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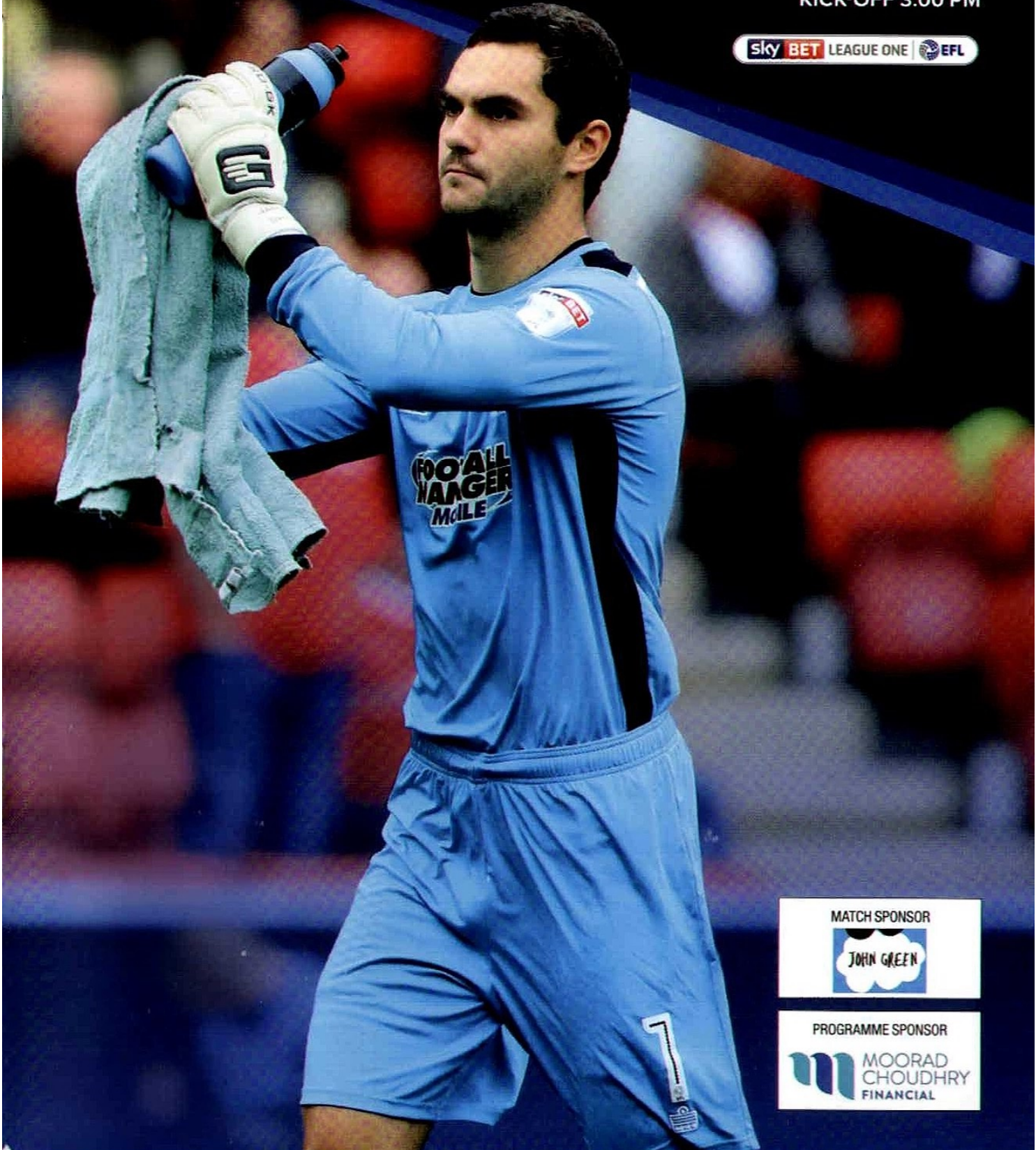
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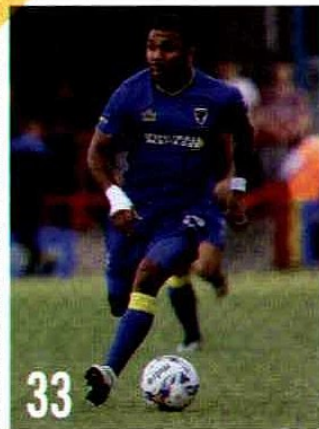
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KEEP ON RUNNING

As Chief Executive **Erik Samuelson** limbers up for tomorrow's Minithon, he urges fans to sponsor the event, and has news of another fundraising initiative.

Good afternoon and welcome to the officials, players and fans of Swindon Town. I want to cover three things today, and the first is tomorrow's Minithon. This event has been going for a few years now, and I'm delighted to say that this year it is even more of a club-wide event than ever before, because for the first time the Ladies and Girls teams are taking part. Also, every boy in the Academy will be running, as they did last year.

A third group of runners comprises fans, Neal and the football management team and, guaranteed to finish last, me. The Ladies and the Academy are aiming to raise sponsorship money to help fund their own groups, while the fans and management team (plus one) are raising money for our charity, the AFC Wimbledon Foundation, which does sterling work in the community, especially in Merton.

I know that many of you already support our fundraising events in one way or another, but we hope that you will be able to sponsor one or more of these groups. In particular, if you choose to sponsor the Foundation, we can also claim Gift Aid and thereby increase your contribution by 25%; to do so, visit mydonate.bt.com/charities/afcwimbledonfoundation. There will also be another opportunity to contribute as there will be a bucket collection before today's game.

The Minithon will be held at the club's training ground, at the King's College Sports Ground in Windsor Avenue, New Malden. We will be pleased to welcome late entries tomorrow morning – it is £10 to enter, and £5 for ages 6 to 16. It's not too serious – some people will be walking, some a mixture of walking and jogging, and some (such as me) struggling round as best they can! As I said, for the first time all parts of the club are participating in the event, so I do hope you will feel able to support us.


On the subject of fundraising, we are also thinking of introducing voluntary parking charges on match days, with the proceeds going to the Academy. We decided some time ago that a mandatory charge is too complex and would be hard to manage. But the team behind the We Are Wimbledon Fund hit upon the idea of simply asking fans to make a donation, and early feedback suggests that many fans would be happy to donate. So, we have decided to introduce an optional donation for

parking in the near future. The trial will probably take place over three match days, after which we will assess the results and decide whether we should continue. All the proceeds will go to the Academy, with the aim of adding to the increasingly long list of Academy graduates who have played for the first team, the most recent being Alfie Egan, who made his League debut at Oxford last Sunday.

Finally, many of you will know that last Monday was the fourth anniversary of Neal's appointment as our manager. It was the day after the win at Oxford, a result that has led to a tremendous amount of publicity for our club. After all, when Neal was appointed, who would have thought that four years later we would be in a higher league position than major clubs such as Charlton Athletic and Millwall?

“THE WIN AT OXFORD HAS LED TO A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY FOR OUR CLUB”

Meanwhile, off the pitch I think it is important to recognise how Neal, ably assisted by Neil Cox and the rest of the football management team, have transformed the way we operate in a number of ways that are not necessarily visible to fans but which have provided us with a much more solid base on which to build.

With recent results on the pitch and the fantastic news that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has declined to call in our planning application for a new stadium, it has been a great few weeks. It wouldn't be football if there weren't a few more setbacks in store, but, come what may, I believe that we are now seeing the fruits of many years' hard work and that we have a solid foundation, both on and off the pitch, from which we can take our club even further. 

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THE FA CUP DRAW

With the fourth qualifying round ties being played this weekend, the draw for the first round proper of the



FA Cup takes place on Monday. The draw will be shown live on BBC Two in a programme that starts at 7.00 pm and is hosted by Mark Chapman. Keep an eye out for the Dons' ball number: it will be announced on the official website as soon as we know what it is.

GOLDEN GOALS

The first goal in the match against *Gillingham* was scored by player 10 on the team-sheet in the 6th minute. That won £100 for Barry Hern. The second goal was scored by player 8 in minute 45, winning £25 for Vikki McKeegan.

Sales of Golden Goals tickets have raised £2,868 for the Dons Trust Stadium Fund so far this season. In all, £184,176 has been raised since sales began in August 2002.



THE DONS DRAW

The latest weekly prizewinner in the Dons Draw is Emma Ford, who wins £100 and an AFC Wimbledon home shirt. Congratulations, Emma!



The real Tony Cascarino

NO TONY AWARD

The Facts and Figures page in the *Gillingham* programme included an item about former Gills player Tony Cascarino. Unfortunately, we illustrated it with a photo of Steve Lovell. Apologies for the confusion.



A prizewinning goal

DOM SCORES THE GOAL OF THE MONTH

The Sky Bet League One Goal of the Month award has gone to Dom Poleon, for his second-half equaliser away at Charlton Athletic where he burst between two defenders before driving the ball into the net.

STUART'S INJURY NOTES

Sean Kelly is still recovering from the thigh strain he sustained in the match against Plymouth Argyle. He's making very good progress, but he'll miss the next few matches.

George Francomb has suffered a minor hamstring strain, but we need to be very careful with his treatment plan so that he doesn't return to playing too soon and exacerbate the injury. This is because players with hamstring injuries are susceptible to re-injury if not managed correctly.

David Fitzpatrick and **Tom Beere** both have knee injuries, which in David's case is also causing inflammation of the heel.

FOUNDATION DAY

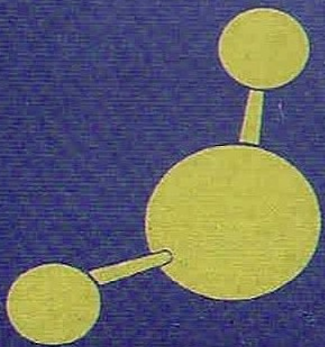
The home fixture against Bradford City in two weeks' time, on 29 October, will be the first ever AFC Wimbledon Foundation Day. There will be various activities taking place before kick-off, including our inflatable shoot-out game, free football sessions and games over in the athletics centre, and a signing stand where first-team players will be available for autographs and photographs with the League Two play-off final Trophy. Foundation staff will also be present to answer any questions about what we do, and we will be holding a collection to help support the projects that we deliver in the community. Please keep an eye out for more information on this event.



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THE CHEMFLOW END
The 12th Man



FLOW

Right behind the **Real Dons** again this season

CRAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

At the end of a week in which he notched up four years in charge of the Dons, manager **Neal Ardley** looks back on three consecutive wins, culminating in a very significant victory at the Kassam Stadium.


Good afternoon and welcome to Luke Williams and everyone connected with Swindon Town. Swindon are a very good footballing team that can open teams up with their expansive style, so we will need to be alert to the threats they pose.

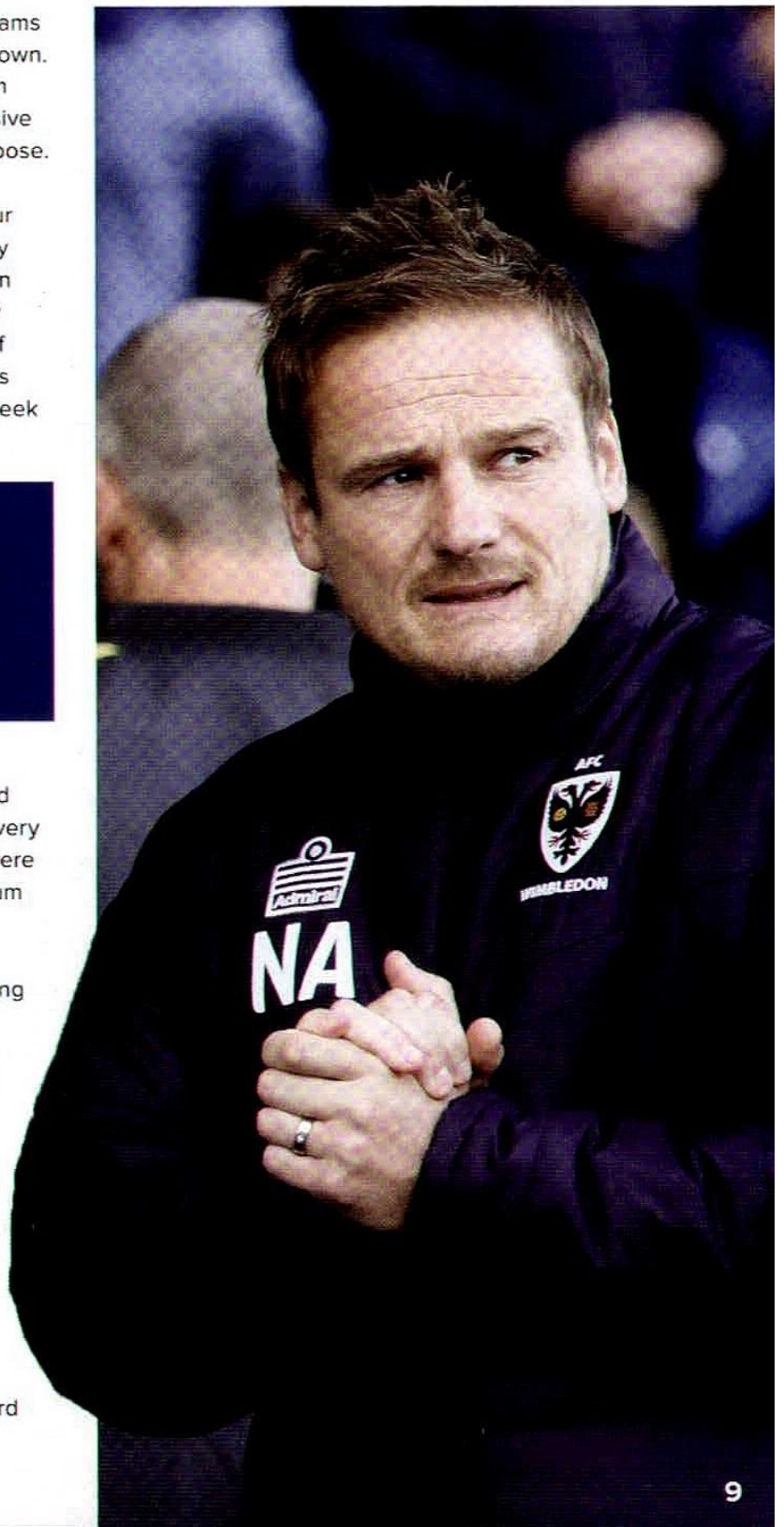
Obviously we have had a really good start to the month, with three wins in nine days. The tempo of our play in the first half of the Gillingham game was really good, and the ruthless streak we showed when given good chances was great to see. At half-time the only focus was on the three points, and in the second half we limited Gillingham to hardly a chance – which was important, as we had thrown leads away twice the week before.

“THE SQUAD HAS A REAL MOMENTUM AND SPIRIT ABOUT IT AGAIN”

The game against Plymouth Argyle was really satisfying as we played at a great tempo and finished the game very strongly in the second half against a very good team. All the players who came into the side were really impressive, and the squad has a real momentum and spirit about it again.

We ended the week by playing our bogey team, Oxford United, live on Sky Sports. Oxford's form going into the game had been really good, so to perform the way we did and to be so ruthless in front of goal was pleasing. The first goal came from a move we'd worked on the day before, the second was a great finish, and the third was the sort of goal you see regularly in the Premier League. However, the blocks that Robbo made, and the goal-line stops by Barry Fuller and James Shea, are the kind of crucial moments in any game.

So we were left with a Sunday-afternoon feeling of finally breaking the Oxford hoodoo, and sitting above a certain team in the league table. What a Sunday afternoon that was – it makes 14 years of hard work all worth while, doesn't it? 





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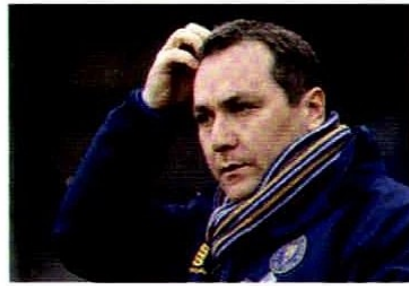
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O'HARA DRAMA

Former Spurs, Fulham and Wolves midfielder Jamie O'Hara has terminated his contract at Gillingham just six weeks – and two games – into a two-year deal with the Kent club. "I took it upon myself to go to the chairman and say, 'I won't sit here on the treatment table taking your money and not playing, as you made a great effort to get me here'," said the 30-year-old, who believed he could play through a foot injury that he sustained last season.



MELLON DESERTS?

Following a disappointing run of just two wins in 11 League One games this season, Shrewsbury Town parted company with manager Micky Mellon by mutual consent last week. Mellon led the Shropshire club to promotion from League Two in 2015, but secured safety only on the final day of last season. With experience of piloting Fleetwood Town out of the Conference behind him, Mellon immediately joined Tranmere Rovers and will be aiming to swiftly return the Prenton Park outfit to the Football League.



SHAKERS AND MOVERS?

