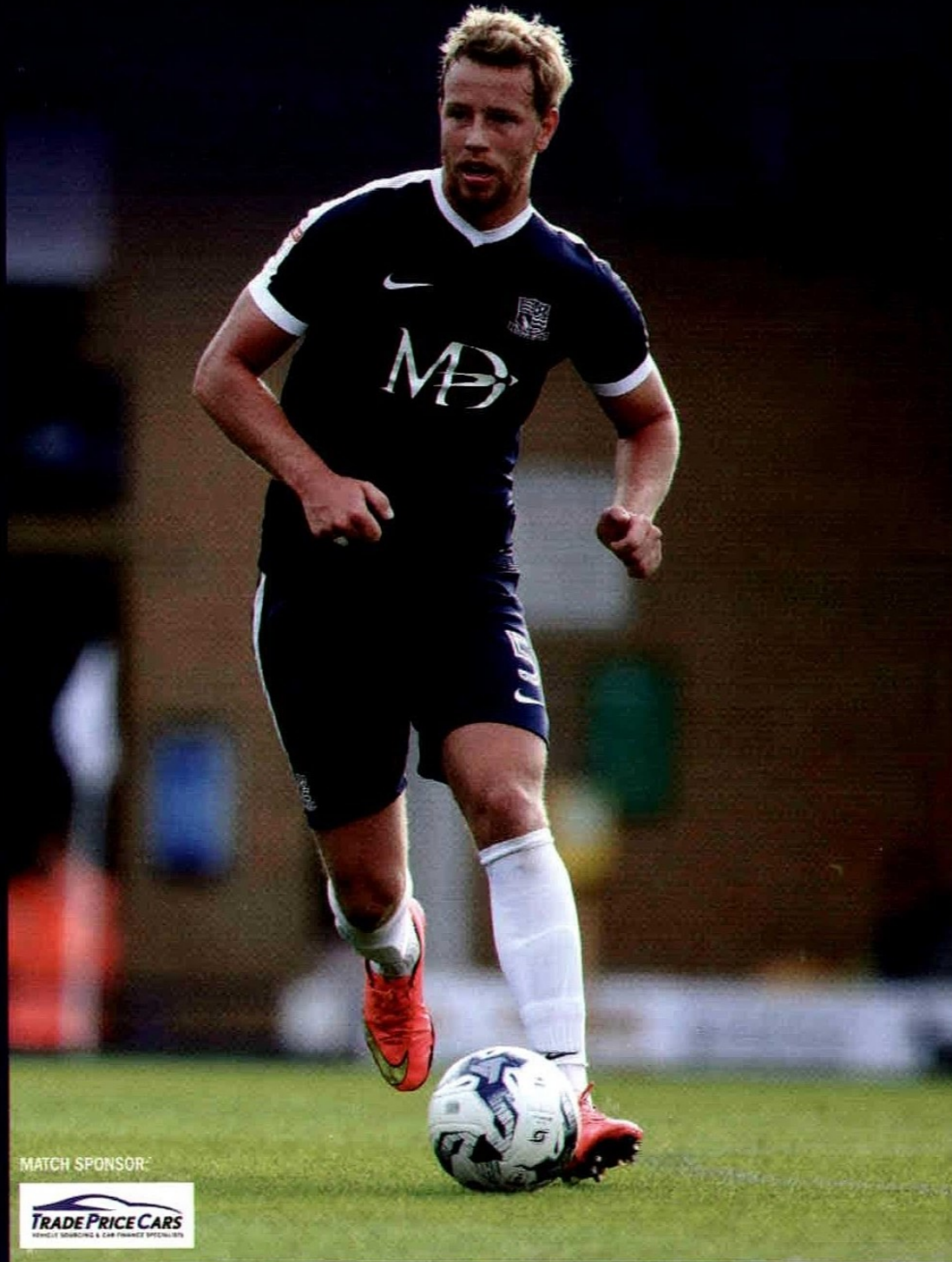


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Strength & Conditioning Coach: Mark Williams  
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## Club honours

League One Champions: 2005/6  
Division Three (League One) Runners-Up: 1990/1  
Division Four (League Two) Champions: 1980/1; promotion 1986-1987  
League Two Play-Off winners: 2004/5, 2014-15  
Division Four Runners-Up: 1971/2, 1977/8  
Promoted from Division Four (3rd): 1989/90  
Southern League Division Two Champions: 1906/7, 1907/8  
Football League Trophy Runners-up: 2003/4, 2004/5, 2012/3  
FA Cup Best: Fifth Round 1920/1 (old third round), 1925/6, 1951/2, 1975/6, 1992/3  
Football League Cup Best: Quarter-Final 2006/7  
Essex Professional Cup Winners: 1949/50, 1952/3, 1953/4, 1954/5 (shared), 1956/7, 1961/2, 1965/6, 1966/7, 1971/2, 1972/3  
Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1982/3, 1990/1, 1996/7, 2007/8

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**A**dam Thompson is thriving at the heart of the Blues defence and missing every moment of it.

The 26-year-old has been named for the first time in the Blues squad, having to wait for 23 games in all competitions.

His 10th season has been full of challenges, from the loss of his father to the loss of his mother, but he has been a constant presence in the Blues squad since his arrival in 2010.

But manager Paul Jones has been impressed by the 1.7m defender's work ethic and his ability to read the game.

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HONOUR OF SWINDON TOWN'S SWINDON TOWN (LEFT) AND SWINDON TOWN (RIGHT)



**"THE PARTNERSHIP IS PROVED TO BE REALLY GOOD AT THE MOMENT... I CAN ONLY LEARN FROM HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE AND EVERYWHERE HE HAS BEEN"**

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# Phil Brown

SOUTHEND UNITED MANAGER



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**W**e knew that this week was going to be a big one for everyone, including ourselves, when there's nine points to play for, but if you start thinking and getting ahead of yourself, before you know it, you're playing catch up.

It's a well coined expression in sport, "To live in the now" which quite simply means don't get ahead of yourself, and I believe that Saturday's performance by the lads was testimony to that.

Everybody was thinking about Bradford City and nobody else, and tonight we do the same, Swindon Town.

Myself and Graham Coughlan went to see Swindon last Tuesday night against Eastleigh and to be honest it wasn't a case of Swindon didn't turn up, it was a fact that Eastleigh did. For me it was one of the great Non-League performances of the FA Cup and they more than fully deserved their 3-1 victory.

Tonight for me is more of the same; the same level of performance as



Saturday, the same level of commitment as Saturday, and the same level of work rate as Saturday. Hopefully then the result will take care of itself.

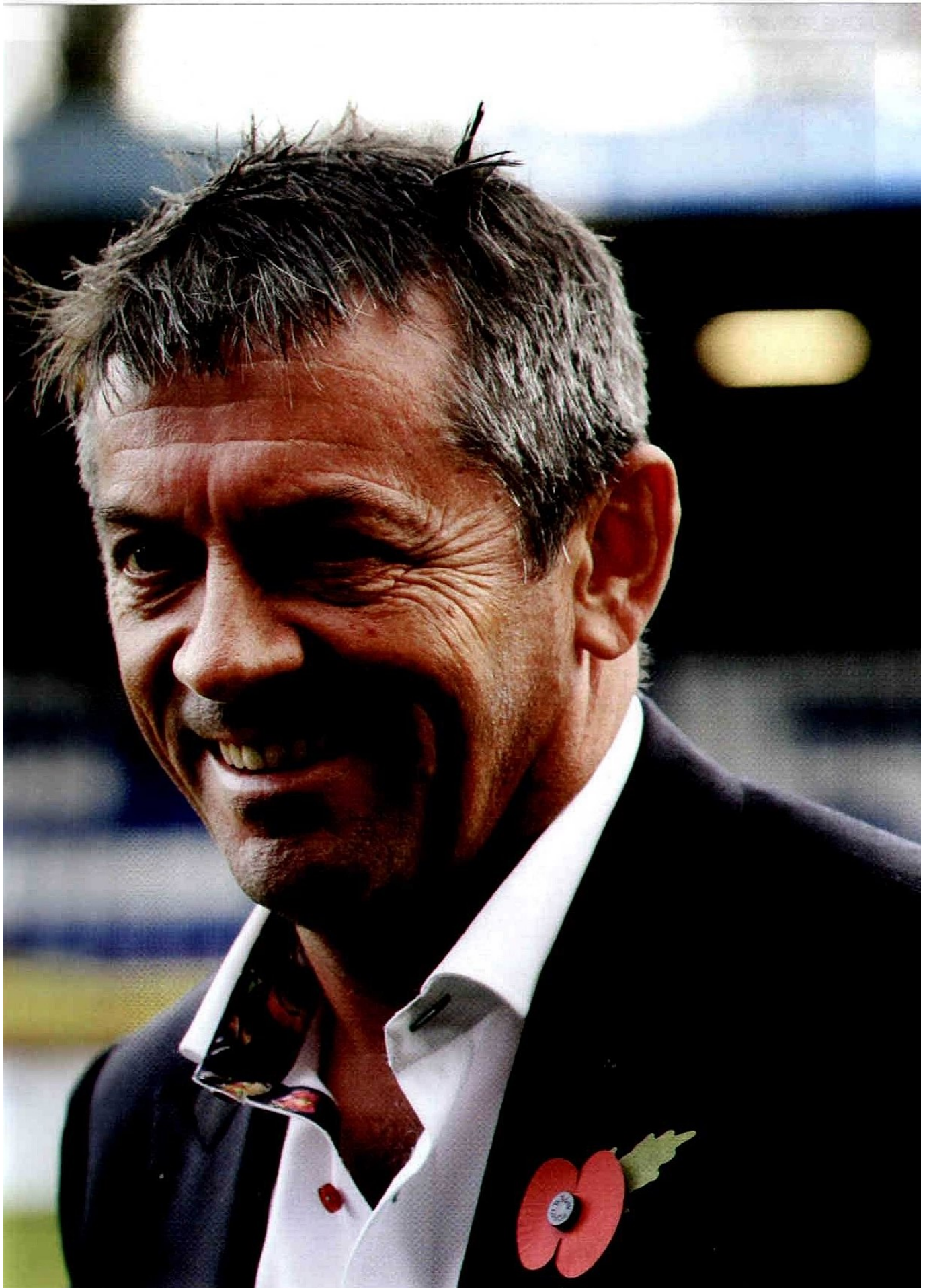
Tonight we welcome one of the characters of the modern game in Tim Sherwood, who comes to us as Directory of Football at Swindon Town. To be honest, I'm not sure who particularly I should welcome in terms of manager, so I will extend our Roots Hall welcome to everyone connected at Swindon and wish them a safe journey home.

But tonight is all about performance and result so more of the same from you guys with the atmosphere and again more of the same from the lads and here's to a great night.

Yours in sport,

A stylized handwritten signature of Phil Brown in black ink.











# Adam Barrett

SOUTHEND UNITED CLUB CAPTAIN



**G**ood Evening Blues fans and welcome to Roots Hall for tonight's game against Swindon Town.

Saturday was another fantastic result against Bradford and an important three points which keeps the run going.

The boys are on a high at the moment which is brilliant because confidence in sport, and football, is huge.

It's good to be building some momentum because that breeds confidence. Players are coming back from injury so it's fantastic to see but there's a long, long way to go. We're moving in the right direction though.

We need to take each game as it comes and not look any further than tonight at Roots Hall, where our

form is tremendous.

If your home form is good then you give yourself half a chance and to not be beaten at home since August is superb. We want to make Roots Hall a hard place to come and play, which it has been lately.

Hopefully we can carry on what we've been doing, stay focussed and pick up another three points.

It helps to have another game straight away after Saturday's win over Bradford because when you're on a good run of form you want the games to come thick and fast. The belief is there.

We'll be looking to get another good result to take into the weekend trip to Walsall.

Enjoy the game!

**AB**





# Blues news

## ATTEND ONE OF OUR GREAT EVENTS...

WE'RE delighted to announce this year's Junior Blues' Christmas Parties will take place on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.

This year we're offering you two different options depending on your age.

Please note this event is for Junior Blues aged nine years and under.

Once again, we are pleased to be offering two games of Ten Pin Bowling alongside the players at the MFA Kursaal Bowling Alley at 4.30 pm. We will be offering food and an exclusive present.

Cost for this event will be £7.50.

Please note this event is for Junior Blues aged 10 years and older.

