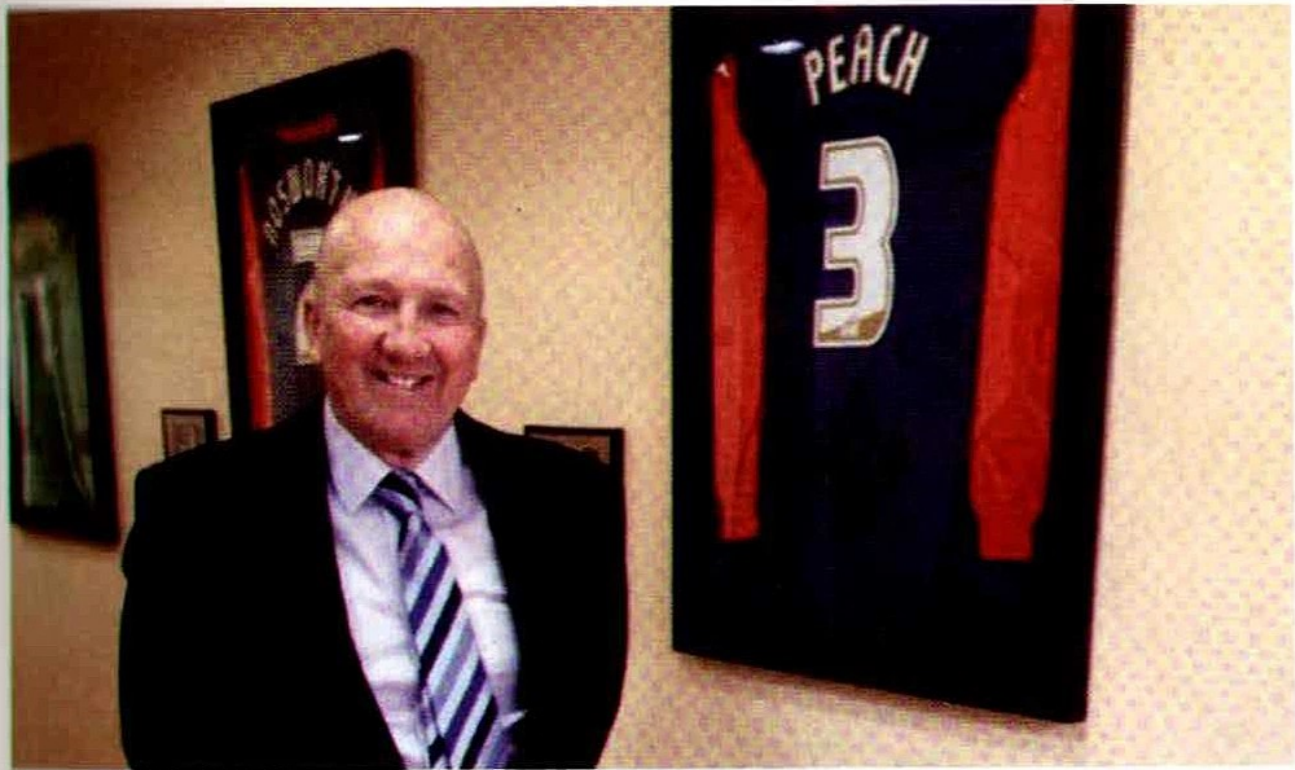
He said: "After Basil had left it was Andy Nelson who was great to me, I stayed in the side. There

was a lot of speculation for a couple of years that I was going here, there and everywhere and people were watching me.

"He always promised me that if they had the right offer he would let me go and wouldn't stand in my way. When the offer came in from Southampton I don't think the club was keen to take it but Andy made that promise and that's what happened."

Peach lived up to his name and reported price tag of £50,000 by helping Southampton clinch the FA Cup in 1976.

Peach had ensured the Saints got to Wembley in the first place by converting a penalty kick to make the score 2-0 against Crystal Palace in the



semis, and Bobby Stokes was the man who got the all-important goal in the Final to conquer Manchester United - his 83rd minute strike giving United little time to battle back.

Dave said he had lived out a boyhood dream by lifting the cup, but said his start to life at the Dell (the club's ground at the time) was far from easy.

He said: "We got relegated, it was the first year they had three go down and we finished third from bottom and it was devastating because we were sixth or seventh when I arrived.

"He [Lawrie McMenemy] tried to change too much too soon because he took over from Ted Bates and they had a few villains there and he tried to kick a few out too early and we went down.

"He got sorted and we re-built and got promotion back to the first division, we went to the Cup Final in 76 which is every footballer's dream.

"Having said that I'm not so sure it is now because I don't

think they take it as seriously because the structure of the game has changed.

"In those days it was a dream to play in the Final, you used to get up at seven o'clock in the morning and watch it the whole way through.

"Hopefully it doesn't die; I don't think it will but there is so much emphasis on the TV rights and the European Cup, but in those days it was just the league and the FA Cup.

Dream

"I scored a pen in the semi-final against Palace. Peter Taylor played in that game, he was their star man then with Malcolm Allison and we got the dream draw really and we performed on the day.

"We got in front just after half time; it could have gone either way because they were a decent side. Mike Shannon fell over in the box with about eight minutes to go, we got a penalty and I knew if I scored they wouldn't come back.

"It was probably the worst penalty I ever took; I just blasted it. It went straight as a die and the keeper moved and I got away with it.

"The next year we went back and played in the League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest and got beat 3-2. I scored the first goal in that game so to score at Wembley was nice."

Peach finished his playing career at Leyton Orient in 1983, with Peter Taylor having already been at the club for two years prior to his arrival.

He said Peter was a winger who he would have hated playing against, but due to injuries their time on the pitch together was minimal as he explained:

"He was a good player, one of those that apart from being quick he was one of those wingers you hated," he said.

"He could go inside or outside, most wingers got the ball, used their pace and went down the line - he had skill and ability and that's why he went on to play for England."

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GILLS GO STATESIDE

Congratulations to U17s Goalkeeper, Katie Startup who has been selected to represent England in the upcoming U17s Women's NTC Invitational in Los Angeles next month.

Katie has just returned from the latest England camp and has secured her place in the U17 squad who will be travelling to California.

The squad will be playing their games at the StubHub Center in Carson, California and will compete against teams from the USA, Japan and South Korea.

Katie said 'After getting back from the International training

camp this weekend and hearing the news I was so happy. It's a great opportunity for us to test ourselves against some of the best teams in the world and to play teams from outside of Europe. I'm really looking forward to the experience and the chance to once again represent my country!'

Qualifiers

The squad are currently gearing up for the Elite round of the qualifiers of the UEFA Championship, where they will face Belgium, Iceland and Serbia in March.

U17s Manager, Pete Sayer said 'We are once again extremely proud to hear of Katie's call up to the England squad. Such amazing opportunities don't just get handed to players and Katie is testament to what you can achieve through hard work and commitment, on top of her undoubted ability. I, along with my assistant Cori and the rest of the U17 squad will be watching to see how she gets on out in the USA next month and wish her and the girls the best of luck.'

Good luck to Katie and the squad from all at Gillingham FC.

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GILLINGHAM v SWINDON TOWN

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The two sides only met six weeks ago on Boxing Day as Gillingham looked to secure their second successive win at the County Ground.

Goals from Jake Hessenthaler, Bradley Dack and Ryan Jackson

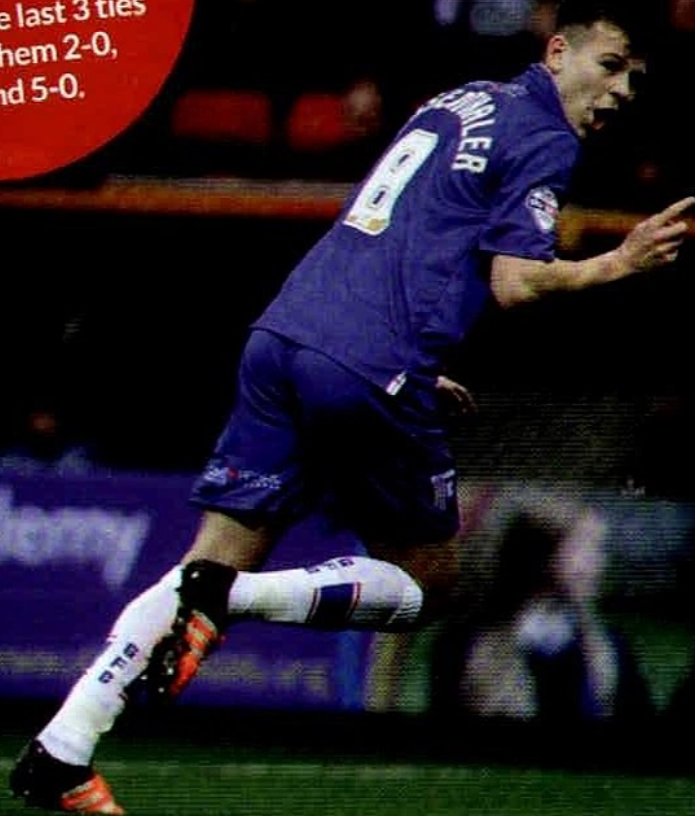
clinched a 3-1 win in Wiltshire as Justin Edinburgh's men continued their run of fine form over the Christmas period.