The September Sky Bet League One Manager of the Month award went to Bury manager David Flitcroft, after a "perfect" five wins out of five for his team. George Burley, who chaired the judging panel, said: "Dave made some very astute signings at the end of the transfer window, and their goal differential of 13 for and five against was outstanding and pushed them into an automatic promotion place." Interestingly, the Shakers' boss has recently been named as one of the favourites for the Coventry City managerial vacancy.



DOUBLE JOY FOR JOSH

Scunthorpe United winger Josh Morris has won the Sky Bet League One Player of the Month award for September – the second month in succession that he has picked up the accolade – after a stellar start to the season with his new club. Morris scored five goals in as many games for the Iron during September, including an impressive hat-trick against Walsall. "It's fantastic recognition for Josh and the team," said his manager, Graham Alexander. "If anything, I thought his performances have gone up."



GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM

Oxford United may be on the verge of taking the Kassam Stadium into Community Trust ownership, after its owner (and former club owner) Firoz Kassam indicated that he would be willing to sell. Oxford's current chairman, Darryl Eales (pictured), who has already made three funded bids to buy out the controversial Tanzanian hotelier, hailed the news as "hugely positive", adding that "If the announcement is sincere, it provides a long-awaited opportunity to enhance and develop the stadium and facilities as a community hub – and, of course, complete the fourth stand."



GRANT MAINTAINED?

Anthony Grant has been praised as the best holding midfielder in League One by his coach at Port Vale, Andy Smith. Grant, who was voted the Valiants' Player of the Year for last season, helped the Burslem club to fourth in the table with a 1–0 win at Milton Keynes. There is likely to be interest in the 29-year-old when the January transfer window opens – not least because he put in a transfer request in July, and is out of contract at the end of the season.

Haydon's page

Hi Dons fans!

Welcome to today's match against Swindon Town. After great home and away wins in the last three games, the team will want to continue that form today and hopefully get another three points. I'm sure, though, that Swindon won't make it easy for us!

Tomorrow I am taking part in the AFC Wimbledon Minithon (see the ad on page 56). It is a five-kilometre fun run/walk at the training ground, so come and join in or cheer me and others taking part if you can!

Haydon the Womble

JOIN THE JUNIOR DONS!

Would you like to become a Junior Don? To find out how, visit thedontrust.org/join-the-trust. It costs just £10, and Junior Dons receive a birthday card and a Christmas card signed by the players, and get their birthday mentioned on this page.



Here's a great picture of me and Joseph taken at his first League game, against Bolton Wanderers earlier in the season. Joseph is 5 years old – he had his birthday earlier this week. I hope he had a great day!

SPOT THE BALL!

Here's a photo of a game from earlier this season – but I've taken the ball away! Can you guess which numbered position the ball should be in? The answer is on the opposite page.



WATCH THE GAME!

Keep a close eye on the action this afternoon and write down how many of these you can spot during the game:

Corners for the Dons	
Corners for Swindon	
Goal-kicks for the Dons	
Goal-kicks for Swindon	
First-half throw-ins for the Dons	
First-half throw-ins for Swindon	
Second-half throw-ins for the Dons	
Second-half throw-ins for Swindon	
Offside decisions against the Dons	
Offside decisions against Swindon	

The answer to the Spot the Ball puzzle is 5.

JUNIOR DONS' BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all the Junior Dons who have been celebrating their birthday! Below are the Junior Dons whose birthday is in early October.

Thomas Sollars	10	Chloe Hearne	13
Hannah Sollars	12	Esmond Afranie	14
Jack Hennessy	6	Elliott Bolton	15
Noah Jaquarello	10	Matthew Forbes	11
Abby Delves	14	Luca McDonald	13
Bilal Afzal	12	Lucy Rabagliati	8
Reanna Blades	12	Eva Norris	12
Freddie Overend	8	Kacie Nadison-Singh	15
Calum Mathieson	9	Kalli-Ann Eccleston-Forrester	13
Oliver Hamstead	13	Charlotte Draper	12
Maya Barton	14	Samuel Faulds	16
Owen Gill	13	Rafe Joyce	2
Alfie Thornett	9	Lee Kyprianou	10
Jasmine Backhurst	15	Ryan Sharp	6
Zack Chislett	14	Joseph Emanuel	5
Rebecca Clarke	12	Alfie Brewster	15
Grace Murphy	15	Anis Tales	14
Megan Saunders	15	Edward Coles	6
Freddie Smith	11	Charlie Leahy	11
Ben Robbins	8	Harry Mark	16
Abigail Rutstein	2		
Watson McCleery	3		
Emily Pinkess	15		



PLAYER PROFILE: JAKE REEVES

Thank you to everyone who sent me questions to ask the players this season. This week I spoke to Jake Reeves and asked him your questions. Here are his answers:

What are your squad number and position?
8, centre midfield.

What's your nickname?
Reevesy or Reevo.

Which other clubs have you played for?
Swindon Town and Brentford.

What made you want to play for Wimbledon?
The history of the club and the playing staff.

What's your favourite food?
Thai.

Who's the best player you've played against?
Jonathan Greening.

What car do you drive?
Audi A5.

Where do you think we'll finish in the table this season?
7th in the league.

If you didn't play football, what sport would you play?
Cricket.

How do you keep going when the going gets tough?
Believe in my own ability and keep playing.

How old were you when you started playing football?
7.

Which of the games you've played in had the best atmosphere?
The play-off final at Wembley last season.

What makes a great team?
Togetherness, ability and being brave.

What's the best/most important goal you've ever scored?
Against York in the home game last season.

How many goals will you score this season?
8.

Have you got a message for the Junior Dons?
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TODAY'S MASCOTS

For the Dons

DANIEL HEARNE

Daniel, who is 11, lives in New Malden and comes to games with his mum, dad and sister. His current favourite player is Dannie Bulman, and his all-time favourite is Luke Moore. Daniel plays in goal for Esher FC. He also plays cricket, and enjoys playing on his computer.



Hayden and Daniel with Lyle Taylor

ISABELLE WRIGHT

Isabelle is 11 and lives in Headcorn, in Kent. Her favourite player is Lyle Taylor and her all-time favourite is Kelle Roos. She comes to games with her dad, David. Isabelle plays for Maidstone United as a goalkeeper. To help with her balance and agility, she is also a ballet dancer. She can also be found playing her violin.



HAYDEN FOSTER

Hayden is 6 years old and lives in New Malden. He comes to watch the Dons with his mum, dad and sister. His all-time favourite player is The Beast, and his current favourite is Dom Poleon. He loves playing football and cricket, and playing on his computer.



Sam Allison

For the Robins

SAM AND BEN HARRISON

Sam, who is 8, and Ben, who is 11, live in Woking. Sam's favourite player is Jon Obika, and Ben's is Yaser Kasim. They both play for Goldsworth Park Rangers, in Woking: Sam is a midfielder in the U9s, and Ben plays in midfield or as a striker for the U12s.

Ben Allison



IMAGINE



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SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER 2016 // VENUE: THE CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 4,653 // REFEREE: DARREN ENGLAND // MAN OF THE MATCH: DEAN PARRETT



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GOALSCORERS

Poleon (19),
Parrett (pen, 45+1)

LINE-UP

(4-3-3)

Shea (GK), Fuller (C),
Robinson, Charles,
Meades (Kelly 83), Parrett,
Beere (Bulman 74),
Reeves, Elliott, Poleon
(Taylor 66), Barcham

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Whelpdale, Barnett,
McDonnell (GK),
Robertson

YELLOW CARD

Parrett (61)

DONS

MATCH STATS

GILLS



LINE-UP

(3-5-2)

Nelson (GK) (C),
Ehmer, Oshilaja, Knott,
Konchesky, Osadebe,
Pask, Oldaker, Dack
(Donnelly 14), Byrne,
Emmanuel-Thomas
(List 46)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Hessenthaler, Hadler
(GK), Dickenson,
Stevenson, Wright

YELLOW CARDS

Osadebe (27),
Konchesky (72)

RED CARD

Donnelly (88)

FIRST HALF

Gillingham substitute Donnelly delivered a howler of a back-pass, and Poleon gratefully collected it, rounded keeper Nelson and slotted home from an angle. Gills finally had an effort on goal in the 34th minute, when Donnelly tried his luck from 20 yards, but Shea gathered at the second attempt. Under pressure after several corners, Pask sent Robinson sprawling in the box, and Parrett scored from the spot with a minimum of fuss. A fine first half for Wimbledon almost got even better when Poleon fired just wide.

SECOND HALF

Parrett curled in a free-kick nicely for Robinson, but he headed wide. Then Elliott also headed wide as Wimbledon again threatened a third. Just before the hour, Donnelly's free-kick flashed into the side netting. Gills could only fashion half-chances against a well-drilled Dons defence, and Knott curled one of those over the crossbar. The Dons failed to create many further chances, but they didn't need to as Gillingham were comfortably nullified. Donnelly was dismissed for a second yellow card three minutes from time.

"AT THE MOMENT WE'RE DOING OK AND WE'RE REALLY HAPPY WITH HOW THE SQUAD IS COMING TOGETHER."

NEAL ARDLEY

"I STAND HERE ANGRY, FRUSTRATED, DISAPPOINTED. YET AGAIN, WE'VE BEEN THE INSTIGATORS OF OUR OWN DOWNFALL."

JUSTIN EDINBURGH



1



2



3

- (1) Jon Meades and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas keep their eyes on the ball.
- (2) Dean Parrett launches a counter-attack.
- (3) Dom Poleon is about to open the scoring.
- (4) Tom Elliott is brought down by Darren Oldaker.
- (5) Tom Beere tussles with Paul Konchesky.



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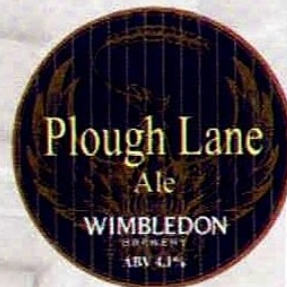


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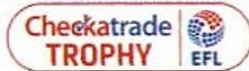
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GOALSCORERS

Taylor (65), Barnett (68)

LINE-UP

(4-3-3)

Shea (GK), Francomb, Nightingale, Robertson, Kelly, Beere, Parrett (Egan 46), Reeves (C) (Bulman 30), Barnett, Taylor, Poleon (Elliott 78)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Whelpdale, Fitzpatrick, McDonnell (GK), Kalambayi

YELLOW CARDS

Taylor (28), Beere (71), Barnett (89)

"WE WANTED TO UP THE INTENSITY IN THE SECOND HALF, AND THE PLAYERS DID ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING I COULD HAVE ASKED FOR. THEY COULDN'T COPE WITH US."

NEAL ARDLEY

DONS

MATCH STATS

PILGRIMS

DONS	POSSESSION	PILGRIMS
50%	50%	50%
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	4%
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	0
1	OFFSIDE	0
7	CORNERS	3
15	FOULS CONCEDED	10
3	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

GOALSCORER

Smith (6)

LINE-UP

(4-2-3-1)

Dorel (GK), Miller (C), Songo'o, Bulvitis, Purrington, Ijaha, Threlkeld (Donaldson 52), Smith, Tanner (Carey 72), Slew (Spencer 72), Goodwillie

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Jervis, Osborne, Fox, McCallum (GK)

YELLOW CARD

Miller (65)

FIRST HALF

A long drive by Smith, who started for the Dons against Plymouth in the play-off final, beat Shea at his near post. Barnett met a Parrett free-kick, but his header was saved by Dorel. Shea reacted superbly to tip over a well-struck shot from Slew. Parrett found Beere down the left flank, and he picked out Taylor with a lovely pass across the area, but the striker miskicked. Parrett then picked out Poleon, but his close-range shot was deflected wide.

SECOND HALF

Barnett had an effort cleared off the line. Francomb sped down the right and crossed to the back post for Poleon, who blazed over from close range. Barnett's powerful drive from just outside the area flashed wide. He then rose highest in the box to head down Kelly's long ball, and Taylor steered home. Egan showed fine close control down the left before crossing for Taylor, who cut the ball back for Barnett, and he made it 2-1. Late in the half, Donaldson had an effort deflected just over the bar.

"WE GOT A GOAL AHEAD AND TOOK THAT INTO HALF-TIME. IN THE SECOND HALF, WIMBLEDON TOOK THE GAME TO US AND THEY WERE THE BETTER TEAM."

DEREK ADAMS

(1) Gary Miller watches Poleon's effort on goal.

(2) Alfie Egan, on his first-team debut, holds off Miller.

(3) Lyle Taylor watches his equaliser go in.

(4) Tyrone Barnett (left) steers home the winning goal.

(5) George Francomb back in action after injury.

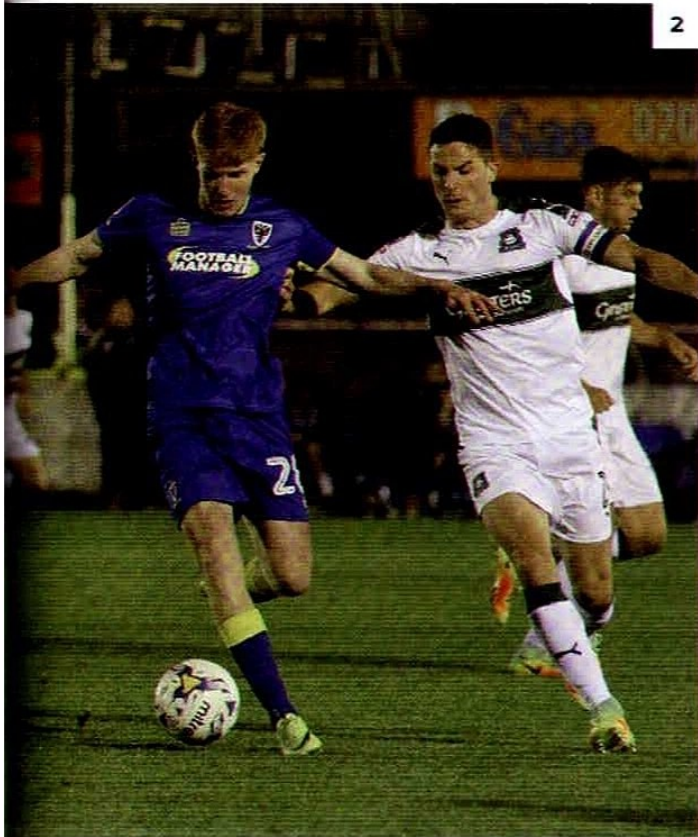
(6) Sean Kelly tackles former Don Craig Tanner.



CHECKATRADE TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP B TABLE

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Wimbledon	2	2	0	0	5	1	+4	6
2	Plymouth Argyle	2	1	0	1	5	3	+2	3
3	Swansea City U23s	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
4	Newport County AFC	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0

Each team plays each other team in their group once. Three points are awarded for a win. Games drawn after 90 minutes are settled by a penalty shoot-out, after which the winning team is awarded two points and the losing team one point. The top two teams in each of the 16 groups proceed to the round of 32.



SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 // VENUE: KASSAM STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 7,742 // REFEREE: DARREN DEADMAN // MAN OF THE MATCH: PAUL ROBINSON



1-3

(h.t. 0-3)



GOALSCORER

Charles (49, o.g.)

LINE-UP

(4-4-2)

Eastwood (GK),
Skarz (Rothwell 76),
Dunkley, Raglan,
Edwards, MacDonald,
Sercombe (Johnson 76),
Lundstram (C), Maguire,
Hemmings, Thomas
(Crowley 64)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Nelson, Ruffels, Taylor,
Brown (GK)

YELLOW CARDS

Dunkley (70), Johnson (81)

"THE REFEREE HAS DEFINITELY PLAYED A PART. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WENT AGAINST US, BUT HE IS NOT THE SOLE REASON WE LOST THE GAME."

MICHAEL APPLETON

U's	MATCH STATS	DONS
54%	POSSESSION	46%
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	9
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
0	OFFSIDE	1
5	CORNERS	4
7	FOULS CONCEDED	7
2	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

GOALSCORERS

Elliott (20), Charles (42),
Barcham (45+2)

LINE-UP

(4-3-3)

Shea (GK), Fuller (C),
Robinson, Charles,
Meades, Parrett
(Egan 80), Bulman,
Reeves, Taylor
(Poleon 84), Elliott
(Barnett 67), Barcham

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Nightingale, Francomb,
McDonnell (GK),
Robertson

YELLOW CARDS

Elliott (10), Taylor (13),
Shea (59)

FIRST HALF

Parrett threaded a ball through to Barcham, who shot straight at keeper Eastwood. Robinson did well to block a goal-bound shot by Thomas. Parrett's corner was headed back by Charles, and Elliott nodded home from close range. Sercombe shot just wide, and Robinson made a superb block to deny MacDonald. Another Parrett corner was returned to him by Taylor, and Parrett played it too far and made a sliding challenge on Thomas – judged to be fair; the ball fell to Charles, who curled a brilliant effort into the top corner. Bulman's curler was tipped over by Eastwood. Reeves's perfect through-ball found Barcham, who deftly made it 3-0.

