

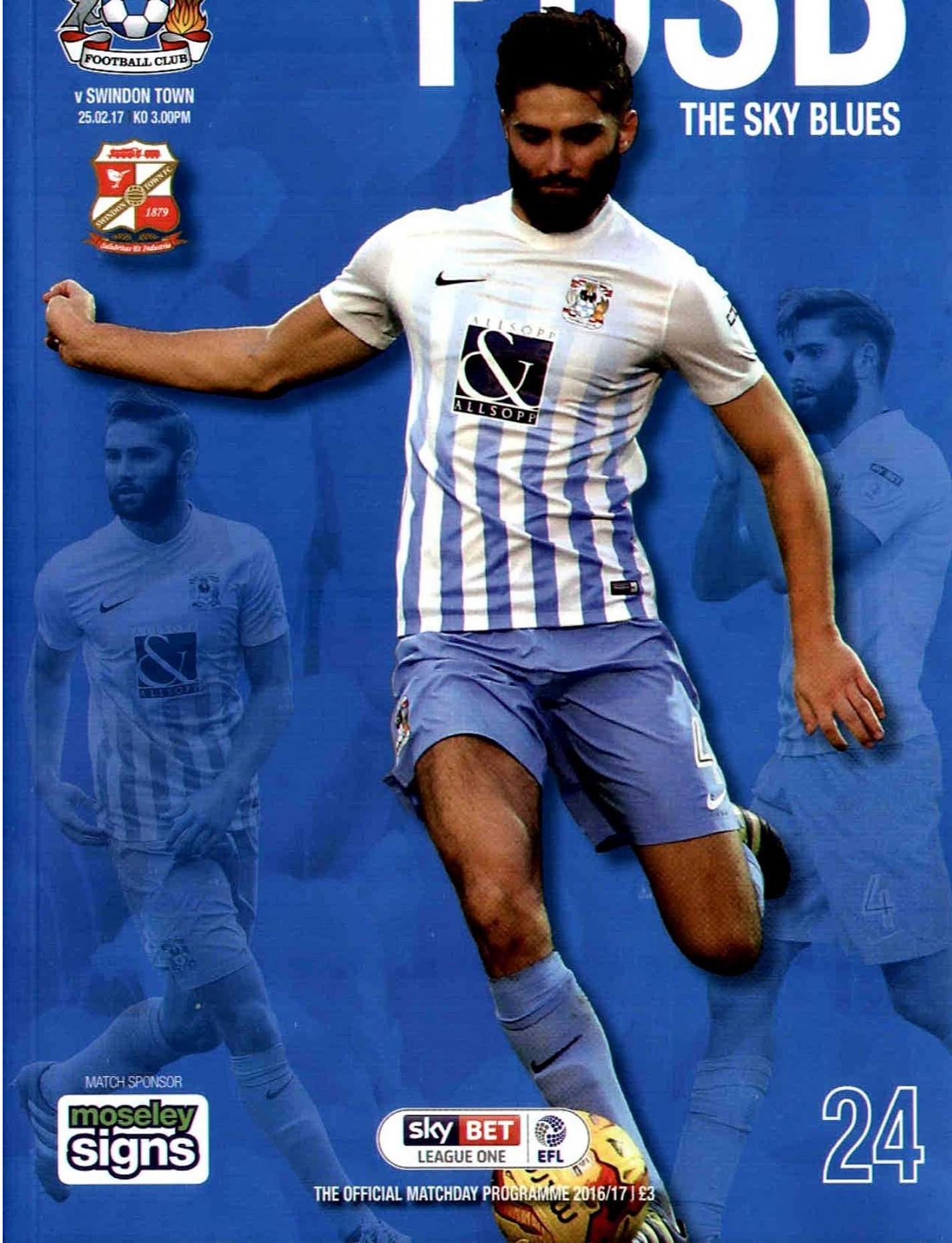


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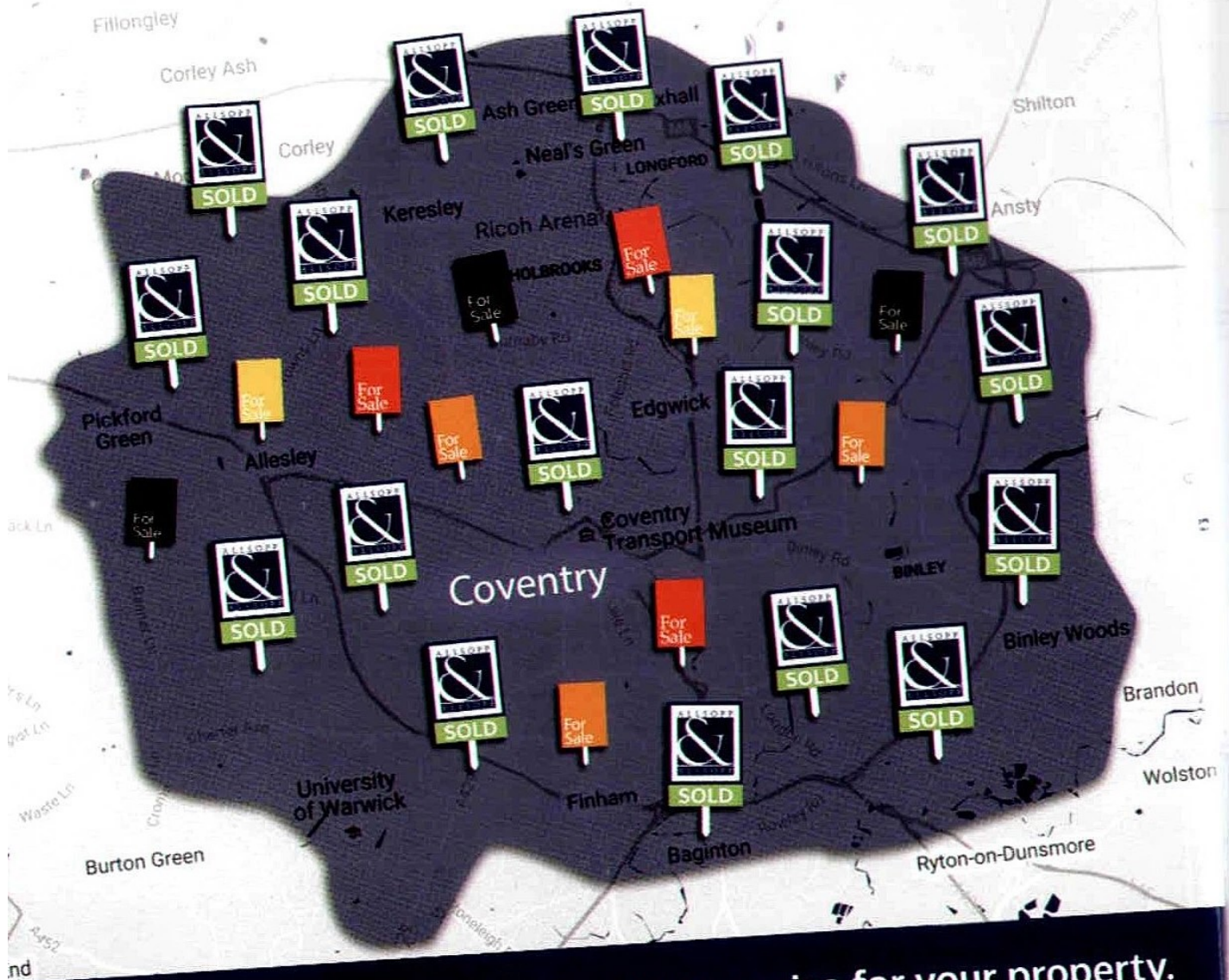


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**JORDAN TURNBULL**

**M**aking the move from Premier League club Southampton, the 25-year-old has joined Coventry City on a permanent basis.

Coventry City's 2016/17 signing of the year, Jordan Turnbull, has made a big impact on the club's defence since joining in August.

Turnbull, who has scored two goals in his 12 appearances, has been a key player in the club's promotion push.

He has a superb record for the last three seasons, having won the league in his last season at Southampton.

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**THE ANALYST**

Analysis of the match between Coventry City and Swindon Town.

Key players and their performance.

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**PLAYER PROFILES**

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Includes statistics and analysis for each player.

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## MANAGER'S MESSAGE: RUSSELL SLADE



Good afternoon and welcome to the Ricoh Arena, and may I also extend a warm welcome to our visiting opposition Swindon Town and manager Luke Williams.

I'm pleased that we can finally talk about a little bit of positivity and buzz around the place, after our crucial league win last weekend. Of course this means little in isolation, but what it does do is give us a boost - a shot of much needed belief and optimism.

All these factors play a huge part in football matches, none more so than confidence. I outlined four core principles that we collectively thought would be important for the remainder of our season last week, and I believe we put every single one in to practise against Gillingham.

It was a tough surface, against a team who are also battling for their lives, but we managed the game much better than we have in recent weeks and protected those precious points. If we can replicate that type of performance, we give ourselves a fighting chance.

**IF WE CAN  
REPLICATE  
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A FIGHTING  
CHANCE.**

Today will be another opportunity to gain ground on the teams around us - and it is vital that we make use of the home advantage. I'm a big believer of the part fans can play in encouraging the team.

A huge thank you to those thousands of fans who have pledged their support by buying tickets for Wembley in April, but we also need your presence at all of our 14 remaining league games. That could be the difference.

We remain focussed on the task collectively, as a group and as a unit. It isn't just about the eleven, or even the match-day 18, it's about the part our entire squad can play. And we welcome back a few key players from respective

injuries today - with competition for places stronger than ever.

Today, we all take another step forward.

*Russell Slade*















# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN: SAMUEL RICKETTS



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Ricoh Arena as we embark upon the final 14 games of our League One season.

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We may well have a cup final to look forward to at the end of the season, but before we turn our attention to that, we have a run of games in the league which will ultimately decide this football club's fate.

That started with Gillingham last weekend, and continues against Swindon Town today. We'll obviously be looking to build on four points gained from a possible six available, whilst also acknowledging that we could - and should - have taken the maximum on offer.

We've analysed the opportunities missed since the turn of the year, and it has cost us greatly. We can't dwell on that, but it should serve as confidence that that we have taken teams in the top half of this league to the wire. We've been within touching distance of all three points on numerous occasions, and that should instill belief.

On a slightly different note it's great to see another two academy graduates - George Thomas and Dion Kelly-Evans

- make a positive impact on the first-team. With George still in his teenage years and Dion only 20, it is credit that the boys have stepped up to the level, in a crucial and pressured time in the season.

**YOU HELPED  
TO CARRY  
THE LADS  
OVER THE  
FINISHING LINE.**

This again shows what a great production line of young talented players the academy is developing, and is testament to all the staff who are doing a fantastic job with the club's youth setup.

Lastly, the fans played a huge part last week.

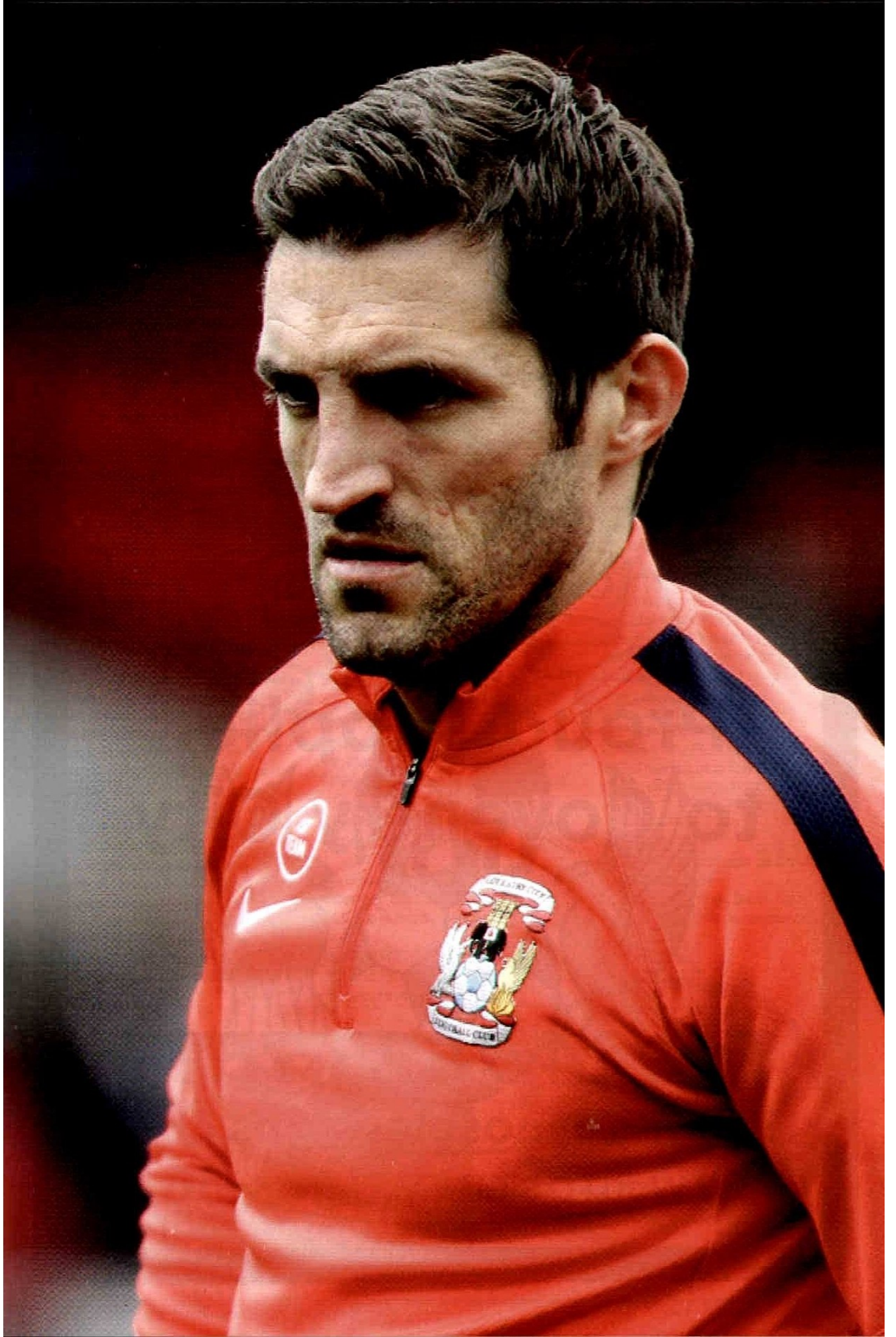
Encouraging the team in what was a very tense second-half. You helped to carry the lads over the finishing line. And I have no doubt you'll be in great voice again today.

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Your Captain,

Samuel Ricketts.







