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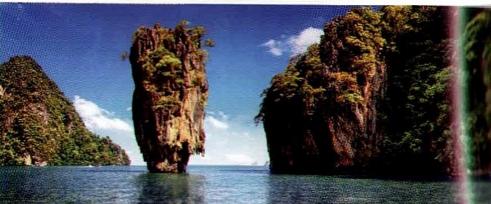
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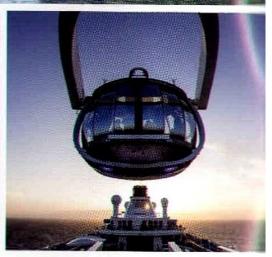














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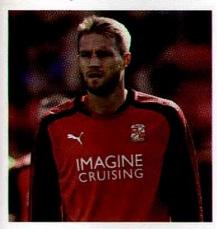
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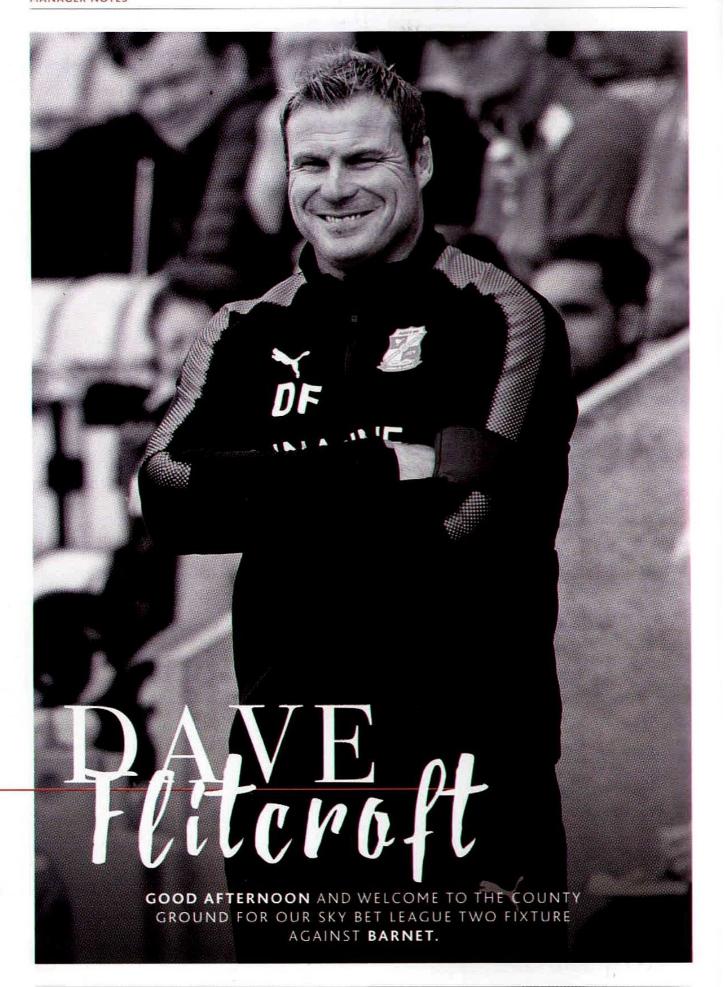
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want to start by extending a warm welcome to Rossi Eames, his players, staff and the travelling Barnet fans. Rossi did a brilliant job in steadying the ship when called upon last season and he is really stamping his mark on his team.

Saturday's defeat versus Crawley was a loss that hurt us all, especially being at home, and it is something we as staff and the players are desperate to put right.

Defeat hurts but you learn more about your club, the staff, players and the support you have when you lose. You the supporters stood by us at half-time and full-time and we can only thank you for that.

I always look for the people around you who take a backward step, the people I want to surround myself with are the ones who step forward and stand and fight with you and for you.

The players certainly know how I feel and what I am prepared to do to bring success to our football club.

I have expressed to the players and staff the importance of a fast, energetic start at home and that is what the players produced. We were much the better team in the first-half and created numerous chances, but you have to be ruthless and clinical and in that period of dominance you have to put your opposition to the sword and finish them in that moment.

We didn't do that and we paid the ultimate price for not taking the opportunities we created

After going a goal down, as a manager, staff and players we went chasing the game too early and allowed the pitch to become open which allowed Crawley to capitalise on a lack of discipline, which they did.

I don't live in the past but try every day to improve the present to make sure we have a successful future.



I can promise you though that we have been putting in the hard miles on the training ground over the last week in order to eradicate those mistakes. We stripped the Crawley game down on Monday, we assessed what went wrong and why, we had an honest and open chat and put it to bed.

It is a 46-game season and we will go through some low points but it is how we respond to them that matters. The response from the boys in training has been outstanding.



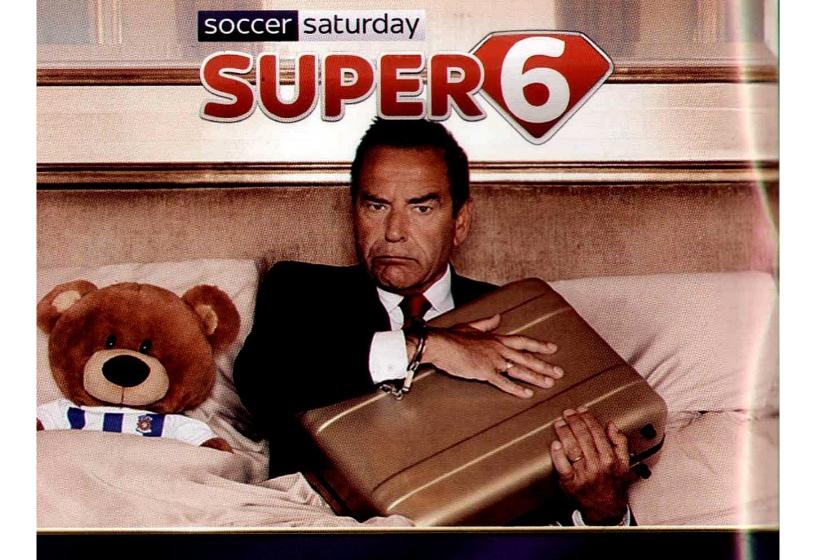
I don't live in the past but try every day to improve the present to make sure we have a successful future."

Moving forward is about forgiveness. I have forgiven myself and the players and now we move on together.

Thank you for your incredible support and I hope you enjoy the game.

Let's keep driving and moving forward together.

DAVE FLITCROFT.



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Last week saw a very disappointing result at the hands of Crawley here at The County Ground following a very promising start to the new campaign. Due to our early season form, we all believed that Dave Flitcroft would secure his first home victory although it wasn't to be.

The boys started on the frontfoot and created plenty of clear-cut chances and were perhaps unlucky not to go in at the break 3-1 up. However, it was a different story in the second-half and it was disappointing to see Crawley increase their lead and inflict a first league defeat of the season on us. It was a bad day at the office for all involved.

We all know goals win games and we have to be more clinical going forward, but it was encouraging to see so many chances being created. It is important to remember that there has been a large turnover of players over the summer and it will take time for them to gel and become the finished article. Both Luke Norris and Kaiyne Woolery had good chances against Crawley and, although it wasn't meant to be on the day, they have showed plenty of promise and I'm sure both of them will be firing us back up the league.

Moving forward on to today's game against Barnet and our visitors had a good start to the 2017/18 campaign, drawing with Forest Green Rovers before recording an excellent victory against one of the league's top sides in Luton. Since that win though their form has been indifferent, but I am sure they will provide a stern test this afternoon.

Away from the field I would like to extend a warm Swindon Town welcome to Better: The Feel Good Place who have become the new sponsors of The Town End. We are also working on key commercial opportunities behind the scenes, which would further strengthen our portfolios of partners and provide welcome additional revenue to the football club.

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Enjoy the game.

STEVE ANDERSON, Chief Executive.



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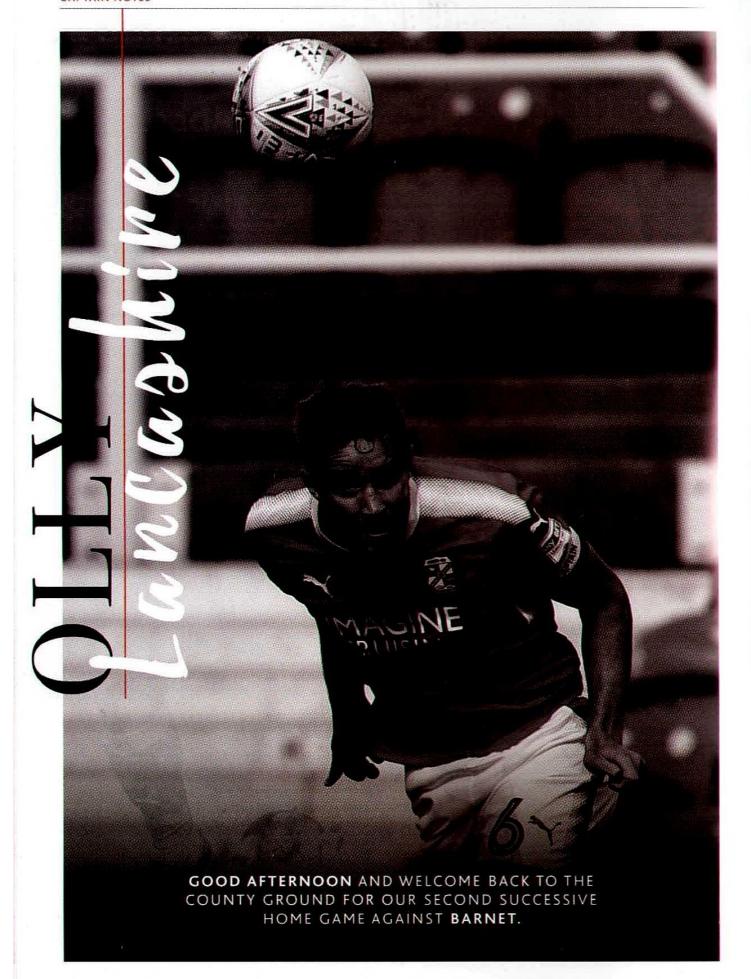
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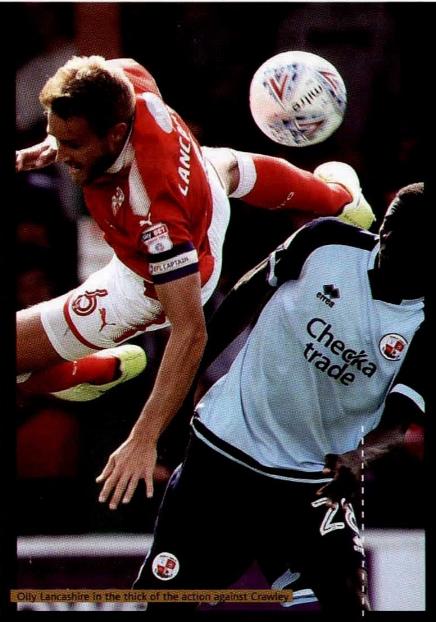
ast Saturday was hugely disappointing and it was a result we didn't see coming. We went into the game sitting nicely at the top of the table after three good outings and confidence was high.