SECOND HALF

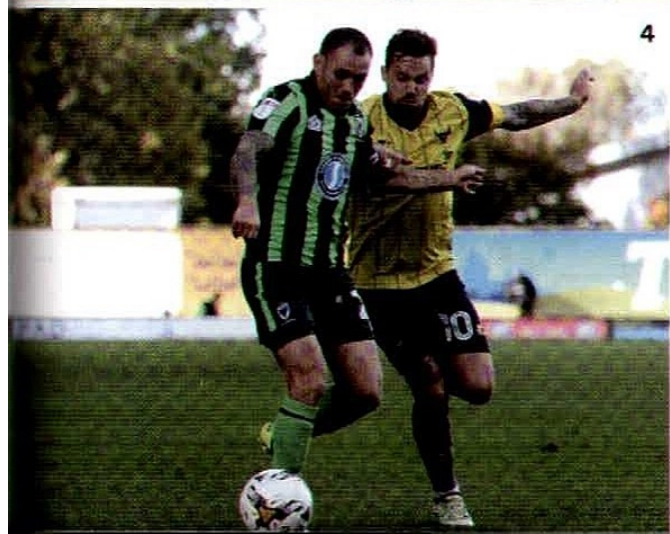
Soon after the restart, a Maguire cross from Oxford's right was diverted into his own net by Charles. Elliott had a header saved by Eastwood, who also stopped Parrett from making it four. Fuller cleared off the line from Edwards. Reeves crossed for Barnett, but his header went just over. With 11 minutes left, Egan came on for his league debut.

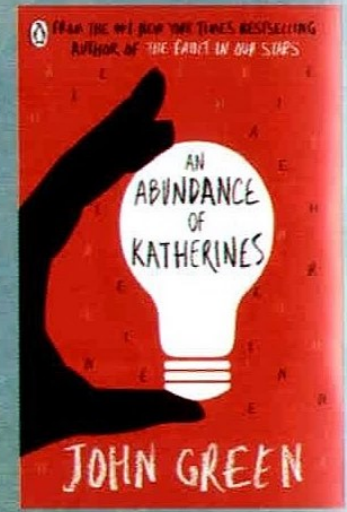
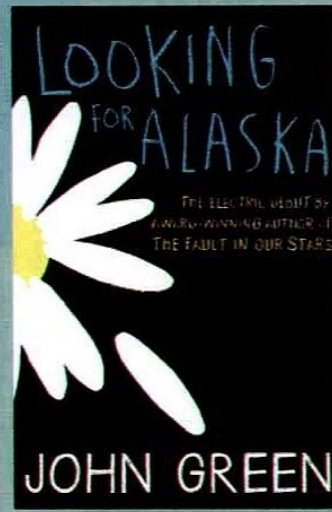
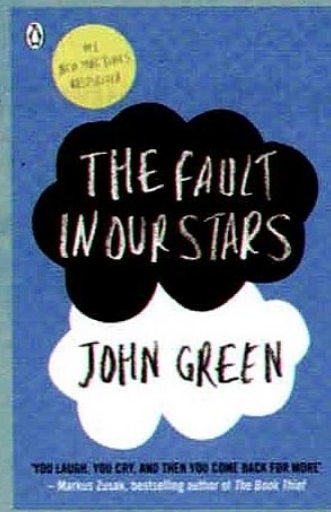
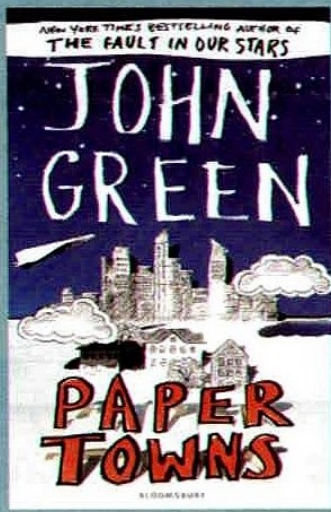
"I AM ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED THAT THE WIMBLEDON FANS CAN SAY THAT THE HOODOO HAS ENDED."

NEAL ARDLEY



(1) Darius Charles whacks home the Dons' second.
(2) League debutant Alfie Egan is surrounded.
(3) Tom Elliott rises highest to head home the first goal.
(4) Barry Fuller shields the ball from Chris Maguire.
(5) James Shea makes a last-ditch catch.





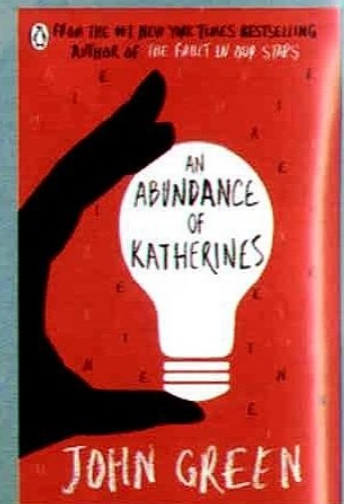
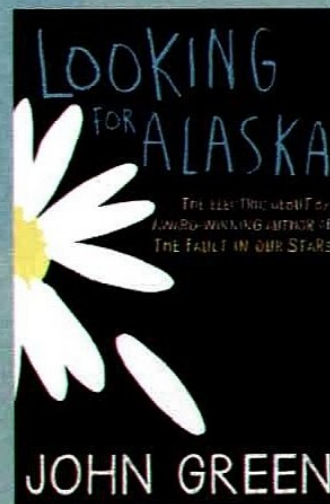
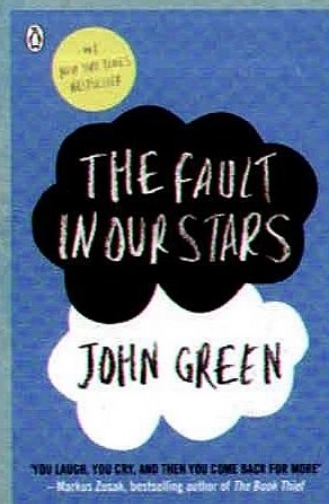
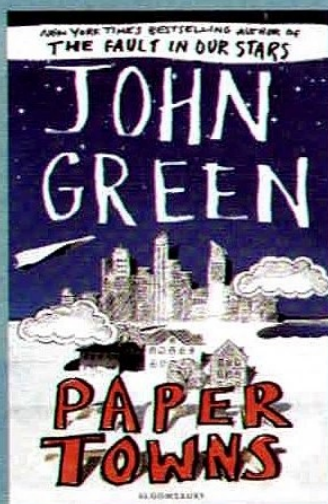
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WIMBLEDON WONDERS

Last time we asked who you thought was the best ever Wimbledon defender, and why. Here is a selection of your replies from Twitter.

@superwombleuk

Tough one but I'd go for Nigel Winterburn. Class. Player of the year 4 seasons in a row!

@KentWomble

Roy Law. The original "Captain, Leader, Legend" and deserving of a statue at Plough Lane.



"My youngest son's first hug with Haydon. Soon joining his dad & brother on his 5th birthday with his new season ticket." From Twitter user @Zoedavies12.

@afcwnick14

Chris Perry. His best days came at the wrong time for an England cap; he'd walk into today's national side.

@344journeys

Eric Young (for the physical presence and the headband).



"Loved watching from Singapore. COYD!" From Facebook user Dave G.

@SteveElson

Tough one but John Scales for me. Though Jeff Bryant was great in his day and should have played at a higher level.

@daysofspeed

Chris Perry. Homegrown, one of ours, played against class opposition with apparent ease. THAT tackle on Bergkamp.

@slough_womble

Nigel Winterburn pre 2002 and Matt Everard post 2002.

@misterdowse

Matt Everard. Bolstered the defence in the CCL seasons and scored lots of goals too.

@steviedon

Kenny Cunningham and Scalesy for me. Both oozed comfort and class.

@drabfurs1

Winterburn/Perry but give it a few years and maybe Nightingale.

@nic_mcjannet

Nigel Winterburn. Man was basically unbeatable.



"Forgot to post this on Saturday. A physical representation of my @AFCWimbledon journey #thebest2years." From Twitter user @AbundanceOfSoph.

@adamsaber5

Current is probably Barry Fuller for his work rate and vision even up the field. Favourite player.

@TheChrisThorpe

For his level, I'd definitely say Jason Goodliffe, so commanding in the air.

@Dons_Sayer_WDON

Jason Goodliffe should certainly figure on the final shortlist. Great leader on the pitch Ryman Prem → Conf.

This week Neal Ardley celebrated four years in charge of the Dons. So the next question we'd like you to answer is this: what is your best Neal Ardley moment, and why? Tweet your answers to @afcwimbledon or post them on our Facebook page using the hashtag #WimbledonWonders (please keep your answers brief). We'll print responses in the Bradford programme.

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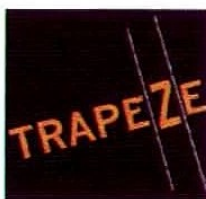
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KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

The Foundation's Sports Development and Player Liaison Officer, **Charlie Jones**, talks about the impact of player appearances and our regular sessions at Wimbledon Park.

Each Saturday morning during school term time, our coaching team delivers football sessions at Wimbledon Park. Here we offer children of all abilities the chance to take part in enjoyable and development-focused football activities. We now have the use of eight to ten pitches, and over 100 participants take part in the sessions each week. Each session consists of an hour of fun skills, games and drills, followed by 30 minutes of match time. We have received plenty of positive feedback on these sessions, and we have become a mainstay at Wimbledon Park over the last few years, so the local community is always aware of our presence.

We have seen a gradual increase in numbers at these Wimbledon Park sessions over the course of this year, which has been a real positive. Coupled with this we have also met lots of children whose first experience of football has been with us, and this is something we really have a passion about. The more children we can introduce to the sport, the more likely they are to lead an active lifestyle playing football – and potentially more likely to become Wimbledon fans!

At the Foundation we are extremely proud of our continued presence and delivery at Wimbledon Park, and we are always looking to improve on the good work that we already do there.

Something in which we are investing a lot of time and effort at the moment is appearances by first-team players. Player engagement in the community is vitally important, and every club in the Premier League and the

EFL is required to get their players to appear at various events. Each month we need to inform the PFA of these appearances so that they can compile end-of-season reports on player engagement.

The buzz that surrounds our first-team players when they are present at events we organise is huge. The players set positive examples and are role models, helping to inspire both children and adults. The effect they have on others cannot be underestimated. We are very fortunate to have a fully supportive first team who are more than accommodating to any requests we put to them.

We organised a number of successful player appearances this summer at our holiday football courses, each of which involved three or four members of the first team. Every appearance was a huge success. First, Jake Reeves, Barry Fuller, Andy Barcham and George Francomb visited Southfields Academy, where we showed off the League Two play-off final trophy, and the players signed programmes to give to each of the

participants, along with photographs. We also invited fans to come down and get their own photos and autographs.

The following week, James Shea, Paul Robinson and Joe McDonnell visited Wimbledon Park, where the players enjoyed a Q&A session with participants in the children's football sessions. This was followed by a penalty shoot-out against James and Joe. The appearance ended with the players managing teams for our tournament. This was a great success – the



Andy Barcham adds his signature to a shirt for a delighted participant at one of our summer holiday football courses

participants very much enjoyed taking penalties against professional goalkeepers!

Over the last three weeks of the summer holidays we enjoyed the company of Tom Beere, Dom Poleon, David Fitzpatrick, Tom Elliot, Lyle Taylor, Jon Meades, Dannie Bulman, Chris Whelpdale and Dean Parrett. All of them got heavily involved with the sessions, which for the participants made their experience with us that little bit more special.

Over the course of the summer, a total of 16 first-team players engaged with our participants, which was very satisfying, and we look forward to welcoming more of them to our upcoming events.

During school term-time, players will take part in the programmes we deliver to local schools. Here we look to focus player engagement away from a football environment and into classrooms and assemblies to give children a new experience by bringing professional footballers to their schools.

We have arranged for players to make an appearance at this month's half-term course, and we are currently arranging dates with local schools on which players can make visits.

JOIN THE COACHING TEAM

The Foundation is currently seeking to recruit football coaches for an immediate start for paid work in and around Wimbledon. Candidates will need to be available from 3.00 to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9.30 am to 12 noon on Saturdays. (This is essential: please do not apply if you are not available at these times.)

Candidates must be enthusiastic, energetic and reliable, with excellent communication skills and previous experience of coaching children between the ages of 4 and 14. Candidates will need to have at least the FA Level 1 coaching qualification, as well as up-to-date Safeguarding Children and Emergency Aid certificates. In addition, a clean DBS certificate must be obtained, as well as satisfactory references, as part of the recruitment process. A driving licence and use of a car is highly desirable, but not essential.

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Hallowed turf, old and new

For Dons fan Niall Couper, it's his memory of his day as a mascot when the Dons played Hull in 1983 that's telling him what it will be like to return to Plough Lane.

It's difficult to talk about the Dons these days without going a bit misty-eyed. So indulge me.

First, let me take you back to last December and the moment the chair of the Planning Committee at Merton Council said "That's unanimous" and gave the green light for our new stadium. It was only then that I finally allowed myself to believe that the Dons were coming home. There have been a few ups and downs since (I won't mention the blond-haired man, now Foreign Secretary, who nearly derailed it), but by the 2018/19 season we could be back where we belong.

So what will it feel like to look out on the new hallowed turf on a match day? I am in a bit of a privileged position. Nope, I haven't secretly played in the blue of Wimbledon – that's only happened in my wildest dreams, and what a great curling winner it was too ... but I digress.

Back on 8 January 1983, I strutted out, proud as punch, onto the Plough Lane turf. I was a mascot alongside my brother, Matthew. I remember running up the tunnel next to the players. The ground opened up in front of me. It felt cavernous. Everything was Wimbledon. Everything was yellow and blue – and how apt a phrase that would be to me nearly 20 years later. It was home. It was amazing. The atmosphere as I jogged down to take pot shots at Dave Beasant in front of the West Bank was simply immense. There were 2,766 fans in the ground, but it felt like millions.

Moments earlier, I had been in the changing room under the North Stand. Harry Bassett was taking centre stage, barking last-minute instructions at the players sitting on the old whitewashed wooden benches. Wally Downes was all agitated, marching up and down. My favourite player, Stewart Evans, with his classic early-80s perm, sat in his own world contemplating the match that was about to start, against fellow promotion contenders Hull City. The room, I remember, stank of what must have been something like Deep Heat. And the language was equally fragrant.

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**HARRY BASSETT
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 THE PLAYERS**”

I won't dwell too much on the result; we lost 2–1, but that was the last defeat of a season that would end with Wimbledon as Fourth Division champions.

The whole day remains my abiding memory of Plough Lane. I can't properly describe how I felt, but if I could, it would be for me the closest I can imagine to what coming home will feel like. Years later, I would come close to replicating the experience. On 5 April 2014, my daughter Amelia led the Dons out as mascot against Bristol Rovers. It was her eighth birthday.

Once again I was given access to the changing room. As Jack Midson – Amelia's favourite player then (it's now Lyle Taylor) – introduced her to the players, my mind flicked back to that day 30 years earlier when it had been my turn. Now the changing room was bigger, the facilities and physio equipment so much more advanced, but the spirit ... I recognised the spirit.

And then, as Amelia ran onto the pitch alongside Jack before the kick-off, I could see her looking round and soaking in everything around her. Everything was Wimbledon. Everything once more was yellow and blue.

Both times were special. Both times it made me realise how special this club is. And when I finally take my seat alongside my brother and my daughter Amelia at the new stadium, I will once again glow with pride and think about how wonderful our club is. And maybe, just maybe, I'll imagine the day when my granddaughter or grandson runs out as mascot on our new hallowed turf.

Niall Couper is the head of media for Amnesty International UK. He was a sports journalist at the *Independent* for five years, and was also the editor of *Yellow and Blue*, AFC Wimbledon's first matchday programme. He is perhaps best known as the author of *The Spirit of Wimbledon* and *This Is Our Time*; the latter was longlisted for the Sports Book of the Year award in 2013.



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UFC WIMBLEDON

Andy Barcham has revealed that AFC Wimbledon's squad have gained inspiration from an unlikely source in their successful 2016: Irish mixed martial artist Conor McGregor.

This calendar year has certainly packed a punch for the Dons, with promotion via the play-offs and, in recent weeks, a rise up the League One table. And the exploits of mixed martial arts star Conor McGregor in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) have been the talk of the Dons dressing room. Conor is renowned for his pre-match predictions and "psychological warfare" – earning comparisons with Muhammad Ali – and his antics have even inspired one or two goal celebrations, including Andy's against Oxford United on Sunday.

"At the moment we're very big on some of Conor's inspirational quotes and what he says and does in the build-up to fights," said Andy this week. "We follow his motivational speeches and other stuff. The walk we've done after scoring is based on Conor. It all started in the build-up to the play-offs, when everyone started getting interested in things he said. When Robbo told us, 'We're not here to take part, we're here to take over' in his speech, it was based on Conor. It wasn't something Robbo made up!"