We are delighted to offer exclusive use of Bounce Village, Purdeys Way at 4.30pm - 6.30pm with an hour of bouncing between 5pm - 6pm including



food and, of course, an exclusive present, which some players will be along to distribute.

Cost for this event will be £15.

Unfortunately, numbers are limited to 50 for both these events, so we encourage you to get your bookings in quickly!

Bookings will close on Thursday 1st December, if the events are not sold out beforehand.

\*If your child has any food allergies please add the information in the 'Special Instructions' on the order\*

To book your place, simply pay through the Shrimpers Trust online shop here.

If you have any queries please contact us through juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk

## League One table

TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 SCUNTHORPE UNITED	18	6	3	0	22	6	6	1	2	16	10	+22	40
2 SHEFFIELD UNITED	17	6	1	1	13	7	4	3	2	19	13	+12	34
3 BOLTON WANDERERS	18	5	3	1	12	6	5	1	3	10	6	+10	34
4 BRADFORD CITY	18	4	5	0	17	8	4	3	2	9	9	+9	32
5 PETERBOROUGH UNITED	18	4	3	2	17	9	4	2	3	11	10	+9	29
6 AFC WIMBLEDON	18	3	2	4	16	13	4	4	1	12	9	+6	27
7 ROCHDALE	18	6	1	2	16	6	2	2	5	7	16	+1	27
8 BRISTOL ROVERS	18	4	3	2	13	11	3	3	3	13	16	-1	27
9 SOUTHEND UNITED	18	4	3	2	13	10	3	2	4	12	16	-1	26
10 FLEETWOOD TOWN	18	5	3	1	16	11	2	1	6	10	13	+2	25
11 PORT VALE	18	6	2	1	16	9	1	2	6	6	18	-5	26
12 NORTHAMPTON TOWN	18	4	2	3	16	12	2	4	3	12	14	+2	24
13 MILLWALL	17	4	2	2	15	9	3	1	5	14	20	0	24
14 CHARLTON ATHLETIC	17	4	3	2	13	6	1	5	2	7	11	+3	23
15 GILLINGHAM	18	3	4	2	12	11	3	1	5	14	20	-5	23
16 OXFORD UNITED	18	5	2	2	14	9	1	2	6	8	14	-1	22
17 WALSALL	17	4	2	3	16	16	1	5	2	6	8	-2	22
18 BURY	18	4	0	5	13	14	2	2	5	13	20	-8	20
19 COVENTRY CITY	18	3	5	1	9	5	1	2	6	7	17	-6	19
20 SWINDON TOWN	18	4	0	5	11	10	1	4	4	8	17	-8	19
21 MILTON KEYNES DONS	18	0	4	5	8	17	4	2	3	13	9	-5	18
22 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	18	1	4	4	4	9	2	3	4	5	10	-10	16
23 SHREWSBURY TOWN	18	2	2	5	10	15	1	3	5	9	16	-12	14
24 CHESTERFIELD	18	3	1	5	13	17	0	2	7	5	13	-12	12



# Box office Latest information

## V WALSALL



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**SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER - 3PM KO  
BANKS'S STADIUM**

We have been allocated 300 tickets for this fixture with more available and 7 pairs of wheelchair disabled and carer tickets.

Tickets are available to buy online, in person at the Roots Hall Ticket Office or by calling the Blues Box Office on 08444 770 077

Admission Prices:

- Adults - £20.00
- Over 60's - £15.00
- Under 18's - £15.00

(unaccompanied juniors must be over 12)

Disabled prices are charged the age relevant category with a free carer ticket if required.

Walsall offer a family ticket (one adult and one under 18), which is only available from the Walsall ticket office. This is £22 in advance, and an extra junior can be added for £10.50

Walsall also offer a ticket for U12's free of charge when purchasing an adult ticket. This is only available in advance of the game and from the Walsall ticket office.

All prices increase by £2.00 on the day of the game. Family tickets may only be purchased from the Ticket office on the day of the game and will not be available at the turnstiles. Car parking is £4.00 per car, mini buses £6.00 and coaches £12.00 on the day.

Matchday hospitality packages can be purchased for £52.50PP or £26.25pp (under 14's) to include car parking, match programme, away stand ticket, 3 course match meal and access to licensed bar facilities. They can do a two course pre match meal for £16.50 per adult and £8.25 per under 14.

## V OXFORD UNITED



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**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER - 7.45 KO  
ROOTS HALL**

Tickets for Southend United's Checkatrade Trophy second round game v Oxford United are on sale.

Season card holders have until midnight on Monday 21st November to secure their seats before tickets go on general sale from Tuesday 22nd November. After that point season card holders will have to choose a seat from the map as if buying normal tickets.

Ticket Prices:

Season card holders:

- Adults (22-59) £8
- Concessions (seniors, 60+, students, young person (17-21), disabled) £4
- Under 16's £1

Non season card holders:

- Adults £10
- Concessions (seniors, 60+, students, young person (17-21), disabled) £5
- Under 16's £1

The discount for season card holders will NOT be available on the day.

For a full guide on how to buy cup tickets as a season card holder please click [here](#)

Tickets can be bought online, in person at the Roots Hall Ticket Office or by calling the Ticket Box Office on 08444 770077



## V COVENTRY CITY



SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER - 3PM KO  
ROOTS HALL**

Blues welcome Coventry City to Roots Hall on Saturday 10th December where standard matchday pricing applies.

Tickets can be bought online, in person at the Roots Hall Ticket Office or by calling the Ticket Box Office on 08444 770077.

All ticket information for the match can be found below:

- Adult (22-59): Advance: £22 Matchday: £25
- Senior (60+): Advance: £15 Matchday: £18
- Young Adult (17-21): Advance: £14 Matchday: £17
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### TONIGHT'S BALLBOYS

Hambro Colts under 14's team, who play in the Southend & District Junior Football League "D" division: Jack Ross; Samuel Skillett; James Dawbarn; Danny Tyrrell; Joe Sapsford; Brannan Atherton; Alfie Short; Charlie Wilson; Finley Turner; James Philpot; Josh Seal; Archie Brace; Lewis Edge; Oliver Halls; Tommy Williams.







# Swindon Town

## THE VISITORS



### Fact File

Formed: 1879

Ground: County Ground

Capacity: 15,728

Nickname: The Robins

Last season: League One, 15th

#### Honours:

Football League Second Division/Championship (second tier): play off winners 1990, 1993

League Third Division/League One (third tier): winners 1996; runners up (1963, 1969; play off winners 1987

Football League Division 3/ Fourth Division/League Two (fourth tier): winners 1986, 2012

Football League Cup: winners 1969

Football League Trophy: finalists 2012



### INTRODUCING...

**Swindon Town visit Roots Hall tonight with a former Premier League winner in the stands.**

Tim Sherwood, who won English football's top division with Blackburn Rovers in 1994/95, was appointed Director of Football only two weeks ago.

He was most recently manager at Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa, but since departing Villa Park has turned to an altogether different role at the forefront of the Robins' affairs. He will be working to take try and take Swindon back to the top end of the League One standings, where they were not so long ago.

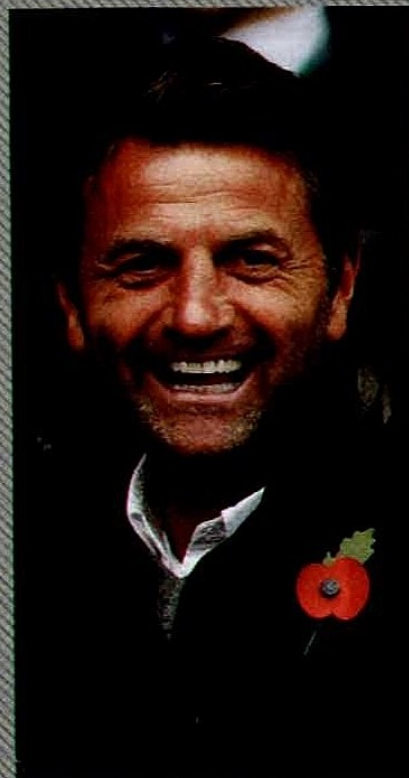
In 2015 Swindon reached the

League One Play-Off Final, losing out to Preston North End at Wembley 4-0.

Rolling the years back even further it should be mentioned the dizzy heights the Robins reached abck in 1992/93 when they were part of the then newly formed Premier League.

There are two obvious connections between the two sides in Simon Cox, who of course spent a very successful two-year period at the County Ground, and Michael Timlin, who spent a lengthy time there inbetween loan spells at Roots Hall.

Cox scored 46 goals for the Robins before getting a big money move to West Brom.





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**ROBINS'** boss Luke Williams is one of the youngest managers in the Football League.

At 35-years-old, Williams is in the infancy of his career. His time at the County ground began at the start of the year after being promoted into the hot-seat following Martin Ling's sudden resignation.

His first game in charge was as caretaker manager which was, ironically, against Blues and the 4-2 comeback win went some way to staking his case for the job.

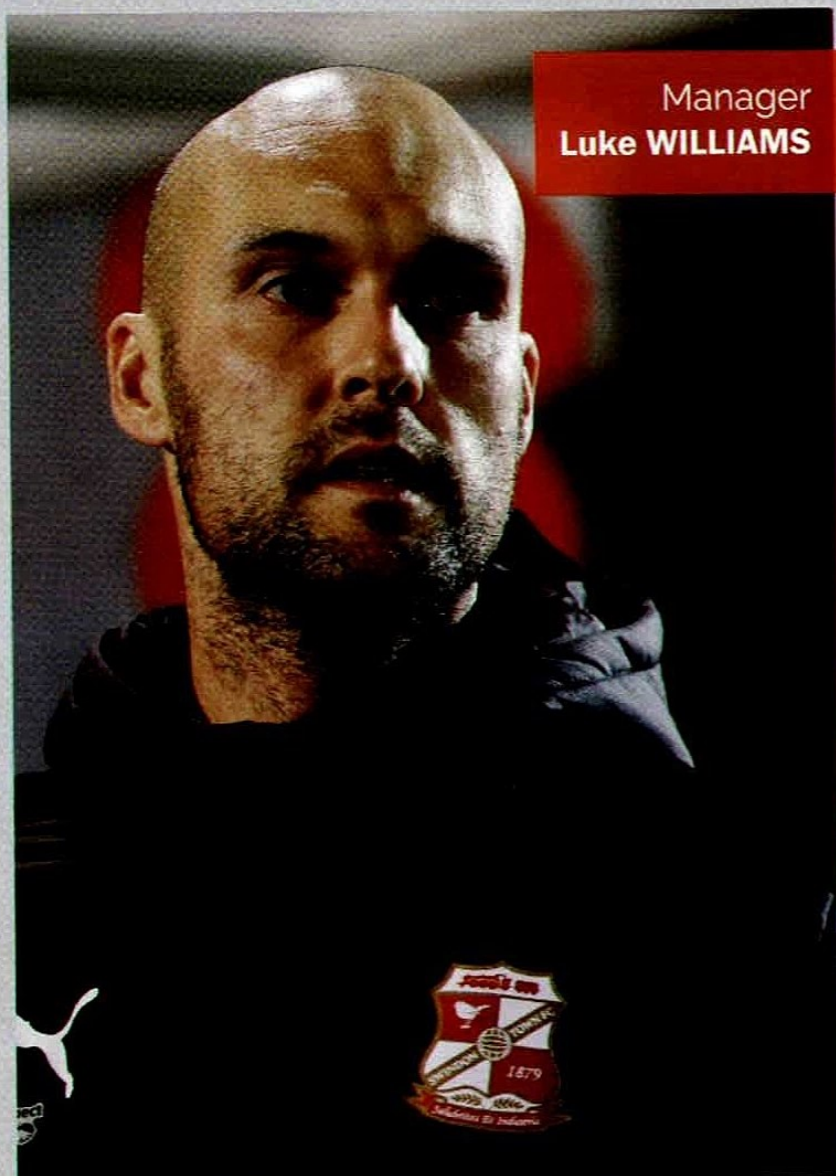
Another win against Crewe, 4-3 this time, sealed the deal, confirming his progression from assistant to the main man until the end of the season.

In March his contract was extended for another five years after winning six of his first ten games.

In the main, Williams was involved in youth football prior to first team management and a three-year stint as Brighton & Hove Albion Reserve Team and U21 manager preceded his time at Swindon.

