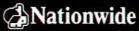






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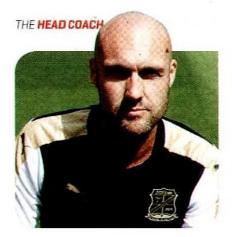
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WILLIAMS

Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's clash with Millwall.

We'd have preferred to play the game at Oldham last weekend and gone into the game with that winning feeling behind us but we've just got to get on with it. There's nothing we can do when the weather intervenes. However, we've still got that feeling because we won our last game so we'll be taking that into the Millwall game this afternoon. One or two players will probably have been grateful of the extra rest and not play with something small hanging over them. Hopefully those niggling problems will have had the chance to clear and they'll go in 100% fresh today.

When I think back to the game at the Den earlier this season, I recall that it was a very tough game. Millwall are a good team and if you play against them and you're not as organised as you could be - we had plenty of injuries at the time and players on the pitch that hadn't played a lot of football - they can make you suffer and Millwall made us suffer a lot that day. We'll be making sure it's not a repeat of that type of performance.

Everyone knows that Millwall have got fantastic support and it's not far for them to travel. I'm sure they'll be here in their numbers which will make for a good atmosphere and that is something I feel the boys will actually enjoy. It could work in our favour that it gees the players up even more for today's game. I hope that we are more difficult



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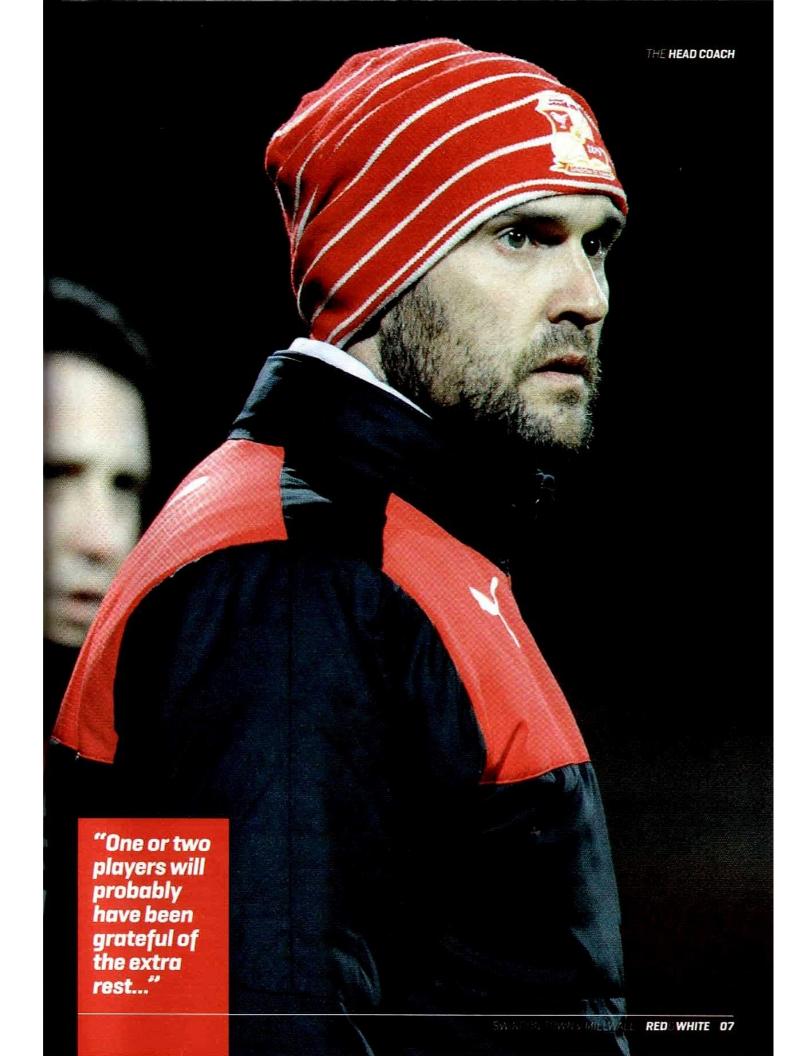
to play against today than we were at the Den. I've got no doubt that we're in better shape now than we were going into that game earlier in the season.

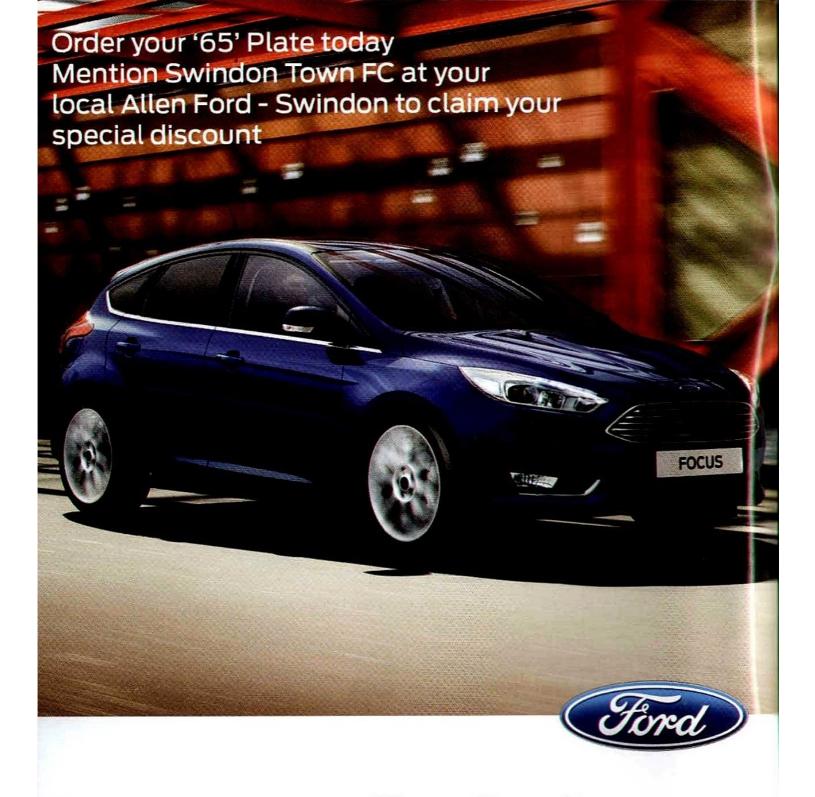
After winning four games on the spin, I've seen a lot of supporters speculating about the potential of Play-Offs come May. It's just the nature of football that expectations shift very quickly and we accept that. We want you as supporters to dream and to

be ambitious because as a group of staff and players, we certainly are. We've got to try and keep the group focused on every training session and on every game but of course we accept that rise in expectations is there and it is a reality that we are closing in on those positions.

Keep up your superb backing this afternoon.

Luke Williams HEAD COACH





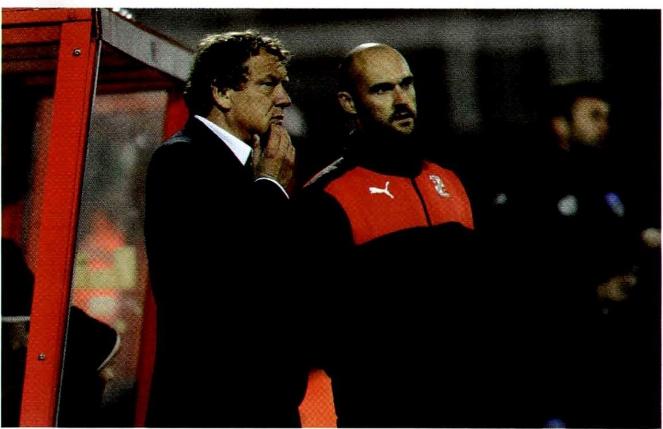
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Good afternoon and welcome back to SN1 for today's Sky Bet League 1 encounter with Millwall.



There's only one place to start this week and that's with the news that Luke Williams has been handed the reins as the club's Head Coach for the next five years. Naturally, the Chairman and the Board have been very impressed with the way that Luke has taken to life in the hot-seat and the fivevear deal is a real statement of intent that we're committing to this new order as the way forward for this football club on and off the pitch. As the Chairman mentioned in his statement earlier this week, with a new training facility now secured and within our

grasp, we now have a solid, sustainable base from which to build this football club into one that can attain Championship status and thrive at that level.

I've mentioned in previous notes that we are closing in on further commercial deals which will benefit this club in many ways, not least financially. Please keep an eye on our club website and social media channels for news on this as and when we are in a position to announce something.

This afternoon's visitors are

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tucked in nicely in the League 1 Play-Off places and look set to mount a real challenge to claim a place back in the second tier just one season after departing it. We endured a difficult time at the Den earlier this season but now we're a completely different proposition to the side that took on Millwall that day. Let's hope we can continue our winning run with another three points this afternoon.

Steve Anderson

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With members of the first team in attendance, JRs will get the chance to have a Q&A session with the players as well as the opportunity to take photos and collect autographs. Junior Reds will also be presenting their Player of the Season Award. Please vote for your Player of the Year and confirm your attendance by emailing membership@swindontownfc.co.uk. Please add how many people will be in attendance.

Please note: One adult is permitted per child. Attendance is limited in numbers and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.



TOWN UP FOR **LEAGUE AWARDS**

Town's Luke Williams and Nicky Ajose have been nominated for the Sky Bet Football League Manager of the Month and Player of the Month award respectively for the month of February.

Williams has been nominated for the manager's gong along with John Sheridan of Oldham Athletic, Paul AJOSE LI

Heckingbottom of Barnsley and Wigan Athletic's Gary Caldwell.

Meanwhile, Town's in-form front man was nominated for the player award alongside Millwall's Jordan Archer, Bradford City's James Hanson and Barnsley's Alfie Mawson.

All winners were announced on Friday 11th March, after this programme had gone to print.

NEW DATE FOR OLDHAM AWAY



Town's postponed fixture at Oldham Athletic has been rearranged for Tuesday 5th April with kick-off at 7.45pm.

A frozen pitch and the health and safety of the surrounding areas resulted in the original fixture on Saturday being called off. Tickets for the initial tie will be valid for the re-arranged clash. If you have any queries regarding your ticket or to purchase tickets for the new date, please contact the STFC Store on 0871 876 1993 and select option 2 or alternatively, email store@swindontownfc.co.uk.



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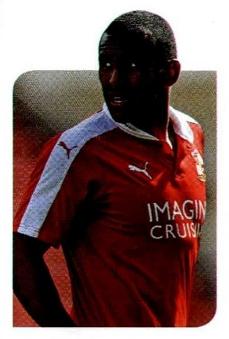












CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for this afternoon's fixture against Millwall. We played the reverse match at the Den only four and a half months ago but when I reflect on how far this team has come, it certainly feels a lot longer.

In recent weeks, we've seen the potential and capability this squad possesses. Although this season has so far been a rollercoaster for this football club, we still believe we have a chance at making those Play-Offs, so let's fasten our belts a little tighter for the final twists and turns of this campaign. With our recent fixture against Oldham postponed, the Head Coach and coaching staff have had time to prepare for today's game with a team that's fresh and that's extremely beneficial for us. We have some huge fixtures against teams who find themselves positioned higher in the table coming up and although we've managed to string four victories together, these next couple of games will be critical in what we will achieve this year.