Check out the best of the picture action, courtesy of the Kent Messenger Group.





The Gills are unbeaten in 7 at home to Swindon and before last season's draw had won the last 3 ties against them 2-0, 3-1 and 5-0.





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Pictured right: John Simpson

HISTORY TODAY

by ANDY FORD



Gillingham's 1967-8 season began a few hours after most other clubs, the opening day home Division Three fixture against Northampton Town kicking off at 7.30pm on Saturday 19 August 1967 in order to avoid a clash with the final day of the cricket match between Kent and the Australians at Canterbury.

The 2-0 win over The Cobblers was a rare bright spot during the opening weeks of the campaign. A report of the 3-0 defeat at Fellows Park included 'Gillingham, completely outplayed by a fast and stylish Walsall side, have only goalkeeper John Simpson to thank for the fact that their inevitable defeat was not turned into a humiliating rout', whilst the coverage of the 4-1 home loss against Southport a week later, on the opening Saturday of September 1967, featured the following, 'A slow, pathetic Gillingham side paid the price for their many failings. If a drastic Gillingham team overhaul is to

follow this battle it would be hard to single out exceptions on this sorry display'.

On Saturday 30 September we travelled to the County Ground to take on Swindon Town. We went into the match in nineteenth position with seven points from eight fixtures, whilst the hosts were thirteenth, one point better off. The Gills were handicapped before the game even started, due to an injury suffered by our goalkeeper.

Unique

A match report began, 'The irony of John Simpson's martyrdom at Swindon on Saturday was that Gillingham were forced to adopt safety first tactics and deny themselves the spoils of victory. A pre-match back injury, unique in my experience, painfully immobilised Simpson, who was constantly on the verge of collapse and once dismissed ambulance men as they hurried on to the field with a stretcher. The Gills 'keeper told me after the match, "It happened

in the kickabout. I felt my back go as I stretched for a shot from Brian Gibbs". The heroics of this snarling, bitter match belonged to Simpson'.

Understandably, blanket defence was the tactic employed by Gillingham, 'with newly-signed Bill Williams almost literally crushing the challenge of home leader Pat Terry. Laboured Swindon could not respond to the urgent appeals of a 12,808 crowd dumb-founded and crestfallen at their team's failure to master the handicapped visitors'. Terry had played for The Gills between 1958 and 1961. Despite the emphasis on defence, we did score on two occasions, 'Bill Brown's brace of goals made nonsense of the buffoon image with which he is unjustly labelled at Priestfield'. Brown gave us the lead twice, once in the tenth minute and the second just before the hour mark, only five minutes after the hosts had drawn level, the blameless Ray Bailey putting through his own net. The match

report indicated that it was a feisty encounter, 'indulgent refereeing contributed to this herculean struggle in which the Williams-Terry feud evoked memories of the old-time blood and glory battles. Nostalgia apart, it sparked off a chain reaction of anger which teetered on the edge of an explosion. The Gills pivot was lucky to escape with a lecture. Terry was not so fortunate and was booked for arguing with a decision'.

The hosts rescued a point late on when 'Don Rogers saved Swindon's blushes with an eighty-third minute equaliser after the Gills' defence had loitered upfield to leave Simpson at the winger's mercy.

Gillingham survived a final onslaught, Simpson again collapsed after punching a Rogers free-kick over the bar'. Rogers went on to score the two extra-time goals that gave Swindon a 3-1 victory over top-flight Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final. Simpson was back in goal for the following Wednesday's home match against Stockport, winning his battle for fitness thanks to the efforts of Kent County Cricket Club masseur George Preston, who treated him before the game.

The return match against The Robins took place at Priestfield Stadium on Saturday 10 February 1968 and was watched

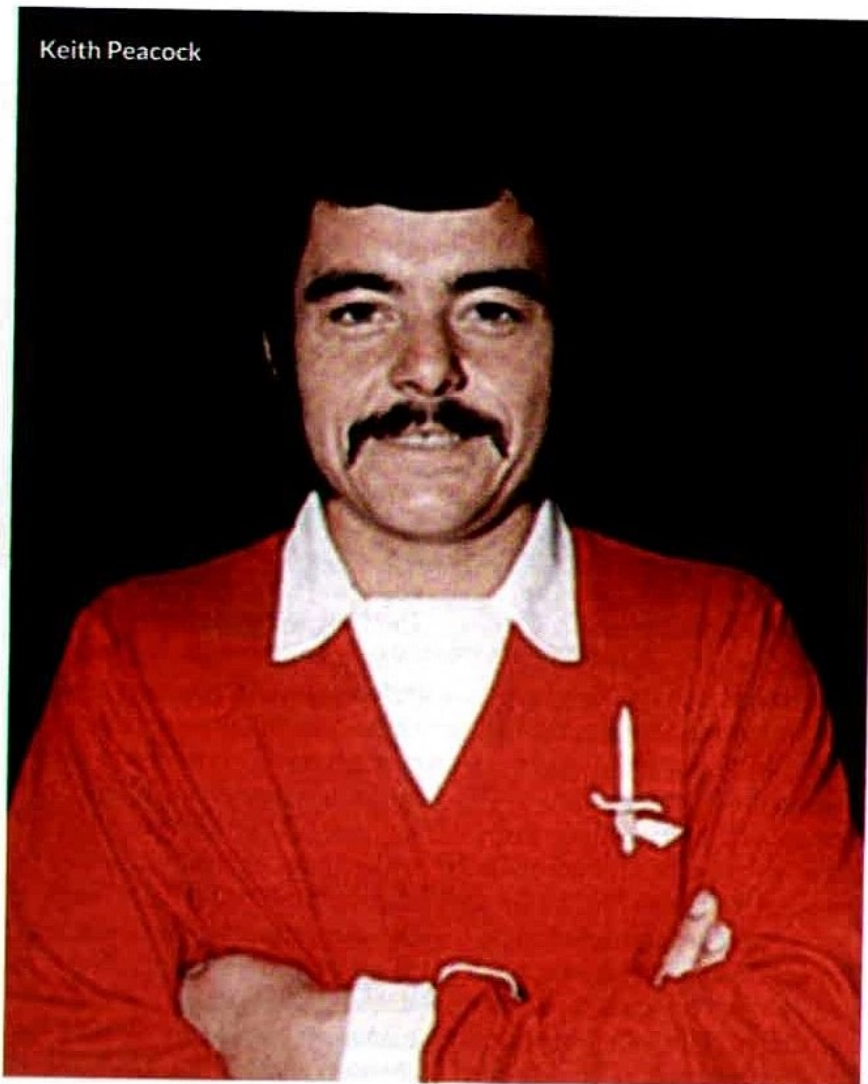
by a crowd of 5,116. At the time, our last victory had been at the beginning of December. The Gills were fourteenth, whilst Swindon were challenging for promotion, fifth in the table but only two points behind second-placed Bury, with a game in hand (in those days, only two clubs were promoted, both automatically, and it was two points for a win). Alan Hill's match report, under the title 'Skipper Riddick calms Gills with tonic goal', began 'Serenely confident Gillingham regained their sanity after a demented first half-hour in which their aimless scurries resembled the frenzy of a beheaded chicken in the final dance of death.

Rarely can the odds have been so heavily stacked against the ill-starred Gills and the soccer sorcery of that beautifully poised striker Don Rogers teased and worried them into a spate of errors. Happily for The Gills, Swindon's scintillating rhythms in midfield slowed to a leisurely andante in front of goal and Rogers himself was a culprit when, in one devastating breakthrough, he jinked past Simpson and then pulled the ball wide of the post'.

Goalmouth

John Arnott and Mel Machin shackled Terry for most of the game and Machin was fractionally wide with a header before home skipper Gordon Riddick scored in the thirty-fifth minute, his first shot was blocked but he followed up to head over 'keeper Peter Downsborough and into the net via the underside of the bar. The report also included, 'Much-changed Gillingham, who, without four regular first teamers and had a new left wing in Tony Thear and Bob Moffat, responded immediately to the tonic goal.