Williams was also an FA Skills Coach and worked for Leyton Orient and West Ham.

Manager  
**Luke WILLIAMS**





## Squad fact files



### 1. Lawrence VIGOUROUX

Former Chilean youth international signed from Liverpool after a loan spell last term.



### 2. Nathan THOMPSON

Product of the Robins' Academy is captain and a two-time Player of the Year winner.



### 3. Brandon ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

Joined from Arsenal in 2015, the left wing-back is known for his attacking ability.



### 4. Conor THOMAS

A summer signing having parted ways with boyhood club Coventry City at the end of the 2015/16 campaign.



### 5. Anton RODGERS

Son of Celtic boss Brendan, the midfielder has been with Town since the summer of 2014.



### 6. Jamie SENDLES-WHITE

Former QPR defender joined in February 2016 and signed an extension in the summer.



### 7. Michael DOUGHTY

23-year-old midfielder is currently in his second season at The County Ground following an impressive stint last term.



### 8. Yaser KASIM

Holding midfielder is also a full international for Iraq and represented his country at the 2015 Asian Cup in Australia.



### 9. Jon OBIKA

Signed from Tottenham on in 2014, Obika netted twice on his debut away at Bradford City.



### 10. John GODDARD

Highly-rated attacker brought in from non-league outfit Woking for an undisclosed fee in the summer.



### 11. James BROPHY

Previously with non-league Edgware Town, the defender signed in 2015 following a trial.



### 14. Ellis IANDOLO

Midfielder put pen to paper on a professional deal with Swindon in August 2015 following a short trial period.





### 15. Tom SMITH

Academy graduate put pen to pen to paper on his first pro deal in the summer.



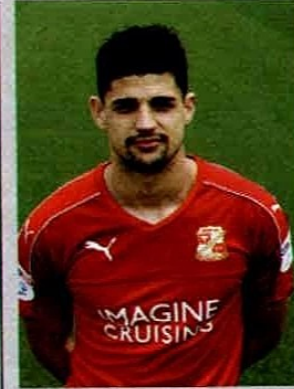
### 20. Darnell FURLONG

On a season-long loan deal from QPR. Is the son of former R's striker, Paul.



### 24. Jermaine HYLTON

Striker joined in January 2015 from non-league side Redditch United. Formerly of Birmingham.



### 29. Raphael ROSSI-BRANCO

Brazilian centre-half joined in the summer of 2013 after a successful trial period.



### 16. Jordan STEWART

Tricky forward signed for Swindon from Northern Ireland Premiership side, Glentoran in the summer of 2015



### 22. Sean MURRAY

Midfielder was a deadline day signing from Watford where racked up over 80 games.



### 27. Bradley BARRY

Defender is the nephew of Everton's Gareth Barry and was awarded the Players' Player of the Season award in 2015/16 campaign.



### 33. Luke NORRIS

Norris arrived at The County Ground on a three-year deal from Gillingham at the start of the 2016/17 campaign.



### 18. Jake EVANS

Another home-grown product made his Town debut on the final day of the 2015/16 campaign.



### 23. Nathan DELFOUNESO

Former Aston Villa striker has also played for Leicester City and Coventry.



### 28. Lloyd JONES

Joined on a season-long loan deal from Liverpool in August 2016 and has represented Wales at U17 and U18 level.



### 35. Jordan YOUNG

Widely regarded as one of Swindon's hottest prospects. The teenage striker has on a three-year deal.



## Club legend

**John TROLLOPE**

**JOHN TROLLOPE** is revered among Swindon fans for all he achieved in his various roles he occupied during the 36 years he was there.

He made his debut in 1960 as a 17-year-old and went on to set the all-time record for league appearances at one club; a staggering 770 games over 20 years.

Trollope holds a club record number of appearances for the Robins with 889, of which only three came as a substitute.

He played left-back in the 1968/69 Third Division promotion winning side which then overcame a two-division gap to beat Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final.

He finally retired after the 1980/81 season before replacing Bobby Smith early the following season as manager of Swindon.

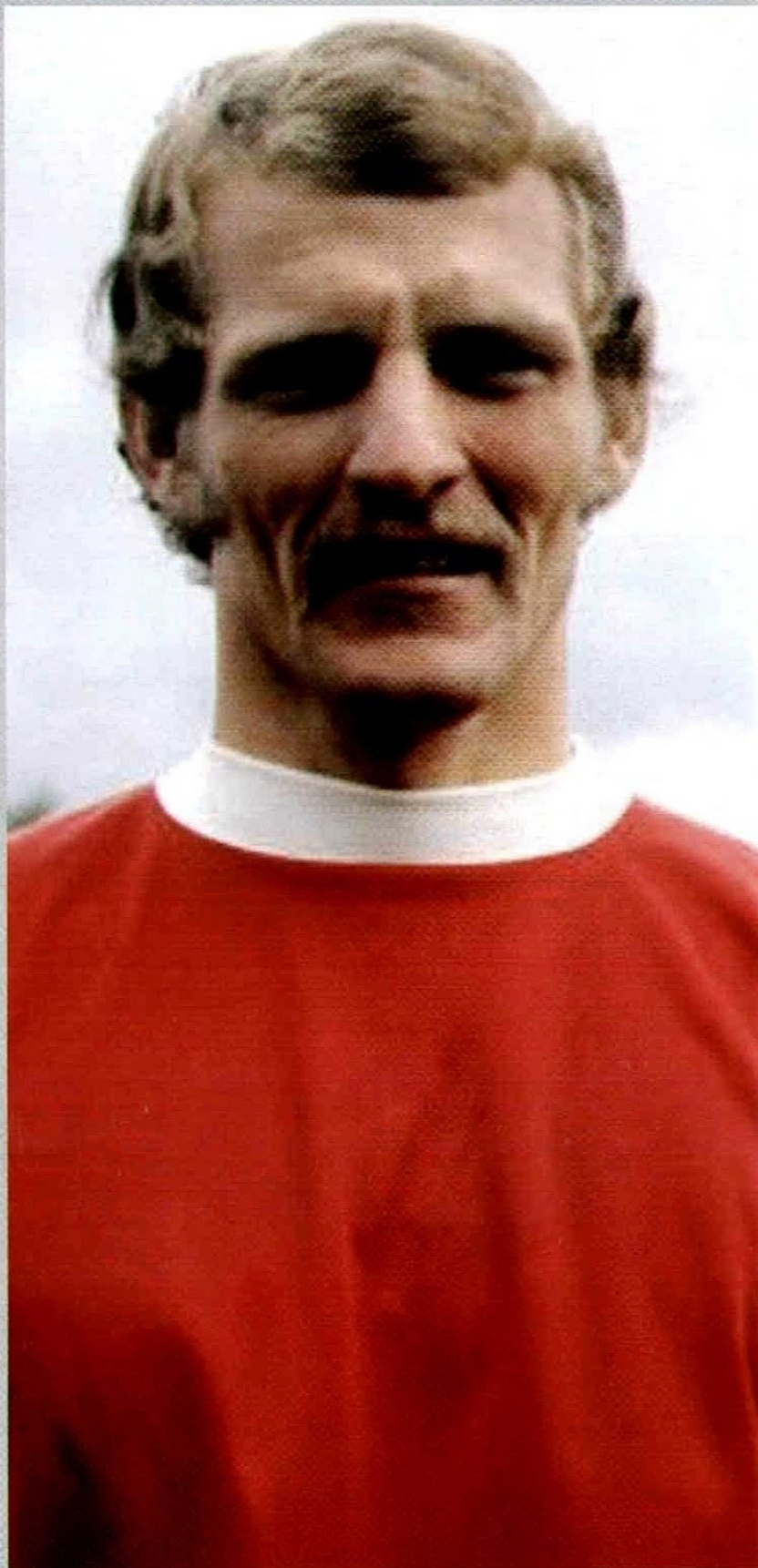
Working on a shoe-string budget, the management side of things failed to live up to his legendary status.

He led the club to their first ever relegation to Division Four and soon left at the end of the 1982/83 season.

It wasn't to be the end of his time in Wiltshire though, as he was appointed assistant manager to Lou Macari in 1985 and then youth team coach under Ossie Ardiles, Glen Hoddle, John Gorman and Steve McMahon before leaving in 1996.

In that time, he was involved in taking Swindon from the Fourth Division to the Premier League.

A true Swindon legend.





# BLUES BEHIND THE SCENES

With Southend United Accounts Assistant

**THOMAS KEMBLE**

**Name:** Thomas Kemble

**Job title:** Accounts Assistant

**How long have you worked at Southend United?** Two and a half glorious years...

**Tell us what your day to day job involves?** My job mainly covers from a Sales Ledger perspective. I start my day off reconciling all transactions that have gone through the club, this can include departments such as; Ticket Office, Commercial, Bars and Catering.

A proportion of my day entails me raising invoices, mainly hospitality related; Executive Boxes, Blues Legends Lounge, One10 Club etc. but can also be player related.

On the build up to home match days I have the responsibility of preparing floats for bars, catering and security ensuring they have sufficient change for all areas of the stadium.

After every home match day I have to create statement of receipts and payment analysis of ticket sales and paid emissions which then have to be uploaded to the football league.

I also administrate the clubs "Blues Lottery".

**What is the best thing about your job?** Being involved within a football environment, especially



being a big football fan myself, seeing how and being part of how football operates instead of just watching what happens on the pitch and of course the

people I work with...

**What do you think the score is going to be today?** A solid performance to continue the good run, 3-1 Southend!





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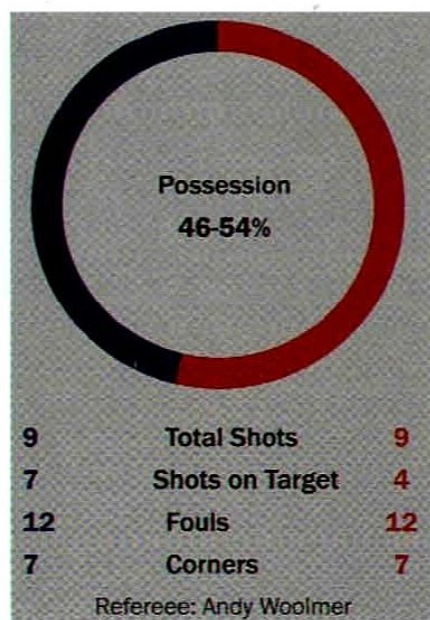




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Goal: Atkinson (14, 72), Vincelot (86 og)





# SUFC HISTORY

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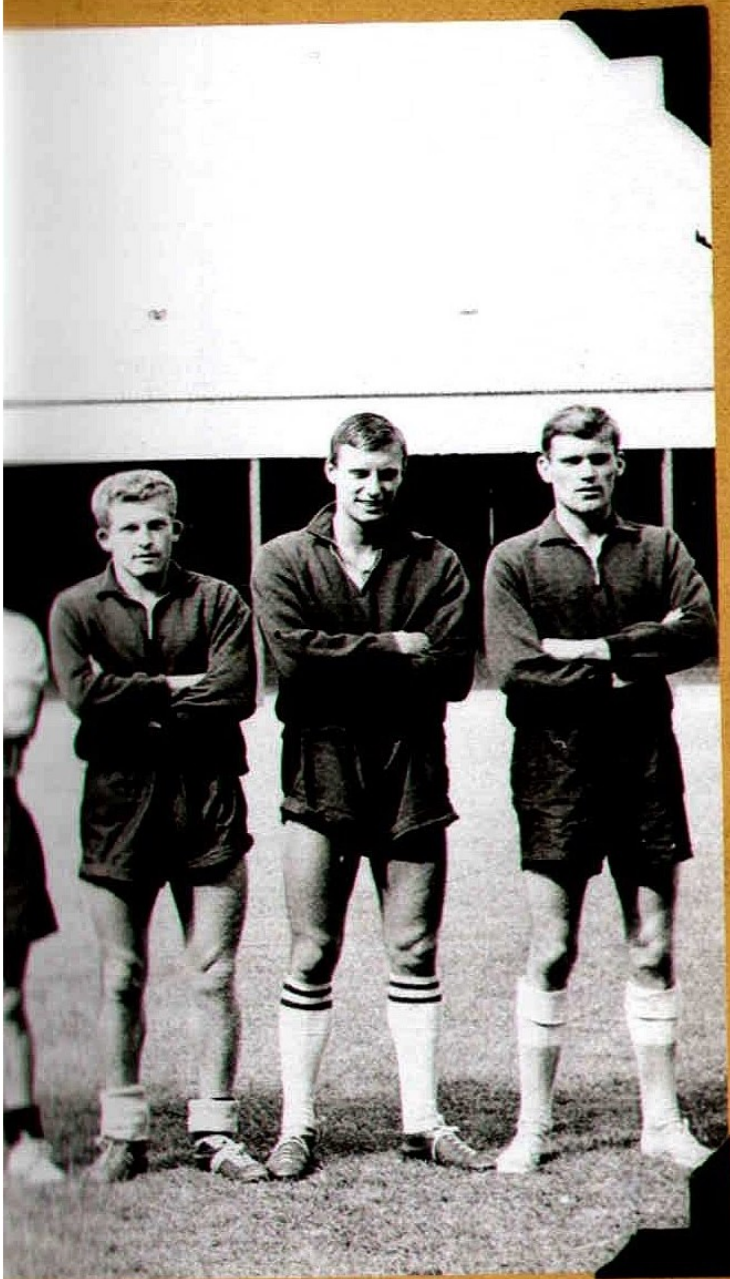


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**Training Team Group 1961**

Unlike the players of today, the players of the 1960s were not the pampered bunch of superstars you would expect. They were expected to provide their own training kit and would train on the Roots Hall pitch, something the groundsman would have something to say about nowadays!