Everyone was feeling good, especially after the way in which we started the game, but the first goal changed that and it is something we are going to have to learn from. We'll be looking to bounce back today.

We are still a very new team and it is the first setback we've had and every team is going to lose games in this league, it is about how you bounce back and it is a very long season. The teams that bounce back from defeats are going to be successful. We've worked hard this week and we are ready to get back to it.

It is a 46-game season and every team are going to have their ups and their downs but, as I said, it is the ones that bounce back quickly that will go on and be successful. Everyone has been working hard this week to make sure that we put that right.

We have looked at Barnet this week and we have looked at ourselves as well and what we have done well in the previous four league games. If we create the same amount of chances as we did on Saturday, then I'm sure some of them



will go in and hopefully we will be talking about three points come 5pm today.

Your support has been outstanding so far this season and we will need you to get behind us once more this Saturday as we look to get back to winning ways.



The teams that bounce back from defeats and get back to it are going to be successful. We've worked hard this week and we are ready to get back to it."

Enjoy the game and here's to three points.

OLLY LANCASHIRE, Captain

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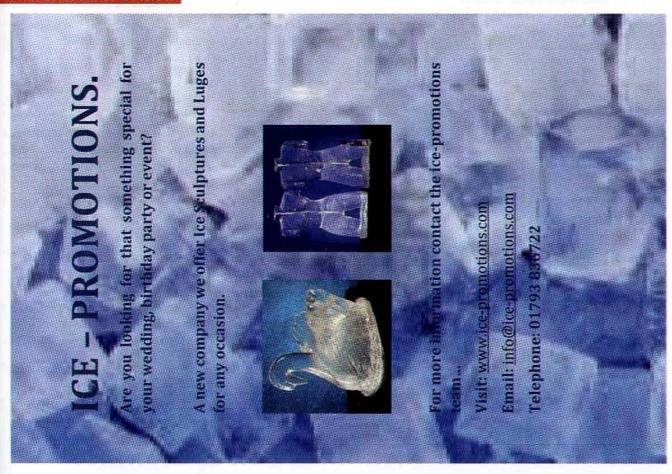






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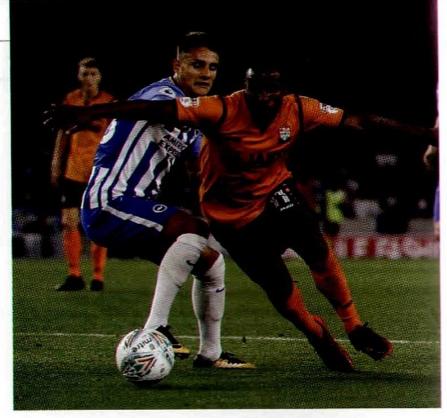
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Barnet will arrive at The County Ground today looking to bounce back after a mixed start to the 2017/18 Sky Bet League Two campaign.

The Bees endured a turbulent 2016/17 season after losing Martin Allen midway through the term, before Kevin Nugent was sacked in April 2017 following a poor run of form. Rossi Eames, who took charge of the club on an interim basis twice, was handed the reins on a permanent basis in the summer and he'll be hoping to bring some stability to The Hive Stadium.

It was a busy summer for Barnet who oversaw a number of outgoings and incomings, with Richard Brindley, Shaq Coulthirst and Craig Ross among the new faces. They were also able to keep hold of powerful frontman John Akinde, who finished as the joint top goalscorer in League Two last season with 26 goals to his name.

Barnet kicked-off the new campaign with a 2-2 draw away to EFL newcomers Forest Green Rovers, before dumping League One outfit Peterborough United out of the Carabao Cup. That was backed up with an impressive 1-0 victory against Luton Town, although Eames' side have now suffered back-to-back defeats in the league following losses against Crewe Alexandra and Stevenage.

Today's game will be the first meeting between the two sides since April 2012, where efforts from Ronan Murray and Oliver Risser were enough to hand Paolo Di Canio's Town side a 2-0 win and push them closer to the League Two Title.

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## THE MANAGER ROSSI EAMES

Barnet appointed Rossi Eames as their new Head Coach in May 2017, with the 32-year-old becoming the youngest Head Coach in the top four divisions of English football.

With a sporting background in gymnastics, Eames competed at the British Championships before moving to Slovenia at the age of 16 for two years in order to coach. He opted to retire from the sport in his early 20's and moved into football, representing Amersham Town and Chesham United.

After studying Sports Science and Coaching at Leeds University and following placements with Bradford City and Leeds United, Earnes moved back down south and joined Barnet as a Video Analyst, in addition to coaching the U13's.

It wasn't long before Rossi was brought into Martin Allen's First-Team Coaching setup after progressing through the ranks at The Hive Stadium, and he was asked to step into the breach on an interim basis on a couple of occasions following Allen's departure to Eastleigh.

Under his guidance, Barnet won four games out of eleven before Kevin Nugent was brought in as Head Coach, and they went on to record victories in two of their final four matches after Eames was once again asked to take temporary charge following Nugent's sacking.

Eames guided The Bees to a 15th place finish in League Two last term, eleven points above the relegation zone, and he was awarded the top job on a permanent basis shortly after being presented with the Lester Finch Award for his outstanding contribution to the football club.

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## PLAYER PROFILES





#### **IAMIE STEPHENS**

Beginning his career with Forest Green Rovers, the young keeper joined Swindon Town's Academy in 2007 and his impressive displays for the youth team soon caught the attention of Premier League giants Liverpool, who snapped up the youngster in April 2010.

A loan spell at Airbus UK Broughton followed before he was released by the Reds in 2013, opting to sign for Newport County on a free transfer. Stephens made his Football League debut in August 2013 and he joined Barnet in 2015 on a free transfer following a spell in non-league. He has emerged as The Bees' number one and he's featured regularly so far this season.

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#### RICHARD BRINDLEY

Brindley arrived at The Hive Stadium on a free transfer in the summer of 2017 after departing Colchester United. Once on the books of Norwich City, the right-back has played for a host of clubs including the likes of Rotherham United, Scunthorpe United and Colchester United. Despite being just 24-years of age, Brindley boasts plenty of experience and he was part of the Rotherham side that clinched promotion to the Championship in 2014.

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#### CHARLIE CLOUGH

Barnet shelled out an undisclosed fee in order to land the centre-back from Forest Green Rovers in January 2017. The 26-year-old scored seven goals in 78 National League appearances at the New Lawn, having previously plied his trade for Bristol Rovers and Sutton United. Clough is an ever-present in the league for The Bees so far this season.



#### MICHAEL NELSON

The vastly experienced defender signed for Barnet in August 2015 following a successful trial and is now Club Captain, in addition to helping to coach The Bees' U23's squad. Nelson is a formidable presence at the heart of the defence and is a proven performer at this level.

Starting his career with Leek Town back in 1997, Nelson spent a chunk of his career in non-league before going on to have spells with the likes of Bury, Hartlepool United, Norwich City, Scunthorpe United, Kilmarnock, Bradford City and Hibernian. The centre-back has various promotions on his CV as well as a Scottish League Cup winners medal.

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The combative central-midfielder, who spent a season at The County Ground between 2006 and 2007, has been with Barnet since 2012 and has racked up just shy of 200 appearances for the club. Known for his crunching tackles and tireless work-rate, Weston is a firm fans' favourite at The Hive while he has also represented Leeds United.



#### JAMAL CAMPBELL-RYCE

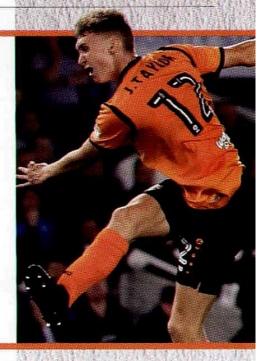
The experienced attacker has been there and done it in the EFL and he will be hoping to enjoy success with Barnet, whom he joined in 2016. Campbell-Ryce has experience of Championship football under his belt and his leadership has seen him captain The Bees this season.

Barnsley, Bristol City, Notts County and Sheffield United are just some of the clubs the winger has represented, while he also has experience on the international stage having won 18 caps for the Jamaican senior side.

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#### JACK TAYLOR

The young midfielder was once on the books of Chelsea as a boy and joined Barnet in 2016 following his release by the Premier League champions. Jack, who's brother Harry is also at The Hive Stadium, is known for his ability on the ball and he scored his first professional goal against Luton earlier this month. He has also been tracked by both West Ham United and Southampton.



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#### MAURO VILHETE

The winger, who can also play centrally and as a full-back, arrived at Barnet in 2009 after leaving his native Portugal. Vilhete scored both goals in a 2-0 win against Gateshead in April 2015 that secured the Conference Title and promotion back to League Two for The Bees. He's been a regular starter so far this term.



#### **IOHN AKINDE**

The powerful frontman joined the Bees in 2014 and he's been in sparkling form in-front of goal ever since, scoring 82 goals in just 142 appearances prior to the start of this season. That translates to a goal every 1.7 games over the last three campaigns and he is a threat to anyone he plays against due to his sheer size and remarkable eye for goal.

Akinde has plied his trade for the likes of Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Wycombe Wanderers and Brentford while he became Barnet's highest-ever league goalscorer in April 2017.



#### JEAN-LOUIS AKPA-AKPRO

Barnet snapped up the striker in August 2016 following a successful trial spell after the striker had parted company with Shrewsbury Town. Beginning his career with Toulouse in his native France, Akpa-Akpro moved to England with Grimsby in 2008 following stints with Brest and FC Brussels. He has also featured for Rochdale, Tranmere Rovers and Bury while he spent a short spell on loan with Yeovil Town last term.