Keith Peacock

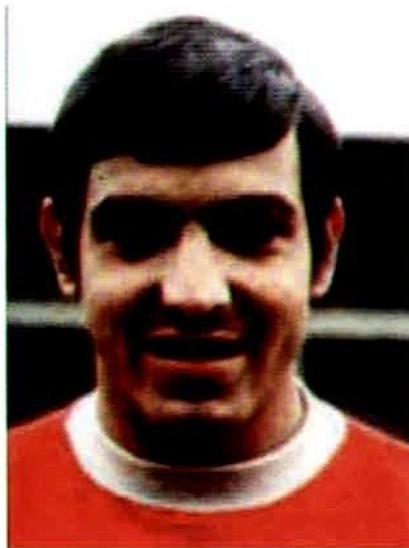


Moffat, making his first senior appearance for nearly two years, swept down the left to cross into the goalmouth and Thear shot hurriedly and weakly as Gibbs headed the ball down to him. Machin next pounced on to a Woodley centre to send a fierce drive snaking inches over the bar. Astonishingly, The Gills were ahead at the interval, but Swindon had only themselves to blame. The second half placed the seal on a long-awaited success story and The Gills edged away from the relegation precipice with a sustained fightback. They might have won even more convincingly as Swindon's hitherto arrogantly commanding defence floundered uncertainly before a barrage of attacks'.

Tournament

We doubled our lead with a penalty on the hour mark, Swindon's 'Mel Nurse jammed the break on Gibbs as Moffat engineered a goal chance and the inside-forward measured his length in the area. Machin coolly stroked the ball home from the spot'. With ten minutes remaining, Gillingham extended their lead to 3-0, 'Gibbs lofted a precision cross to the far post and Thear rose above straining defence to hurtle the ball downwards into the net. Roger Smart reduced the arrears to 3-1 five minutes from time and that was how the match finished, the report ending with 'Gillingham's first win in eight games presents manager Basil Hayward with a selection headache. Perhaps he will bear with me when I say that Saturday's forced changes should have been made a long time ago. Failing fortunes demand urgent remedies and Thear, notably, and Moffat, played their part in a resolute revival'.

The Gills finished their league



... Rarely can the odds have been so heavily stacked against the ill-starred Gills and the soccer sorcery of that beautifully poised striker Don Rogers teased and worried them into a spate of errors...

campaign with a 1-0 home defeat against Shrewsbury but that wasn't the end of their season. For the first and only time, the Daily Express National Five-a-Side tournament in 1967-8 had been thrown open to all League clubs in England, Scotland and Wales, rather than just a selection of the top teams. Gillingham entered a scratch side (John Simpson, John Arnott, Dave Quirke, Mel Machin and John Meredith) but it was one that was good enough to win the Southern Area Final at Bracknell, courtesy of victories over Torquay, Oxford, Bournemouth and Portsmouth. It meant that we qualified for the Finals at Wembley Pool (now

known as the Arena). The likes of Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool had all fallen by the wayside in the qualifying rounds. A newspaper report of the Finals included, 'Against all expectations, Gillingham reached the Final with wins over Second Division sides Preston North End and Cardiff City and, in a tense Final, they went down 1-0 to London champions, Charlton Athletic', The Addicks picking up the trophy and £1,000 prize money. The report continued, 'The winning Charlton goal came two minutes from the end when Simpson had no chance with a lethal drive from Keith Peacock. Only a minute earlier, Mel Machin scraped the Charlton post with a fine shot. Millions saw the Final on television, and the cheers of the Gills' fans came over quite audibly. "The lads did very well to reach the Final. I was very pleased with them", said manager Basil Hayward afterwards'.

We made it to the Semi Final with a 1-0 last-kick victory over Preston, Meredith with the goal, and it was the same player who condemned Welsh champions Cardiff to defeat in the Semi-Finals. Norman Giller wrote in the following day's Daily Express, 'The little clubs marched to Wembley for an unexpected taste of the big time. Little in status they may have been, but they provided big effort, big excitement and big entertainment for 6,000 fans'.

The Final wasn't the only time that Peacock scored against Gillingham on television. The player, who went on to manage The Gills between 1981 and 1987, scored the only goal in a 1-0 victory for Charlton against us in a Division Three fixture at Priestfield in August 1974 that was covered by ITV's 'The Big Match' programme.



JACKSON FIVE

CHRIS LYNHAM LOOKS BACK AT A PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH SWINDON TOWN

Just 15 months after Swindon had snatched a last gasp equaliser at Priestfield to all but seal our relegation to League Two, Gillingham demolished the Robins on a sunny lunchtime to record arguably our most satisfying and unexpectedly emphatic opening day result ever. The contrast in emotions following the 5-0 rout in August 2009 could not have been starker.

It created the illusion of a full rehabilitation under Mark Stimson after four years of painful decline since our Championship days. Arriving in November 2007 to inherit a disjointed and demotivated squad, Stimson set about revolutionising the club on his

terms, bringing in a host of eager recruits who had been influential in Stimson's success at non-league level with Stevenage and Grays. The change proved to be too much too soon and after an initial upturn in results we succumbed to a second demotion in three seasons.

Promotion

Nevertheless, despite some erratic scorelines and defensive calamities, the side steadied itself in the basement and a terrific run in the second half the campaign saw us fall just short of automatic promotion. As ever, the glory of the event is amplified by play-off success at Wembley, and a huge Gills turn out at the new stadium

saw Simeon Jackson crown a fantastic season with the injury time header that beat Shrewsbury.

There was a palpable buzz around the club, a sense that the tide had turned. Sky Sports covered our pre-season preparations and season ticket sales increased for the first time in a decade. Stimson saw little need to strengthen his squad, Josh Gowling and Chris Palmer being the only notable signings. Meanwhile the emergence of Jack Payne as an assured holding midfielder was evident in a successful pre-season, which included the winner in a friendly at Selhurst Park.

Gowling made his debut in central defence in place of

the injured Simon King. King suffered an ultimately career ending ankle ligament injury at Bromley, one of those innocuous studs-caught-in-lush-turf incidents that can blight the summer months, and it was a damaging loss which inevitably had a huge impact on our fate.

Swindon had narrowly avoided relegation themselves but no-one foresaw the gulf in class as the game kicked off. The fixture was moved to 12.30pm on police advice, and the incessant drone of helicopters overhead accompanied the opening exchanges. The unnecessarily awkward kick-off time didn't deter an excitable home crowd, and the 6,852 gate was higher than all but one of the attendances recorded in the previous campaign. As is customary on the opening day of the season, I was hungover following an uncomplicated day at the Great British Beer Festival, and the combination of an early rise, blinding sunshine and a boisterous Rainham End really didn't help.

The prompt start afforded someone the opportunity to score the first goal of the English season and the honour went to the ever-dependable Mark Bentley. John Nutter played Jackson in down the visitors' right, he drew keeper David Lucas and squared the ball for Bentley to roll it into the empty net after just 12 minutes. Swindon soon settled and controlled possession for much of the remainder of the first half, but wayward finishing left manager Danny Wilson frustrated.

The killer blow came just seven minutes after the break. Nutter again supplied the pass from deep, it split the central defenders and gave the sprinting Jackson a clear run on goal.

Lucas hesitated and the ball was lashed past him before he could set his position.

The remainder of the game was played out in a carnival atmosphere as Swindon fell apart comically. Jon Nutter again supplied the assist for the third goal as his floated free kick left Lucas stranded and allowed the much-maligned Adam Miller to head home on 72 minutes.

The plaudits went to Jackson however, whose irrepressible form continued with two late goals. The first was quite brilliant. He accepted a quick



pass from a marauding Andy Barcham, and as Barcham advanced for a return Jackson nimbly nutmegged a defender, took aim from 15 yards and the sun kissed net billowed for a fourth time. Again the Swindon defence afforded him a reckless amount of space.

Seconds later and it was five, as Bentley's cushioned header found Jackson with his back to goal on the edge of the six-yard box. He had six defenders in close proximity but none managed an effective

challenge, as our striker span and scuffed it past the helpless keeper to complete his hat-trick. Three sides of the ground cavorted incredulously while the Town End emptied, with just a scattering of Swindon's 788 followers remaining, each staring sulkily into the middle distance. The result and performance represented magnificent revenge for the frightful 5-0 drubbing we received at the County Ground in October 2007 when the remnants of the Ronnie Jepson side turned in one of the most embarrassingly shambolic displays I've ever seen from a Gillingham side.

Jackson had spent the summer on Gold Cup duty with Canada, and far from returning jaded he looked sharper than at any time in his career. He was substituted to a standing ovation in the final minute with no-one left under any illusion that he could deliver at this level.

We went home to watch the afternoon results roll in, and we were perturbed to lose top spot within three hours as Colchester contrived to hit seven past Norwich at Carrow Road. It's not quite true to say that it was all downhill from there, as anyone who only watched the side at Priestfield enjoyed a terrific season, laced with magnificent performances against Leeds, Charlton, Southampton and Millwall. Away from home the results were wretched as we accumulated a paltry six points. We were well beaten in the return at the County Ground, and an epic fail at Wycombe on the final day condemned us to relegation, while Swindon reached the play-offs. Stimson was relieved of his duties and Andy Hessenthaler returned to attempt to instil some unity into the club.