Not a matching kit amongst this group of Southend United players from 1961.

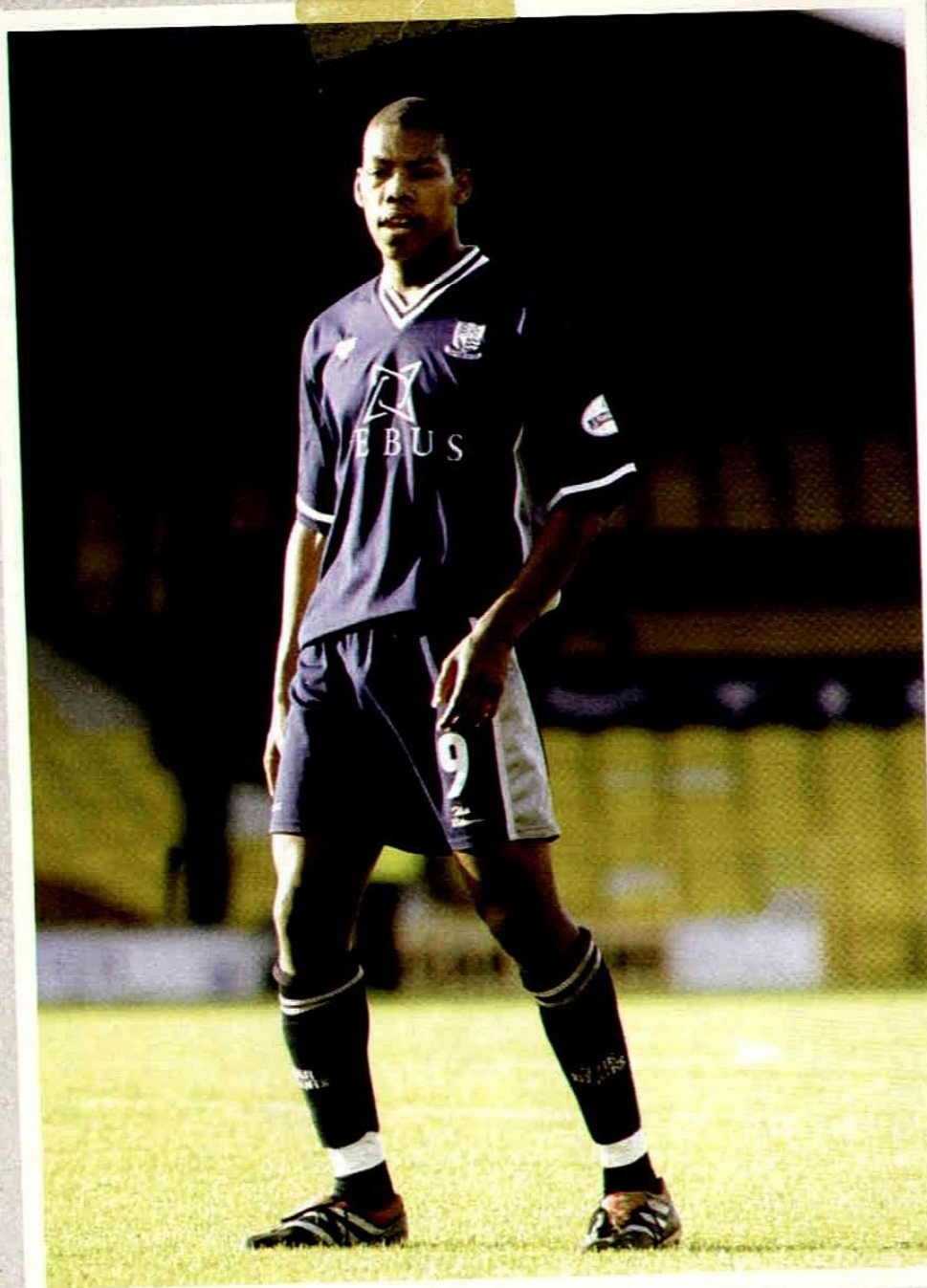


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## CLASSIC moment

20/02/13: Southend United manager Paul Sturrock addresses the fans after reaching the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final following victory over Leyton Orient



by Robert Craven

## Youth Round-Up

**S**outhend United U18s stretched their unbeaten run in the EFL Youth Alliance South East Conference to three matches ahead of last Saturday's visit to league leaders Leyton Orient.

Following a 2-1 victory over Gillingham at Boots & Laces at the end of October, Blues won their opening two league games in November by defeating AFC Wimbledon in south London before triumphing 2-0 over Dagenham & Redbridge at Old Parkonians FC in Fairlop.

"I wrote down five games on a board, and I said to the boys that we need to win all five of these five games," explained youth team coach Dave Huzzey of the team's recent upturn in form. "I was aware that The FA Youth Cup was in the middle of that, but I didn't put that down."

"It was the two friendly games against Reading, then Gillingham, AFC Wimbledon and Dagenham & Redbridge. To be fair to the boys, we won them all 2-1 apart from Dagenham, which we won 2-0. They've all been good performances and, because of the way I like to play with the technical side, the last one was a very good performance."

"It was tough conditions, and it was mentally tough to get

motivated. The boys that came off the bench must've been freezing, but they showed the grit and desire and determination to make sure, when they came on, they affected the game. I'm really, really pleased with the performances in those five games that I put on the board."

The fourth of those five matches was against the Dons, with Blues reeling from a 6-0 defeat against Leyton Orient in The FA Youth Cup just three days previously. Huzzey made just two changes to the starting line-up that had been beaten at Roots Hall, and goals by Imani Matthews and Joe Mackenzie ensured that the Shrimpers secured an important three points.

"I was satisfied with the boys' performance; I thought it was very good. I thought we showed a really good reaction after the Orient match, and that's all we could ask of them. In the context of what had happened, it was a really good win," admitted Huzzey.

"I could've made eleven changes if I'm honest, and boys know that, but I decided it was more of a statement to name more or less the same side and say, 'Let's get ourselves out of this,' because The FA Youth Cup was nowhere near acceptable, and it's not forgotten at all. The one thing it has done is got a reaction and got us some really



important points in the league."

"I think this win pushes us up to fifth, and it makes a massive statement. The last couple of games have been so important for us in the league against Gillingham and then today, so I'm really, really pleased that we've got a reaction from the boys. It was brilliant to have a game so quickly after Orient, and I'm glad it ended in the way it did."

First-year scholar Dru Yearwood had twice drawn good saves from the Wimbledon goalkeeper in a goalless first period, but Matthews gave the visitors the lead just before the hour mark when he fired home after a typically tricky Alex Clark run. Blues tired in the closing stages, and Jayden Antwi equalised via the underside of the crossbar, but Joe Mackenzie nodded in a Tom Clifford corner to hand Southend the win.

Huzzey shuffled the squad again for the short trip to Dagenham ten days ago, making three changes. Blues were on top from the outset, and Harry Cuthbert and Sewa Marah had both shot narrowly off-target before Eren Kinali drew a fine save from the Daggers goalkeeper. In the 33rd minute, Blues led thanks to Cuthbert's first youth team goal, a superb strike from 25 yards after fine work from Lewis Gard and Marah.

Cuthbert twice could have added to his tally before half-time, and Marah nodded a corner straight







All home matches to be played at Boots and Laces unless stated.

into the goalkeeper's gloves, but Southend kept up the pressure in the second period and substitute Alex Clark was unlucky when his cheeky chip from a Cuthbert pass was tipped onto the crossbar. The winger almost converted the rebound, but the goalkeeper made a superb double save.

Blues made sure of the points thirteen minutes from time when Gard marked his 50th youth team appearance with a goal, converting a penalty that he had won after being tripped having latched onto Matthews' return pass. "I thought Lewis Gard was the best player on the pitch. He was absolutely brilliant," remarked Huzzey.

"These games are hard for him, when it's a heavy pitch and he's playing against a physical side because of the size and shape he is. I spoke to him before the game and told him he had to find another way of doing it rather than the technical side of it. He did that superbly well, and he looked like the strongest player on the pitch today because of the way he used his body."

"It was a real tough one because of the way Dagenham play and they are a good side, but also because of the pitch and the weather, and that was a real leveller. I thought the boys won because they were the most determined side, they showed real grit to make sure they didn't concede and they had loads of chances to score. I thought they showed a brilliant mind-set today

and a brilliant desire to go and win the game."

"I thought defensively we looked really solid. I can't remember too many chances where Dagenham got in behind us or affected us, and they are a good side this year. I reminded the boys at half-time that against AFC Wimbledon we went 1-0 up and they came back into the game when they shouldn't have because we were much the better side, and it was the same today."

"It would've been tough on us, I think, if they'd've got back into the game but, playing a good side like we were, you sometimes have that at the back of your mind. It makes you more determined as a manager to drive the boys on to stop it happening again, and it didn't today. I thought defensively we were really solid, and that was the foundation for us to go and build from in our attacking play," he concluded.

vs AFC Wimbledon: Nathan Bishop, Elvis Bwomono, Tom Clifford, Ben Musselwhite (Lewis Gard, 75), Joe Mackenzie, Taylor Curran, Alex Clark, Dru Yearwood, Sewa Marah, Imani Matthews, Damani Dias (Eren Kinali, 64). Substitutes not used: Harry Seaden, Zak Pianim, Dan Humphreys.

vs Dagenham & Redbridge: Bishop, Bwomono, Clifford (Yonis Farah, 81), Harry Cuthbert, Mackenzie, Curran (Pianim, 81), Kinali (Clark, 57), Yearwood, Marah, Matthews (Musselwhite, 81), Gard. Substitute not used: Seaden. \*Follow @ SUFCYouth on Twitter for full updates on all U18s games and visit <http://www.southendunited.co.uk/team/youth/> for match reports each week.