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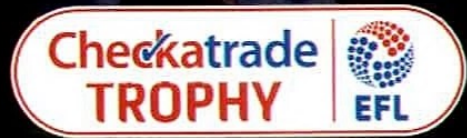
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Coventry City FC ticket details have been confirmed for the visit to Wembley on Sunday April 2nd, as the Sky Blues meet either Luton Town or Oxford United in the Checktrade Trophy Final.

City have fought through five rounds of the competition, maintaining a 100% win record throughout, and scoring a total of 18 goals in the process.

Revisiting the famous national stadium for the first time in 30 years - and for the very first time since it was rebuilt in 2007 - City make the trip to Wembley on the first weekend in April, in a 2:30pm kick-off.

Tickets went on priority sale at 9am, on Monday 20th February to Season Ticket holders, and to date the club have sold in excess of 20,000 tickets! Given the overwhelming nature of sales, we are now selling tickets for Wembley Level 5.

Due to demand, the club strongly advises that fans purchase tickets either online at [eticketing.co.uk/CCFC](http://eticketing.co.uk/CCFC) or over the phone on 0844 453 9134 to avoid any disappointment.

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### QUERIES:

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- 0333 321 3134 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm)
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# SWINDON TOWN

HEAD COACH



## LUKE WILLIAMS

**Robins head coach Luke Williams has worked his way up from grassroots coaching right up to the higher levels of football management, going from working in the community to managing a League One outfit in the space of ten years.**

Although Williams spent time on the books of Norwich City and Bristol Rovers as a youth, he was not retained by either club, soon dropping down into non-league football. A disastrous knee injury incurred at Ashford Town hospitalised Luke, but more importantly, kept him out of the game for three full years.

Williams was forced into premature retirement, but would look to forge an alternative path within football. He started out

with Kickz, a partnership between West Ham United and the police to keep teens off the streets, before working as an FA Skills Coach, combining the role with part-time coaching at Leyton Orient.

Still a relatively obscure name within the game, Williams nevertheless impressed bosses at Brighton and Hove Albion, who appointed the 29-year-old ahead of other experienced candidates as their new youth coach. His fresh approach to player development had a decisive impact on some of the Seagulls' up-and-coming stars, including England Under-21 internationals Jake Forster-Caskey and Solly March, as well as first-team mainstay Lewis Dunk.

After three years on the coast, Williams was appointed as first team coach at Swindon Town under Mark Cooper, and would

ultimately work his way up to an assistant manager role at the County Ground. This management team led the Robins into the play-offs, only to be comprehensively defeated by Preston North End in the final.

By October that same year, Swindon were hovering over the relegation places, and Cooper was dismissed from his post. Williams stayed on to assist the incoming Martin Ling, and took the reins himself on a caretaker basis when Ling abruptly resigned before the turn of 2016.

Under the caretaker's stewardship, the Robins won their next two games, leading to the full-time appointment of Williams in late January. Swindon won eight and drew a further seven before the close of play, securing a relatively comfortable mid-table position of fifteenth.

However, Town have struggled during the first full year of Williams' tenure, having won just once in the league since late November. Like Coventry, Swindon currently occupy one of the relegation places, and supporters in Wiltshire will be looking to their young head coach to turn it around.



*Luke Williams managerial record at Swindon Town.*





## THE VISITORS SWINDON TOWN

The 2015 play-off final may feel like a distant memory to the Swindon Town faithful, who have watched their side slip down the League One table over the past two years. Now, similar to City, the Robins find themselves embroiled in a relegation battle, having picked up just six points since the turn of the year.

The season started well enough for Luke Williams' men, triumphing over Coventry City courtesy of Yaser Kasim's late strike. After a 3-1 defeat on the road to Chesterfield, the Robins embarked upon a three-game unbeaten run, draws at Gillingham and Peterborough United coming either side of a 1-0 home win over Port Vale.

However, Town would go on to lose their next three games on the bounce, including home defeats to Bury and Bristol Rovers. Victory at Oldham Athletic stopped the rot, but wins remained scarce at the County Ground. Further draws at Shrewsbury and AFC Wimbledon went some way to mitigating more home losses to Northampton Town and Bolton Wanderers.

Fortune was on Swindon's side against visiting Rochdale, who missed a penalty and had a man sent off during a 3-0 defeat at the County Ground. November proved a more productive month for the Wiltshire outfit, losing just once in four games. Wins to nil against Charlton Athletic and Bradford City helped to elevate the club out

of the drop zone, but that triumph over the Bantams would be Swindon's last of 2016.

A 1-1 draw at home to Fleetwood Town was Swindon's only crumb of comfort in December, as losses at Sheffield United, Millwall and MK Dons kept the club perilously close to the bottom four. 2017 began with a goalless stalemate in Wiltshire against Southend United, and only a late Mat Sadler goal denied the Robins all three points against Shrewsbury Town five days later.

Kasim was the hero for Swindon once more at Bolton Wanderers, coming up with the goods again in the 89th minute to snatch a priceless victory at the Macron Stadium – their first victory in six games.

However, Swindon could not build on their triumph in the North West, losing their next five games on the bounce. The Robins have lost by the narrowest of margins on every occasion, including a late 2-1 defeat at Northampton Town, where Luke Norris' late leveller was cancelled out by John-Joe O'Toole one minute later.

Despite their barren run, Swindon Town remain within touching distance of Bury in 20th – and will be looking to take a large step towards safety this afternoon.

Oldham goalkeeper Connor Ripley was the difference after Swindon were held to a goalless draw with the Latics last weekend, Nicky Ajose coming close on numerous occasions, but denied by the gloves of the Oldham stopper.

### FORM GUIDE



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**Oldham Athletic**

League One  
Saturday 18th February



● L 2-1

**Northampton Town**

League One  
Tuesday 14th February



● L 1-0

**Bury**

League One  
Saturday 11th February



● L 1-2

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League One  
Sunday 5th February



● L 1-0

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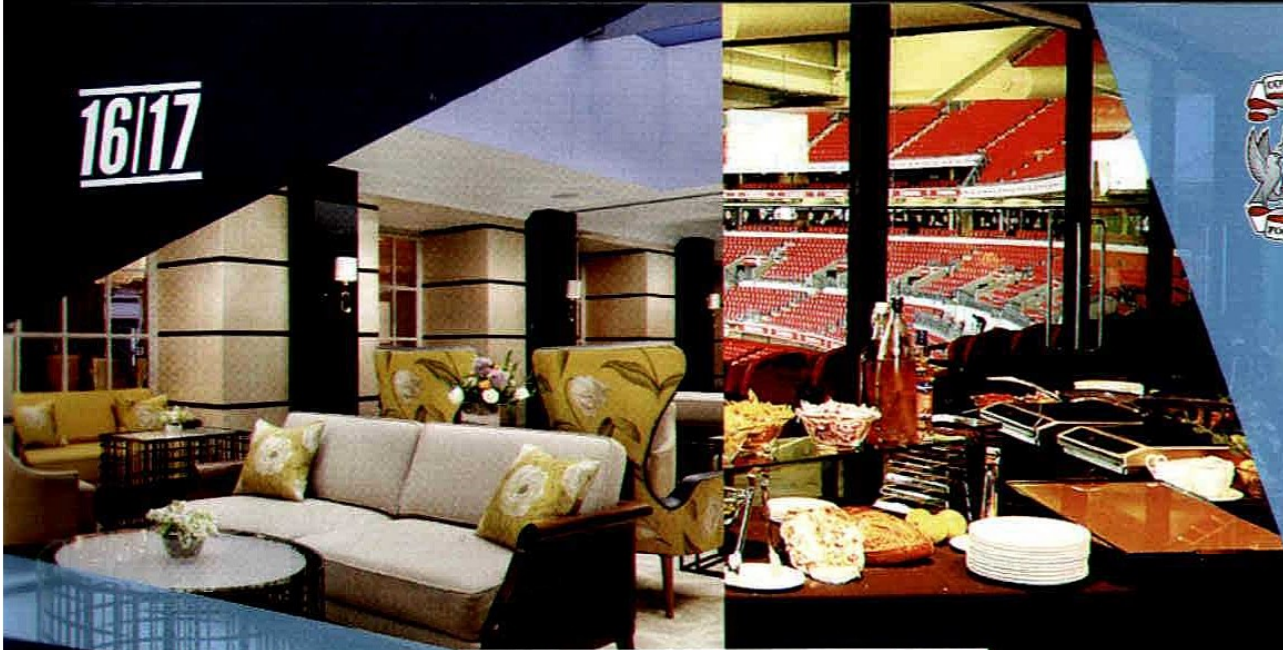
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# THE ANALYST

## SWINDON TOWN

**Opposition goalkeeper Connor Ripley - who is leading the division's clean sheets tally - was the difference after Swindon were held to a goalless draw with Oldham last weekend, despite fan favourite Nicky Ajose going close on a number of occasions.**

Swindon re-signed 25-year old forward Ajose on loan from Charlton in January, after his summer departure, while also acquiring the services of Rohan Ince and Jesse Starkey from Brighton on deadline day to boost their firepower.

And with both Darnell Furlong and Michael Doughty - Swindon's top assist providers with four apiece - recalled by QPR, Luke Williams was forced to further dip in to the transfer market in January. Interestingly, the Wiltshire outfit

haven't fielded a player over the age of 26 all season.

Ajose made the switch to the Addicks in June but returned for a third spell at the Wiltshire club,



on the final day of the transfer window, with the trio taking Swindon's signings for the month to eight. Ince has since featured twice for the Robins, starting in their 0-0 draw with Oldham, while Starkey is yet to feature.

In a much changed line-up since day one of the season, where midfielder Yaser Kasim bagged a late winner, only five of those XI starters featured in Swindon's last fixture.

Nathan Thompson has been a near constant, making 27 appearances at the heart of the Robins defence, and was partnered by Liverpool loanee Lloyd Jones last time out, with Swindon having lost traditional centre-half Jamie Sendles-White to an ACL injury in September.

Twenty-three-year old Lawrence Vigouroux is Swindon's no.1



choice stopper, but has seen red twice this season, ironically in both the away and home ties against Oxford United, although the latter was subsequently rescinded by the FA.

Ex-Arsenal man Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill tends to occupy the left full-back position, and was mirrored by Bradley Barry on the right against Oldham - the 22-year old's first inclusion since early January.

Chelsea U23s starlet Fankaty Dabo will also be in contention if Swindon opt to play an expansive 3-5-2 formation, with the Blues loanee playing as part of a back three against Northampton recently.

Ben Gladwin is a sure fire starter in midfield, with his versatility allowing him to play centrally or out on the wing. Gladwin and Swindon teammate Massimo Luongo joined Queens Park Rangers in 2015, but the 24-year old has since had two loan spells back at the Robins. Standing at 6ft 2', the combative midfielder has accumulated five yellow cards in his last six outings, and will be a threat if allowed to drift forward undetected.

Another product of the famed Cobham academy, Chelsea loanman Charlie Colkett is likely to play centrally, with James Brophy out wide. Colkett, 20, has represented England from U16 level to U20, and is another highly thought of youngster in West London.



Having transitioned from Non-League football, Brophy can play wide midfield or as a wing-back, should the Robins formation dictate. The 22-year old has made 24 appearances this term, scoring once against QPR in the EFL Cup.

Finally, the Sky Blues will have to nullify the threat of Jonathan Obika and Nicky Ajose up top, and

despite the no.9 only netting three times this season, he is a constant presence in an opposition box.

Obika, now 26, has been used more sparingly this season, only featuring 18 times. Ajose however has made 32 appearances, but is yet to find his scoring touch since he was reunited with the Robins in January.



### PREDICTED XI SWINDON TOWN





# HEAD TO HEAD

## STADIUM NAME



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ARENA**

**COUNTY  
GROUND**

**32,609** STADIUM CAPACITY **15,728**



**CLUB  
COLOURS**

**31,407** RECORD ATTENDANCE **32,000**

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RUSSELL SLADE

JORDAN WILLIS



CHAIRMAN

LEE POWER



MANAGER

LUKE WILLIAMS



CAPTAIN

NATHAN THOMPSON

## LOCAL DERBY



VS



VS



## HIGHEST APPEARANCES

**601**

STEVE OGRIZOVIC

**886**

JOHN TROLLOPE

## HIGHEST GOALSCORER

**182**

CLARRIE BOURTON

**229**

HARRY MORRIS

## FOUNDED

**1883**

**1879**

## NICKNAME

The Sky Blues

The Robins

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## THE SQUAD

### KEEPERS

- 01 LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX
- 12 WILL HENRY

### DEFENDERS

- 02 NATHAN THOMPSON
- 03 BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL
- 06 JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE
- 17 ISLAM FERUZ
- 21 FANKATY DABO
- 25 DION CONROY
- 27 BRADLEY BARRY
- 29 RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO

### MIDFIELDERS

- 04 CONOR THOMAS
- 05 ANTON RODGERS
- 07 BEN GLADWIN
- 08 YASER KASIM
- 10 JOHN GODDARD
- 11 JAMES BROPHY
- 15 TOM SMITH
- 18 JAKE EVANS
- 20 CHARLIE COLKETT
- 22 JESSE STARKEY
- 23 ROHAN INCE
- 28 LLOYD JONES
- 35 JORDAN YOUNG

### STRIKERS

- 09 JONATHAN OBIKA
- 14 ELLIS IANDOLO
- 16 JORDAN STEWART
- 19 NICKY AJOSE
- 24 JERMAINE HYLTON
- 33 LUKE NORRIS



## NATHAN THOMPSON

AGE: 26

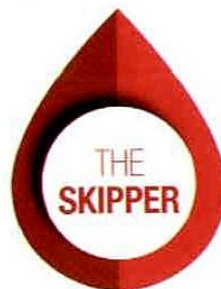
27 APPS

2 GOALS

The Swindon skipper has been at the club since a trainee, making his professional debut in the formally named Johnstone's Paint Trophy against Torquay United in 2010.

Thompson was announced as captain ahead of the 2014/15 season and has since been a regular in the side, making over 150 appearances in the EFL to date.

The 26-year old has been on target twice this season, scoring in the 3-0 win against Rochdale and the 4-1 defeat at Scunthorpe in October.



## LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

AGE: 23

35 APPS

8 CLEAN SHEETS

The Chilean-born shot stopper was signed by Premier League side Liverpool in 2014, spending two-years at the Merseyside club before switching to the Robins.

After two successful loan spells at the club, in which he made over 60 appearances, Swindon paid a reported £400,000 for his services in the summer.

Vigouroux has kept eight clean sheets so far this season, but has also been dismissed twice in the home and away legs of league ties against local rivals Oxford United.







## CHARLIE COLKETT

AGE: 20



Using their strong connections with Premier League leaders Chelsea, Swindon acquired young midfielder Charlie Colkett on-loan during the January transfer window.

The 20-year spent the first half of the season at fellow League One side Bristol Rovers, scoring three goals in his 17 appearances.