And now a thank you to the fans. Previously, I've expressed how we needed the fans to encourage and support us in playing the way the management ask us to. Thankfully it's exactly what we have seen lately and I wholeheartedly believe it's contributed to the team's confidence growing. As a direct response, we've been more fluid, scoring 11 goals in the last four games and have tightened up our defence. From a defender's point of view - who it pains deeply when we concede a goal - we also kept our first home clean sheet of the season and I cannot begin to tell you how ecstatic I was for the team

Finally, I would like to congratulate both Nicky and the Head Coach for their recent respective player and manager of the month nominations. This club always knew the capabilities of Nicky and fortunately we've given him a platform to do what he does best. He is clinical in-and-around the box and as a team, we're extremely lucky to have him in the company of such competent and talented strikers at this club.

In addition to that, we have a Head Coach that knows exactly how to get the best out of his players. Luke has shown that if you're good enough, you'll get an opportunity to play here which I can tell you isn't always the case for young talent. We've seen debuts from the likes of Ellis, Jamie and Marshy and I have no doubt they will flourish under Luke's coaching.

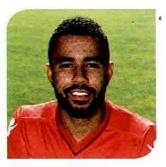
Here's to another three points today. Enjoy the game.

Nathan Thompson TEAM CAPTAIN









JORDAN ARCHER

A Scottish Under-21 international, Archer joined the Lions on a twoyear deal in June 2015. The stopper is back at the Den having initially joined on loan from Tottenham Hotspur in February, spending the back end of last term as a back up to David Forde. The 22-year-old has previous league experience with Wycombe Wanderers and Northampton Town and has been Neill Harris's first choice between the sticks this season.



MARK BEEVERS

Once a trainee at Sheffield Wednesday, the defender graduated into the first team fold to make over 160 appearances for the Owls during a seven-year stay at Hillsborough. After spending half a season at MK Dons on loan, he was snapped up by the Lions in January 2013. Has gone on to be a regular fixture at the Den and is now closing in on 140 appearances for the London side. Has scored five goals this term.



BYRON WEBSTER

A graduate of the youth ranks at York City, the defender spent time with Doncaster Rovers, Hereford United and Northampton Town before really making his mark during a two-year stint with Yeovil Town. Helped the Glovers win promotion to the Championship via the Play-Offs in 2013 before joining the Lions on a free transfer in July 2014. Had a brief loan stint back in Somerset towards the end of last term



MAHLON ROMEO

A right full-back, Romeo was once on the books at Arsenal and Wycombe Wanderers before joining Gillingham. He featured for the Under-21s at the Den before signing a one-year deal in May 2015. Was named on the bench before making his Lions bow in early February. He started the game at Walsall and marked his debut with a goal. Has been a regular fixture at the back for the London side ever since.



SHANE FERGUSON

Ferguson graduated from the youth ranks at Newcastle United to make his senior bow in August 2010. A left-sided player, he has made over 30 appearances for the Magpies and is currently on loan at the Den from St James's Park. Has spent two separate loan spells with Birmingham City before making four appearances on loan at Glasgow Rangers towards the end of last season. Has been a regular this term with 40 appearances to his name.



BEN THOMPSON

A livewire midfielder who has come through the ranks at the Den to earn a professional deal with the Lions. He made his senior bow in August 2014 against Southampton but had to wait 12 months before making his league debut, coming off the bench against Coventry City. At the end of August 2015 he made his first start in a 0-0 draw at Scunthorpe and netted his first goal in an FA Cup defeat against Wycombe.



JED WALLACE

Wallace came through the ranks at Portsmouth under the tutelage of current STFC phase coach, Alan McLoughlin. After making his debut in 2012, he racked up over a century of appearances at Fratton Park before joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in May 2015. Has struggled to make an impact at Molineux since moving to the West Midlands and joined Millwall on loan in early January. Scored his first goal for the Lions last time out against Blackpool.



NADJIM ABDOU

The midfielder made his mark in English football with Plymouth Argyle, spending one season at Home Park before joining Millwall in July 2008. Has been a regular fixture in the Lions' midfield ever since and has now racked up an impressive 310 appearances. An international player with Comoros, he is a former Player of the Year winner at the Den collecting the award at the end of the 2011/12 campaign.



SID NELSON

A local lad, Nelson has graduated from the youth ranks at Millwall to make his mark in the first team. The defender broke into the side last term and went on to claim the club's Young Player of the Year award.

JOE MARTIN

Martin started his career at White Hart Lane before moving to Blackpool where he made his senior bow. Played 179 times for Gillingham having joined the Kent side in 2010 then signed for Millwall in the summer of 2015.

SHAUN WILLIAMS

A versatile member of the Millwall squad, Williams can play in midfield or at centre half. The Irishman joined the Lions from MK Dons having made 137 appearances at stadium mk. Made 39 appearances for the Lions last season



CARLOS EDWARDS

A vastly experienced international, Edwards made his mark in the UK with Wrexham before spending five years at Luton Town. Earned a big-money move to Sunderland in January 2007. Two years later, he was on the move again, this time to Ipswich who also parted with over £1 million for his services. Joined Millwall in May 2014 after a brief loan spell. Has been a regular fixture for the Lions this term, making 18 appearances.



STEVE MORISON

Back at the Den for his third spell in a Lions shirt, Morison has now netted over 60 times for Millwall. Started his career at Northampton Town before bursting onto the scene with Stevenage. Joined Millwall for the first time in 2009, helping the London side clinch promotion to the Championship in 2010. Earned a big money move to Norwich City in the summer of 2011 and has also represented Leeds United before re-joining Milwall.



ED UPSON

Once a trainee at Ipswich, the midfielder spent time out on loan with Stevenage and Barnet before joining Yeavil in 2010. Helped the Glovers win promotion to the Championship in 2013 and signed for the Lions in January 2014.

FRED ONYEDINMA

A regular in Millwall's Under-18 and Under-21 sides, Onvedinma signed his first professional deal in November 2013 at the age of 17. Scored eight goals in a loan stint at Wycombe last term and has four goals to his name this

AIDEN O'BRIEN

A former trainee at the Den, O'Brien has spent time on loan at Hayes & Yeading, Crawley, Aldershot and Torquay before making a mark with the Lions last term. In 40 appearances this season, he has eleven goals to

JAMIE PHILPOT

A teenage forward who made his senior bow for the Lions at the end of last term. Marked his debut with a goal at Wolverhampton Wanderers. His only appearance so far this term came last time out against Blackpool



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The Lions are likely to line up in a 4-4-2 this afternoon. Don't be surprised to see Neil Harris's side set up quite deep and look to hit the Town on the counter attack. They have a pair of towering centre backs who are a threat in the opposition box but aren't without their weaknesses. The visitors also boast two in-form strikers in Steve Morison and Lee Gregory - Gregory will look to run in behind while his partner is also a physical threat inside the box. Jed Wallace and Shane Ferguson are dangerous on the flanks and will look to run at defenders before putting inviting deliveries into the danger area. Keep an eye on young full back, Mahlon Romeo who likes to get forward and join attacks.

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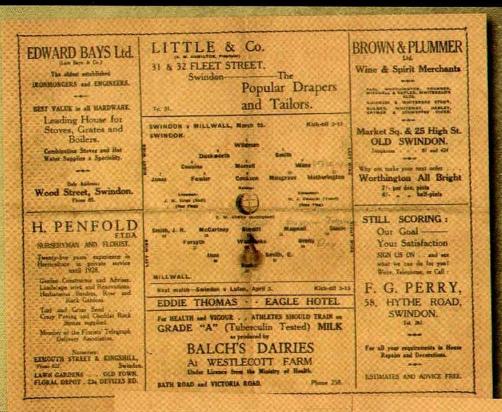
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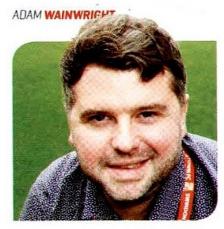
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or on a match-by-match basis and we very much look forward to entertaining you for the 2016/17 campaign. A final point on hospitality, I would like to remind you all that there is very limited availability on remaining hospitality packages so please call Rachel Burt on 0844 880 1094 if you would like to explore the option of matchday hospitality between now and the end of the season.

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also investigate potential further avenues of sponsorship. We will also be looking for and targeting new business to partner with us going into next season and beyond.

Onto today, we welcome PrePay Solutions as match sponsors. PrePay have supported us fantastically this season. Long may this continue - enjoy your day. Our matchball sponsors are Lloyd Davenport. Thank you for your support. Finally, we welcome 888Sport, A number of the quests on the table have activated an 888Sport betting account and were selected from a prize draw to join us in the 1879 Sponsors Suite this afternoon. Have a great day.

Enjoy the game. Come on you Reds.

Adam Wainwright COMMERCIAL MANAGER

GALLERY vs DONCASTER ROVERS

























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ELLIS IANDOLO

Given his first taste of senior football in Wiltshire, the former Gillingham trainee says that Swindon Town has changed his life...



Let's go right back to start. What are your earliest memories of kicking a ball around?

Probably in the garden with my dad, kicking a ball around with him. I didn't join a club until I was seven which was Vinters Park, my local grass roots football team. I played with them for about two or three years to Under-10s then I joined Gillingham on a trial and signed with them.

Who did you look up to in the professional game back then?

I always loved Frank Lampard because he was never the best naturally-gifted footballer but I just loved the way he would always be in the box scoring goals as a midfielder. I always wanted to be like him.

Is he still an inspiration behind your style of play?

Yeah I try and base a lot of my game around him because he was such a well-rounded midfielder. That's something I've always tried to focus on.

You spent six years at Gillingham in the youth system. What are your memories of your time there?

Good and bad. It started off really well - I had a really good Under-10s to Under-14s then everyone started to grow and I struggled a lot at Under-15 and Under-16 level because of the physical side of the game. Although I was quite good technically, I was never able to compete physically and got a lot of injuries so at the end of that I wasn't given a scholarship. They said I wasn't physically developed and they didn't think I was going to be able to handle the Under-18 game. So I left and didn't play football for about two or three months then found myself at Maidstone United.

What's it like being told you're not going be getting a scholarship?