Though Andy didn't feel that his goal at Oxford was his best for Wimbledon, he was fully aware of its importance for the club – and he enjoyed playing in an advanced role. Indeed, Andy has already struck four goals so far this season, just one less than in the whole of 2015/16.

"Maybe the one against Bolton was my best goal – it was a very good team effort and it's nice when they come off. The

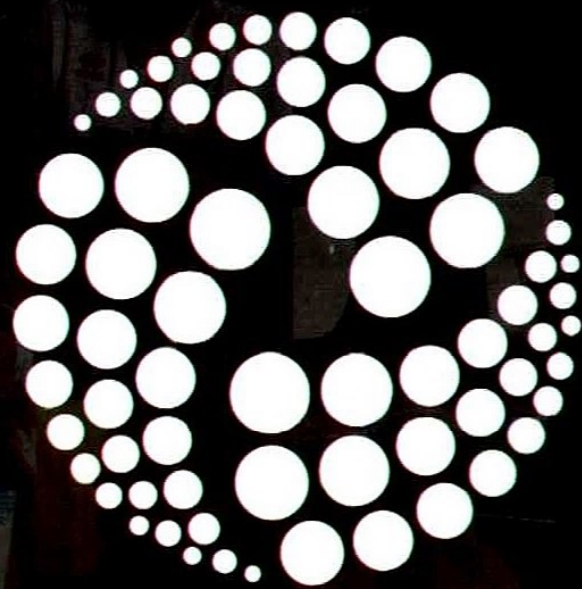
manager spoke to all the players earlier this season and said he wanted people to chip in with more goals, not just the attackers. Lately, we've seen Darius Charles and Jon Meades get goals.

"Just recently there's been a massive buzz around the club with the news about the new stadium and other things," added Andy. "It was important to continue our progress on the pitch. We had that bad record against Oxford hanging over us, and it was nice to rectify that too.

"My family always pay attention to what the club is doing, but because the game was on Sky I had messages from friends and neighbours too. It was good that we were given more airtime so that more people got to hear about the club's great story.

"There are a few formations the manager likes, and the one we've been trying lately is 4-3-3. It's nice for me to be further up the pitch, but it's about using different formations to take on different teams. You have to be adaptable, and I don't mind where I play as the main thing is doing a job for the team." 





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DONS DO BETTER BUT LOSE TO THE O'S

An improved performance from the U18s last Saturday was not enough to prevent Leyton Orient from extending their 100% per cent record.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1-1 AFC WIMBLEDON

Rooney 68 (0-0) Phillip 84
Plymouth win 5-3 on penalties

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With 16 minutes gone, Sean Bird did well to clear Cameron Sangster's low drive off the line. Sangster had another chance, on 29 minutes, but Jack Wingate saved with his feet and the Argyle striker snatched his second effort wide. Wingate pulled off another fine save to push Luke Jephcott's shot onto the post.

The Dons came into the game more in the second half, but Plymouth had the best chances, Jephcott heading wide before firing across the face of goal. After Dan Rooney opened the scoring, Wimbledon enjoyed their best spell of the match, culminating in Callum Phillip's late equaliser. That wasn't enough, though, as the home side won the shoot-out.

AFC WIMBLEDON: Wingate, Urhoghide (Akoto 75), Scott, Bird, Sibbick, Hartigan, Nelson-Roberts (Chapman 46), Williams-Bowers (Evans 75), Wood (Phillip 81), Walker Barth, Antwi (Carpene 65).

AFC WIMBLEDON 1-3 LEYTON ORIENT

Chapman 39 (1-2) Alzate 12, Koroma 20, 81

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2016
EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE

Orient made the breakthrough after 12 minutes with Steven Alzate pouncing on slack defending. It was soon 2-0 when Josh Koroma side-footed the ball past Joe Bursik. Judah Chapman was brought down in the area and stepped up to dispatch the resulting penalty. It could have been 2-2 when Anthony Hartigan fed Reece Williams-Bowers, who put the ball just over the crossbar.

After the break, Jayden Antwi headed a Nathan Wood free-kick just over. Bursik kept the Dons in the game with a string of saves midway through the half. Wimbledon went all-out for an equaliser, but nine minutes from time Koroma struck his second. Great Nii-Okai Evans almost secured a consolation with a shot in the dying seconds. The Dons' Man of the Match was Antonio Walker.

AFC WIMBLEDON: Bursik, Urhoghide, Scott (Nelson-Roberts 85), Bird, Kalambayi (Akoto 61), Hartigan, Chapman, Walker Barth (Carpene 80), Wood (Phillip 71), Williams-Bowers, Antwi (Evans 85).

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTHEAST DIVISION



TABLE

Up to and including games played on 8 October

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leyton Orient	9	9	0	0	30	5	+25	27
2	Luton Town	9	6	1	2	28	17	+11	19
3	Cambridge United	9	5	1	3	22	12	+10	16
4	Gillingham	9	5	1	3	19	23	-4	16
5	Stevenage	9	4	2	3	20	17	+3	14
6	Dagenham & Redbridge	9	4	1	4	18	29	-11	13
7	Southend United	9	3	2	4	22	18	+4	11
8	Milton Keynes	9	3	1	5	21	24	-3	10
9	Barnet	8	2	1	5	18	23	-5	7
10	Northampton Town	9	2	1	6	18	27	-9	7
11	Peterborough United	7	2	0	5	12	22	-10	6
12	AFC Wimbledon	8	1	1	6	9	20	-11	4

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
6 Aug	A	Southend United	YA	0-5
13 Aug	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	YA	5-2
20 Aug	H	Stevenage	YA	2-2
27 Aug	A	Gillingham	YA	0-1
3 Sep	H	Cambridge United	YA	0-3
17 Sep	H	Northampton Town	YA	1-2
24 Sep	H	Luton Town	YA	0-2
30 Sep	A	Plymouth Argyle	YAC	1-1*
8 Oct	H	Leyton Orient	YA	1-3
15 Oct	A	Barnet	YA	
18 Oct	A	Peterborough United	YA	
29 Oct	A	Milton Keynes	YA	
5 Nov	H	Southend United	YA	
12 Nov	A	Stevenage	YA	
19 Nov	H	Gillingham	YA	
26 Nov	A	Cambridge United	YA	
3 Dec	A	Northampton Town	YA	
10 Dec	H	Peterborough United	YA	
17 Dec	A	Luton Town	YA	
7 Jan	A	Leyton Orient	YA	
14 Jan	H	Barnet	YA	
21 Jan	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	YA	
28 Jan	H	Milton Keynes	YA	

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* Plymouth win 5-3 on penalties

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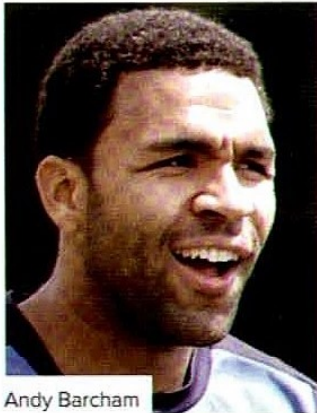
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Andy Barcham

1 YEAR

When Andy Barcham gives AFC Wimbledon a third-minute lead against Morecambe on 17 October, few in the 3,679 crowd expect the final score to be 5–2 to the visitors. “We made too many errors, and that’s possibly the first time I can say that about

us this season,” says disbelieving Dons manager Neal Ardley afterwards.

It’s not a good day for the U18s either – they slump to a second consecutive home defeat, against Gillingham. They trail the Kent side 2–0 at half-time, but captain Jason Stripp pulls one back on 48 minutes, only for the visitors to respond with a third goal barely 60 seconds later.

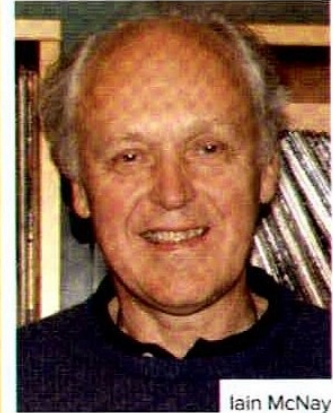
The second and final vote on the restricted action to conditionally sell Kingsmeadow to Chelsea FC is under way for Dons Trust members. A 50% turnout and 75% vote in favour was required in the first vote – which saw an 86% turnout and an overwhelming 98% of the votes cast in favour.

5 YEARS

Nick Powell, later to join Manchester United for a seven-figure fee, is the architect of AFC Wimbledon’s downfall, scoring the first Crewe Alexandra goal in their 3–1 win over the Dons. Christian Jolley responds, but the Railwaymen score twice in the last ten minutes to seal the win.

Opposition boss Dario Gradi had received a warm welcome from the home supporters before the game. Afterwards, Dons manager Terry Brown delivers his honest assessment of the afternoon: “I was delighted with our first-half performance, which was as good as we’ve played this year, but credit to Crewe – they deserved to win.”

Cherry Red Records have been a major sponsor and staunch supporters of AFC Wimbledon since the club started, and from now on Kingsmeadow will be officially referred to as the Cherry Red Records Stadium. Commercial Director Ivor Heller thanks the company’s founder, Iain McNay, for his ongoing support.



Iain McNay

LOOKING BACK AT EVENTS THIS WEEK 1, 5, 10 AND 20 YEARS AGO



Byron Bubb

10 YEARS

AFC Wimbledon edge past Southern Leaguers Evesham United 2–1 in the FA Cup third qualifying round. Byron Bubb gives the Dons an early lead with a spectacular shot, later voted the FA Cup Goal of the Round, only for Simon Fitter to equalise with a

freak rebound. Paul Barnes bags the winner.

Three days later, the Dons are back in Ryman Premier League action, facing mid-table Leyton at Kingsmeadow. The East London outfit prove to be stubborn opposition, despite being reduced to ten men in the second half, but are finally undone by a Roscoe Dsane goal eight minutes from time.

Mark King is the star of the AFC Wimbledon reserves in their 9–0 demolition of Epsom & Ewell’s second string, scoring five in a Suburban League Southern Division fixture on 14 October. Strike partner Niall Connery weighs in with a hat-trick, and midfielder Joe Paris gets the other for the Dons.

20 YEARS

Wimbledon make it a “Magnificent Seven” to go third in the FA Carling Premiership with a seventh successive victory, a sweet 4–2 District Line Derby win at Stamford Bridge which ends Chelsea’s unbeaten home record. Efan Ekoku, Marcus Gayle, Robbie Earle and Neal Ardley grab a Dons goal each.

Three Bridges Ladies bring their Wimbledon counterparts down to earth, beating them 4–2 to end their 100% FA Women’s Premier League Southern Division record of five straight wins. The Dons are outmuscled by a bigger, stronger team, and can only respond with two consolation efforts from Lynn Jacobs.

Brian McAllister is called up to the Scotland squad as defensive cover for their World Cup qualifiers against Latvia and Estonia. “Brian may not be a household name north of the border yet, but he is a Premiership player in a good Wimbledon side,” says Tartan Army boss Craig Brown.



Brian McAllister



AFC WIMBLEDON

Manager: Neal **Ardley**
 Assistant Manager: Neil **Cox**
 Coach: Simon **Bassey**
 Physio: Stuart **Douglas**
 Sports Therapist: Rhiannon **Luke**

(GK) James Shea		1			
(C) Barry Fuller		2			
Jon Meades		3			
Dannie Bulman		4			
Will Nightingale		5			
Paul Robinson		6			
George Francomb		7			
Jake Reeves		8			
Tom Elliott		9			
Dominic Poleon		10			
Chris Whelpdale		11			
George Oakley		15			
Tom Beere		16			
Andy Barcham		17			
Dean Parrett		18			
David Fitzpatrick		19			
Egli Kaja		21			
Sean Kelly		22			
Tyrone Barnett		23			
(GK) Joe McDonnell		24			
Dan Gallagher		25			
Neşet Bellikli		27			
Alfie Egan		28			
Toyosi Olusanya		29			
Paul Kalambayi		30			
Seth Owens		31			
Darius Charles		32			
Lyle Taylor		33			
Chris Robertson		34			



SWINDON TOWN

Head Coach: Luke **Williams**
 First-Team Coach: Ross **Embleton**
 Physio: Paul **Godfrey**

			1		Lawrence Vigouroux (GK)
			2		Nathan Thompson (C)
			3		Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill
			4		Conor Thomas
			5		Anton Rodgers
			8		Yaser Kasim
			9		Jonathan Obika
			10		John Goddard
			11		James Brophy
			12		Will Henry (GK)
			14		Ellis Iandolo
			15		Tom Smith
			18		Jake Evans
			20		Darnell Furlong
			22		Sean Murray
			23		Nathan Delfouneso
			27		Brad Barry
			28		Lloyd Jones
			33		Luke Norris
			35		Jordan Young
			36		Scott Twine

MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee: John **Busby** // Assistants: Anthony **Da Costa** and Carl **Fitch-Jackson** // 4th Official: Robert **Hyde**

After games played on 9 October

Pos	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	FIXTURE/RESULT	
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			Home	Away
1	Scunthorpe United	12	3	3	0	15	4	4	1	1	12	8	+15	25	1-2	28 Feb
2	Bradford City	12	3	3	0	9	4	3	3	0	6	3	+8	24	29 Oct	22 Apr
3	Bury	12	4	0	2	11	6	2	2	2	10	10	+5	20	19 Nov	18 Oct
4	Port Vale	12	5	0	1	11	5	1	2	3	5	9	+2	20	17 Dec	1 Apr
5	Bolton Wanderers	12	2	3	1	5	5	3	1	2	6	5	+1	19	1-2	4 Mar
6	Northampton Town	12	3	2	1	12	6	1	4	1	7	7	+6	18	11 Mar	0-0
7	Rochdale	12	3	1	2	9	6	2	2	2	7	7	+3	18	28 Jan	1-1
8	Sheffield United	11	3	1	1	5	5	2	2	2	9	9	0	18	2-3	4 Feb
9	Peterborough United	12	2	3	1	13	8	2	2	2	8	7	+6	17	17 Apr	22 Oct
10	AFC Wimbledon	12	2	1	3	9	9	2	3	1	9	8	+1	16	—	—
11	Bristol Rovers	11	2	2	1	8	7	2	2	2	8	9	0	16	8 Apr	31 Dec
12	Milton Keynes	12	0	2	4	4	10	4	1	1	11	5	0	15	14 Mar	10 Dec
13	Oxford United	12	3	2	1	8	6	1	1	4	5	8	-1	15	14 Dec	3-1
14	Gillingham	12	2	2	2	8	8	2	1	3	10	15	-5	15	2-0	7 Jan
15	Fleetwood Town	11	2	3	1	10	9	1	1	3	6	7	0	13	26 Nov	18 Mar
16	Walsall	11	3	1	2	11	11	0	3	2	2	6	-4	13	25 Feb	1-3
17	Chesterfield	11	3	1	2	12	9	0	2	3	4	7	0	12	2-1	21 Jan
18	Charlton Athletic	11	1	3	2	7	6	1	3	1	5	6	0	12	11 Feb	2-1
19	Millwall	11	2	2	1	9	6	1	1	4	9	16	-4	12	2 Jan	22 Nov
20	Swindon Town	12	2	0	4	5	8	1	3	2	7	9	-5	12	15 Oct	14 Apr
21	Oldham Athletic	12	0	3	3	2	7	2	3	1	5	6	-6	12	30 Apr	12 Nov
22	Southend United	12	2	2	2	8	9	1	1	4	4	14	-11	12	25 Mar	26 Dec
23	Shrewsbury Town	12	1	2	3	6	8	1	2	3	5	10	-7	10	1-1	18 Feb
24	Coventry City	11	0	5	0	3	3	1	1	4	5	9	-4	9	14 Feb	2-2

OTHER GAMES TODAY

BOLTON WANDERERS	v	OLDHAM ATHLETIC
BRISTOL ROVERS	v	GILLINGHAM
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	v	COVENTRY CITY
FLEETWOOD TOWN	v	PETERBOROUGH UNITED
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	v	MILLWALL
OXFORD UNITED	v	BRADFORD CITY
ROCHDALE	v	BURY
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	v	MILTON KEYNES
SHEFFIELD UNITED	v	PORT VALE
SOUTHEND UNITED	v	CHESTERFIELD
WALSALL	v	SHREWSBURY TOWN

TUESDAY

BRADFORD CITY	v	SOUTHEND UNITED
BURY	v	AFC WIMBLEDON
CHESTERFIELD	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN
COVENTRY CITY	v	OXFORD UNITED
GILLINGHAM	v	WALSALL
MILTON KEYNES	v	BRISTOL ROVERS
MILLWALL	v	BOLTON WANDERERS
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	v	SCUNTHORPE UNITED
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	v	NORTHAMPTON TOWN
PORT VALE	v	CHARLTON ATHLETIC
SHREWSBURY TOWN	v	SHEFFIELD UNITED
SWINDON TOWN	v	ROCHDALE

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POWER TO THE PEOPLE

A former professional footballer and now the owner and chairman of today's visitors Swindon Town, Lee Power even managed the Robins temporarily after the departure of Mark Cooper in October 2015.