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7,109



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SCORERS
Samuel 70

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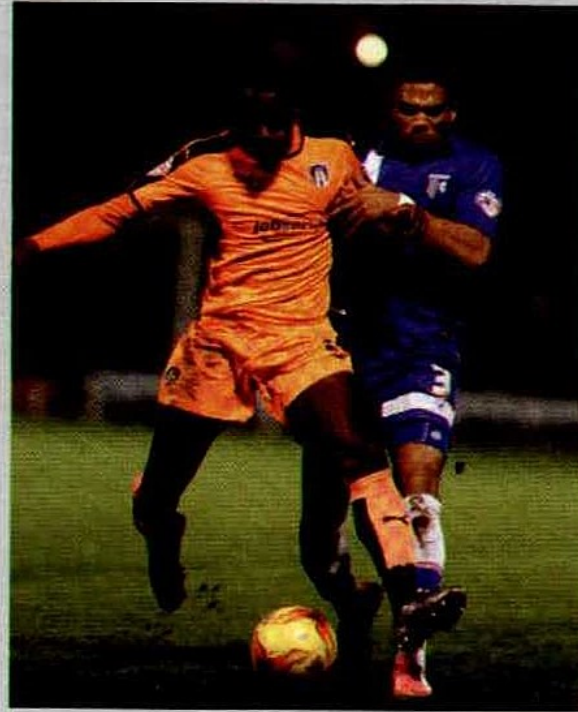
Nelson, Jackson,
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Garmston,
Wright (Loft 45),
A Morris,
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(McGlashan 80),
Donnelly (Norris 45),
Samuel

UNUSED SUBS:

G Morris, Oshilaja,
List, Osadebe

Picture above:

Bradley Garmston
full of determination
as he looks to regain
possession



COLCHESTER

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SCORERS

LINE UP

Parish, Brindley,
Eastman, Elokobi,
Briggs, Gilbey,
Moncur, Edwards
(Garvan 81), Massey
(Harriott 76), Sordell,
Porter (Wright 81)

UNUSED SUBS:

Bonne, Barnes,
Ambrose, Wynter

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"People may have expected us to win comfortably, but I said beforehand it would be a tough encounter, and it certainly was that."

Justin Edinburgh

"If we continue to perform as we have done, we will get our just rewards and that will take us to where we want to be in the table."

Kevin Keen

Gills	Match Stats	Colchester
1	Goals	0
12	Total Attempts	15
2	On Target	6
7	Off Target	7
3	Blocked	2
1	Hit Woodwork	1
1	Corners	6
6	Caught Offside	1
11	Fouls conceded	18
1	Yellow Cards	2
0	Red Cards	0

Jake Hessenthaler joins in with the celebrations as Dominic Samuel scores the opening goal



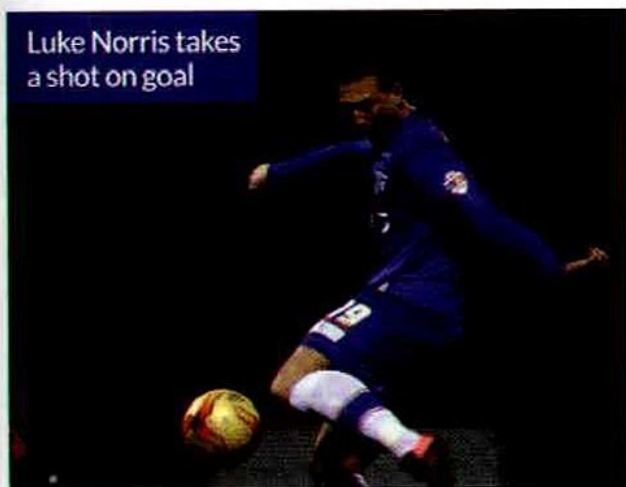
Jake Hess picks out a pass



Bradley Dack finds space to receive a pass



Luke Norris takes a shot on goal





PROVIDING VITAL SUPPORT TO SAVE LIVES

Good afternoon fellow Gills fans, I hope you're looking forward to another action packed game, just as we witnessed at the last home game against Peterborough where I thought our second half performance was brilliant.

Did you know that only a few decades ago, the outlook for a baby born prematurely was poor?

Now thanks to improved specialist care and medical advances, more of these small babies manage to survive.

Every month around 400 babies are born at our local Medway Hospital. Whilst most are born healthy, some need specialist care. It is the lifesaving team at the Oliver Fisher Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital which cares for around 900 premature and ill babies every year.

The eighty nurses and twenty-two doctors look after

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premature babies from just 23 weeks and the 36 cots provide four levels of care. It is only one of two in Kent and looks after babies from as far away as London and Essex.

The Unit is supported by the Oliver Fisher Special Care Baby Trust, which raises money used for vital new equipment. Since its formation in 1985, it has raised more than £2 million helping to fund new ventilators, incubators and other essentials. They also provide expenses to help parents with the cost of visiting the unit. You can learn more about the work they do through their website - <http://www.oliverfisher.org>

This year the charity is aiming to raise £200,000 to redevelop their Transitional Care Unit, a dedicated area so that babies and mothers are kept together - extremely important for the child's development.



The Unit, which is pretty unique in the NHS, is in urgent need of refurbishment. It is such an important cause, I have decided to support it for my next half marathon in a few weeks' time.

On Sunday 14 February, I will be competing in the Headcorn Half Marathon, my 12th run in support of a local good cause and my fifth since being elected to Parliament.

If you are able to support this wonderful cause, please visit my JustGiving site - <https://www.justgiving.com/Rehman-Chishti2/>

Football Fans will know that I've previously ran in support of Medway Hospital Radio and Take Heart Mercy Mission, the Gills' own charity partner, led by our own club chairman, Paul Scally, to help children with serious heart conditions in Sri Lanka.

... The eighty nurses and twenty-two doctors look after premature babies from just 23 weeks and the 36 cots provide four levels of care ...

Hopefully this time I'll beat my performance from last time. Last year I completed the Headcorn course in one hour and twenty eight minutes, placing 22nd out of 455 runners.

With your support we can boost the funding for this excellent baby unit and help them continue to save lives.

Here's a question for you. Who were in the Gills' first ever Football League game on 28 August 1920? As always, please tweet your answers to @Rehman_Chishti

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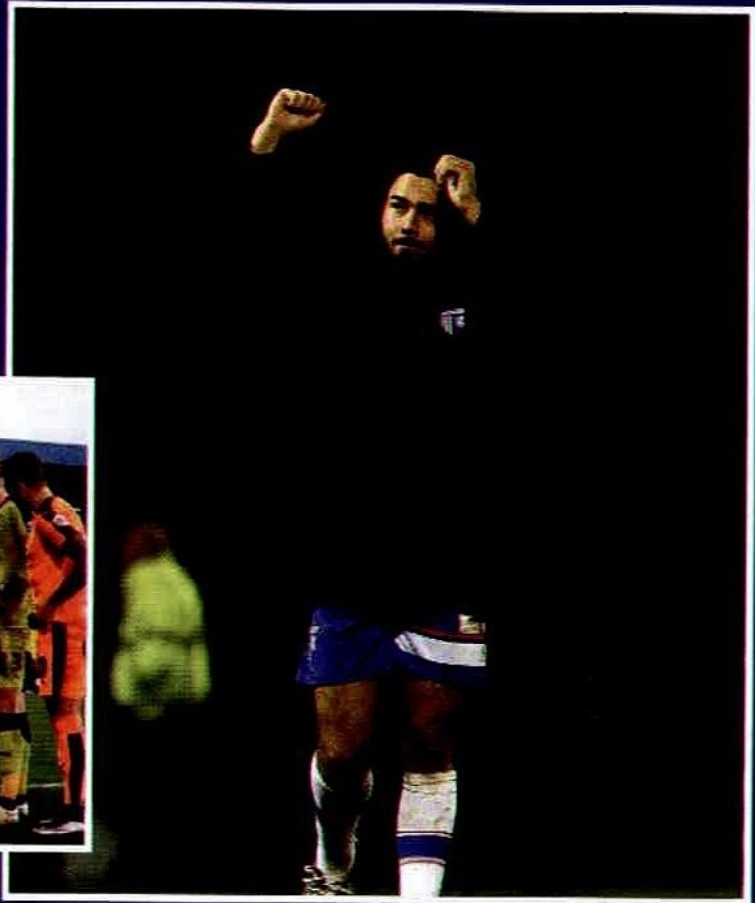