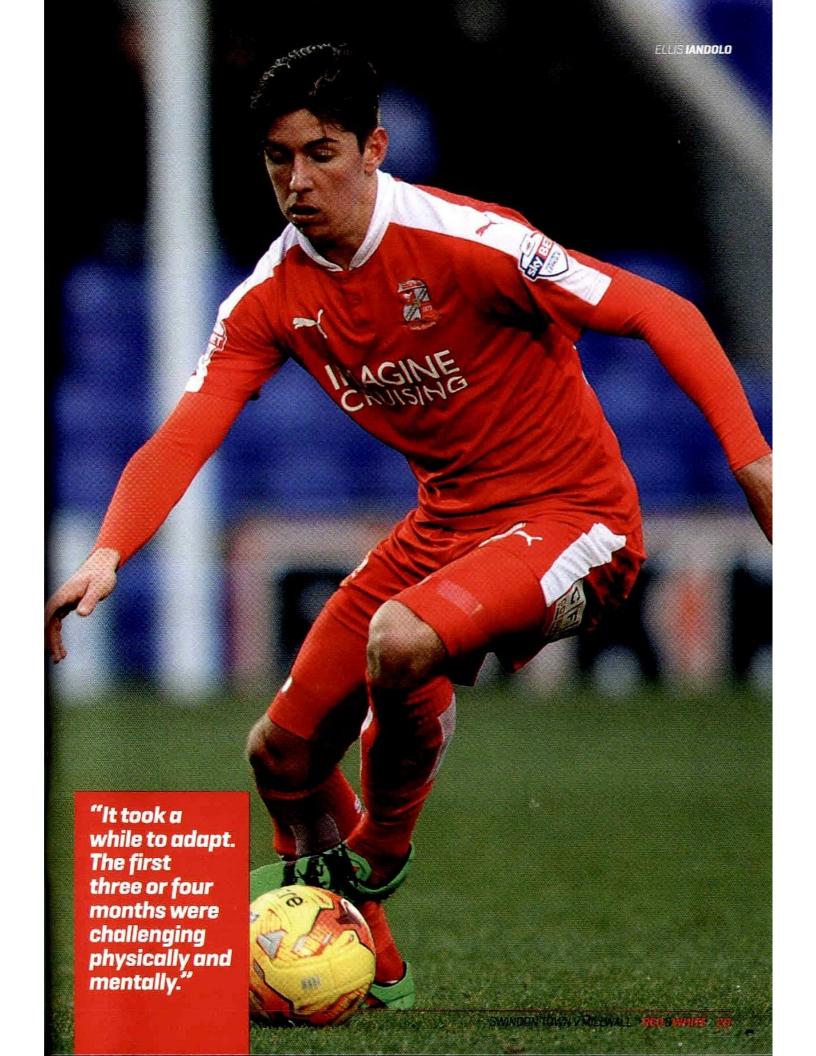
It's heart-breaking being told especially when you've been there for such a long time. Six years is a long time so it did hurt a lot but I got over it. Once I started to grow a bit, the confidence came back.

Did you go back into football after that three month break?

I played non-league football for Maidstone then joined a sixth form scholarship – so I was doing my A-Levels and playing football at Soccer Elite with Lee Spiller and Andy Hessenthaler and that was quite a good mix. Lee was a technical coach and Andy helped me out with the physical side of the game because that's the sort of player he was. He was always quite small so he could relate to me in a way but once I grew and got stronger it all started to come together.

That story or being released for being too small is similar to one we've heard before at Swindon Town with Ben Gladwin being released from Reading at a young age...

When I came here Scott [Lindsey] spoke to me about Ben Gladwin and compared how similar we are – obviously he's a lot bigger than me – but there's still a similarity there.





What advice would you have for any young player that finds themselves in that position?

Just keep going. A lot of players, especially at non-league level, tend to drop out at 16 because of distractions or whatever so my advice would be to stick with it. Just keep working hard on and off the pitch and it will start to come together in the end.

How did the move to Swindon come about?

We had a fixture against Swindon for Soccer Elite and Lee (Spiller) rang me up to say "Scott (Lindsey) wants to have a look at you - he's heard a lot about you" so I came down and did really well - I scored three goals which isn't like me, really! It was the best game of my life and it changed my life because Scott saw it and so Luke and Mark Cooper at the time. decided to bring me in for a trial for two or three weeks then I signed my deal after that.

Describe the emotions when you put pen to paper on that deal...

I was actually supposed to stay at school for another year. I would have been at school now doing more A-Levels when really I didn't know what I was doing with my life. It did take me by surprise knowing that I wouldn't be going back to school in September and I'd be training full time every day and living up here on my own. It changed quite quickly.

What a huge change for someone who, at that stage, was still only 17...

It took a while to adapt. The first three or four months were challenging physically and mentally because I'd never been in an environment like this before but all the boys stuck with me and got me through it so I feel like they've helped me out a lot. Especially Luke

"To start games gives me a lot more confidence because I can get into the game and play my football more easily than coming off the bench and having to step in and do what you do naturally." who has given me that understanding, along with Ross. They've prepared me for this and they've put me in gradually so it hasn't been too overwhelming and I've slowly come to terms with the speed of the game.

What do you remember of your league debut?

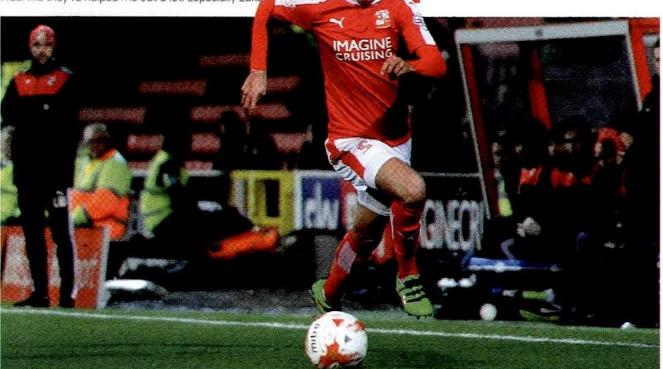
It was Peterborough at home. I don't remember a lot! I remember warming up on the sideline - Mark Cooper had told me to warm up so I was a bit like "oh, it's happening." It didn't really seem real at the time but when I was on the pitch it went so quickly. I think it was half an hour I played but it felt like three minutes!

You've been involved quite a bit recently - that must be a tremendous confidence boost at such a formative age?

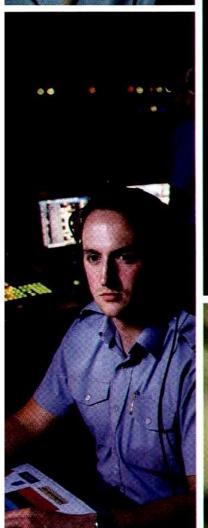
When I first signed I didn't think I'd be getting appearances at all. I thought I might be on the bench every now and then but it's come along really well. To start games gives me a lot more confidence because I can get into the game and play my football more easily than coming off the bench and having to step in and do what you do naturally.

So now it's just a case of keep your head down and keep working hard?

Definitely. Hopefully we can keep the pressure on, get a few more wins and see where we finish at the end of the season.









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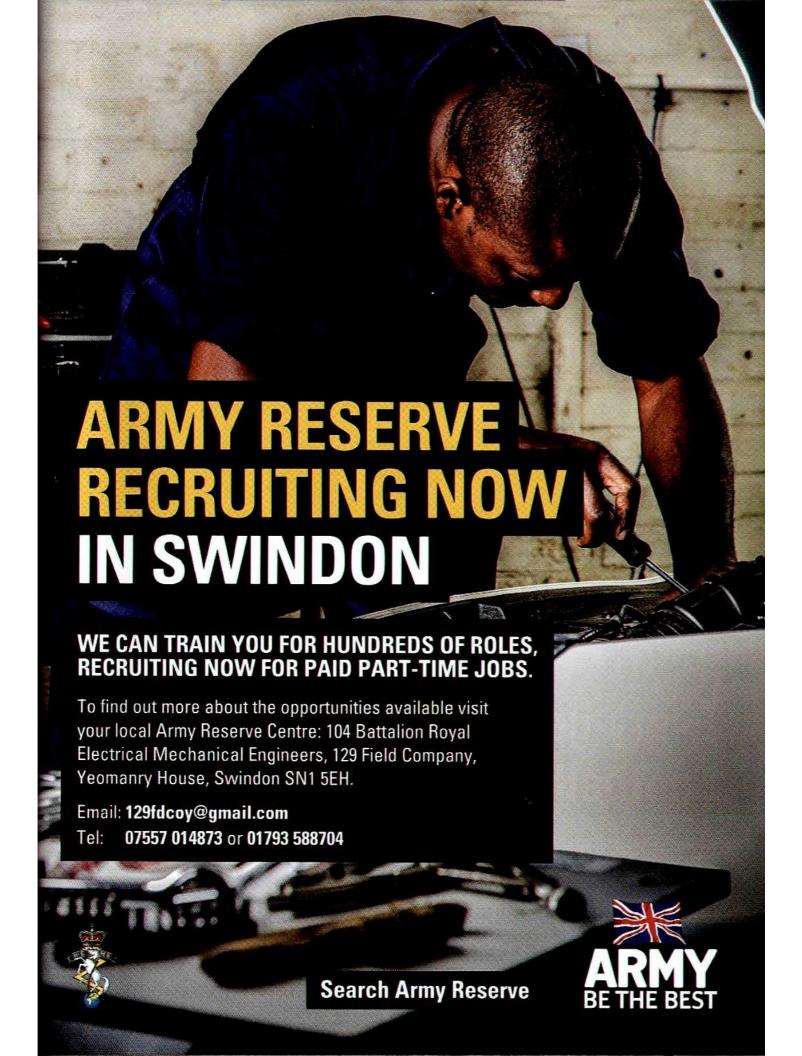












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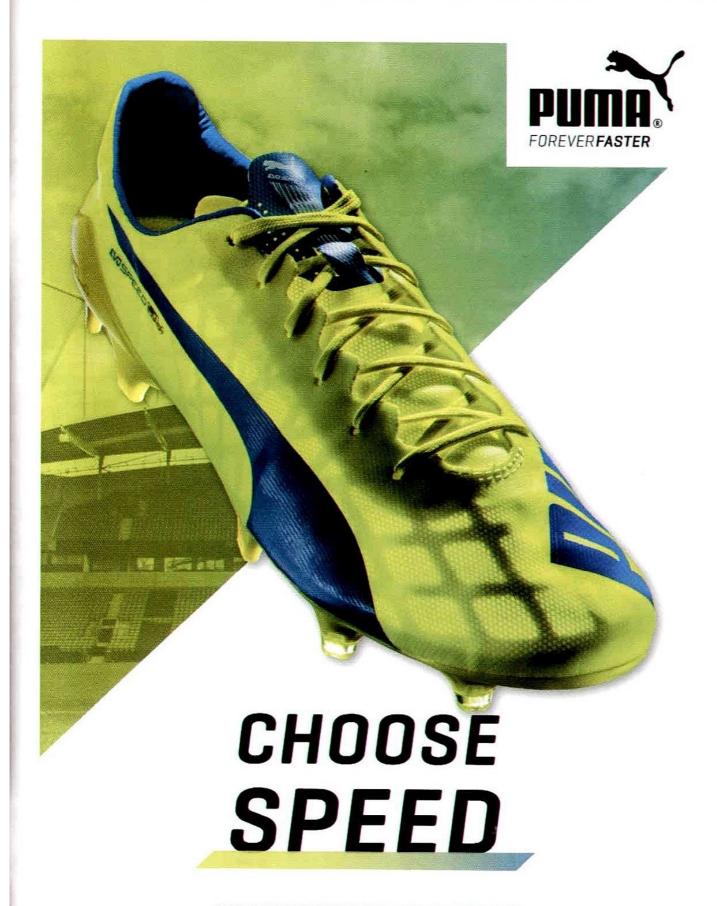