With both boardroom and touchline experience at Cambridge United ten years ago, no-one can say that Lee Power doesn't become fully immersed in his clubs. And when the former football agent and sports publisher took control of Swindon Town in 2013, he invested a seven-figure sum which enabled a transfer embargo to be lifted.

Today's visitors have now suffered four consecutive home defeats, the latest being a 1-0 loss to Bolton Wanderers last Saturday, down to an unfortunate Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill own-goal five minutes from time. Head Coach Luke Williams, appointed on a long-term contract by Power earlier this year, has claimed that the club is now closer to its fanbase than it has been for some time, defending both the brand of football played and the direction in which Power is steering it – though a number of fans have been voicing their concerns to the contrary via social media. A number of key players have left the County Ground during recent transfer windows, but Williams says the bigger picture is more important, insisting that his current crop of players can mount a promotion challenge sooner rather than later.

Nevertheless, the Bolton defeat saw First-Team Coach Ross Embleton facing the press afterwards as Williams stayed in the dressing room to talk to his players before heading off for a scheduled meeting with his chairman. But Embleton was quick to play down any talk of disquiet between Williams and Power. "We now have a clear week where we can work on a lot more tactically – a




Lee Power

good few days to make sure we give it everything to turn it around with a positive result," he said.

Town can take some comfort from their away record, which sees them beaten only once in four League One games on the road following a 3-1 defeat by Chesterfield in August, and some success in the knock-out competitions: they took QPR to penalties in the EFL Cup after a 2-2 draw, and then beat a Chelsea U23 side 2-1 in their opening Southern Group C Checkatrade Trophy fixture in front of a crowd of just 1,961.

Swindon's players also have a new training facility in nearby Highworth. They currently use the facility once a week on pitches laid out on a former golf driving range, and the club wants

it as a long-term replacement for the ground of Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC, where they formerly trained. A full planning application for the new site is under discussion with the local council, and Power is leading on this. "Slowly and surely we're in there now," he said, "and I know it means a lot to the lads because for the first time in the club's history, they have got their own training facility. I'm quite proud I have managed to get that."

There is no love lost between the Robins and bitter rivals Oxford United, 30 miles away up the A420, so when AFC Wimbledon ended a 12-match hoodoo against the U's on Sunday lunchtime with an emphatic 3-1 win, it would have put a smile on the face of many Swindon fans. But perhaps the grins weren't quite as wide as the ones sported by the 531 travelling Dons supporters journeying home as their club leapfrogged a certain Buckinghamshire club to go tenth in the table. 

SCOUTING REPORT //

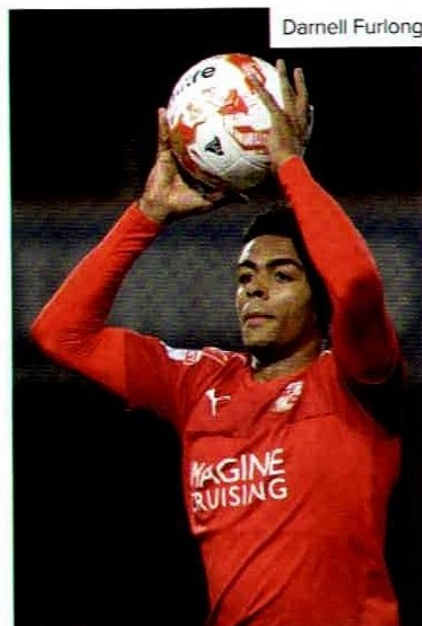
Although eligible to represent both England and Jamaica through his parentage, former Tottenham youth and Liverpool U21 goalkeeper **Lawrence Vigouroux** has pledged his international future to Chile after attending training camps and the 2013 U20 South American Youth Championships. His teenaged understudy, **Will Henry**, was the hero of Swindon's recent Checktrade Trophy win over Oxford United, keeping a clean sheet and making three saves in the shoot-out to earn his side an extra point.

Skipper **Nathan Thompson** is now in his tenth season at the County Ground, but the right-back faces competition from QPR's **Darnell Furlong**, who has joined the Robins on a season-long loan. **Brad Barry** – nephew of Everton and England utility player Gareth – can also slot into the position. **Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill** joined the club after his release from Arsenal in July 2015 and will contest the left-back role with the emerging **James Brophy**. Having picked up a red card in stoppage time against Bolton Wanderers last Saturday, Brazilian centre-back Raphael Rossi Branco sits out this afternoon, and with Kingston-born Jamie Sendles-White out for the rest of the campaign after suffering anterior cruciate ligament damage at home to Bury, Liverpool loanee **Lloyd Jones** may be pressed into service if he can shake off a hip injury.

There is no shortage of bodies in the centre of the park, however, despite left-sided Michael Doughty still recovering from appendicitis and attack-minded Jordan Stewart being another long-term absentee following knee surgery. The midfield diamond may be anchored

by **Anton Rodgers**, the diminutive son of Celtic manager Brendan and one of a number of Luke Williams' squad with Brighton connections. Iraqi **Yaser Kasim** will also be in the mix, as will former Coventry City man **Conor Thomas**, who made a century of appearances for the Sky Blues in six seasons at the Ricoh. Irish U21 international **Sean Murray** has Championship experience with Watford and is a likely starter in the middle. Winger **John Goddard** is acclimatising to the third tier well after stepping up from a successful 2015/16 at Woking, where he bagged 20 goals, was voted the Cards' Player of the Year and gained England C representative honours. Teenager **Ellis Iandolo** has made the bench in recent weeks, where he has been joined by **Scott Twine**, **Jake Evans** and **Tom Smith**. Scotland-qualified **Jordan Young** is another option.

The goals of **Jonathan Obika** (though only two so far this season) could be crucial to Swindon, and Luke Williams will hope to see him take the field today after he tweaked a knee in training. The former Tottenham Hotspur youngster, who made his Spurs first-team debut back in 2008 against NEC Nijmegen in the UEFA Cup, had no fewer than 11 loan spells away from White Hart Lane before a permanent switch to Swindon for £200,000 in 2014. Since Jermaine Hylton joined Guiseley on loan, the striking load has been shared with former England U21 front man **Nathan Delfouneso**, who turned out for Aston Villa for five Premier League seasons before dropping down a division to Blackpool. Known as Luke Hacker until 2014, **Luke Norris** switched from Gillingham in August for a fee reported to be £150,000. 



Darnell Furlong



Tom Smith



Luke Norris

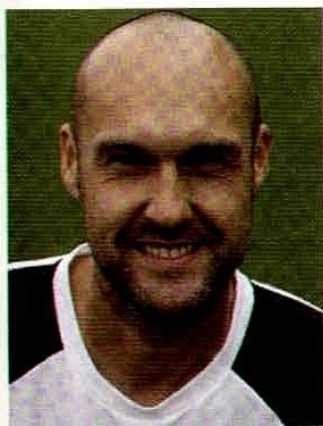
THE GAFFER

LUKE WILLIAMS

Previous clubs managed: None

Previously a development coach, reserve-team manager and U21 boss at Brighton & Hove Albion during three years at the Sussex club, Williams was appointed first-team coach at Swindon in 2013. He became assistant to Mark Cooper, then chairman-manager Lee Power and subsequently Martin Ling, and on Ling's departure he took temporary charge of the first team. In March, after winning six of his ten matches as interim head coach, he was given the job

on a permanent basis, with the security of a five-year contract. Williams began his coaching career at the FA before spells at Leyton Orient and West Ham United, after a playing career with Norwich City and Bristol Rovers at youth level and Ashford Town (Middx).



THE FANS' FAVOURITE

NATHAN THOMPSON

Position: Defender

Previous club: None

Homegrown right-back and team captain Thompson came through the Robins' youth ranks to become a professional in 2009, signing a two-year deal and having reportedly already attracted the interest of Premier League sides Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Everton and Newcastle United. He won the local *Swindon Advertiser* newspaper's Player of the Year award twice in succession, in 2013 and 2014, and has won the official club awards for the last two seasons, having been voted runner-up in each of the preceding two seasons. His younger brother Louis is a Welsh U21 midfielder with Norwich City and has had three loan spells with Swindon.



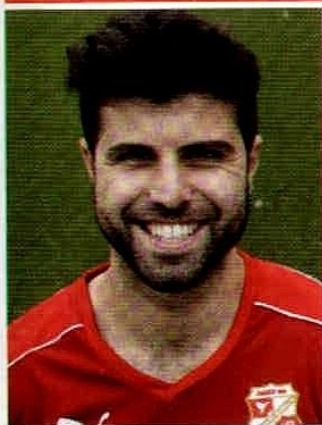
THE ONE TO WATCH

YASER KASIM

Position: Midfielder

Previous clubs: Brighton & Hove Albion, Luton Town (loan), Macclesfield Town (loan)

Although recently omitted from the Iraq squad for their World Cup qualifiers, Kasim was named the 2015 Iraq Player of the Year. He came to England as a teenager and played youth football with Tottenham Hotspur, and signed a short-term deal with Brighton & Hove Albion in 2010 after being released by Spurs. After just a single appearance for the Seagulls, against Notts County, he was snapped up on a three-year deal by the Robins after a successful trial. In August 2014, Kasim became the first Iraqi to captain a Football League side when he was handed the armband against Coventry City, following the suspension of Nathan Thompson.



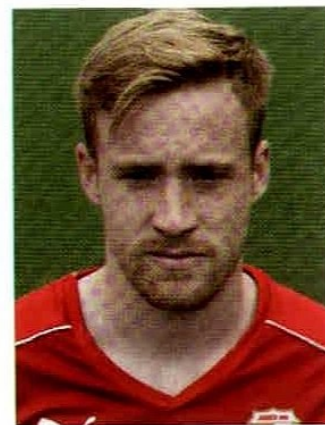
THE YOUNG PROSPECT

JAMES BROPHY

Position: Defender

Previous clubs: Broadfields United, Edgware Town

Exciting left wing-back and former Harrow Borough youth-teamer Brophy made the jump from non-league to Football League last summer after several seasons spent plying his trade in the South Midlands Spartan League. He made his professional debut in August last year as a second-half substitute in the League Cup against Exeter City, and scored his first goal for the club against Queens Park Rangers in an EFL Cup tie a year later. Brophy is hoping to return to contention for selection this afternoon after a chest infection caused him to be withdrawn at half-time during the recent home defeat by Bristol Rovers.



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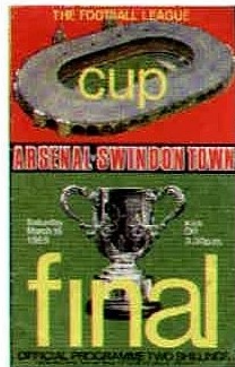
1 Third Division Swindon memorably beat Arsenal 3–1 at Wembley Stadium in 1969 to win the League Cup, but were prevented from competing in Europe because tournament rules stated that participants must play in their country's top flight.

2 Swindon Town went on to win the Anglo-Italian Cup a year later in controversial fashion. With the Robins 3–0 up in the final against Napoli at the Stadio San Paolo, the match was abandoned ten minutes from time because of violence by home fans.

3 In 1990, Swindon were Second Division play-off winners – but later admitted 35 charges of illegal payments to players, and were demoted to the Third Division (rescinded on appeal), with chairman Brian Hillier given a six-month prison sentence.

4 The County Ground was used as a prisoner-of-war and hospital camp during World War II. First used to accommodate injured US servicemen, it later housed captured Germans as the conflict drew to a close.

5 Swindon were the first Football League club to install floodlights – in 1951, at a cost of £350 – and tested them in a friendly against Bristol City, but didn't use them for its first floodlit league game until nearly five years later.



1969 final programme

SWINDON

1 The band Oasis got their name when Liam Gallagher saw Swindon's Oasis Leisure Centre listed as a venue on a 1991 Inspiral Carpets tour poster. Twenty years later, he performed there for the first time with his new band, Beady Eye.

2 Designed by Douglas Stephen, a Communist who saw architecture as a power for social good, Swindon's David Murray John Tower is one of the top five "extraordinary buildings" listed by architecture writer Jonathan Meades (no, not that one!).

3 The town owes its growth to the arrival of the Great Western Railway, in the 1840s. The last steam locomotive to be built in Britain, the Evening Star, was rolled out there in 1960.

4 Swindon is now twinned with Disney World in Florida – thanks to local resident Rebecca Warren, who produced an amusing video to win a competition, beating a selection of other UK towns for this coveted accolade.

5 The town contains a large traffic interchange, originally called County Islands but now known as the Magic Roundabout. There are five mini-roundabouts within the larger centre, where there is a contra-rotational hub at the junction of five roads.



The David Murray John Tower

CLUB RECORDS

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

32,000 v Arsenal
FA Cup, third-round replay
15 January 1972

BIGGEST WIN

10–1 v Farnham United Breweries
FA Cup, first round
28 November 1925

HEAVIEST DEFEAT

1–10 v Manchester City
FA Cup, fourth round
25 January 1930

MOST CAREER APPEARANCES

John Trollope, 889 (1960–81)

MOST CAREER GOALS

Harry Morris, 229 (1926–33)

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

Harry Morris, 43 (1926/27)

HIGHEST TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED

£4,000,000, Ben Gladwin and Massimo Luongo
Queens Park Rangers (2015)

HIGHEST TRANSFER FEE PAID

£800,000, Joey Beauchamp
West Ham United (1994)

JOINT TOP SCORERS

2 goals

(in all competitions)

Jonathan OBIKA (left)

Michael DOUGHTY



LAST SIX AWAY GAMES

1 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	1–1
24 Sep	Oldham Athletic	2–0
10 Sep	Oxford United	0–2
3 Sep	Peterborough United	2–2
16 Aug	Gillingham	1–1
13 Aug	Chesterfield	1–3

League unless stated

FOUR FROM THE PAST //

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 1979
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

DONS 2-0 ROBINS

Cork 10, 52 (1-0)

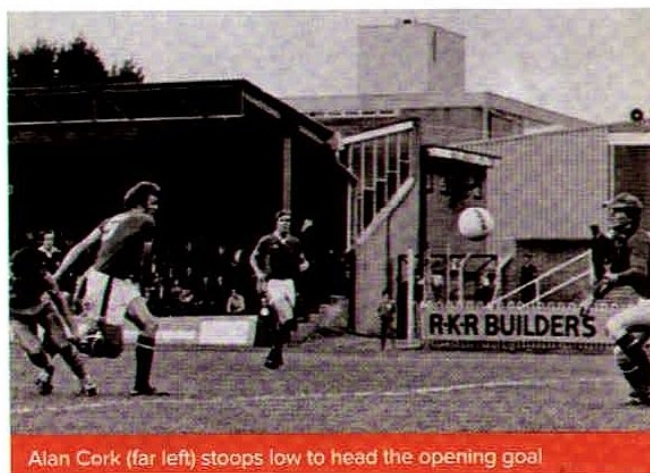
PLOUGH LANE, ATTENDANCE 4,208

The parallels with today are striking. In mid-October 37 years ago, a Wimbledon side playing in the third tier of English football for the first time met Swindon Town as they were beginning to recover from a disappointing start to the campaign. Unbeaten in six league and cup games, the Dons had now moved up to four places off the bottom of the table before Bob Smith's Robins landed at Plough Lane.

The Dons took the lead after 10 minutes when Alan Cork met Tommy Cunningham's cross with a sharp near-post header. A well-worked corner routine brought the hosts their second goal soon after half-time: Steve Parsons sent in a low, hard cross from the left, and Paul Bowgett nodded the ball on for former Derby man Cork to head home at the far post. The club's all-time leading Football League goalscorer almost completed his hat-trick when he hit the bar with another header late on.

Sadly, it was a false dawn. Before the end of the month, a 4-0 league defeat at Colchester, and the return of Swindon to put the Dons out of the League Cup at the fourth-round stage in front of nearly 7,500 fans, knocked the stuffing out of Dario Gradi's side. By the New Year they were rooted to the bottom of the table and never recovered. At the end of the season Wimbledon returned to Division Four, while Wiltshire's finest remained in the third tier, having secured a tenth-place finish.

DONS: Goddard, Perkins, Jones, Ketteridge, Bowgett, Cunningham, Lewington, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Dziadulewicz.



Alan Cork (far left) stoops low to head the opening goal

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1982
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

ROBINS 0-1 DONS

(0-0) Leslie 74

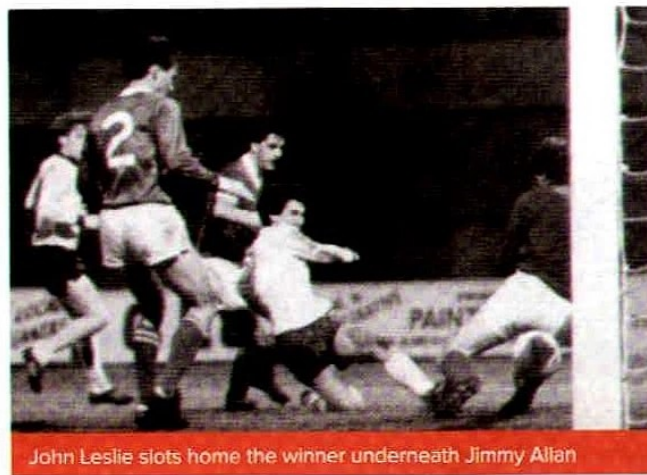
THE COUNTY GROUND, ATTENDANCE 8,614

Just over three years on from that initial meeting, both clubs were looking for a way out of the League's basement section as they clashed in their last game of 1982. Since switching to the long-ball game after going out of the FA Cup at home to Northampton Town in November, Dave Bassett's side had begun to move up the table and were in sixth place as they travelled to face a Swindon team that were hot on the heels of leaders Bury.

