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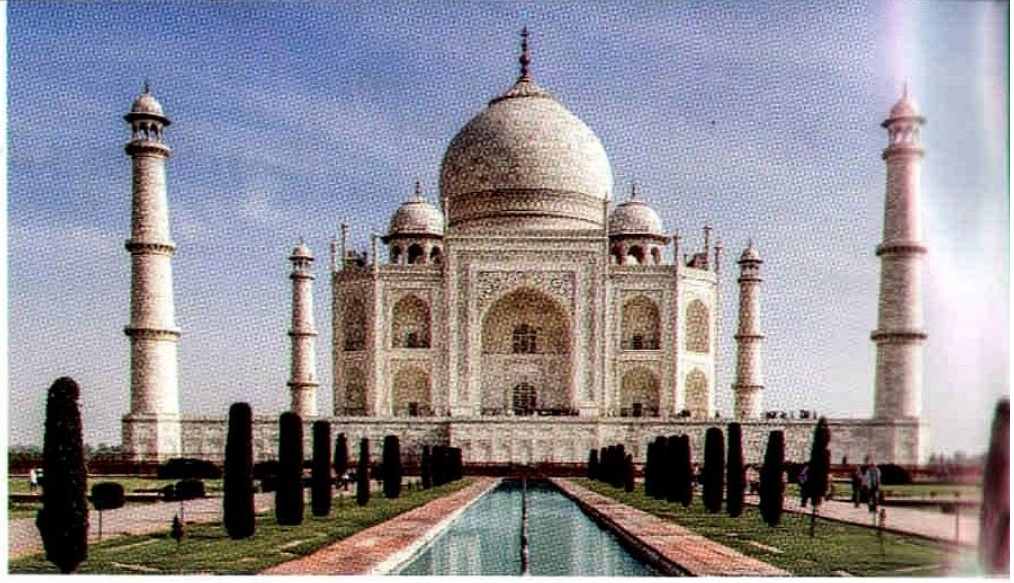

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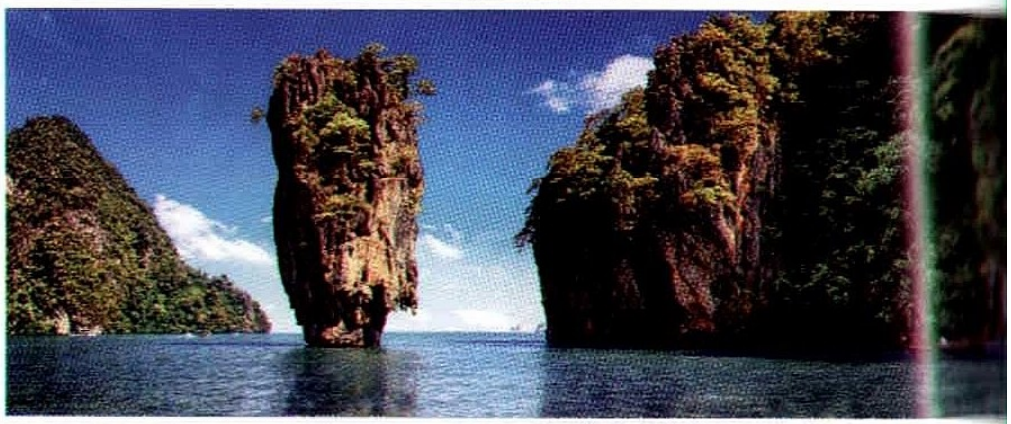

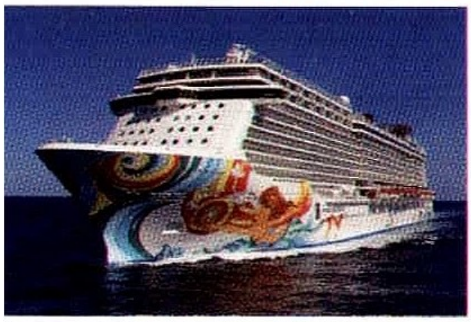

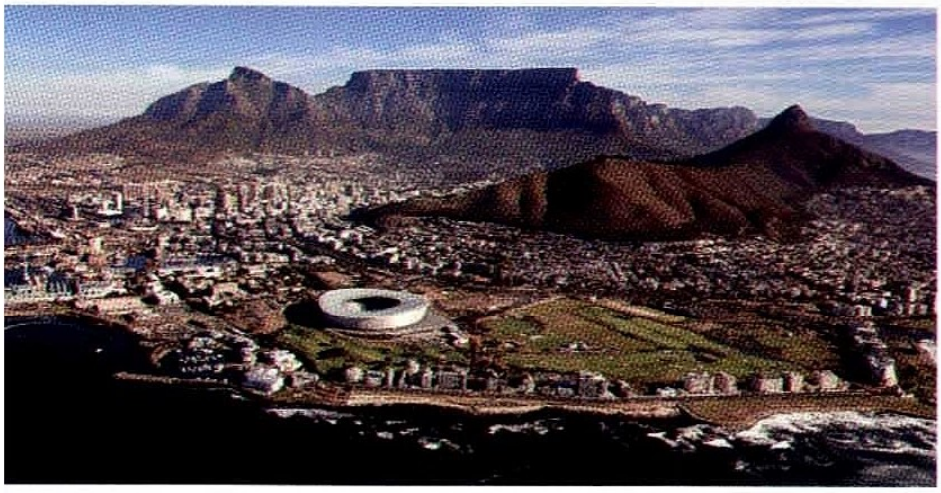

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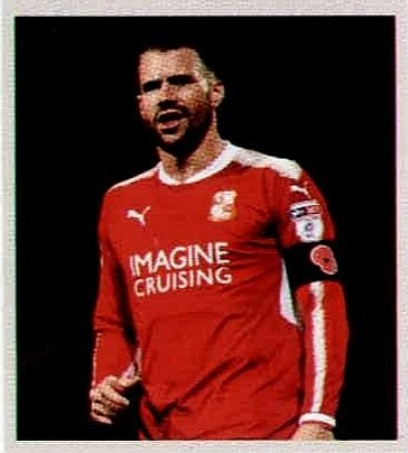

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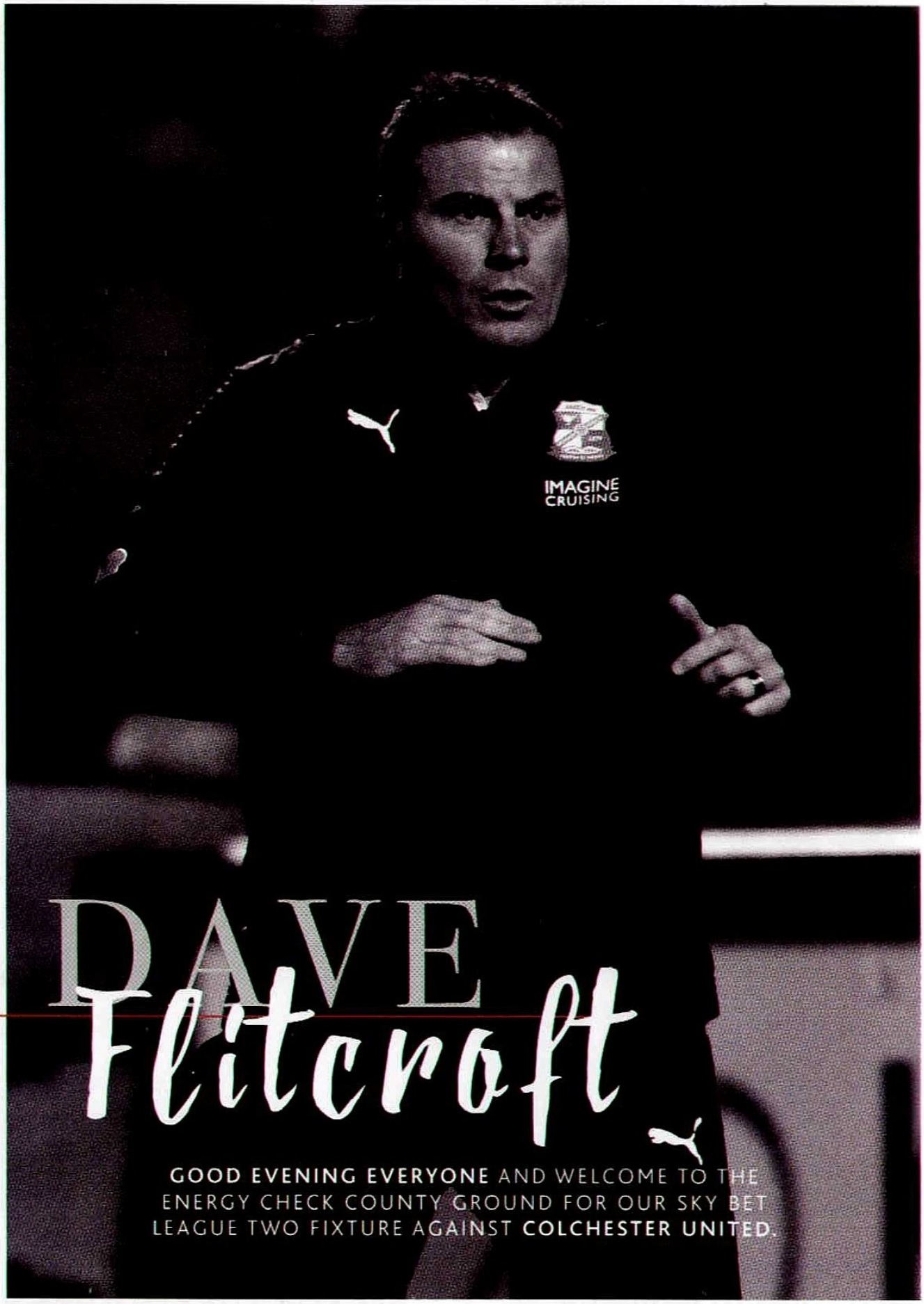

DAVE Flitcroft

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO THE ENERGY CHECK COUNTY GROUND FOR OUR SKY BET LEAGUE TWO FIXTURE AGAINST **COLCHESTER UNITED.**

I want to begin by extending a warm welcome to John McGreal, his staff, players and the directors of Colchester to Wiltshire tonight. John has done a great job with his side and they are currently just behind us in the table, so we know we will have to be at our best tonight.

