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The City skipper is excited for the final sprint

20 Quick-fire questions with today's cover star

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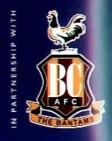














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THE MANAGER STUART McCALL

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ood afternoon to all of our supporters and welcome to today's Sky Bet League One fixture with Swindon Town here at the Northern Commercials Stadium.

I'd like to also welcome Swindon Head Coach Luke Williams to the stadium today, along with his players and staff, plus Swindon's travelling supporters.

We come into this afternoon's match on the back of two recent long away games at Coventry City and Charlton Athletic respectively.

Our fans have been terrific this season, but the support we received in these two away games, especially on Tuesday night at Charlton, was outstanding.

I believe there was officially just under a thousand City supporters in the ground, but at times it sounded like five thousand.

Including today, we have eight games to go – four at home and four away – in our regular league campaign.

Obviously the four home fixtures will be important but even the four away games – Scunthorpe, Bury, Sheffield United and Rochdale – can be made more like home matches for us given our tremendous away backing.

On behalf of all of the players and staff, I'd like to say how much we appreciate the superb support we've received from the fans so far this season.

We are going to need that backing more than ever now though.

Opponents Swindon will come to Valley Parade today needing the points just as much as us given their battle at the bottom end of the league.

Swindon is one of the few places



where we have tasted defeat in the league this season so far.

We lost the game thanks to a fantastic free-kick in the first period but we had some great chances to score ourselves thereafter, so we will obviously be looking for a better result this time around.

Hopefully we will have a couple of players back today to give us more options than we had at Charlton during the week.

Going into this final stretch of games towards the end of the season, every manager, ideally, wants a full squad of players to be able to choose from.

The lads have shown great discipline throughout this season up to now -

we've not had a single player miss a game through suspension so far.

It will be important to have every player possible available to us between now and the end of the season

Finally, I'd just like to congratulate Colin Doyle on his call up into the provisional Republic of Ireland squad for their next set of international fixtures.

It is a great achievement for Colin to keep his place in the squad after being called up last time, and it is further recognition for his impressive form with us this season.

Enjoy the match

Stuart

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JAMES MASON CLUB MATTERS





ood afternoon to everyone attending today's game, either as a Bradford City fan or a Swindon Town fan, we hope it will be a great afternoon of football.

Whilst the season is coming to an exciting crescendo, our #TeamTwenty season ticket campaign is just getting going.

As well publicised we aim to sell 20,000 season tickets which would be a huge statement to the rest of the football world. But our commitment to affordable and accessible football for all has caught the imagination of not just people within West Yorkshire but further afield as this letter I received last week emphasises.

Since we posted this letter on social media we have received a number of enquiries from fans wanting to contribute to our campaign and buy season tickets for those less fortunate than themselves, this has even included our goalkeeper Colin Doyle and his family, through their charity Liam's Smiles.

If you feel like you want to help in some way in addition to buying your own season ticket, please get in touch with the club in person or email commercial@bradfordcityfc.co.uk

Enjoy the game and let's cheer the team on to hopefully three points this afternoon.

Enjoy the game,

James, Stefan and Edin

Hello from the USA

Yesterday at 20:54 Inbox – bradfordcityfc.co.uk

James,

I hope this email finds you well!

I'm a Bradford lad and lifelong City fan living in the United States. I miss the club and miss being a season ticket holder terribly, however, I wanted to join the TeamTwenty campaign even though I am thousands of miles away!

Quick question - is it possible for somebody to purchase an adult and child season ticket and donate it to a parent and child that otherwise may not be able to afford it. I'm not sure such a scheme exists at City, or if the club are aware of any families in need, but I would love to help a family out if possible.

I look forward to hearing from you! CTID!!!

Best, Lee.



<mark>'A huge thank you</mark> to the 962 City fans who made the long trip to Charlton Athletic on Tuesday evening. <mark>Your support is</mark> greatly appreciated!















CLUB AMBASSADORS



ALAN BIGGIN

(Company Secretary)
Alan is senior partner in Bostocks
Boyce Welch Chartered
Accountants who have had links

with the club for over 80 years. His firm was originally called Paton Boyce Welch. Tom Paton, who was the then senior partner was principal financier behind the successful 1928/29 3rd Division North Championship Team although Alan emphasises he has no wish to emulate Mr Paton!"



STEVE LONGBOTTOM

Steve is Managing Director and shareholder of KTS Wire Ltd., a manufacturer of shaped

steel wire. Former Chairman of UK Steel, he represented the UK Steel in Europe, he also led the UK Wire nationalisation which included discussions with the OFT. Steve has chaired several Government DTI Conferences.



ROGER OWEN

Roger is a former Director of Morrison Supermarkets where he was responsible for all property issues. Roger uses his

corporate and specific knowledge across the whole of the Club's business.



DENNIS & JEAN MATTHEWMAN

Dennis and Jean have supported Bradford City since they became involved

in assisting the club following the terrible tragedy in 1985. Dennis was formerly a director of Hays group plc and past Chairman of Innovia Films plc.



GRAHAM JONES

Graham is operations director of MPL, Wakefeld, the umbrella company of Safe & Secure, Wakefield Lock & Key

Centre and AAJ Locksmiths. Graham is currently involved with the development of a nationwide franchise operation.



MARK RICHARDSON

Mark is Financial Director of Class Staff Absence who specialise in commercial and niche insurance. Class are

based here at Valley Parade. He has been a supporter of Bradford City for over 40 years.



NORRIE RICHARDS

Norrie has owned and run businesses in Bradford for the last 30 years, at present he is the MD of ASE AUTOGATE automatic gate and barrier specialists. Other

business interest includes ASE PROPERTY.com building and property development.



SIMON HARTLEY

Simon is a Director of www.richtonconsulting.com a management consulting company. He is also associated

with the resin bound transformation driveway industry. Simon has been an active supporter of Bradford City FC for over 40 years both home and away and truly appreciates what a great fan base the club has.



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and print solutions for Business, Education and Public Sector clients. BIST have been in business for over 14 years and is proud to continue to support City.



ADRIAN LEE

Adrian is MD of United Carpets, wood floors and beds in Shipley. He has been in the flooring business for 15 years.

Adrian's other business interests include a portfolio of property that he owns and manages.



LENA OWEN

Lena is the wife of fellow Ambassador, Roger and has followed the Club for over 30 years, home and away, initially

with two sons and now as support in the Boardroom. Away from football Lena is a key in organising Roger's busy business life. "I sometimes think I'm his Secretary.



MARK ROEBUCK

Mark Roebuck is a Programme Manager working as a consultant to large UK companies. In addition he

owns and operates Your Move - Roebuck Residential, which offers sales and lettings estate agency services across Bradford, Baildon and Heaton.



MICK SEARLE

Mick is an International Trader of meat and livestock for a Yorkshire based company. He had worked in the industry for

25 years. He is a true Bradfordian with the ultimate goal being connected with Bradford City Football Club.



BILLY BINGHAM

Billy is the co-founder of Momentum and takes on the role of Commercial Director within Momentum, Momentum

are a recruitment and training organisation with offices in Bradford, Leeds and Huddersfield. Billy has been involved with Bradford City football club for many years in various capacities and is a lifelong city fan.



JAMES LOCKWOOD

James Lockwood has been the Headmaster of Woodhouse Grove school since January 2016. A lifelong Bantams

fan, James has supported the club for nearly forty years. Throughout his teaching career, he has been heavily involved in the coaching of sport. Woodhouse Grove are an Official Club Partner.

HONORARY AMBASSADORS



MALCOLM SCOTT

Malcolm was first involved with Bradford City in 1978 and in 1985 became one of the original Associate Directors to

join the club. For many years he covered all Bradford City games for BBC Radio Leeds and was reporting on the game with Lincoln City on that fateful day in 1985.



MIKE SMITH

Mike took early retirement in 2004 having spent 33 years in the motor trade. He now runs his own business

as a Professional Toastmaster and MC specialising in weddings, dinners, business and charity events.

HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT:



JACK TORDOFF MBE

A former Chairman of Bradford City Football Club, Jack Tordoff founded JCT600, one of the premier car dealerships in the

country and was awarded the MBE in the 2008 New Year's Honours List. A self-made millionaire, Mr Tordoff started from humble beginnings as an assistant mechanic at his father's small firm, He transformed the business into a multi-million pound car empire with more than 30 dealerships. JCT600 are this seasons kit sponsors.

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON



STEVE BOLLEN

Steve first became involved with the club in 1992, not long after he was appointed consultant orthopaedic

surgeon at Bradford Royal Infirmary. In addition to attending to Bradford City players, Steve's list of patients boasts names from top Premiership players to hundreds of others from the world of football and sport.

NEWS

DOYLE INCLUDED IN PROVISIONAL IRELAND SQUAD

City goalkeeper Colin Doyle has been named in a provisional 39-man squad for the Republic of Ireland's forthcoming double header. Martin O'Neill's side face Wales in a 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier (Friday 24th March) before facing Iceland in a friendly fixture three days later. Both games will be played at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

PROVIDENT AND BRADFORD CITY ARE CONTINUING THEIR SUPPORT WITH #BANTAMSCOMMUNITY!

Over the last few months, Bradford City and Provident Financial have continued to support the local community through the #BantamsCommunity initiative.

Since its inception in October, #BantamsCommunity has already donated over 300 tickets for some fantastic and worthwhile causes.

If you know any group or good cause who would benefit from #BantamsCommunity and the opportunity to come to the Northern Commercials Stadium, then please contact us on social media through Twitter @officialbantams using the #BantamsCommunity.

Alternatively, please email commercial@bradfordcityfc.co.uk

THE BANTAMS LOOKING FOR BRADFORD BUSINESSES TO JOIN #TEAMTWENTY!

Bradford City's #TeamTwenty season ticket campaign is well underway and now the commercial department are focusing their attention on asking Bradford businesses to back the campaign by buying corporate season tickets to share among their workforce or suppliers.

City's Chief Operating Officer James Mason said: 'We have spoken to a lot of local businesses – small, medium and large – and they all want to help the club do well.'

'They believe the football team doing well only helps the Bradford area.'

This year we're giving everyone a chance by asking business owners to print out our flyer (email commercial@bradfordcityfc.co.uk and request to be forwarded a copy) backing the #TeamTwenty campaign and then send a picture of them with it to our Twitter or Facebook accounts.

'We'll then share it with our 180,000 combined followers giving their business huge exposure and in return will show they are supporting what we're doing

CITY'S #GAMECHANGERS - THE VOLUNTEERS!

Bradford City Football Club is pleased to support the 2017 Level Playing Field (LPF) Weeks of Action. The annual initiative, now in its 12th year, aims to celebrate success and inclusion for disabled sports fans across England and Wales.

The period of celebration began on Saturday 4th March and runs through to tomorrow (Sunday 19th March).

Naturally, a large number of disabled people are football fans too and we are pleased to take this opportunity to thank our own disabled fans for their continued loyalty and dedication to this great club.

The Bradford City Football Club Community Foundation's Volunteer Scheme uses the existing environment of football that people are comfortable with and builds on this to enable them to gain new skills, enhance their experiences, grow their social circle, develop independence and make their community a little bigger and a little less scary.

Those who are signed up regularly help where an extra pair of hands is needed at events and we have some volunteers who help with maintenance work around the stadium. A member of this group of volunteers, Nick Kitchen, who also plays for the club's Disability Football Team recently secured sponsorship from Baildon Timber for his radio talk show, 'Bantams Small Talk' so well done to him!



CULLEN NOMINATED FOR IRELAND ACCOLADE

City midfielder Josh Cullen has been included in a three-man shortlist for the Republic of Ireland Under-21s Player of the Year Award. The other two nominees are Everton's Harry Charsley and Bristol City's Callum O'Dowda.