After a goalless first half, the hosts turned up the heat but were stunned in the 74th minute when the Dons' top scorer, John Leslie, fired the ball home at the second attempt. Minutes later, loanee full-back Phil Ferns was dismissed for a professional foul, and the ten-man visitors suffered a torrid final period in which their goal came under a sustained assault.

"We've had a good Christmas," a satisfied Bassett reflected afterwards. "If we can push on against Bury and Chester in the next week, we'll be right in the hunt." And his team did beat the Shakers and the Seals, embarking on a 25-game run in which they lost only once and emerged as champions. Meanwhile, the Robins faded away and finished down in eighth place. Remarkably, just over a decade later, the clubs would be meeting as members of the Premier League elite.

DONS: Beasant, Peters, Ferns, Galliers, Smith, Hatter, Evans, Ketteridge, Leslie, Downes, Gage.



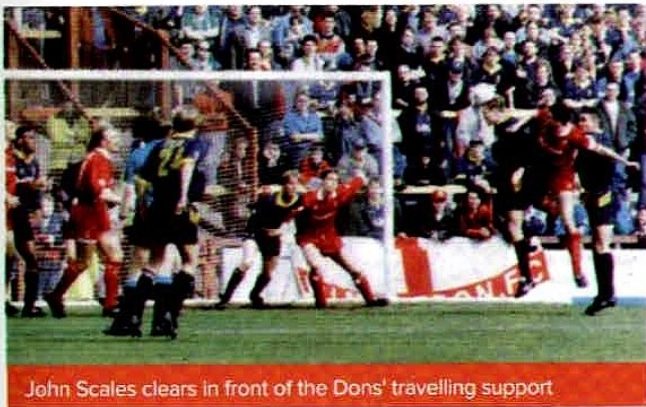
John Leslie slots home the winner underneath Jimmy Allan

SATURDAY 23 APRIL 1994
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ROBINS 2-4 DONS

Summerbee 67, Barton (o.g.) 80 (0-1) Fashanu 13, Earle 71, 75, Holdsworth 81

THE COUNTY GROUND, ATTENDANCE 12,237



John Scales clears in front of the Dons' travelling support

As Swindon's one-season stay among the elite was drawing to a close, the curtain was coming down on the career of a Wimbledon icon. Former Barnardo's boy John Fashanu's brave and fearless forward play had helped establish the club in the top flight, and by pushing what was acceptable on the field to the very limit he had come to symbolise all that was good – or bad, depending on your point of view – about the Crazy Gang ethos.

A wonderfully struck chip-cum-lob from Fash the Bash gave his side an early lead at the County Ground, and when he succumbed to an injury at half-time (something that was becoming a regular occurrence), his teammates simply upped the pace to emerge victorious. Nicky Summerbee's equaliser was the prelude for two goals from the effervescent Robbie Earle, and even when Warren Barton turned the ball into his own net it merely spurred the visitors on to hit a fourth, from Dean Holdsworth. "We were superb again," said manager Joe Kinnear. "Even when Fash and Hans [Segers] went off at half-time, we never looked in any danger."

The Dons had headed down the M4 on the back of a six-game unbeaten run that included draws against Arsenal and Liverpool, as well as a victory over eventual champions Manchester United. Wimbledon finished sixth that season, while Swindon ended up bottom – 13 points adrift of safety.

DONS: Segers (Sullivan), Barton, Scales, Blackwell, Elkins, Fear, Jones, Earle, Gayle, Fashanu (Clarke), Holdsworth.

MONDAY 2 JANUARY 2012
NPOWER FOOTBALL LEAGUE TWO

ROBINS 2-0 DONS

Caddis 58, Connell 76 (0-0)

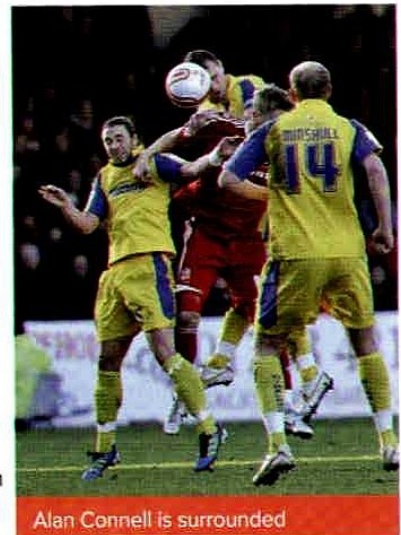
THE COUNTY GROUND, ATTENDANCE 8,374

Nine years of hard work was in danger of being thrown away. Having begun their inaugural season in League Two so well, Terry Brown's AFC Wimbledon went through a desperate run of form in the run-in to Christmas, and it was looking increasingly as though they would be drawn into the relegation fight. As they travelled

to face a promotion-seeking Swindon side, the doom-mongers were beginning to predict that the new Dons' stay in the Football League would be brief.

Having defended desperately throughout the first half, the Dons' back line was finally breached in the 58th minute, when Paul Caddis broke the deadlock with a fierce 22-yard free-kick that goalkeeper Seb Brown could only parry off the post and into the net. And former Grimsby frontman Alan Connell sealed the points 14 minutes from time when he swept the ball home from 12 yards after a clever run and cross from substitute Lander Gabilondo.

2012 proved to be an excellent year for the Robins, as they marched on to become League Two champions by May. Meanwhile at Kingsmeadow, the Dons sent out for reinforcements, and their January signings proved decisive. Boosted by the arrival of Billy Knott, George Moncur, Byron Harrison and Jason Euell, Wimbledon gained enough points to survive for another season.



Alan Connell is surrounded

DONS: Brown, Franks, McNaughton, Johnson, Bush, Yussuff, Porter (Kiernan), S. Moore, Minshull, Mulley, Ademenko (Midson).

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MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Swindon Town supporter **Steven Fyfe** sees the midfield battle as crucial to the destination of the three points on offer this afternoon.

As I do with every game, I believe we can win today, but I have reservations that we actually will. We have a very young and talented squad, but there are flaws in our play that come with inexperience. We play one style of football – and if you can stop that, you are likely to get the result. We lack a physical presence in the middle of the park – but if you allow us to play our game, we could win comfortably. This match will definitely be won and lost in the midfield.

I am the eternal optimist, and have been during my 13 or so years supporting Town, always believing that this will be our year. However, this season I simply want to avoid relegation – anything else will be a bonus. That negative feeling comes from a summer in which I feel we have not learned lessons. It's a weird time to be a Swindon fan. Behind the scenes, it appears that we are doing relatively well financially, with debts almost cleared. Despite this, our owner and chairman, Lee Power, is not popular among large sections of the fanbase because he seems reluctant to spend the money we recently got from the sales of players like Nicky Ajose and Massimo Luongo. He can be controversial: there was the Bristol Rovers ticket fiasco, he has banned local media and he always leaves our transfer business frustratingly late.

Results haven't provided much cause for optimism either. Losing two derbies in ten days, to Oxford away and then Bristol Rovers at home, hasn't helped morale. On the positive side, we have just beaten Oxford in the Checktrade Trophy – but that is a competition I am not a fan of in its current guise, after the EFL changed the format. There is an interesting relationship with our manager, too. I think most of our fans would agree that he does seem to be a good coach, but was he the right man to make the step up? Most aren't so sure.



I became a Robins fan in my early teens. I grew up in Scotland, and my dad tried to get me to support Rangers, but after moving back to my hometown I attended a friendly against a Manchester United youth team – and that was that. I've seen two relegations, two promotions (one as champions under Paolo Di Canio) and three failed Wembley attempts. I now live in Leicester, and there's a running joke where I work that the LCFC fans in the office have seen Swindon win at Wembley more often than I have.

There are five occasions that stick out in my mind and sum up supporting Town. The best was a cup game against Stoke, when Di Canio was in charge and we were in League Two; we won in extra time, and the scenes were quality. The play-off game against Sheffield United a couple of

years ago was ridiculous. There was an earlier play-off semi against Brentford, where we scored with the last touch to take it to penalties (which we lost). During my early years there was a cup game against Leeds, when Paul Robinson scored an injury-time leveller. And there was a league game against Bristol City at home where Rory Fallon scored with a bicycle kick from the edge of the area to equalise – with unbelievable celebrations.

The last thing I want to say is congratulations to Wimbledon on the news that you are returning home to Plough Lane.

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U21s REMAIN UNDEFEATED

The U21 development team continue this season's unbeaten run with a draw in the Premier League Cup against Charlton and an emphatic win over Bristol Rovers.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC 3-3 AFC WIMBLEDON

Umerah 11, Teixeira 19, 42 (3-1) Owens 45, Hines (pen) 55, Olusanya (pen) 71

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2016
PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

The Dons were captained by Dan Gallagher, back from his loan spell with Kingstonian. The side also included experienced frontman Zavon Hines, with Dagenham & Redbridge last season and now a free agent, who helped to get Wimbledon back into the game. The Addicks were coached by former Don Jason Euell.

Charlton were three up heading towards half-time through two goals from Jorge Teixeira, after Joshua Umerah had opened the scoring in the 11th minute. Seth Owens pulled one back, and second-half penalties from Hines and Toyosi Olusanya completed a memorable fightback.

"At half-time I told them a few home truths," said Dons coach Alan Reeves. I said that we could get something if we gave it a go in the second half."

AFC WIMBLEDON: Bursik, Smith, Scott, Gallagher, Sibbick, Owens, Kaja, McKillop (Chapman 66), Oakley (Wood 84), Olusanya, Hines (Williams-Bowers 74). Subs not used: Wingate, Urhoghide.

AFC WIMBLEDON 4-0 BRISTOL ROVERS

Oakley 25, Kaja 50, Olusanya 71, Antwi 79 (1-0)

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016
CENTRAL LEAGUE

Midway through the first half, George Oakley made no mistake with a cool finish after a good cross from Egli Kaja. Five minutes after half-time, Kaja capitalised on a mistake to double the advantage. The goal of the game came midway through the second half when Toyosi Olusanya ended a fine solo run with a lovely left-footed finish, and a few minutes later he turned provider by setting up Jayden Antwi to make it 4-0.

"There were some good performances and we could have won by more if we'd been more ruthless," said Alan Reeves. "At times, we took a few liberties with extra touches because they thought it was too easy." The match allowed Chris Whelpdale to get some needed game time.

AFC WIMBLEDON: McDonnell, Smith, Owens, Gallagher, Nightingale, Kalambayi, Whelpdale (Walker Barth 70), Fitzpatrick (Chapman 65), Oakley (Antwi 76), Olusanya, Kaja. Subs not used: Bursik, Sibbick.

CENTRAL LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST DIVISION



TABLE

Up to and including games played on 20 September

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	4	1	+3	4
2	Peterborough United	2	1	0	1	4	3	+1	3
3	AFC Bournemouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
4	Southend United	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

The teams in the Central League's South-East Division play each other twice, once home and one away. Each team also plays each team in the South-West Division, but just once; those teams are Bristol Rovers, Cheltenham Town, Exeter City, Newport County AFC and Swindon Town.

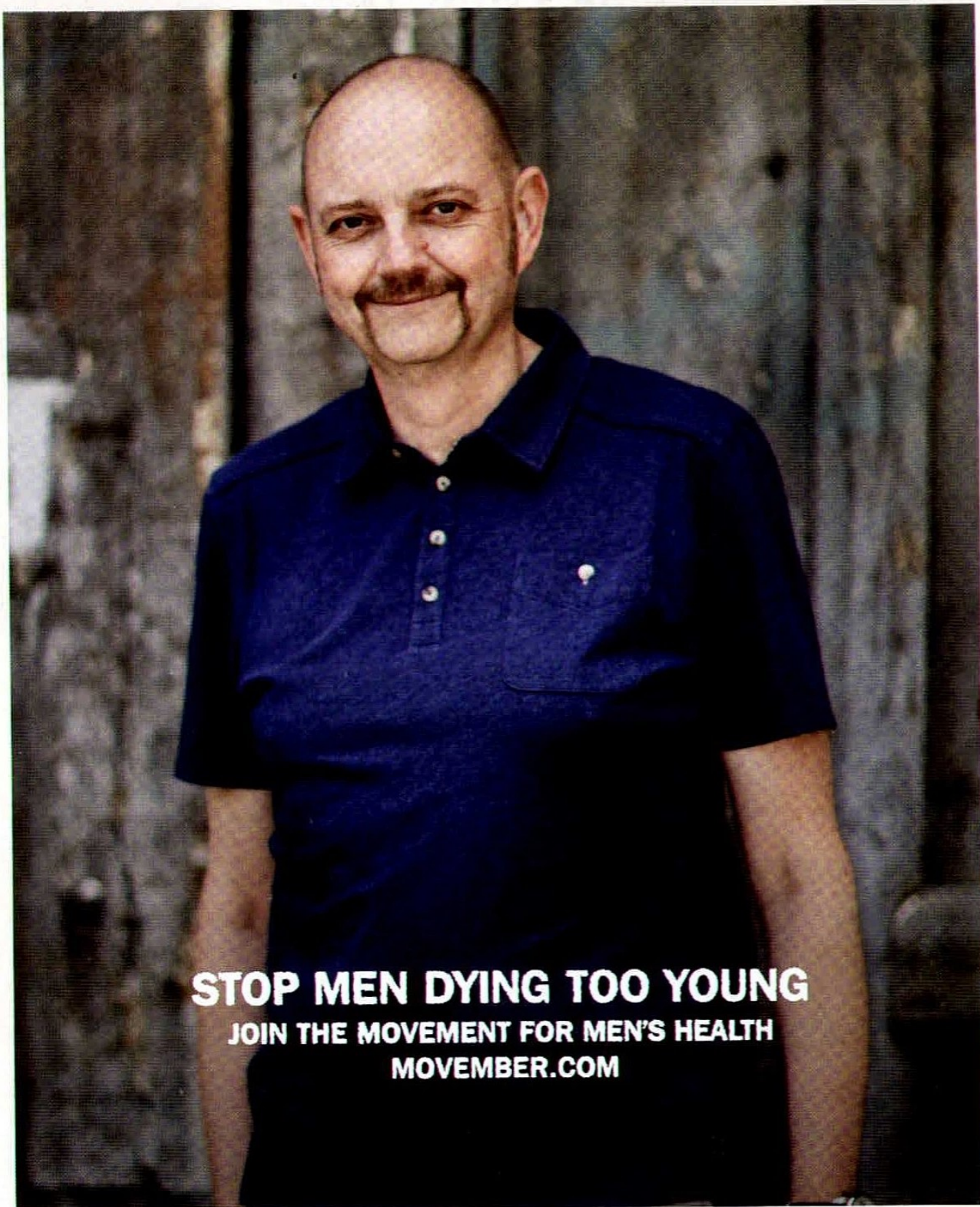
RESULTS AND FIXTURES

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
23 Aug	H	Wigan Athletic	PLC	5-0
6 Sep	A	AFC Bournemouth	CL	1-1
20 Sep	A	Peterborough United	CL	3-0
3 Oct	A	Charlton Athletic	PLC	3-3
11 Oct	H	Bristol Rovers	CL	4-0
25 Oct	H	Peterborough United	CLC	
31 Oct	H	Swindon Town	CL	
6 Nov	A	Fulham	PLC	
15 Nov	A	Southend United	CL	
29 Nov	A	Newport County AFC	CL	
5 Dec	H	Middlesbrough	PLC	
13 Dec	A	Colchester United	CLC	
10 Jan	H	AFC Bournemouth	CL	
17 Jan	H	Exeter City	CL	
23 Jan	H	Charlton Athletic	PLC	
7 Feb	A	Cheltenham Town	CL	
13 Feb	H	Fulham	PLC	
27 Feb	A	Middlesbrough	PLC	
7 Mar	H	Southend United	CL	
TBA	A	Southend United	CLC	
TBA	A	Peterborough United	CL	
TBA	A	Barnet	CLC	

PLC: Premier League Cup

CL: Central League, South Division

CLC: Central League Cup (group stage)



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A NEW DON

This week a new recruit, first-year scholar **Tom Scott**, tells us what it's like to be a member of the U18s and part of AFC Wimbledon.

I first came to the club towards the end of last season, shortly after Reading FC decided not to offer me a scholarship. I spent an enjoyable few weeks as a trialist, when I was made to feel at home by the boys and the coaching staff, before being asked to play in an away game against Luton. I played in a team full of confidence and desire to win the game, and felt amazed to be a part of a 1-0 win in my first football match for the Dons. A week later I was offered my scholarship in a meeting with Jeremy Sauer and Mark Robinson.