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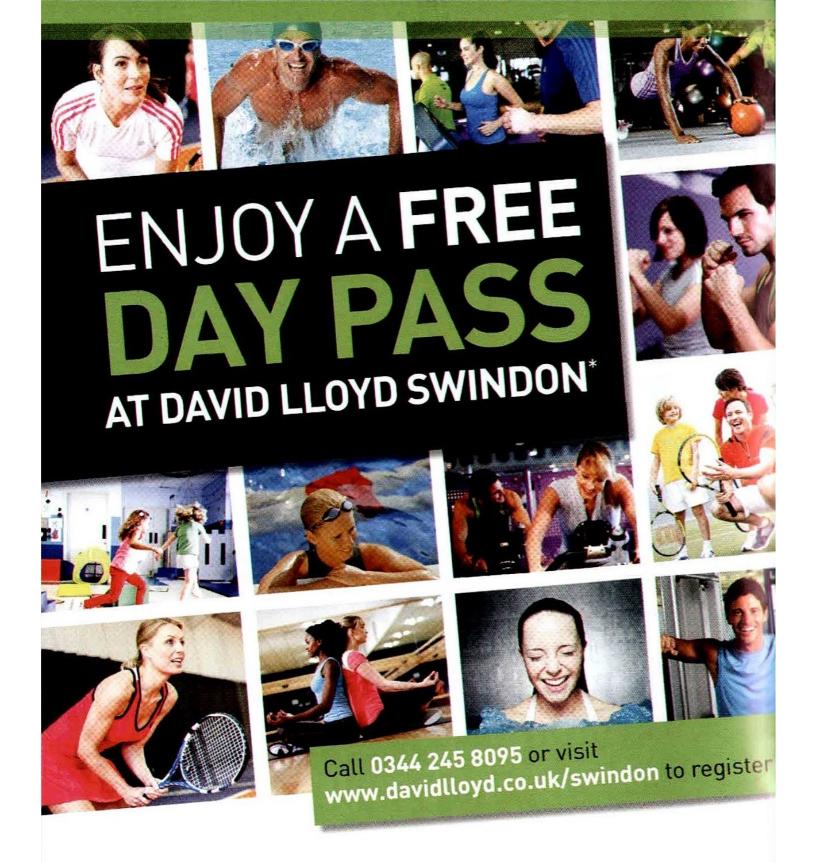






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STEVE HALE

I was recently asked by Sam Parkin about the form of Lawrence across the course of the season and his development pathway has gone pretty much how I expected.

Lawrence came into league football for the first time, fresh out of Under-21 football and the contrasts between U21 football and league football are vast with the psychological and physical pressures especially testing of any young player let alone a goalkeeper. He started the season with adrenaline high and in superb form. Then after 10-12 games started to show signs of a dip in form and two or three goals Lawrence would admit he should have done better with. I feel he has come through that spell, though and out the other side. That doesn't mean he is the finished article as a goalkeeper; he still has lots to learn but he is better for those testing experiences.

Lawrence is 22 with only 35 games under his belt and there are only three goalkeepers only just younger than him in the division, getting to close to the same amount of games - all who have made mistakes which have cost goals this season. Then you can look at goalkeepers of a similar age but who have more experience to their name such as Dan Bentley (22 and 150+ apps), George Long [22 and 110+ apps], Ben Garratt [22 and 100+ apps] and today's opposition goalkeeper, Jordan Archer [22 and 70+ apps]. After that there are a number of more experienced goalkeepers such as Jussi Jaaskelainen, David Forde, Tommy Lee and Ben Williams. The average amount of appearances for goalkeepers in League 1 is 136 and in League 2 it's 190 while the average age of goalkeepers playing in the Premiership down to the bottom tier looks like this: Premier League - 29, Championship - 28,

Overall, I think Lawrence's development is coming along nicely for his age and game experience

League 1 - 26, League 2 - 28

and we spoke recently about the need for him to finish the season strongly.

We are currently having a look at some goalkeepers released from other clubs with a view for a possible scholarship next season and it's a difficult process as there are different attributes you have to look at. Most clubs want a big, tall goalkeeper who is great with their feet but those are mostly snapped up by clubs higher than us. Often ones we look at are either great technically but not the biggest or are big but average technically so it's not an easy process deciding what route we go down and how we can best develop them.

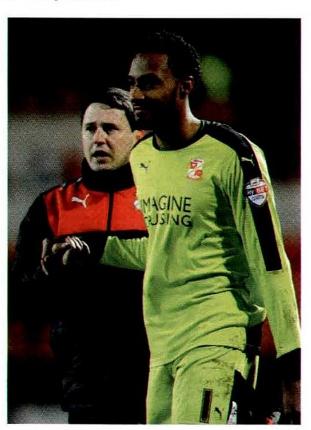
There are pros and cons to a big goalkeeper and pros and cons to a smaller goalkeeper. It's not a perfect science: if you are big it doesn't straitht away mean you are great with crosses and if you are small you are not, as I've seen a number of smaller goalkeepers with great spring to be able to claim a cross. Some might say if you are small you can get down quicker for saves and big goalkeepers struggle but, again, that's not always the case. These days you will see a lot of the bigger goalkeepers making saves with their feet so still proving effective by keeping it out, just using a different style.

The current average height goalkeeping trends in the game are as follows:

Premier League - 192.87cms

Championship - 189.44cms [6ft 3] League 1 - 188.44cms (6ft 2) League 2 - 188.30cms [6ft 2]

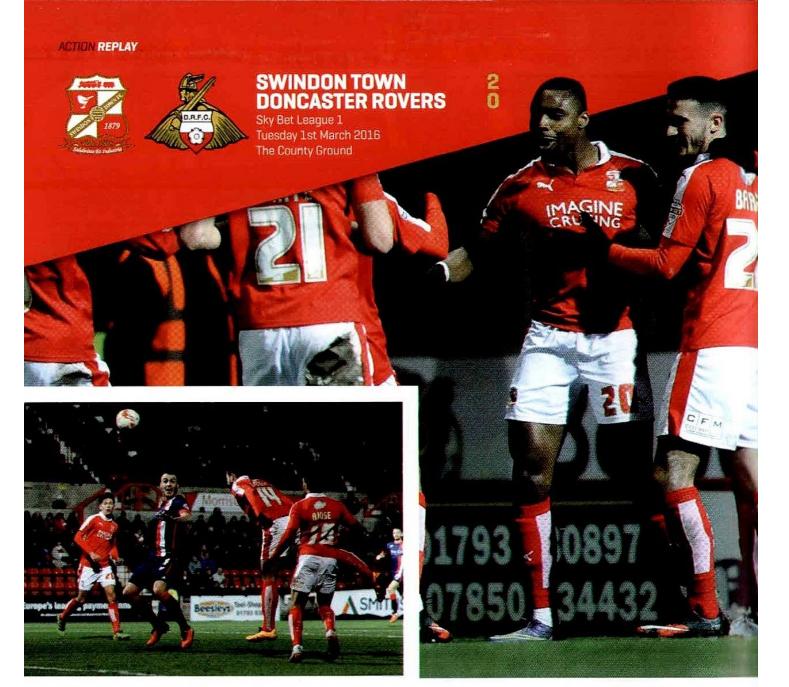
In League 1 there are 11 goalkeepers at 5ft 11 - 6ft 1 (32%). 14 goalkeepers at 6ft 3 - 6ft 6

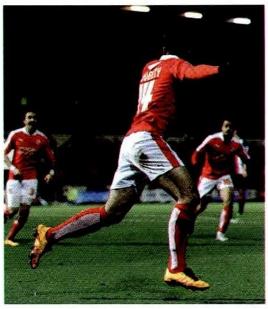


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[41%] and nine goalkeepers at the league's average of 6ft 2 [27%]. Previously, we had Wes who is 6ft 1 and he has fantastic speed and spring. Tyrell is currently 6ft 1 and possesses good power and strength and if you saw Millwall's Jordan Archer (6ft 1) recently get back and head a back pass over his bar, he showed great speed and spring! Therefore, although height has its benefits - as Lawrence at 6ft 4 has made saves through his great reach - it's a balancing act of working out what attributes we need at our club and will they be able to cope in League 1.

Steve Hale HEAD OF GOALKEFPING

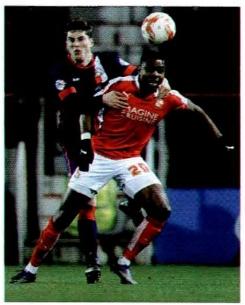




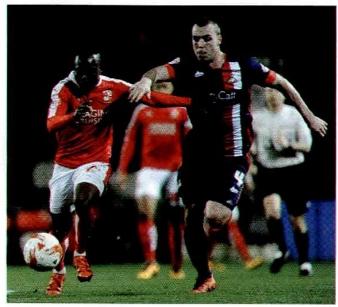


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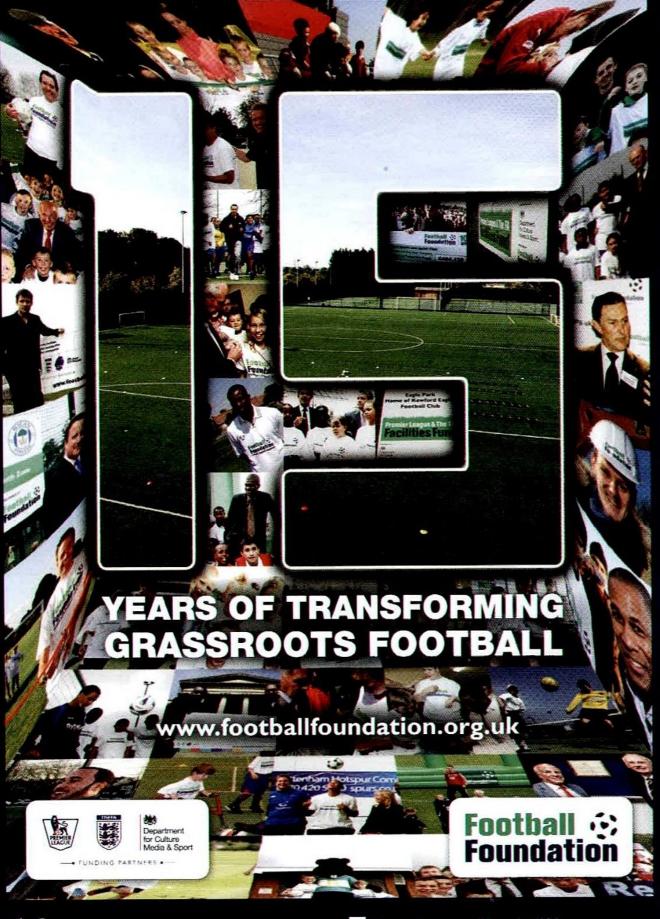












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This season has been one of transition for the football club after the success of the year before and we anticipate further progress in 2016/17. We have a young squad and young coaching staff that work hard on the training pitches to bring you an entertaining brand of football. This club has a rich history of showcasing entertaining football and we came so close last May to seeing that style take us into a higher division. We've overseen a rebuilding process this term and fully expect to be challenging at the right end of the table this time next year.