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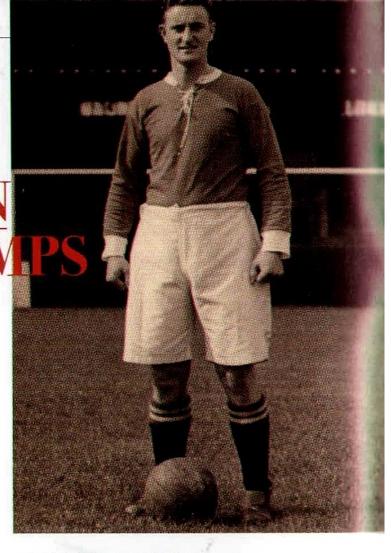
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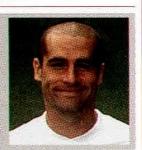


#### KEVIN DEARDEN

The keeper, then 20-years-old, came to The County Ground on loan from Tottenham in March 1990 as cover for Fraser Digby. Kevin made just one League appearance - a 2-1 win at Bournemouth before returning to White Hart Lane. He also made a single appearance for Barnet. That came during another loan spell, in February 1999, although on that occasion he conceded five at Peterborough. STFC 1 appearance / BFC 1



Paul arrived in Wiltshire on loan from Wigan following the departure of Andy Gurney early in 2004/05. Normally seen in a central midfield role, he filled in at right-back for Town and his performances prompted manager Andy King to extend his stay. However, his parent club soon recalled him and he was on his way to MK Dons. A broken leg in February 2007 virtually ended his career, his final first team appearances coming while with Barnet. STFC 7 apps / BFC 4



#### NICKY NICOLAU

A free transfer signing from Southend, Nicky endured an injury-ridden season at Swindon. On recovering from a hernia repair in January he was loaned to Hereford for three months before being released. He signed for Barnet in the summer and went on to spend three seasons at Underhill. A Cypriot under-21 international. STFC 6 apps / BFC 98



#### RONNIE HOWELL

A former Millwall midfielder, Ronnie joined Town on trial in April 1972 before Dave Mackay gave him a contract in the summer. But following the Scot's departure in the November, Ronnie fell out of favour with Les Allen. Early in 1976, he was part of a Tooting side which knocked Swindon out of the FA Cup and he went on to spend the 1982/83 season as player-coach at Barnet. STFC 25 apps / BFC 19



#### JOE DEVERA

A solid defender, Joe came through the ranks at Underhill to earn a pro contract in 2006 before becoming one of Paolo Di Canio's first signings for Town in 2011. He started in a central role but enjoyed a run at right-back in the absence of Paul Caddis, Joe scored on his final appearance in the play-off semi-final at Brentford as Swindon went out on penalties. STFC 66 apps / BFC 201





#### KEVIN WATSON

A midfield playmaker, Kevin had made a handful of Premier League appearances for Spurs before joining Barnet on loan in February 1995. Steve McMahon signed 'Chipper' on a free transfer in the following year. He spent three seasons at the County Ground but was constantly in and out of the side and registered only one goal - although another came in an abandoned game against Grimsby in December 1996. STFC 70 apps / BFC 13



#### ROY AGAR

Inside-forward Roy made his first team debut for Barnet before his 17th birthday in 1953 and briefly signed as an amateur for Tottenham later that year. He came to The County Ground late in 1955 during his national service while stationed at Devizes with the Army Pay Corps. Following Bert Head's arrival in the following year, Roy was tempted to sign a pro contract but declined the offer. He gained five caps for the England amateur side. STEC 12 apps / BEC 53



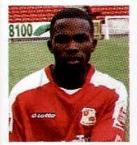
#### SHAUN CLOSE

One of Ossie Ardiles' first signings at The County Ground, Shaun arrived in September 1989. Not the biggest of strikers, he would make only 15 starts in almost four years at the club. He registered just two senior goals during that time, although he hit five in a pre-season friendly at Westbury in 1990. Shaun moved to Barnet in August 1993, but spent just one season there collecting three goals. STFC 53 apps / BFC 36



#### **GUILIANO GRAZIOLI**

'Graz' was well known to Town fans when Jimmy Quinn brought him to The County Ground in the summer of 1999, having struck the winning goal for Stevenage in an FA Cup tie 18 months earlier. He was also well known to those at Underhill, where he grabbed five goals in a 9-1 win for Peterborough in September 1998! He spent three years with Town and five with Barnet - where he hit 62 goals. STFC 88 apps / BFC 131



#### MARK MARSHALL

A speedy wide player, Mark was spotted at Eastleigh by former Town midfielder Fitzroy Simpson and signed following a trial in August 2008. Mark only started two games in two seasons at The County Ground - one of which was in an away win at Southampton in 2010. He joined Barnet in the summer and was a regular there until a well-publicised suspension put his career on hold in January 2012. STFC 24 apps / BFC 84



#### ANTHONY McNAMEE

Maurice Malpas' first import, Anthony was one of two signings from Watford early in 2008. Small in stature but quick and skilful, he lost his starting place after the arrival of Danny Wilson at Christmas. But he appeared in every game in 2009/10 until moving to Norwich in November. Anthony had a brief spell on loan at Barnet midway through 2003/04. STFC 88 apps / BFC 5





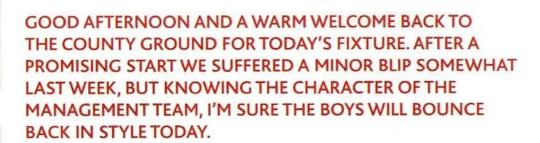
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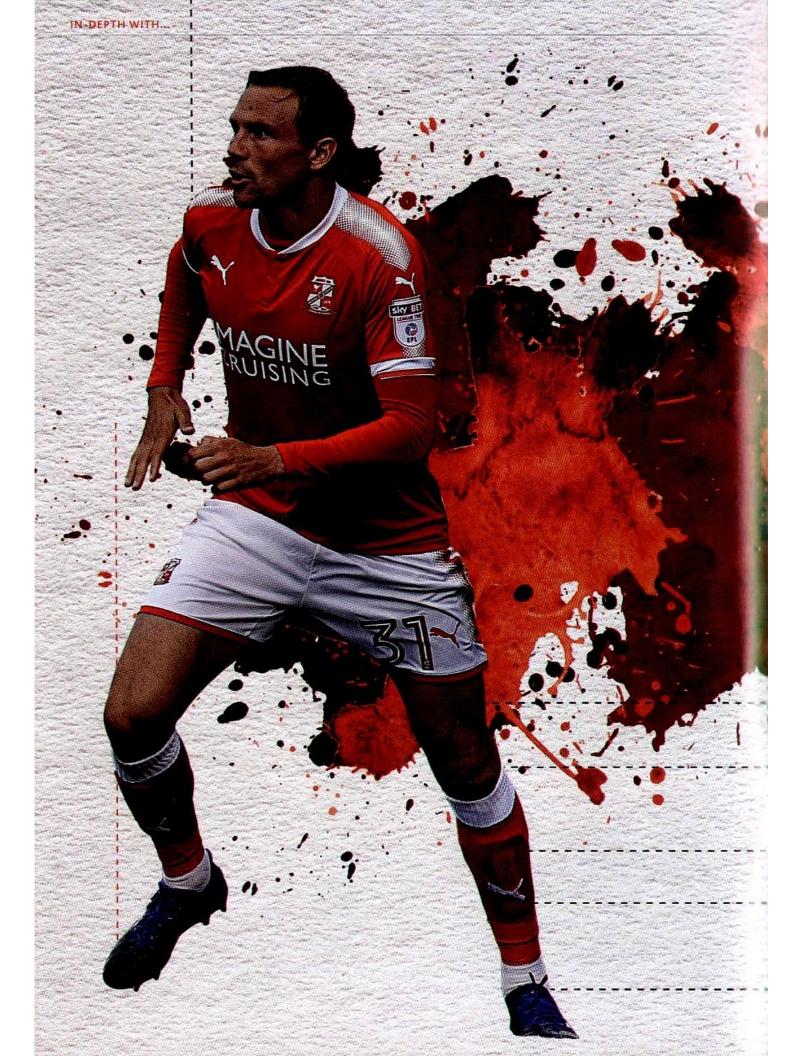
Following on from the launch of Better Leisure Centres and the Town End Sponsorship, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank another Fitness Partner, Buzz Gyms, who are based in the Brunel Centre. They have increased their commitment to the club and the 'Buzz' will soon surround the ground as their branding will be on each of our floodlight advertising boards.

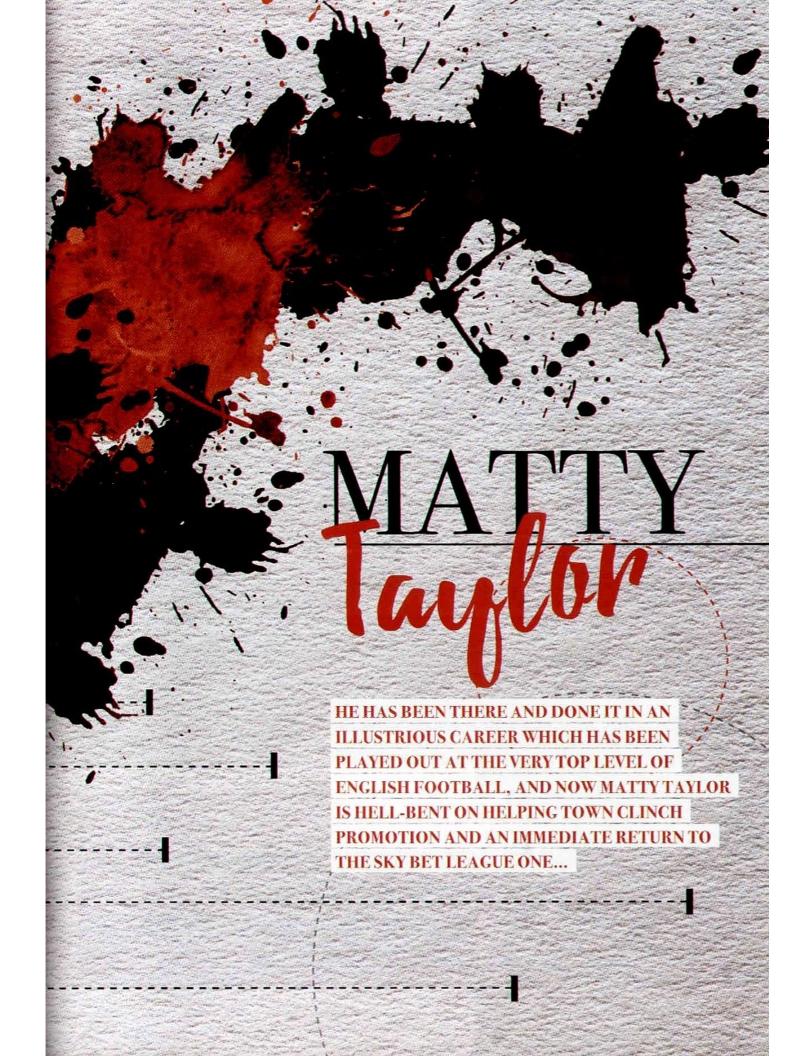
On to today and I would like to welcome our Match Sponsors, Be Wiser Insurance who are in their fourth season of supporting the club commercially with a range of activity both inside and outside the ground. If you are in the market for motor insurance, make the 'Wise Choice' and as they support us, please help to support Be Wiser with your business.