Colkett has featured seven times since signing, most recently in the goalless draw with fellow strugglers Oldham Athletic.



## NICKY AJOSE

AGE: 25



After leaving the Robins in the summer to represent fellow League One side Charlton Athletic, Ajose rejoined the club in January on-loan.

The frontman had a stellar season with Swindon last year, scoring 25 goals in 40 appearances, and the club will be hoping he can make a similar impact this time around.

The 25-year old has featured on four occasions since resigning on a short term deal, and is yet to open his scoring account.



## BEN GLADWIN

AGE: 24



Having begun his EFL career at the Robins, Gladwin joined Queens Park Rangers in 2015 for a reported £1.5million fee alongside teammate Massimo Luongo.

After two further loan spells in Wiltshire, Gladwin resigned for a third time in January and made an immediate impact against high-flying Bolton.

He hit a 65th minute equalizer before Yaser Kasim scoring a dramatic 89th minute goal to earn the Robins a valuable three points.







# SWINDON TOWN

## THE REST OF THE SQUAD



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### FANKATY DABO

**Age:** 21

**Appearances:** 8

**Goals:** 1

Another Chelsea loanee, Dabo joined in January after two appearances for the Blues' U23 side in the Checkatrade Trophy.

The defender made his Swindon bow three days after signing, and scored his first goal for the club in the derby-day defeat against Oxford United at the beginning of the month.



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### LLOYD JONES

**Age:** 21

**Appearances:** 28

**Goals:** 2

Still on the books of Premier League side Liverpool, Jones has had several loan spells in the EFL with the likes of Cheltenham, Accrington and Blackpool.

The defender joined the Robins in the summer on a season-long loan and has since been on the scoresheet twice, in the defeat against Bristol Rovers and the 3-0 home win against Charlton Athletic.



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### DION CONROY

**Age:** 21

**Appearances:** 19

**Goals:** 0

Another player in the Swindon squad with ties to Chelsea, Conroy began his career at the Blues before signing for the Robins in January.

The 21-year old's loan spell at League Two side Aldershot ended in Jan 2017, and he subsequently joined Swindon for an undisclosed fee, amid interest from other EFL clubs.



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### BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

**Age:** 21

**Appearances:** 22

**Goals:** 1

Ormonde-Ottewill came through the Arsenal youth academy before signing for the Robins on a free transfer in the summer of 2015.

The ex-England youth international has made 22 appearances this term, netting in the 2-0 win over Oldham in September.



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### JOHN GODDARD

**Age:** 23

**Appearances:** 35

**Goals:** 3

Goddard joined the Robins in the summer after impressing in non-league football with Woking, where he scored 17 goals in 41 appearances from midfield.

Although to a lesser extent, the number ten has continued to be a threat at League One level, scoring on three occasions this season – earning his side two draws and a win.



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### LUKE NORRIS

**Age:** 23

**Appearances:** 36

**Goals:** 5

A summer signing from fellow League One side Gillingham, Norris' game minutes have been mainly limited to substitute appearances.

The forward has made more of an impact lately though, scoring four goals since December, the most recent of which against Northampton in mid-Feb.





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## RAPHAEL BRANCO

Age: 26

Appearances: 29

Goals: 2

Branco debuted professionally for Porto Alegre in his native Brazil, before arriving in England with Gus Poyet's Brighton.

The 26-year old joined the Robins in the summer of 2013 after an impressive spell at non-league Whitehawk, where he made 29 appearances.

The all-action defender has two goals this season, whilst also wracking up ten yellow cards.



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## JAMES BROPHY

Age: 22

Appearances: 24

Goals: 1

Signed from non-league club Edgware Town in 2015, Brophy has since made over 50 appearances for Swindon.

The left-back's only goal came at the beginning of the season in the EFL Cup penalty defeat to Queens Park Rangers.



09

## JONATHAN OBIKA

Age: 26

Appearances: 18

Goals: 3

Swindon's joint-second top goalscorer in the league this season with three goals, Obika has featured on 17 occasions. His most recent strike earned his side a point in the 1-1 draw with Southend in November.

The striker begun his career with Premier League side Tottenham, but after 11 different loan spells he signed for the Robins in 2014 on a permanent deal.



08

## YASER KASIM

Age: 25

Appearances: 24

Goals: 2

Swindon's number eight came through the Brighton & Hove Albion youth system, spending time on loan at Luton and Macclesfield before a move to the County Ground.

Born in Iraq, Kasim has made 24 appearances so far this season, scoring twice, both winners against Coventry City and Bolton Wanderers.

### LAST TIME OUT FOR SWINDON TOWN



**SWINDON TOWN:** Vigouroux, Barry, Thompson (c), Jones, Ormonde-Ottewill, Colkett, Gladwin, Ince (Conroy 76) Brophy (Goddard 68), Obika (Norris 76), AJOSE.

Unused Substitutes: Thomas, Rodgers, Kasim, Henry.





# CONNECTIONS



## Samuel Ricketts

**Swindon Town (2015) - 11 games, 1 goal**

**Coventry City (2015-17) - 50 games, 1 goal**

By 2015, Sam Ricketts had earned a steadfast reputation as a dependable and versatile defender. The ex-Wales international had featured extensively for Swansea City in his early career, before enjoying four seasons in the Premier League, helping Hull City earn promotion prior to a three-year spell with Bolton Wanderers.

However, having skippered Wolverhampton Wanderers to the League One title, Ricketts was deemed surplus to requirements by Kenny Jackett. He was allowed to move on loan for the final months of his Wolves contract, joining up with Swindon Town for the latter part of their promotion campaign. Sam made eleven

appearances in total for the Robins, featuring in their play-off bid, notably scoring in the semi-final first leg at Sheffield United.

Having become a free agent in the summer of 2015, Ricketts opted to remain in the Midlands with Coventry City. The 33-year-old's vast experience saw him appointed captain of the side under Tony Mowbray, often marshalling the side from a more central role in a Sky Blues back three. Ricketts missed just three league games over the course of 2015/16, but was sidelined early in the following season with a knee injury, which ultimately forced the defender into retirement in late 2016.



## Conor Thomas

**Coventry City (2010-2016) - 117 games, 1 goal**

**Swindon Town (2016-present) - 28 games, 0 goals**

One of many young players to emerge from Coventry City's academy setup, midfielder Conor Thomas showed very early promise at the Alan Higgs Centre. A tenacious young centre-mid, Conor turned out six times for England's Under-17 side and earned a single cap at the next age bracket. He made his debut in the FA Cup at the age of just seventeen, and had a short loan spell at Liverpool in the early months of 2011, only for a hamstring injury to scupper any potential permanent move.

Nevertheless, Conor made the breakthrough at his hometown, starting 24 league fixtures as Coventry slipped out of the Championship. Having been handed the number four shirt, big things were expected

of the teenager in League One, but an injury-plagued year limited his impact on the pitch. Although Thomas bounced back to feature prominently for the Sky Blues throughout 2013/14, he found game time harder to come by in the next two seasons, with John Fleck and later Romain Vincelot preferred names in midfield.

When his contract at the Ricoh expired in May 2016, Swindon Town took him in on trial, ultimately offering him a three-year contract in July. Since joining the Robins, the defensive midfielder has been tasked with occupying a number of unfamiliar positions, including centre-half and right-back, in order to compensate for the mounting injury list at the County Ground.



## Jack Stephens

**Swindon Town (2014-2015) - 51 games, 1 goal**

**Coventry City (2015-2016) - 16 games, 0 goals**

England Under-21 international Jack looks set to break into the first team at Southampton, but the promising defender has spent much of his senior career on the road. The right-back was snapped up by the Saints from Plymouth Argyle at the age of seventeen, moving down to the South Coast in January 2011. After making his debut in early 2012 – against none other than Coventry City in the FA Cup – Stephens would not feature for the next year and a half.

In order to aid his development and gain exposure to first team football, Southampton sent Stephens out on loan to Swindon Town in March 2014. Having turned out ten times during an initial loan spell in Wiltshire, the Robins moved to re-sign him the following season, ultimately keeping the centre-half for the entire campaign. The defender endeared himself to supporters with a series of good performances



throughout 2014/15, but did not enjoy a similar run at Middlesbrough the following year, making just a handful of appearances before his premature recall.

Eager for Jack to feature with more prominence in the Football League, Ronald Koeman sent his young charge to the Ricoh in February 2016. Stephens took advantage of a series of injuries across the Cov backline, turning out sixteen times in the final three months of the season.

## Jordan Turnbull

**Swindon Town (2014-16) – 97 games, 1 goal**

**Coventry City (2016-present) – 33 games, 2 goals**

Like Jack Stephens, centre-half Jordan Turnbull was loaned out from Southampton to Swindon Town for the duration of the 2014/15 campaign. However, Turnbull had affiliation with the Robins prior, playing their youth team until he reached his teens, before the Saints swept in to poach the developing defender. Unlike Stephens, Jordan did not make his bow for the Premier League outfit before heading out on loan – but he certainly showed promise at the County Ground.

Lining up in the heart of defence, Turnbull was often partnered with his clubmate or Raphael Rossi Branco. The youngster shone as part of the Robins' back four, earning the club's Player of the Season gong for 2014/15. Swindon managed to stave off competition from Championship clubs to secure his loan signature for a second year, and Turnbull soon added versatility to his game, filling in at left-back for much of his second year.

Turnbull left Southampton in 2016 without making a first team appearance for the club, joining Coventry City on a long-term deal. The 22-year-old has been a consistent



performer for the Sky Blues despite their current predicament, and will be looking to play his part in the fight against relegation.



# 889

JOHN TROLLOPE IS THE ROBINS' HIGHEST EVER APPEARANCE MAKER, WITH 288 MORE THAN MAURICE OWEN.

# 16

AT 16 YEARS AND 107 DAYS, PAUL RIDEOUT BECAME THE YOUNGEST EVER SWINDON PLAYER AGAINST HULL CITY IN 1980.

# 0.82

HARRY MORRIS AVERAGED 0.82 GOALS PER GAME DURING HIS TIME AT THE CLUB.

# 48

HARRY MORRIS HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE SEASON DURING THE 1926/27 CAMPAIGN.

# SWINDON TOWN

# IN NUMBERS



# FOUR

THE ROBINS RECEIVED A RECORD £4 MILLION FROM QPR FOR THE DOUBLE SIGNING OF BEN GLADWIN AND MASSIMO LUONGO IN MAY 2015.

# 1969

SWINDON PLAYED THEIR FIRST EVER EUROPEAN MATCH 35 YEARS AGO, LOSING 2-1 AGAINST AS ROMA IN THE ANGLO-ITALIAN LEAGUE CUP.

# 800

SWINDON'S RECORD SIGNING, JOEY BEAUCHAMP, JOINED THE CLUB FROM WEST HAM UNITED IN 1994 FOR £800,000.

# 102

AFTER A RECORD 32 WINS IN 1985/86, SWINDON ACHIEVED THEIR HIGHEST EVER POINTS TOTAL FOR A SINGLE SEASON.

# TEN

BIGGEST EVER VICTORY CAME IN THE FA CUP DURING THE 1925/26 CAMPAIGN DEFEATING FARNHAM UNITED BREWERIES 10-1.

# 32

SWINDON ACHIEVED A RECORD 32 WINS IN 46 GAMES DURING THE 1985/86 FOURTH DIVISION CAMPAIGN.



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# LAST MEETING



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Coventry  
City

**Competition:** Sky Bet League One

**Venue:** County Ground

**Date:** Saturday 6th August 2016

**Attendance:** 9,023 (1,956)

Yaser Kasim struck four minutes from time to deny Coventry City a point on the opening day of the season, Swindon Town clinching a narrow victory at the County Ground.

The Sky Blues were the first to threaten, twice seizing on defensive mistakes in the early stages of the tie. James Brophy was pickpocketed on the left when trying to play out of defence, allowing the ball to break into the path of Marvin Sordell. The former Bolton hitman took aim from the edge of the area, but could only clatter the ball against the far post.

George Thomas scuffed off target from close range, before Sordell fed the ball expertly down the right into the path of Dion Kelly-Evans, the full-back's fierce drive tipped over well by Town 'keeper Lawrence Vigouroux.

Swindon could only muster half-chances in response, Anton Rodgers, Brophy and Jonathan

Obika all failing to unduly test Reice Charles-Cook. At the other end, Thomas spurned another guilt-edged opportunity to put City





ahead, played in down the left but failing to beat Vigouroux with a tame shot.

Although Coventry started the second half brightly – Jones twice going close for the visitors – Swindon gradually started to come forward themselves. Ryan Haynes had to charge down a close-range effort from former Cov Kid Conor Thomas, who later sidefooted well over when found unmarked ten yards from goal.

Tony Mowbray threw on Ruben Lameiras and Kwamwe Thomas, but the hosts continued to fashion the better opportunities. Sub Michael Doughty should have opened the scoring fifteen minutes from time when through on goal, but the QPR loanee dithered in possession, allowing full-back Jordan Willis to recover and make the decisive challenge.

Luke Williams' side continued to press for the winner, and came desperately close five minutes from time when another substitute,



Jordan Young, shook off his marker and moved into shooting range. His well-struck effort from the edge of the box was always rising, but clipped the top of the crossbar on its way over.

Town were not to be denied, though, and with time running out,



Kasim grabbed all three points for the Wiltshire outfit. Rodgers burst down the left and squared into the City area, where the ball was helped on by Doughty into the path of Kasim. The Iraq international made no mistake from eighteen yards, and though Charles-Cook got a hand on the strike, it wasn't enough to keep the ball from finding the back of the net.



Coventry City	Swindon Town
60	40
POSSESSION (%)	
14	10
TOTAL SHOTS	
3	3
SHOTS ON TARGET	
10	14
FOULS	
2	8
CORNERS	





CENTRE HALF JORDAN TURNBULL ARRIVED IN THE WEST MIDLANDS IN THE SUMMER OF 2016, UNDER FORMER BOSS TONY MOWBRAY.

# JORDAN TURNBULL

**M**aking the move from Premier League outfit Southampton, the 22-year old has strong connections with today's League One opposition Swindon Town, with just shy of 100 appearances for the Robins across a two-year spell.

In the defender's first season in professional football, he racked up 51 appearances, a near constant in Swindon's quest to reach the

Championship in 2015. Falling short at the play-off hurdle, Turnbull was named Swindon Town's Player of the Season, and subsequently recalled for a second spell in Wiltshire.

Turnbull said: "From a very young age I joined Swindon, really enjoyed my time there and it's a great club. I got scouted for Southampton, ended up joining them and played for a fair few years before rejoining Swindon on loan, which was a little strange and quite funny.

"It was a fantastic season for me and the team did really well. We made it to the play-offs and in my first ever pro season I got to play at Wembley which was amazing.