So, come and join us and be a part of that journey for the next campaign and beyond as we take this club forward on and off the pitch. See you next season.



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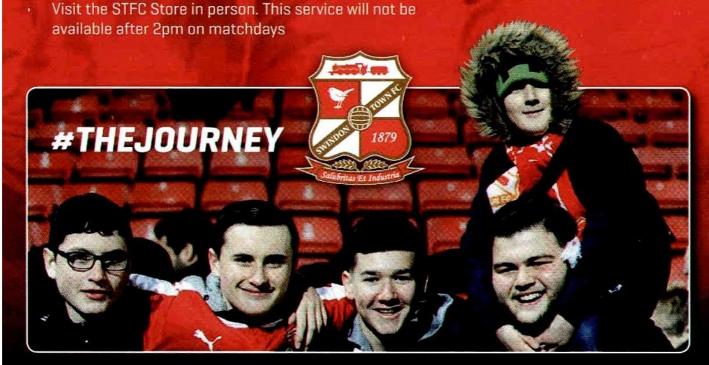
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The club were saddened to hear of the passing of Chris Batten, a long-standing season ticket holder who had been attending the County Ground regularly since the 1950s. He was at Wembley in March 1969 and always spoke with pleasure of the giantkilling that happened on that day, especially seeing Don Rogers ghosting around Bob Wilson! He went to all the play-off finals at Wembley up until last season, when unfortunately his bad health prevented him from being at the semi-final second leg against Sheffield United but he did watch it on the television!

The last game that he attended this season was back in September at home against Colchester, which unfortunately ended in a defeat. He will be very sadly missed by all his family, fellow season ticket holders and friends.

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TOWN MASCOT

Name: Joe Sharps

School: Shrivenham C of

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Teams played for: Has trained with STFITC and the Shrivenham Royals

Hobbies/likes: Lego, football and tennis

Favourite Town players:

Nathan Thompson and

Nicky Ajose



LIONS MASCOTS

Name: Joseph Nunn

Age: 12

Favourite player: Lee Gregory

Hobbies: Football, fishing, P.E.

Name: Dlivia Harris

Age: Turns 9 years old today

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Favourite player: Steve

Hobbies: Playing football for

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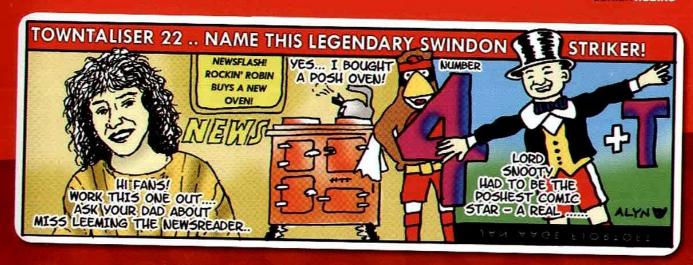


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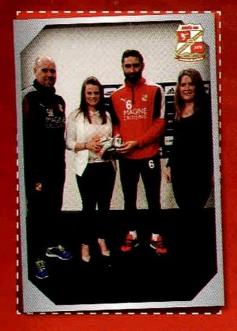
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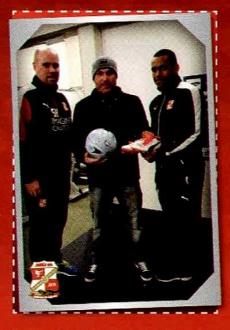
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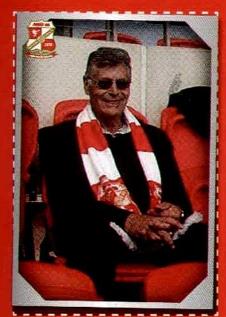
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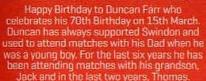






A message from Town's Head of Goalkeeping, Steve Hale: "Just a quick thank you to all the Swindon Town fans who either donated or bid on the auction items for the Calm Charity Fundraiser I did with my goalkeeping school. The signed items raised £495 and went into the fantastic amount of £5.733.73 we managed to raise for a great local charity."







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Today we host Millwall and their passionate supporters here at the County Ground. I remember well my first ever trip to Cold Blow Lane. We were two down and came back to win 4-3 with Cliff Jackson (pictured) scoring three and Jack Smith heading the winner. Even through my rose-tinted glasses, he looked five yards offside and the linesman received a few vocals from the home fans as a result!



Now to current affairs - our End of Season Awards dinner will be held

in the Legends Lounge here at the County Ground on Thursday 28th April. 7 for a 7.30 start. The management and players will be in attendance.

The Menu is as follows:

Leek and potato soup or pate Steak and ale pie Chicken with tarragon sauce Mushroom stroganoff Strawberry Cheese cake Chocolate Fondant Cheese and Biscuits (£2 extra)

Please contact any Committee members to reserve a place at a cost of £22.

Roger Bunce

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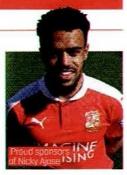
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Following two seasons of outstanding achievement, Swindon were in the bottom third of the old Second Division going in to the final fixture of September 1970.

But, despite having won only one of their last five, manager Fred Ford stuck to the same eleven for a fourth game in succession.

Visitors Millwall were also struggling, after picking up just one league win in eight. And their task that evening was not helped by the dismissal of defender Barry Kitchener little more than ten minutes into the second half.

Adjudged to have fouled Town striker
Arthur Horsfield in the area, the centrehalf kicked the ball off the spot and walked
away as the referee attempted to caution
him. He soon found himself walking

further - back down the tunnel!

Don Rogers calmly slotted the spot-kick past Bryan King.

The Londoners had gone behind as early as the 12th minute, when skipper Stan Harland swept an angled cross in from the right which Horsfield was quickest to react to, smashing it high into the net.

Visiting keeper Bryan King was kept busy as Harland fired in a rasping drive from distance and then denied Horsfield a second goal by pulling down a well-directed header.

Just before the break Peter Noble went close but his header from Rogers' rightwing cross went narrowly over.

Town came close to making it 3-0 on

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71 minutes when Horsfield headed on for John Smith to volley home, but a raised flag for offside soon quelled the celebrations.

But the points were safely in the bag with five minutes left, when Rogers darted on to Noble's through ball, went round King and slotted into the empty net.

The win lifted Swindon to eighth - a position they would be unable to improve upon during the remainder of the campaign.

Seven days later, Town faced Liverpool in a League Cup encounter, but another brace from wing wizard Rogers sent them home with nothing too.



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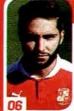
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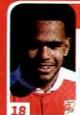


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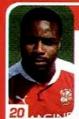
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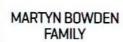


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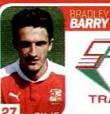
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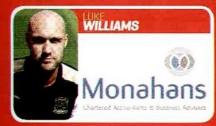
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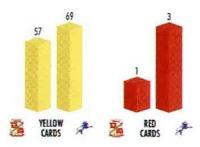
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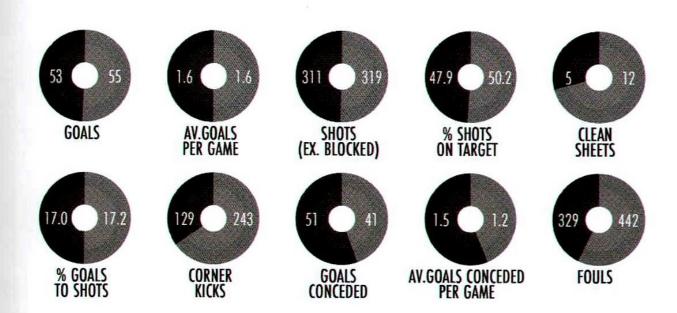
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Swindon have won just two of their last 11 league games against Millwall, conceding in all of them (D2 L7).

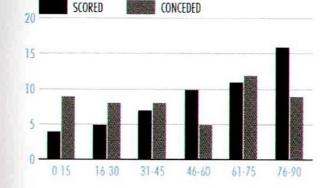


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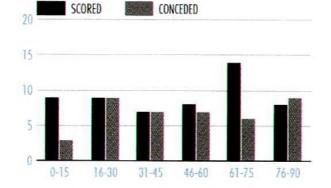
The Lions also have a good recent record at the County Ground, winning three and drawing one of their last five league trips (L1).







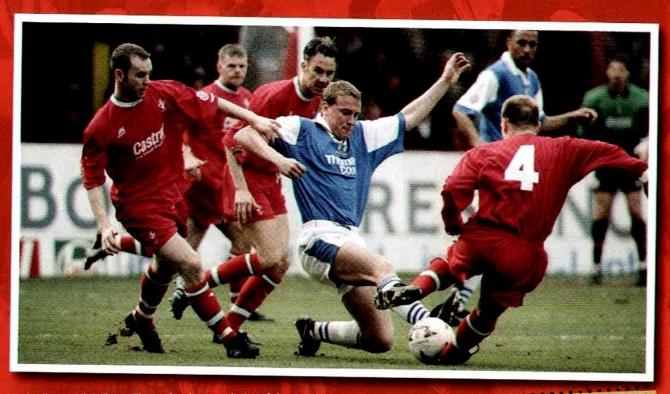
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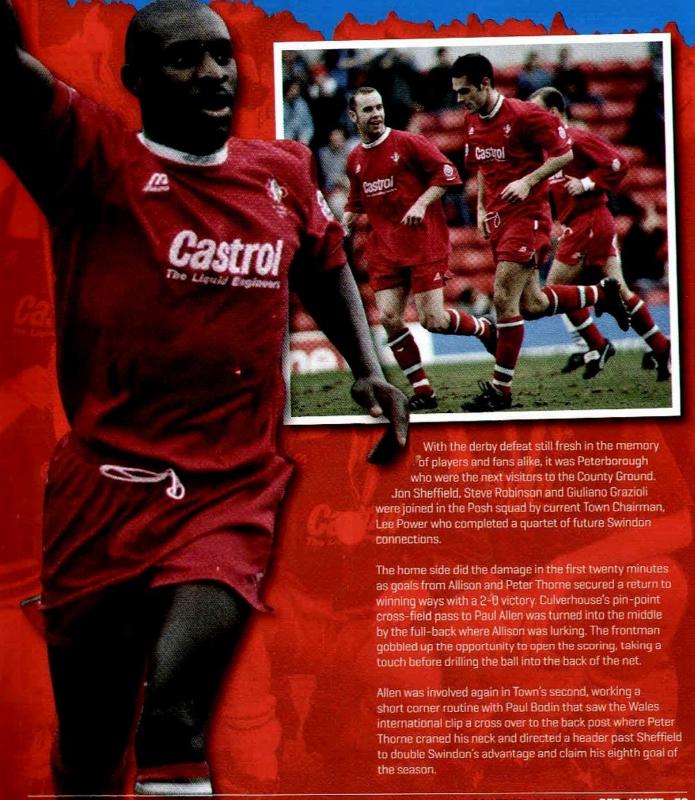


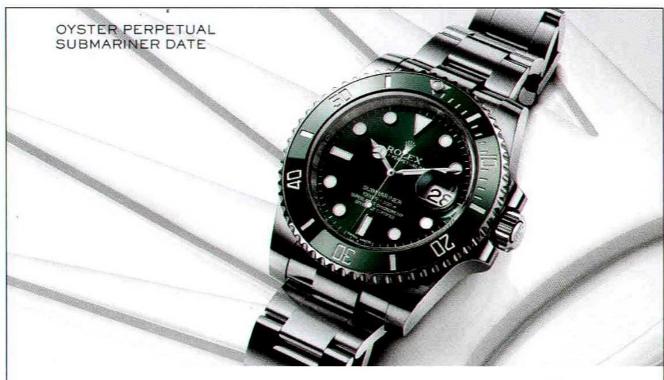
Having lost striker Steve Finney for the remainder of the season after a heavy challenge at Burnley the previous Saturday, the mood among Town fans would be plunged lower still the following Tuesday when they were beaten 3-0 at Oxford United. Swindon were a goal down at the Manor after just 18 minutes. A free kick into the edge of the area was won by Matt Elliott then when the clearance dropped to him, he struck a volley into the bottom corner.