It was frustrating to have our game at Accrington Stanley last Saturday postponed due to a frozen pitch. Firstly, I want to applaud those of you who made the trip and I really do sympathise with you as I know many of you had actually arrived at the ground before the game was called off. Your support this season on the road has been superb and I look forward to that continuing.

You always want a game to come around quickly following a defeat but we made sure Saturday wasn't wasted by training up North. We were able to organise and execute an intense training session. That session really was the start of our preparation for tonight's game.

We have been putting in plenty of hard work both on the grass and in the classroom to eradicate the mistakes that have crept in during recent weeks and the boys have responded really well. The most important thing when you face adversity is to stick together and this group has certainly done that. We are all together as one and we are ready to bounce back.

Hard work and commitment to each other is an absolute must when you go through a tough spell of results. The players and staff are driving each other forward in pursuit of improving and delivering consistent results and performances.

As eluded to earlier in these notes, tonight's game will be a tough one with Colchester currently in a good vein of form.

We know what we are going to face tonight and I can assure you the players will be giving there all to give you the positive result you deserve.

I was lucky enough to be invited to the supporters Christmas OAP dinner and all credit to the club and sponsors who organised it. It was really refreshing to meet so many passionate fans and people - a massive well done to all.

I want to finish by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and thanking you for your support this season so far. The backing you have given me, Futch, my coaching staff and the players has been superb since day one and we must keep working together with our ultimate goal still very much in sight. Enjoy the holidays and see you back here on Boxing Day for our fixture against Luton Town.

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Let's keep driving forward together as one.

DAVE FLITCROFT.

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FROM THE TOP

Good Evening and welcome back to The Energy Check County Ground for today's visit of Colchester United. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the management, players, staff, directors and supporters of our visitors tonight.

"Again, we would like to thank all the travelling supporters who had bought tickets and that were going to buy tickets on the day. It was a very long trip to make to support the team and to come away without watching a game must have been both frustrating and disheartening."

Tonight's visit of Colchester United sees both sides hoping to finish the evening in the Play-Off places before a busy Christmas period. Colchester come into tonight's game on the back of an eight-game unbeaten run in the league, which spans back to mid-October. These statistics show that it is not going to be an easy game and that our home form is going to have to improve in order for us to come away with anything from the match. I know that both Dave and Ben are working tirelessly on the training ground in order to improve our home form, this hasn't been helped by injuries to key personnel, including Timi Elsnik and Luke Norris which undoubtedly means that we are a weaker side going into any game.

Last week's trip to Accrington Stanley, as we all know, fell foul of the weather and, unfortunately, the postponement of any game comes down to the referee and his final decision. Accrington Stanley were aware that the weather could potentially hinder the game and they took the measures they felt were necessary in order to get the game on. The referee deemed the game playable mid-morning but a further inspection closer to kick-off changed this decision and the game was off. Again, we would like to thank all the travelling supporters who had bought tickets and those that were going to buy tickets on the day. It was a very long trip to make to support the team and to come away without watching a game must have been both frustrating and disheartening. Please look out for a re-arranged date for this fixture in due course.

Moving on to the Academy, last Saturday saw our U18's take on Nottingham Forest in the FA Youth Cup Third Round. This game was only playable due to the hard work of Marcus Cassidy and the other ground staff, who ensured that the pitch was covered to guard against the drop in freezing temperatures. We must also thank the volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday morning to remove this covers for the game to take place.

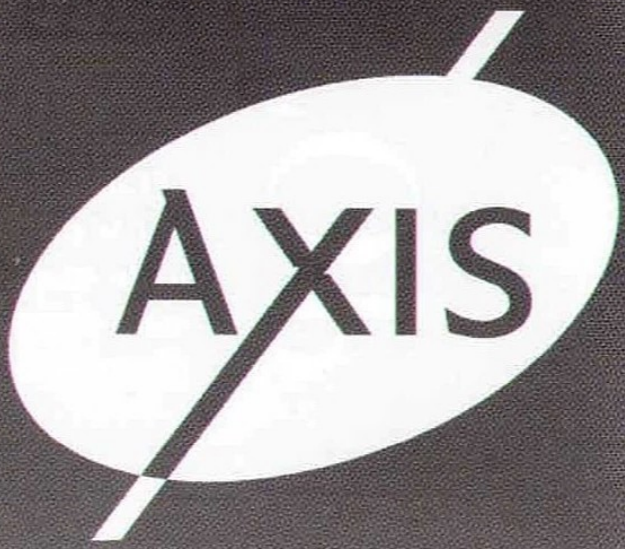
In terms of the game itself, this was always going to be an uphill struggle against a very good Category Two Academy. However, Alan McLoughlin had worked hard in the weeks leading up to the game to prepare the boys for this tough challenge. This saw the U18's go into half-time a goal down despite producing a spirited display and the second-half was much of the same from Swindon Town with Teo Atik's equalising to bring the game level, however two further goals from Nottingham Forest cancelled itout with the game finishing 1-3. It was a great experience for the boys to have three home games at The Energy Check County Ground and for the fans to have an opportunity to see some of the young prospects in action, including Joe Romanski and Sol Pryce to name a few who will be looking to get pro contracts come the end of the season.

This year we've been handed two home fixtures over the Christmas period with the visit of Luton Town on Boxing Day followed four days later by Notts County. It is very rare for the club has had 2 home fixtures over the festive period and it would be great to see as many of you as possible come out and support the team in both of these fixtures in what could be two decisive gamescome the end of the season.

I want to finish by wishing you all a Happy Christmas from myself, the Chairman and all the staff here at STFC.

Enjoy the game.

Steve Anderson,
Chief Executive.



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SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Swindon Town Football Club hosted our ever popular Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch last Thursday afternoon.

The event was attended by over 130 people at The Energy Check County Ground, with guests enjoying a superb two-course meal before playing a game of Bingo and being visited by Santa!

Town Manager Dave Flitcroft and Assistant Boss Ben Futcher were also in attendance, as were players Tom Smith, Matty Taylor and James Dunne.

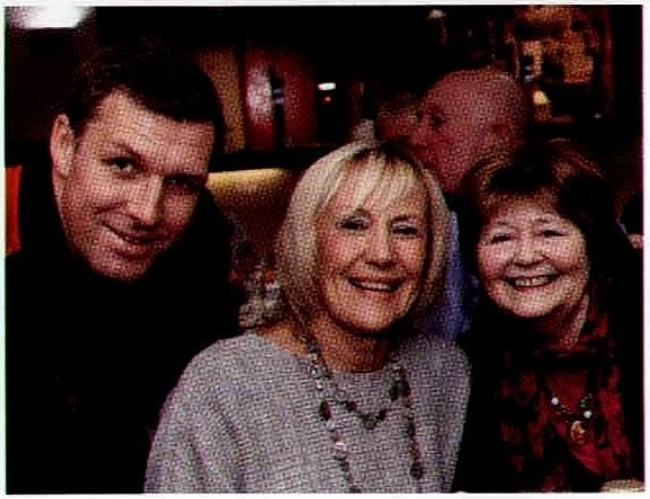
Speaking about the importance of these events, Dunne told Red Review: "These people take time out of their day to come watch us on a Saturday and I felt it was important to take time out to come and repay them, answer their questions and get to know them.

"It has been a good day and I spoke to a lot of people in there, they are good people and it was nice to be able to talk to them, sign autographs and take pictures.

"They've had their lunch, they've played Bingo, had a raffle and it was nice for us to be able to come and interact with them.

"It was a good day."

Swindon Town Football Club would like to thank the Swindon Town Supporters Club and the Swindon Phoenix Rotary Club for sponsoring this event.



Oli Lancashire

GOOD EVENING AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE ENERGY CHECK COUNTY GROUND FOR OUR SKY BET LEAGUE TWO FIXTURE AGAINST **COLCHESTER UNITED.**

We are all looking forward to tonight's game and everyone can't wait to get back out on the pitch - it seems a long time ago since our last league game. It was very frustrating to go up to Accrington Stanley at the weekend and get told just as we were setting off for the stadium that the game was off.

It must have also been very frustrating for the Swindon fans who had already more or less got to Accrington by the time it was postponed, so on behalf of all the boys I thank you for your brilliant and continued support this season. It really is felt and appreciated by us all. It is one of those things and it was out of our hands. We have to trust the referee and we look forward to going back up there on a Tuesday night now.

We got up to the North West on Friday afternoon, it was very cold and when we got the news the Gaffer and the Coaches were able to sort out a training venue for us up there on Saturday afternoon, so instead of playing a game we still had a good, tough training session. It was good to get that under our belts and we've spent all week preparing for tonight.

Playing on a Friday night always adds a little bit to it and hopefully the fans will come along and make for a really good atmosphere. If we can get a win then hopefully everyone will have a good weekend. We've got the chance to set the tone tonight with a busy few weeks coming up. The Christmas period is always a hectic time with games and

the weather, but it is something we are all looking forward to and with it being our last home game before Christmas we want to send everyone home happy.

Colchester were a League One team only a couple of years ago and, like many other teams, they will be looking to get promoted this season. Every game is a big one, tonight is no different and we'll be looking to take the three points.

Finally, I would like to finish by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you back here for our Boxing Day game against Luton Town.

Enjoy the game tonight and here's to three points.