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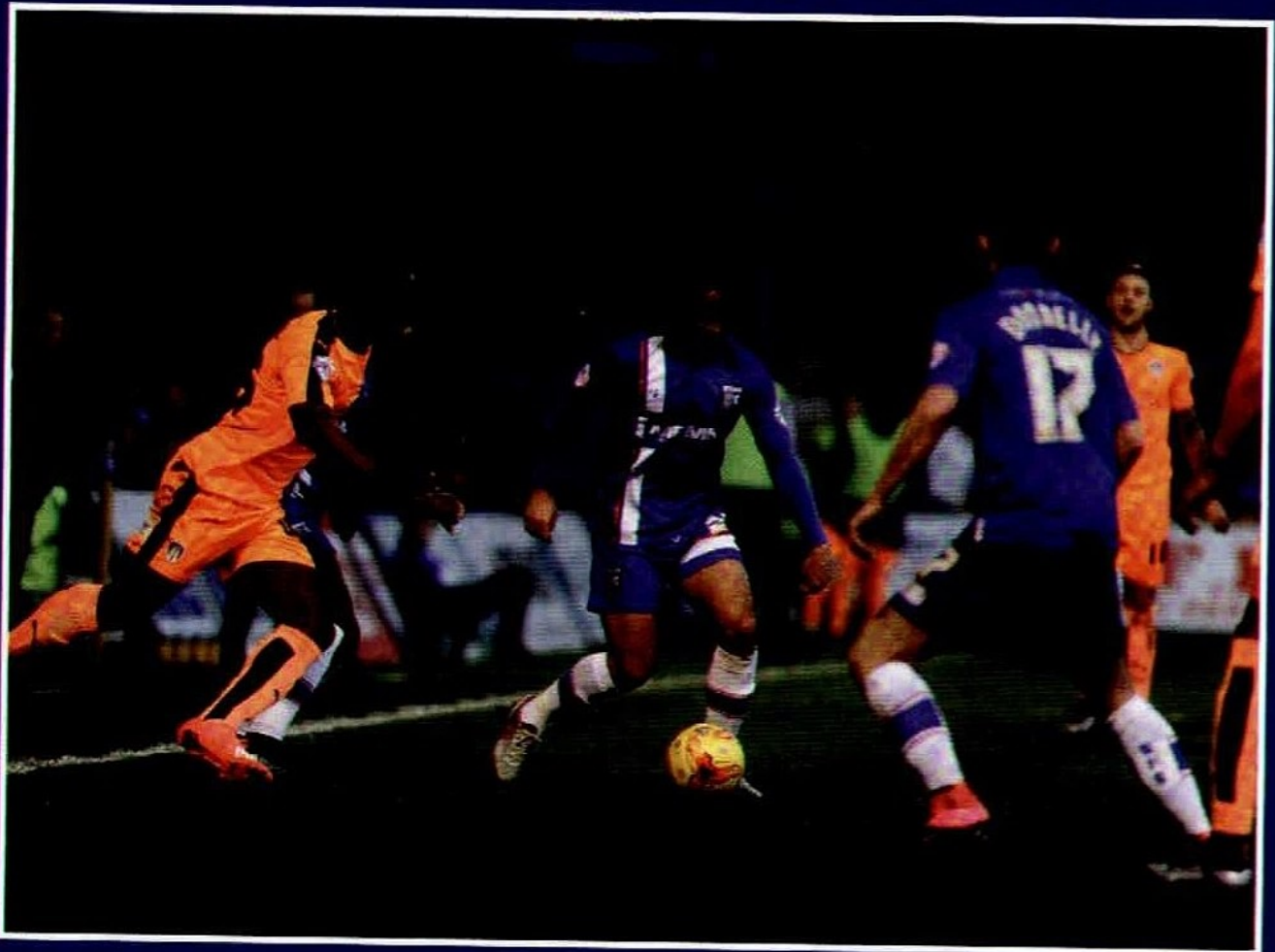
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Dominic Samuel scores a crucial winner in the 70th minute as Gillingham secure maximum points in their final game of 2015.

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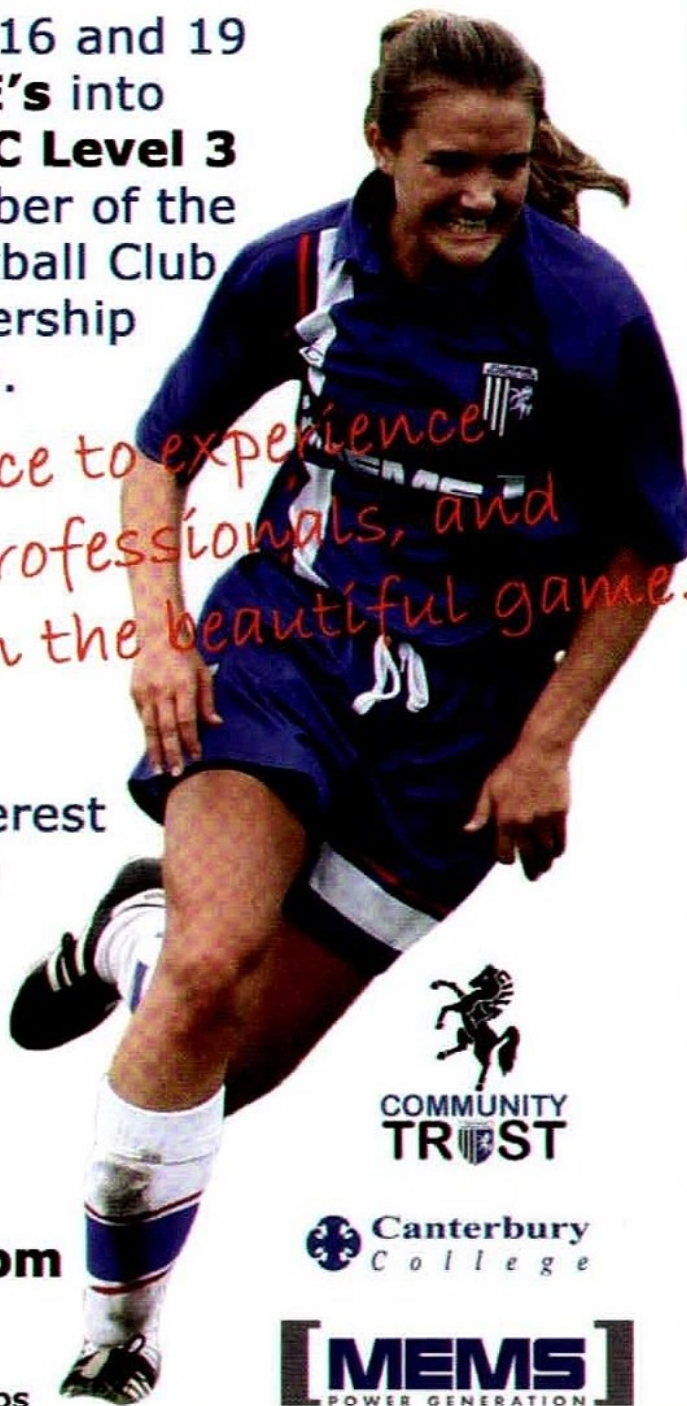
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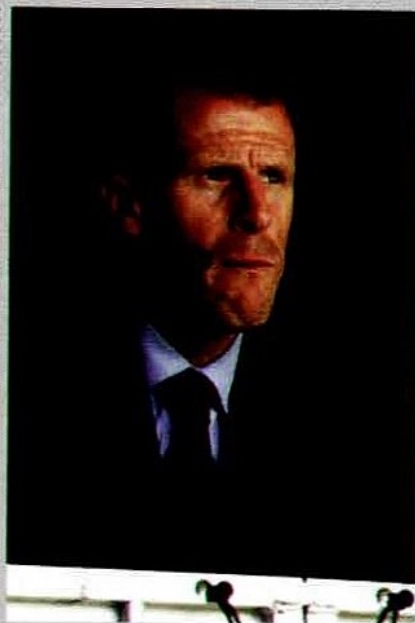
FA TROPHY AND FA VASE

It's a big day for the county as our two remaining representatives in the Trophy and Vase look to win a place in the quarter-finals.

Dover welcome Guiseley to Crabble after a week off following the postponement of their game at Altrincham last weekend. The previous week they had taken an 84rd minute lead at home to Cheltenham live on BT Sport thanks to Nicky Derverdics' screamer. However any hope of inflicting the Robins first league defeat since September disappeared as two goals in less than a minute gave the visitors the points.

As long as today's game isn't drawn it will be the first of three consecutive home matches as Welling visit on Tuesday and Gateshead next Saturday.

Given the Whites league position, seventh in the table and among a pack of clubs with play-off ambitions, the Trophy could be seen as an unnecessary distraction. Realistically it probably represents a more attainable chance to end the



Steve Claridge
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season with a first ever appearance at Wembley.

Guiseley, a small town near Leeds most famous for being the home of Harry Ramsden's original fish and chip shop, have two Wembley appearances to their name having reached the FA Vase final in 1991 and 1992.

Ashford United make the long journey to Tyneside for a Vase replay with Dunston UTS. Their hosts play on the south side of the river but only a couple of miles away from St James Park as the crow flies.