Town's best chances dropped to Mark Robinson who saw a half-volley pushed away by Phil Whitehead before Wayne Allison hit the bar with a looping header from close range. The hosts added a second ten minutes into the second half when David Rush's effort cracked back off the upright and into the path of Martin Aldridge who prodded the loose ball beyond Frank Talia. Then with time running out, Paul Moody's surging run and cross was volleyed home inside the six-yard box by Joey Beauchamp who endeared himself even further to the travelling support by celebrating in front of the away terrace.

"THE HOME SIDE DID THE DAMAGE IN THE FIRST TWENTY MINUTES AS GOALS FROM ALLISON AND PETER THORNE SECURED A RETURN TO WINNING WAYS WITH A 2-0 VICTORY"

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We held our AGM last week and it was a very positive event. The AGM is a good time to reflect on the year gone by, and also to look forward to the months ahead. Everyone present was given a printed TrustSTFC review document and an electronic version will be available to all of our members as part of our next newsletter.

The accounts show that we started this Financial year (September 2015 onwards) with £1,549 in the bank. We are now growing our overall cash balance via the Red Army Fund, where fans are donating on a Monthly basis, so if you would like to help us achieve more for the club, please visit www.redarmvfund. co.uk and donate whatever you can comfortably afford.

Some of this money will be spent on immediate initiatives, and some will be put aside or spent on the longer term projects.

All of our independently audited full annual accounts for the past six years (including the latest set) are available to view here: www.truststfc.com/annualaccounts-summary - please take a look and get in touch if you have any questions.

Onto other things, and the #5k to Coventry campaign is ticking along nicely with well over 1000 tickets sold. Results are going our way generally, and hopefully we can get a win today and set ourselves up for a genuine playoff push.

We're getting great support from the community; TrustSTFC Board Member Simon Cowley has sent our #5k to Coventry flyer to all Swindon Primary

"We want to see Town fans vouna and old in unison at the Ricoh, with scarves held aloft and singing their hearts out."

Schools and asked them to distribute it to all of the families out there. Highworth Town Juniors Chairman Mark Collett has also pledged to help by promoting the campaign throughout their club.

We want to see Town fans young and old in unison at the Ricoh, with scarves held aloft and singing their hearts out. Together we are strong! COYR

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LOUIS THOMPSON LOUIS THOMPSON

Back in the famous Red & White until the end of the campaign, the Town academy graduate is delighted with the side's recent performances.



Speaking to RGW earlier this week, the on-loan Norwich midfielder declared that confidence is high and Town are starting to click into gear.

"Since I've come back in we've won every single game and Nath is back in the team as well," he smiled.
"Confidence is high - not only are we winning games but we're playing very well. I thought our last performance against Doncaster was total domination. With that kind of control of the game you almost control them as well. You make them run so that when they attack they haven't got that same sharpness to them and it makes their play a little bit predictable. That's what we're striving for. It's a bit disappointing not to have played Oldham last weekend and to have emulated that but we'll go again this Saturday."

With the game at Oldham last

weekend falling foul of the snowy conditions in and around Boundary Park, Thompson took the positives from a break from action.

"It gave us some rest time going into a very busy period so we're grateful of that," he said. "One thing we're certainly not doing is complaining at the chance to have some rest. We're now looking forward to being back out here in front of a home crowd and trying to show Millwall what we're all about."

Under the stewardship of Luke
Williams, Swindon have lost just
twice since the turn of the year. The
midfielder explained the reasons
behind the upturn in form. "Luke's
rolling out his philosophy and that
philosophy can really dictate what
we do," he said. "If we don't stick
to it we can be a little bit lost but
when we do we don't just beat
teams, we absolutely batter them.
I think you can tell by the faces

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of people we play - when you see them get sent off they're demoralised when we play well. Control is a big word that we use. When we get it right it's a perfect game plan."

Finally, the midfielder turned his attention to this afternoon's clash with Millwall

"They are slightly the opposite of us but they're on a good run of form," he continued. "They'll have a big following today as well so they'll want to impress them. I think we kind of owe them for the last game when we had a few players out. We'll be hoping to at least affect them and keep the ball away from them as long as we can. If we do that and stick to our game plan we'll be just fine."



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JEREMY NEWTON

Last Thursday was a disappointing evening for the Under-18s at Luton. Sometimes the occasion gets the better of the kids and we need to address that.



We need to try and do a bit more of that to try and bridge the gap. It's a bit different when you go from playing in front of 20 people on a matchday to then play in a stadium under the lights. We're aware of that. The boys don't get an opportunity to do that as much as we'd like so we're going to try and do more of that. We've been doing more of that in the younger age groups to give them that experience of playing in a stadium with the lights on. It sounds a small thing but I think it's proved over this season that it's been a huge difference between us performing and not performing on the night. The boys have been disappointed we feel we should have done a

lot better but it's gone now and we can't do anything about it.

Elsewhere in the academy, we've been fortunate to be up at Liverpool over the past two weekends to help with their Category One audit. At the weekend, our Under-12s and Under-13s were up there and did really well so that's a massive plus for us being able to compete with the likes of Liverpool. This weekend we play Arsenal which is another test then next week we go to Manchester United with our U13s in the Day Release Programme. It's busy as usual for us but these are fantastic games for the players and staff to be challenged in and

"It's busy as usual for us but these are fantastic games for the players and staff to be challenged in and it's just about providing those challenges for all involved to make sure we're constantly learning.

it's just about providing those challenges for all involved to make sure we're constantly learning. What can we take from Manchester United? What can we take from Arsenal? What can we take from Liverpool? There are always little bits we can pick up - what they do with their players, what they do with their staff. We can take these little bits and include that in our own programme.

Recently, the U14s won a tournament in Brighton. That's another environment we take our boys into where it becomes about winning and getting points on the board in order to win tournaments. This is all building up to when we go to the Netherlands at the end of the month where the younger ones are taking part in a tournament with the likes of Sparta Rotterdam, ADO Den Haag and Fevenoord. At the moment it's about getting their mentality and mind-set changed to win games of football but also to try and do it the right way.

Jeremy Newton ACADEMY MANAGER







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SCOTT LINDSEY

We can look at the cup run we had and take a lot of positives out of it. We beat some good teams along the way and it gave us extra games which we always need.



It was a good experience for the boys to play at Kenilworth Road against a good Luton Town side. On the night, we found it difficult especially in the first 20 minutes where we couldn't seem to get our flow. They pressed in and made it very difficult for us. They're a physical team but eventually, we got going and we started our passing game. We started to get in good positions and we started to control possession as we always do. Coming in at half-time I was relatively pleased however, we never really tested their goalkeeper which is something we spoke about during the break. The second half was a little bit too 'bitty' for me. We got our flow

but only in patches and we never tested them and never got down the sides or in behind them. Allin-all, when I look back on it, the cup run was a good experience for all of us. It was good to play extra games and we'll take the positives from it.

We played Milton Keynes Dons in midweek. They are probably the only team in our fixture calendar who have a very similar philosophy to ourselves in terms of possession - they like to control possession and they like to pass it. It should be an interesting game for us.

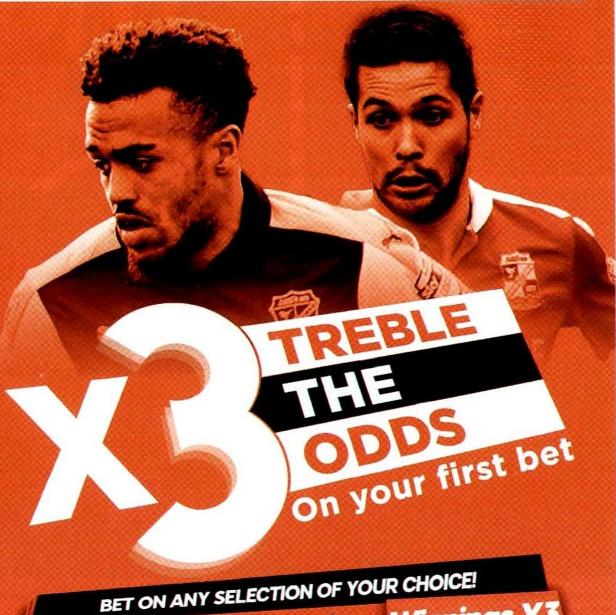
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Having played on the Thursday beforehand, the boys had a recovery session on Friday and we felt a few of them looked tired from the previous night. With that in mind, we gave them Saturday and Sunday off and we were back in on Monday getting ready to go again. Normally we'd come in and train if a game is called off but we could see that the boys were still tired from Thursday - not just physically but mentally too because they had put a lot of thought into that week as well as physical exertion so we felt it was better to give them two days off to recover properly.

Scott Lindsey UNDER-18S MANAGER

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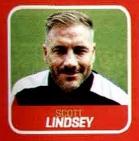
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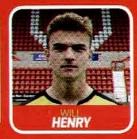




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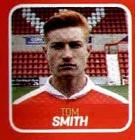














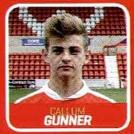


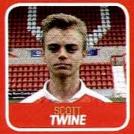






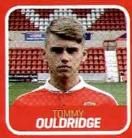






















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GIRLS DEVELOPMENT

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Millwall, Hopefully we will be celebrating three points at 5pm this evening.

Firstly, I would like to welcome the STFC Girls CFFE U15s to the game today. They have been in fine form this season and hopefully can take their good form into the Gothia Cup in Sweden in July. I would also like say a huge thank you to my amazing assistant Wendy Craig. Wendy has been instrumental in the success of our CFFE over the last three years and is a fantastic role model for all the girls to aspire to.