OLLY LANCASHIRE, Captain

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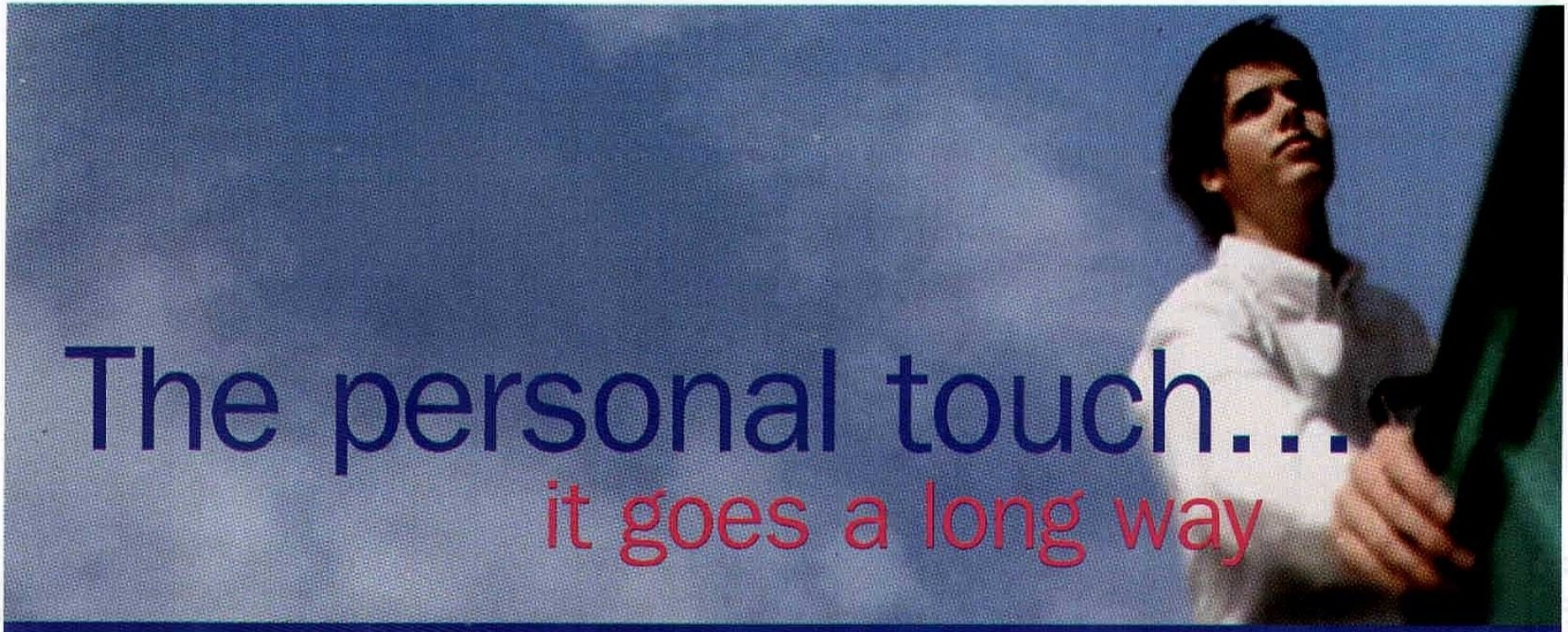

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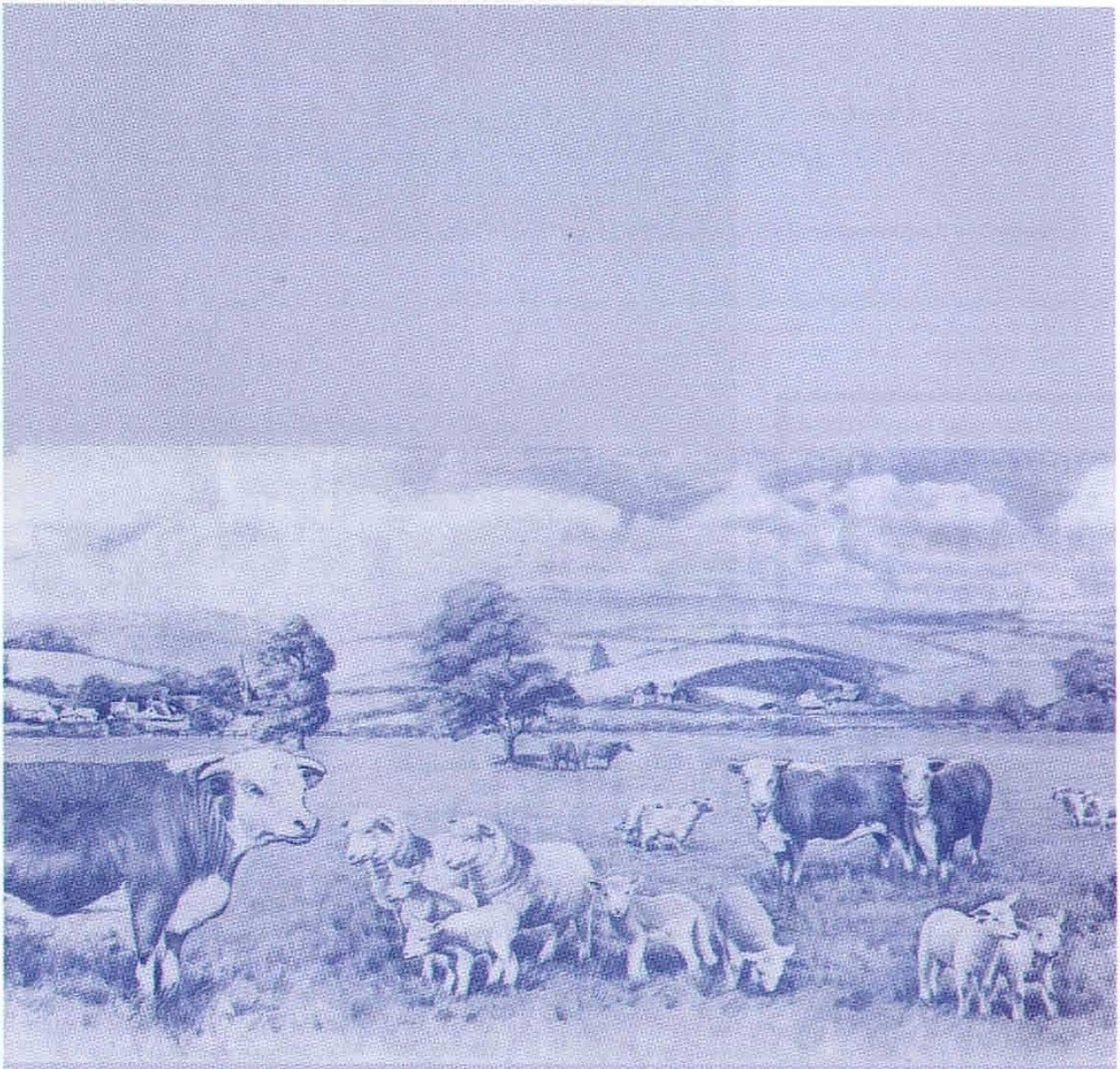

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The U's have started to hit form just at the right time this season and they have their sights firmly set on breaking into the Play-Off spots heading into the Christmas period.

John McGreal's side have been in good shape in recent weeks and they clinched a highly impressive 3-1 victory against fellow promotion hopefuls Exeter City last time out. United just missed out on a Play-Off spot last season but they have showed no signs of a hangover this time round and they look a good bet to go one better this term.

Much of Colchester's recent success is down to highly-talented attacker Sammie Szmodics, who helped himself to a brace in the win against Exeter. That took his tally to nine goals for the season and the attacking midfielder is a vital cog in United's attacking armoury.

United have other threats too, including former Town man Sean Murray who has established himself as a key piece in the engine room. Colchester arrive in town tonight just behind the Reds in the league table and they will be hoping to keep up their good form as they look to enter Christmas on a high.

These two sides last met in February 2016 at The Energy Check County Ground and it was a memorable encounter for Town, who ran out 4-1 victors thanks to Nicky Ajose and Michael Doughty both grabbing a brace.

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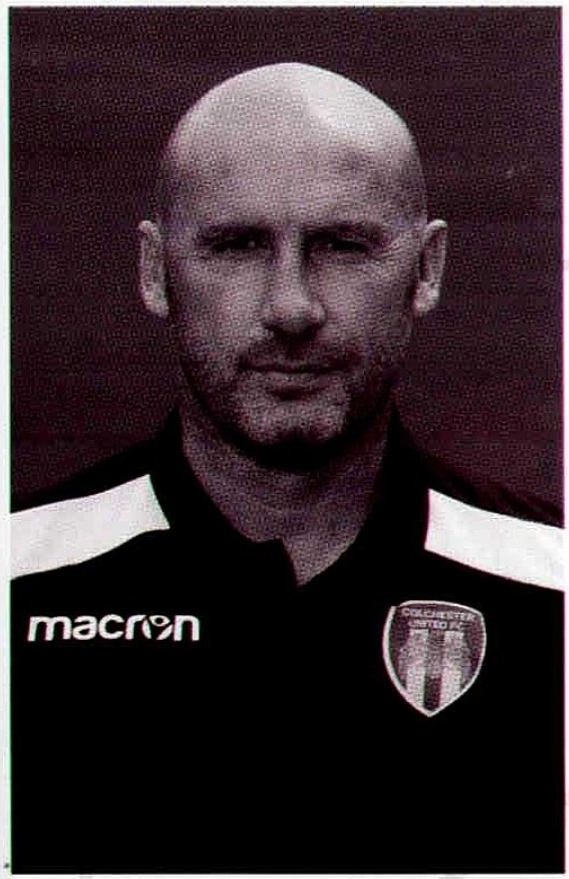

HEAD COACH
JOHN McGREAL

John was appointed the new First-Team Coach of Colchester United in May 2016.