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## IN-DEPTH WITH...

Firstly, Matty, how have you settled into life as a Swindon Town player so far?

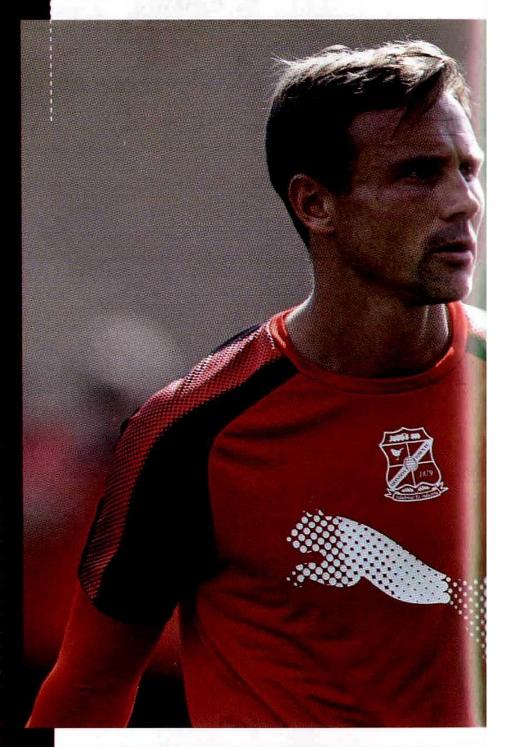
I've settled in very well. All the lads have been very welcoming to me and it is a really good group of men and that's important. I've really, really enjoyed it and it has been quite an intense week in terms of training, I had physical testing on my first day but it has been an enjoyable first week, obviously bar the result last Saturday.

As you have touched on the Crawley defeat let's go there next. Obviously it was a proud moment for you making your Town debut, but where did you think it went wrong in terms of the loss?

It is difficult for me to comment having only just joined and I haven't witnessed the other performances, but we started the game really well, had quite a few chances, their keeper pulled off three or four really good saves and in my experience when you are on top in games you need to score and unfortunately for us their keeper had a really good game. We got a bit too stretched in our shape in the second-half, we were chasing the game and therefore we left quite a few gaps that the opposition exploited. But the good thing is that we've got time now to learn from it, to digest it, to go through it and to rectify any issues. You only learn by making mistakes and we made too many mistakes on Saturday so learning from it is vitally important and we will do that.

Promotion is the main aim this season so was that the main factor behind you signing here and dropping down a league to join us?

It was and it was also the way in which the manager spoke very highly of the football club and his infectious character in terms of what he wants to do and how hard he works, along with Futch as well. I thought it was an opportunity that was too good for me to turn down. The dropping down a division to League Two wasn't an issue for me because I want to be part of something that is going somewhere this season and, albeit that we suffered a bad result last weekend, I still believe that promotion is achievable for us



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this season. Saying it publicly is one thing and the next thing for us is to back that up and actually do it.

You have been part of promotion winning sides before in your career so are you looking to draw on those experiences to help this Town team this season?

Of course you draw on your experiences in your career to shape your future, but one thing I will say is that football from the time I got promoted from League Two with Luton Town has moved on a lot. However, it was only two seasons ago that I got promoted to the Premier League with Burnley and what we had there was a good group that had a real togetherness, they wanted to run that extra mile for their team-mate, tackle and put their body on the line and, from what I've seen so far, we have got that at Swindon Town.

As a midfielder what qualities are you looking to add to the mix during your time at Swindon Town?

Hopefully a calmness to our play at times and I think that can be quite difficult in the heat of the game. As a midfielder you are judged on your assists and your goals and scoring goals and creating them is something I still thoroughly enjoy, but all I can guarantee to my team-mates and the fans is that I'll give everything I've got. I will make mistakes along with probably everyone else in the team, but it is learning from those mistakes and even at my age you still learn and you don't know everything. I want to bring as much as I can and I'm very eager for us to succeed this season. I can be at times a little over the top and overzealous because I'm so desperate even at my age to be part of something successful. All I can say is that I'll give everything I can whenever I'm asked to do so on the football pitch. That's all I've done over the last 18-years and I'll continue to do that.

Let's look back at your career now, you began your footballing journey with Luton and enjoyed plenty of success

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#### SOME FACTS...

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#### there, so how do you look back on that time in your life?

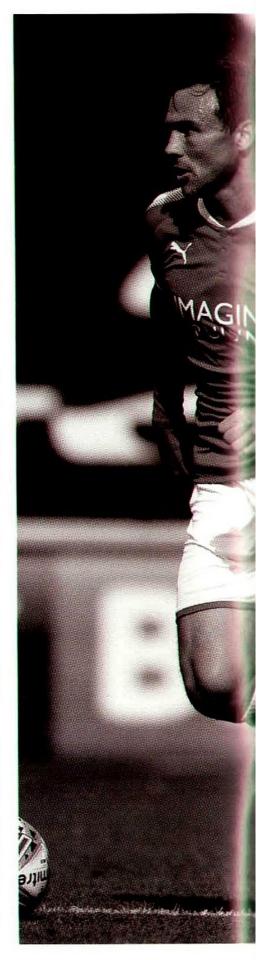
My time at Luton was a wonderful grounding for me and it gave me a platform to play football. It was a really, really fantastic football club in terms of the grounding that it gave me because even when I was playing in the first-team, I was still treated as a YTS player and I would clean boots. It just exposed me to what men's' football is and I wouldn't have had the career that I've had since then if it wasn't for that. The manager at the time, Lennie Lawrence was fantastic and he looked after me extremely well.

You then went on to Portsmouth and there's one game that really stands out during your time there, which was the win over Sunderland in a vital six-pointer where you contributed two goals and two assists. Does that one moment sum up the wonderful time you had at Fratton Park?

That was a big result for us at the time but we didn't build on it and the manager at the time got sacked. Harry Redknapp then came back and, as Harry does, he made a few shrewd signings and from memory I think we were 12 or 13 points adrift with 12 or 13 games to go, but we ended up staying up on the penultimate day of the season. The best memory for me was the fact that I managed to score the goal that kept us in the Premier League away at Wigan, so that would probably be my fondest memory because it was a wonderful day, everyone had written us off and we were dead and buried. I remember going to West Ham and we won 4-1 and we won games that we shouldn't have. We beat Manchester City in the last couple of minutes, it was 1-1, we had to win and Pedro Mendes smashed a volley in so I've got lots of fond memories from my time at Fratton Park.

You also had spells with Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United, both very big clubs, so what were those experiences like for you?

Bolton was good because it was the first time as a family we moved away from where we live now because I used to commute from where I lived to Portsmouth. I felt Bolton was the right fit for me and I really enjoyed three-and-a-half-years there. To be perfectly honest, at the time I didn't want to leave because West Ham had just been relegated to the Championship, Bolton were still in the Premier League and I was really looking forward to a successful season there. The club was going in a different direction and I got the opportunity to sign for West Ham and, very naively on my part,





I didn't realise how big a club they are. I will never forget the first time I walked out at Upton Park to the bubbles – it is something that still makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. I've been really lucky, I've played for some really good football clubs and probably had a career that is better than anything I could have dreamed of.

You have picked the number 31 shirt this season, a number you wore last year with Northampton, is there any particular reason behind that choice?

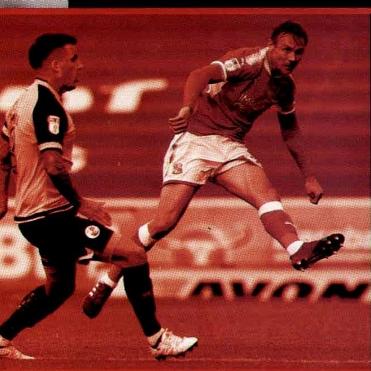
Not really, no. I did pre-season on my own last year because I left Burnley and I didn't want to be away from home anymore and I didn't want to travel anymore. The opportunity came up to go to Northampton and the 31 was just a number that was left when I signed. Numbers aren't hugely important to me and 31 was a number I quite liked last season, so I decided to stick with it this season. There's nothing superstitious behind it!

We know you have scored a number of wonder goals throughout your career, but just how much work goes in on the training ground to perfect that technique?

It is plenty of practice. My eagerness to play football and the way I am means that I am more than happy to grab a bag of balls after training. It is something that you have to practice and it is something I do practice quite a lot, albeit obviously not enough because I stuck one in the stand on Saturday! But it is all about practice, practice, practice and that is something I keep telling my son. He's left-footed and I keep telling him to work on his right-foot. I spent hours and hours kicking the ball against the wall and he won't do that quite yet. The penny hasn't dropped with him yet but I'm sure it will.

finally. Barnet are the visitors this afternoon and it is a perfect opportunity to bounce straight back isn't it?

Of course it is. We've had a whole week to work on the training pitch and to iron out any issues. We've been able to look at the way Barnet set-up, look at their strengths, their weaknesses and it is an opportunity for us to get three points at home. What we need to do is turn The County Ground the biggest stadiums in the league, teams will enjoy coming here because of the surroundings, but what we need to do is make sure that they don't enjoy their day and we need to make sure that we don't give points away like we did on Saturday. It is another big game, Barnet have been in League Two for a few seasons now and I'm sure their players are aware of what it takes to win football matches at this level. We need to be more ruthless in both boxes because, ultimately, that's where games are won and lost so we need to take our chances and defend as well as we can If we do that then we have a good opportunity of being successful today.