"It was incredible – no matter the result you've got to enjoy the experience and embrace the chance to play at the national stadium. Coventry get the chance to play there this year and hopefully it is second time lucky for me."









In need of further first-team exposure, and encouraged by a successful previous campaign, the Saints youngster rejoined Swindon ahead of the 2015/16 season.

Tasked with extending his footballing repertoire, the left-footed defender was pushed out on to the flank, playing the majority of the season at full-back.



He commented: "It was a big change, I started at centre-back and played a fair few at left-back after that.

"It was different for me but I felt I adapted to the role quite well. I got to go past the halfway line [nosebleed alert] on crazy runs but I enjoyed it and added a position to my armoury."

Looking ahead to today's crucial League One encounter, with five points between the two clubs as it stands, Jordan added: "It's going to be an exciting game, I keep in touch with some of the players and I was friendly with the staff.

"It is going to be good to play against them, but I'll be doing everything I can to get the three points for Coventry."

Growing up as part of the infamous Southampton FC academy, synonymous with a host of Premier League starlets, Turnbull learnt his trade alongside the likes of Callum Chambers, Luke Shaw and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

Talking about the value of sharing

a training pitch with now-Premier League elite, Jordan said: "I was playing with Callum Chambers who is now at Arsenal, and Jordan Pickford who has come onto the scene this season and been fantastic for Sunderland.

"Players like Chuba Akpom and Callum Harriot, there were some good names, big names, who will all have good careers in the game. You learn as much off good players as you do off coaches and managers."

Another product of the south-coast youth system, Jack Stephens spent a half-season loan in Coventry last term, making 16 appearances.

A fellow centre-back, the 23-year old made his Premier League bow this season, and has been entrusted to fill in for the injured Virgil van Dijk by Saints boss Claude Puel.

Turnbull commented: "It was quite funny because a lot of people my age graduated from their scholarships and played for the first team. I'm still really close with Jack Stephens who Coventry fans are



familiar with. I keep close contact with a lot of people actually.

"Fantastic for Jack, I wish him really well. He has taken his chance with both hands and hopefully he can continue to improve and stay in and around the side for most of the season.

"I think I was at the club when it wasn't the best of times as well, so to see that transition was fantastic. It was a winning mentality that got the club back to the Premier League. I wasn't part of the first team, but to be amongst it was a great feeling."

After the best part of ten years on the books of Southampton, the 22-year old made the journey north, to sign for the Sky Blues ahead of the 2016/17 campaign.

Despite his debut being marred by a red card – the second dismissal of his career - Turnbull has made a subsequent 33 appearances, scoring twice in the EFL Trophy victory over West Ham.

He said: "I think my debut may be one to forget. I felt I was doing really well, the team was doing well and it is one of those things that happens in football. You pick yourself up and move on.

"I don't think I've ever scored two goals in a game, in fact I rarely score! It was good to help the team out, and in this competition we've done really well and got a trip to Wembley at the end of it."

Turnbull has also represented the young Lions at U19 and U20 level, and finished by talking about fulfilling the dream of playing for his country.

He said: "I didn't really see it coming and then I got a phone call telling me I had been selected for the U19s, and it was a fantastic feeling and a great day for me and my family.

"We went abroad and played a couple of games and I started, so it was an unbelievable experience and one I'll never ever forget."







# MATCH ACTION

**16 MINUTES:**  
**GOAL:** Kwame Thomas nods home from close range, found excellently by Tudgay. Superb centre forward play from both. 1-0.



**Venue:** Ricoh Arena  
**Date:** Saturday 18th February 2017  
**Attendance:** 8,718 (582)

**Burge (GK)** (Charles-Cook 45), Di. Kelly-Evans, Clarke (C), Turnbull, Haynes, Foley, Reilly, Rose, G.Thomas (Jones 65), Tudgay, K.Thomas (Yakubu 69).

*Subs: Rawson, Bigirimana, Reid, Lameiras.*

**Nelson (GK)**, Jackson, Herd (Garmston 67), Ehmer (C), Oshilaja, Donnelly, McDonald (Parker 45), Dack, Byrne, Wright, Emmanuel-Thomas (Martin 45).

*Subs: Holy (GK), Hessenthaler, Osadebe, List.*

City scored with two first-half goals in the space of five minutes at home to Gillingham, to secure a valuable three points.

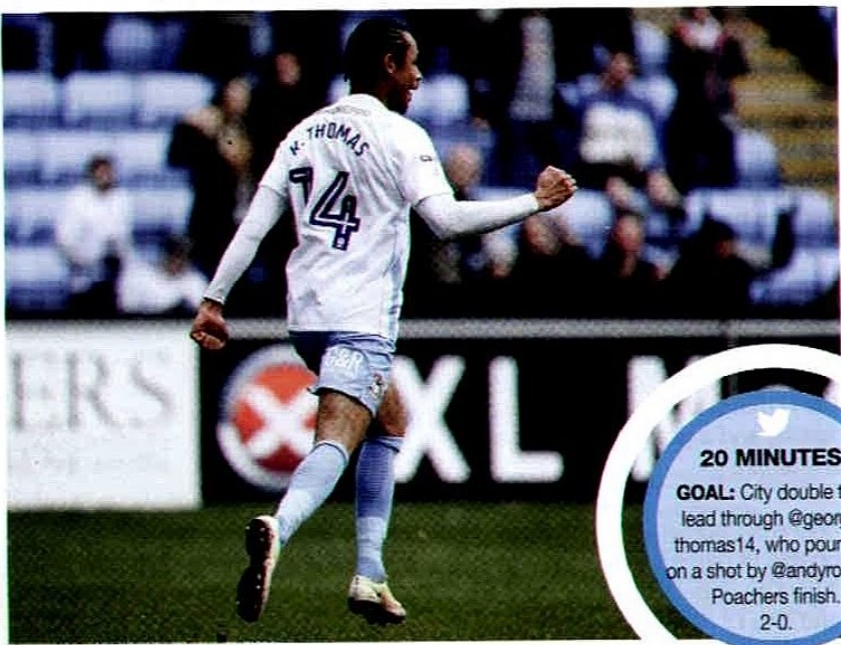
Kwame Thomas opened the scoring from close range in the 16th minute after finishing off a neat move between Ryan Haynes, Callum Reilly and Marcus Tudgay.

Russell Slade's men then doubled their lead five minutes later when George Thomas intercepted Andy Rose's shot

six yards from goal and slotted past Gillingham 'keeper Stuart Nelson.

Coventry could have increased their lead further by half-time. Marcus Tudgay heading just wide in the 23rd minute, while George Thomas' 35th-minute shot was blocked by Nelson.

Gillingham pulled a goal back in the 55th minute through captain Max Ehmer, but the Gills weren't able to find further reply, as the Sky Blues claimed their first three points of 2017.



**20 MINUTES:**  
**GOAL:** City double their lead through @george\_thomas14, who pounced on a shot by @andyrose. Poachers finish. 2-0.

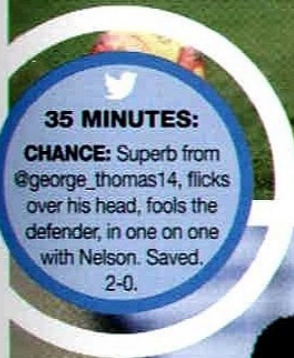




**54 MINUTES:**  
**GOAL:** Max Ehmer converts from a corner. Gills claim a goal back. 2-1.



**87 MINUTES:**  
**CHANCE:** Yakubu with a headed effort, creeps wide of the post. Delivery from Rose. Nery last 5!! 2-1.

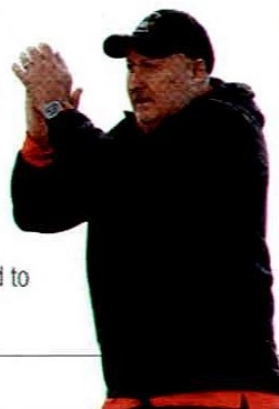


**35 MINUTES:**  
**CHANCE:** Superb from @george\_thomas14, flicks over his head, fools the defender, in one on one with Nelson. Saved. 2-0.



**Russell Slade said:** "The first-half performance was really strong, scored two and possibly could have had another two. Dominated the first-half so I was really pleased, we set our stall out, and mixed our play up well.

"Second-half we were under pressure, Burge had to come off, he's suffering with a bit of mild concussion. So many times we haven't hung in there, but so pleased we managed to do that today.



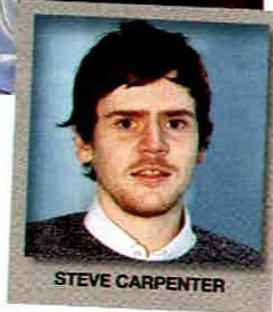
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IT WAS a welcome relief for all Sky Blues fans to finally see Russell Slade get that all important first league win and with the added hype of Wembley combined with positive signs in the transfer market, their remains hope that we can pull off what would have to be one of our greatest escapes.

I've always been a pessimistic person and I can't help but feel the damage has already been done, especially given our ability this season to throw away points when the players see the clock tick past the 90 minute mark.

Last Saturday's victory at home to Gillingham could have followed in a similar pattern to most of our season. For large spells we were the better side but we didn't kill off the match and those last few minutes felt like an eternity.

But this time around there was to be no late heartache and every fan's feeling at the final whistle was epitomised by Slade, who was as characteristic as ever, jumping for joy and fist pumping those loyal fans who have stuck by him.

I don't think fans of other team sports quite feel the emotions we do in football. It doesn't matter if you've been to the match or watched it from the other side of the world, when you see the scores come in and a Sky Blues defeat pops up, you feel this huge drain of sadness that can sometimes take days to shift.

We've spent over three months waiting to experience that winning feeling in the league and like many others I made the most of it on Saturday evening.

There were many pleasing aspects of the performance, particularly

in the first half where we totally dominated a poor Gillingham side and should have easily have been four goals in front.

I've spoken about George Thomas a lot in this column and I was delighted to see him get on the scoresheet again. It was only a matter of time before he started showing fans what he's all about and his hard-working displays have now made him a first team regular under Slade.

Nathan Clarke was immense in the heart of the City defence, while Callum Reilly had another solid game in midfield and he's a player who seems to be getting better with every match.

The sponsors selected Dion Kelly-Evans as their star man and it looked like he relished every moment as he spoke confidently post-match in front of hundreds of people in the various hospitality lounges.

I'm in a privileged position where I get to sit down and interview these players as part of my job and I'm always surprised by the level of maturity of our young academy players who speak and behave like senior pro's who've been in the game for years.

Once again it's a credit to the work being carried out by those people in the club's hugely successful academy to keep these future stars reeling off the production line and ready to make an impact in the first team.

I'm also delighted to be joining thousands of fans at the home of English football after securing my ticket to the Checkatrade Trophy final this week.

On March 29, 1997 my dad took me to the old Wembley to watch England beat Mexico 2-0 in an international friendly match, with Teddy Sheringham and Robbie Fowler getting the goals that night.

It seems very fitting that almost 20 years on to the day, I will be returning the favour and taking him to the new Wembley stadium to watch the Sky Blues go in search of their first piece of silverware in three decades.

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# Full Time



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A sit down with...

# the Yak

**HE COMES** to the Sky Blues with a big reputation as one of the best foreign goal-scoring imports in English football having found the back of the net almost 100 times as a Premier League striker, and now Yakubu is confident he can solve Russell Slade's crisis in front of goal and fire the club to League One safety.

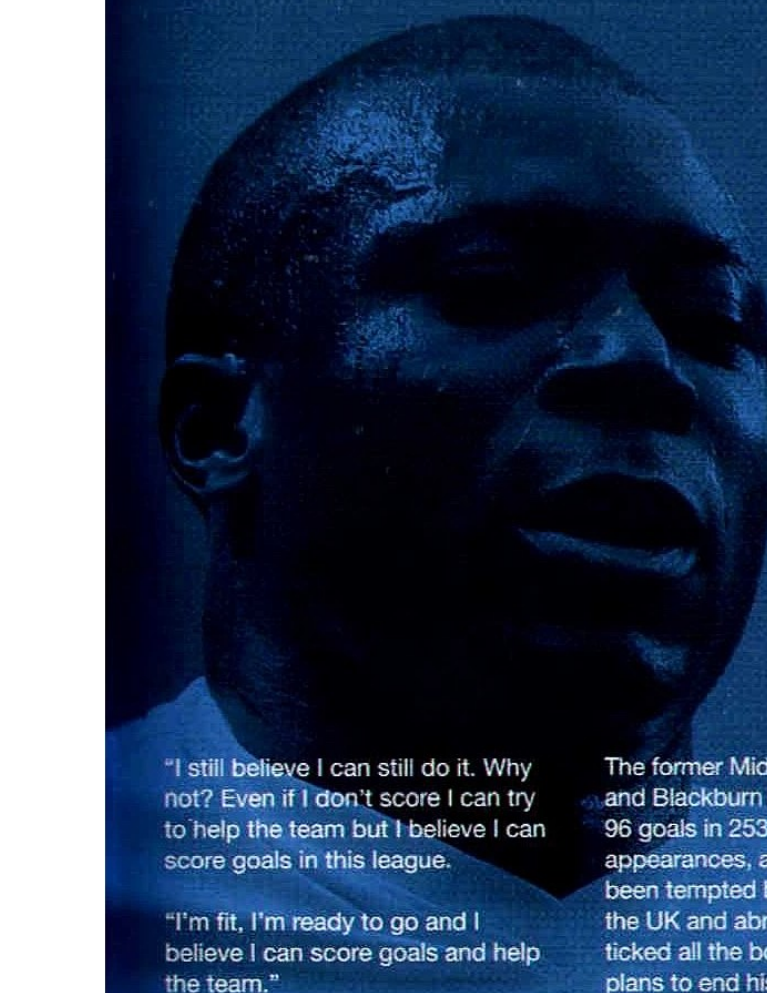
The 34-year-old completed his move to the Ricoh Arena two weeks ago, having impressed manager Slade while on trial, and he came off the bench to make his debut against AFC Wimbledon, as well as a home cameo against Gillingham.

So far the Sky Blues have scored just 28 goals in 32 league games and after returning to England following a spell with Turkey Kayserispor last season, Yakubu is eager to help Coventry's cause.

"I always believe I can score," Yakubu said. "No matter what league I'm in whenever I get the ball I always believe.

"There's always pressure when you come to a club and everyone believes in you. You don't want to let them down, you don't want to let yourself down.





"I still believe I can still do it. Why not? Even if I don't score I can try to help the team but I believe I can score goals in this league."

"I'm fit, I'm ready to go and I believe I can score goals and help the team."

Since his return to England, the 'Yak' has been training with National League South side Boreham Wood to improve his fitness, and the former Nigeria international believes he is ready to be back on the competitive stage.