## SOUTHEND UNITED

Under 18s 2016/17

Youth Alliance SE Conference

### AUGUST

Sat 6 AFC Wimbledon (h)	W5-0
Sat 13 Stevenage (a)	L0-3
Sat 20 Dag' & Red (a)	D1-1
Fri 26 Leyton Orient (h)	L1-2

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 3 MK Dons (a)	D2-2
Sat 17 Barnet (h)	L1-4
Sat 24 Peterborough (h)	W5-0

### OCTOBER

Sat 1 Northampton (a)	W6-1
Sat 8 Cambridge U (h)	L1-5
Sat 15 Luton Town (a)	L2-3
Sat 29 Gillingham (h)	W2-1

### NOVEMBER

Sat 5 AFC Wimbledon (a)	W2-1
Sat 12 Dag' & Red (h)	W2-0
Sat 19 Leyton Orient (A)	L0-6

### DECEMBER

Sat 3 Barnet (a)	
Sat 10 Northampton (h)	
Tue 17 Peterborough (a)	

### JANUARY 2017

Sat 7 Cambridge U (a)	
Sat 14 Luton Town (h)	
Sat 21 Stevenage (h)	
Sat 28 Gillingham (a)	

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# One for the Future: Damani Dias

Name: Damani Dias

Date of Birth: 15/10/98

Position: Right Wing/Left Wing/Attacking  
Midfielder

What Boots do you wear? Blackout Pumas

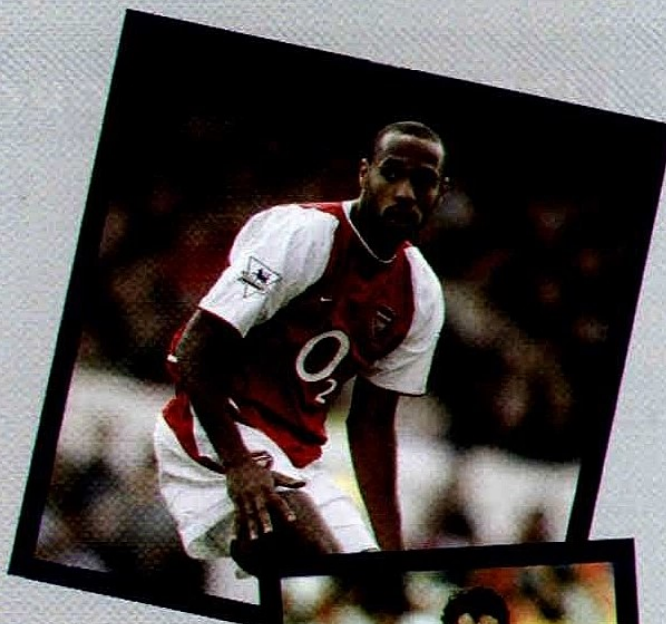
What age did you join Southend United? 15

Football Idol: Thierry Henry/Marco Van Basten

Favourite Band/Artist: Bryson Tiller

Favourite Film: Star Trek

Aims for the season? Best player with the  
most contribution e.g. score/assist







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## Under 21s Latest news

**S**outhend United U21s emerged victorious from an eight-goal thriller at Boots & Laces last Tuesday when AFC Wimbledon visited for a Central League South East Division encounter.

Midfielder Joe Bedford scored with two outstanding first-half finishes before George Oakley halved the deficit for the Dons. Two minutes before half-time, Paul Kalambayi put the ball in his own net to restore Southend's two-goal advantage and, after Egil Kaja had again scored for the away team, Adam King scored from close-range. Oakley's second made it tight again, but Norman Wabo grabbed a late fifth for Blues.

"It was entertaining," said U21s boss Kevin Maher. "I think we played very well at times. There were a lot of good performances, and a lot of good goals in the game as well. There were a couple of poor ones from our point of view, and it was disappointing to concede three goals, but when you have scored five, you'll take that."

Bedford opened the scoring after ten minutes when King won a corner and Nico Cotton's delivery was only cleared as far as the edge of the penalty area, where the 19-year-old arrowed an effort into the bottom left-hand corner. A quarter-of-an-hour later Bedford was celebrating a sensational finish, his sweet strike from 35 yards out flying into the top left-hand corner after he had controlled King's pass.

Four minutes before half-time, Oakley got on the scoresheet by nutmegging Blues goalkeeper Josh Bexon, but Southend stretched their lead again a couple of moments later when Jack Bridge intelligently switched play to the



right flank and Elvis Bwomono's centre was poked past his own goalkeeper by Kalambayi.

Within two minutes of the restart, Wimbledon had made it 3-2 through Kaja, who slotted a long ball forwards inside the left-hand post, but Blues responded quickly, and a trialist's tricky left-wing run culminated in a square pass that King converted from eight yards out.

Again the Dons hit back, and with around 20 minutes remaining, Oakley's clinical finish via the base of the left-hand upright reduced the arrears to a single goal once again. However, Blues had just enough to see off their opponents with Wabo latching onto a trialist's right-wing pass before slamming his shot into the roof of the net to complete the scoring at 5-3 in the final minute.

Southend United: Bexon, Bwomono, Clifford, Bridge, Matsuzaka, King (Coutts, 72), Salami, Bedford (Wabo, 84), Williams (Walker, 90+1), Trialist, Cotton (Phillips, 72). Substitute not used: Bishop.

### SOUTHEND UNITED

Under 21s 2016/17  
Central League

#### AUGUST

Mon 22 Portsmouth (a) (PL Cup) L2-1

#### SEPTEMBER

Tue 13 Peterborough (a) L4-0

Tue 27 Exeter City (a) W2-1

#### OCTOBER

Mon 2 AFC Wimbledon (Cup) (a, 7pm)

Tue 11 Dag & Red (a) (Essex SC) L3-0

Tue 25 Bournemouth (h) D3-3

#### NOVEMBER

Tue 1 Colchester Utd (Cup) (a, 1pm)

Mon 7 AFC Wimbledon (a, 7pm)

Tue 15 AFC Wimbledon (h) W5-3

Tue 29 Peterborough (Cup) (h, 1pm)

#### DECEMBER

Tue 6 Bournemouth (a, 1pm)

Tue 13 Barnet (Cup) (h, 1pm)

#### JANUARY 2017

Wed 25 Peterborough (h, 1pm)

#### FEBRUARY

Tue 7 Newport (a, TBA)

Tue 21 Bristol Rovers (h, 1pm)

#### MARCH

Tue 28 Swindon Town (a, 2pm)





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## PRE-MATCH

After the disappointment of losing to Millwall and the shocking display at Stevenage, it was back to league action. We arrived in Bury in just under four hours and visited the Swan and Cemetery for a bite to eat and a few drinks.



## THE OPPOSITION

After a decent start to the season, I think it was seven league games without victory for the hosts. They looked bereft of ideas, and they seemed very low on confidence. There was a spell after they scored when they played it around well, but our third goal killed them off.

## THE AWAY FANS

The Blues faithful certainly enjoyed that performance! They were singing throughout the game, with Nile's name being sung the most. It was great that McLaughlin's long range strike was in front of us, what a strike that was!



## POST-MATCH

That's now three away wins this season by a three-goal margin which is obviously very pleasing. I thought we were clinical in front of goal and took our chances well. There was a brief spell after Bury scored their dubious penalty, but other than that, we were in complete control.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

I guess Nile Ranger will get the credit for his two goals, and rightly so, but I thought Michael Timlin ran him a very close second. It was a very strong team performance and I could list a whole host of names for the man of the match award.





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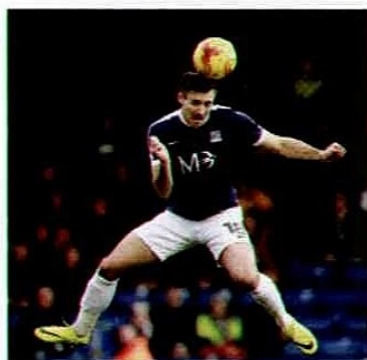


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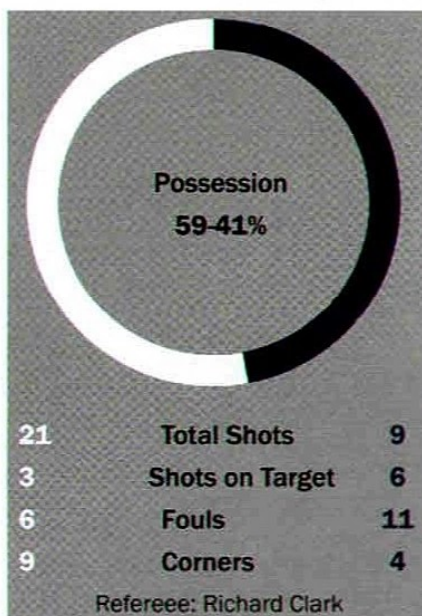


## BURY 1 SOUTHEND UNITED 4



Goals: Vaughan (20 pen)

Goals: Ranger (9, 61), Cox (12), McLaughlin (76)









# Adam Thompson

“THE WHOLE DEFENSIVE UNIT IS DOING WELL, REALLY. THE PLATFORM WE’VE BUILT IS HELPING THE WHOLE TEAM AND ALLOWING US TO SCORE MORE GOALS...”



**A**dam Thompson is thriving at the heart of the Blues defence and relishing every moment of it.

The 24-year-old has been involved for the most part all season, featuring 18 times out of 23 games in all competitions.

He, like the team, has had to come through some disappointing results, such as the two 4-0 drubbings away to Scunthorpe and Northampton.

But alongside that have been admirable 1-1 draws at both Bolton and Bradford and impressive wins over Sheffield United, MK Dons and Bury; all away from HQ.

A campaign so far filled with enough highs and lows to fill a season collectively, the Blues are looking much sturdier now.

And Thompson is delighted with the way the team has bounced back from them and how the backline is doing its job.

"The whole defensive unit is doing well, really", he said.

"The platform we've built is helping the whole team and allowing us to score more goals and that comes from being solid first and foremost.

"It's fallen into place at the moment and things are going well.

"There was a period last season when I came back from my injury and played about 25 games on the bounce, but I'm obviously enjoying being in the team at the moment and getting a regular role.

"I've worked my way into







the side and I'm looking to stay there, which will only come from playing well and keeping clean sheets."

Blues have had a change in formation since the 3-0 defeat to Rochdale in October.

Prior to then a 3-5-2 was system deployed, with three centre backs and attacking full backs.

But now, in a more suited 4-4-2 system, the team is flourishing and Thompson believes that is down to how Blues set-up.

"Everyone is on the same page at the moment and as a defensive unit we're quite tight.

"As a team we're working hard defensively and the same applies when we're attacking.

"Everyone is back helping when we're under the cosh sometimes and me and the back four are trying to push the lads up to keep them as high as we

*"THE PARTNERSHIP IS PROVING TO BE REALLY GOOD AT THE MOMENT... I CAN ONLY LEARN FROM HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE AND EVERYWHERE HE HAS BEEN"*

can when we're attacking.

"I think that team work at the moment is paying off for us."

When looked at more closely, the partnership between Thompson and Anton Ferdinand is bearing fruit. Ferdinand, a former Premier League defender for West Ham, Sunderland and QPR, alongside Thompson has been a complimentary pairing.

"The partnership is proving to be really good at the moment," Thompson added.

"He talks to me a lot and that helps me.

"I can only learn from his experience in the Premier League and everywhere he has been.

"On and off the pitch I like to learn from him and I feel

like he's helped me a lot."

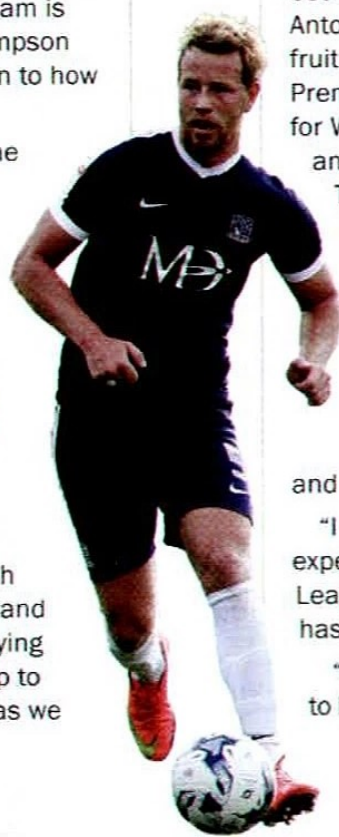
Thompson also has two caps for Northern Ireland so far in his career, making his debut in 2011 against Scotland in the Nations Cup. He admits it would be honour to work his way back in but is instead going to focus on continuing his form for Blues.

"I always want to play international football. I had two caps a few years back now but the squad that they have at the moment has done really well.

"First of all qualifying for the Euro's was a big achievement and then getting to the quarter finals.

"It's a hard squad to break into, and rightly so.

"All I can do is keep playing well and if there are any injuries then hopefully I'll be Michael O'Neill's thoughts."





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# Half-time quiz

Test your football knowledge!

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2. Who became Swindon Director of Football in October?
3. What was the score when we last faced Swindon at Roots Hall?
4. What is the name of Swindon's stadium?
5. What year did the Robins play in the Premier League?
6. Who is Swindon's record appearance holder?
7. How many appearances did he make for Swindon?
8. When was the last time Blues beat Swindon?
9. Who is the former Cardiff City boss who is the son of John Trollope?
10. What former Aston Villa striker plays for Swindon?



Guess who?