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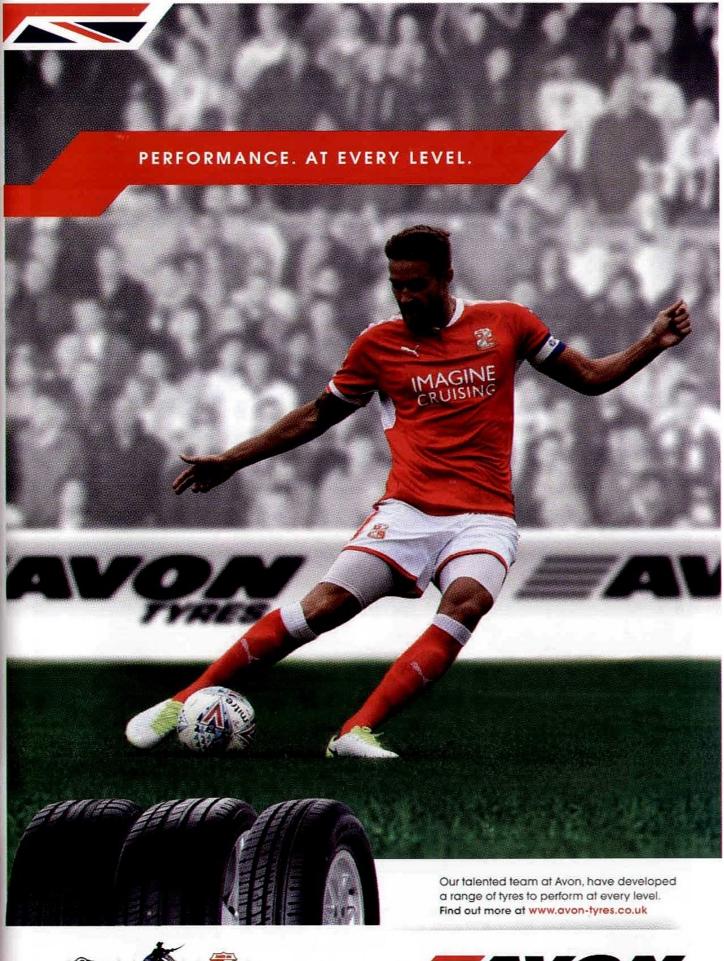
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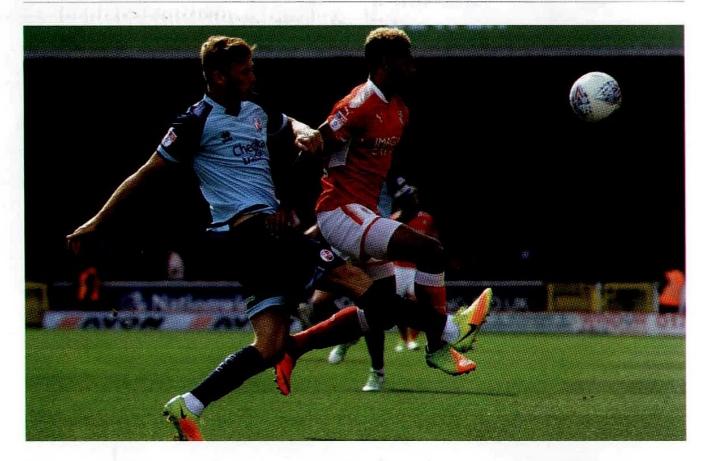








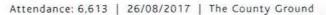












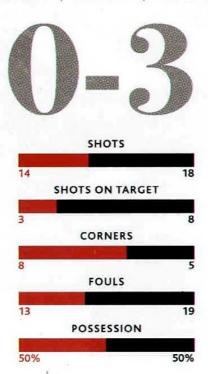


#### **SWINDON TOWN**



Subs: Henry, Robertson, T Smith, (Matty Taylor 52), (James Brophy 52), landolo, (Harry Smith 77)

Booked: Dion Conroy, Olly Lancashire, Paul Mullin





#### **CRAWLEY TOWN**

Scorers: Lancashire OG (36), Roberts (79), Smith (85)



Subs: Mersin, McNerney, Tajbakhsh, (Ibraham Metie 80), (Josh Payne 82), (Dennon Lewis 86), Verheydt

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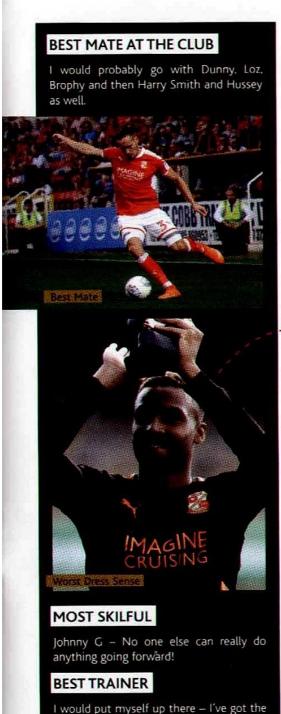
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#### **BEST VOICE**

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#### **BEST DRESS SENSE**

Me and Dunny.

#### WORST DRESS SENSE

Loz and Brophy. They have the worst gear! Broph is colour blind I think because he just puts every colour together and Loz just wears the baggiest Air Forces.

#### MOST INTELLIGENT

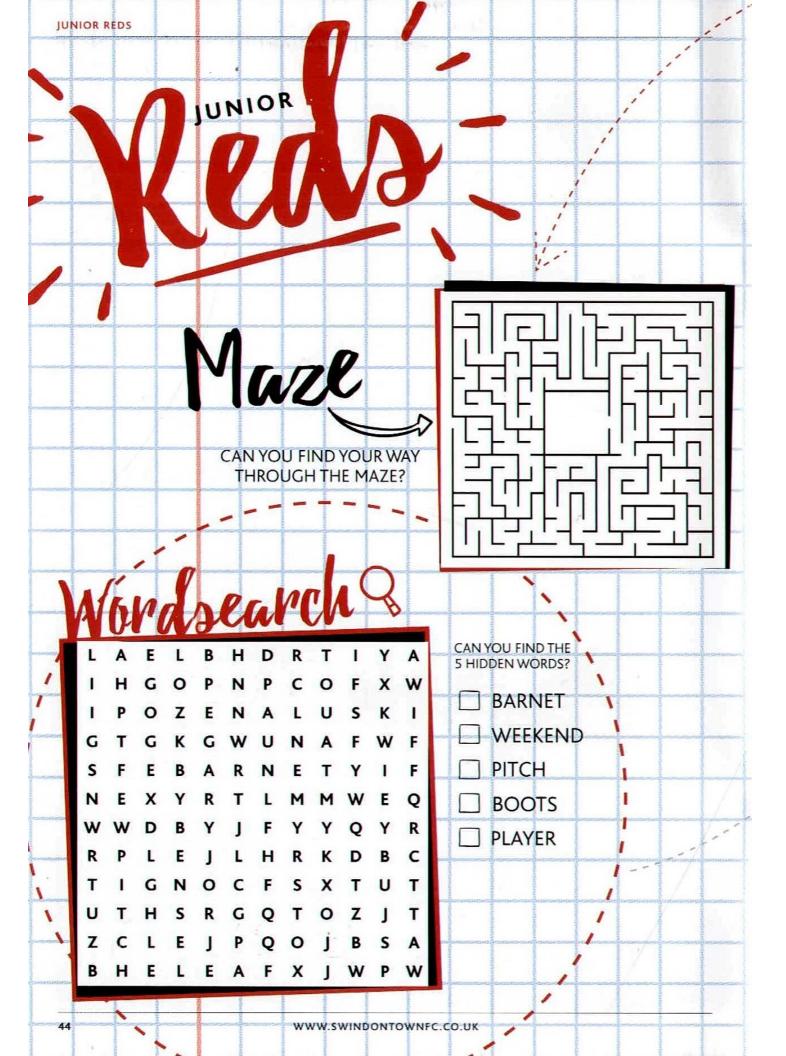
Purks and Johnny G.

#### **GAMING KING**

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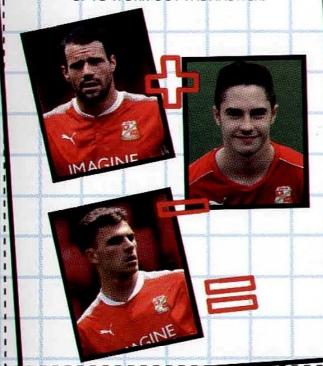




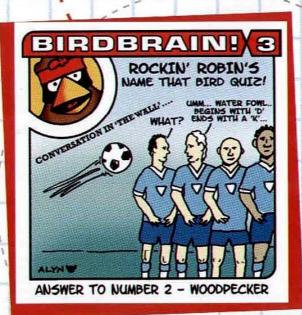


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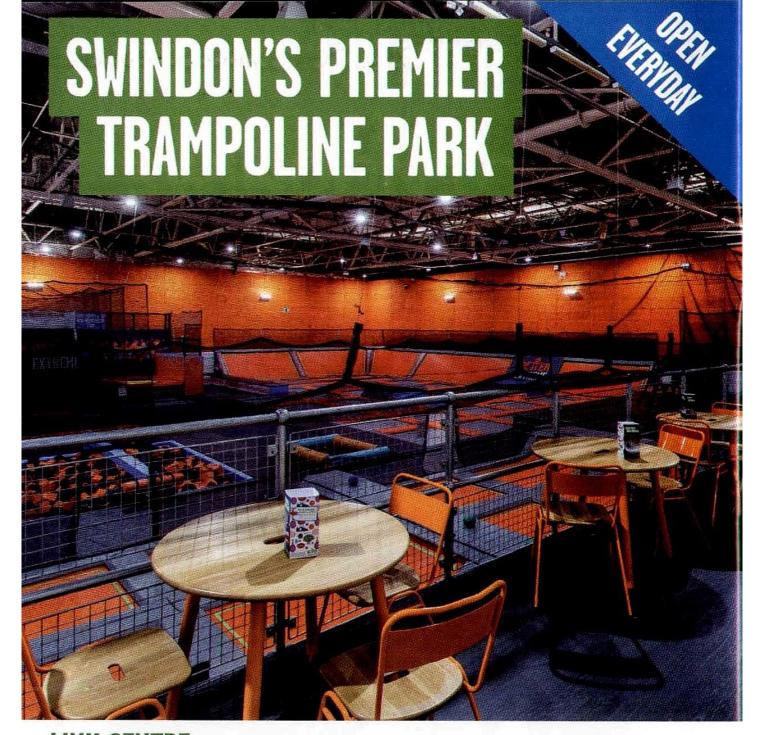


ANSWERS: Shirt Number Challenge - James Dunne 8 + Jordan Young Z6 - Harry Smith 17 = 17, Spot the ball - 2



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Good afternoon and welcome to all Swindon Town Supporters.