SCUNTHORPE TICKETS TO GO ON GENERAL SALE

Tickets for City's mouth-watering trip to promotion hopefuls Scunthorpe United (Sunday 26th March 2017) are to go on general sale this week, commencing Monday (20th March). Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults: £20.00

Seniors: £16.00 (65 and over)
18-20 year-olds: £16.00 (also includes full time students with valid NUS card)

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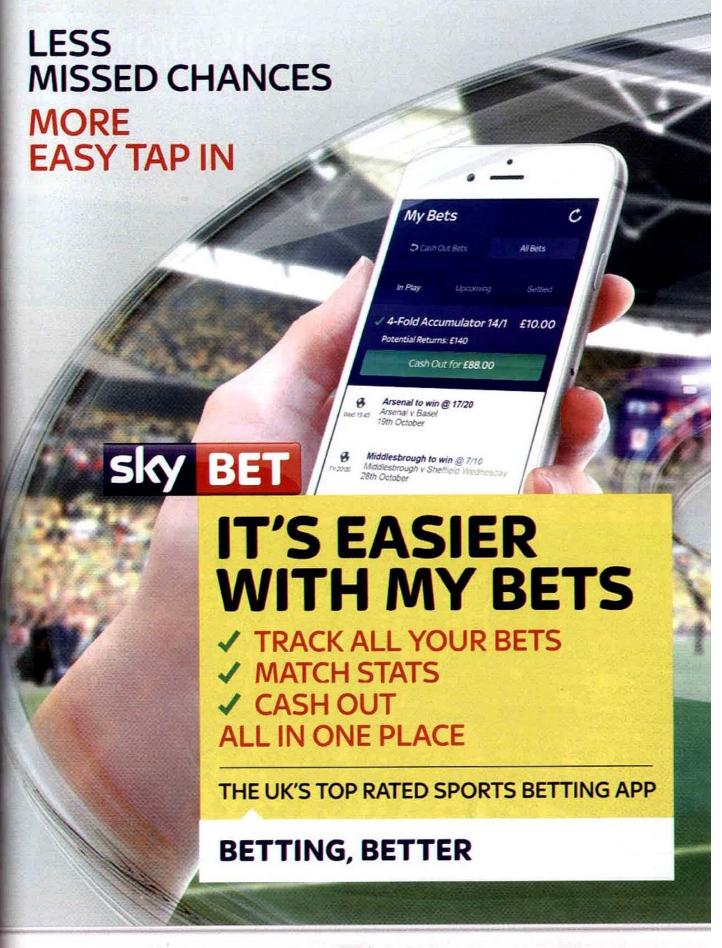
Disabled fans will be asked to pay the age related amount from the list above. They will also qualify for a free carers ticket provided they are in receipt of DLA or PIP at the higher rate.



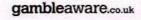
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 40th Birthday Phil

Love from Sarah, Barney and Lily x











THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS

Swindon Town

Swindon Town arrive at the Northern Commercials Stadium in a relegation scrap and with just three wins on their travels this season, at the time of writing, they will be hoping to go against the grain this afternoon. City though, have revenge on their mind after falling to a 1-0 defeat at the County Ground back in November.



SEASON TO REMEMBER: [1992/93]

Pictured are the Swindon Town players on the pitch at Wembley Stadium after beating Leicester City in the play-off final to earn a first ever promotion to the top flight. Newcastle United stormed to the title with West Ham United going up in second. After Swindon beat Tranmere Rovers in the play-off semi-finals and Leicester City beat Portsmouth, the two sides met at the national stadium.

The Robins were three-nil up in the final thanks to goals from Glenn Hoddle, Craig Maskell and Shaun Taylor but Leicester drew level through Julian Joachim, Steve Walsh and Steve Thompson only for Paul Bodin to score the winner late on from the penalty spot.

VISITING VIEW VISITING VIEW VISITING VIEW

Name: Matt Edwards

Job: Chief sports writer at the Swindon Advertiser

How long have you been covering Swindon Town for? In my third season.

What would you say the expectation was around the club going into this season? It would have been mixed, depending on which fans you asked, but mid-table security would

What have you made to the season so far?

have appeased most.

To say it has not been great would be an understatement. Poor results on the pitch were compounded by an injury list as long as your arm for a large period. Even the arrival of Tim Sherwood as director of football could not turn the club's fortunes around.

Who has been key in this Swindon Town side so far this season?

There is only one candidate, goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux. The former Liverpool stopper signed on a permanent deal last summer, having been on loan the season before, and has been a rock at the back. His shot stopping ability is fantastic and he also has a lot of pressure placed on him to play out from the back. Without him, this season could have already been over for Swindon.

The likes of Nicky Ajose and Ben Gladwin returned in a productive January transfer window, would you say the club did good business during that month? Yes and no. Bringing the likes of Ajose and Gladwin, who know the club inside out, was a definite boost, as was the arrival of Rohan Ince, from Brighton and

Hove Albion, who has been a revelation in the holding midfield role. However, they brought in six loan players and with Liverpool defender Lloyd Jones already at the club, took their tally to seven, with only five loanees allowed in a matchday squad. It has therefore brought its own problems.

Which opposition players that Swindon Town have come up against this season have caught your eye?

Walsall's Erhun Oztumer stood out back in October when the Saddlers dispatched Town 2-0 at the County Ground. His all round play was fantastic, but his two goals were sublime and both have to be up there for the League One goal of the season.

How do you think Swindon Town will ultimately do this season?

It's going to be a tough ask for Swindon to claw their way out of the relegation zone following back-to-back defeats to fellow strugglers Chesterfield and Port Vale. Add to that, Town have to play four of the current top six in their final eight games, starting today. It is a big challenge.

Who do you see being successful and unsuccessful in League One this season?

At this stage of the season, with less than 10 games left for most clubs, it is hard to look beyond Sheffield United for the league title. The battle for the second automatic promotion spot is heating up nicely and will come right down to the wire. At the other end, Coventry look too far adrift to survive but it will be close for the remaining three spots.



Swindon won the Southern
League Championship in
1910/11 and that earned
them a Charity Shield match
against Football League champions
Manchester United. The highest
scoring Charity Shield match to date,
the game finished 8-4 to United and
some of the proceeds of this game
were later donated to the survivors of
the Titanic.

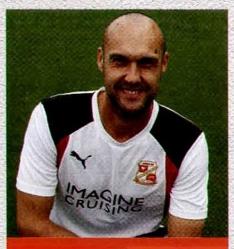
After the outbreak of World War II, the War Department took over Swindon Town's stadium in 1940, where for a while Prisoners of War were housed in huts placed on the pitch, for this the club received compensation of £4,570 in 1945.

On 20th February 2007 the club played a landmark league game away to Barnet, a 1-0 loss. The completion of this match meant that Swindon had, during their history, played a league game at home and away against every team who, in the 2006/07 season, were in the Premier League, Championship, League One and League Two.



Swindon Town's stadium,
The County Ground, is the
only football stadium in the
world with a Rolex watch acting as it's
timekeeper, the clock on the Stratton
Bank stand featuring its name was
erected to celebrate promotion back
in 1963.

Due to the location of Swindon, over the years a number of rivalries have developed between Swindon Town and other clubs. Town fans see their rivalry with Oxford United as their most intense but United are one of four clubs within 40 miles of Swindon. The Robins also have noted rivalries with Reading, Bristol Rovers and Bristol City.





HEAD COACH LUKE WILLIAMS

Williams isn't a household name with his background a relatively short career playing football in non-league for the likes of Bishop's Stortford and Tunbridge Wells, but in 2010 and still in his twenties, he became a development coach at Brighton & Hove Albion. He managed the Under-21s for three years and coached the reserves before becoming a first team coach at Swindon Town in 2013.

With Tim Sherwood appointed as Director of Football back in November, many have questioned whether it is the former Premier League winner who is actually in charge of first team duties but 31 year-old Williams signed a five-year contract as permanent manager in March 2016 after winning 6 out of his 10 games in charge as interim manager.

Instrumental in bringing the likes of Yaser Kasim and Raphael Rossi Branco to the club, Williams was assistant to Mark Cooper as the Robins reached the League One play-off final in 2015. Chairman Lee Power will be hoping between them, Williams and Sherwood can keep his club in League One.

KEY MEN

NATHAN THOMPSON

Age: 26 | Position: Defender | Previous

Club: N/A

Nathan Thompson is an example of how a player can come through the ranks at his hometown football club and go on to become a star in the first team. The current captain, he made his professional debut for the Robins in a 2-0 victory against Torquay United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in October 2010. A month later, he made his league debut for the club in a 3-0 home defeat to Charlton Athletic in Sky Bet League One.

He played close to every game during the 2013/14 season and from then onwards he has gone on to become an important part of the team at the County Ground. At the time of writing, Thompson has made 30 appearances (2 goals) this season and in total for the club, he has made 181 appearances (4 goals).

MAGINE



BEN GLADWIN

Age: 24 | Position: Midfielder Previous Club: Queens Park Rangers

Gladwin made a return to Swindon Town on loan from Queens Park Rangers in January having been particularly successful during the 2014/15 season for the Robins. A winger of tall stature, Gladwin started out with non-league Hayes & Yeading before signing for Swindon Town in July 2013.

His impact wasn't instantaneous and during his first season in the professional game, he made just 16 appearances but the following season, he would become a star in the team. He made 40 appearances during the 2014/15 campaign as Mark Cooper's side reached the play-off final, and he managed 11 goals – 8 of those in his last 6 appearances. Gladwin never featured in the play-off final but en route to Wembley, he scored a hat-trick in a 4-2 win at Rochdale, a brace in a 3-3 home draw against Walsall and another brace in an incredible 5-5 play-off semi-final second leg draw with Sheffield United.

Since signing for Queens Park Rangers in May 2015, he has made just 17 appearances. He had two loan spells back at Swindon during the 2015/16 season as well as a stint at Bristol City. Since his return to the County Ground in January, he has managed one goal, scored in a debut win at Bolton Wanderers.



Age: 26 | Position: Forward Previous Club: Tottenham Hotspur

Born in North London, Obika came through the ranks at Tottenham Hotspur and made his debut for the club in a 1-0 UEFA Cup victory at NEC Nijmegen in November 2008. During the 2008/09 season, he

also scored 4

goals in 10 appearances during a loan stint at Yeovil Town. He returned the following season and made 25 appearances (7 goals) and the Glovers are just one of a whole host of clubs he played for on loan before a move to Swindon Town on a permanent basis in September 2014.

The powerful forward spent time on loan at Millwall, Crystal Palace, Peterborough United, Swindon Town, Charlton Athletic and Brighton & Hove Albion before his move to the County Ground for an undisclosed fee. At the time of writing, since his move two and-a-half years ago, he has made 93 appearances (27 goals).





NICKY AJOSE

Age: 25 | Position: Forward

Previous Club: Charlton Athletic

With Swindon Town struggling at the wrong end of the League One table, it seems the club have looked to obtain tried and trusted players for their fight against relegation and Ajose certainly fits that tag. Signed from Leeds United in September 2015, the Manchester United academy graduate scored 25 goals in 40 appearances for the Robins and in June 2016 he signed for Charlton Athletic.

Ajose has made 28 appearances (7 goals) in a Charlton shirt, but he returned to the County Ground on loan on transfer deadline day back in January. The Mancunian never made an appearance for United and signed for Peterborough United in July 2011. After three years at London Road, he signed for Leeds United but went on to play just 4 times for the Whites. After spending the second half of the 2014/15 season on loan at Crewe Alexandra, he signed for Swindon Town.