Last week the two sides drew 1-1 in the more rural surroundings of the Homelands Stadium. Shaun Welford gave the home side a 10th minute lead in front of a crowd of 636 but an equaliser midway through the second-half sent the game to extra-time.

Should the Nuts & Bolts beat Dunston, Vase winners in 2012, then there's an even more daunting task awaiting them in the next round as they will be away to Salisbury FC, the Wessex League side formed following

the demise of Salisbury City and managed by Steve Claridge.

VANARAMA SOUTH

At a quarter to five last Saturday evening it looked as though Maidstone were going to reduce the gap between them and leaders Ebbsfleet from six points to four. Minutes later that gap had increased to eight points as the Fleet scored an injury time winner at Basingstoke to win 2-1 while Maidstone conceded a last minute goal at home to Concord Rangers to draw 2-2.

Ebbsfleet's winner was scored by new signing Aaron McLean who played in the Premier League for Hull City just two seasons ago and who more recently has been at Barnet.

Margate continued their recent good form with a 1-1 draw at home to Bishops Stortford while Dartford's visit to Gosport was postponed.

RYMAN ONE SOUTH

It wasn't a vintage afternoon for our local sides last weekend. The stand-out result was Whitstable's 6-1 home defeat to a mid-table South Park who were on a run of six games without a win. That result means the Oystermen have just one point from their last five games and have kept only two clean sheets in the league this season.

Postponed

At the other end of the table 6th placed Faversham were beaten 5-1 at 5th placed Dorking Wanderers while Herne Bay were held to a 0-0 draw at East Grinstead. Folkestone's game at home to Whyteleafe was postponed, which meant 2nd placed Worthing were able to close the gap on the leaders to 11 points with a 3-0 win over Sittingbourne.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE

There's been quite a transformation at Tunbridge Wells since Martin Larkin stepped down as manager in the summer and not for the better. The Wells are currently 18th in the 19 team division and chairman Clive Maynard has admitted that relegation would be a disaster for the club. Only one team will go down and the Wells are currently 11 points clear of bottom side Holmesdale, a team they've put 11 goals past this season. But the Wells are on a run of four consecutive defeats, have registered 55 players this season and recently bid farewell to long serving midfielder Joe Fuller who has joined Sevenoaks. Attendances are down 20% but the Wells are still the second best supported team in the league, their average of 198 beaten only by Ashford United's 212.

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SCRAPBOOK OF 10 YEARS AGO

ANDY BRADLEY REFLECTS ON THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF GILLINGHAM'S PROGRESS IN LEAGUE ONE DURING THE 2005-06 SEASON

It's always heartening when a new signing makes a favourable debut and Tommy Black did in helping the Gills to a 1-1 draw at home to Rotherham.

The experienced 26-year old winger, secured on loan from Crystal Palace, didn't score but did provide the assist for Gavin Grant's equaliser.

It was the latter's first goal for the club and came from a corner expertly whipped into the box by Black.

Grant was also a relative newcomer to the side, having initially joined on trial from Tooting & Mitcham, in November, before being offered a contract.

But, despite hitting back from behind to claim a share of the spoils, manager Ronnie Jepson was far from happy.

"We were poor and lucky to come away with a point," he admitted.

"That performance represented a dip in our recent home form and wasn't appreciated by our supporters in the crowd (6,107).

"Hopefully, we can make a quick return to the same level of form we had been showing."

Former Priestfield favourite Paul Shaw set up Lee Williamson to shoot Rotherham ahead and they all but had another goal in the closing moments.

Shaun Barker's attempt looked to have gone in off a post. In fact the ball appeared to be up to a foot over the line before being cleared but presumably neither the referee, nor his assistant, had a clear enough view and the Gills breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Whichever way you look at it though one point, whether deserved or not, is always better than nothing.

Circumstances

A much tougher midweek test awaited Gillingham when they travelled west to engage high-flying Swansea City on the last day of January.

Apart from anything else Swansea were holding third spot in the table whereas the Gills had gone 18 league games without an away win.

On that basis it was pretty much a home banker in most people's eyes.

So, in such circumstances, it's always nice to be proved wrong and Jepson's men did exactly that by posting an impressive 2-1 victory. This despite having to play for more 20 minutes with a man short after Michael Flynn had picked up his second yellow card of the evening.

Unlike at the weekend, the team boss was this time delighted.

"That was more like it and I was very pleased," he said. "We played some good stuff and were cruising at 2-0 up.

"But that late penalty (with six minutes to go) let Swansea back into it and set up a tense finish. Thankfully, we managed to hold out for all three points."

Darren Byfield's great strike gave Gillingham an early lead which Neil Harris doubled with a simple tap-in on 71. This was just over a minute after Flynn had been sent off.

The spot kick Andy Robinson converted brought the Swans right back into contention but, despite bombarding the goal in a frantic finale, they were unable to score again.

Now, as far as the Gills were concerned, relegation worries were starting to recede a little as this result took them up to 12th in the ladder. That's the top half of the table and the team's highest placing since the end of August.

More encouraging news arrived the following day when Jepson continued his re-strengthening programme by bringing in a competitive 20-year-old centre-forward from a Yorkshire club.

What was his name, can you remember?

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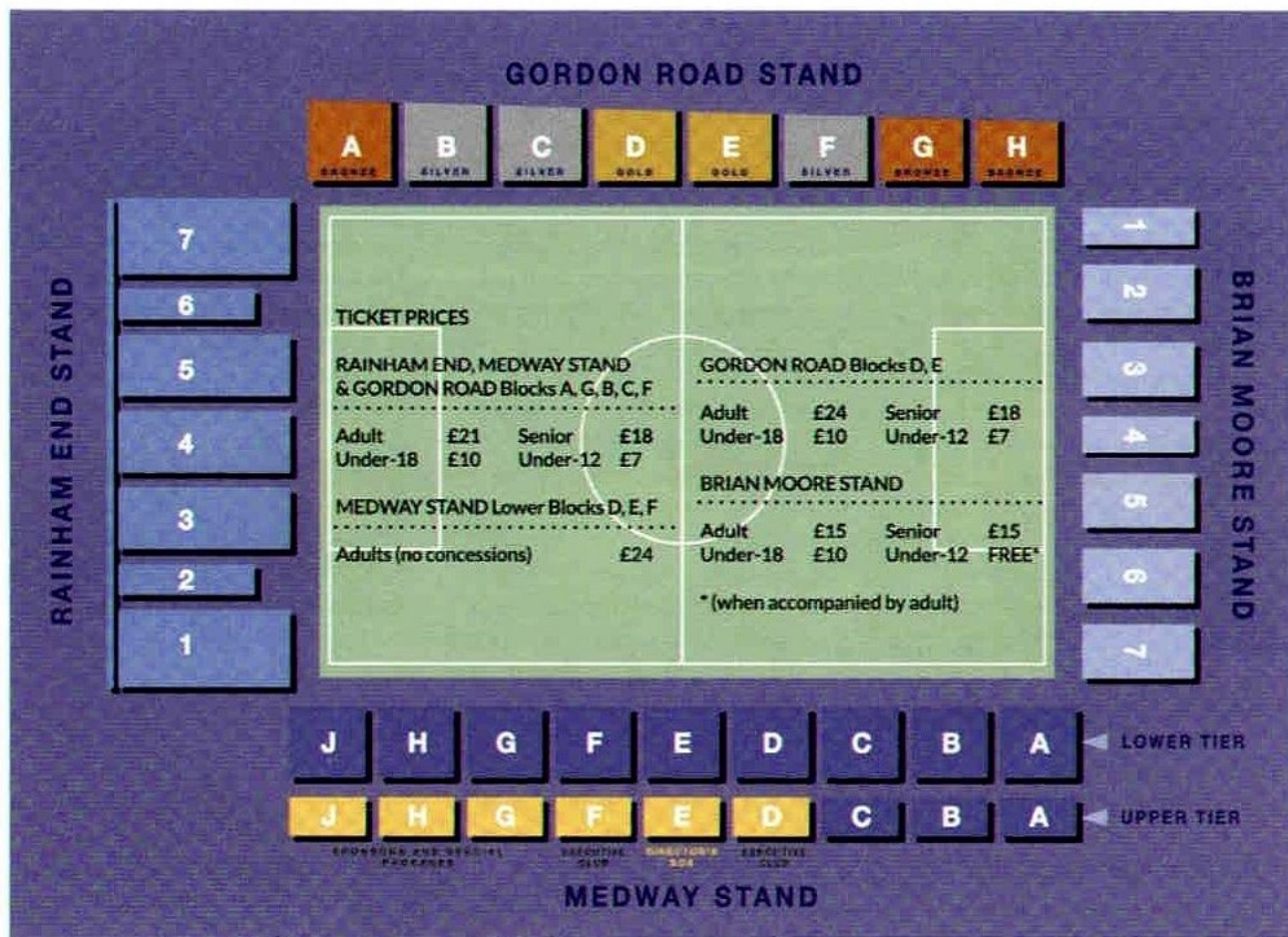
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LEAGUE ONE TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	ARMSTRONG	17
2	WINNALL	15
3	SHARP	14
4	AJOSE	13
5	LEON CLARKE	13