We also welcome the management, players and supporters from Barnet.



We wish our sponsored player Conor Thomas all the very best on his departure from the club. We have now sponsored Matt Taylor. We look forward to meeting Matt and welcome him to the club.

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Our AGM has been arranged for Saturday 21st October, starting at 11am in the Legends Lounge.

If you have any proposals or nominations please submit them in writing no later than 14 days before the AGM. You can hand them to any Committee member, send to enquiries@swindontownsupportersclub.com or post them addressed to the Secretary, Supporters Club c/o the County Ground, Swindon SN1 2ED

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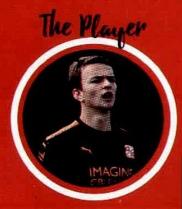
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#### THE QUESTIONS

1. In which game did both James Brophy and Jordan Stewart score their only goal of last season?

2. In which year did Barnet first play at The Hive Stadium?

3. Who is the current manager of Lincoln City?

4. What is the colour of Stenhousemuir's home shirt?

5. Which ex-Swindon Town recently signed for Tranmere Rovers?

6. Which of the following three clubs has never played in the Football League? Blackburn Olympic, Northwich Victoria, Stalybridge Celtic

7. What is the largest margin of victory in any FA Cup Final?

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#### **JORDAN LAPHAM**

A school teacher aged 23, his first Town game was a friendly v Wimbledon in 1999.

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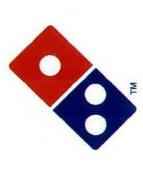
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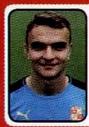
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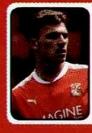
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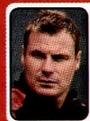




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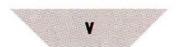
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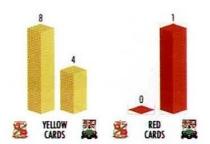






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Swindon have won both previous home league matches against Barnet, winning 2-1 in August 2006 and 4-0 in September 2011.

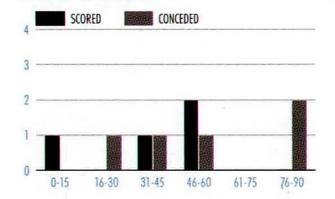


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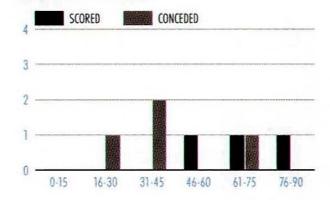
Barnet's only league win over the Robins was a 1-0 win in February 2007 courtesy of a Oliver Allen goal.







#### **& GOAL TIMES**





#### 2017-18 STAT PACK



#### **LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES**

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2 O NOUBLE		5	2	1	MCALINDEN	3
3 O ADEBAYO AKI		4	3	3	SHINNIE	3
4 🛞 JACKSON		4	4	4	ARNOLD	2
5 🔞 OLOMOLA		4	5		BYROM	2
SHOTS ON TARGET					PER GOAL	
1 🎉 COLLINS		8	1	8	COLLINS	67
2 🌞 NEWTON		8	2	量	TURNER	70
3 NOUBLE		8	3		NOUBLE	72
4 🎉 REUBEN REIC		8	4	1	OLOMOLA	17
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2 🐯 GARRY THOM	A	67	2	1	MCALINDEN	102
3 🌋 CAMPBELL-R	YCE	67	3		COOPER	118
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#### **LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT**

Adebayo Akinfenwa has four goals in his last three league games for Wycombe, netting a brace against Grimsby and also Port Vale.

#### **LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT**

Frank Nouble has had a hand in six goals in his four League Two appearances this season (five goals, one assist).



# DUGUT

THROUGHOUT THE 2017/18 SEASON RED REVIEW WILL BE GOING BEHIND THE SCENES WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BACKROOM STAFF. THIS WEEK IT IS THE TURN OF HEAD PHYSIOTHERAPIST, TOM HOLMES WHO GIVES AN UPDATE ON THE INJURY FRONT...

It is obviously fantastic that we haven't had too many major injuries yet and it is the Physio's role to provide the manager with as many players for selection as possible in order to give him the best possible chance of winning a game.

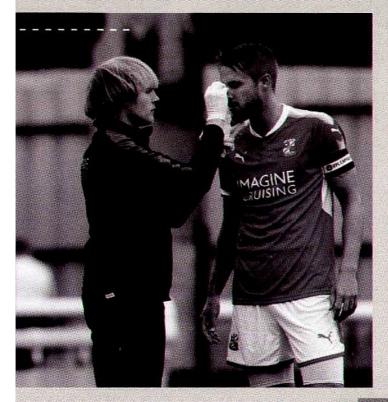
It was good that we didn't pick up too many injuries in the off-season, we've had a few since then but none of them have been too serious touch wood. Hopefully we can get them all back on the pitch as soon as possible.

We all know that Luke Norris suffered what looked to be quite a serious shoulder injury on the opening day, but his quick return is down to Luke himself. He's a credit to himself really. Everyone saw that he was in quite a lot of discomfort at the Carlisle game but he's very eager to get out there and play and we got very lucky that it wasn't something more serious. He's not had any problems since which is obviously a huge

We've currently got John Goddard and Kyle Knoyle on the treatment table but they are both doing very well. Johnny is making good progress and Kyle is making fantastic progress, so I would expect to see them back in and around the squad in the not too distant future.

On a general note in terms of my work with injured players, my day typically starts a little bit earlier than some of the other staff and I'll assess and review players to see where their fitness status is at and then let the manager know before a certain time so he knows who is training and who isn't.

From there I'll either cover training or be pitchside doing rehab drills with the players that are close to returning to full training. Alternatively, I'll be in the gym working with them to get them stronger, to get them fitter and to give them the best chance of returning and making sure that the injury doesn't reoccur.



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# THE PURKISS

Throughout the 2017/18 campaign, the experienced defender will be taking you behind the scenes at The County Ground. This week, Ben Purkiss sheds light on what is really involved when you move clubs...

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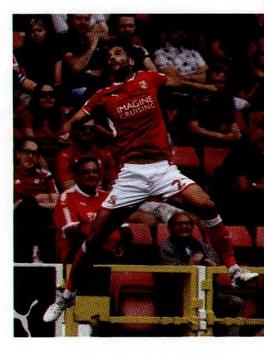


witching clubs and areas is probably one of the negatives of the job, particularly in the lower leagues. If you are in the Premier League you are signing longer contracts and the clubs tend to be based in the bigger cities and the bigger the city the easier and more accessible it is.

We're quite fortunate in the fact that we are in a decent area, but it can be quite a difficult part of the job and sometimes it isn't always easy. I took the decision to move into Swindon and it helps because we have Seamus Brady at the club who can give you a little bit of direction in terms of what area to pick.

I'm living in the same area as a few of the lads so you just try and tap into the





knowledge of the people that are already at the club and who have already been through it. I always try to get something sorted quite quickly because I hate living in hotels and I hate not being able to cook for myself, I hate not being able to sit down on the sofa and I think it is quite important to get your own place and your own space sorted as quickly as possible so that you can settle in.

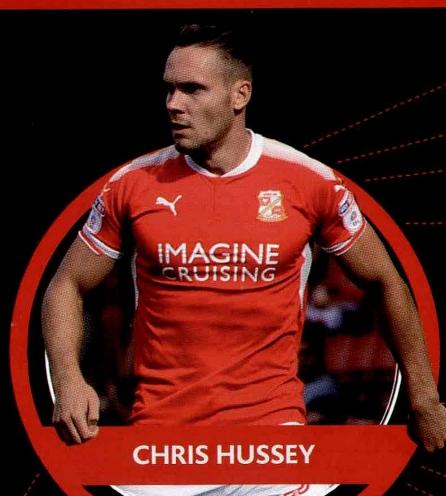
I've been quite impressed by Swindon so far and there are a few decent restaurants in the town. There some beautiful places in and around Swindon, Cirencester and Stow on the Wold for example, so it is a lovely area of the country to live in and I look forward to exploring it a little bit more when we get time.

When you are playing Saturday-Tuesday, as we were for the first few weeks of the season, it can be quite difficult because you are just focusing on your game and then you are looking at recovery. I am looking forward to getting to know the area better and so far the first impressions have been good.

Until next time.

PURKS.

#### GETTING TO KNOW...



#### What is your nickname?

Huss — it's short for Hussey so it is a nickname I've always had.

#### What car do you drive?

I drive the new Mercedes C Class Coupe.

Can you remember your first game as a professional footballer?

It was Cardiff City away for Coventry.

Can you remember what you bought with your first pay packet as a footballer?

Loads of trainers!



#### Who is the best player you have played with?

That's a good question. There is a few to be fair, so I would say Sammy Clingan, Martin Cranie and Paul Coutts.

What is your most memorable moment as a footballer?

Making my professional debut for Coventry.

Who are your best friends in football?

Player wise it would be Tom Soares and I would also have to pick Simon Bassey, who is a coach at AFC Wimbledon.

#### Who is the best player you have played against?

The best player I have played against was Jimmy Kebe for Reading. He was just very good and the year I played against him was the year he got his move to the Premier League.



what would you be?

A Sports Scientist.

Have you got any pre-match superstitions?

Getting my calves rubbed.



#### What team did you support as a boy?

My local team was QPR growing up but my Dad was a Chelsea supporter and he took me to watch them a lot.

If you could describe yourself in three words what would they be?

Enthusiastic, positive and upbeat.

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Favourite holiday destination?

Chicken.

Barbados.

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### MOMENTZIIME



#### SUPTEMBER 21TH 2011

Matt Ritchie celebrates one of his two goals as Town romp to a 4-0 victory over Barnet at The County Ground in September 2011. Raffaele de Vita and Mehdi Kerrouche were also on the scoresheet as the Reds continued their promotion push.





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### ACADEMY UPDATE WITH JEREMY NEWTON

THE ACADEMY GAMES PROGRAMME STARTS AGAIN THIS WEEKEND WITH THE U9'S ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE U15'S BACK IN FULL SWING.

What we are trying to do as well is have two games a weekend, so one on Saturday and one on Sunday, in order to challenge our players and we are trying to get as many Category One Clubs as we can on a Saturday.