We started our season just a week after finishing our GCSEs and went straight into the full-time programme. My usual day consists of waking up at 5.00 am (I live outside London), arriving for training at 8.15, and training from 9.15 to 11.45. We then have lunch in the canteen, and after that we do some gym work or analysis along with some jobs before going home.

We now have a wonderful set-up at Southfields Academy, where we combine our training with education – so we get the best of both during the day. Our training is led by Mark and James Oliver-Pearce, two experienced coaches who like us to express ourselves both at and away from the training ground. Each




player is set a personal development target, and mine at the moment is to improve speed and agility. This has been made an easy target to work on because of the opportunity given to us at the local gym, Bounce, where every Tuesday and Thursday we work on speed, strength and much more to make us better athletes.

I believe that as a team we are really enjoying ourselves at training. This is a very talented group of

players, yet results have not been going our way: we have won only one game so far this season due to clumsy mistakes that have cost us. So, recently we have been training more like we would play, and we have been doing a lot of self-reflection after sessions. Our match analysis has been focused on a lot of off-the-ball work as we need this as our foundation.

We are constantly learning about the club every day, not just about what it takes to become a Wimbledon footballer, but also the history of Plough Lane, the previous players to have worn the Wimbledon badge, and what it took for AFC Wimbledon to gain six promotions in 14 years. To me, all of this is what makes the club special: it's different to other clubs and all around there is just pure love for the place which has been bred into every player.

There are so many opportunities given to all us youngsters. Some boys have already trained with the first team, and many have played for the U21 side, which is not a regular occurrence at many clubs and it really pushes us on to want more. Being able to play in front of the fans that made this club would be a special feeling for any player – there's nothing I want more than that! 

LADIES AND GIRLS//

AFC WIMBLEDON LADIES FIRST TEAM



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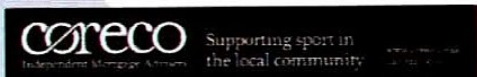


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FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE, SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE, 2016/17



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cambridge United	7	6	0	1	+12	18
2	AFC Wimbledon	7	6	0	1	+10	18
3	Actonians	8	4	2	2	+1	14
4	Luton Town	7	4	1	2	+4	13
5	Milton Keynes	7	4	0	3	+7	12
6	Ipswich Town	7	3	2	2	0	11
7	Gillingham	4	2	2	0	+6	8
8	Denham United	6	2	0	4	-2	6
9	Enfield Town	6	1	2	3	-9	5
10	Norwich City	4	1	0	3	-2	3
11	Lowestoft Town	8	1	0	7	-13	3
12	Stevenage	7	0	1	6	-15	1

RECENT RESULTS AND FORTHCOMING FIXTURES	DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
	25 Sep	A	Lowestoft Town	WPLSE	4-3
	2 Oct	H	Stevenage	WPLSE	4-0
	5 Oct	A	Denham United	WPLSE	1-4
	9 Oct	A	Bexhill United	WPL Cup	6-0
	16 Oct	A	Luton Town	WPLSE	
	30 Oct	H	Cambridge United	WPLSE	
	6 Nov	A	Norwich City	WPLSE	

All matches kick off at 2.00 pm unless otherwise stated

GREATER LONDON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION, 2016/17



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham Swans	7	6	0	1	+9	18
2	AFC Phoenix	7	4	2	1	+11	14
3	AFC Wimbledon Development	7	4	1	2	+15	13
4	Hampstead	6	4	0	2	+11	12
5	Colne Valley	7	2	1	4	-10	7
6	Regents Park Rangers	5	2	1	2	-10	7
7	Queens Park Rangers Development	5	1	3	1	0	6
8	Hemel Hempstead	4	1	1	2	+2	4
9	Northwood	6	1	0	5	-11	3
10	Crystal Palace Development	6	0	1	5	-17	1

RECENT RESULTS AND FORTHCOMING FIXTURES	DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
	18 Sep	H	West Wickham Swans	GLWFLP	2-4
	25 Sep	H	Crystal Palace Development	GLWFLP	4-1
	2 Oct	A	Colne Valley	GLWFLP	7-0
	9 Oct	A	Hampstead	GLWFLP	1-3
	16 Oct	A	Clapham United (1.00 pm)	Capital Cup	
	23 Oct	H	Northwood	GLWFLP	
	30 Oct	H	Hemel Hempstead	GLWFLP	

All matches kick off at 2.00 pm unless otherwise stated

THE AFC WIMBLEDON U15 GIRLS

The manager of the U15 Girls, **Mike Parsonson**, is delighted with his team's commitment and their 100% record so far this season.

Our U15 Girls are enjoying a fantastic start to the 2016/17 season: they currently sit at the top of the U15 Premier Division of the Surrey County Women's & Girls' League, having won all five of their opening matches. Fresh from winning the Surrey County Youth Cup, reaching the National Futsal Finals and finishing runners-up in the Premier League last season, the squad were looking forward to starting the season where they left off.

Some new players have joined, and we have also seen the return of some familiar faces. These additions have strengthened the squad, and we now have an attractive blend of old and new talent.

Starting from the back, keeper Caitlin joined us from Crystal Palace after Georgina left for Reading, and although it was sad to see her go we all wish her every success for the future. Caitlin has fitted in extremely well and has already formed a tight defensive unit along with the back four. Emily and Alice make a formidable pairing at the heart of the defence, combining speed and bravery to keep opponents at bay. Amelia (right) and Hannah (left) are the regular full-backs, who double as wing-backs when required. Grace can also drop into central defence, but is enjoying her new role in central midfield. Whoever is on duty, they combine power in attack with determination in defence.

In the middle of the park, Sophie and Kacie provide tidy passing and robust tackling. They have both already scored some amazing goals from outside the box. This season we have also seen the return of Rosie, a technically skilled player whose ability to read the game in front of her is second to none. Our regular wingers are team captain Madi, on the left, who can spread her time between central midfield and the wing, and Lucy, on the right, who you can guarantee will attack at every opportunity. Maya, another new addition to the squad this season, can play on either wing. Up front, Megan and Amy have continued their great partnership from last season, having both been on the


scoresheet. Debra, the second player to have rejoined our squad, has had an immediate impact and has already netted seven goals this season.

Despite our 100% start to the season, the girls are fully aware that this has been achieved through the hard work they put in at each training session. Scoring 31 goals in the first five games shows how clinical they are in front of goal, and having the tightest defence in the league is a credit to the girls as well. The girls also have a wonderful camaraderie.

Coach Duncan Saunders and I work hard on getting the girls to play attractive football, and we are sure that some of the players in the squad have the potential to play for the Ladies First Team in a few years' time.

"SOME OF THE PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PLAY FOR THE LADIES FIRST TEAM"

I am extremely proud of the commitment the girls show in training and on match days. They are all very focused and willing to learn, and their knowledge of the game is improving all the time. This is reflected in the way they adapt on match days, depending on which squad members are available and who the opposition are.

The most important thing for this group of girls – and this is often overlooked at all age groups – is the development of the players, not just the result on a match day. This is what guides all that we do in the Girls Section. In the majority of matches so far, the U15s have been playing some really good flowing and attractive football, and they will continue to improve as the season progresses. 

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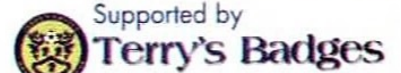
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THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN HAT

Volunteer Michael Briggs certainly has the golden touch when it comes to making money at home games for the club he loves.

The sight of Michael Briggs in his trademark hat selling Golden Goals tickets around the ground has become a familiar one for Wimbledon supporters at Saturday home games.

"There is a little bit of rivalry among our team about who can sell out first," said Michael. "I get rather annoyed when I'm not the first to do that. Last week was the first time for ages I hadn't sold out. I shake people warmly

by their throats until their money falls out of their pockets! Or I look them in the eye and say, 'You can't afford a quid?' Two or three seasons ago I started wearing the golden hat. I thought, 'I'm going to wear the hat so I stand out'. I go to away matches and nobody recognises me!

"I enjoy it, and that's why I do it. I don't find it an onerous task. I have no idea how much money I make every week – I never count the money as it just goes back to Roger."

Our team of Golden Goals tickets sellers, led by Roger Dennis, have been raising funds for the Dons Trust Stadium Fund in recent times. Up to today's game, a total of £184,176 has been raised for the club since tickets started to be sold, back in August 2002. Michael has

been involved with Golden Goals since its early days, switching from his original volunteer role as a matchday steward, and he can often be found outside the bars, or selling to customers in hospitality.

"It's our club, and it feels like your family," he added. "I can't understand why anyone wouldn't want to volunteer. Whether it's clearing snow from the pitch in the winter or painting turnstiles in the summer, being involved makes the club feel even more like your club.

"You get to know a lot of people doing what I do. Some of the same people buy Golden Goals tickets from me every week. Are they always lucky? I will have to say 'no'. We have a team of around eight volunteers for every home game, and we all get on really well.

"I'm getting a bit older now, and I struggle to carry things around, but I still do a lot when I can for the club. I think I'll do it for another

couple of years. Whether I'm encouraged to do it at Plough Lane, we will have to wait and see."

Judging by his dedication and passion to raise funds for the club, there's every chance that we will be seeing Michael in his golden hat outside Plough Lane in a few years' time.



Michael Briggs selling Golden Goals tickets at pre-match hospitality



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FSF WANTS YOUR VIEWS

The Football Supporters' Federation wants your views about the EFL's Whole Game Solution, and Jane Lonsdale has an update on the Trust Webjam.

The Football Supporters' Federation is asking supporters to complete an online survey about the EFL's so-called Whole Game Solution reforms so that they can present the views of genuine supporters to the EFL at a meeting scheduled for next month.

The EFL is consulting with its 72 member clubs about a wide range of proposals that, if implemented, would affect the structure of the bottom three divisions and the English football calendar. The proposals include:

- regionalising the bottom two divisions
- creating a fourth division
- having a winter break
- moving two rounds of the FA Cup.

Reactions to the proposals have already forced the EFL to back away from two of the more controversial original ones: they now say that any reforms will definitely not see Premier League B teams or clubs from Scotland joining the EFL, and clubs in Leagues One and Two will play through any winter break should it be introduced.

But the proposals still on the table are controversial, and the FSF is keen to hear the views of fans from around the country. "We want to gather your thoughts on the Whole Game Solution and the other issues it raises in order to take the views of genuine supporters to the EFL," they said in a statement. "The FSF will lead a delegation of fans meeting the EFL next month, and the Whole Game Solution will be top of the agenda."



The Dons Trust is aiming to do its own consultation of

Wimbledon fans on the proposals, the results of which will be fed through to the FSF as well as informing our own stance, but in the meantime we urge all fans of the club to complete this FSF survey. The survey can be

found at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whole-game-solution. We have been told that it will be online until towards the end of this coming week (closing around 21 October).

The EFL's Whole Game Solution proposals are separate from, but connected with, their controversial changes to the Checkatrade Trophy, which now includes U23 teams from Premier League and Championship clubs.



The Trust
Webjam Be involved
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Latest on the Trust Webjam

To date, over 425 members have registered to use the Dons Trust Webjam site. There have already been exclusive discussions, debates and questions to Dons Trust Board members, along with polls on issues affecting the Trust and club, including the new stadium, ethical sponsorship, redactions from published Board minutes and thoughts on the Trust Webjam itself.

The site will also be used to put questions to candidates in this year's Dons Trust Board elections. So if you're a Trust member who wants to be involved, be informed and be heard and haven't already registered to use the site, you need to do so as soon as possible.

If you are a Trust member, you should have received, between 5 and 17 September, an email from webmaster@thedonstrust.org inviting you to join. If you can't find it in your inbox, please check your junk and spam folders: although it will have come from the webmaster email address, it was sent via the Webjam server so it may have been filtered by your email provider. The email has a link to visit the site and register.

If you can't find the email, please contact webmaster@thedonstrust.org. If you want any help signing up, please visit the Dons Trust kiosk on a home matchday or contact Jane Lonsdale on jane.lonsdale@thedonstrust.org. 

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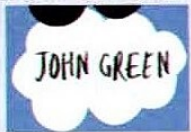
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I would like to welcome our match sponsor today, John Green. John's sponsorship of our club is definitely one of a kind, and I'm very grateful for all of his support and also excited about his plans for a movie in the near future. Unfortunately he's unable to make it to today's game, but he and his family and friends did come to the Gillingham game to see us win. I'd like to welcome a special group of Nerdfighters who are here representing John this afternoon, and hope they have a great day. Come on you Dons!

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New York Times #1 bestselling author John Green (*The Fault in Our Stars*, *Paper Towns*) and the Nerdfighter Community have been delighted to sponsor AFC Wimbledon since 2014. Now back-of-shorts sponsors and stand sponsors, John and the Nerdfighters (the community around the YouTube channel John runs with his brother at [youtube.com/vlogbrothers](https://www.youtube.com/vlogbrothers)) have followed the season at home and abroad, and in fictional form on *FIFA 16*. Up the Dons!

HELP TO BEAT PROSTATE CANCER

Join Prostate Cancer UK and the EFL next June for the biggest ride (and party!) in football. You can represent the Dons for the two-day, 145-mile pedal pilgrimage, ending with a night out in Amsterdam.

The event takes place on 9–11 June 2017, and spans two nights and three days (two days of cycling). It's your chance to ride alongside footballing legends and like-minded fans in a bid to get fit and raise vital funds for a great cause.

Seven representatives from AFC Wimbledon completed the 2016 ride, raising over £8,600 – let's see if we can hit five figures next year! The 350-strong peloton this year included former international football stars Terry Butcher, Viv Anderson and Luther Blissett, and riders representing over 50 clubs across the EFL. Between them they raised more than £500,000 for the fight against a disease that will affect one in eight men in their lifetime. So join the fight in 2017 and get pedalling for pounds to help stop prostate cancer being a killer.

For more information, visit prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/football-to-amsterdam-2017. If this challenge is something that interests you, please contact Pietro Palladino (details on the opposite page) for further information and answers to any questions you may have.



The AFC Wimbledon Prostate Cancer UK cycle ride team of 2016. From left to right: Laura Hart, Phil Cable, Pietro Palladino, Terry Hunt, Jonny Bramwell, Edward Neely and Ian Robinson.

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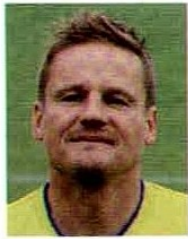


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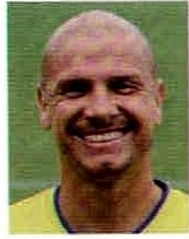
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Standard League One matchday ticket prices are as given below.

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BURY
SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER
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The safety and wellbeing of supporters entering the Cherry Red Records Stadium is of paramount importance to AFC Wimbledon.

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The full ground regulations as published by the English Football League are posted in various places around the ground, and entering the stadium constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

If you have any concerns over a matter of safety, or hear any racist or homophobic language or obscene chanting, please tell a steward or text or call 07704 649119.

BURY

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info@buryfc.co.uk

TICKETS

This match is not all-ticket, and the club will not be selling tickets in advance. Dons fans will be able to pay on the day, *for cash only*, at turnstiles 1 to 6.

Dons fans will be accommodated in the covered and seated East Stand behind one goal.

PRICES

Adults £18; Concessions (over 65, under 23, students – who must provide valid proof such as a NUS/Student card – and unemployed) £12; Under-18s £10; Under-11s £5; Under-8s £1; Under-5s free of charge.

DISABLED SUPPORTERS

Wheelchair supporters will be admitted to the away section of the ground through gate 3, which is situated next to the away turnstiles. There is a flat fee of £12, and carers are admitted free of charge.

CAR PARKING

Parking is extremely limited at Gigg Lane. The best advice is to arrive early and use local street parking, but be aware that some areas around the ground are permit parking only. The club does have use of a small car park, located at Fishpool Liberal Club on Woodley Street, for about 40 cars.

COACH TRAVEL

The supporters' coach will leave from opposite South Wimbledon tube station at 12.30 pm and from the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 1.00 pm. The price is £30, and places on the coach can be reserved before and after today's game at the complimentary tickets window. Alternatively, bookings can be made by contacting the club office on 020 8547 3528 between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays.

SHOW YOUR COLOURS

The Dons will be wearing their yellow away kit.



SHAKERS' HOME FORM

1 Oct	Scunthorpe United	1-2
24 Sep	Chesterfield	2-1
10 Sep	Shrewsbury Town	2-1
3 Sep	Port Vale	4-1
30 Aug	Morecambe (CT)	4-1
20 Aug	Oldham Athletic	0-1

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Dons fans will be accommodated in the seated, covered Main North Stand, accessed via turnstiles 2–6.

PRICES

Adults £23; Over-60s and 18–21-year-olds £14; Under-18s £10.

On the match day, all concessions must produce proof of age, or entry may be refused. Adult prices rise by £3 on the day of the game.