"For me even when I'm not playing I always like to keep fit. In football you never know what's going to happen."

"If you just sit at home and don't train then it's going to be so difficult to come back. But I've still kept my fitness by training every week, doing some important gym work."

"It's good to be training everyday with these guys now and getting more fitter everyday. Hopefully I can help the team."

Many people in the footballing world saw the signing of Yakubu as something of a coup for the Sky Blues, especially given their current position nine points adrift at the bottom of League One - albeit with a game in hand.

The former Middlesbrough, Everton and Blackburn striker, who scored 96 goals in 253 Premier League appearances, admitted he had been tempted by offers both in the UK and abroad, but Coventry ticked all the boxes for Yakubu who plans to end his career in England.

"My agent called me and said for me to go to Coventry and to give it a go. I said 'why not'."

"I've been in England for so many years. While I have been free I've had some offers outside of England but I decided to stay in England and look for the best option."

"I spoke to a couple of clubs but none of them were right for me. I think Coventry was good for me, to play every week and to help the team and get my fitness back, then we'll see how we go for next season as well."

"I came here last week and spoke to the manager. He was really pleased to see me and he wants me. It's good to go to a place where they want you and I didn't think twice."

"This is the best place for me to be at the moment to train and to play. I like it here so it's been good."

Yakubu is no stranger to the environment of a relegation

battle. While at Portsmouth his goals helped Harry Redknapp's side maintain their Premier League status back in 2005, and seven years later at Blackburn he experienced the drop as Rovers were relegated to the Championship.

Despite having been with the Sky Blues for a short period, Yakubu is convinced he has seen enough to believe the club can retain its precious League One status.

"It's not going to be easy but you have to believe, he added. "You have to give everything in the game."

"Every home game you need to win if you want to stay up. There's lots of good young players here as well, they listen and it's good to be here."

"These guys need to keep working every day in training, keep giving the same again and I think we can stay up this season. The confidence is there with the players and hopefully we can get three points this week."

"Coventry was one of the bigger clubs in the country. It's a shame to see them in League One - they need to get back to where they belong."



By Steve Carpenter



# A view from Ryton



## Tatum Foster

### Football Operations & HR Co-ordinator

Over the course of the 2016/17 season, we will be profiling all of the back room staff at the training ground in Ryton. Today is the turn of Football Operations & HR Co-ordinator, Tatum Foster.

**Q. Give us a rundown of your day-to-day responsibilities...**

**A.** I assist with the football department, organising the scouting requests and generally assisting Vicki Gough in her role as Chief Operating Officer. I also oversee the HR operations for the entire club, which is a huge task.

**Q. Have you worked at other clubs before, and how did you get into the role?**

**A.** I was at Birmingham City, but actually worked outside of football for a bit before beginning at Coventry. It seems I kind of go wherever Vicki goes because she was also at the Blues. We have a good working relationship and work well as a team.

I've done a little bit of HR when I was at the Blues, but nowhere near as much as I am doing now. Thrown

in at the deep-end, you could say.

**Q. Did you go to University to be able to work in this role?**

**A.** I went to University, but I actually studied Graphic Design and Advertising, which of course is totally different to what I am doing now. I graduated and actually started at Birmingham City FC in the club shop as a retail Christmas temp and worked my way up.

HR Administrator, Stadium Administrator and it was then I learned more the HR based work that has helped me with the role I currently have now at Coventry.

**Q. When you first went to University, what was it you wanted to do as a career?**

**A.** I wanted to do technical drawing and I think I chose the wrong course, in hindsight. It focused more on the marketing side, but I wanted to do the drawing and the angles, so it didn't really end up that way.

After University I had my daughter, so that is where everything

stopped. I am part-time here because I look after her as well.

**Q. Imagine that's a big change in your life?**

**A.** It really does. I want this place to work and I can only be here a certain amount of hours a week, but I always want my family life to continue so it's about striking a balance.

I work 24 hours a week, but with an hour commute it does take time. I do enjoy it and I think everyone works really well together, and there is a real team ethic. We all muck in.

**Q. How long have you worked in this role or industry?**

**A.** Well I started at the Blues around ten years ago and spent four years there. I was actually made redundant twice, once at Birmingham and then at an Asbestos company because they went bust – so it's been an interesting journey.

**Q. And finally, will you be looking at staying in football in the future?**

**A.** I think once you're in football, it is very hard to get out of football. It is such a varied role, that if you go into an office job you're not going to get the same buzz as you do working for a football club.

There are definitely highs and lows, but it is fun. We all get along really well and it is like a little family. I would like to continue doing this for as long as I can, but I'm not ruling out going down different avenues in the future.





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## Coventry City U23s 2-0 Bristol City U23s

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Ex-City skipper, turned coach, Sam Ricketts took charge of the 23s for the second time since his retirement last year, and oversaw a comfortable 2-0 win.

With first teamers Jodi Jones and Ruben Lameiras included in City's starting XI, the home side looked threatening from the off, with Jones' pace causing inevitable problems down the right.

U18s prospect Jak Hickman broke the deadlock just before the interval, gliding skilfully past his opposition defender before wrapping his boot around the shot, which duly found the corner of the net.



### Coventry City U23:

Addai (GK), Hickman, Harries, Finch, Sayoud, Lameiras (Spence 60), Maycock, Shipley, Jones (Camwell 60), Dev. Kelly-Evans (C) (Finn 60), Ponticelli.

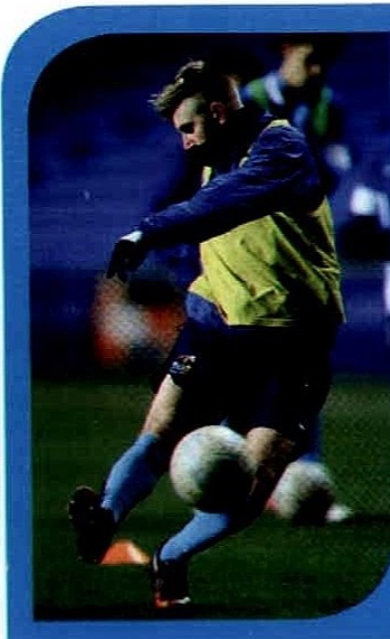
Despite controlling large amounts of the first half, the visitors nearly equalised within minutes of the restart. Addai clawed a superb 20-yard effort to safety, before watching the rebound crash against his upright.

Cian Harries wrapped up the points in the second-half, as he swept a Bilal Sayoud cross into the bottom corner to give City an unassailable two-goal lead.

**Samuel Ricketts said:** "We're pleased with the win, there were some really good parts in the game but also things to work on. The players all applied themselves really well and that is all you can ask for, but it was a good victory.

"There were a few younger lads from the 18s, Jak Hickman scored a fantastic goal. I asked him before the game does he like going forward, and it was a nice surprise to see him score such a good goal.

"We've got some good young players here and we've continued that on from previous years."



### Star Man: Jak Hickman

The fullback stepped up from the U18s and impressed with his calmness on the ball and willingness to roam forward in support down the right flank.

The 18-year old linked up well with both Jodi Jones and Ruben Lameiras, and scored the all important opener, beating his man before curling a sumptuous effort into the far corner.



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## UNDER-18S REVIEW – JASON FARNDON



City's U18s side continue to go from strength to strength, stretching their winning run to eight games, keeping six straight clean sheets in the process.

Jason Farndon's young charges travelled to south London to face a Millwall side lying in sixth place in the PDL, but goals from Kyle Finn and Jordan Ponticelli's 20th of the season were enough to see off the Lions' threat.

Farndon said: "Like Millwall at all levels, they were very big and very strong physically, so it posed a different threat to us. It seemed like they were the first side to study our strengths and aimed to stop us playing.

"Andy Crabtree played an important part at half-time, calming the lads down and explaining that not every game would be dominant and they responded. We scored two goals and ground out an important win.

"It's good that we have demonstrated a different side of our game, because throughout a season that is needed. We were forced in to changes, Tom Bayliss and Dan Smith both went off with illness, but overall it was a professional performance."

With goalscorers traditionally hogging the headlines, and clean sheets hard to come by in academy football, Farndon was quick to shine a light on the efforts of his teenage backline, after some resolute defending has yielded a run of six games without conceding a goal.

U18s stopper Konrad Skuza has also delivered a string of mature performances to ensure City's remarkable defensive record stays in tact.

Farndon added: "Lewis Green, a first year scholar, came into the defence against Millwall and he is only just recovering from injury himself. We've had Jordan Thompson who is a second year scholar doing really well and others filling in.



Konrad Skuza

"Ross McMahon and Chris Camwell have also been involved so it's particularly impressive that we've managed to build on this run, in spite of the changes being made.

"Konrad Skuza has been the number one all season and playing like he deserves to maintain that position, he has been fantastic this year. In my head I have an idea of the strongest starting XI, but performances recently have made me question that, which is a only good thing."

### COVENTRY CITY UNDER-18S FORM GUIDE



● W 1-0

**Charlton Athletic**

U18PDL  
20th January 2017



● W 2-0

**Watford**

U18PDL  
27th January 2017



● W 7-0

**Cardiff City**

U18PDL  
3rd February 2017



● W 9-0

**Colchester United**

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● W 2-0

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This season we have tasked our Coventry City squad with picking out a one to eleven of teammates they have played alongside in seasons past. This week it is the turn of former Huddersfield and Leyton Orient defender **Nathan Clarke** to make his selections...

# 1 to Eleven

## ELDIN JAKUPOVIC Leyton Orient (2014)

Eldin Jakupovic began his career in his native Switzerland with Super League outfit FC Than, but failed to make a first-team appearance.

The 'keepers first move to England came with Hull City in 2012, but it was a loan spell at Leyton Orient in 2014 that meant he played alongside Clarke in League One.

## STEVE JENKINS Huddersfield (2001-2003)

A former Welsh international, Jenkins spent eight years with Huddersfield Town, where many would deem him as a club legend.

He would make over 250 appearances for the Yorkshire outfit, before having spells at Notts County and Swindon Town, among others, in the latter stages of his career.

## CHRIS LUCKETTI Huddersfield (2001-2003)

Despite beginning his career at Rochdale, it was his six-year spell at Bury and five-year stay at Preston North End that shaped Locketti's playing days.

Now 45, Locketti made over 400 appearances for both clubs, including a play-off final at the

Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, in which Preston were defeated against West Ham United. He has twice acted as caretaker manager of Fleetwood Town.

## TOM CLARKE Huddersfield (2005-2012)

The first name on the list, and not simply because they happen to be related, the Clarke brothers shared seven years at Huddersfield Town together.

After loan spells at local sides Halifax and Bradford City, Tom has firmly established himself as a key figure in the Preston North End side after moving to the Championship club in 2013.







**MOSES ODUBAJO**  
**Leyton Orient (2012-2014)**

A product of the Leyton Orient youth academy, Odubajo impressed enough to earn a rumoured £1million move to Championship side Brentford in 2014.

He would only spend one season at the Bees, making 45 appearances, before Hull City acquired his services after relegation from the Premier League ahead of the 2015/16 season.

**KENNY IRONS**  
**Huddersfield (2001-2003)**

A Football League veteran, Irons made over 500 appearances during a 17 year career with Tranmere Rovers and Huddersfield Town.

Signed up as a trainee at Tranmere, he represented the club for over ten years before moving to Steve Bruce's Huddersfield Town side for £500,000 in 1999.

**ROMAIN VINCELOT**  
**Leyton Orient (2013-2015)**

Despite only spending one season at the Ricoh Arena, Vincelot



endeared himself to the Sky Blue Army with his commitment and no-nonsense attitude towards the game.

After moving to England initially with Dagenham & Redbridge in 2010, the Frenchman made the switch to Leyton Orient, where he played alongside Clarke, whilst the pair also teamed up briefly at Bradford City for the first half of the 2016/17 campaign.

**ANTHONY PILKINGTON**  
**Huddersfield (2009-2011)**

A full Republic of Ireland international with nine caps, Pilkington impressed at non-league Stockport County before a move to Huddersfield in 2009.

He spent two years at the club, making just shy of 100 appearances, but later joined then-Premier League side Norwich City in a deal worth up to £3million.

**ANDY BOOTH**  
**Huddersfield (2001-2009)**

Now retired after a 17 year career in the game, Booth had two spells at Huddersfield, either side of a permanent move to Yorkshire rivals Sheffield Wednesday.



The striker made just fewer than 400 appearances for the Terriers, scoring over 130 goals and remains at the club as an ambassador.

**MARCUS STEWART**  
**Huddersfield (2000)**

A glittering career in which Stewart represented a total of eight different clubs, including spells at then-Premier league sides Ipswich Town and Sunderland.

It was at the Tractor Boys Stewart had his most productive season, finishing as the Premier League's second-highest scorer behind Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

He is now the assistant manager at League One side Bristol Rovers.

**JORDAN RHODES**  
**Huddersfield (2009-2012)**

A prolific goalscorer in the Football League, Rhodes scored an incredible 170 goals during his time with Blackburn Rovers and Huddersfield Town in just over 270 appearances.

A big money move to Middlesbrough followed in 2016, before he returned to Yorkshire with Sheffield Wednesday in January.





Bury have confirmed ex-Celtic and England midfielder Alan Thompson as new manager Lee Clark's assistant this week, and the Greater Manchester outfit have given themselves a fighting chance of avoiding relegation with recent results.

Thompson, 43, worked alongside Lee Clark at Birmingham and Blackpool, and last Saturday's 2-1 win at Chesterfield was the new manager's first game in charge after he left Scottish club Kilmarnock to take up the helm at Gigg Lane.

Bury have picked up twelve points since the turn of the year, meaning they have clawed themselves out

of the dreaded drop zone. The Shakers are currently on a three match unbeaten streak, having won crucial ties against Swindon and Chesterfield, whilst also holding MK Dons to a goalless draw.

Perilously close to Port Vale in 21st place, Bury travel to mid-table Charlton Athletic today, before facing the Sky Blues in a 7.45pm kick-off on Tuesday 28th February.