**Answers:** 1. Martin Ling; 2. Tim Sherwood; 3. 0-1; 4. The County Ground; 5. 1992/93; 6. John Trollope; 7. 889; 8. 2008; 9. Paul Trollope; 10. Nathan Delfouneso. Guess who? Gareth Southgate

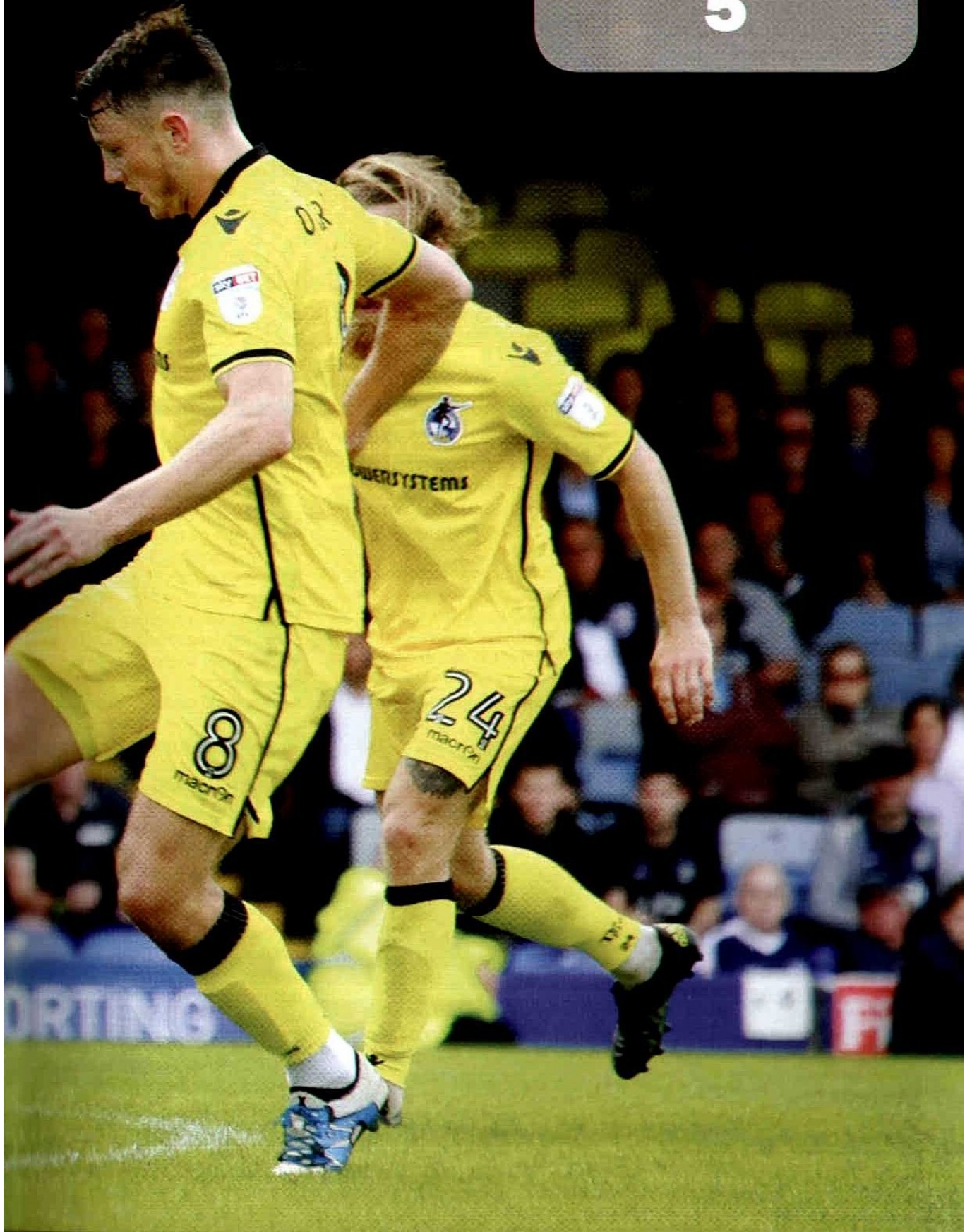






# Adam Thompson

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# Shrimpers Trust

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**G**ood evening and a very warm welcome to all the Southend United and Swindon Town fans here at Roots Hall from all at the Shrimpers Trust as Blues prepare to face Swindon Town in Sky Bet League One.

Let's hope we have a good, lively and enjoyable game.

Our AGM is to be held on Monday 28th November in the Shrimpers bar. Under our new format as an Industrial and Provident Society a number of board members are up for re-election. We would also welcome any new board members, who would like to join us. Anyone who wishes to do so should make themselves known to an existing board member or pop into the Shrimpers Bar before a home game. This event takes place at 7.30pm. We have a Q & A after the AGM with Adam Barrett, a firm favourite with the fans who is Southend United through and through. We hope to see as many members as possible at this event to pose any questions they would like to put to Adam. The agenda for the AGM can be downloaded from the Members Area from the Shrimpers Trust website along with the Financial report for the year ending 30th June 2016 and the minutes from last year's AGM. If you are able to, please download and print these documents prior to attending the AGM as there will only be limited copies available at the AGM. There is also a link to download a proxy voting form if you are unable to attend the AGM but would still like to vote.

With Christmas coming soon, the Trust are once again running a "Big Quiz" with a first prize of £100. The theme for the quiz is "Pop Song Titles" and the entry fee is £1. Other prizes include a meal for two in the Blues Legends Lounge with match tickets, a bottle of champagne, a signed SUFC football and a box of sweets. Copies of the quiz can be purchased using a debit/credit card from the Trust Online shop via the Trust's website. Please note there will be a 50p surcharge for buying online to cover costs and



postage. You can purchase the quiz in person from the Trust Stand in the Shrimpers bar before any home game or on any of the Trust coaches to away games. All entries must be received by Saturday 14th January 2017. Only original entries are acceptable and any photocopies will be invalid. The Trust would like to thank MSPFX Foreign Currency Services for their sponsorship of the quiz and Southend United FC and Alpine Insurance for the donation of prizes.

The Big Christmas Quiz went on sale for the first time at the Trust Indian night at the Maharaja restaurant on the bottom of Bread and Cheese Hill in Benfleet on Monday last week. A very good night was had but all there with 30 people in attendance. The buffet was very nice and the service was good. We will be having another Indian night there next March so hopefully more people will come. This event was open to members and non-members.

Last Saturday we had our Quiz night which was also very good. The food came from the Fish House around the corner from the ground. We will have another quiz night in February after a home game. So hopefully lots of people will come.

For all our events it is for members or non-members. Everyone is welcome.

We have been discussing the proposed changes put forward by the EFL and we would welcome any input from Southend United fans for their thoughts re five leagues with less games and no midweek games. Another proposal is to have a Northern league and a Southern league. There are so many pros and cons for these proposed changes and we would really like to hear from as many people as possible for their views. There is a possibility we may do a survey to Trust members but we want to hear from non-members too. Pop down and talk to us in the Shrimpers Bar before a home game or email us at [info@shrimperstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@shrimperstrust.co.uk) with your thoughts. We can then pass on the Southend United fans thoughts at our regular liaison meetings with the club. A member of the board has recently attend a Supporters Direct seminar re these proposals and the discussions there would have been very lively.

Enjoy this game whatever the result and all the Trust Committee wish all the fans a safe journey home.

**Clare Chapman**  
Shrimpers Trust Board



## QUID-A-GOAL

Pledges for the 2016/17 season Quid-A-Goal scheme have already started to come in and it is hoped that we will beat the total of £1796.25 raised last season.

The aim of the scheme - like most of the Shrimpers Trust's - activities is to raise money for Southend United Football Club and make sure that there is a club for us to be supporting in the foreseeable future. This is how it works: Those who support the scheme with a pledge have their name displayed in the Blues' matchday programme each week and are also detailed on our website, [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk). We ask you to pledge £0.25, £0.50, £1.00 or more under various headings such as clean sheets, various players scoring goals, or team goals.

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# CLASSIC CLASH

Southend United 2-1 Swindon Town  
18/10/08  
League One  
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**THE last time Southend beat Swindon it came in a 2-1 win at home eight years ago.**

The game saw several current Blues players line-up in the away side.

Simon Cox and Michael Timlin started for the Rob-Ins, whilst former Blue men Billy Paynter and Barry Corr also featured.

Goals from Alex Revell and Francis Laurent overcame Maurice Malpass' Swindon side.

Paynter had levelled up the scores in the 60th minute but Laurent replied 11 minutes later to secure three vital points for Steve Tilson's Play-Off pushing Blues.

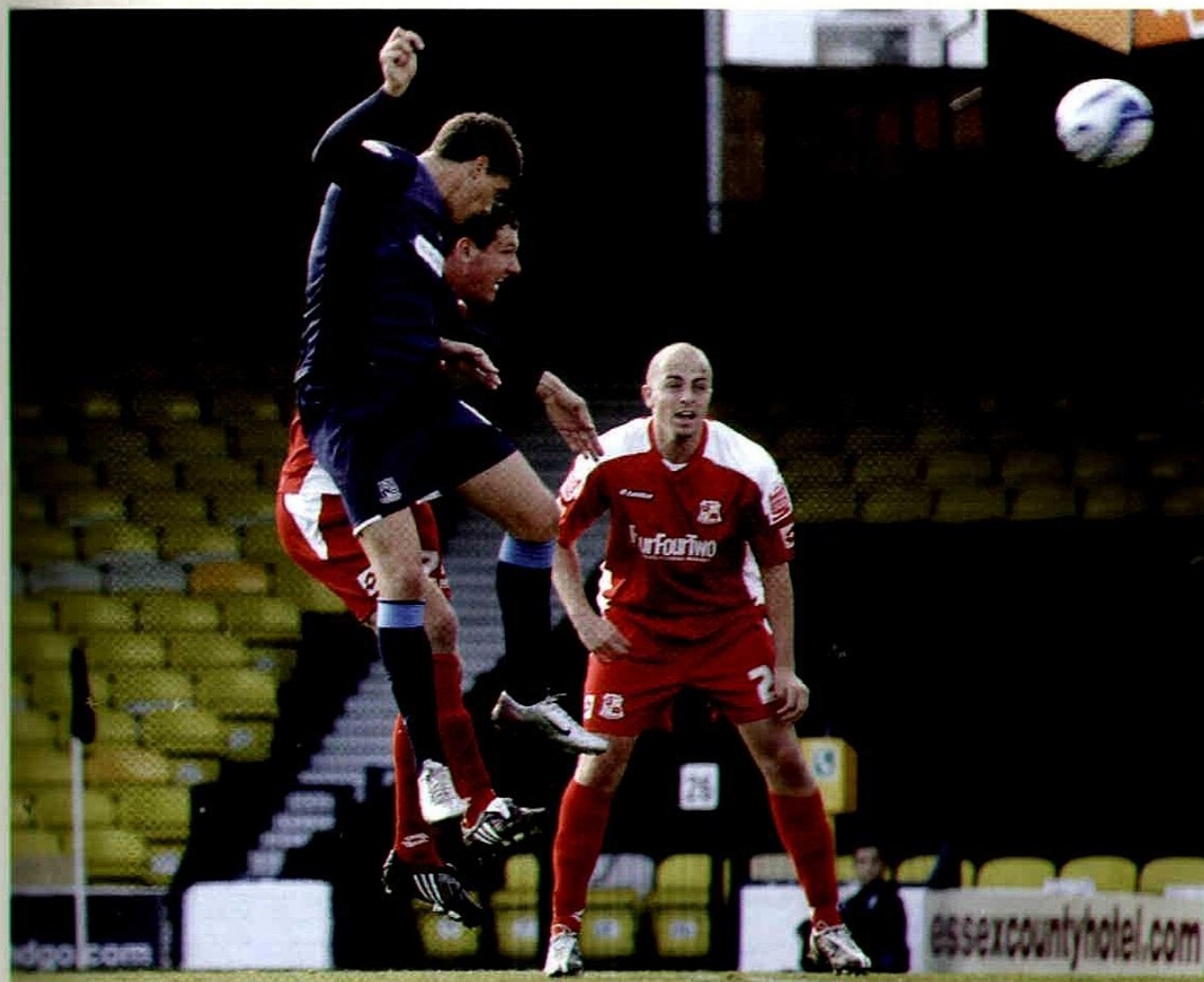
Unfortunately it wasn't to be and Blues finished in 8th place at the end of the season, four points off the last Play-Off position.

Swindon ended up in 15th after a managerial change which saw Danny Wilson appointed.