He has vast experience of the professional game, having enjoyed a 17-year playing career with Tranmere Rovers, Ipswich Town and Burnley, playing over 400 games before hanging up his boots in 2007.

His time at Rovers was part of a successful spell at Prenton Park, with Tranmere winning promotion, reaching the Play-Offs three times and getting to the Semi-Finals of the League Cup in his stint there. During his time at Portman Road, he helped Town to promotion to the Premier League, going up via the Play-Offs with a 4-2 win over Barnsley.

Joining the U's in 2009 as part of the coaching staff at the club, he progressed to become U21s manager, helping them to an impressive fourth place finish in the Development League Table.

An uncompromising centre half, John has brought that defensive nous to his role in the U's academy. His young U's combined a swashbuckling attacking style with a defensive fortitude that saw them keep ten clean sheets in 29 league games.

His coaching has also helped provide a springboard into senior football for a number of the U's academy graduates and the last couple of years have seen the likes of Frankie Kent, Tom Lapslie, Kane Vincent-Young, Sammie Szmodics, Macauley Bonne, Cameron James, Femi Akinwande and Louis Dunne all make their first team break through.

His first season saw the U's press for the play-offs and, despite a long injury list in the second half of the season, they were to miss out by just one point. They have made progress this season too and are currently just hovering outside the Play-Off spots.

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PLAYER PROFILES

01

SAM WALKER

Fans' favourite who has got back into the swing of things in the last couple of seasons having missed most of the 2015/16 campaign with a knee injury. The towering keeper had been an ever-present for the U's in 2013/14 and only missed two games in 2014/15, but has now returned to the number one jersey with competition from Dillon Barnes and Rene Gilmartin. Sam is now hugely experienced despite only being in his mid-twenties.

02

RYAN JACKSON

Ryan joined the U's in the summer of 2017 after leaving Gillingham. The twenty-six-year-old started his career at AFC Wimbledon, making his debut for the Dons in April 2010 against Histon.

Just over two years later, he signed for Macclesfield but only stayed for a season before moving into the League with newly promoted Newport County. He turned down a new contract in South Wales in the summer of 2015 in favour of Gillingham, and linked up again with his former boss Justin Edinburgh, who managed him at County. The two-year spell in Kent was his most productive, making over seventy appearances across the 15/16 and 16/17 seasons.

05

LUKE PROSSER

The experienced centre-half joined the U's in the summer of 2016 after leaving Essex neighbours Southend United at the end of the 2015/16 campaign. Luke brings a wealth of knowledge of the lower divisions, having been promoted out of League Two with both Southend and Northampton. Prosser is the current Club Captain but is battling his way back from a serious knee injury sustained in November 2016.

06

FRANKIE KENT

Kent was the captain and a mainstay in the youth team's league and cup success in the 2013/14 season. Played regularly in the U21s and made his U's first team debut on the final day of the 2013/14 campaign at Walsall. Frankie established himself as a genuine first team contender in 2014/15 and regularly partnered Tom Eastman before injury cut his campaign short.

He made his real breakthrough in the 2015/16 season, and his performances were acknowledged as he received the Young Player of the Year vote at the end of the season. That good form continued into 2016/17, as he picked up the EFL Young Player of the Month for December, but his season was again cut short in February 2017 with an ankle injury. Has featured on a regular basis so far this term.

07

DREY WRIGHT

Rapid winger who has impressed during his time in the U's youth and reserve teams. He enjoyed a positive first season in the professional ranks, making a number of first team appearances and scoring his first senior goal in the Boxing Day game against Brentford. Signed a new three year deal in July 2013, but spent most of the 2013/14 campaign out injured. Drey recovered just before the end of the season but was again struck down with a cruciate injury early in the 2014/15 campaign. Having been back in the first team in 2015/16, the 2016/17 season was the one where he has flourished and provided plenty of problems to opposing defences.

10

SAMMIE SZMODICS

Another youngster in the U's ranks, who has been with the club all the way through the youth system. The energetic forward broke into the squad during pre-season ahead of the 2013/14 season and appeared eight times as a substitute in that campaign. Having signed a three year contract, Sammie went on to be a regular in the first team in 2014/15, before he spent time out on loan at Braintree Town during the 2015/16 season.

He missed the latter part of the campaign with injury, so started the new season full of energy as he looked to make up for lost time. He scored three times before an ankle injury again stymied his progress in 2016/17 and, having returned to action, he then broke his leg. He has bounced back however, having contributed seven goals to the cause so far this term.

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SEAN MURRAY

The former Town man joined Colchester United at the end of the January 2017 transfer window. Began his football career at Watford, coming through the Academy ranks from the age of nine. Made his debut for the Hornets in April 2011 and went on to make seventy five league appearances at Vicarage Road, scoring eleven goals. Spent time on loan at Wigan in the 2015/16 season, before moving to The Energy Check County Ground in the summer of 2016. Sean made eighteen League One appearances for Swindon before moving to North Essex.

15

NICKE KABAMBA

Nicke joined the U's from Portsmouth until January to give Head Coach John McGreal another option during the Sky Bet League Two campaign. He arrived at Fratton Park in January of this year, after scoring 33 in 70 games for Hampton & Richmond.

Those goals continued with his rate of scoring at around one in two throughout his early years and the now 24-year-old penned an eighteen month deal with Pompey. He will now look to build on that during his loan stint with the U's.

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MIKAEL MANDRON

Mikael joined the U's in the summer of 2017 for an undisclosed fee from League One side Wigan Athletic, who he joined in January 2017 having started his career at Championship side Sunderland.

6'3" front man Mikael moved to England from France to join the Black Cats in 2011 as a 16-year-old. Two years later, he made his Sunderland debut against Aston Villa and, over the coming seasons, enjoyed a number of loan spells away from the Stadium of Light. Short stints with Fleetwood, Shrewsbury and Hartlepool were followed by a permanent switch to Eastleigh and he went on to score 10 in 28 for the Spitfires, including five in six FA Cup appearances and a strike against Town last term. His performances for Eastleigh were enough to see Wigan swoop in the January transfer window for an undisclosed fee. And, ahead of this season, he joined the U's in the quest for regular first team football.

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SANMI OLUWASANMI ODELUSI

Attacker Sanmi joined the U's ahead of the closure of the August transfer window. The 24-year-old started his career as a trainee with Bolton Wanderers and, during his time with the Lancashire club, enjoyed loan spells with MK Dons and Coventry City.

Upon leaving Bolton in the summer of 2015, he linked up with Wigan Athletic and, in the 2016/17 season, again headed out on loan. He spent the first half of the season with Rochdale, playing nineteen times and then, after returning to Wigan, he went back out to Blackpool, playing eight times as they earned promotion from League Two. Having been on trial with the U's, Sanmi initially signed until January 2018.

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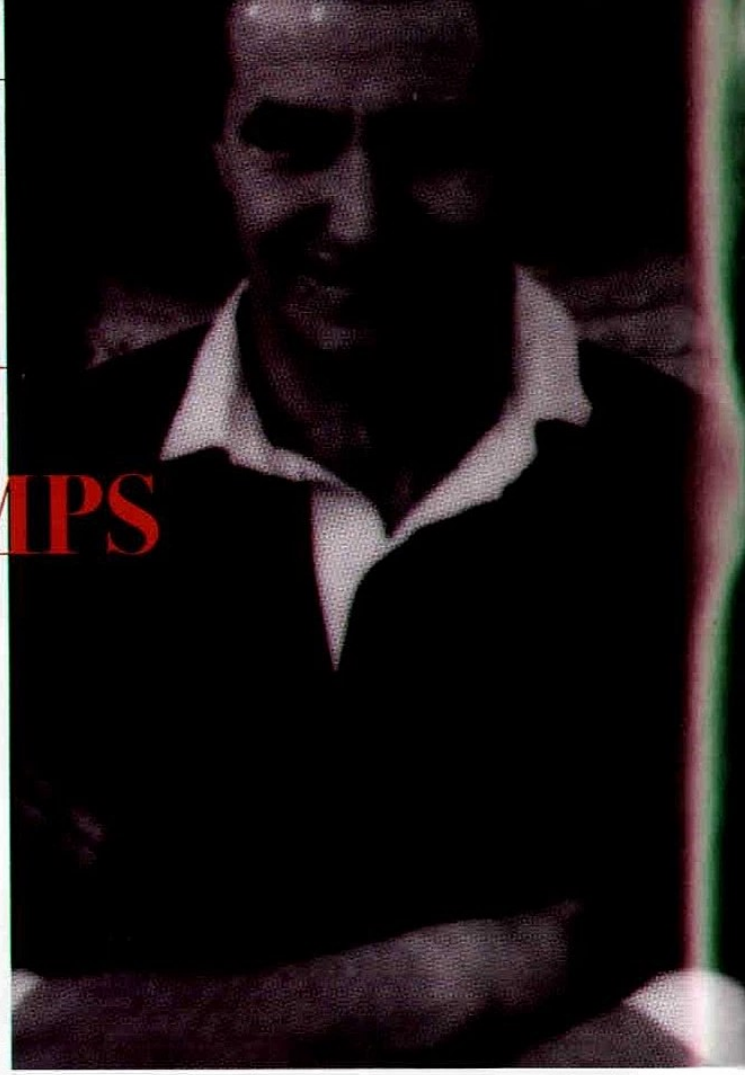
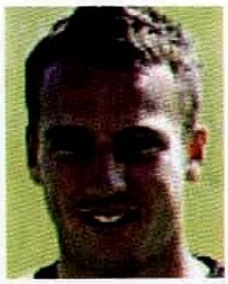


The U's visited the County Ground 63 years ago this weekend, when former Colchester reserve inside-forward Johnny McClelland scored his only League goal for Town in a 1-1 draw. Johnny was born in the Essex town and died there in 2004.