We will still be contributing to the Category Three Games Programme on Sundays and that will go on throughout the season. We've already booked in Southampton, Stoke City and Everton so we are actively looking to add to that and hopefully that will go well.

It has been a very good start to the 2017/18 season for the U18's and they are doing really well. They are playing well, they are competing well, they are playing for each other, they are working incredibly hard in games especially without the ball and we have seen lots of creativity and individuality amongst the players. They are expressing themselves and are trying different things, especially in the final-third which is something Alan McLoughlin and myself will always encourage because we've got players in the group who can just do things off the cuff, beat players with a trick and it is very rare that you see that at U18's football these days.

We positively try to encourage players to try something and be inventive and it is good to see that our U18's can do that very well with an end product to boot. We've got lots of players in there who can make something happen out of nothing and they are full of confidence at the moment.

"We positively try to encourage players to try something and be inventive and it is good to see that our U18's can do that very well with an end product to boot."

We've won four out of four games now which is fantastic and it is credit to the boys, but every single week becomes a harder challenge now because we are top of the league and the teams we are playing against will want to get one over on us. Having said that, the boys have just got to focus, evaluate, reevaluate and refocus again on the next game.

There are lots more U17's games we are trying to arrange because of the high intake of First-Years, so we want additional games in order to get additional minutes into the boys to make sure they are ready to play.





#### U18 STATS

#### SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

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#### NEXT HOME GAME V CHELTENHAM TOWN

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT STANLEY PARK, CHIPPENHAM

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# U18'S PRODUCE FIVE STAR DISPLAY TO MAKE IT FOUR WINS ON THE BOUNCE

IT HAS BEEN A STUNNING START TO THE 2017/18
EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH WEST LEAGUE
FOR THE YOUNG REDS, WHO CRUISED TO A 5-1
VICTORY AGAINST NEWPORT COUNTY LAST
WEEKEND TO MAKE IT FOUR WINS OUT OF FOUR.
AND U18'S MANAGER ALAN MCLOUGHLIN HAS
BEEN THRILLED WITH HIS SIDE'S SUPERB FORM...

I am absolutely delighted with the boys. We had a very slow start at Exeter the week before, which we spoke about, and we were 2-0 up inside the opening five minutes on Saturday.

Like every football club there is a turnaround of players and that was certainly evident with Newport, they weren't as strong as they were at the end of last season but I'm sure that is something Byron Moore will be working on throughout the course of the year.

They did cause us some problems but we were by far the better side over the 90 minutes and I don't think Newport will have any complaints with us winning the game. I was delighted with the application, the effort, the commitment and the quality from the boys from the very first

minute right through until when the game finished and it was a very good contest.

Joe Romanski got injured unfortunately on Thursday and he's been a key player for us this season, but he shouldn't be too long. Luke Haines stepped in for us at centreback and he was magnificent. He played really well in a different position and produced a fantastic performance.

Myself and Jeremy Newton were delighted with the quality that we've produced and we mixed our game up. We not only controlled the game well at times and passed the ball well, we put the ball in behind and caused them problems.

Overall, I'm delighted with our start to the season but it is only the start and we're just four games in. We played nearly 50 games last year so it is a tiny percentage of what lies ahead, although I couldn't be more delighted with the way things have gone so far.

We're in action at Yeovil today and we should be confident. The players are fit and we go there looking to get another three points.

Enjoy the game today.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN.







# Joe Komunski

#### **POSITION**

Centre Back/Left Back

#### BORN

Reading 3 Feb 2000

#### NICKNAME

Rommy

#### FIRST TEAM PLAYED FOR

Theale Tigers

#### FIRST JOINED STFC WHEN?

Under 16s

#### **FAVOURITE OTHER CLUB**

Tottenham Hotspur

#### YOUR SPORTING IDOL

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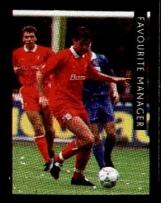
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NAME: GUY HELLIKER

AGE: 50

FIRST GAME: MY FIRST HOME GAME WAS AGAINST WEST HAM UNITED IN 1990.



Favourite Player: Shaun Taylor. He literally battled and gave blood and sweat for the team. A total legend twenty-five years later and Town through and through. I would love to have seen him come back in a coaching capacity.

Favourite Town Manager: Glenn Hoddle. Total class as a player and manager. Having a world class player come to The County Ground was a revelation and a great treat for the fans. The media loved seeing a big name bring his style and flair. I've almost forgiven him for leaving us for Chelsea...almost!

Favourite Town Moment: Taking my daughter to her first match and a few years later seeing her lead the team out as a mascot and taking my mum to her first match in her mid-seventies! Swindon is a great family club and has lots of great memories for me, plus friends and family.

Favourite Town Shirt: Mizumo home shirt. Embroidered badge and nice detailing plus the green collar didn't show the grime. Also the away shirt that season looked and wore great.

Dare I say I loved the Diamond Leisure "potato print" shirt too.

Favourite Town Season: Loved the Hoddle days but the Di Canio period was really special. The atmosphere at home and away games was electric plus when the games weren't going as planned we could watch Paolo berate the bench. It was a great time and also my daughter got into football and we travelled the length and breadth of the country with



our "Stafford Reds" Italian flag banner. Happy days!

Favourite Town Match: 4-6 Birmingham City of course! Especially as I was then working on a newspaper in the West Midlands! Shaun Taylor and Glenn Hoddle were amazing that day... unlike the Blues supporters who weren't so impressed!



#### ALL-TIME TOWN XI

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CADDIS

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BODIN

HODDLE

TAYLOR

WALTERS

RITCHIE

AUSTIN



\*\* THORNE

FJORTOFT

# FOOTBALL NTHE Community

TODAY WE WELCOME JON CUMMINGS AND HIS TEAM FROM STRATTON YOUTH, WHO ARE OUR FIRST CLUB OF THE SEASON TO JOIN US ON OUR SATURDAY TEAM CLUB PACKAGE. JON AND HIS TEAM HAVE HAD A COMPREHENSIVE GROUND TOUR AND PROFESSIONAL COACHING SESSION, BEFORE HAVING THE POPULAR DOMINO'S PIZZA LUNCH. THEY WILL NOW HOPEFULLY ENJOY WATCHING THE TEAM ACHIEVE 3 POINTS HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND. IF YOU KNOW OF A TEAM OR GROUP THAT WOULD ENJOY THE SATURDAY TEAM CLUB MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE HERE AT STFC THEN PLEASE CONTACT DAVE RIDLEY – DAVE@STFC-FITC.CO.UK

#### STRATTON YOUTH

Stratton YFC U9s are based in Cirencester and play in the North Wilts league. The core of the team have been together for two years and last season saw some really exciting football with lots of great games and everyone enjoying learning new skills. This year they move from 5-a-side to 7-a-side and are busy preparing for the new season that starts later this month. Three members of their team are also part of the STFC Elite squad so hopefully will be future Swindon Town players! For many of them today is their first proper football match and they will be wearing their Swindon Town shirts with pride!



#### PREMIER LEAGUE GIRLS

We were pleased to have been given funding last season to deliver the Premier League Girls project to over 160 women and girls. The 'Premier League Girls Programme' has been set up to increase the number of women and girls playing football on a regular basis. In addition, the programme aims to increase the opportunities for women and girls to develop skills, confidence and support them to pathways as a player mentor, referee or coach. In July we took eight girls from our PL Girls Programme to St. Georges Park for the PL Girls National



Finals. This was an amazing event and our STFC team made the semi finals along with Arsenal, Chelsea and Newcastle United. We were defeated 1- 0 by Newcastle who went on to win the final against Chelsea.

More importantly the day was a fantastic success which highlighted the great work that is being delivered by Community Trusts in partnership with the Premier League throughout the country. Hopefully we will receive funding again this season to engage with more female participants.

#### MEET OUR NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Abby Picton to the STFC Community Team who will take on the new role of Female Football Development Officer. This is a very exciting position that will focus on the development of girl's football. Abby has been involved with the Community Trust for over ten years and was part of our successful team that achieved third place in the Gothia Cup in 2011. Abby now plays for STFC Ladies and is looking forward to further enhancing the female game within the County of Wiltshire.













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#### **SWINDON TOWN PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES**

#### COMMONWEAL

Saturday	9.00 -10.00	4-6 yrs Junior Academy
	10.00 -11.00	4-6 yrs Junior Academy
	11.00 -11.30	2-4 yrs Mini Robins
	11.30 - 12.00	2-4 yrs Mini Robins

#### CROFT

Monday	1.15 - 1.45	2-4 yrs Mini Robins
	1.45 - 2.15	2-4 yrs Mini Robins
Saturday (AM)	9.00 -10.00	7-8 yrs
	10.00 -11.00	4-6 vrs Junior Academy

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Tuesday	5.00-6.00	4-6 yrs Junior Academ
Thursday	5.00-6.00	8-11 yrs
Friday	5.00-6.00 6.00-7.00	5-6 yrs 6-7 yrs

#### **HAYDON CENTRE**

Thursday	4.00-5.00	5-6 yrs Junior Academy
	5.00-6.00	7-8 yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11 yrs
Saturday (AM)	8.30-9.15	5-6 yrs Mini Academy
	9.15-10.00	5-6 yrs Mini Academy

#### **HIGHWORTH**

Thursday	1.15 - 1.45	2-4 yrs Mini Robins

#### LINK CENTRE

Friday	4:30 - 5:30	8-12 y	rs





The Swindon Town Development Centres are for children of all abilities. Children have progressed into Swindon Town Advanced and Girls Centre of Excellence with the chance to be scouted by the STFC Academy for boys. For information on how to join please contact Shane Hewlett on 01793 617718 or 07919 112982 alternatively please email me shane@stfc-fitc.co.uk

















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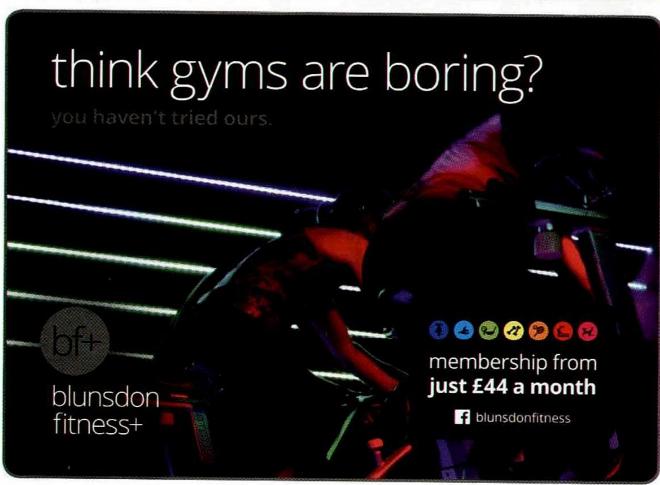
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#### **GUEST COLUMN**

WE WILL BE CATCHING UP WITH FORMER, PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND MEDIA PERSONALITIES IN EVERY PROGRAMME THIS SEASON TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON EVENTS AT THE COUNTY GROUND. THIS WEEK BBC WILTSHIRE'S SHAUN HODGETTS SWAPS HIS MIC FOR PEN AND PAPER...