We are delighted to announce that after intensive trials, Wiltshire now has a Female Football Education Programme. 20 Girls have now signed up including former FFD participants for our brand new programme that kicks off in September 2016 at Commonweal Sixth form. The programme is called C6 and is aimed at post-16 year old female students looking to further enhance

their sporting education by giving them the opportunity in pursuing a long-term career within the sports and leisure industry.

The students will train three times a week whilst participating in weekly fixtures against other professional football clubs such as Southampton, Cardiff City and Swansea City to name but a few. The players will also have the opportunity to engage in Coach Education Sessions leading them onto taking their FA Level 1 qualifications. This will run parallel to the work experience opportunities where each student will shadow senior qualified coaches at Football in the Community within coaching sessions at local schools and leisure centres as they look to inspire the next generation of female players.

Clive Maquire, Trust Manager said: "We are looking forward to working with lots of excited students at C6 and have our first fixture and open evening planned

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for April 13th. We are excited about working with young female players with a passion for the game who not only wish to develop as a player but also look at enhancing their confidence in becoming a competent FA Coach."

Let's hope our CFFE U15s bring us luck todayl

Enjoy the game

Shane Hewlett

FEMALE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

STFC LADIES

Town Ladies travelled to Nottingham last weekend to face Northern Premier League title-chasers, Nottingham Forest in the quarter-finals of the League Cup. This was the first time the teams have met in all competitions and with Forest plying their trade in a league higher than Town, this was seen as a good opportunity to see how the Ladies could compete at this level. The Ladies travelled north without three members of the squad but welcomed the return of Laura Morgan who has been out of action with a knee injury for the past five months. From the kick-off, Town stamped their intentions on the hosts by playing



high-tempo football but lacked composure in the final third and couldn't find the breakthrough they deserved.

The hosts took the lead minutes before the end of the first half when Andi Bell saw her deflected effort find the back of the net. Town Ladies pushed for an equaliser, playing up the hill in the second half but Forest opened them up 10 minutes from the end, with Annabel McKechnie securing Forest's passage into the semi-finals.

After the game Town Ladies boss, Steve Robertson said: "We more than matched them and were a little bit unfortunate to come away 2-0 losers. We really went for it from the word go and I think they were a little bit shell-shocked at how good we were. I thought we dominated the first half and we were looking like the team who were going to score. It's one of those games that you come away thinking "if we played them again we would beat them". From my point of view, we have played a team who are pushing for top spot in the league above and have given them a right good game and we can take nothing but positives away from that"

The Ladies go back to league action this weekend with a home game against fellow titlechasers, Chichester City LFC. The teams have already met once this season which concluded in a 1-1 draw but Town are confident they can keep their unbeaten run in the league going and pile more pressure on league leaders Larkhall Athletic LFC.

Robertson admits that he has a selection headache ahead of this weekend's clash with two or three fringe players putting in good performances of late. This is credit to how far the team has come in the last couple of years and how much the squad has developed. Sunday's game is scheduled to be played at Shrivenham FC with kick-off at 2pm.

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Today we extend a warm FITC welcome to all our special quests who are attending our ever-popular Saturday Team Club package. We are delighted to have with us Lydney Town Mews organised by Claudia McNulty and Mere Town organised by Peter Gatehouse. They have had an active morning with a look behind the scenes through a comprehensive ground tour then they've all engaged in a professional football coaching session delivered by our team of coaches over at St. Joseph's Catholic College before tucking into their pizza lunch provided by Domino's Pizza. We hope they've all enjoyed their day so far and will witness the side picking up all three points against our visitors from Millwall

FOOTBALL LEAGUE KIDS CUP

On Wednesday we took Shaw Ridge - who represented us as the STFC FITC - to the southern finals at Coventry. There was lots at stake and everything to play for with the winning team earning the right to play before the League I Play-Off Final at Wembley on Sunday 29th May. Shaw Ridge were up against local primary school teams from all the southern region clubs which included Burton Albion, Colchester United, Coventry City, Gillingham, Millwall, Peterborough United, Port Vale, Southend United and Walsall. We will give you full details of the outcome

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of the tournament in the next programme which is against Wigan Athletic on Good Friday.

SPORT RELIEF

Our very own Tom Cox, who is now a full-time member of staff with us at STFITC, has been working hard to set up a charity event. The event will take place on Friday 18th March from Bam to 10pm and will raise money for Sport Relief. Tom has planned a football marathon with various groups from our varied programmes within our Trust playing consistently from eight in the morning until 10 at night. This 14hour marathon will take place at the Croft Leisure Centre in the sports hall



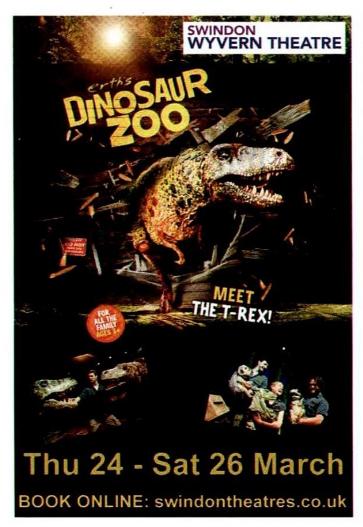


where a number of our groups will enjoy taking part in this unique event. There is lots going on up at Croft on the day with sales of coffee, cakes, sandwiches and tea as well as a visit from our very own Rockin' Robin who will be making a special guest appearance. For further information, please do not hesitate in contacting Tom at the FITC office on 01793 521303.

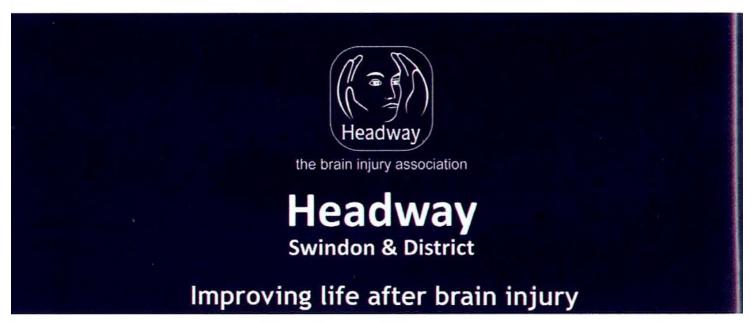
EASTER COURSES

Just a quick reminder for all you up-and-coming football fanatics that our next courses will be delivered over the Easter holidays in Swindon and the surrounding areas. We have some unique apportunities for everyone to have a good time with us including specialist activities such as the goalkeeping clinics. If you would like to come along, join in the fun and have the opportunity to meet new friends please visit our soccer school website at www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stfitc. Alternatively, you can give us a call on the above number.









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Firstly I'd like to congratulate Luke Williams on being appointed the full time Head Coach. I

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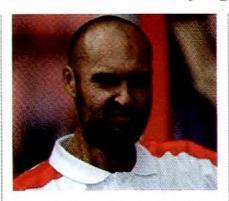
don't think there can be too many complaints after the recent results. Since both Luke and Ross have been at the helm, the performance levels have been very high.

SAMMY SAYS

He obviously has the utmost respect of all the players and if reaching the Play-Offs proves too tough an ask for this season, next year already has the makings of a really exciting one for Swindon fans.

This week I'm beginning my notes from a coffee shop in Central London before Lembark on yet another visit to the dentist chair. I seem to mention it far too much in these column inches but for those of you that remember my Swindon team's unfortunate Play-Off defeat at Brighton in 2004 might also recall me losing two teeth when my head collided with Brighton left back Dan Harding's left boot. Yes, 10 years on from that accidental collision [I later played with the very pleasant Dan) I'm still encountering problems with my gnashers. Last week I commentated on the Norwich v Chelsea game for Talksport Live and witnessed the horrible clash of heads between Gary O'Neil and Robbie Brady. As soon as the camera zoomed in on the latter, as quick as a flash and before any replays I blurted out. "He's last some teeth." The disturbed look on Brady's face was enough confirmation for me. I went into overdrive at this point and recounted the minutes after my own incident when the then-Swindon physio, Dick Mackay searched for my teeth on the Withdean pitch. Luckily for me, or unfortunately given what's happened since, Dick spotted them and popped them in milk to be put back in post-match with the aid of a temporary brace made out of paper clips. The TV replays last week confirmed what I had suspected. Two teeth soaring through the air and then a member of Norwich's medical team scouring the turf for the unlucky player's pearly whites. Good luck Robbie. There's a chapter in my book reserved for my teeth and the last decade.

I can't write this week without talking about Leicester City... again. I watched last Saturday evening's win over Watford and was delighted when they recorded another win. I can't ever remember being so obsessed with the Premier League title race as I am right now. I, like so many others, are willing Leicester to do it. Rightly so Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez have received a lot of the plaudits so far this season but there are so many other players in blue playing out



of their skin at the moment. I sat down and predicted the results for the top four's remaining fixtures around a month ago and I had the Foxes winning the title by three points from the two North London rivals.

If Leicester don't manage to see it through I wouldn't mind seeing Harry Kane lifting the trophy in May. I think the Player of the Year has to come from one of those two clubs. Kene would be on my shortlist for his consistency more than anything else. He's carried the burden of being Tottenham's only real recognised striker all season, missing only two recent games and has been able to find the net regularly once again after a slow start to the season.

My winner would be Mahrez, marginally over Jamie Vardy. I think he is a player that will be in huge demand in the summer whether Leicester are crowned Premier League Champions or not. I watched the "I believe in Miracles" film recently which tells the story of Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest and their incredible rise from Division Two to European Champions in the space of a few seasons. I was, of course, aware of Forest's success in the late 70s but the film was fascinating. It's not something I can envisage ever happening again but the Leicester story of this season has the potential to be close in terms of a fairytale.

It was great to see Jon Gbika back at the double last week in the victory over Doncaster. He's had an excellent few months alongside Nicky Ajose.

His all-round contribution in the last few months can't be underestimated but it's always vital for strikers to contribute that good number of goals

The team are on an excellent run and would have been disappointed that the Oldham game was called off. Having spent three months of my career at Boundary Park, you really don't want to be there when it's snowing. Bring on a Tuesday night trip in April - worth it for the half-time pies

With no live match action on BBC Wiltshire last. Saturday, Commentator Andrew Hawes, Town Supporter Rob Hartley and myself were tasked by Shaun Hodgetts with selecting our League 1 team of the season. After much deliberation and friendly debate, we settled on a side in a 4-3-3 formation. No Swindon Town players allowed unfortunately. Nicky would have been in my team and Nathan would probably make my bench on the last two months alone.

Here's who we went for. Bentley (Southend). Edwards (Burton), Egen (Gillingham), Morgan [Wigan], Henry [Walsall], Morsy [Wigan], Dack [Gillingham], Moncur (Colchester), Bradshaw [Walsall], Grigg [Wigan], Armstrong [Coventry]

For the Manager of the Season we went for today's opposing manager, Neil Harris. I'm really pleased to see him doing well. I made my debut alongside him and his assistant David Livermore during my loan spell at the Den in the early noughties. Neil is probably top of the list when it comes to the best finisher I played alongside during my career. They both know the club inside out and have assembled a good side in their first full season in the job. They've given themselves a great chance of having a really successful season and as long as they don't take any points away this afternoon, I for one, hope they make those Play-Offs at least.