SWINDON TOWN FACTFILE

Formed: 1879 (138 years ago)

Nickname: The Robins

Ground:

County Ground (Capacity: 15,728)

Last Season:

15th in the League One

Key Honours:

Football League Two Winners (4th

Tier): 2011/12

Football League Division Two Winners (3rd Tier): 1995/96

Football League Cup Winners:

1968/69

Football League Division Two Play-Off Winners (2nd Tier): 1989/90

Football League Division One Play-Off Winners (2nd Tier): 1992/93

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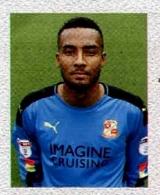
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LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Age: 23 | Position: Goalkeeper | Previous Club: Liverpool

After spending time in the academy at Brentford, Vigouroux signed for Tottenham Hotspur in 2012 and after two years at White Hart Lane, he signed for Liverpool in July 2014. The Chilean youth international never made a first team appearance for the Reds and after spending the 2015/16 on loan at Swindon Town, he signed for the club on a permanent basis in July 2016. At the time of writing, over the two spells, he has made 74 appearances.



BRADLEY BARRY

Age: 22 | Position: Defender | Previous Club: Brighton & Hove Albion

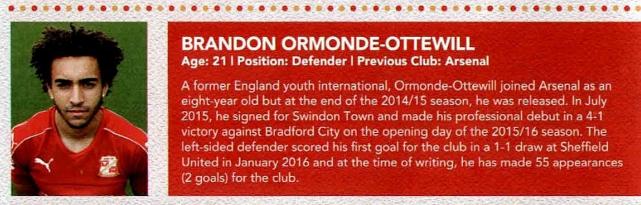
A right-sided defender, Barry arrived on a free transfer from Brighton & Hove Albion in August 2015. He never made an appearance for the Championship high-flyers and he made his senior debut for Swindon in a Football League Trophy fixture at Newport County in September 2015 before making his league debut a few days later in a 3-1 win at Crewe Alexandra. Barry scored his first professional goal in a 1-0 victory against Port Vale in August 2016 at the time of writing for the club, he has made 57 appearances.



RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO

Age: 26 | Position: Defender | Previous Club: Whitehawk

Brazilian central defender Raphael Rossi Branco spent time with the likes of Cruzeiro, Vitoria and Porto Alegre before moving to England to sign for Brighton & Hove Albion in 2011. He never made a first team appearance for the Seagulls and after a brief stint with non-league neighbours Whitehawk, he signed for Swindon Town in July 2013. He made his league debut in a 1-1 draw at Bradford City in December 2013 and at the time of writing, for the club, he has made 121 appearances (7 goals).



BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

Age: 21 | Position: Defender | Previous Club: Arsenal

A former England youth international, Ormonde-Ottewill joined Arsenal as an eight-year old but at the end of the 2014/15 season, he was released. In July 2015, he signed for Swindon Town and made his professional debut in a 4-1 victory against Bradford City on the opening day of the 2015/16 season. The left-sided defender scored his first goal for the club in a 1-1 draw at Sheffield United in January 2016 and at the time of writing, he has made 55 appearances (2 goals) for the club.



ANTON RODGERS

Age: 24 | Position: Midfielder | Previous Club: Oldham Athletic

The son of Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers, Anton spent time in the youth setup at Chelsea and Brighton & Hove Albion before making his professional debut for the latter in January 2012; he came on as a substitute for Will Buckley in a 1-1 FA Cup draw with Wrexham. After a brief loan stint with Exeter City, he signed for Oldham Athletic on a permanent basis in July 2013 but made just 14 appearances for the club before a move to Swindon Town in July 2014. A central midfielder, he scored the winning goal against the Bantams back in November with a stunning 30-yard free kick.



CHARLIE COLKETT

Age: 20 | Position: Midfielder | Previous Club: Chelsea

Currently on loan from Premier League leaders Chelsea, Colkett spent the first half of the season on loan at Bristol Rovers and made his senior debut in a 2-2 home draw against Rochdale in September. The central midfielder scored a late equaliser for Rovers in a 1-1 draw here at the Northern Commercials earlier in the season and he made a total of 17 appearances (3 goals) for the Pirates. The 20 year-old joined Swindon Town in January, and at the time of writing he has made 9 appearances.



ROHAN INCE

Age: 24 | Position: Midfielder | Previous Club: Brighton & Hove Albion

A former trainee at Chelsea, Ince made his debut at Yeovil Town whilst on loan from the Premier League giants and he made four appearances during his stint at Huish Park in 2012. Ahead of the 2013/14 season, he signed for Brighton & Hove Albion and during his first season at the club, he made 33 appearances (1 goal). He was a regular the following season but last season he spent time on loan at Fulham. In total for the Seagulls, he has made 90 appearances (4 goals) and at the time of writing, he has made 5 appearances (1 goal) for Swindon Town.



JAMES BROPHY

Age: 22 | Position: Midfielder | Previous Club: Edgware Town

Capable of playing on the left-hand side of either defence or midfield, Brophy signed for the club in the summer of 2015 after playing in the lower depths of non-league in the London area. The 22 year-old spent time with Harrow Borough, Broadfields United and Edgware before a move into the professional game with Swindon Town. He made his debut in a 2-1 home defeat to Exeter City in the League Cup in August 2015 and at the time of writing, he has made 58 appearances (1 goal) for the club.



JOHN GODDARD

Age: 23 | Position: Midfielder | Previous Club: Woking

An attack-minded midfielder, Goddard signed on a free transfer from Woking in May 2016 and at the time of writing, he has made 38 appearances (3 goals) for the Robins. A former trainee at Reading, he signed for non-league Hayes & Yeading United before a move to Woking in 2013. He enjoyed his most impressive campaign to date last season and scored 17 goals in 41 appearances; in total for the Cards, he made 117 appearances (27 goals).



LUKE NORRIS

Age: 23 | Position: Forward | Previous Club: Gillingham

A product of Brentford's youth system, he made his professional debut for the club in a 2-1 home defeat to Sheffield Wednesday in April 2012. He made a total of 4 appearances (1 goal) for the Bees and following loan stints at Northampton Town and Dagenham & Redbridge, he signed for Gillingham in July 2014. During two years in Kent, he made 79 appearances (15 goals) before a move to Swindon Town in August 2016. At the time of writing, he has made 38 appearances (5 goals) for the Robins.



Bradford City 1

(Rory McArdle 16)

Swindon Town

(Alex Pritchard 63)

Sunday 29th December 2013 | Football League One IValley Parade

Bradford City Team: Jon McLaughlin, Stephen Darby, Rory McArdle, Carl McHugh, James Meredith, Garry Thompson McArdle, Carl McHugh, James Meredith, Garry Thompson (Oliver McBurnie 71), Ricky Ravenhill (Nathan Doyle 71), Gary Jones, Kyel Reid, James Hanson, Nahki Wells (Mark Yeates 28) Unused Subs: Connor Ripley, Matthew Bates, Jason Kennedy, Lewis Clarkson

Swindon Town Team: Wes Foderingham, Nathan Thompson, Grant Hall (Raphael Rossi-Branco 53), Darren Ward, Jay McEveley (Miles Storey 46), Nathan Byrne, Massimo Luongo, Alex Pritchard, Yaser Kasim (Ben Gladwin 74), Louis Thompson, Nicky Ajose

Unused Subs: Tyrell Belford, Jack Barthram, Ryan Mason, Ryan Harley

Swindon Town almost got off to a superb start with Stephen Darby denying Nathan Byrne the chance to give the visitors the lead as he looked to latch onto a superb low cross from Nicky Ajose, before City scored at the other end to get his side off to the best possible start.

A quarter of an hour into the game, Rory McArdle rose highest to head the ball in off the underside of the bar after he'd latched onto Gary Jones' corner. The goal came just moments after Alex Pritchard had seen a low drive held onto by Jon McLaughlin.

The visitors equalised early in the second half through the impressive Pritchard. The pint-sized midfielder, on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, went on a mazy run from the halfway line and made his way into the box before beating. McLaughlin from 12 yards out.

Picture: Rory McArdle powers home a header off the underside bar to give the Bantams an early lead in a draw against play-off chasing Swindon Town.



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Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to The Northern Commercials Stadium at Valley Parade.

e welcome everyone who are supporting Swindon Town this afternoon. including Chairman Lee Power our former player. We haven't had the best of the results against The Robins, and the reverse fixture this season ended in a single goal defeat when Anton Rodgers scored direct from a free kick. Last seasons corresponding game saw us manage a narrow victory thanks to Billy Clarke's close range header. The clean sheet was our twenty fourth of the season, a club record.

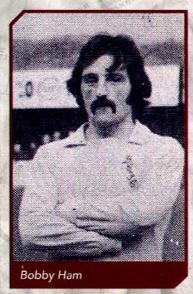
Swindon were founder members of the Third Division Southern Section in 1920, they didn't

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feature on our fixture list until 1958 when the third division was de-regionalised. The first league meeting came at The County Ground in September and the game ended all square at 2-2. Although you generally say any away point is a good one, this was a case where City should have clinched both points on offer. John Reid gave us the lead four minutes before half time, and when Bobby Webb added a second with ten minutes to go you would have been forgiven for thinking the points were safe. As it was Swindon hit back with two goals in as many minutes just before the end. Half back Lew Clayton got Swindon back in the game when he scored three minutes from the end. You can imagine the lift that goal would have given the home side, and with a

minute to go Cliff Jackson equalised for the hosts. A week later in the return fixture Swindon carried on where they had left off when Jimmy Kelly opened the scoring in just twenty two seconds. Less than two minutes later we drew level thanks to Derek Stokes. Unfortunately Kelly added his second goal just before the hour mark to give Swindon a narrow 2-1 away win.

The following season we were beaten early on in the season at Swindon. In a game of goals City eventually lost 5-3 John McCole scored our first and Bobby Webb added the other two. John Richards scored a hat trick for the hosts. the other two goals were scored by Wally Gauld. Gauld was the mastermind behind the betting





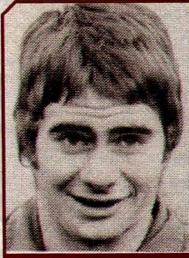
scandal of 1964, he involved former England players Peter Swan and Tony Kay and former Bantam David Layne, all four players were among thirty three players prosecuted as a result of the investigation. Gauld received the biggest punishment of all. In early January 1960 in the return game we won by a single goal from Derek Stokes. The 1960-61 season was a strange one, despite beating Manchester United in our first ever League Cup game, we were relegated to Division Four. We were well beaten at Swindon losing 4-0. The previous October we had beaten Swindon 2-1 thanks to goals from David Jackson and Webb. Swindon's goal came from Cliff Jackson.

The next time we met was in September 1968 when we were drawn together in the League Cup Second Round. This was the season Swindon won the trophy against Arsenal at Wembley. The famous pitch was in a shocking condition but somehow Swindon played some nice football to win 3-1. At one stage though Swindon were definitely under the cosh and at times it was said to be Arsenal against Peter Downsborough, the former Bantam who happened to be the Swindon goalkeeper on the day. Our first round tie here ended in a 1-1 draw, Roger Smart put Swindon ahead two minutes before half time, we stepped up our efforts to level the scores in the second half, and Tony Leighton scored for

us twelve minutes from time. The game went to a replay this was an exciting match which saw us lose a high scoring game. Swindon had Downsborough in goal and also included another former Bantam in captain Stan Harland, City shocked Swindon with a second minute goal scored after just eighty five seconds by John Hall. This was Swindon's eighth game of the season and the goal was only the third conceded by them and we had scored two of them! Swindon had a further shock when Peter Middleton put us further ahead after nineteen minutes. However by half time the scores were level. John Smith reduced the arrears after thirty two minutes, superstar Don Rogers levelled three minutes later from the penalty spot. Swindon took the lead with twenty minutes to go through Roger Smart, and looked to have clinched the game when Peter Noble added a fourth goal with fifteen minutes to play. Bobby Ham scored a third City goal with eleven minutes to play, despite a great effort we failed to take the game to extra time, but at least we went out to the cup winners.