**JAMES VAUGHAN**

LEAGUE ONE STATS

113 MINUTES PER GOAL

2,039 MINUTES PLAYED

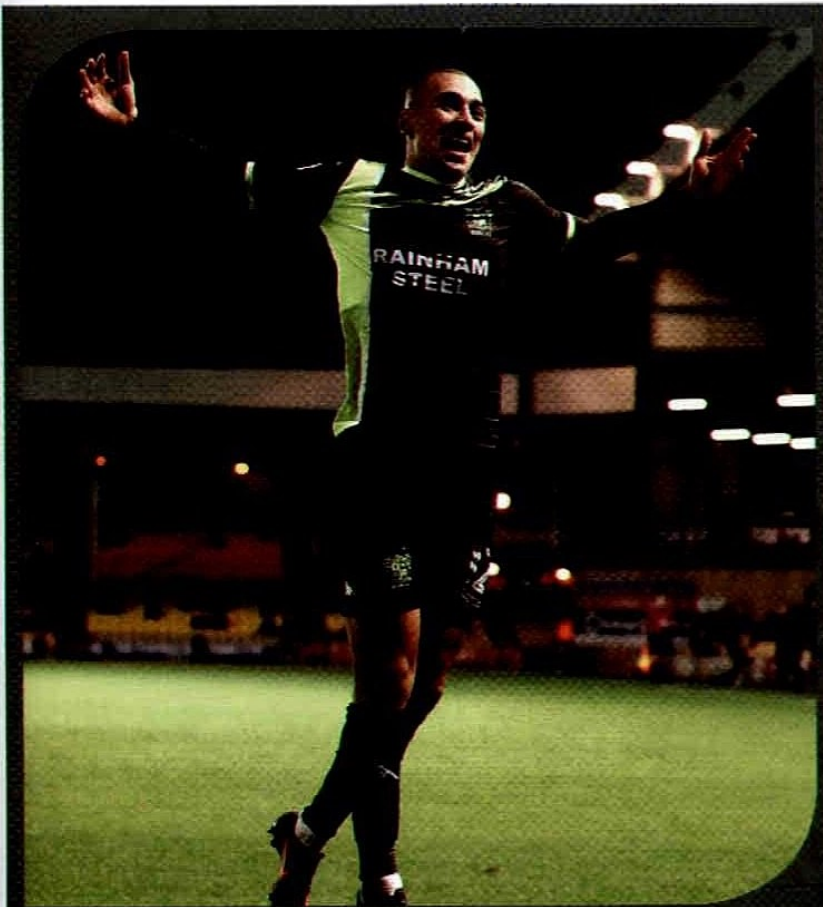
18 GOALS SCORED

0 ASSISTS

51% SHOTS ON TARGET RATIO







## ONE TO WATCH: JAMES VAUGHAN

The striker had played all his career football in the top two tiers of England's professional pyramid, until his exit from Birmingham City in the summer of 2016.

Now 28-years of age, the ex-England youth international is enjoying a superb season at Gigg Lane, second in the division's scoring charts behind Sheffield's Billy Sharp.

On the books of Premier League side Everton as a youngster, the frontman made 38 appearances in the top tier, as well as a host of cup appearances for the Toffees.

Loan spells at Derby County, Leicester City and Crystal Palace followed, before a permanent switch to Norwich in 2011. A brief stint at Birmingham City was less successful, as Vaughan failed to register a goal for the Midlands outfit.

That baron spell initiated a move away from St Andrews and League One outfit Bury won the battle for the striker's signature in August 2016. Having made 29 appearances to date, Vaughan has netted an impressive 18 goals for the Greater Manchester side, greatly aiding their bid for League One survival.

The 28-year old scored four in the club's 5-1 mauling of Peterborough in mid January, and last netted in a 1-0 win over fellow strugglers Swindon in Feb - gifting his side a much needed three points.

## MATCH ACTION:

<b>Chesterfield</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bury</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SkyBet League One</b>	

Chesterfield's relegation fears deepened as they were beaten at home by fellow League One strugglers Bury and had defender Tom Anderson sent off in a dramatic finale.

Kristian Dennis gave Chesterfield a first-half lead, but after Thorsten Stuckmann had saved Ryan Lowe's penalty, Andrew Tutte equalised with a stunning strike.

18-year old George Miller sealed Bury's first away win since late September, as the forward netted his sixth of the season.

Chesterfield gave a debut to the 35-year old former Doncaster and Partick goalkeeper Stuckmann, but Bury top scorer James Vaughan was injured for Lee Clark's first game in charge.

Sylvan Ebanks-Blake's pass was misjudged by Cameron Burgess, allowing Dennis to run past him and touch the ball past Joe Murphy for the opening goal in the 32nd minute.

Lowe had a great chance to equalise in the 69th minute from Miller's cross, but he headed against the crossbar from six yards and his afternoon got worse when his 79th-minute penalty was saved.

But Bury levelled in the 80th minute when Tutte picked up the ball 30-yards out and sent an unstoppable shot inside the left post, before Miller pounced on a goalkeeping error to gift the away side all three points.







# JSBS...

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## The Link

Midfielder Conor Thomas progressed through the ranks at his hometown Sky Blues, and went on to spend 15 years in the West Midlands, racking up over 100 first team appearances between 2010-2016 and spending time on loan with Liverpool in 2011.



## WHAT'S IN A NICKNAME?



The nickname 'The Robins' reflects the club's red colours. Swindon Town also existed under the name 'The Railwaymen', dating back to the time when Swindon was a large railway centre, with the Great Western Railway Works at its height in the mid-sixties.

## Lee's Link

What is the link between these four players?



Arsene Wenger



Paul Tisdale



Jim Bentley



Gareth Ainsworth

## Who Am I?

1. I am 56 years old and was born in Wokingham.
2. My first job in management was as Caretaker Manager of Notts County in 1994.
3. I was appointed Sky Blues boss in December 2016.

## Spot the Ball



ANSWERS: LINKS WITH LEE THEY ARE THE FOUR LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS IN ENGLAND. WHO AM I? RUSSELL SLADE.



# Mascots

Name: Charlie Thompson

Age: 6

School: John Wycliffe Primary School

Hobbies: Football, Golf, Lego

Favourite Players: Ruben Lameiras



Name: Harrison Handley

Age: 8

School: St. Bartholomews

Hobbies: Football, golf, running and playing with friends

Favourite Players:

Ivor Lawton, Jodi Jones, Reice Charles-Cook

Name: Emilia Pitcher

Age: 7

School: Godstowe

Hobbies: Reading, cross country, chess

Favourite Players: Reice Charles-Cook



Name: Toby Pitcher

Age: 6

School: Thorpe House

Hobbies: Cycling, Cars

Favourite Players: Jodi Jones

Name: Isaac Homer

Age: 7

School: St Augustine's School

Hobbies: Playing for Leek Wootton Football Club, Lego

Favourite Players: Jodi Jones



Name: Sammy Homer

Age: 5

School: St Augustine's School

Hobbies: Playing for Leek Wootton Football Club, Playstation

Favourite Players: Gael Bigirimana

Name: Nathan Clinch

Age: 12

School: Dorecan Academy

Hobbies: Football and Cricket

Favourite Players: Nathan Thomsson, Brad Barry, James Brophy



## Welcome

Good afternoon and welcome to our game against Swindon Town here at the Ricoh Arena this afternoon.

On the back of a good win against Gillingham in our last game, we are looking for another three points in our battle for League One survival. I was really pleased with the game last week as I'm sure you were – so let's do the same again!

I will be around the stadium and Family Zone this afternoon. Today, we will be designing new Coventry City kits so make sure you join us for that and all of our usual activities.

I hope you all enjoy the match!

Sky Blue Sam

Sky Blue Sam predicts:

2-1 to the Sky Blues

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** To Peter Ndlovu! The popular Zimbabwean played 197 games, scoring 41 times in those matches from 1991 to 1997. Make sure you YouTube his name and see some of the crackers he scored for the Sky Blues!





# Former Players Supporting The Sky Blues

with CCFPA's Mike Young

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## Today's Special Guest – Welcome to Dennis Mortimer

A Highfield Road apprentice (1967) turning professional (1969), Dennis made his full debut v home town Liverpool in a FA Cup 1-1 home draw in January 1970. Before moving to Villa Park in December 1975 for £175k, Dennis totalled 221 Sky Blues appearances netting 12 times and was part of our sole European venture in the Fairs Cup in 1970-71.

After the Villa (and a Sheffield United loan spell) Dennis played at Brighton (1985) and Birmingham (1986) before ending his career at Kettering Town and Redditch United (where he became player-manager) in 1988, also gaining coaching/ admin. experience with W.B.A. and the P.F.A. He is a regular at the Association's Legends Days and Golf Days..

Dennis ended up with 3 England 'B' Caps; 6 England Under 23 Caps (all with City); 1 European Cup Winners medal 1982; 1 League Champions medal 1980-81; 1 League Cup Winners medal 1977 (all with Villa).



## Congratulations To Wembley - Bound Sky Blues!

It is fitting that the Sky Blues team of 2016-17 have reached a Wembley Final exactly 30 years after the 1986-87 Sky Blues brought the FA Cup back to Coventry after a thrilling 3-2 extra time victory over Spurs. Nearly all

of that squad joined CCFPA, Dave Bennett is on our committee and 'Oggie' has exchanged the CCFC goalposts for the coach's dugout. There have been a number of reunions of the '87 Boys' so far this year with more planned.

Earlier this month 'Benno', 'Oggie' and Micky Gynn and fellow FA Cup winner Lloyd McGrath joined a packed audience of Sky Blue fans at Lloyds place (Hawksmoor Sports and Social Club) for a night of memories refereed by CCFPA's Billy Bell and with video memories provided by Dean Nelson.



The '87 Boys Do Photo Ops with FA Cup.

A very good celebratory turnout of '87 Boys' is expected at the Ricoh on April 8th at Legends Day 2017 (versus the Posh)! Hopefully the current Sky Blues can lift the Checkatrade Trophy a week earlier and show off the silverware at what we want to be our biggest FP reunion ever. If you wish to dine with our legends see the club's ad in this programme and keep checking our website for news as it develops.

## Welcome To Our Latest Signing – Samuel Ricketts!

When Sam Ricketts decided to hang-up his Sky Blue boots following injury several weeks ago, CCFPA chief recruiter Frank Pritchard was quick to step in and offer membership to our popular club captain.

The 35 year old ends his professional career at the Ricoh after 56 appearances in all competitions for CCFC since signing from Wolves on a free in July 2015. Sam scored his solitary Sky Blues goal in his sixth outing, a 2-2 home draw with Southend United in August of that year.

Sam, who now has since managed CCFC's Development squad was very happy to join us and we hope to see him at CCFPA events when club commitments allow.



Frank presents Sam with his official CCFPA tie.



# Our Latest 'Specials' See Mixed Sky Blues' Fortunes

We have welcomed another batch of 'special guests' to the Ricoh since our last PUBS report. Every pre-match Saturday our FPs visited the JSBs, CCFC's youngest supporters, for photos/ autographs in the Family Zone (run by our AM **Pat Raybould** and her eager volunteers).



*Peter in the FZ with CCFC's Marcus Tudgay & SB Sam.*



*BBC CWR's Stuart Linnell with Peter.*

All our 'specials' were then Q&A'd by club host (and CCFPA member) **Brian 'Harry' Roberts** around the Arena's supporters' lounges. After helping the BBC CWR live match-day commentary team with analysis all finished their day with CCFPA's **Billy Bell** on the stage of Lady Gs in the G-Casino for banter and reminiscences.

Sadly, our first two Saturday guests sadly saw the visitors take all three points and the Sky Blues rooted bottom of the League One table! **Peter Bodak**, a precocious early 80s Sky Blues talent, saw our current team ship a last minute goal to Fleetwood Town. Another attacking midfielder (from the late '90s), **Barry Quinn**, was also left disappointed following a 2-0 Millwall reverse. Dublin born Barry, accompanied by his delightful



*'Harry' & Barry.*

young family, particularly enjoyed some blarney with our own resident Irishman **Billy Bell**!

Better news followed as 1987 FA Cup hero and Ricoh regular **Dave Bennett** continued his 100% win record as 'special' at evening cup games! In early August he had seen the Posh punished 3-2 in the EFL trophy. He now completed a Checkatrade Trophy home win treble under floodlights having watched Crawley defeated 1-0 last December and Brighton's U23s seen off 3-0 last month. Then, earlier



*'Harry' & 'Benno'.*



*Barry's Family.*

this month he witnessed the joyous but nerve wracking 2-1 semi Final defeat of Wycombe! 'Benno' will surely be at April's Wembley final determined to keep his record intact!

Finally, last Saturday CCFPA President **Kirk Stephens** saw Russell Slade get his first Sky Blues league win (2-1) in a rumbustious and tense battle with Gillingham (featuring a first half cameo from former Sky Blue and CCFPA member **Cody McDonald**). Everyone hopes now that at last things are looking up!



*'Benno' rides the BBC CWR Airwaves.*



*A Happy Kirk with BBC CWR's team.*



*Kirk & Billy on stage at Lady Gs.*



WITH HISTORIAN JIM BROWN

# Two more wins push City closer to promotion



*Gould scoring the second goal in the 2-1 win at Charlton.*

A week after dropping leading scorer Bobby Gould, Jimmy Hill restored him to the starting line-up to face Preston at Highfield Road on 11th February. At the start of play North End lay fourth in the table, four points behind the Sky Blues, having lost just one league game in eight. Ian Gibson returned with Brian Lewis wearing the number 7 shirt in place of the injured John Key.

Gould had taken a lot of criticism from fans after the Newcastle game but manager Hill had faith in Gould who, to be fair, had

netted 15 goals already, despite a four-game drought since Christmas.

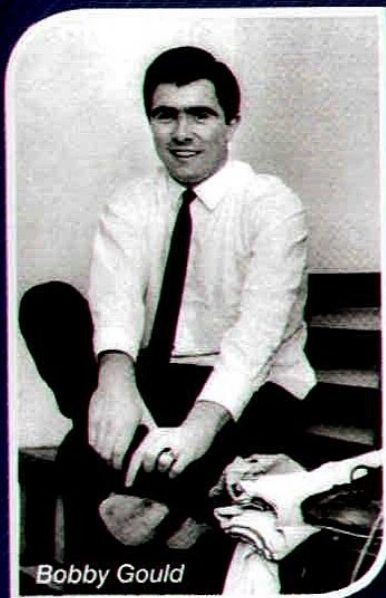
Once again City's unbeaten run looked vulnerable as Preston's strong arm tactics in the first half unsettled the Sky Blues. When a Ross free-kick wasn't cleared Nobby Lawton cracked home a low drive to give the visitors a half-time lead. Preston then made the mistake of defending in depth and rarely came out of their own half. The Sky Blues were well below their best but continued to press for an equaliser. Gibson was being shadowed by two or sometimes three Preston players and had a good shout for a penalty then Ron Farmer had a vicious shot

blocked before Mick Kearns hit the rebound over the bar. Rees had a header beat the keeper but a defender cleared off the line before City got the breakthrough in the 80th minute.