ASSISTS

1	DACK	9
2	SAWYERS	8
3	HARRIOTT	7
4	HUSSEY	7
5	WATKINS	7

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	ARMSTRONG	43
2	LEON CLARKE	38
3	SHARP	36
4	WILLIAMS	36
5	JACOB MURPHY	35

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	ARMSTRONG	126
2	WINNALL	145
3	AJOSE	152
4	LEON CLARKE	156
5	RORY DONNE...	164

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	PADDY MADDEN	48
2	WINNALL	43
3	SHARP	40
4	ARMSTRONG	40
5	LEON CLARKE	39

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	FORDE	213
2	GLADWIN	225
3	HARRIOTT	239
4	JERMAINE AN...	272
5	OZTUMER	276

FOULS

1	HANSON	61
2	UCHE IKPEAZU	55
3	BISHOP	50
4	DACK	50
5	MORISON	50

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	JONES	34
2	GARRATT	50
3	LEE	53
4	CORNELL	55
5	GEORGE LONG	56

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Burton have kept 14 clean sheets this season in League One, more than any other side has managed.

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Colchester United have let in 65 goals in 28 games. The last third tier team to concede as many in their opening 28 matches were Cheltenham in 2008/09 (also 65).

*Data does not include games played on Feb 2-3.

CLUB STATS

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FIXTURES

- Burton v Bradford
- Chesterfield v Peterborough
- Crewe v Rochdale
- Oldham v Blackpool
- Scunthorpe v Doncaster
- Sheff Utd v Wigan
- Southend v Colchester
- Walsall v Millwall
- Port Vale v Coventry (Sun 2pm)
- Barnsley v Bury (Sun 3pm)
- Fleetwood v Shrewsbury (Sun 3pm)

All fixtures are 3.00pm KOs unless otherwise stated.

TABLE



	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burton	28	18	3	7	37	23	14	57
2	Walsall	28	16	8	4	47	27	20	56
3	Gillingham	29	16	6	7	55	36	19	54
4	Wigan	29	14	10	5	48	29	19	52
5	Coventry	29	13	9	7	48	32	16	48
6	Millwall	28	13	5	10	44	38	6	44
7	Southend	28	12	8	8	38	35	3	44
8	Port Vale	30	12	7	11	34	35	-1	43
9	Sheff Utd	28	11	9	8	45	39	6	42
10	Peterborough	28	12	5	11	53	41	12	41
11	Bradford	27	11	8	8	28	29	-1	41
12	Barnsley	28	12	3	13	45	42	3	39
13	Scunthorpe	28	11	5	12	33	37	-4	38
14	Rochdale	27	10	7	10	37	37	0	37
15	Bury	27	10	7	10	36	40	-4	37
16	Doncaster	29	9	9	11	35	39	-4	36
17	Swindon	29	10	5	14	42	47	-5	35
18	Blackpool	29	9	6	14	28	35	-7	33
19	Chesterfield	28	9	3	16	38	48	-10	30
20	Shrewsbury	29	8	5	16	34	49	-15	29
21	Fleetwood	27	7	7	13	34	37	-3	28
22	Oldham	27	4	12	11	27	40	-13	24
23	Crewe	28	5	8	15	28	50	-22	23
24	Colchester	28	5	7	16	36	65	-29	22



ROLL CALL

PLAYER	D.O.B.	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL		CARDS		GFC CAREER	
		APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS			APPS	GOALS
Adam Chicksen	27/09/1991	1				1				5	
Bradley Dack	31/12/1993	29	12	2 (2)		31 (2)	14	9		101 (34)	31
Callum Davies	08/02/1993									30(9)	
Brennan Dickenson	26/02/1993	13 (7)	1	3		16 (7)	1	6		38 (27)	4
Rory Donnelly	18/02/1992	16 (7)	10	4		21 (7)	10	4		21 (7)	10
John Egan	20/10/1992	28	3	3 (1)		31 (1)	3	4		83 (1)	8
Max Ehmer	03/02/1992	13		2 (1)	1	15 (1)	1	1		44 (1)	2
Michael Freiter	15/01/1996									(1)	
Bradley Garmston	18/01/1994	17 (4)		1 (4)		18 (8)		2		25 (10)	1
Jake Hessenthaler	20/04/1994	19 (7)	3	3 (1)	1	22 (8)	4	5		82 (12)	6
Jordan Houghton	09/11/1995	10 (1)	1	4		14 (1)	1	2		14 (1)	1
Ryan Jackson	31/07/1990	25 (1)	2	4		29 (1)	2	8		29 (1)	2
Harry Lennon	16/12/1994	6	2	2		8	2	1		10	2
Elliott List	12/05/1997	0 (4)				0 (4)				0 (4)	
Doug Loft	26/12/1986	10 (9)	3	2		12 (9)	3	5	1	54 (9)	5
Cody McDonald	30/05/1986	8 (7)	3	3 (1)		11 (8)	3	1		140 (26)	67
Jermaine McGlashan	14/04/1988	5 (6)		3 (1)		8 (7)		3		33 (28)	7
Aaron Morris	30/12/1989	17 (4)		1		19 (4)		1		40 (8)	1
Glenn Morris	20/12/1983									10 (1)	
Stuart Nelson	17/09/1981	29		5		34				162	
Luke Norris	03/06/1993	15 (4)	4	2		17 (4)	4	1		35 (30)	11
Emmanuel Osadebe	01/10/1996	7 (7)		2 (1)		9 (8)		9		9 (8)	
Adedeji Oshilaja	02/03/1993	11 (1)	3	3		14 (1)	3	5		14 (1)	3
Dominic Samuel	01/04/1994	13	5			13	5			13	5
Ben Williamson	25/12/1988	4 (5)		2 (3)		6 (8)				6 (8)	
Josh Wright	06/11/1989	23 (1)		2 (1)		25 (2)		3	1	33 (2)	

FIXTURES & RESULTS

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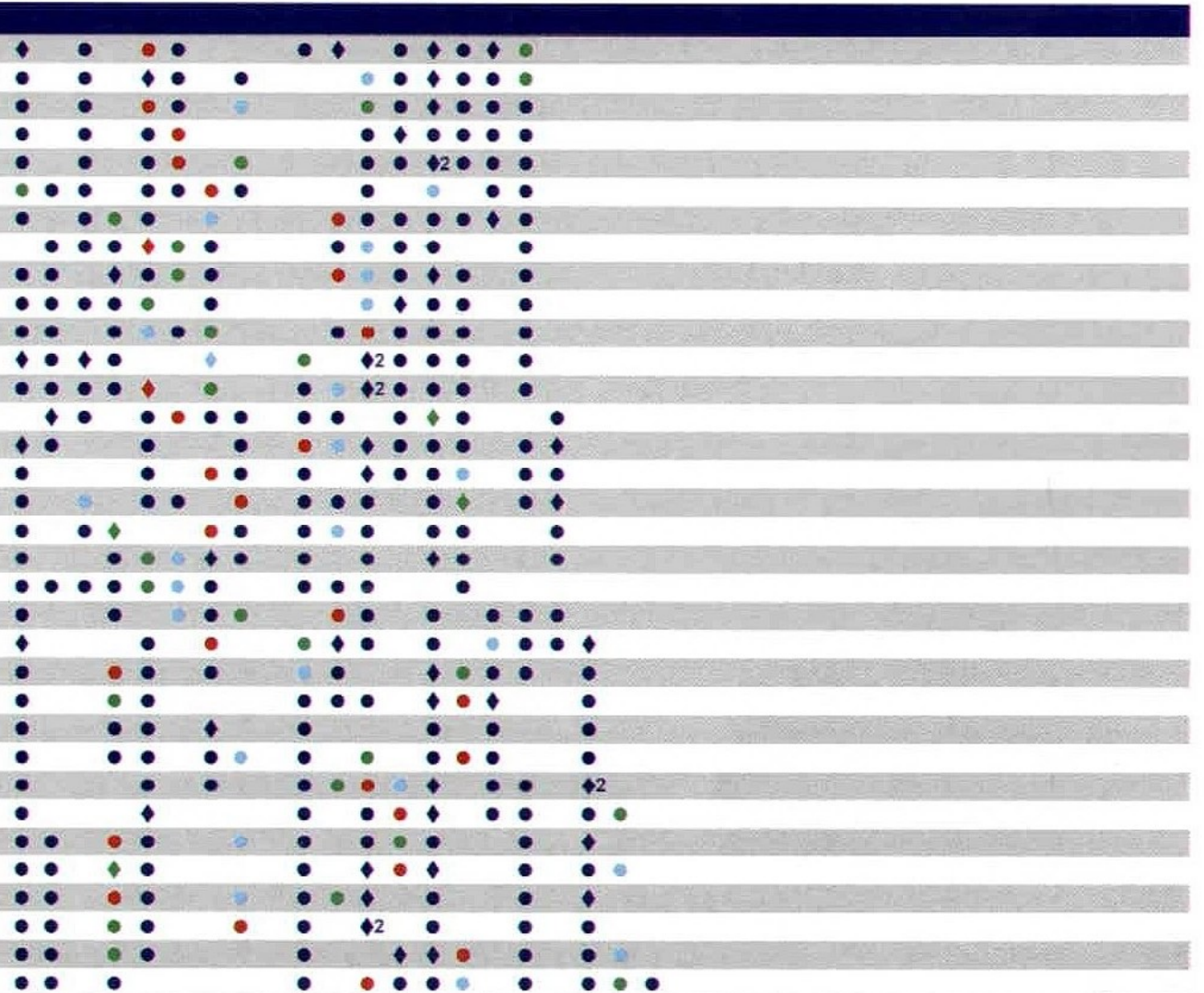
Stuart Nelson
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Bradley Garmston