Both teams were promoted in 1969 and so remained a division apart, the next time we faced Swindon in the league came in 1977, this followed our promotion. In an unhappy season we managed to complete





Peter Middleton

a double over Swindon. The first game was played at The County ground in October 1977, Swindon had former Bantam Chris Kamara in their ranks, whilst Peter Downsborough was our goalkeeper on the evening. Somewhat surprisingly we defeated Swindon who were previously unbeaten at home, Joe Cooke was the match winner for us, this would prove to be our only away win in what was a miserable season and saw us relegated straight back to Division Four. The return game was our penultimate home game and, as we were in twenty second position in the table four points from safety, a win was a necessity. We began the game well and were two goals ahead at half time thanks to two goals from winger Don Hutchins. Swindon scored a consolation after the interval through Roy Carter. The victory took us to within two points of safety with two games to go. Unfortunately there was to be no reprieve for us a 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Walsall the following Saturday saw us relegated. The 6-0 defeat at Plymouth merely rubbed salt in to our wounds, especially as the original game was abandoned with less than twenty minutes to play with us in the lead.

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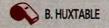


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MAN OF THE MATCH

JOSH CULLEN won the Social Media Man of the Match in the reverse fixture against Peterborough United back in August and he won it again with a controlled display from central midfield. Not necessarily the best surface for City's passing style of play, it didn't faze Cullen who showed brilliant close ball control and almost capped his performance with a stunning econd half goal



MATCH REPORT by Luke Gallagher

The Bantams returned to winning ways on their own patch with a narrow and hard-fought success against Peterborough United on Saturday afternoon. It was initially unclear who had netted the winning goal, with James Meredith, Alex Jones and Charlie Wyke all staking a claim after Mark Marshall's initial shot had caused the danger. It was eventually Jones who was given the match-winner for his second City goal of the season. The gloss was almost added by both Jordy Hiwula and Timothee Dieng late on but it is a big win and one which makes the play-off ambitions look much healthier.

United star man Marcus Maddison has an unusual, but often successful free kick-taking technique and his first attempt, after he was fouled by Josh Cullen deflected off the wall and behind for a corner as Grant McCann's side began to crank up the pressure.

Tony McMahon's free kick from wide on the left-hand side looked to be heading towards Nathaniel Knight-Percival at the far post, but an important intervention from Andrew Hughes forced a corner, McMahon took the corner and the ball was met

by the head of Rory McArdle who flashed an attempt across goal and a yard or so wide of the target.

Paul Taylor was proving a difficult test for McMahon, looking to put City under pressure with threatening runs down the flanks and he saw a halfvolley go over the bar after he'd been found by a quickly taken Maddison corner delivery.

The visitors were probably finding themselves a little unlucky to not be ahead after an encouraging start to the game, but they fell behind to Jones' first home goal. Marshall found space in the box and his driving shot towards goal caused a goalmouth scramble.

Jones and Meredith both looked to have scrambled the ball over the line before Wyke made sure by slamming

Wyke was credited with the goal over the Club's PA system but referee Mr Brett Huxtable confirmed post-match that Jones had actually been awarded the goal.

Grant McCann's side still looked a threat despite falling behind and after Michael Smith's rising drive from 20



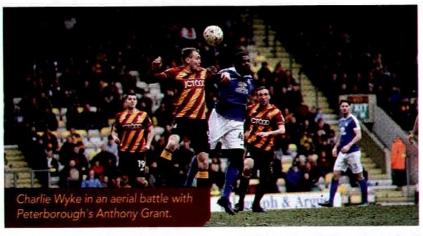
yards went a couple of yards over the bar, Maddison produced another one of his free kicks to leave hearts in the mouths for a moment or two. His third of the half in a pretty much identical position to the previous two, he dipped an attempt towards goal but fortunately it hit the side netting.

City were almost given a huge slice of luck to come close to doubling the lead. Jones' persistence allowed him the chance to cross low into the six-yard box, the ball was half cut-out by Ryan Tafazolli and Anthony Grant controlled the loose ball in the box. Under pressure, for some reason he decided to run towards his own goal, McGee hesitated and then Grant very nearly ran the ball into his own goal.

The game still hung finely in the balance and as the saying goes, one-nil is a dangerous scoreline. Nichols is United's leading marksman with 12 goals so far this season and he came a whisker away from notching goal number 13 just after the hour mark. After turning away from Cullen he rocketed a shot from just outside the box which whistled just wide of the post with Colin Doyle rooted to the spot.

Josh Cullen was outstanding on what as we well know were difficult conditions and after Michael Bostwick could only slice James Meredith's low





cross into the path of the West Ham United loanee, he controlled the ball before hammering a shot inches over the bar to let the visitors off the hook for some slightly slack defensive play.

A team mate of Cullen's at West Ham, Martin Samuelsen came on as a second half substitute and he played his part in creating the visitors' next opportunity. The Norwegian winger played a pass across the pitch to Maddison in the penalty area and his shot from a tight angle was kept out by Doyle. The resulting corner was taken by Maddison and Bostwick headed over the bar.

Timothee Dieng came off the bench late on for what was to be an impressive cameo and he won the ball brilliantly in the middle of the park to present McMahon with an opportunity; the right-back played a neat one-two with Wyke before slicing a shot wide of the target from roughly 15 yards out.

Dieng initiated that chance and he was on the end of a pass to produce the next chance and it was a pretty gilt-edged one. Latching onto Cullen's weighted through ball, he got into the box and settled himself, but with plenty of time to make a decision he side-footed a shot narrowly over the bar to leave Peterborough still with a glimmer of hope to get back into the game.

That glimmer of hope looked to become more than that two minutes into four added at the end of the ninety with Maddison's cross leading to a corner. United stopper Luke McGee marched up the field and into a crowded penalty area but Chris Forrester's header from the edge of the box dropped comfortably wide to ensure a narrow victory for the Bantams.

REACTION



'I think over the course of the game, we deserved to win. The first half was fairly even, a bit scrappy at times, and the goal itself was scrappy. As we've said before, there are different ways to win games of football. We've got our noses in front and then the lads have shown the desire and determination to keep a clean sheet.'

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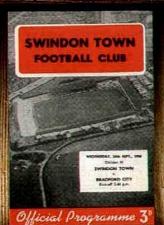
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We take a look back through the archives to dig out some classic programmes from our past encounters with Swindon Town and look at who featured for City on the day. Today we have selected a variety from the 50s, 60s and the 70s

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Wednesday 24th September 1958 Swindon 2 City 2 (Division Four)

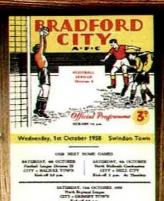
Geoff Smith, Tom Flockett, Bill Barnes, Peter Jackson, Jim Lawlor, Geoff Hudson, Bobby Webb, David Jackson, John McCole, John Reid, Derek Stokes



Wednesday 1st October 1958

City 1 Swindon 2 (Division Four)

Geoff Smith, Tom Flockett, Bill Barnes, Peter Jackson, Jim Lawlor, Geoff Hudson, Bobby Webb, David Jackson, John McCole, John Reid, Derek Stokes



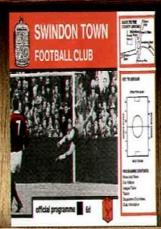




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Wednesday 4th September 1968 City 1 Swindon 1 (League Cup)

John Roberts, Denis Atkins, Ron Bayliss, Bruce Stowell, Tom Hallett, Barry Swallow, John Hall, Bobby Ham, Tony Leighton, Peter Middleton, Charlie Rackstraw



Thursday 29th January 1969

Swindon 4 City 3 (League Cup)

John Roberts, Denis Atkins, Ron Bayliss, Bruce Stowell, Tom Hallett, Barry Swallow, John Hall, Bobby Ham, Tony Leighton, Peter Middleton, Charlie Rackstraw

Tuesday 4th October 1977 Swindon 0 City 1 (Division Three)

Peter Downsborough,
Peter Hardcastle, Alex
Spark, David Fretwell,
John Middleton, Ces
Podd, Garry Watson, Terry
Dolan, Joe Cooke, Bernie
Wright, Don Hutchins



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Wednesday 26th April 1978 City 2 Swindon 1 (Division Three)

Peter Downsborough, Ces Podd, Mick Wood, Rod Johnson, Joe Cooke, John Middleton, Garry Watson, Terry Dolan, Bernie Wright, David McNiven, Don Hutchins







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LOOKING at the empty seats at the Ricoh Arena last Saturday makes you realise just how lucky we are at Bradford City.

Every week you turn out in your numbers to ensure Valley Parade is near full to the rafters.

That, of course, is testament to the dedication of you the supporters, but also to the owners and officials at the club who have made watching City at home an affordable luxury.

There are mitigating circumstances to the lack of home support for the Sky Blues, but it's a crying shame that one of the best stadiums in the division is near empty and maybe no surprise that Coventry are struggling so badly on the field given the lack of vocal support they receive off it.

It made for a very hollow atmosphere at times, with more seats than supporters on show at the ground last weekend although, as always, the travelling support of almost 1,400 made enough noise to make amends for that.

What's perhaps more baffling is that the support is there. Over 40,00 tickets have been sold for their Wembley date with Oxford in the Checkatrade Trophy next month.

The hardcore support certainly isn't there for the MK Dons and that hollow feeling was also in evidence at Stadium MK earlier in the campaign. A stunning ground that holds over 30,000, yet there were only 8,166 watching that day and that included several hundred who had braved a



midweek journey down from Bradford on a Tuesday night.

Bolton can get almost 29,000 into the Macron Stadium but their top attendance this season has been 17,486 and that was against City back in October, while the average attendance is over 3,500 less than that, again leaving plenty of empty seats for their home matches.

Compare all that then to the average crowd at Valley Parade this season, which is undoubtedly impressive. It currently stands at 18,056 and with some big games between now and the remainder of the campaign, that seems sure to rise even further come the close of the season.

Not resting on their laurels though, the club have now launched this fabulous TeamTwenty campaign. Not wanting to sound too much like a walking advertisement for the club, it really is incredible value. For the third season in a row, City are aiming

to offer the most affordable season tickets in the EFL, with adult season tickets at an incredible £149 - and that's irrespective of which league we are playing in next season!

It's part of the reason for our continually full stadium – and that's great news. Could you imagine 20,000 plus packed in every single week next season? Well, I certainly can and after what's been described by the club as a 'truly tremendous' early response to the campaign, it seems it might well happen.

City supporters really are the best in the land and I've no doubt you'll be in full voice this afternoon, hopefully roaring the Bantams on to what would be another significant win in our promotion bid.

Enjoy the game,

Jason Thornton Pulse 2 Matchday Live commentator



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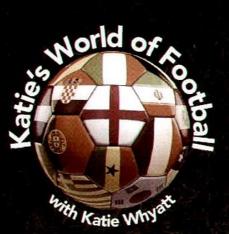
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The curtain is primed to fall on one of the game's greats once more. Xabi Alonso is to retire at the end of the current season. The Bayern Munich midfielder made the announcement on Twitter this week, simply writing, "Lived it. Loved it. Farewell beautiful game," alongside a grayscale photograph of him walking away, waving, boots in hand.

Alonso spent more than a decade at the highest level amassing everything there was to win. His watershed career move - the one he credits for turning him into a man - took him from Real Sociedad to Liverpool in 2004, and he scored the equalising goal in the unforgettable 2005 Champions League final that rewrote the boundaries of possibility.

Five years at Real Madrid ensured, and there were league titles, Copa del Rey triumphs, another Champions League-winning journey. At Bayern Munich, in the final embers of his career, Alonso's Midas Touch remains: back-to-back Bundesliga titles, with another plausible, and Bayern in the last eight of the Champions League.

A World Cup, two European Championships, two Champions Leagues, 114 caps for Spain, 690 appearances at club level – the statistics speak for themselves. But the deluge of tributes painted a picture not only of one of his generation's most cultured and visionary midfielders, but of a player, and a man, who thought so deeply about the game. Behind the genius was a player already thinking like a manager, who, Pep Guardiola said, was "involved in what you are doing and why you are doing it." He continued, "It's

marvellous as a manager to have these kind of players."