It was also the same season that Leicester City, current Premier League champions, promoted from League One.

Southend United: Federici, Francis, Clarke, Barrett, Sankofa, Robson-Kanu (Grant), Sawyer (McCormack 82), Christophe, Betsy, Revell (Laurent 67), Walker.

Swindon Town: Brezovan, Smith, Morrison, Aljofree, Casal (McNamee 63), McGovern, Timlin, Pook, Cox, Paynter (Corr 61), Peacock





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## #AskCox

Southend Fans sent in their questions for striker Simon Cox to answer



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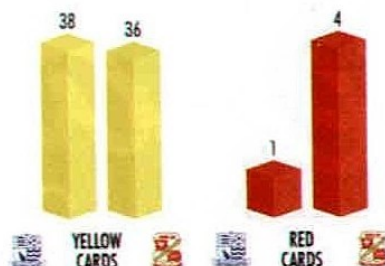
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## MATCH FACTS

In all competitions, Southend have lost seven of their last eight games against the Robins (D1), losing each of the last five.



## MATCH FACTS

Swindon kept a clean sheet in last season's 1-0 win at Roots Hall - they haven't kept back to back ones since April 1962.



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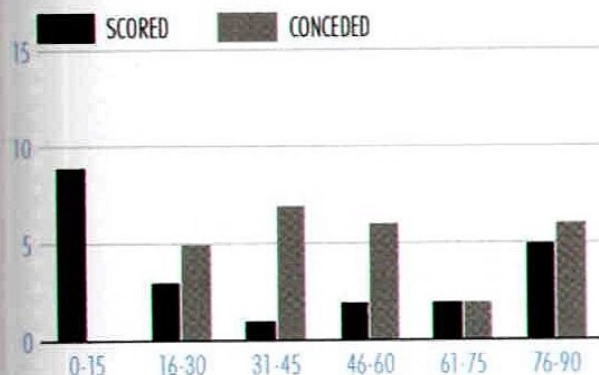


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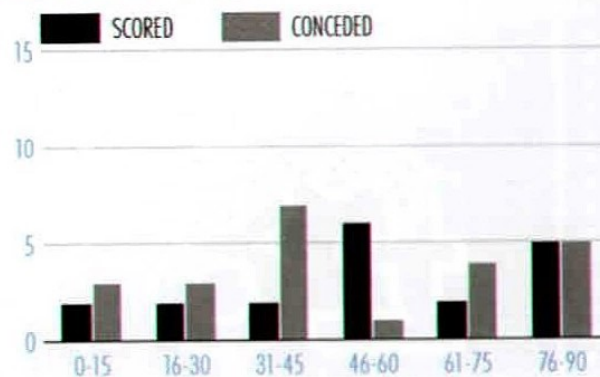


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# Press Preview

Two journalists preview today's game...



**Name: Chris Phillips**

**Publication: Southend Echo**

**Coering Southend United can often conjure up all kinds of weird and wonderful moments.**

Many of these happen on the pitch, but many of them happen off it as well.

And it is ones away from the field of play which immediately springs to mind when thinking of tonight's visitors Swindon Town.

Two of my longest waits for after match interviews have come following games against the Robins.

Now, nobody expects managers to appear immediately after the final whistle and the players are obviously far more important than the media. But it's safe to say I now know the tunnel area very well indeed at the County Ground.

The first of the lengthy waits came back in 2002 when Blues were beaten 6-1 by Swindon in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, or whatever the competition called back then.

Manager Rob Newman kept the team in the changing room for more than an hour before finally coming out to mutter just two sentences to the reporters patiently waiting. Last season, history repeated itself and Phil Brown spoke to his players for nearly two and a half hours before his press conference at Swindon.

Thankfully this game took place on a Saturday and Phil answered plenty of questions, which meant there could be more than just big photographs in the Echo.

Fingers crossed tonight's result will be far more positive and there will be no such wait at the final whistle.



**Name: Brian Jeeves**

**Publication: Yellow Advertiser**

**The appointment of Tim Sherwood as Director of Football at Swindon certainly raised a few eyebrows around the game.**

However, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa boss brings a wealth of experience at the top level to the County Ground and this appeared to be apparent as his new charges brushed aside Charlton Athletic by three-goals to nil in his first game in the hot seat.

However, they were swiftly brought back down to earth as National League Eastleigh dispatched them from the Emirates FA Cup, winning 3-1 at the Robins' home in a first round replay.

Indeed, it has been a disappointing start to the campaign for Swindon who have perhaps surprisingly

struggled towards the wrong end of the Sky Bet League One table, having won only five of their seventeen outings to date.

I'm scribing these notes ahead of Swindon's trip to Rochdale and Blues' game here with highflying Bradford City. Both clubs will hope to have added to their points tally over the weekend and will eye up this evening's encounter as a further opportunity to secure a morale-boosting victory pushing them further up the table.

Blues' 4-1 win at Bury served as further notice that Phil Brown's men have turned the corner and as a result, the Roots Hall crowd will arrive tonight full of confidence and expectation.

Personally, I believe Southend's rejuvenation might be slightly ahead of the Robins', therefore my prediction is Blues 2-1 Swindon Town.



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# Supporter supplement

**Scott Barber**



**What do you know about Swindon Town?**

Founded 137 years ago, Swindon Town are one of the oldest football clubs in England. Nicknamed the Robins, they won promotion to the newly formed Premier League in 1992/1993, which remains their only time in the top flight of English football. **How do you think they'll get on this season?**

They finished last season in 15th place in League One so it remains unclear whether the addition of Tim Sherwood can propel Town into contention for a

higher placed finish this season. They'll be a safe bet to avoid relegation in my opinion.

**A word on their gaffer?**

Luke Williams is relatively new to first team management after having been either a youth team or reserve team coach at his previous clubs. He has been permanent Town boss since March 2016.

**Who is their danger man?**

Jonathan Obika has found a home at Swindon after being shipped out on loan on numerous occasions by Tottenham Hotspur. Whether he will be match fit for the game tonight remains uncertain. Former Villa forward Nathan Delfouneso (above) will be a threat this evening.



Although he hasn't set the world alight with his goal scoring, he is a physical presence in attack. Ex-Gills striker Luke Norris is another striking option.

**Predictions for today's game?**

I'm going for a 1-0 home victory for Blues. It's not going to be an easy game, but I think we will have too much for Swindon Town.





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We would like to welcome all Swindon fans who made the journey tonight and wish them a safe trip home.

Enjoy the game!

*Elvis & Sammy*



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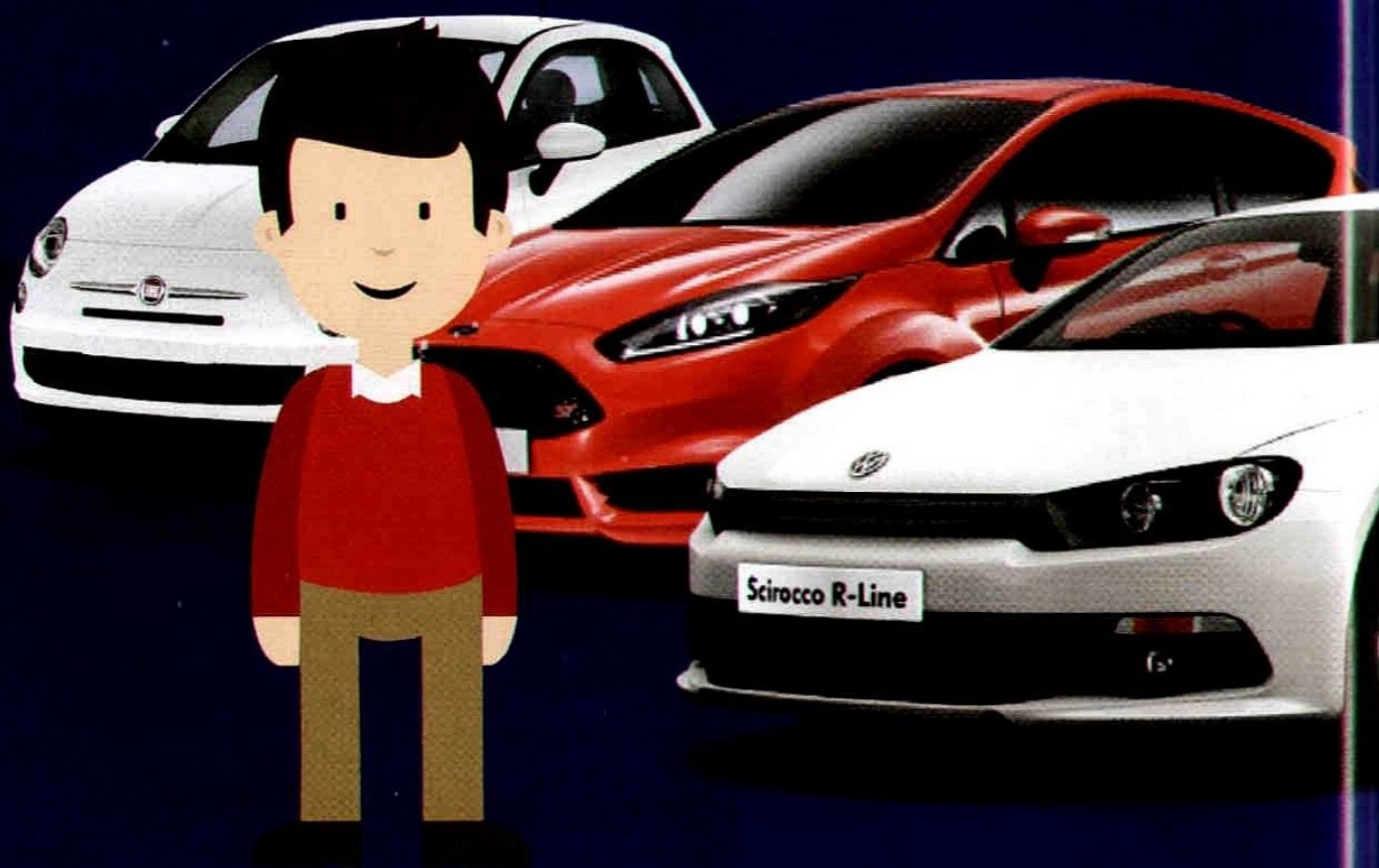




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# Planet Football

by Liam Bewsher

In a week filled with FA Cup replays and international friendlies Northern Ireland were defeated at Windsor park for the first time in 11 home games on Tuesday night as an experimental home side were simply outclassed by Croatia.

**GOALS** from Mario Mandzukic, Duje Cop and former Leicester City striker Andrej Kramaric completed the 3-0 score line with a 25-yard pile driver into the top corner.

This was the first time that the green and white army had been beaten in Belfast since a Cristiano Ronaldo inspired Portugal beat them 4-2 in September 2013 in a 2014 World cup qualifying group game.

Gianluigi Buffon became a joint European record cap holder on last Tuesday as well in Italy's 0-0 draw against world champions Germany. The 38-year-old veteran goalkeeper picked up his 167th cap for the Azzurri, equalling Iker Casillas' Spain tally.

In the South America World Cup qualifiers, Argentina bounced back from their humbling 3-0 defeat against Brazil, as they beat fellow qualification rivals Colombia after a man of the match display from Lionel Messi who scored a stunning free kick to give Argentina the lead, before assisting goals for Lucas Pratto and Angel Di Maria.

This was a much needed win for Argentina after a stuttering start to their qualifying campaign, and effectively moved them above Colombia to 5th place.

Uruguay like Colombia were also beaten, as they missed the chance to temporarily take top spot of the qualifying group, as they were beaten 3-1 by Chile.

Arsenal striker Alexis Sanchez



bagged two for the hosts on a day that would see Barcelona striker Luis Suarez miss a penalty for the away side. Eduardo Vargas kept up his impressive goal scoring record for Chile with his 32nd goal for the national side.

Brazil took advantage of

Uruguay's slip up by extending their lead in the group with a 2-0 win against Peru on almost a week ago now, with the goals coming from Manchester City bound striker Gabriel Jesus and Beijing Guoan midfielder Renato Augusto which sealed the three points with just over ten minutes to go.



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Attendance

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No	Starting Line-up	Goals	Yellow card	Red card

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# Sky Bet League One Round-up



**CHARLTON ATHLETIC** have sacked their manager **Russell Slade** (right) after less than six months in charge at the Valley.