				Referee	F	A	Att	Pos	
Sheffield United	Sat Aug 8	H	3.00pm	Collins	4	0	7,511	1	● ●
Plymouth Argyle (COC1)	Tue Aug 11	A	7.45pm	Johnson	2	1	5,120	-	● ● ● ●
Port Vale	Sat Aug 15	A	3.00pm	Graham	1	1	5,067	4	● ● ● ●
Bradford City	Tue Aug 18	A	7.45pm	Handley	2	1	17,496	2	● ●
Wigan Athletic	Sat Aug 22	H	3.00pm	Williamson	2	0	5,692	1	● ●
Birmingham City (COC2)	Tue Aug 25	A	7.45pm	Salisbury	0	2	9,275	-	● ● ● ●
Peterborough United	Sat Aug 29	A	3.00pm	Stroud	1	1	5,083	4	● ●
Doncaster Rovers	Sat Sep 5	H	3.00pm	Sarginson	1	0	5,685	1	● ● ● ●
Blackpool	Sat Sep 12	H	3.00pm	Sutton	2	1	6,231	1	● ●
Colchester United	Sat Sep 19	A	3.00pm	Breakspear	1	2	4,694	3	● ● ● ●
Barnsley	Sat Sep 26	A	3.00pm	Deadman	0	2	8,354	3	● ●
Fleetwood Town	Tue Sep 29	H	7.45pm	Robinson	5	1	5,231	3	● ● ● ●
Oldham Athletic	Sat Oct 3	H	3.00pm	Adcock	3	3	6,157	4	●
Luton Town (JPT2)	Tue Oct 6	H	7.45pm	Bull	2	1	3,428	-	● ● ● ●
Chesterfield	Sat Oct 10	A	3.00pm	Kinsey	3	1	6,026	3	● ● ● ●
Crewe Alexandra	Sat Oct 17	A	3.00pm	Webb	1	0	3,924	1	● ● ● ●
Scunthorpe United	Tue Oct 20	H	7.45pm	Swabey	2	1	4,823	1	● ● ● ●
Southend United	Sat Oct 24	H	3.00pm	Toner	1	1	6,981	1	● ● ● ●
Walsall	Sat Oct 31	A	3.00pm	Drysdale	2	3	6,663	3	● ● ● ●
Stevenage (FAC1)	Sat Nov 7	A	3.00pm	Kettle	0	3	1,619	-	● ● ● ●
Yeovil Town (JPT3)	Tue Nov 10	H	7.15pm	Whitestone	1	1*	1,832	-	● ● ● ●
Bury	Sat Nov 14	H	3.00pm	Stroud	3	1	6,063	1	● ● ● ●
Coventry City	Sat Nov 21	A	3.00pm	Brown	1	4	15,604	2	● ● ● ●
Rochdale	Tue Nov 24	H	7.45pm	Attwell	2	0	5,088	2	● ● ● ●
Shrewsbury Town	Sat Nov 28	A	3.00pm	Wright	2	2	4,959	4	● ● ● ●
Burton Albion	Sat Dec 12	H	3.00pm	Woolmer	0	3	6,230	4	● ● ● ●
Millwall	Sat Dec 19	A	3.00pm	Handley	3	0	12,032	3	● ● ● ●
Swindon Town	Sat Dec 26	A	3.00pm	Graham	3	1	9,228	3	● ● ● ●
Colchester United	Mon Dec 28	H	3.00pm	Williamson	1	0	7,109	3	● ● ● ●
Bradford City	Sat Jan 2	H	3.00pm	Gibbs	3	0	6,446	2	● ● ● ●
Wigan Athletic	Thur Jan 7	A	7.45pm	Duncan	2	3	7,923	2	● ● ● ●
Doncaster Rovers	Sat Jan 16	A	3.00pm	Miller	2	2	6,077	3	● ● ● ●
Peterborough United	Sat Jan 23	H	3.00pm	Adcock	2	1	6,449	1	● ● ● ●
Blackpool	Sat Jan 30	A	3.00pm	Madley	0	1	6,828	2	● ●
Swindon Town	Sat Feb 6	H	3.00pm						
Barnsley	Sat Feb 13	H	3.00pm						
Oldham Athletic	Sat Feb 20	A	3.00pm						
Chesterfield	Sat Feb 27	H	3.00pm						
Fleetwood Town	Tue Mar 1	A	7.45pm						
Scunthorpe United	Sat Mar 5	A	3.00pm						
Crewe Alexandra	Sat Mar 12	H	3.00pm						
Southend United	Sat Mar 19	A	3.00pm						
Walsall	Fri Mar 25	H	3.00pm						
Bury	Mon Mar 28	A	3.00pm						
Coventry City	Sat Apr 2	H	3.00pm						
Sheffield United	Sat Apr 9	A	3.00pm						
Port Vale	Sat Apr 16	H	3.00pm						
Rochdale	Tue Apr 19	A	7.45pm						
Shrewsbury Town	Sat Apr 23	H	3.00pm						
Burton Albion	Sat Apr 30	A	3.00pm						
Millwall	Sun May 8	H	12.30pm						

KEY ● STARTING XI ● FIRST SUB ● SECOND SUB ● THIRD SUB ◆ GOALSCORER

*Lost 5-4 on pens

John Egan
 Max Ehmer
 Jordan Houghton
 Doug Loft
 Jake Hessenthaler
 Ben Williamson
 Cody McDonald
 Jermaine McGlashan
 Glenn Morris
 Aaron Morris
 Emmanuel Osadebe
 Rory Donnelly
 Luke Norris
 Bradley Dack
 Brennan Dickenson
 Adedeji Oshilaja
 Josh Wright
 Harry Lennon
 Dominic Samuel
 Elliott List
 Adam Chicksen



BLAST FROM THE PAST



GILLINGHAM 2 SWINDON TOWN 2

31 March 1979 – Priestfield Stadium

Attendance: 9,460

The incident that ignited a near 40 year rivalry as Danny Westwood is sent off for the only time in his career moments before half time. His offence was swearing when pleading for the referee's protection following yet another foul by Swindon captain Ray McHale. Westwood was flabbergasted. "He reached for his pocket and the first thing he showed me was his vehicle road tax disc. Then out came the red card, and McHale congratulated him." Gills' ten men held on for a 2-2 draw after leading 2-0 on 26 minutes in an enthralling contest which was later marred by an attack on referee Hutchinson by an irate elderly spectator. A month later Gills lost the return 3-1 in Wiltshire, with McHale again influential in the dismissal of Gills' Terry Nicholl. Gillingham missed promotion by a point.

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Manager: Justin Edinburgh

Stuart Nelson	1	■
Ryan Jackson	2	■
Bradley Garmston	3	■
John Egan	4	■
Max Ehmer	5	■
Doug Loft	7	■
Jake Hessenthaler	8	■
Cody McDonald	10	■
Jermaine McGlashan	11	■
Glenn Morris	12	■
Dominic Samuel	14	■
Aaron Morris	15	■
Emmanuel Osadebe	16	■
Rory Donnelly	17	■
Luke Norris	19	■
Bradley Dack	23	■
Brennan Dickenson	24	■
Adam Chicksen	26	■
Elliott List	35	■
Josh Wright	44	■
12th Man		
Bradley Norton	18	■



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Andy Woolmer

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BARNSLEY

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13/02/16
KO: 3.00pm

PRIESTFIELD PRIZE

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SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Luke Williams

■	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
■	14	Michael Doughty
■	15	James Brophy
■	16	Jordan Stewart
■	18	Louis Thompson
■	19	Jeremy Balmy
■	20	Jonathan Obika
■	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
■	37	Jamie Calvin



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