DISABLED SUPPORTERS

Eight wheelchair spaces are available for away fans together with a carer seat. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled fans pay the age-related price, with carers admitted free of charge. There is no restriction on where ambulant disabled fans may sit, but B Block Lower is recommended. Headsets for match commentary are available for visually impaired fans at the main reception area.

CAR PARKING

There is no parking available at the ground for visiting supporters. However, there are Council pay-and-display car parks near the ground.

COACH TRAVEL

The supporters' coach will leave from opposite South Wimbledon tube station at 10.00 am and from the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 10.30 am. The price is £15, and places on the coach can be reserved today, before or after the game, at the complimentary tickets window. Alternatively, bookings can be made by contacting the club office on 020 8547 3528 between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays.

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24 Sep	Walsall	1-1
10 Sep	Port Vale	2-2
3 Sep	Swindon Town	2-2
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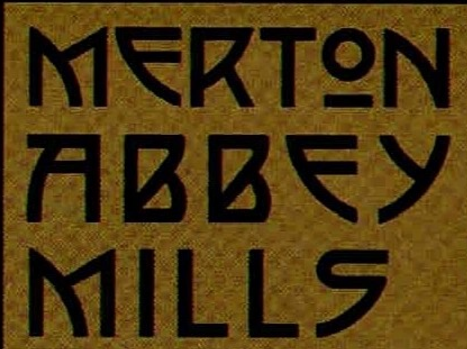
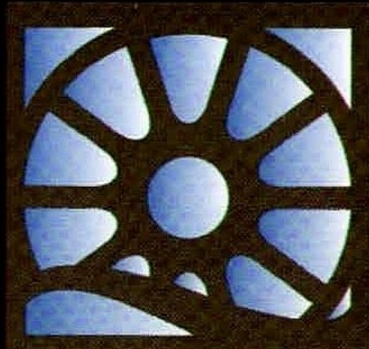
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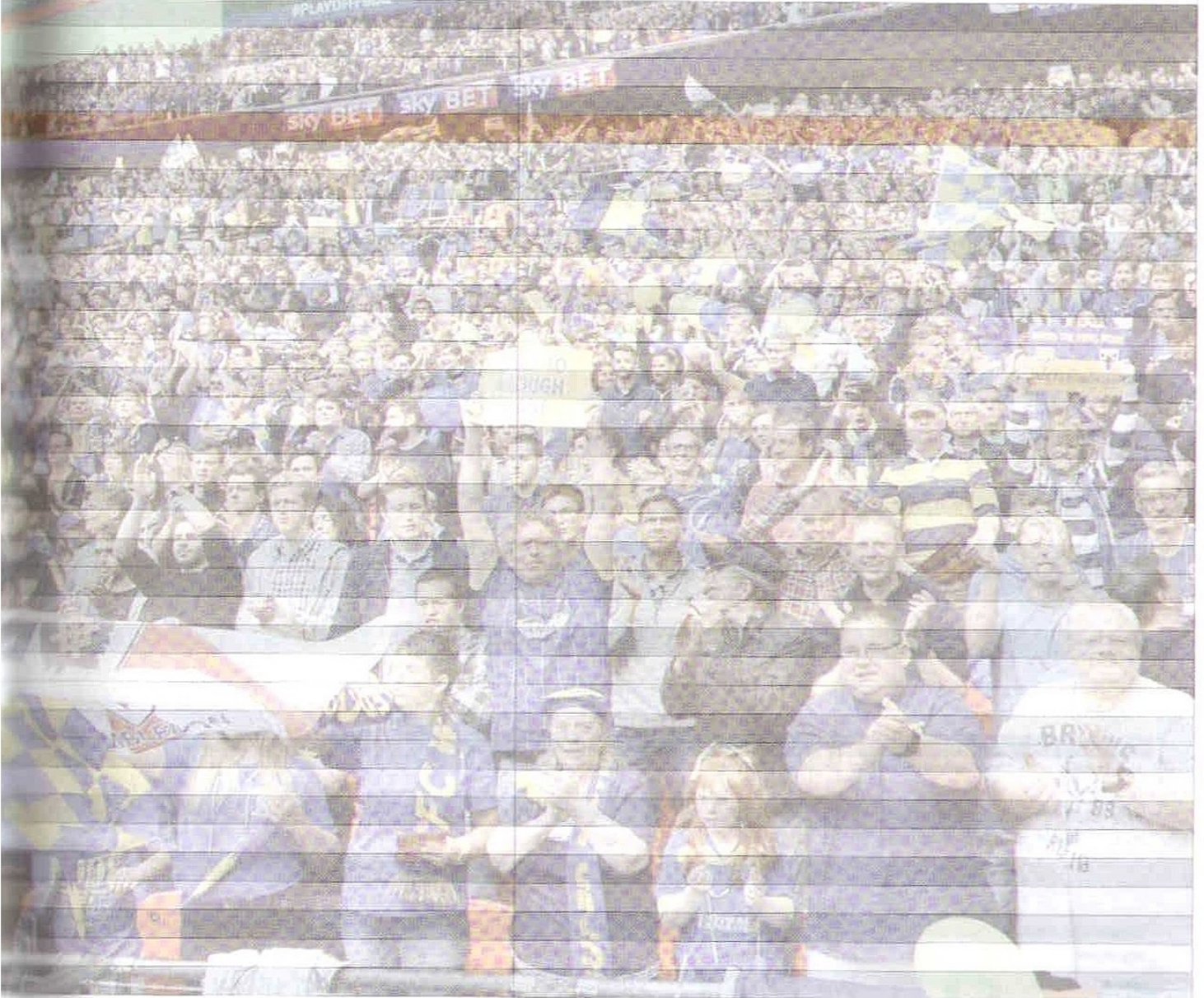
RESULTS AND FIXTURES 2016-17

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	RES./K.O.	ATT. (AWAY)	PTS.	POS.	STARTING XI
Sat 6 Aug	A Walsall	L1	1-3	5,845 (1049)	0	20	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES KELLY WHELPDALE
Tue 9 Aug	A Peterborough United	EFLC(1)	2-3	2,886 (278)	—	—	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES KELLY WHELPDALE
Sat 13 Aug	H Bolton Wanderers	L1	1-2	4,619 (769)	0	23	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES KELLY PARRETT
Tue 16 Aug	H Scunthorpe United	L1	1-2	4,163 (372)	0	24	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES ① KELLY WHELPDALE
Sat 20 Aug	A Northampton Town	L1	0-0	5,185 (424)	1	23	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES KELLY WHELPDALE
Sat 27 Aug	A Rochdale	L1	1-1	2,274 (275)	2	24	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES WHELPDALE
Tue 30 Aug	H Swansea City	CT(G)	3-0	461 (101)	—	—	CLARKE FULLER NIGHTINGALE FRANCOMB KELLY PARRETT
Sat 3 Sep	H Chesterfield	L1	2-1	4,425 (416)	5	20	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON ① CHARLES MEADES FRANCOMB
Sat 10 Sep	H Sheffield United	L1	2-3	4,810 (799)	5	21	CLARKE FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES FRANCOMB
Sat 17 Sep	A Charlton Athletic	L1	2-1	11,927 (1,714)	8	17	SHEA FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES FRANCOMB
Sat 24 Sep	H Shrewsbury Town	L1	1-1	4,318 (295)	9	20	SHEA FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES PARRETT
Wed 28 Sep	A Coventry City	L1	2-2	8,030 (484)	10	20	SHEA FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES ① PARRETT
Sat 1 Oct	H Gillingham	L1	2-0	4,653 (801)	13	15	SHEA FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES MEADES PARRETT ①
Tue 4 Oct	H Plymouth Argyle	CT(G)	2-1	936 (197)	—	—	SHEA FRANCOMB NIGHTINGALE ROBERTSON KELLY PARRETT
Sun 9 Oct	A Oxford United	L1	3-1	7,742 (531)	16	10	SHEA FULLER ROBINSON CHARLES ① MEADES PARRETT
Sat 15 Oct	H Swindon Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 18 Oct	A Bury	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 22 Oct	A Peterborough United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 29 Oct	H Bradford City	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 8 Nov	A Newport County AFC	CT(G)	7.45 pm				
Sat 12 Nov	A Oldham Athletic	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 19 Nov	H Bury	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 22 Nov	A Millwall	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 26 Nov	H Fleetwood Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 10 Dec	A Milton Keynes	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 17 Dec	H Port Vale	L1	3.00 pm				
Mon 26 Dec	A Southend United	L1	1.00 pm				
Sat 31 Dec	A Bristol Rovers	L1	3.00 pm				
Mon 2 Jan	H Millwall	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 7 Jan	A Gillingham	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 14 Jan	H Oxford United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 21 Jan	A Chesterfield	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 28 Jan	H Rochdale	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 4 Feb	A Sheffield United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 11 Feb	H Charlton Athletic	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 14 Feb	H Coventry City	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 18 Feb	A Shrewsbury Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 25 Feb	H Walsall	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 28 Feb	A Scunthorpe United	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 4 Mar	A Bolton Wanderers	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 11 Mar	H Northampton Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 14 Mar	H Milton Keynes	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 18 Mar	A Fleetwood Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 25 Mar	H Southend United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 1 Apr	A Port Vale	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 8 Apr	H Bristol Rovers	L1	3.00 pm				
Fri 14 Apr	A Swindon Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Mon 17 Apr	H Peterborough United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 22 Apr	A Bradford City	L1	3.00 pm				
Sun 30 Apr	H Oldham Athletic	L1	12 noon				

KEY First Substitute // Second Substitute // Third Substitute // Subbed Substitute // Booking // Sent Off // Goals Scored ①

SUBSTITUTES

BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR ①	BARHAM	BARNETT (67)	POLEON (67)	PARRETT (71)	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	BEERE	FITZPATRICK
PARRETT	REEVES	BARNETT	POLEON	BARHAM	BEERE (46)	ELLIOTT (69)	TAYLOR (69) ①	SHEA	BULMAN	NIGHTINGALE	FITZPATRICK
BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR	BARHAM ①	BARNETT (70)	POLEON (75)	BEERE (76)	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	FRANCOMB	FITZPATRICK
BULMAN	REEVES	BARNETT	TAYLOR	BARHAM	PARRETT (46)	ELLIOTT (46)	POLEON (82)	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	BEERE	FITZPATRICK
BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR	BARHAM	BARNETT (77)	POLEON (77)	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	BEERE	PARRETT	FITZPATRICK
BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR	BARHAM ①	PARRETT (63)	BARNETT (63)	FRANCOMB (72)	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	POLEON	KELLY
MEERE	REEVES	BARNETT	POLEON ②	BARHAM ①	BULMAN (65)	FITZPATRICK (65)	SHEA	MEADES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR	—
BULMAN	REEVES	BARNETT	TAYLOR	BARHAM	PARRETT (72)	ELLIOTT (73)	POLEON (73) ①	SHEA	NIGHTINGALE	WHELPDALE	KELLY
PARRETT	REEVES	BARNETT	POLEON ①	BARHAM	TAYLOR (64)	ELLIOTT (64) ①	WHELPDALE (80)	SHEA	BULMAN	BEERE	KELLY
BULMAN	REEVES	POLEON ①	TAYLOR	BARHAM	ELLIOTT (59)	BARNETT (76) ①	WHELPDALE (82)	NIGHTINGALE	PARRETT	KELLY	CLARKE
BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT	TAYLOR ①	POLEON	BARHAM (75)	BARNETT (75)	WHELPDALE (80)	FITZPATRICK	KELLY	MCDONNELL	ROBERTSON
BULMAN	REEVES	BARNETT	TAYLOR ①	BARHAM	ELLIOTT (63)	BEERE (73)	POLEON (79)	WHELPDALE	KELLY	MCDONNELL	ROBERTSON
MEERE	REEVES	ELLIOTT	POLEON ①	BARHAM	TAYLOR (66)	BULMAN (74)	KELLY (83)	WHELPDALE	BARNETT	MCDONNELL	ROBERTSON
MEERE	REEVES	BARNETT ①	TAYLOR ①	POLEON	BULMAN (30)	EGAN (46)	ELLIOTT (78)	WHELPDALE	FITZPATRICK	MCDONNELL	KALAMBAYI
BULMAN	REEVES	ELLIOTT ①	TAYLOR	BARHAM ①	BARNETT (67)	EGAN (80)	POLEON (84)	NIGHTINGALE	FRANCOMB	MCDONNELL	ROBERTSON



APPEARANCES, GOALS, LEAGUE ONE STATS //

PLAYER	APPEARANCES			GOALS			CARDS		MOTM
	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	Yellow	Red	
1. James SHEA	5	1	6				1		1
2. Barry FULLER	12	2	14				3		1
3. Jon MEADES	8		8	1		2	1		1
4. Dannie BULMAN	10 (1)	-(2)	10 (3)				1		
5. Will NIGHTINGALE		2	2						
6. Paul ROBINSON	12	1	13	1		1	3		1
7. George FRANCOMB	3 (1)	2	5 (1)				1		
8. Jake REEVES	12	3	15				2		2
9. Tom ELLIOTT	7 (5)	-(2)	7 (7)	2		2	2		1
10. Dominic POLEON	4 (7)	3	7 (7)	4	2	6	1		
11. Chris WHELPDALE	4 (3)	1	5 (3)		1	1			
15. George OAKLEY									
16. Tom BEERE	1 (2)	2 (1)	3 (3)						
17. Andy BARCHAM	11 (1)	2	13 (1)	3	1	4			2
18. Dean PARRETT	6 (4)	3	9 (4)	1		1	2		3
19. David FITZPATRICK		-(1)	-(1)						
21. Egli KAJA									
22. Sean KELLY	4 (1)	3	7 (1)						
23. Tyrone BARNETT	4 (7)	3	7 (7)	1	1	2	2		1
24. Joe McDONNELL									
25. Dan GALLAGHER									
26. Ryan CLARKE	7	2	9						
27. Neşet BELLIKLI									
28. Alfie EGAN	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)						
29. Toyosi OLUSANYA									
31. Seth OWENS									
30. Paul KALAMBAYI									
32. Darius CHARLES	12	1	13	2		2			
33. Lyle TAYLOR	10 (2)	1 (1)	11 (3)	3	2	5	1		2
34. Chris ROBERTSON		1	1						
OWN GOALS				-	-	-			

Loan players in italic // Appearances as a substitute in brackets // Cards in Checktrade Trophy games not included

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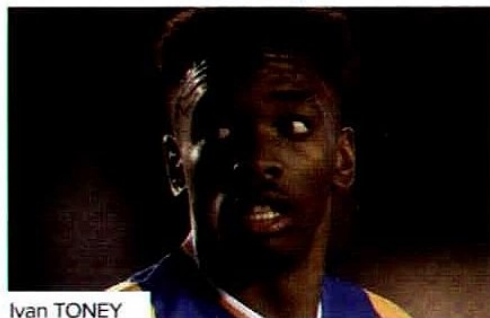
GOALSCORERS



Josh MORRIS

PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS
Josh MORRIS	Scunthorpe United	12
Alex JONES	Port Vale	7
Matty TAYLOR	Bristol Rovers	6
Marcus MADDISON	Peterborough United	6
Alex REVELL	Northampton Town	6
Gwion EDWARDS	Peterborough United	5
James VAUGHAN	Bury	5
Jay EMMANUEL-THOMAS	Gillingham	5
Billy SHARP	Sheffield United	5
David BALL	Fleetwood Town	5
Simeon JACKSON	Walsall	5
Chris MAGUIRE	Oxford United	5

DISCIPLINE



Ivan TONEY

PLAYER	TEAM	Yellow	Red	POINTS
Ivan TONEY	Shrewsbury Town	6	1	10
Gary DEEGAN	Shrewsbury Town	5	1	9
Adam EL-ABD	Shrewsbury Town	4	1	8
Jordan CLARKE	Scunthorpe United	3	1	7
Jack BALDWIN	Peterborough United	3	1	7
Joseph EDWARDS	Walsall	2	1	6
Ousmane FANE	Oldham Athletic	2	1	6
Niall CANAVAN	Rochdale	2	1	6
Chris BASHAM	Sheffield United	2	1	6
Jason DEMETRIOU	Southend United	2	1	6
Jay SPEARING	Bolton Wanderers	6	0	6
9 other players with 6				

FOULS



David MOONEY

PLAYER	TEAM	FOULS
David MOONEY	Southend United	29
Shaun WILLIAMS	Millwall	28
Ousmane FANE	Oldham Athletic	27
Anthony GRANT	Port Vale	24
Calvin ANDREW	Rochdale	23

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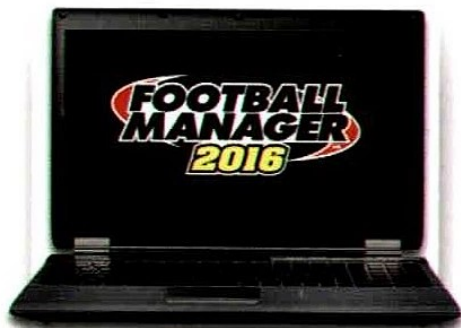
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