RICHARD McKINNEY

Recruited by Andy King just two weeks before he was axed by Danny Donegan, Richard came in as cover for Bart Griemink following Steve Mildenhall's departure to Notts County. Richard spent most of the 2001/02 campaign on the bench, his only first team call-up coming on Easter Monday at Stoke. He signed for Colchester just the day before the next season commenced, spending two years at Layer Road. STFC 1 app / CUFC 30

PAUL ROBERTS

Signed by Lou Macari a month into 1985/86, Paul had to hit the ground running - his debut coming in a League Cup tie at Roker Park ! Town were then six places off the bottom of Division Four but - taking over at left-back from loanee Nicky Coleman - he helped them go on to win the League in convincing style. Paul joined the U's in 1991 from fellow Conference side Fisher, winning the title with them at the end of his first season there. STFC 31 apps / CUFC 121

MICHAEL ROSE

A Mancunian left-sided defender who had started his career at Old Trafford, Michael came to Swindon in July 2010 after four years at Stockport. He lost his place after just five games and for the remainder of the season shared left-back duties with Alan Sheehan. His contract was cancelled by mutual consent following Town's relegation and he joined Colchester just a week after the season ended. Michael returned north in 2013. STFC 41 apps / CUFC 40

RAY BUNKELL

Ray was signed by the U's 44 years ago last week, in an exchange deal involving John McLaughlin. Ray had been at the County Ground for two-and-a-half years, having arrived from Tottenham in June 1971. Although signed by Fred Ford, most of Ray's Town appearances came under former Spurs' players Dave Mackay and Les Allen. After seven years at Layer Road as a player, Ray took over as youth team manager there in 1980. STFC 61 apps / CUFC 151

WALLY NUNN

A 6'3" defender, south Londoner Wally came through the ranks at Charlton just before the War, but had not made the League side by the time he was released in May 1947. Louis Page brought him to Swindon a month later. Wally played in the opening two fixtures before losing his place to Eddie Painter. Given a 'free' in April 1948, he signed for Southern League Colchester. After twice playing for the U's against Guildford City over the Easter weekend, Wally signed for them in June 1949. STFC 4 apps / CUFC 12

ROY BICKNELL

A Yorkshire-born central defender, Roy guested for Swindon while on the books of Wolves in February 1946. But his one outing for the club was not a happy one, as Town conceded six at Bournemouth. He spent two seasons at Ashton Gate before signing for United in 1952, in readiness for their third season as a Football League club. Roy ended his career at Clacton Town after two years at Layer Road. STFC 1 app / CUFC 29

JOHNNIE JACKSON

Tottenham and England under-20 left-sided midfielder Johnnie came to the County Ground in September 2002 - Andy King bringing him to his struggling third tier side on a three-month loan. In March, he joined fellow strugglers Colchester under new boss Phil Parkinson and took them to a top half finish. Johnnie finally left White Hart Lane in 2006, joining the U's in a permanent move. He played in both the last game at Layer Road and the first at the Community stadium. STFC 17 apps / CUFC 123

JOHN McLAUGHLIN

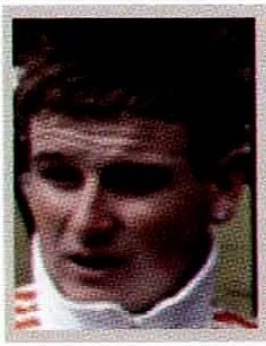
John was still an apprentice at Layer Road when he made his League debut at Hartlepool in March 1972, aged 17. He hardly missed a game for the Fourth Division club before making the switch to Wiltshire, when Ray Bunkell went in the opposite direction. John was then a regular in the Town side for much of his five-and-a-half years with the club, but injury side lined him for the second half of 1978/79 - at the end of which he left for Portsmouth. STFC 238 apps / CUFC 72

JAMIE CURETON

Jamie arrived at the County Ground just a week after the departure of Sam Parkin and at first struggled to find a goal, with none in his first 12 games. Loaned to the U's in October by new boss Iffy Onuora, he promptly netted seven goals in his first six starts. Then, on his return in the new year he hit another seven in 13 for Town ! In June 2006, Chris rejoined Colchester, just promoted to the Championship and notched two hat-tricks in a tally of 24 for the season. STFC 32 apps / CUFC 56

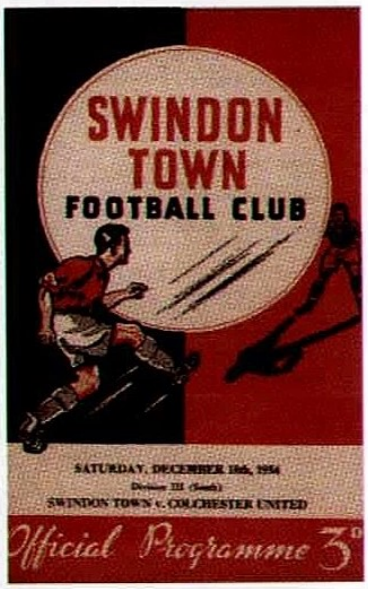
DAVID PRUTTON

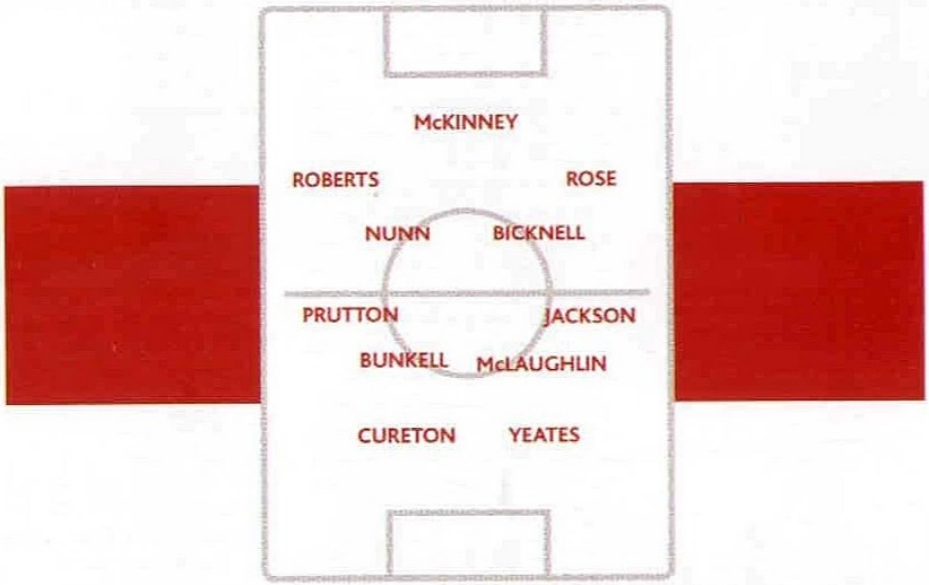
David joined the U's from Leeds early in 2010, netting three goals in his first eleven outings, but nearly twice as many cautions ! in the July Danny Wilson signed him to play alongside his former Elland Road teammate Jonathan Douglas. But Town failed to win a game in August and David's disciplinary strife continued when he was red-carded twice in his first nine games. The pair were powerless to prevent relegation - which came at Hillsborough - where David would sign on next. STFC 46 apps / CUFC 19



MARK YEATES

Brought in on loan from Tottenham by Andy King just after the start of 2004/05 to cover for an injured Sammy Igoe, Mark was withdrawn by the Town boss on all his three starts. He completed the one-month stay, but only from the bench. In August 2005, Mark joined Colchester on a season-long loan, assisting them to promotion from League One. On leaving Spurs in 2007, he spent a further two seasons with the Essex club, being top scorer there in 2008/09. STFC 4 apps / CUFC 133





OTHERS WHO SERVED BOTH CLUBS (EXCLUDING CURRENT STAFF):

Ian Culverhouse, Will Dixon, Kevin Horlock, Jake Kean, Tom McAlister, Johnny McClelland, Jacob Murphy, Lloyd Opara, Keith Scott, Jamie Sendles-White, Jon Sheffield, Michael Smith, Tony Thorpe, Ben Tozer, Kevin Watson, Martin Williams

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This time of year is naturally a busy one and you would have seen our STFC CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE marketing campaign through club channels. We encourage you to download our new free app and by doing so you will automatically be able to access some fantastic club offers and partner prizes. Some of these include free broadband for a year with Relish Broadband, a Seiko Watch donated by Deacons and the star prize being a Dubai Delights and Arabian Golf Course courtesy of our Title Sponsors, Imagine Cruising. Some cracking prizes to be won, so if you have downloaded the new app, purchased a programme tonight or are a valued Season Ticket holder, then you will be in the draw to win both the watch and the cruise. Also, as part of the ADVENTURE campaign, we are offering 10% off any hospitality package booked between now and the end of December. Please note the fixtures with Luton Town, Notts County and Forest Green Rovers are sold out. For all other games in the New Year, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Our partnership activations continue to go extremely well and you would have hopefully seen a number of competitions released across club channels. Our Stadium Naming Rights Partner, The Energy Check have launched some fantastic comps for hospitality days out. Please don't forget to use them when switching your domestic energy. Their online portal is very easy to use so we urge all supporters to give them the opportunity to quote you better. You are also naturally supporting the club with your switch through them. On to Relish Broadband and those of you at the last fixture with Newport County would have witnessed the engaging SuperFast Scorer at half-time. We have received lots of positive feedback on this entertainment and we welcome Town fans Adam Copnell, Stephen Knobbs and Daniel Scanlon who will go up against 'Blockin Rockin Robin' to be crowned tonight's Relish SuperFast Scorer. Good luck gents and good speed.