From the right by-line Gibson's chip found Machin's head and the scores were level. Two minutes later Dietmar Bruck was clean through but sliced his shot wide from 12 yards. The noise from the 29,000 home crowd was now deafening and four minutes from time Highfield Road erupted as Gould netted the winner. Howard Kendall, a tower of strength for Preston, was caught napping when he pushed the ball too far ahead of



“ City's refusal to be beaten had been illustrated yet again and it was an inspirational selection from Hill to recall Gould. ”



Bobby Gould

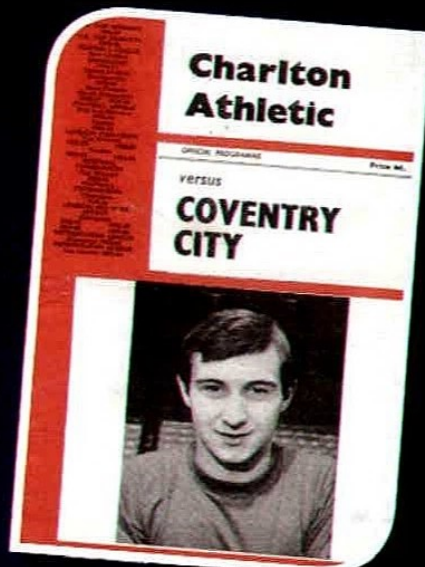
himself, Machin whipped the ball off him, fed Farmer who teed up Bobby to finish from 15 yards.

City's refusal to be beaten had been illustrated yet again and it was an inspirational selection from Hill to recall Gould. Wolves won 3-1 at Charlton and City's lead was still two points.

A week later City travelled to the

Valley to face Charlton with an unchanged team and supported by 4,000 Sky Blue fans. With Charlton close to the relegation zone it was always going to be tough but no-one expected a game of 41 fouls and three bookings (in an era when bookings were as uncommon as red cards today). City had the better of the first half but failed to find a goal but five minutes into the second half they took the lead. A superb Gibson dribble was helped on by Clements and with the home defence in tatters Gould scored from three yards. Brian Lewis, playing in a defensive role despite wearing the number seven shirt, was the first name in the book for a knee in the back of Matt Tees which prompted loud booing from the home fans. Minutes later Curtis won an aerial challenge against Tees which saw the Charlton man's impetus take him off the field and he seemed to collide with the touch-line wall. It didn't seem that the referee was going to take action until Charlton manager Bob Stokoe angrily protested and suddenly Curtis' name was in the book.

Three minutes from time Gould wrapped up the points with a



second goal. Curtis, booed constantly after the Tees incident, broke up an attack in his own half and fed Machin who spotted Bobby racing through the middle. Ernie's great high pass split the home defence and the centre-forward ran on to plant it past Wright in the Charlton goal.

Myers scored a consolation goal with virtually the last kick of the match as City recorded their first ever win at the Valley (at the eighth attempt) and extended the unbeaten run to 13 games. The London press were hyper-critical of City, many reporters describing them as a 'rough' team.

With Wolves involved in FA Cup action the Sky Blues extended their lead at the top to four points but Wolves now had a game in hand. Third-placed Carlisle were six points back.

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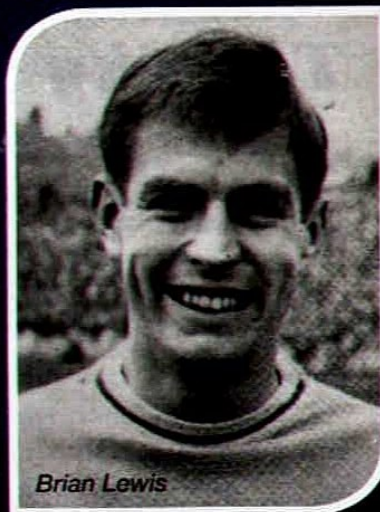
City leave it late England triumph (P7) Leicester's rally (P1)

# GOULD BOBS BACK

Busy Machin hits one — makes the other

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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Brian Lewis



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

21-25 FEBRUARY



## Saturday 21st February 1987 FA CUP SUCCESS

The Sky Blues travelled to the Victoria Ground, home of Stoke City, in an FA Cup fifth round tie.

With over 30,000 fans in attendance, including 8,000 travelling from the West Midlands, City advanced to the quarterfinal as cup fever gripped the City.

Michael Gynn scored the only goal of the game with 19 minutes remaining, when his low shot found the corner to give City victory.

## Wednesday 24th February 1965 BIRTH OF LLOYD MCGRATH

Lloyd McGrath, who represented the club between 1984 and 1994, was born in Birmingham.

He progressed through the youth system at the Sky Blues and was known as a 'ball winner'. In 1987, his foray down the right wing and subsequent cross-deflected in by Gary Mabbutt, earned him a place in City folklore.



## Sunday 16th February 1986 LITTLEWOODS CUP DISAPPOINTMENT

The television cameras were again present for the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest.

Looking to recover from a 2-1 defeat in the first leg, the Sky Blues could only battle to a goalless draw, watched on by 25,500 people.

Forest would go on to beat Oldham Athletic 1-0 at Wembley in the final with a goal from future City loanee Nigel Jemson.



## Thursday 22nd February 1979 VICTORY AT THE BRIDGE

Three goals in five minutes saw the Sky Blues to an impressive 3-1 victory against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Ian Wallace and Mick Ferguson (2) took the side up to eighth in Division One and provoked a stern response from Chelsea manager Danny Blanchflower.

Speaking to the Daily Mirror he said: "We lost it in those five minutes, it's disappointing because for half an hour we had looked good."



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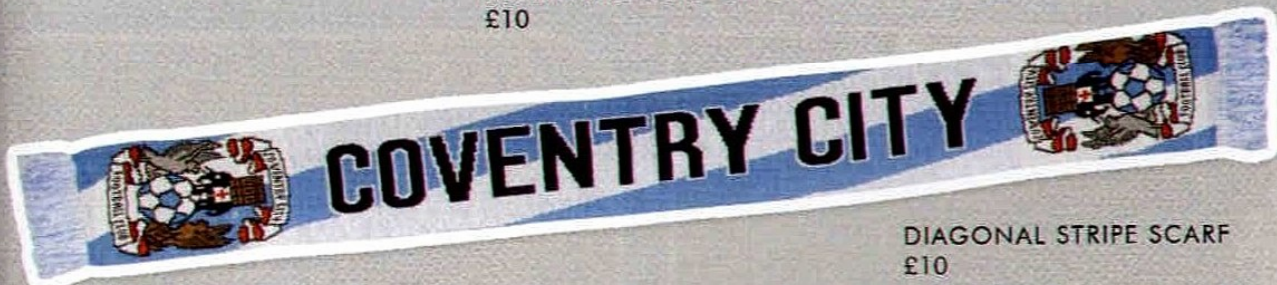


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# Commercial News

## Coventry City FC help the charity DKMS to show blood cancer the 'red card'

Coventry City FC have teamed up with blood cancer charity DKMS in a bid to register fans as potential lifesavers. At the game today a match-day donor registration event will be held at Coventry City's Fan Zone. It will give supporters the opportunity to register as a blood stem cell donor and potentially save the life of someone suffering with a blood cancer.

Anyone in the UK aged between 17 and 55 and in general good health can register with DKMS. To register, the charity asks potential

blood stem cell donors to give consent and a two minute swab sample from the inside of their cheek. If you have missed the pre-game match-day event, you can register online at [www.dkms.org.uk](http://www.dkms.org.uk).

Coventry City FC's, Head of Marketing, Mark Hornby, said: "We are delighted to be supporting DKMS, as this is a cause that can make such an amazing difference to those suffering from a blood cancer. Registering as a potential blood stem cell donor only takes a few minutes but it is so important



for those seeking a matching donor. Supporters can become potential lifesavers by taking the time before the game to swab and register with the charity at our next home match on February 25. It could be one of the most important things you ever do."

## Coventry City 50/50 raffle

Available at every home game this season, lifelong Sky Blues fan Emma Hall has collected her winnings after becoming the latest benefactor of the Coventry City 50/50 raffle.

With a season-high total of £515 available, Emma was chosen at random as she took home the winnings after the club's historic victory over Wycombe Wanderers. The Sky Blues also booked a place at Wembley for the first time in 30 long years, and super fan Emma

will be able to celebrate in style after claiming her prize.

The 50/50 raffle aims to raise funds for Coventry City's Academy as well as giving one lucky winner the chance to win 50% of the amount raised.

Emma said: "I was delighted when I found out I had won it. My dad is a lifelong fan, having not missed a home game in nearly 52 years! 30 years ago after the FA Cup success, I was here holding the



trophy and he won the raffle on that day - so it must be fate."

Look out for your chance to enter the 50/50 raffle at the eight remaining home fixtures, including today against Swindon Town!

Gillingham winning number (18-02-2017): A-282762. The unclaimed prize is £270!





FROM AROUND TWITTER



@Coventry\_City

Man of the Match yesterday, chosen by Match Sponsor @CovPlumbing was @DionKellyEvans #PUSB



**FootballLeaguePaper** @TheLeaguePaper  
Following

Here's our selection of @SkyBetLeagueOne's best performers 🏆

'Top Boss' is Russell Slade after @Coventry\_City's important win! #PUSB

**Cian Harries** @Cian\_Harries  
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HAVE to stick together 🤝 #PUSB



**Jordan Ponticelli** @JordanPontch  
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🏆👍 just the 5...

**Leah gardner** @Leahgardner20  
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Highlight off my day when @RubenLameiras was doing kicky-ups with his chewing gum and got it straight in his mouth 🤪👍

**jak hickman.** @rickyhickman  
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Another big 3 points away at Cardiff yesterday! @JordanPontch on 🔥🔥👍

**JJ10** @JoosJones  
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Matchday - Hopefully another goal & 3 points 🏆🏆

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**Dion Kelly-Evans** @DionKellyEvans  
Following

What a result!! Lads were outstanding today, battled well throughout, great feeling winning and getting MOTM #PUSB 💙

**Ben Stevenson** @benstevenson23  
Following

Betterrrr 🙌🙌 @DionKellyEvans @george\_thomas14 #pusb

**Football League Zone** @TheFLZone  
Follow

Respect to Coventry City fans in day one of ticket sales for their Checktrade final at Wembley. #pusb #EFL72

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Following

More than 18,000 tickets sold for @Coventry\_City Wembley final [bbc.in/2liR3no](http://bbc.in/2liR3no) @EFL





## v BRADFORD

League One  
 Saturday 11th March  
 KICK-OFF: 3pm  
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## v SOUTHEND

League One  
 Tuesday 14th March  
 KICK-OFF: 7.45pm  
 GENERAL SALE: On sale now



## NEW DATE v PORT VALE

League One  
 Tuesday 21st March  
 KICK-OFF: 7.45pm  
 GENERAL SALE: On sale now



## v BURY

League One  
 Tuesday 28th February  
 KICK-OFF: 7.45pm  
 GENERAL SALE: On sale now



We have been given an allocation of 810 tickets, including 5 pairs of wheelchair and carer tickets.

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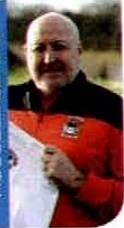





# PLAYER & STAFF SPONSORS

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POSITION: MANAGER  
D.O.B: 06/04/1967

HOME KIT: MICHAEL LOCK  
AWAY KIT: RICHARD BULLARD

**GC**

**STEVE OGRIZOVIC**



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POSITION: GOALKEEPER COACH  
D.O.B: 12/09/1957

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: NICK DOWELL

**P**

**DAVE HART**




AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR

POSITION: HEAD PHYSIO  
D.O.B: 14/05/1983

HOME KIT: MICHAEL LOCK  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**01**

**LEE BURGE**





**GREYHOUND**  
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POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
D.O.B: 09/01/1993

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**02**

**JORDAN WILLIS**



**Acorn Pipe Services Ltd**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 24/08/1994

HOME KIT: NICK ROGERS  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**03**

**CHRIS STOKES**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 08/03/1991

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**04**

**JORDAN TURNBULL**



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POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 30/10/1994

HOME KIT: THE CAFE AZZURRO COFFEE COMPANY  
AWAY KIT: THE CAFE AZZURRO COFFEE COMPANY

**05**

**GAEEL BIGIRIMANA**



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POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 22/10/1993

HOME KIT: JAMIE LEE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**06**

**ANDY ROSE**




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POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 13/02/1990

HOME KIT: DARREN BIRCH - HAIR FOR MEN BARBERS  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**07**

**NATHAN CLARKE**



**exasoft**  
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POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 30/07/83

HOME KIT: TONY MCD, JOSH, MITCH & LILY  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**08**

**RUBEN LAMEIRAS**



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plc

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 22/12/1994

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**10**

**JODI JONES**





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POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 22/10/1997

HOME KIT: ELAINE PHIPKIN  
AWAY KIT: RAY PHIPKIN

**11**

**KYEL REID**



**SHORTLAND HORNE**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 25/11/1987

HOME KIT: MYLES NOTTINGHAM  
AWAY KIT: JONATHAN CLUNY

**12**

**GALLUM REILLY**



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plc

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 03/10/1993

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**13**

**VLADIMIR GADZHEV**




**deliveroo**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 18/07/1987

HOME KIT: SIMON SMITH  
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D.O.B: 28/09/1995

HOME KIT: APC STREETWISE COURIERS  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**FARREND RAWSON**



**exasoft plc**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 11/07/1996

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**STUART BEAVON**




**PETER MARSHALL**

POSITION: STRIKER  
D.O.B: 30/07/1983

HOME KIT: MYLES NOTTINGHAM  
AWAY KIT: BEN CLUNY

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**SAM RICKETTS**




**JSB Training Ltd.**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 11/10/1981

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: PAT RAYBOULD

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**MARCUS TUDGAY**




**S&B THE SFB GROUP**

POSITION: STRIKER  
D.O.B: 03/02/1983

HOME KIT: PAT RAYBOULD  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**REICE CHARLES-COOK**



**XL MOTORS ACCIDENT REPAIR CENTRE**

POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
D.O.B: 08/04/1994

HOME KIT: PAT RAYBOULD  
AWAY KIT: LAURA SMITH

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**RYAN HAYNES**



**MIDREPRO DIGITAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 27/09/1995

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**JACK FINCH**




**KEN SIMMONS**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 06/08/1996

HOME KIT: KEN SIMMONS  
AWAY KIT: KEN SIMMONS

27

**GEORGE THOMAS**




**midland soil company**

POSITION: FORWARD  
D.O.B: 24/03/1997

HOME KIT: RICHARD BULLARD  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**CIAN HARRIES**




**XL MOTORS ACCIDENT REPAIR CENTRE**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 01/04/1997

HOME KIT: RICHARD BULLARD  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**DION KELLY-EVANS**



**exasoft plc**

POSITION: DEFENDER  
D.O.B: 21/09/1996

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**BEN STEVENSON**



**YOUR CONCERN**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 23/03/1997

HOME KIT: RICHARD BULLARD  
AWAY KIT: RICHARD BULLARD

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**KYLE SPENCE**



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POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 14/01/1997

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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**JORDAN SHIPLEY**



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POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
D.O.B: 26/09/1997

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

**SKY BLUE SAM**



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POSITION: DEFENDER ROCK  
D.O.B: 30/08/1969