The outpouring of affection this week has been touching and merited. Guardiola hailed Alonso as "one of the best midfielders I've ever seen". Jamie Carragher admitted Alonso's departure for Real Madrid was heartbreaking, dismantling the fierce midfield partnership of the best side Rafa Benitez ever had at Anfield. It is telling that Gerrard, in his autobiography, ranks Xabi Alonso as the one of the four best players he shared a pitch with, alongside Wayne Rooney, Luis Suarez and Fernando Torres.

"I came from my hometown tearn, to the best team in England, to the best team in Spain, to the best team in Germany. It's a beautiful career," Alonso reflected, in 2014, as he looked back on a career of unprecedented success, of passes spinning with menace but cooked to perfection, of balls perfectly timed and delivered with aplomb, of an instinct that saw him become a key component of a Spain side that would define football for a generation.



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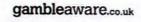
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DAN PYBUS

FORMER SUNDERLAND STARLET PYBUS CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED

Having spent the previous few weeks training with the club and featuring in reserves fixtures at Walsall and Port Vale, 19 year-old midfielder Dan Pybus signed a contract with Bradford City after excelling for the academy at Sunderland last season. Born in the North East, Pybus reached double figures on the goal scoring front last season and he is hoping to make his mark in senior football.

On settling in.

'Being here for the past few weeks has definitely helped me to settle in here already. As soon as I walked in the lads welcomed me; training everyday with them has brought me on and it's made me a lot more confident around them and I just can't wait to get going now.'

On training with the likes of Josh Cullen, Nicky Law and Romain Vincelot who play in the same position as Dan.

There's some good players here playing in central midfield, there's Josh (Cullen), there's Romain (Vincelot) and there's Nicky (Law). There's a lot of good players here, especially in the central midfield position. That is good for me, because it gives me competition

in that area but also I can learn a lot from those types of players and look to develop my game.'

On playing in a couple of recent reserves fixtures at Walsall and Port Vale.

'The Walsall game I felt went well. We got beat, but I thought I played quite well. The Port Vale game again, I thought I did well. Playing in those games has definitely helped; I haven't played in a while so I've been getting back used to playing games again. The lads around me have been very good with me and they've helped me, so it's all been really positive.'

On leaving Sunderland.
'I was at Sunderland for nine years or so and I learned a lot there,

but I think this is the next step in my career. I'm looking to push on here and do well for the club and hopefully help to take the club in the right direction.'

On goal scoring exploits at Sunderland.

'One of my aims at the start of last season was to score as many goals as possible. It went as good as anything really. If you get yourself into the box, you can get yourself a goal. I was fortunate enough to score a lot of goals last season at Sunderland and I'm definitely trying to do that here. My target is always double figures and that's what I always aim for, so hopefully I can score a lot of goals here.'

VINCELOT EXCITED FOR THE FINAL SPRINT

The Frenchman is as experienced as most in the English game having arrived in the country to sign for Dagenham & Redbridge back in 2010 and he has made close to 300 appearances for six different English clubs. At 31 years of age, Vincelot is certainly aware of what it takes to ultimately come out of the final run of games with success under your belt and he is excited for the final sprint with Bradford City this season.

We've had a couple of hardfought wins recently, looking back particularly at the Peterborough game. Do you think we maybe haven't had enough wins in that manner? Looking at the majority of our draws this season, we've played well and not won when we would have been better off grinding out a few scruffy victories?

RV: 'I think we have the right to be frustrated by all those draws and looking at the points tally, we should have more points. That has gone now and you've got to look at it both ways. I think we've come back from behind to get a result maybe more than anyone in English football this season. We've got some character but we've got to use that now to win games.'

Into single figures now in terms of fixtures remaining, is this where the season becomes really exciting for the likes of yourself as a footballer?

RV: 'We know that this is the final sprint and it's always nice to be in a good position like we are going into the remaining games. We have something to play for and that makes it very exciting. The weather becomes very good towards the end of the season and there is a lot of positivity in the group. It is now



down to us to turn up and make sure that we give everything we've got every single game until the end of the season.'

Just looking back at your career for a second; you got to the play-off final with Dagenham & Redbridge and with Leyton Orient. From your previous experiences, what would you say is important at this stage of the season to make sure that the team does get into the top six?

RV: 'Intensity to make sure we keep up the chase. In every single training session we've got to show a good level of intensity. We've got to be positive and play with a smile and we've got to show determination. All of these things shown together helps everybody to give their best. We have to realise that we're in a wonderful position, we've got everything to play for and as a footballer it is exactly what you want, to be in the final sprint. Now it is all down to us.'

Central midfield is where you're being played at the minute. What's it been like to create a bit of a partnership in there with Josh Cullen?

RV: 'Yeah, it's great. Josh is a fantastic player and I know that if I'm in trouble I can just give him the ball and he will deal with it. I get the ball back and try to play, but if there is a bit of a struggle I know that I can give the ball to him and he will get us out of trouble. It's great to play with him but everybody in the team is showing great spirit. Everybody wants to win and everybody is working hard. As I said, we've got to show intensity in training and then bring that into the games, there are no days off now!





MY MATCH REPORT



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WHO AM

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- 1. I played for one of City's local rivals before signing for City.
- 2. I played in defence.
- 3. I retired from playing in May 2008.



Can you spot four differences between these

Can you name the three players in this photo mash-up?





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TOP: MICHY Law

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2. Extra fan in the stand

7. Football is missing SHOUTHE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

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SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2017







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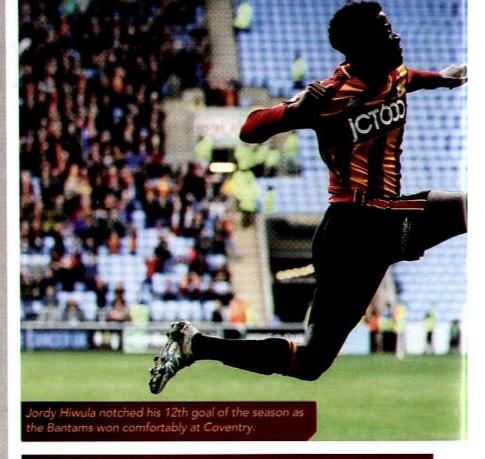
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MAN OF THE MATCH

RORY McARDLE played a major role in making sure City would claim back to back clean sheets for the first time since early October as he produced an excellent defensive display alongside Nathaniel Knight-Percival. Coventry City needed watching closely in a first half where they threatened to take the lead but they never looked like scoring in the second half.

The last thing a mis-firing side, low on confidence, needed was to come up against a central defender prepared to dig in and ensure Colin Doyle's goal would not be breached, an excellent performance from McArdle.





MATCH REPORT by Luke Gallagher

The Bantams recorded another victory to make it three successive Saturday wins with second half goals from Alex Jones and Jordy Hiwula proving enough to get the better of a lowly Coventry City side. The hosts more than held their own in the first half but quickfire goals early in the second half put Mark Robins' side to the sword on his first game in charge following Russell Slade's departure at the end of last week.

Coventry will have been boosted by the appointment of Robins earlier in the week and they started the game on the front foot, almost going ahead after just ten minutes. Charles Vernam's corner came out to the edge of the box and Ben Stevenson beat Mark Marshall in a challenge before firing a shot narrowly wide of the target.

It certainly looked like it would be the hosts to score first at this stage and they went close again five minutes later. A free kick into the box from a deep position was headed on by Kwame Thomas

and Stuart Beavon attempted an audacious overhead kick which went a matter of inches wide of the post.

City's first chance in the game was probably the best opportunity in a low-key first half. Marshall had a run at Chris Stokes and got the beating of him before crossing into the box where Charlie Wyke saw a header hit the inside of the post; the ball looked like it may have still had a chance of going over the line but Jordan Turnbull was in the right place at the right time to hook the ball clear of danger.

George Thomas saw a shot held onto by Colin Doyle after he had shown good tenacity to get the better of Jordy Hiwula and bring the ball forward from midfield and the last chance of the half was a Bradford one and it came through the hosts' former favourite Romain Vincelot. The Frenchman latched onto Marshall's pass in additional time at the end of the half, but his first time shot skewed comfortable wide of the target.

City needed a way of putting





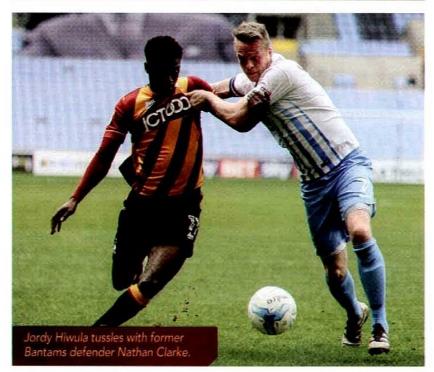
a Coventry side, clearly low in confidence, under pressure and they did just that with a goal early in the second half. Tony McMahon hadn't had many dead-ball opportunities in the first half but his corner on this occasion was met plumb on the volley by Alex Jones who smashed the ball into the roof of the net from 6 yards out, to notch his third goal in Bradford City colours.

With barely enough time for the hosts to lick their wounds after going behind, City doubled their advantage. Marshall led the attack and he found Jones in a central position who fed the ball wide to Hiwula unmarked and he kept his cool to beat Lee Burge with a shot which deflected into the bottom corner.

The Bantams did a good job of muting any threat that Coventry may have had in the latter stages especially given the introduction of the lively Jodi Jones, with Rory McArdle and Nathaniel Knight-Percival conjuring up commanding displays in the heart of the defence.

By the time the next chance came around, Coventry looked sapped of confidence and the scoreline was almost made more





comfortable in City's favour through Billy Clarke late on. With five minutes left on the clock, the Irishman who had come on in place of the injured Alex Jones, curled a free kick towards the far corner from an improbable angle and Burge had to tip the ball over the bar.



REACTION

'We said to the lads at half time that this was going to be a big 45 minutes for us. Coventry were giving it their all and it was a fairly poor first half in general really, so we knew we had to step things up after the break. The two bits of quality in the second half came from us, and we've scored with them both. It is always important to capitalise on any purple patch, and we've done that in this game.'

STUART McCALL

BOTH CAMPS ALAN CONNELL



Alan Connell played an important part in promotion campaigns for both Bradford City and Swindon Town and the 34 year-old Enfield born forward who was most recently playing in non-league with Poole Town began his career back Bournemouth in August 2002.

A massive Arsenal fan, Connell actually started out as a trainee at Tottenham Hotspur before a move to the South coast via a spell at Ipswich Town and he made his debut as a late substitute for James Hayter in a goalless Division Three draw against Kidderminster Harriers at Dean Court. It's crazy how far that club have come on to be where they are today.

In July 2005, after making 64 appearances (11 goals) in three years, he signed for Torquay United. Seven goals were scored for the Gulls during the 2005/06 season and he spent the 2006/07

season at Hereford United before a move to Brentford in July 2007. Just a single season at Griffin Park for Alan, but he still managed 12 goals in all competitions before a return to Bournemouth in November 2008.

After adding another 18 months to overall time spent with Bournemouth, he signed for Grimsby Town in July 2010 and enjoyed his best season on the goal scoring front. In the Blue Square Premier or the Vanarama National League as it is known now, he scored 25 goals which earned him a move to League Two promotion hopefuls, Swindon Town.

Paolo Di Canio was in charge at the County Ground at the time and Connell rarely started, in fact just 13 times in the league, but he still finished the season with 11 goals. Goals in victories against Plymouth Argyle and Port Vale in Swindon's final two home games of the 2011/12 season helped the club to the title and ahead of the 2012/13 season he arrived here at Bradford City.

Connell spent a season and-a-half at Valley Parade and made 59 appearances (9 goals) before going on to have a spell with Northampton Town, a second spell at Grimsby Town and then one with Havant & Waterlooville before a move to Poole Town in July 2015. He is now a youth team coach at Bournemouth.