Outside tonight Relish Broadband will also be delivering fans' fuel in the form of festive mulled wine - please speedily make your way to the catering outlet outside the stadium and look for the Relish flags as they will be supplying 50 free mulled wines on a first-come first-serve basis. Looking ahead into the New Year we will also be working closely with our Title Sponsor Imagine Cruising regarding fan engagement, so look out for this in the coming weeks.

In recent days we welcomed 150 guests to the club for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. It was an afternoon that was enjoyed by all and I want to say a big thank you to the STFC Supporters Club and the Swindon Phoenix Rotary for joint sponsorship of the event. On Monday just gone we partnered with Town End sponsors Better Leisure Centres to host our Junior Reds Christmas Party. The Junior Red members loved the trampoline park and again it champions a great working relationship with another of our sponsors working together with each other's best interests at heart.

On to tonight and we welcome our good friends SW Group Logistics. Richard Knox and the team there have supported us for many seasons and we thank you for your continued support and commitment. Enjoy the game tonight. Our Matchball sponsors are Pat Thomas Butchers who are based in Faringdon, so looking ahead to Christmas please give them a try when feeding the family. Finally, a big thank you to all of our supporters, sponsors, advertisers and Executive Season Ticket holders. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing a majority of you here for our Boxing Day fixture against Luton Town.

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NEWPORT COUNTY AND FOREST GREEN ROVERS

JAMES Dunne

RESULTS HAVE TAKEN A BIT OF A DIP IN RECENT WEEKS BUT, WITH SOME MASSIVE GAMES COMING UP OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, JAMES DUNNE IS CONFIDENT OF A TURNAROUND IN FORM FROM TOWN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER...

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James, let's start with recent form because there has been a little bit of a dip, so what do you think that has come down to?

I think it has been a bit of complacency. We went on a long unbeaten run and everyone was on their game but we've come off it in the last few games and complacency has crept in a little bit, which is probably why we have lost those matches.

And having the game on Saturday away at Accrington Stanley postponed didn't help, did it?

The best thing after a defeat is to get back out there and put it right. We had a chance against Forest Green Rovers to put that right, we didn't, so we went into the game on Saturday looking to bounce back but unfortunately we couldn't due to the game being called off. However, we were able to do a good training session up North Saturday afternoon and we made sure the day wasn't wasted. Obviously we were a bit annoyed that the game was off because we wanted to put recent wrongs right, but we trained at a five-a-side place at the Trafford Centre and we got some real good work in. We played some games and we also did a

17/18 STATS...

GAMES PLAYED	18
STARTS	18
MINUTES PLAYED	1,590
FOULS WON	27

bit of running and some power work, so it wasn't a wasted day. We had Sunday off then we were back in Monday. It has been a good week leading up to tonight.

The busy Christmas period officially starts tonight so, for you as players, it is all about getting that balance right between hard work and rest isn't it?

You usually have a couple of games within a few days at Christmas so you don't really have a lot of time to train in-between games. We're looking forward to the Christmas period though, we know it is going to busy and there are a lot of tough games coming up as well. We need to concentrate on the league now and promotion is still our ultimate aim, so we can focus on that more now.

We have Luton and Notts County, both flying high at the top of the table, here over the Christmas period and it could be a real defining couple of games for us, couldn't it?

We have played them both away from home and our away form has been very good, but now we've got to make sure that we change our home form in the second-half of the season. If we can

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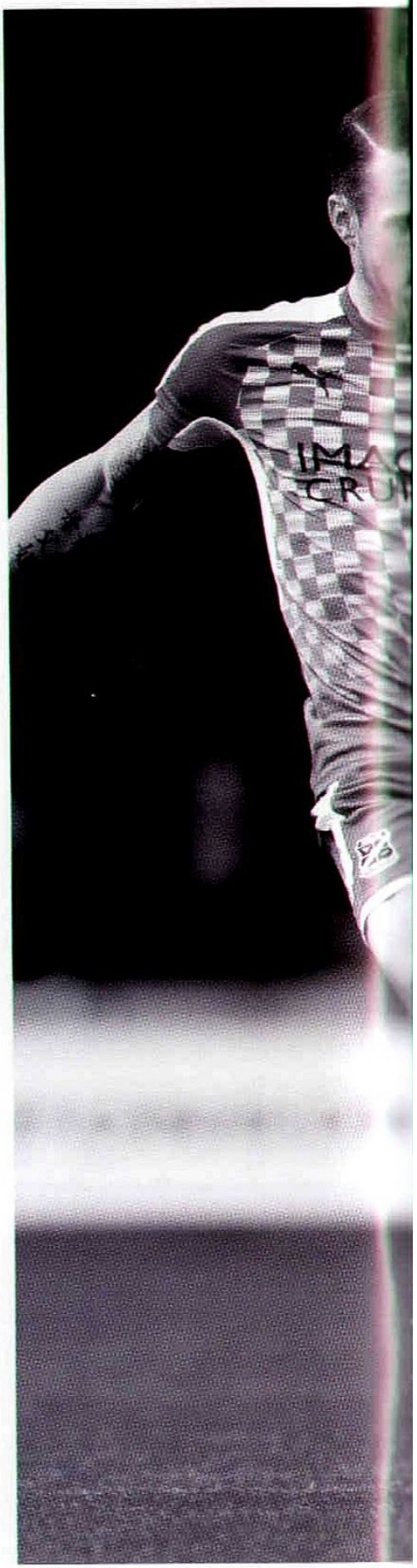

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do that and keep our away form going then we'll be sitting in a good position come the end of the season. Listen, Luton and Notts County are both flying at the moment and they are where we want to be so we need to take points off them and catch up to them rather than let them get away from us.

We're halfway through the season now so how are you finding things on a personal level both on and off the field?

I've settled really well. We had a whole new team in the summer but everyone has been in the same position and it has been good. We were able to make friends over in Portugal back in pre-season and, in terms of things on the pitch, I want to be in a better position. I want our home form to be better as well but we can only do that ourselves and we need to be more consistent in our performances. But, other than that, I'm enjoying my football at the moment.

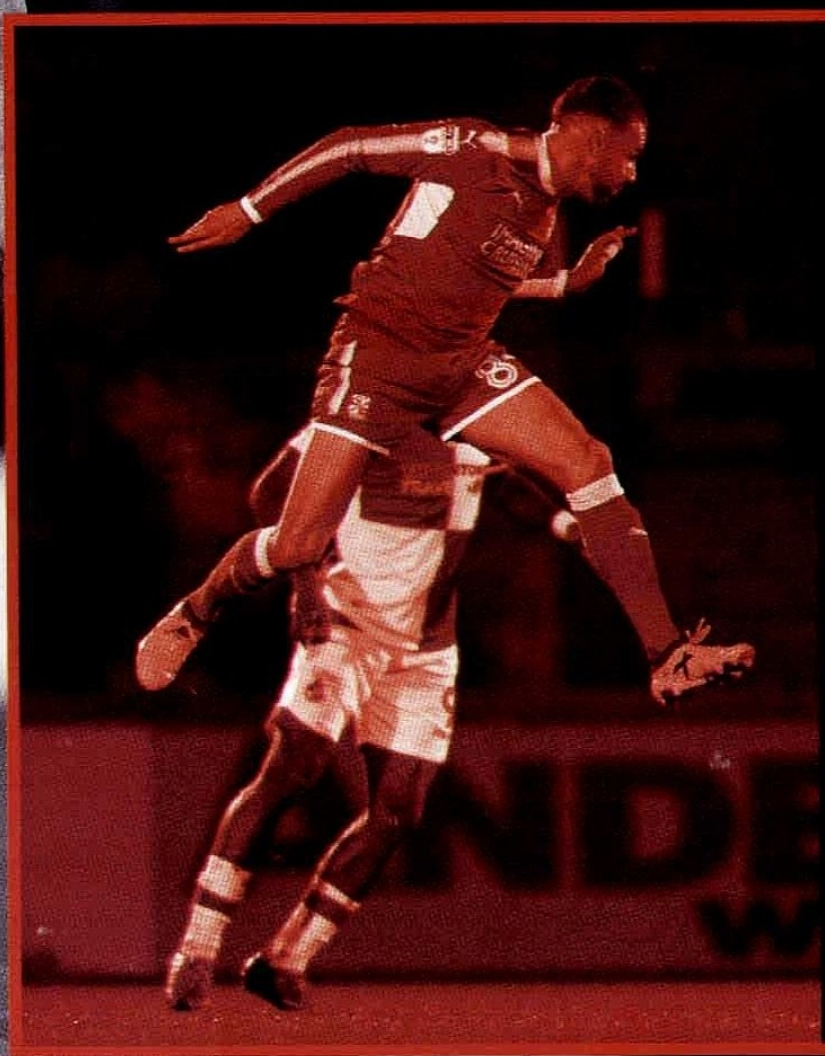
You've been in the game for a long time now so how do you approach Christmas in terms of being ready for games but also getting that quality family time at what is a special time of the year?

I'm used to it now. This is our jobs and everyone will be eating and drinking on Christmas Day but we know we have to look after ourselves, and I'm used to that now anyway. Christmas is just a normal

day for me, there might be some different food, and leading up to Christmas we'll be training together and staying together which will only help. We will still get to see our family.

On to tonight and Colchester are in good form and are just behind us in the table, so it is a big game for both teams isn't it?

They've got ambitions of promotion this season as well and they are a very good team with some very good players, but so have we and we've got to make sure we prepare right. We need to go and get three points tonight. Colchester will be at it, like most teams are when they come here, but we need to make sure that we change our home form and we make this place a fortress, starting tonight.