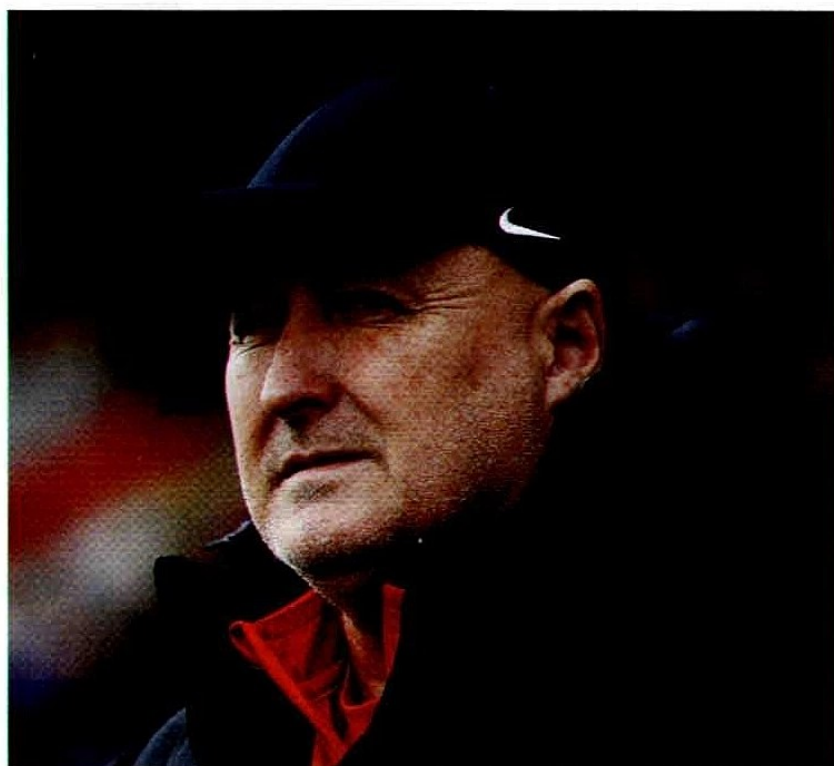
The final straw was their 3-0 thrashing away at tonight's opponents Swindon Town at the County Ground.

The defeat has left the Addicks in 15th place following last season's relegation from the Sky Bet Championship.

Former Burton Albion defender **Ian Sharps** has left his assistant manager role at Chester to become Walsall's new first team coach. Sharps replaces **Dean Holden**, who left Walsall to join Bristol City.

The 36-year-old, who was formerly a centre back during his playing career, had spent time on the Walsall staff last season in a part-time coaching role capacity.

Coventry City captain **Sam Ricketts** has been forced to retire from his playing career with immediate effect due to suffering a bad knee injury. Ricketts, who won 52 caps for Wales and made 577 first team games for nine different clubs including the likes of Hull, Bolton and Wolves,



decided to quit on medical advice.

The 35-year-olds last appearance for Coventry was on the October 16 in a 3-0 defeat at Charlton.

There was an all League One clash in the FA Cup First Round replays that took place last week between AFC Wimbledon and Bury, with the opportunity arising

to face Curzon Ashton (pictured below) away in the second round of the FA Cup following Curzon's 3-1 win at home to Westfields on Monday night.

AFC Wimbledon took the game by storm with a 5-0 home win, which was the final straw for Shakers' manager **David Flitcroft**. A poor month of results, ending with the FA Cup exit, has seen him lose his job and become the latest job casualty.

Flitcroft had been in the top ten of longest serving managers in the Football League.

Elsewhere, Bristol Rovers beat Crawley 4-2 after extra time, and have a home tie against Barrow in the second round; there were also good wins for Coventry who beat Morecambe 2-1 at the Ricoh Arena, and Rochdale who beat Maidstone 2-0 at the Crown Oil Arena. The shock was provided Eastleigh's 3-1 win over Swindon.







# Fixtures & results

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DATE	OPPONENTS	KO	V	C	F-A	ATT	P	STARTING XI				
Sat 6.8.16	Gillingham	3pm	H	EFL1	1-3	8141	22	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	Thompson
Tue 9.8.16	Gillingham	7.45pm	H	EFLC	1-3	2816	-	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	White
Sat 13.8.16	Port Vale	3pm	A	EFL1	0-2	4727 <sup>245</sup>	24	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	Sokolik
Tue 16.8.16	Sheffield United	7.45pm	A	EFL1	3-0	17410 <sup>269</sup>	15	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	Thompson
Sat 20.8.16	Bristol Rovers	3pm	H	EFL1	1-1	6084	16	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	Thompson
Sat 27.8.16	Fleetwood Town	3pm	H	EFL1	0-2	5507	19	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Barrett	Thompson
Tue 30.8.16	Brighton	7.45pm	H	EFLT	2-0	1275	-	Smith	Sokolik	White	Ferdinand	Thompson
Sat 3.9.16	Bolton Wanderers	3pm	A	EFL1	1-1	13519 <sup>653</sup>	20	Smith	Thompson	White	Barrett	Ferdinand
Sat 10.9.16	Scunthorpe United	3pm	A	EFL1	0-4	3723	22	Smith	Sokolik	Kyprianou	Barrett	Thompson
Sat 17.9.16	Millwall	3pm	H	EFL1	3-1	7752	21	Oxley	Coker	White	Barrett	Thompson
Sat 24.9.16	Northampton Town	3pm	A	EFL1	0-4	6138	23	Oxley	Coker	White	Barrett	Thompson
Tue 27.9.16	Oxford United	7.45pm	H	EFL1	2-1	5593 <sup>770</sup>	19	Oxley	Coker	Inniss	Barrett	Ferdinand
Sat 1.10.16	Peterborough U	3pm	H	EFL1	1-1	6417	21	Oxley	Coker	Inniss	Barrett	Ferdinand
Tue 4.10.16	Leyton Orient	7.45pm	H	EFLT	1-0	2383	-	Oxley	Coker	Inniss	Thompson	White
Sat 8.10.16	Rochdale	3pm	A	EFL1	0-3	2600	22	Oxley	Coker	Inniss	Barrett	Ferdinand
Sat 15.10.16	Chesterfield	3pm	H	EFL1	1-0	6004	19	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Thompson	Ferdinand
Tue 18.10.16	Bradford City	7.45pm	A	EFL1	1-1	16112	19	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Thompson	Ferdinand
Sat 22.10.16	Milton Keynes Dons	3pm	A	EFL1	3-0	11039	15	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Thompson	Ferdinand
Sat 29.10.16	Shrewsbury Town	3pm	H	EFL1	1-1	7321	16	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Thompson	Ferdinand
Fri 4.11.16	Millwall	7.45pm	A	FAC1	0-1	4502	-	Oxley	Coker	Demetriou	Thompson	Inniss
Tue 8.11.16	Stevenage	7.45pm	A	EFLT	0-4	559	-	Smith	Kyprianou	White	Thompson	Barrett
Sat 12.11.16	Bury	3pm	A	EFL1	4-1	3033	12	Oxley	Coker	White	Thompson	Ferdinand
Sat 19.11.16	Bradford City	3pm	H	EFL1								
Tue 22.11.16	Swindon Town	7.45pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 26.11.16	Walsall	3pm	A	EFL1								
Tue 6.12.16	Oxford United	7.45pm	H	EFLT								
Sat 10.12.16	Coventry City	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 17.12.16	Oldham Athletic	3pm	A	EFL1								
Mon 26.12.16	AFC Wimbledon	1pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 31.12.16	Charlton Athletic	1pm	H	EFL1								
Mon 2.1.17	Swindon Town	3pm	A	EFL1								
Sat 7.1.17	Peterborough U (FA 3)	3pm	A	EFL1								
Sat 14.1.17	Rochdale	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 21.1.17	Bolton Wanderers	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 28.1.17	Fleetwood Town	3pm	A	EFL1								
Sat 4.2.17	Scunthorpe United	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 11.2.17	Millwall	3pm	A	EFL1								
Tue 14.2.17	Oxford United	7.45pm	A	EFL1								
Sat 18.2.17	Northampton Town	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 25.2.17	Gillingham	3pm	A	EFL1								
Tue 28.2.17	Sheffield United	7.45pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 4.3.17	Port Vale	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 11.3.17	Bristol Rovers	3pm	A	EFL1								
Tue 14.3.17	Coventry City	7.45pm	A	EFL1								
Sat 18.3.17	Walsall	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 25.3.17	AFC Wimbledon	3pm	A	EFL1								
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Fri 14.4.17	Chesterfield	3pm	A	EFL1								
Mon 17.4.17	Milton Keynes Dons	3pm	H	EFL1								
Sat 22.4.17	Shrewsbury Town	3pm	A	EFL1								
Sun 30.4.17	Bury	12pm	H	EFL1								



761 Away attendance



Leonard	McGlashan	McLaughlin	Atkinson	Cox	Mooney	Williams King O'Neill Not used: Bridge White Smith Sokolik
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Leonard	Atkinson	Kyprianou	King	Cox	Mooney	Sokolik Williams McGlashan Not used: Bridge Oxley O'Neill Matsuzaka
Leonard	Atkinson	White	King	Cox	Mooney	McLaughlin McGlashan Coker Not used: Bridge Oxley Demetriou, O'Neill
Leonard	Atkinson	Demetriou	McGlashan	McLaughlin	Mooney	O'Neill Kyprianou Cox Not used: Bridge King Smith Inniss
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Leonard	Wordsworth	Atkinson	McLaughlin	Cox	Fortune	McGlashan Sokolik Not used: Smith White King Timlin
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## Southend United

Manager: Phil Brown

Colours: Blue shirts, blue shorts, white socks

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|----|---|--|----------------------|
| 1  | ● |  | Mark Oxley (GK)      |
| 2  | ● |  | John White           |
| 3  | ● |  | Ben Coker            |
| 4  | ● |  | Anthony Wordsworth   |
| 5  | ● |  | Adam Thompson        |
| 6  | ● |  | Adam Barrett ©       |
| 7  | ● |  | Luke O'Neill         |
| 8  | ● |  | Michael Timlin       |
| 9  | ● |  | David Mooney         |
| 10 | ● |  | Simon Cox            |
| 11 | ● |  | Stephen McLaughlin   |
| 12 | ● |  | Will Atkinson        |
| 14 | ● |  | Marc-Antoine Fortuné |
| 15 | ● |  | Jakub Sokollik       |
| 16 | ● |  | Adam King            |
| 17 | ● |  | Jermaine McGlashan   |
| 18 | ● |  | Ryan Leonard         |
| 19 | ● |  | Jack Bridge          |
| 20 | ● |  | Jason Williams       |
| 22 | ● |  | Ted Smith (GK)       |
| 24 | ● |  | Jason Demetriou      |
| 27 | ● |  | Harry Kyprianou      |
| 33 | ● |  | Ryan Inniss          |
| 35 | ● |  | Anton Ferdinand      |
| 50 | ● |  | Nile Ranger          |



## Swindon Town

Head Coach: Luke Williams

Colours: Red shirts, white shorts and red socks

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|----|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1  | ● |  | Lawrence Vigouroux (GK)  |
| 2  | ● |  | Nathan Thompson ©        |
| 3  | ● |  | Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill |
| 4  | ● |  | Conor Thomas             |
| 5  | ● |  | Anton Rodgers            |
| 6  | ● |  | Jamie Sendles-White      |
| 7  | ● |  | Michael Doughty          |
| 8  | ● |  | Yaser Kasim              |
| 9  | ● |  | Jon Obika                |
| 10 | ● |  | John Goddard             |
| 11 | ● |  | James Brophy             |
| 12 | ● |  | Will Henry               |
| 14 | ● |  | Ellis Iandolo            |
| 15 | ● |  | Tom Smith                |
| 16 | ● |  | Jordan Stewart           |
| 18 | ● |  | Jake Evans               |
| 20 | ● |  | Darnell Furlong          |
| 22 | ● |  | Sean Murray              |
| 23 | ● |  | Nathan Delfouneso        |
| 24 | ● |  | Jermaine Hylton          |
| 27 | ● |  | Bradley Barry            |
| 28 | ● |  | Lloyd Jones              |
| 29 | ● |  | Raphael Rossi-Branco     |
| 33 | ● |  | Luke Norris              |
| 35 | ● |  | Jordan Young             |

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