Others to have played for both of today's clubs:

STEPHEN DARBY

Whilst still at Liverpool, Current City defender Stephen Darby had a two-month loan spell at Swindon Town during the back end of the 2009/10 season. He made 15 appearances for the Robins and helped the club to a play-off final at Wembley which ended in a narrow defeat to Millwall. The full back came on as a substitute for Alan Sheehan in the final.



RAFFAELE DE VITA

The 29 year-old attacking midfielder born in Rome, signed for Swindon in June 2011 from Livingston, a club he plays for at the minute. He spent two seasons at the County Ground and helped the club into League One via the League Two title and made 77 appearances (14 goals) for the club before a move to Bradford City in the summer of 2013. He spent one season at Valley Parade and made 23 appearances (1 goal) before a move to Cheltenham Town on a free transfer.

ALAN SHEEHAN

After a loan at Swindon Town during the second half of the 2009/10 season from Leeds United, Irish defender Alan Sheehan signed on a permanent basis in August 2010 and made a total of 23 appearances during the 2010/11 season. Via a spell with Notts County, he signed for Bradford City and during two seasons with the club (2014/15 and 2015/16) he made 32 appearances (1 goal) before a move to Luton Town in July 2016.

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TOM HALLETT

by Mick Lamb



Tom Hallett was born in one of the South Wales mining areas, but his first professional football club was the one in postcode LS11. He played there for about eight years before moving South to join Swindon Town. After three seasons Tom moved back to the North to join City. I suppose this was an easy choice really as he had met his wife Rosie whilst at Leeds.

Manager Willie Watson was busy rebuilding a City side who had

finished next to bottom of the fourth division in 1965-66. He immediately appointed Tom as our captain, and he made his league debut for us at Southend United on the opening day of the 1966-67 season in what turned out to be a 2-1 defeat. Tom had missed a couple of games in October but the knee injury he sustained the week before Christmas saw him miss three months of the season. So his first season showed he played thirty two league and cup games, and all without scoring!

He missed a couple of games during the 1967-68 season which saw us finish fifth in the table. Surely we would have walked promotion but for an inexplicable run of five home games without a win, a run which saw us lose three times, this came on the back of eight consecutive wins, and an unbeaten run of twelve games. During this run manager Grenville Hair collapsed and sadly died on the pitch during a training session.

Tom led City to promotion on an

emotion charged night at Darlington in May 1969. This was remarkable as it was manager Jimmy Wheeler's first ever season as a manager. City also created a club record unbeaten run of twenty one games, their defeat at home to Workington in December 1968 was their last home defeat until Rotherham won here in January 1970.

As City tried their hand in Division Three in 1969, a fantastic run especially at Valley Parade saw them in third position at Christmas, the form after the New Year was patchy, but Tom did manage his first goals for City. He netted in the rowdy Boxing Day derby win over Halifax 2-1, and also a winner at Plymouth in February 1970. The 1970-71 season would be Tom's final season, he made his 200th and final league and cup appearance for us on April 17th 1971 in a 2-0 home defeat funnily enough to the football club nearest to his birthplace, Swansea City, just twenty miles from Glynneath.

Mick Lamb





JENT GENERATION



ROSS MULLETT

Date of Birth: 25/05/2000

Place of Birth: Tameside Hospital

Position: Goalkeeper

When did you join Bradford

City?

Beginning of the season

1st or 2nd Year Scholar:

1st Year Scholar

High School:

St. Philip Howard, Glossop

First Club: Glossop North End Juniors

Favourite Team: Oldham Athletic

Favourite Footballer:

David De Gea/Marc-Andre ter Stegen

Best Attributes:

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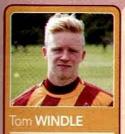


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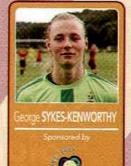
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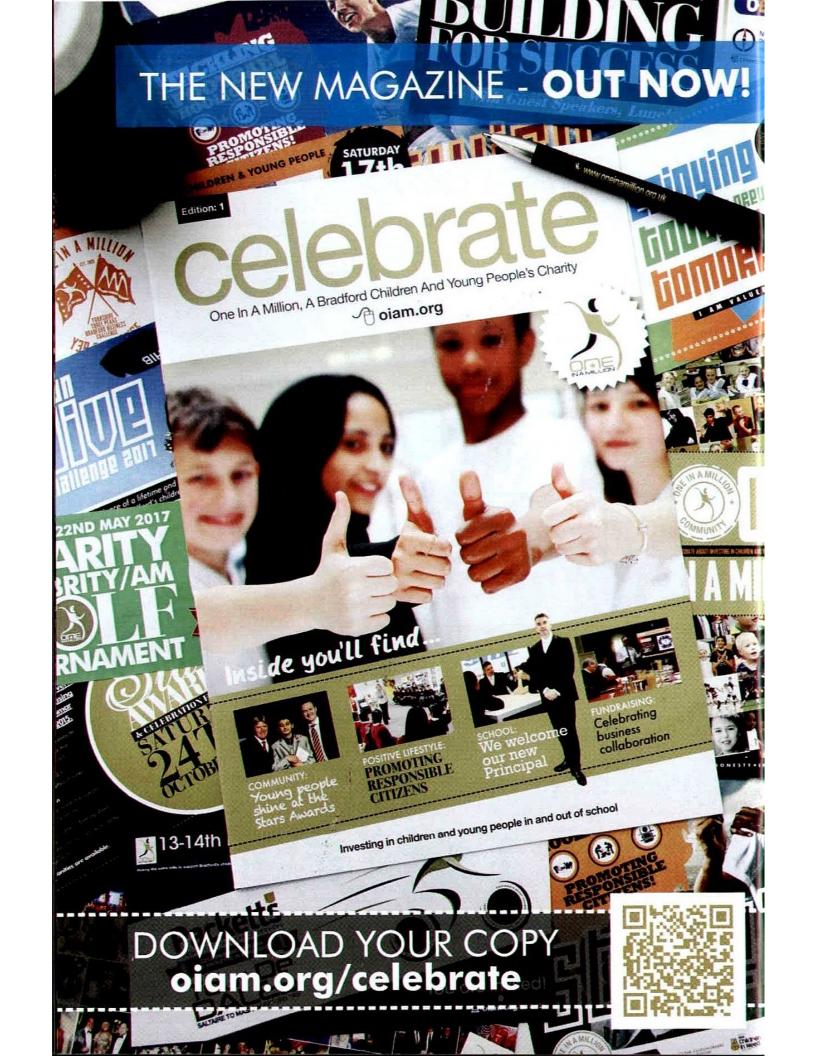






















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BRADFORD CITY WOMEN'S FC

Bradford City Women return to action tomorrow for the first time in a month as they visit Nottingham Forest.

Granted other results go their way, victory for the Bantams could take them as high as third and leave their opposition second-from-bottom.

They beat Forest 6-0 at home earlier this season with braces from Hannah Campbell and Laura Elford, while Shauna Legge and Charlotte Stuart also chipped in with strikes.

Elford heads into tomorrow's game in great form and hoping to repeat that feat. The striker bagged four in a run out for the reserves last week and notched her 10th of the season for the firsts when they lost 2-1 to Middlesbrough last month.

However, City know that tomorrow's game will be much more difficult than when these two last met in October.

Forest have picked up recently, suffering only narrow defeats to high flyers Fylde and Blackburn Rovers. And with just one loss in their last three – drawing with Leicester and beating Derby on the road – they will fancy their chances of getting a result against a Bradford side lacking match sharpness.

City will be the overwhelming favourites though and raring to go again after so long without a competitive fixture.

They could be boosted too by the return of midfielder Ellie Olds, who has been out for two months with ankle ligament damage.



Ellie Olds is fighting to be fit to return tomorrow.

It's the second time Olds has suffered the injury this season, meaning her rehab and recovery this time has been much more careful.

After deciding to sit Tuesday's friendly with Barnsley out, she trained on Thursday and could be fit enough to make tomorrow's matchday squad.

Kick off is 2PM at Basford United FC, with live updates by @BCWFC on Twitter!

Ameé Ruszkai Bradford City WFC Press Officer



Laura Elford strikes at goal in the 6-0 win over Forest in October.

Photos by George Wood

A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Bradford City Football Club is pleased to support the 2017 Level Playing Field (LPF) Weeks of Action. This annual initiative, now in its 12th year, aims to celebrate access and inclusion for disabled sports fans across England and Wales.

This period of celebration and awareness began this Saturday (4 March 2017) and runs through to Sunday 19 March. Disabled people constitute the largest minority group at around 15% of the population and this number is increasing year on year.

This year we are supporting the #GameChangers campaign and have enjoyed thanking and showcasing own disabled supporters on our website and social media.

We want to lead and pioneer change that improves access and inclusion, and in many cases our projects change the lives of disabled people. Bradford City FC are leaders in accessible and affordable football and today they have provided over 100 free tickets to Bradford based community groups who work with disabled adults and children. The ambition to engage with people who may love the game or even just be interested in sport and may never have had the opportunity to go to a game before and invite them to share in the match day experience so many of our fans already enjoy.

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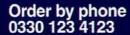
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MICHAEL SHACKLETON'S COMMERCIAL UPDATE

Good afternoon and welcome to the Northern Commercials Stadium for today's League One clash against Swindon Town.

Today our guest in the match day hospitality will be City legend Peter Jackson, I'm sure Jackson will need no introduction to City fans after the centre back played in over 330 games scoring 29 goals as well after two spells with the club. Jackson was the captain in the promotion winning side of 1984/85 whilst playing for City. Jackson also went on to manage the Bantams during the 2011/12 season.

Tickets for the Player of the Year Awards Evening are now on sale to city supporters, the event is due to take place on the 24th April. Tickets will be starting from £45 and £65 for VIP, these can be purchased from Friends of Bradford City at www.friendsofbradfordcity.co.uk/ Tickets will be Limited so make sure you book tickets early to



Peter Jackson in the Legend's suite earlier in the season.

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New this season coming with the season tickets is the Zebra Finance which is an available option to spread the cost of your season ticket on a monthly instalment over 9 months. This scheme can benefit people who struggle to pay their season ticket off in one big batch, this method breaks up the cost making it easier to pay over a length of time. The cost of paying for the season ticket this way works out at just £16.55 a month over 9 months which is a brilliant deal with the possibility of the Bantams playing Championship football next season!

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Reece Burke at last year's Player of the Year Awards evening.



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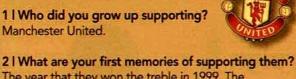


Jordy Hiwula

As the club look to push the #TeamTwenty season ticket campaign, we decided to ask today's cover star Jordy Hiwula twenty quick fire questions about various different subjects.

FOOTBALL

1 | Who did you grow up supporting? Manchester United.



The year that they won the treble in 1999. The Champions League final stands out for me, when they scored twice in the last five minutes to win the game.

3 I Who is your favourite ever footballer? The Brazilian Ronaldo.



4 | Tell us about your professional debut? I was at Yeovil Town (on loan from Manchester City) and we played against MK Dons, but we lost the game 2-0. I started and played the full

5 | Tell us about your first professional goal? It was in the FA Cup for Yeovil Town against Crawley Town, I scored in the first half. I took it around the keeper and then I slotted it in.

FAVOURITES

6 | Favourite clothing brand? I'd say Nike.

7 | Favourite film? I've got a few to be fair, but I'll say Rush Hour 2.





8 | Favourite League One stadium (apart from Valley Parade)? Bramall Lane, Sheffield United.

9 | Favourite food?

I'm more of a dessert man, so I'll say cake. When I am allowed a rare treat, I quite like a slice of cake.



10 | Favourite drink Lucozade.



FIRSTS

11 | First pair of football boots that you owned? I think I was seven years old and I had a pair of Diadora boots.





12 I First time you visited another country? I went to Dublin in Ireland when I was eleven, it was a school trip. My first holiday destination would have been Spain with my family, I can't remember where in Spain though because I've been quite a few times.

13 | First game of football you went to?

The first game I can remember going to was a Man United game. I think they were playing Fenerbahce in the Champions League, United won 2-1 and (Ruud) van Nistelrooy score the winner.