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE  
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE



# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/17



DATE	KO	OPPONENT	H/A	RES	COMP	POS	ATT	AWAY ATT	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat 6th	3.00pm	SWINDON TOWN	A	1-0	EFL1	17	9,023	1,956	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Di Kelly-Evans, Rose
Tue 9th	7.45pm	PORTSMOUTH	H	3-2	EFL CLP	-	4,976	722	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Stevenson, Rose
Sat 13th	3.00pm	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	0-0	EFL1	18	10,296	530	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Page, Gadgey
Tue 16th	7.45pm	BURY	H	0-0	EFL1	18	9,098	222	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Rose, Gadgey
Sat 20th	3.00pm	BRADFORD CITY	A	1-3	EFL1	21	17,595	570	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Turnbull, Di Kelly-Evans, Stevenson
Sat 20th	7.45pm	NORWICH CITY	A	1-6	EFL1	-	10,510	-	Charles-Cook, Wills, Ricketts, Harries, Di Kelly-Evans, Stevenson
Sat 27th	3.00pm	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	1-1	EFL1	22	10,022	1,608	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Harries, Di Kelly-Evans, Gadgey
Tue 30th	7.45pm	WEST HAM UNITED	H	4-2	EFL1	23	2,091	98	Burge, Wills, Harries, Turnbull, Di Kelly-Evans, Haynes
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
Sat 3rd	3.00pm	FLEETWOOD TOWN	A	2-0	EFL1	23	3,557	841	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Harries, Storry, Bigirimana
Sat 10th	3.00pm	MILLWALL	A	1-1	EFL1	23	8,755	730	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Ricketts, Storry, Bigirimana
Sat 17th	3.00pm	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	0-0	EFL1	24	8,813	453	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Storry, Bigirimana
Sat 24th	3.00pm	GILLINGHAM	A	2-1	EFL1	24	7,664	380	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Ricketts, Di Kelly-Evans, Bigirimana
Wed 28th	7.45pm	AFC WIMBLEDON	H	2-2	EFL1	24	8,030	484	Charles-Cook, Wills, Turnbull, Storry, Page, Stevenson
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat 1st	3.00pm	PORT VALE	A	0-2	EFL1	23	5,605	604	Burge, Wills, Turnbull, Storry, Page, Stevenson
Tue 4th	7.45pm	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3-1	EFL1	-	2,085	153	Burge, Wills, Turnbull, Storry, Page, Gadgey
Sat 15th	3.00pm	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A	3-0	EFL1	24	11,406	1,387	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Bigirimana
Tue 18th	7.45pm	OXFORD UNITED	H	2-1	EFL1	23	9,912	2,127	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Bigirimana
Sat 22nd	3.00pm	ROCHDALE	H	2-0	EFL1	21	8,133	355	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Bigirimana
Sat 29th	3.00pm	WALSALL	A	1-1	EFL1	19	6,719	1,981	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Bigirimana
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Tue 1st	7.45pm	CHESTERFIELD FC	H	2-0	EFL1	18	7,941	217	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Bigirimana
Sat 5th	3.00pm	MORECAMBE	A	1-1	FAC1	-	1,742	546	Burge, Di Kelly-Evans, Wills, Turnbull, Storry, Rose
Wed 9th	7.45pm	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	2-4	EFL1	-	917	257	Charles-Cook, Di Kelly-Evans, Finch, Harries, Turnbull, Storry, Rose
Sat 12th	3.00pm	SOUTHORPPE UNITED	H	0-1	EFL1	18	9,737	767	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
Tue 15th	7.45pm	MORECAMBE	H	2-1	FAC1R	-	2,175	126	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Harries, Bigirimana
Sat 19th	3.00pm	OXFORD UNITED	A	4-1	EFL1	19	9,199	1,477	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Stevenson
Tue 22nd	7.45pm	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	1-0	EFL1	20	12,290	479	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Stevenson
Sat 26th	3.00pm	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	1-2	EFL1	21	9,640	772	Burge, Di Kelly-Evans, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Sun 4th	2.00pm	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	4-0	FAC2	-	4,263	745	Burge, Wills, Turnbull, Harries, Page, Maycock
Wed 7th	7.45pm	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	1-0	EFL1	-	1,338	57	Charles-Cook, Bigirimana, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
Sat 10th	3.00pm	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	1-3	EFL1	21	6,430	406	Burge, Di Kelly-Evans, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
Thu 15th	7.45pm	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	1-2	EFL1	21	8,801	1,193	Charles-Cook, Di Kelly-Evans, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
Mon 26th	3.00pm	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	4-1	EFL1	23	11,200	902	Burge, Storry, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Rose
Sat 31st	3.00pm	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A	1-1	EFL1	23	5,866	-	Burge, Wills, Turnbull, Page, Storry, Stevenson
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Mon 2nd	3.00pm	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	2-2	EFL1	22	8,397	-	Burge, Storry, N Clarke, Turnbull, Haynes, G Thomas
Tue 18th	7.45pm	BRIGHTON	H	3-0	EFL1	-	2,085	60	Charles-Cook, Di Kelly-Evans, Stokes, Harries, Haynes, G Thomas
Sat 14th	3.00pm	CHESTERFIELD FC	A	1-0	EFL1	24	5,896	1,016	Burge, Foley, Wills, N Clarke, Haynes, G Thomas
Sat 21st	3.00pm	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H	0-1	EFL1	24	8,129	121	Burge, Rawson, N Clarke, Turnbull, Wills, Rose
Tue 24th	7.30pm	SWANSEA CITY U21	A	1-1	EFL1	-	3,556	-	Charles-Cook, Di Kelly-Evans, Wills, Turnbull, Haynes, Stevenson
Sat 28th	3.00pm	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3-0	EFL1	24	7,543	1,463	Burge, Wills, Rawson, N Clarke, G Thomas, Stevenson
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat 4th	3.00pm	MILLWALL	H	0-2	EFL1	24	8,764	1,031	Burge, Foley, Rawson, N Clarke, Haynes, G Thomas
Tue 7th	7.30pm	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	2-1	EFL1	-	11,672	764	Charles-Cook, Di Kelly-Evans, Turnbull, Harries, Haynes, G Thomas
Sat 11th	3.00pm	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3-2	EFL1	24	3,766	389	Charles-Cook, Foley, Rawson, N Clarke, Haynes, G Thomas
Tue 14th	7.45pm	AFC WIMBLEDON	A	1-1	EFL1	24	4,072	359	Burge, Di Kelly-Evans, Rawson, N Clarke, Turnbull, Foley
Sat 18th	3.00pm	BELLINGHAM	H	2-1	EFL1	24	8,718	582	Burge, Di Kelly-Evans, Haynes, N Clarke, Turnbull, Foley
Sat 25th	3.00pm	SWINDON TOWN	H		EFL1				
Tue 28th	7.45pm	BURY	A		EFL1				
<b>MARCH</b>									
Sat 4th	3.00pm	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A		EFL1				
Sat 11th	3.00pm	BRADFORD CITY	H		EFL1				
Tue 14th	7.45pm	SOUTHEND UNITED	H		EFL1				
Sat 18th	3.00pm	MILTON KEYNES DONS	A		EFL1				
Tue 21st	7.45pm	PORT VALE	H		EFL1				
Sat 25th	3.00pm	BRISTOL ROVERS	H		EFL1				
<b>APRIL</b>									
Sat 8th	3.00pm	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H		EFL1				
Fri 14th	3.00pm	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H		EFL1				
Mon 17th	3.00pm	ROCHDALE	A		EFL1				
Sat 22nd	3.00pm	WALSALL	H		EFL1				
Sun 30th	12.00pm	SOUTHORPPE UNITED	A		EFL1				





KEY: Goalscorers in bold - Ricketts 1 = 1 goal scored by Ricketts

1st Sub: Green | 2nd Sub: Blue | 3rd Sub: Red | Example - Ricketts (65) - sub on 65 minute  
Yellow Card | Red Card | Home games are highlighted Blue.

Table with columns: SUB 1, SUB 2, SUB 3, UNUSED SUBS. Rows contain player names and minutes for various football matches.

\* WON 4-2 ON PENALTIES



# 2016-17 STAT PACK

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GOALS



AV. GOALS PER GAME



% GOALS TO SHOTS



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GOALS CONCEDED



AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME



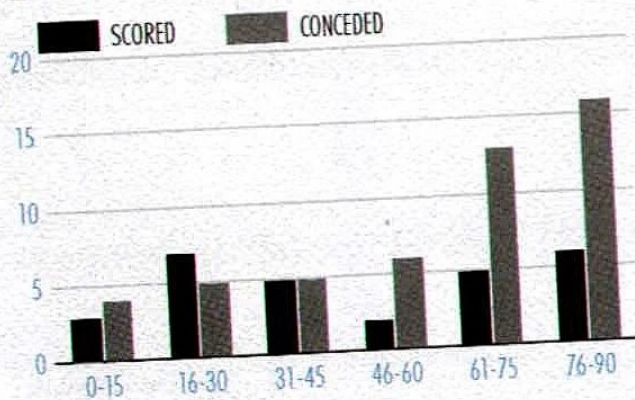
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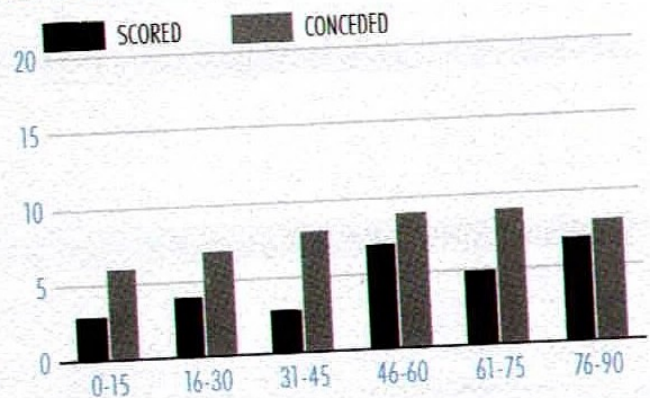
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## GOAL TIMES



## GOAL TIMES



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Sheffield United	33	19	8	6	59	35	24	65
2	Scunthorpe United	32	17	9	6	58	33	25	60
3	Bolton Wanderers	31	17	7	7	44	25	19	58
4	Fleetwood Town	33	16	10	7	47	32	15	58
5	Southend United	33	14	11	8	51	40	11	53
6	Bradford City	33	12	16	5	42	31	11	52
7	Millwall	32	14	9	9	47	40	7	51
8	Rochdale	31	14	6	11	44	40	4	48
9	Peterborough United	33	13	8	12	46	45	1	47
10	Oxford United	31	13	7	11	38	33	5	46
11	Bristol Rovers	33	12	10	11	50	52	-2	46
12	Walsall	33	11	13	9	41	43	-2	46
13	Charlton Athletic	32	9	15	8	40	34	6	42
14	AFC Wimbledon	32	9	13	10	43	43	0	40
15	Northampton Town	33	9	15	8	40	34	6	42
16	Milton Keynes Dons	32	9	13	10	43	43	0	40
17	Shrewsbury Town	33	10	9	13	40	40	0	39
18	Gillingham	33	10	9	13	40	40	0	39
19	Gillingham	33	8	12	13	42	52	-10	36
20	Oldham Athletic	33	8	11	14	21	33	-12	35
21	Bury	33	9	7	17	50	61	-11	34
22	Port Vale	31	8	10	13	33	49	-16	34
23	Swindon Town	33	7	9	17	29	47	-18	30
24	Chesterfield	33	7	7	19	31	52	-21	28
25	Coventry City	32	5	10	17	28	49	-21	25

## MATCH FACTS

Coventry haven't won a home game against Swindon in any competition since a 3-2 win in October 1964, drawing three and losing three since then.

The Robins are unbeaten in 12 league games against Coventry (W7 D5).



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## COVENTRY CITY

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- 02 ○ Jordan **WILLIS**
- 03 ○ Chris **STOKES**
- 04 ○ Jordan **TURNBULL**
- 05 ○ Gael **BIGIRIMANA**
- 06 ○ Andy **ROSE**
- 07 ○ Nathan **CLARKE**
- 08 ○ Ruben **LAMEIRAS**
- 09 ○ Charles **VERNAM**<sup>1</sup>
- 10 ○ Jodi **JONES**
- 11 ○ Kyel **REID**
- 12 ○ Callum **REILLY**<sup>2</sup>
- 13 ○ Vladimir **GADZHEV**
- 14 ○ Kwame **THOMAS**
- 16 ○ Stuart **BEAVON**
- 17 ○ Michael **FOLIVI**<sup>3</sup>
- 19 ○ Farrrend **RAWSON**<sup>4</sup>
- 20 ○ Marcus **TUDGAY**
- 21 ○ Kevin **FOLEY**
- 22 ○ Aiyegbeni **YAKUBU**
- 23 ○ Reice **CHARLES-COOK**
- 24 ○ Ryan **HAYNES**
- 25 ○ Jack **FINCH**
- 27 ○ George **THOMAS**
- 29 ○ Cian **HARRIES**
- 30 ○ Dion **KELLY-EVANS**
- 31 ○ Ben **STEVENSON**
- 35 ○ Callum **MAYCOCK**

<sup>1</sup> ON LOAN FROM DERBY COUNTY

<sup>2</sup> ON LOAN FROM BURTON ALBION

<sup>3</sup> ON LOAN FROM WATFORD

<sup>4</sup> ON LOAN FROM DERBY COUNTY



## SWINDON TOWN

HEAD COACH: LUKE WILLIAMS

- 01 ○ Lawrence **VIGOUROUX**
- 02 ○ Nathan **THOMPSON**
- 03 ○ Brandon **ORMONDE-OTTEWILL**
- 04 ○ Conor **THOMAS**
- 05 ○ Anton **RODGERS**
- 06 ○ Jamie **SENDLES-WHITE**
- 07 ○ Ben **GLADWIN**
- 08 ○ Yaser **KASIM**
- 09 ○ Jonathan **OBIKA**
- 10 ○ John **GODDARD**
- 11 ○ James **BROPHY**
- 12 ○ Will **HENRY**
- 14 ○ Ellis **IANDOLO**
- 15 ○ Tom **SMITH**
- 16 ○ Jordan **STEWART**
- 17 ○ Islam **FERUZ**
- 18 ○ Jake **EVANS**
- 19 ○ Nicky **AJOSE**
- 20 ○ Charlie **COLKETT**
- 21 ○ Fankaty **DABO**
- 22 ○ Jesse **STARKEY**
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- 24 ○ Jermaine **HYLTON**
- 25 ○ Dion **CONROY**
- 27 ○ Bradley **BARRY**
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- 29 ○ Raphael **ROSSI-BRANCO**
- 33 ○ Luke **NORRIS**
- 35 ○ Jordan **YOUNG**

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