In my formative years, I would collect my League Ladders avidly from "Shoot" magazine to move the team tabs around, although tables weren't even produced for at least three weeks. I graduated to "Roy of the Rovers" as my regular football fix as well as completing sticker albums across a season - I remember Huddersfield (playing at Leeds Road) in the old first division as well as Burnley (including Peter Noble)!

Will members of the current squad go into STFC folklore? Twelve fresh faces (at the time of writing) have begun to gel, from the opening day win at Carlisle onwards! Fans on BBC Wiltshire have already highlighted the assisting accuracy of Chris Hussey, work-rate of Paul Mullin, athleticism of Amine Linganzi & pace of Kaiyne Woolery, to name but four attributes. They're all contributing to a positive atmosphere around The County Ground for matchdays and The Wiltshire where we now conduct pre-match interviews, because of its proximity to the Beversbrook training base in Calne.

That mood was also much in evidence during our first fans' phone-in to manager Dave Flitcroft and his assistant Ben Futcher, who joined us to field your questions on a wide range of subjects (still available on the iPlayer: bbc.co.uk/bbcwiltshire).



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Back to back home matches, Come On You Reds, we might be able to have a proper look at the League Two table soon!

SHAUN HODGETTS.



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LAST TIME WE MET

07/03/2015 Notts County 0 Swindon Town 3

The Reds ran riot at Meadow
Lane in the latter stages of
the 2014/15 campaign
as goals from John Swift,
Andy Williams and Harry
Toffolo moved Mark
Cooper's side closer to
securing a Play-Off berth.

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1 Adult, 1 U18, 1 U21:	£36	N/A
2 Adults, 1 U18:	£48	N/A
2 Adults, 1 U21:	£52	N/A
2 Adults, 2 U18s:	£53	N/A
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12	Yeovil Town	4	2	0	2	-4	6
13	Lincoln City	4	1	2	1	2	5
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18	Cambridge United	4	1	1	2	-1	4
19	Forest Green Rovers	4	1	1	2	-5	4
20	Crawley Town	4	1	0	3	-1	3
21	Port Vale	4	1	0	3	-2	3
22	Grimsby Town	4	1	0	3	-3	3
23	Cheltenham Town	4	1	0	3	-4	3
24	Chesterfield	4	1	0	3	-5	3

#### RESULTS

#### SAT AUG 26 2017

Yeovil Town 2-0 Coventry City

Swindon Town 0-3 Crawley Town

Port Vale 0-1 Crewe Alexandra

Newport County 4-1 Chesterfield

Mansfield Town 2-2 Luton Town

Lincoln City 4-1 Carlisle United

Grimsby Town 2-3 Wycombe Wanderers

Colchester United 5-1 Forest Green Rovers

Cheltenham Town 3-4 Exeter City

Cambridge United 0-0 Morecambe

Barnet 0-1 Stevenage

Notts County 2-2 Accrington Stanley

#### TODAY'S GAMES (3PM UNLESS STATED)

CAMBRIDGE UNITED V COLCHESTER UNITED

CARLISLE UNITED V MANSFIELD TOWN

CHELTENHAM TOWN V STEVENAGE

CHESTERFIELD V COVENTRY CITY

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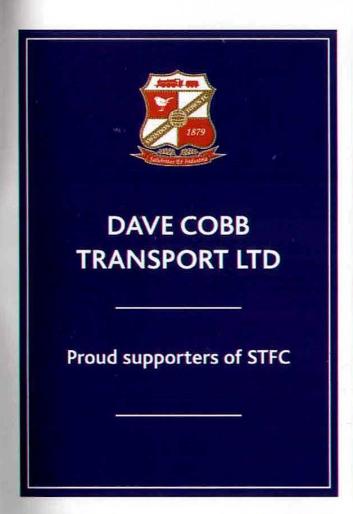
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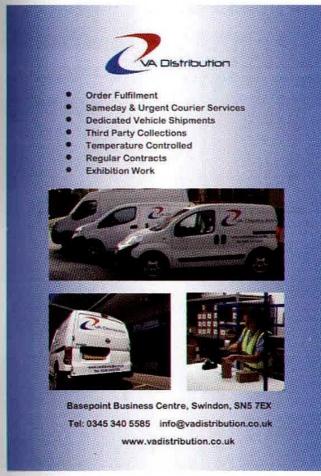
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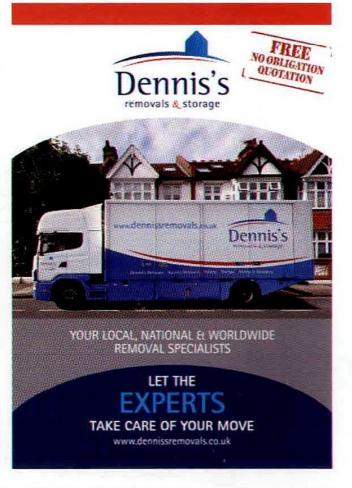
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2	Frank Nouble	Newport County	5
3	Olufela Olomola	Yeovil Town	4
4	Reuben Reid	Exeter City	4
5	Kayden Jackson	Accrington Stanley	4

TOP ASSISTS					
1	Liam McAlinden	Exeter City	3		
2	George Cooper	Crewe Alexandra	3		
3	Andrew Shinnie	Luton Town	3		
4	Lawrie Wilson	Port Vale	2		
5	Terry Hawkridge	Notts County	2		









# EEDITOR.

Games are certainly coming thick and fast but it is good to be back at home once again as we look to kick-off September with a bang!

After such a positive start to the season, last Saturday's result was disappointing to say the least and no one could have predicted the final outcome after watching the opening half-hour where we absolutely dominated proceedings.

However, as the well-trodden out cliché goes, goals win games and we just had one of those days in-front of goal where nothing would go in. It proved to be a bad day at the office but you are bound to have those in a 46-game season and it is all about how you bounce back from those set-backs.

Having another free week in terms of no midweek games would certainly have helped and I know the boys have been putting in the hard-yards over the last few days. It is still early days, the team is still gelling and I think it is only a matter of time until we make The County Ground a real fortress.

With Barnet the visitors today I can't help but take a trip down memory lane and back to August 2006, when these two sides met in an early-season fixture on a warm summer's evening. It was the start of the short-lived Dennis Wise and Gus Poyet era at SN1 and the game looked to be heading for a draw until Royce Brownlie (remember him?!) came out of nowhere in the dying minutes to smash home an unstoppable strike to give us all three points.

At the time I had decided to stop being a glory supporter (yes, I'll admit I used to be a Manchester United fan!) and back my local team, so seeing that goal fly in and the joy that followed was more than enough to convince me to swiftly snap up a Town season ticket. Fast forward to today and I think it is only fair that I give Mr. Brownlie a little bit of credit for ending up where I have!

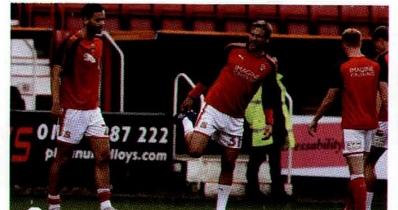
Anyway, enough of the reminiscing and back on to today. I am biased but I would urge you all to head to page 26 for our 'In-Depth With' feature interview with Matty Taylor. My conversation with Matt lasted for just over twenty-minutes and it really is worth a read. He discusses a whole range of topics from his heroics at Portsmouth, how much work goes into those wonder goals and why he is desperate to earn promotion with Town. It won't disappoint.

I continue to receive plenty of positive

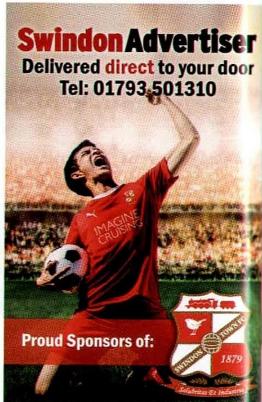
feedback about the new-look programme and I am thrilled it is proving to be a hit. We've put lots of work into it to make it more engaging for you the fans and we will continue to add to it as the season goes on.

Enjoy the game.

ANDREW STEELE-DAVIS, Head of Media & Communications



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- 01 Lawrence Vigouroux
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- 03 Chris Hussey
- 05 Chris Robertson
- 06 Olly Lancashire (C)
- 07 Paul Mullin
- 08 James Dunne
- 09 Luke Norris
- 10 John Goddard
- 11 James Brophy
- 12 Will Henry
- 14 Ellis Iandolo
- 15 Tom Smith
- 16 Amine Linganzi
- 17 Harry Smith
- 18 Donal McDermott
- 22 Kaiyne Woolery
- 24 Kyle Knoyle
- 25 Dion Conroy
- 26 Jordan Young
- 27 Scott Twine
- 31 Matt Taylor



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- 01 Jamie Stephens
- 02 Richard Brindley
- 03 Elliott Johnson
- 04 Charlie Clough
- 05 Ricardo Alexandre Almeida Santos
- 06 Michael Nelson (C)
- 07 Ryan Watson
- 08 Curtis Weston
- 09 John Akinde
- 10 Jamal Campbell-Ryce
- 11 Shaquile Coulthirst
- 12 Jack Taylor
- 13 David Tutonda
- 14 Simeon Akinola
- 15 Ruben Bover
- 16 Harry Taylor
- 17 Nana Kyei
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- 20 Mauro Vilhete
- 21 Craig Ross
- 22 Shane Cojocarel
- 23 Alex Nicholls
- 24 Andre Blackman
- 25 Jean-Louis Akpa-Akpro
- 26 Dan Sweeney
- 27 Ephron Mason-Clark
- 28 Darnell Smith
- 29 Thomas Day
- 30 Justin Amaluzor
- 31 Kai McKenzie-Lyle
- 32 Joe Payne
- 33 Tobi Coker

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