Come On You Reds!

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ON ——— THE ROAD





The SAS Travel office is open at the following times:

Tuesday 6 Thursday 7pm-8pm
Before all home fixtures until 30 minutes prior to kick off

All seats must be paid for at time of booking.

Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.

Credit/debit card payment will be taken at time of booking.

All U16's must be accompanied by an adult

At any other time supporters can call the office on 01793 536757 and leave a message on the answer phone and SAS Travel will reply as soon as possible. Alternatively, email sastravel@sky.com for further details.

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- As a general rule, SAS Travel have to order coaches one week before the fixture date. Therefore if you leave booking until within this time, they cannot always guarantee that there will still be spaces available.
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- SAS Travel tend to open games for booking around three weeks before the fixture date and usually have three fixtures booking at any one time. This may increase to four due to fixture rearrangements.
- SAS Travel advise that the best policy is to book as early as you can to ensure that you get the spaces that you want.

2015/16 MILEAGE

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



COVENTRY 19/03/2016

All seats for the first six coaches are available for just £10!

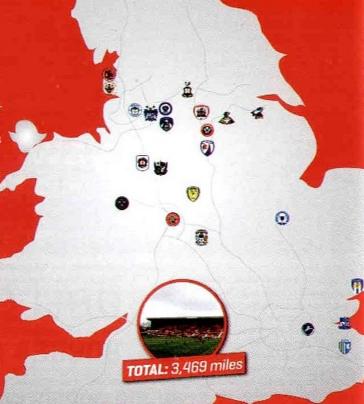
Departs at 11.00am



SCUNTHORPE 28/03/2016

£24 Members £26 Non Members

Departs at 8 45am



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TICKET **DETAILS**



COVENTRY v SWINDON 19/03/2016 | KICK OFF: **15:00**

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In Store / Online at www.eticketing.co.uk/swindontown
Telephone 08718761993 option 1 [£2 booking fee per ticket applies]

Online / In person or by phone.

Adult - £18 / £20 | Senior 060 - £13 / £15 | Young Adult 16-21 - £13 / £15 | Under 16 - £6 / £7 | Under 12 - £6 / £6 | Carer - Free

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For disabled tickets please call 087187619936 option 2.

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SWINDON TOWN vs WIGAN ATHLETIC



Friday 25th March / Kick-Off: 5.30pm Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs FLEETWOOD TOWN



Saturday 2nd April / Kick-Off: 3.00pm Grade B Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs BURY



Saturday 16th April / Kick-Off: 3.00pm Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs



Saturday 23rd April / Kick-Off: 3.00pm Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

AWAY TICKETS

COVENTRY CITY vs SWINDON TOWN



Saturday 19th March / Kick-Off: 3pm Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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Monday 28th March / Kick-Off: 3pm Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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Tuesday 5th April / Kick-Off: 7.45pm Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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

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Adults	£25	£19
Student/065	£19	£15
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£8
Juniors [U11]	£2	£2
Junior Red (U11)	FREE*	FREE*
B GRADE:	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£23	£18
Student/065	£18	£14
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£B

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CONC. STUDENT:

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CONC. DISABLED:

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YOUNG ADULT:

Aged 17-19 on fixture date

JUNIORS UNDER 17:

Aged 16 or under on fixture date

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

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

***Student tickets must be purchased before matchday.

You can book tickets online or by phone:

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A night with

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

TUESDAY 3RD MAY • 7PM TILL MIDNIGHT LEGENDS LOUNGE

BBC Wiltshire's Shaun Hodgetts will be your host

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Enjoy a two-course meal followed by an After Dinner DJ

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Deadline: 26th April • DRESS CODE: SMART/CASUAL

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5	Millwall	35	18	8	3	7	17	9	4	4	31	20	14	58
6	Barnsley	35	17	9	5	6	18	8	5	8	21	15	11	55
7	Bradford	35	17	8	5	4	18	7	5	5	20	51	5	55
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14	Rochdale	35	17	9	3	5	18	4	6	8	53	27	-1	48
15	Bury	35	18	8	7	3	17	5	5	10	58	24	-10	48
16	Peterborough	35	17	6	4	7	18	7	5	9	16	34	2	45
17	Shrewsbury	35	17	5	5	10	18	7	5	6	15	23	-10	43
18	Chesterfield	35	17	Ц	4	9	18	В	1	9	18	25	-8	41
19	Fleetwood	34	17	7	Б	4	17	3	4	10	14	27	-1	40
20	Doncaster	35	18	5	6	7	17	4	4	9	13	25	-11	37
21	Blackpool	35	18	7	- 4	7	17	5	4	11	21	58	-13	35
22	Oldham	33	16	2	5	9	17	4	11	5	16	14	-11	34
23	Crewe	35	18	3	6	9	17	3	6	8	18	27	-23	30
24	Colchester	35	17	3	7	7	18	3	5	13	17	48	-39	27











	William Control	LEAGUE		EL	IP		15/16 TOTAL		
		APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	YEL	RED
01	Lawrence Vigouroux	32	0	3	0	35	D	4	0
02	Nathan Thompson	12(2)	0	1	0	13[2]	0	2	0
03	Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill	22	1	5	0	24	1	1	0
04	Febien Robert	21[9]	4	2[1]	0	23[10]	4	5	0
05	Jordan Williams	9	0	1	0	10	0	1	O
90	Jordan Turnbull	30	0	4	0	34	0	4	1
07	Drissa Traore	14(7)	0	2	D	16[7]	0	3	0
80	Yaser Kasim	21(2)	0	5	0	23[2]	0	6	0
09	Michael Smith	4[1]	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
10	Nathan Byrne	5	3	1	0	6	3	1	0
10	Nicky Ajose	58	19	2	1	30	20	0	0
11	Kevin Stewart	3[2]	0	5	0	5[2]	D	1	0
12	Momar Bangoura	1	0	[1]	0	1(1)	0	0	0
14	Wes Thomas	5[1]	2	0	0	5[1]	2	0	0
14	Michael Coughty	8	3	D	0	8	3	3	Ð
15	James Brophy	9(8)	0	5[1]	0	11[9]	0	4	0
16	Jordan Stewart	[1]	0	0	.0	[1]	0	0	0
17	Ben Gladwin	13	5	0	0	13	2	3	0
18	Lauis Thompson	12[5]	5	1	0	13[5]	5	5	D
19	Jeremy Balmy	1(11)	0	[1]	0	1(12)	0	3	0
20	Jonethan Obika	20(5)	10	3	1	23(5)	11	D	B
21	Will Randall	[4]	0	1[1]	D	1(5)	0	0	D
21	Jamie Sendles White	3	0	0	0	3	Ð	0	D
22	Lee Marshall	[5]	0	1	0	1[2]	0	0	0
24	Jermaine Hylton	3(8)	0	1[1]	0	4(9)	0	1	D
25	Tyrell Belford	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
26	Anton Rodgers	22[6]	5	3	1	25[6]	3	1	0
27	Bradley Barry	25	0	3	0	28	0	7	0
28	Ellis landolo	2(4)	Ð	[1]	0	2[5]	0	0	D
29	Raphael Rossi-Branco	27	1	4	0	30	1	7	1
30	Miles Storey	[5]	0	0	0	[5]	0	0	Đ
31	Tom Smith	[1]	1	[1]	0	[2]	1	0	0
32	Henrik Diames	7(2)	1	1[1]	Ð	8(3)	0	0	D
34	Adem El-Abd	13	0	1	0	14	0	4	0
35	Jordan Young	[1]	D	0	0	[1]	0	D	0



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Tuesday 8th March

Bradford 2-0 Burton Scunthorpe 2-0 Doncaster Shrewsbury 2-1 Coventry

Today

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

Tuesday 15th March

Fleetwood v Walsall Oldham v Blackoool

Saturday 19th March

Coventry v Swindon Crewe v Blackpool Doncaster v Peterborough Fleetwood v Barnsley Port Vale v Burton Southend v Gillingham

Friday 25th March

Colchester v Doncaster Gillingham v Walsall Rochdale v Southend Sheff Utd v Crewe Shrewsbury v Port Vale Swindon v Wigan Peterborough v Coventry

Saturday 26th March

Burton v Oldham Bradford v Millwall Chesterfield v Fleetwood



PRESSING — MATTERS

Thank you to all of those that have already donated to our Rough Runner JustGiving Page. At the time of this programme going to print we're well on course to reach our target of £2,000 with just over four weeks to go.

If you would like to donate to our cause, please visit www. justgiving.com/teams/amosarmy for a breakdown of why we're taking part in the event - the Prospect Hospice is a charity that has touched many people in Swindon and the surrounding areas, I'm sure. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

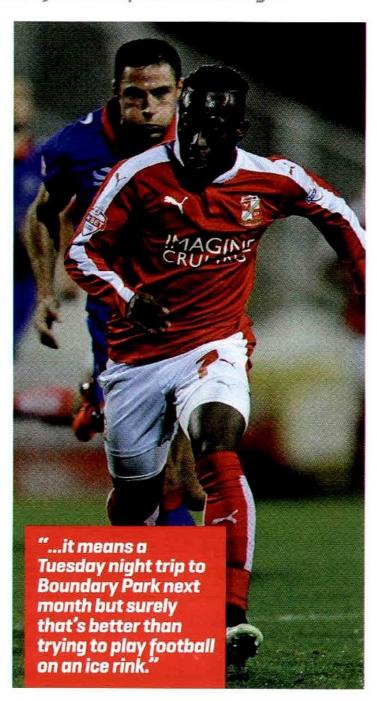
I'm sure most people would have preferred a game last weekend but let's take the positives - how often has a game been called off when we're already halfway up the motorway or even within sight of the stadium itself? I saw a couple of complaints about the so-called 'ineptness of the referee' at the weekend and I must say that Saturday's ref actually deserves a lot of credit. A frozen pitch is one thing but those of you who have been to Oldham will know that it's set into a hill side which means that any sort of combination of snow or ice makes conditions around the ground extremely treacherous for supporters. Combine this with the tirning of the decision and I'd say everyone deserves a pat on the back for arriving at such a sensible outcome. Yes, it means a Tuesday night trip to Boundary Park next month but surely that's better than trying to play football on an ice rink.

I'm pleased that this week we can bring you a Programme Vault with an extra twist – it's not often we can reproduce a pre-war programme but, thanks to the efforts of Paul Plowman and his magnificent collection of old editions, we are able to include a programme from a clash with Millwall from the 1936/37 season. Paul's 'Passing Back' contribution this week looks back at a meeting between the two sides from 1970. With 'the Don' and 'King Arthur' helping to tame the Lions, Town eased past Millwall on that particular occasion. A similar outcome this afternoon would go down very nicely indeed.

If you're part of the growing number of supporters going to Coventry City next weekend, see you at the Ricoh.

Enjoy the game.

Tom Otrebski RED&WHITE EDITOR





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