14 | First games console that you owned? PlayStation One.



15 | First professional squad number?

My first squad number was 76 when I was at Man City. The squad number was so high because there was so many players there.

FINALS

16 I Who is going to win the Champions League final? Barcelona.

17 I Who is going to win the FA Cup final? I'll say Chelsea.

18 I Who is going to win the Championship play-off final?

If Huddersfield are in there, I would want them to win it.

19 I Who is going to win the Europa League final?

I'll say Man United.

20 | Who is going to win the League Two play-off final?

I reckon if Portsmouth are in there then they will win them, but if they go up automatically I'll go with Luton to go up through the play-offs.







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It's been a strange week going to two of arguably the biggest clubs in League One in terms of size and stature.

Both Coventry and Charlton are having seasons they will want to forget.

And both are embroiled with big off-field issues as fans vote with their feet to stay away.

Neither club are a particularly happy place because of a clear divide between the owners and the supporters.

What a stark contrast that is to City – and the results on the pitch are testament to the bond that exists from the boardroom down.

The Ricoh Arena and the Valley are up there among the best places to play football at this level. Both should be staging matches in a higher division.

So it's sad to see the yawning gaps in the stands and the banks of empty seats as people demonstrate their discontent by not going to games.

How they must envy the situation we enjoy here at Valley Parade.

The second-largest crowds in the division and hopefully breaking the 20,000 barrier every other week next season on the back of the #TeamTwenty campaign.

We all get frustrated by results at times and the second half on

Tuesday night was a case of hanging on by the finger nails. But seeing the turmoil affecting other clubs should remind everyone what a good thing we've got going at City.

No wonder the fans continue to turn up in huge numbers, both home and away.

The travelling support at the Valley was fantastic. As Stuart McCall said afterwards, it sounded like 5,000 were singing behind the goal not 1,000.

Several Charlton supporters spoke to me about the atmosphere being generated by the away end – and how that got their own disillusioned fans going in response.

Football should be played in a vibrant atmosphere in front of large crowds.

That's the case every other week here – and likely to get even louder as the climax to the season approaches.







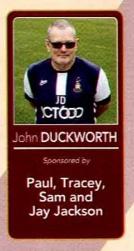
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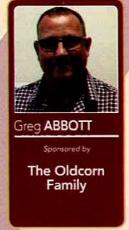




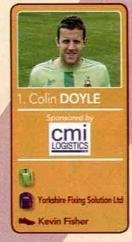


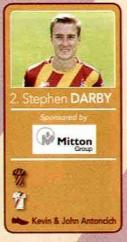




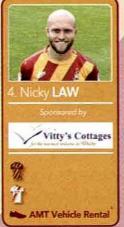


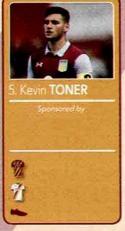








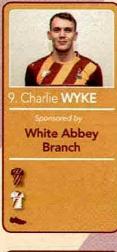






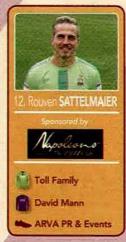






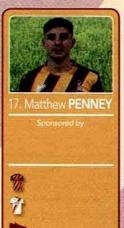


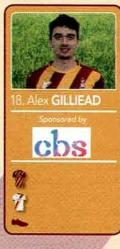


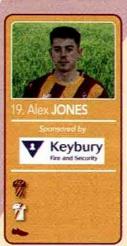


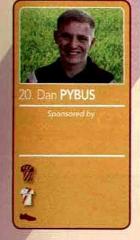






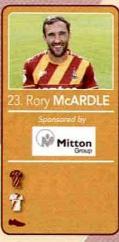






































Good afternoon, and a warm welcome to the Coral Windows Stadium, to all players, officials, and fans of Swindon Town Football Club

Half term camps

We have organised our Easter camps which be booked in the usual ways.

As usual they are for 5-13year old boys and girls of all abilities. Our staff are all DBS checked, have emergency aid and safeguarding certificates. Children will be recommended to the Bradford City Academy if we feel they are of the required standard. Coaching is based around the children's age and ability

Woodhouse Grove School	4 days	10-13 April 9am-3.30pm	£80.00
Marley Stadium, Keighley	4 days	10-13 April 10am-3pm	£48.00
Sandylands Sports Centre, Skipton	4 days	18-21 April 10am-3pm	£48.00
Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Ilkley	4 days	18-21 April 10am-3pm	£48.00

At the Marley and Ben Rhydding camp we have also got a Gamezstation bus that will be at the venue before and after the camp. The bus will be there 8am-5pm so there are a few options, you can book a day at the camp as usual at £12 per day, or you can book before and after on the bus at £20 per day, or you can book the session before, or the session after at £16 per day. There are only 12 places on each session so it's a first come first served and you will have to contact the community foundation office to book a place. The Woodhouse Grove camp is usually quite popular and we have teamed up with the school to make the day a bit longer to fit in with a normal school day. On the Monday at this camp the whole 1st team squad will hopefully be in attendance in the afternoon, after they have finished training.

Unheard Voices

This project was funded by the Heritage Lottery and has now almost come to an end. We are having 2 celebration events for people who have taken part in this project and also for the entire month of May there will be a photo exhibition at National Media

Museum where people can also see the film that was made and look at the book. The project was around the Bradford City Fire and how the people living around the ground helped those fleeing the ground on that tragic day, these are the unheard voices of that day.



Pictured here is BDFC with Swindon Disability football team when we played them away.

Bradford Disability Football Club

Bradford City FC Community Foundation short breaks project is the provision of coaching sessions for young people with disabilities, today they are on the pitch at half time to show case their skills having competed in the West Riding League games this morning. The short breaks is one of many projects run by the community foundation as they support participation both on and off the pitch, most recently money awarded from the Wembley National Trust has supported the setting up of a mental health team in partnership with Bradford MIND, deaf football sessions at youth group Prism and several special needs schools and units have had free football sessions for their pupils. Please give both the Bradford and Swindon teams a warm welcome at half time.

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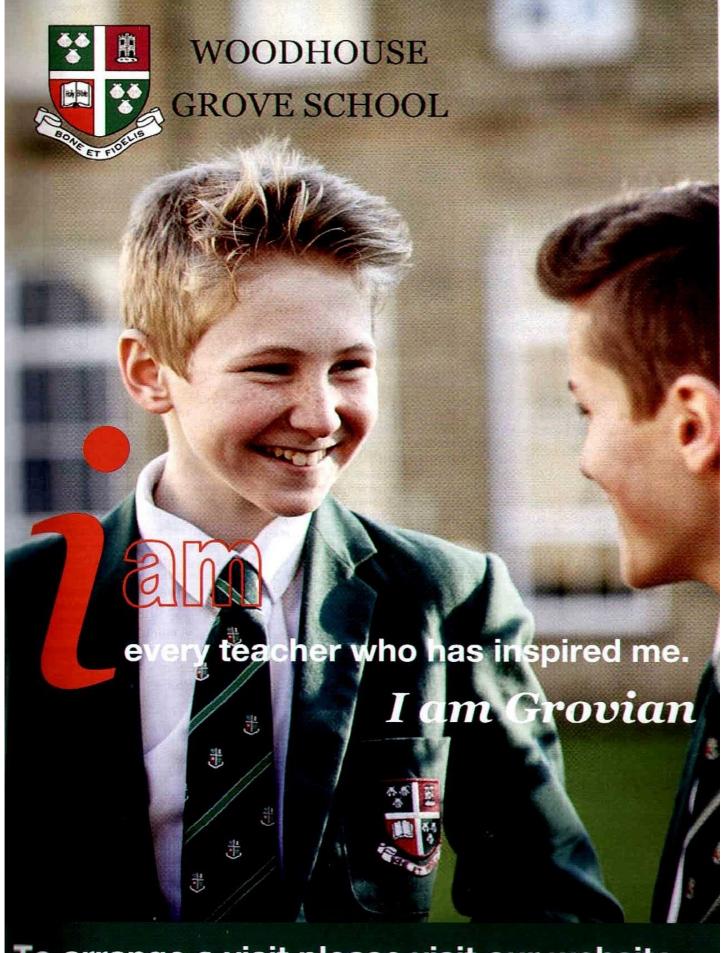
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LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

LEAGUE LEADERS KEEP UP THE PACE

All of the current top four in League One picked up victories during the mid-week fixture round-up in their bids to battle it out for an automatic promotion position.

Sheffield United won 4-2 at today's visitors Swindon Town. Caolan Lavery and Kieron Freeman's goals gave the Blades a comfortable half-time lead which was cancelled out early in the second half by goals from Charlie Colkett and Ben Gladwin. Jay O'Shea and Paul Coutts scored further goals as the visitors retained their 8 point lead at the top of the table.

Bolton romped to a 4-0 victory at Gillingham. Filipe Morais set up all four of the goals with David Wheater, Adam Le Fondre, Mark Beevers and Josh Vela all on the scoresheet. Fleetwood Town bounced back from defeat at home against Phil Parkinson's men by recording a narrow victory at Walsall with Cian Bolger scoring the only goal whilst Scunthorpe United put an end to a poor run of form with 2-1 home victory against Rochdale; Matt Crooks scoring a stoppage time winner for the Iron.

Oxford United are one of a clutch of sides hoping to get into



Matt Crooks stoppage time winner helped Scunthorpe get back to winning ways.

the top six but they lost 2-1 at Oldham Athletic with Lee Erwin scoring either side of a Chris Maguire penalty. Southend United continued to stake their claim for a play-off place with a comfortable victory at Coventry City; Nile Ranger and Ryan Leonard on the scoresheet for Phil Brown's side.

Milton Keynes Dons lost on a very first visit to major rivals AFC Wimbledon. The hosts failed to acknowledge their opposition on the front of their programme and they got the victory they so craved thanks to second half goals from

Jake Reeves and Lyle Taylor. Bristol Rovers are another side hoping to be in with a shout of a place in the top six but they lost 3-0 at Bury; James Vaughan, Greg Leigh and George Miller on the scoresheet for the Shakers.

Chesterfield and Peterborough United took a share of the spoils in a six-goal thriller at the Proact Stadium whilst Northampton Town probably ensured their place in League One for another season with a 2-1 victory against strugglers Port Vale.

RESERVES REPORT

Wednesday 15th March 2017 at the Globe Arena

Morecambe 2 (Mergim 9, Hawley 62) Bradford City 0

City's reserves lost out in the final away match of their Central League campaign this season at Morecambe this Wednesday afternoon.

A goal in each half from the Shrimps courtesy of attackers Qarri Mergim and Kyle Hawley proved enough to claim victory for the home side in the development fixture.

Fresh from completing his permanent move to the Northern Commercials Stadium last week, Dan Pybus started in central midfield for the Bantams. Professionals James King and Jacob Hanson also featured for City at the Globe Arena.



Jacob Hanson in action for the reserves during their mid-week defeat at Morecambe.

City Team: George Skyes-Kenworthy, Jacob Hanson, Shamaul Bertie (Sam Wright 72), Kwame Boateng (Tom Windle 58) James King, Alex Laird, Niah Payne, Dan Pybus, Ville Moilanen, Curtis Peters, Mohamed Saeed (Reece Powell 72) Unused Sub: Ross Mullett

ON THIS DAY

Let's take a little look back at events that have taken place on this day in the years that have passed including the birth of one of Europe's most successful football clubs.

2003 British Sign Language is recognised as an official British language.

1995 Basketball superstar
Michael Jordan
announces he is
ending his 17-month
retirement from NBA.



1977 WHIII RIOT

922 British Magistrates in India sentence Mahatma Gandhi to 6 years imprisonment for disobedience.

1900 Ajax (Amsterdam Football Club) forms. 1991 Heavyweight Boxing Champion Mike Tyson beats Razor Ruddock in the 7th round.