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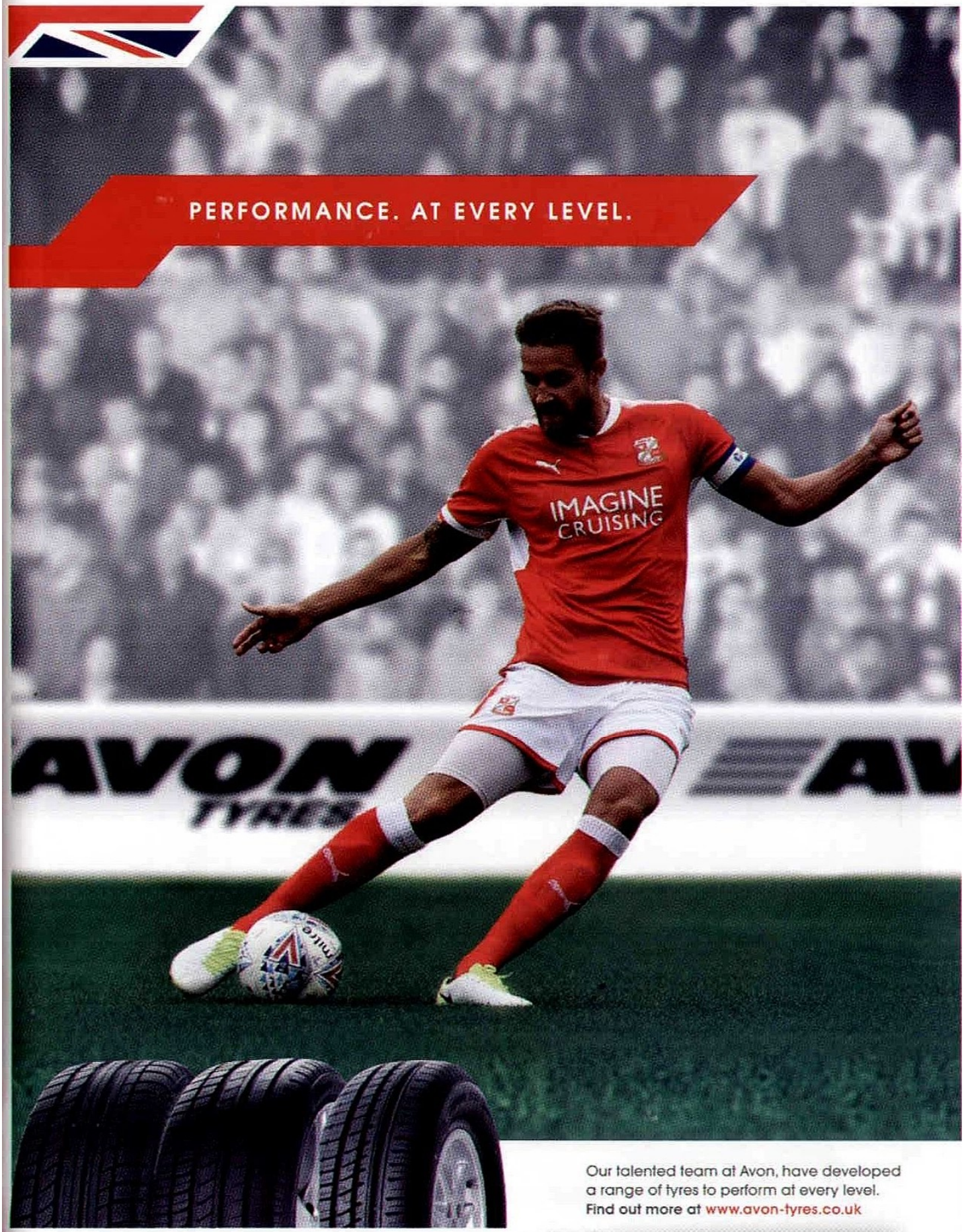

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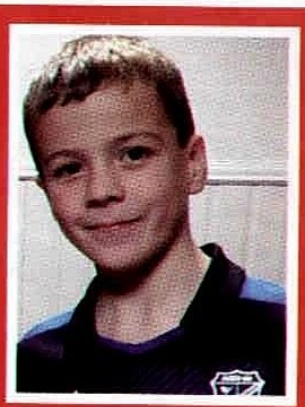

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KIAN BURFORD-STARR

who will be 10 on 21st December. Love from all your Family x

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Victoria Brown who is one of our mascots tonight. Have a great evening with us, and here's to all 3 points to cap off a wonderful Birthday for you.

KAY WAINWRIGHT

One of our own Kay Wainwright is currently down under flying the STFC Flag with pride, as she travels around Australia with her family. We look forward to seeing her back safe and well in the New Year.

TODAY'S Mascots...

VICTORIA BROWN

Age: 13

School: Abbey Park, Swindon

Hobbies/Likes: Reading, Animals (Especially Birds), Dinosaurs & Fossils (Especially DadJ!)

Favourite Town Player: John Goddard

JACK COOPER

Age: 11

School: Bradon Forest

Teams Played For: Lydiard Youth (Goal Keeper)

Hobbies/Likes: Football, X Box & More Football

Favourite Town Player: Cookie, Vigs & Woolery

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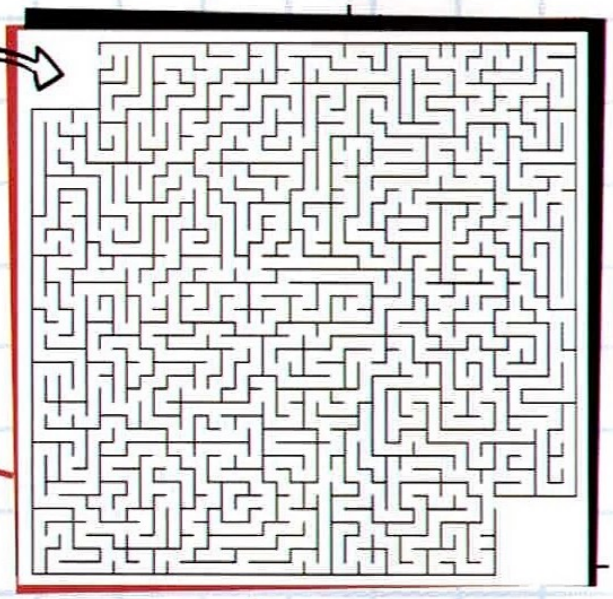

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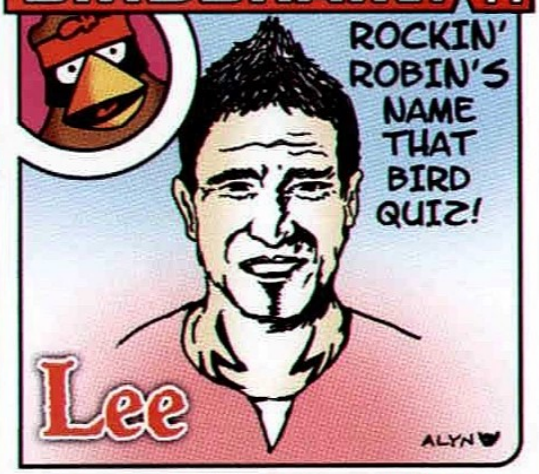

ANSWER TO NUMBER 10 - BLUEBIRD!

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The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was held on Thursday 7th December and it appeared to be enjoyed by all.

Approximately 150 came along for a lovely turkey Christmas Lunch, followed by bingo and a raffle. Our thanks go to all who made it possible in particular the Phoenix Rotary Club who shared the Sponsorship with the Supporters Club.

On a sad note we have learnt that former Barnes Coaches driver Jim Clark has passed away. He was known as 'jumper Jim' and during my time of organising away travel with SAS Travel, Jim drove us on many many away trips travelling thousands of miles. Jim was also a 'Town' fan. At this sad time our thoughts go out to his wife and family. R.I.P. Jim.

The Supporters Club again sponsored an under-18s fixture - this time for the Third Round of The FA Youth Cup against Nottingham Forest last Saturday. Unfortunately, after putting on a good display, they were on the wrong end of a 3 - 1 result.

I am again appealing for anyone interested in the Supporters Club and what we do to get involved. We are now three Committee members short and we desperately need some half-time 50/50 draw ticket sellers. Tonight we only have three sellers available. If you can give just an hour of your time to support your club we would love to hear from you. You can email, phone or speak to any committee member.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the other committee members, may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