1977 The Clash release their first recording 'White Riot.'







ON THIS DAY IN BRADFORD CITY HISTORY

Tuesday 18th March 2003

Bradford City were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Sheffield Wednesday and had Jamie Lawrence sent off. Lawrence was shown a second yellow card after clashing with future City player Paul McLaren eight minutes from the end. From the resulting free kick former City player Ashley Westwood headed against the crossbar and Tony Crane scored the equaliser. Earlier City took the lead from the penalty spot. Andy Gray scored after Westwood had pushed Claus Jorgensen.

Words: David Markham

Keep the Faith

Next week is Mothers Day (well, Mothering Sunday as you'd be corrected if you dared to say it wrong in church). It seems to me that in the past, by and large, mothers and daughters tended to stay at home on match days and it was dads and sons that put on their woolly hats, grabbed their rattles and went to the footy. I'm glad it isn't like that anymore. When I walk around the stadium and chat to folk on match days it's great to see mums as well as dads, daughters as well as sons in fact, all sorts of family members with all sorts backgrounds, persuasions, cultures, and creeds. And they are all here for one thing, to watch Bradford City and cheer

them on. I just love how football has become so inclusive of everyone and anyone who wants to enjoy a game of footy with all that that entails. I also love how our club is a great example of that.

The secret is giving a great welcome, and I experience that here from the hard working ticket office staff, the behind the scenes office workers, ground staff, security staff, turnstyle operators and everyone else that help make 18,000 people have a great time every home game. It's a lesson that we'd do well to imitate in our own places of work, institutions or even homes. You often only notice when the welcome isn't there.

Getting back to mums, I remember that when I was young and friends wanted to come over to eat or even sleep, my mum would always welcome them in, all they had to do was turn up. Our door was always open. A friend of my brothers came once just sleep the night and stuck around for 3 years! She got her inspiration from her faith, she knew the welcome Jesus had given her and reflected that in all she did.

So let's cheer mums today, as well as the team.

Andrew Greiff





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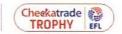


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SAFETY/BEHAVIOUR — YOUR EASY TO READ TOP101

- Confidential help line please text 07949 814243 - with details of any safety or crowd disorder concerns you may have
- 2. Emergency procedures in the unlikely event we have to evacuate the stadium, please stay calm, listen for announcements and follow the advice given over the PA system and/or by stewards
- 3. Ground regulations are posted all around the stadium – please follow the regulations at all times
- 4. Supporters are not allowed to persistently stand during the game for the safety of everyone and to enable everyone to see and enjoy the game
- 5. Bradford City FC is committed to the stadium being open to all and stewards will intervene in the event of language or actions that express views that are racist, sexist or homophobic
- 6. We are a family club, please mind your language particularly when you are sitting close to young supporters or family groups
- 7. Stay off the pitch at all times
- 8. The ground regulations state you cannot take photographs or record live match action; legislation also states you cannot drink alcohol in sight of the pitch or smoke anywhere in the stadium
- Bradford City FC has a close connection with the Bradford Hate Crime Alliance: if you experience hate crime at the stadium, please report it and gain support from BHCA through the texting service on 07949 814243
- 10. A new FA rule states that Clubs can be held responsible for discriminatory chanting and can face sanctions where this occurs; please help Bradford City to be a family club that is open to all and show your support in a right and proper manner



Sky Bet League One Table

The second		HOME							AWAY						FIXTURE	/RESULT
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	Home	Away
1	Sheffield United	37	12	3	3	30	13	10	6	3	41	29	29	75	3-3	17/04
2	Fleetwood Town	37	11	6	2	33	19	8	4	6	22	17	19	67	221	122
3	Bolton Wanderers	36	11	5	3	30	15	8	4	5	24	16	23	66	2-2	0-0
4	Scunthorpe United	38	10	6	3	36	18	8	4	7	29	26	21	64	0-0	26/03
5	Bradford City	38	7	12	0	29	16	8	6	5	21	19	15	63		
6	Millwall	35	11	5	3	28	13	5	5	6	22	28	9	58	1-1	1-1
7	Southend United	37	8	7	3	31	22	7	5	7	24	23	10	57	1-1	0.3
8	Bristol Rovers	38	10	6	3	34	21	4	6	9	22	36	-1	54	1-1	1-1
9	Walsall	38	10	4	5	31	23	3	10	6	14	23	-1	53	01/04	1-1
10	Oxford United	36	7	4	6	19	18	8	3	8	28	23	6	52	14/03	0-1
11	Peterborough United	38	7	5	7	31	28	7	4	8	22	25	0	51	1-0	1-0
12	AFC Wimbledon	37	7	6	5	31	21	5	8	6	18	25	3	50	22/04	3-2
13	Rochdale	35	10	4	3	34	19	4	4	10	17	31	1	50	4.0	30/04
14	Northampton Town	38	9	2	8	33	26	5	5	9	23	35	-5	49	1-0	2-1
15	Charlton Athletic	38	6	8	5	23	16	4	9	6	25	28	4	47	0-0	1-1
16	Gillingham	38	7	8	4	26	24	4	4	11	24	39	-13	45	2-2	1-1
17	Milton Keynes Dons	37	5	6	8	25	31	6	5	7	22	18	-2	44	2-2	2-1
18	Bury	38	8	2	9	33	30	4	6	9	24	34	-7	44	1-1	08/04
19	Shrewsbury Town	37	8	4	6	22	21	3	6	10	18	30	-11	43	2-0	0.1
20	Oldham Athletic	38	6	7	6	14	16	4	6	9	11	21	-12	43	1-1	2-1
21	Port Vale	35	8	5	5	28	25	1	6	10	11	31	-17	38	0-0	2-1
22	Swindon Town	38	6	4	9	20	21	3	5	11	19	36	-18	36	18/03	0-1
23	Chesterfield	38	6	5	8	23	30	2	4	13	13	31	-25	33	2.0	1-0
24	Coventry City	37	4	6	8	16	22	1	5	13	14	36	-28	26	3.1	2-0

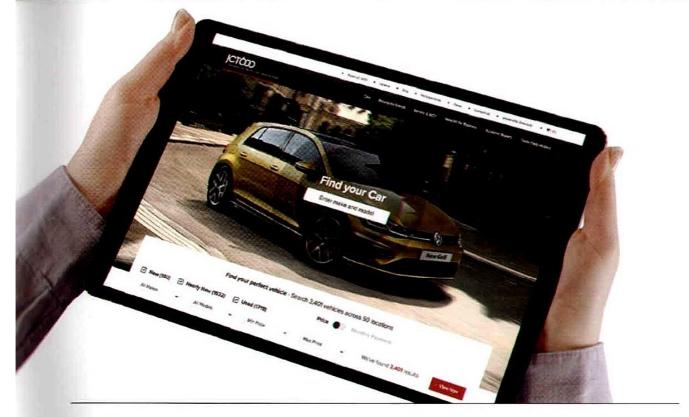
2016-17 Bradford City Roll Call

Colin Doyle Stephen Darby 24(1) James Meredith Nicky Law 37(2) Kevin Toner Nathan Clarke* Romain Vincelot Mark Marshall 35(5) Timothee Dieng 30(7) James Hanson* 16(4) Charlie Wyke Billy Clarke 23(7)Jordy Hiwula 29(13) Rouven Sattelmaier 6(1) Josh Cullen 35(1) Jacob Hanson Matthew Penney Paul Anderson* 1(3) Vincent Rabiega* 1(3) Marc McNulty 6(10) Haris Vuckic* 8(6) Alex Gilliead 4(4) Alex Jones 4(4) Filipe Morais* 9(14) Dan Pybus James King Nathaniel Knight-Percival 38(1) Rory McArdle 20(2) Daniel Devine 13(3) Reece Webb-Foster 1(2) Matthew Kilgallon Tony McMahon Joe Cracknell Kwame Boateng 1(1) Ellis Hudson 1(1) Tom Windle 1(2)

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TODAY'S TEAMS



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Manager Stuart McCall

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1 COLIN DOYLE (GK)	
2 + STEPHEN DARBY	
3 AMES MEREDITH	
4 + NICKY LAW	-
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6 ROMAIN VINCELOT	
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25 + REECE WEBB-FOSTER	
26 - MATTHEW KILGALLON	N. Carlot
29 + TONY MCMAHON	83

Upcoming Sky Bet League One fixtures at the Northern Commercials Stadium

30 + JOE CRACKNELL (GK)
32 + ELLIS HUDSON



Bradford City vs Walsall Saturday 1st April 2017 3.00pm Kick Off



Bradford City vs Oxford United Friday 14th April 2017 3.00pm Kick Off



SWINDON TOWN

Head Coach Luke Williams

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1	-	LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX (GK)	Children U20 International who signed from Liverpool in July 2016.
2	+	NATHAN THOMPSON	Out captain who turned professional at Swindon Town back in April 2009.
3	+	BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL	Left-back who signed in July 2015 after being released by Ameral.
4	1	CONOR THOMAS	Forme England youth international mid-leider who signed from Covering in 2014.
5		ANTON RODGERS	Central midfielder who scored free-lick winner against City back in Newsmber.
6	+	JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE	Formal Northern Jerard LVT international also signed from Hamilton in February 2016.
7	+	BEN GLADWIN	Winger who returned to the club on loan from CPR in January 2017.
8		YASER KASIM	Ing international midfielder who signed from Brighton & How Albien in 2013
9	+	JONATHAN OBIKA	Powerful sittle with signed from Technical House for an underland fine in Separation 2014.
10	+	JOHN GODDARD	23 year-old attacking midfielder who signed from Woking in May 25%
11	+	JAMES BROPHY	Modelier who signed in the surmor of 2013 what the population is a larger
12	\pm	WILL HENRY (GK)	16 year-old stopper who signed a two-year professional contract in July 2014.
14	#	ELLIS IANDOLO	19 year-did forward who made his senior debut in the early stopes of list secon.
15	#	TOM SMITH	19 year-old academy graduate who can play in oil or defence or midfield.
16	+	JORDAN STEWART	Former Glentoren forward who had a loan spell it Grinnly flow list season.
17	×	ISLAM FERUZ	Sonale born former Scottal 1271 international forward who is to be from Challes.
18	+	JAKE EVANS	Academy graduate midfielder who made his series datus suries in the season.
19	+	NICKY AJOSE	Forward on loan from Charton Advistor sound 25 grain for Swindon last susseen.
20	+	CHARLIE COLKETT	20 year-old central midfielder who is currently on loan from Chabsa.
21	+	FANKATY DABO	Delegation Control Christian State of the Later Control Contro
22	H	JESSE STARKEY	Young middle allesigned has higher & too Abics for a colorised feet Jersey.
23	#	ROHAN INCE	24 year old midfielder who is currently on less from Birghton & Home Albon
24	+	JERMAINE HYLTON	23 year old forward who had a loan spell earlier in the season at Guiseley.
25	+	DION CONROY	Young defender who signed from Chebes for an undisclosed he in January.
27	+	BRADLEY BARRY	Zi per oli bil task eta spret una her nunder hen dinjere A has Albert August ZML
28	+	LLOYD JONES	Towering central defender who is currently on loan from Liverpool.
29	•	RAPHAEL ROSSI BRANCO	26 year-old defender who signed from non-league Whitehauk in July 2013.
33	+	LUKE NORRIS	Lively frontman who signed from Gillingham in August 2016.
35	×	JORDAN YOUNG	17 assembly middlefor who made his senior debut in Salar are 2016.

TODAY'S OTHER LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Bolton Wanderers vs Northampton Town

6 D Bristol Rovers vs Chesterfield

● Fleetwood Town vs AFC Wimbledon

Millwall vs Bury

Milton Keynes Dons vs Coventry City

Scanthorpe United vs Scanthorpe United

Peterborough United vs Oldham Athletic

Rochdale vs Gillingham

O Sheffield United vs Charlton Athletic

Southend United vs Walsall

All above fixtures kick off at 3pm unless stated

MATCH OFFICIALS



REFEREE:

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