ANN ALDER, Chairperson

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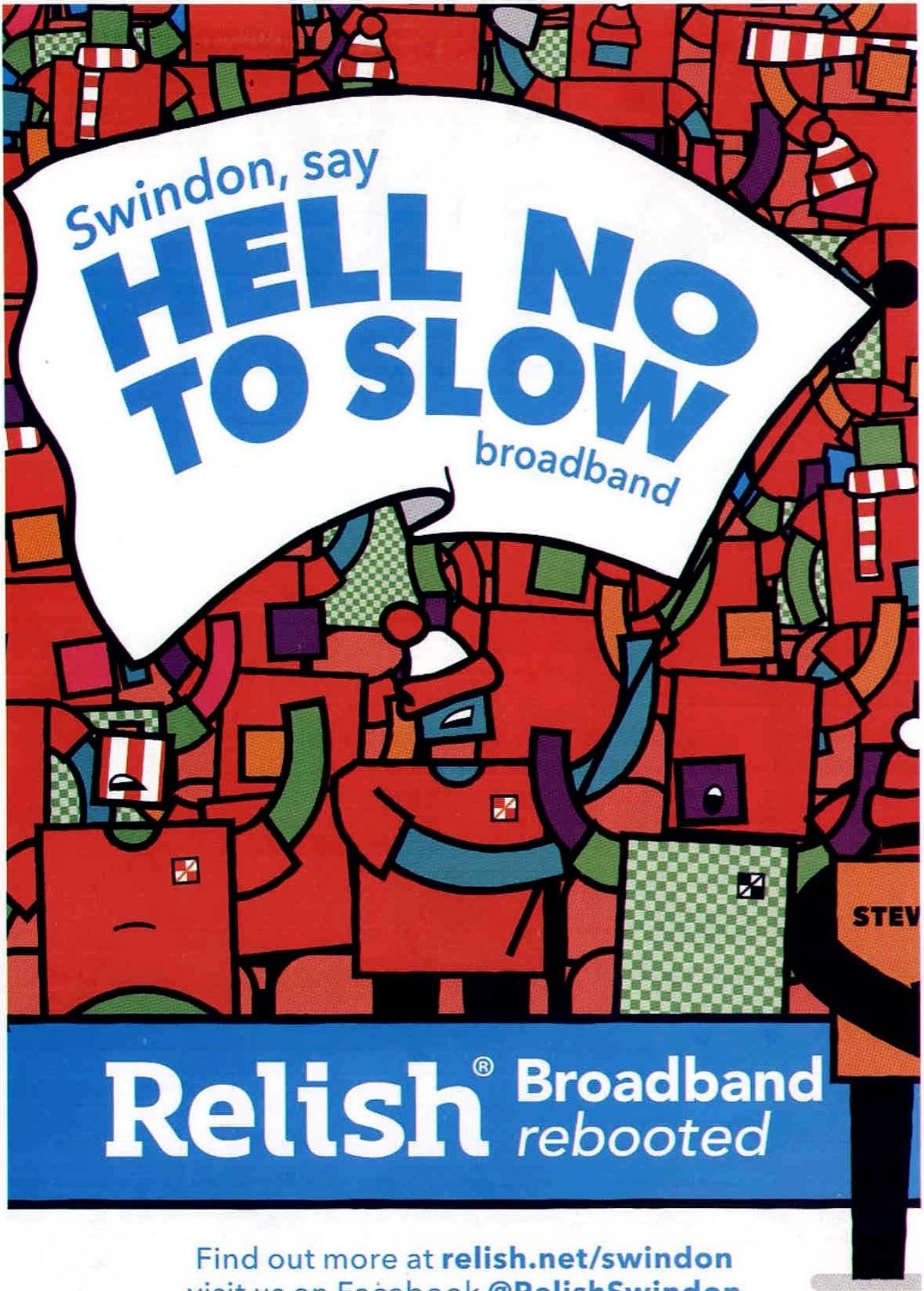
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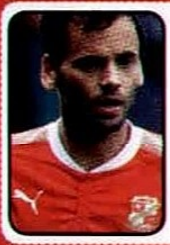

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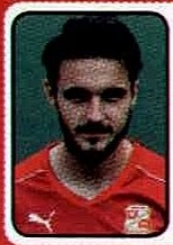

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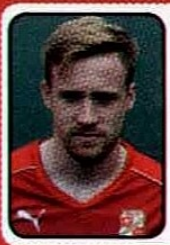

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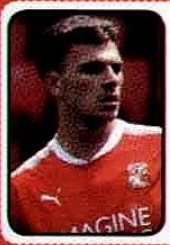

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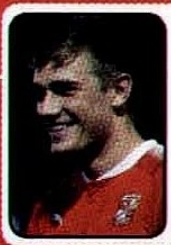

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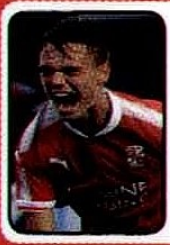

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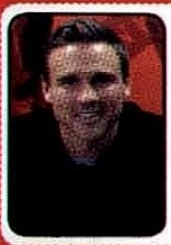

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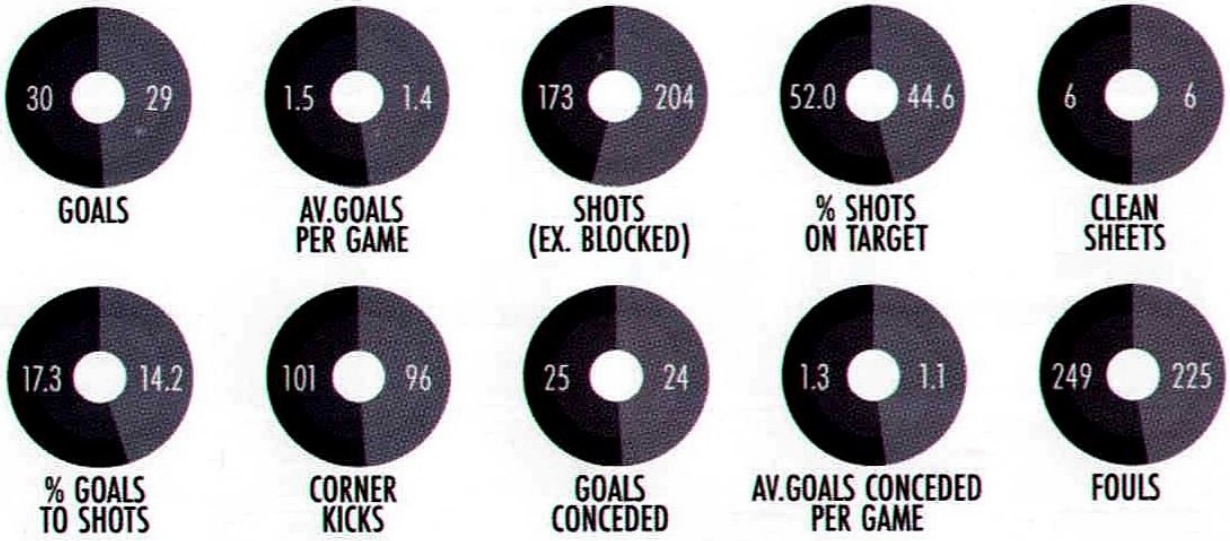
SWINDON TOWN v COLCHESTER UNITED

MATCH FACTS

This is the first clash between these sides in the fourth-tier since March 1986; the last 26 meetings have all come in the third-tier.

MATCH FACTS

Swindon have failed to win in four consecutive home league games against Colchester (D2 L2); they have never gone without a win over them in five straight home Football League meetings.



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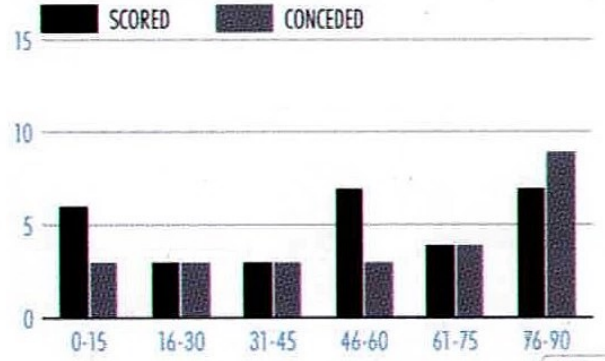

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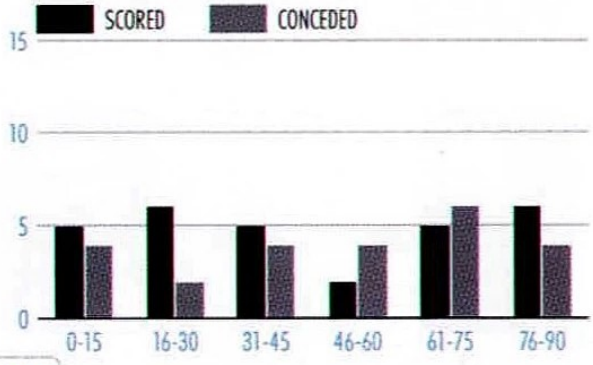

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2017-18 **STAT PACK**

LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	HYLTON	12
2	DENNIS	11
3	DOIDGE	11
4	GRANT	11
5	ADEBAYO AKI...	10

ASSISTS

1	COOPER	7
2	ADEBAYO AKI...	6
3	TAYLOR	6
4	CAMPBELL-RYCE	5
5	CLARK	5

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	UCHE IKPEAZU	30
2	DENNIS	28
3	EISA	27
4	ADEBAYO AKI...	25
5	HYLTON	25

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	HYLTON	139
2	DENNIS	141
3	SZMODICS	142
4	GRANT	143
5	ROSE	149

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	POPE	62
2	DOIDGE	57
3	DENNIS	52
4	KEE	47
5	COULTHIRST	45

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	SHINNIE	196
2	TAYLOR	199
3	COOPER	233
4	HUSSEY	266
5	MCALINDEN	273

FOULS

1	UCHE IKPEAZU	63
2	ADEBAYO AKI...	52
3	POPE	49
4	MANDRON	48
5	NEWTON	47

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	LEE	45
2	KRYSIAK	47
3	ANYON	51
4	COLLINS	51
5	RICHARDS	53

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Darren Way featured for Yeovil the last time Steve Evans managed a home Football League match against Yeovil in March 2005 – a 2-1 defeat for Evans' Boston United.

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Jorge Grant has been directly involved in seven goals in his last six League Two outings (4 goals, 3 assists).

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5-2

STEVENAGE

Scorers: Alex Samuel (18), Matt Godden (22), Tom Pett (45), Danny Newton (72,77).

Subs: Day, Franks, Beautyman, (Danny Newton 53), Vancooten, Wilmot, (Tom Conlon 84).

Booked: Jonathan Smith, Luke Wilkinson.

SHOTS	21	14
SHOTS ON TARGET	10	5
CORNERS	9	7
FOULS	9	13
POSSESSION	44%	56%

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | EFL

SWINDON TOWN

Scorers: Amine Linganzi (32), Matty Taylor 41).

Subs: Charles-Cook, Robertson, Knoyle, (Luke Norris 45), (Harry Smith 63), Iandolo, (James Brophy 82).

Booked: Paul Mullin

SWINDON TOWN U18'S

Scorer: Teo Atik (53)

Subs: Drag, Digweed, Wells, Dugan, White

09/12/2017
The Energy Check County Ground

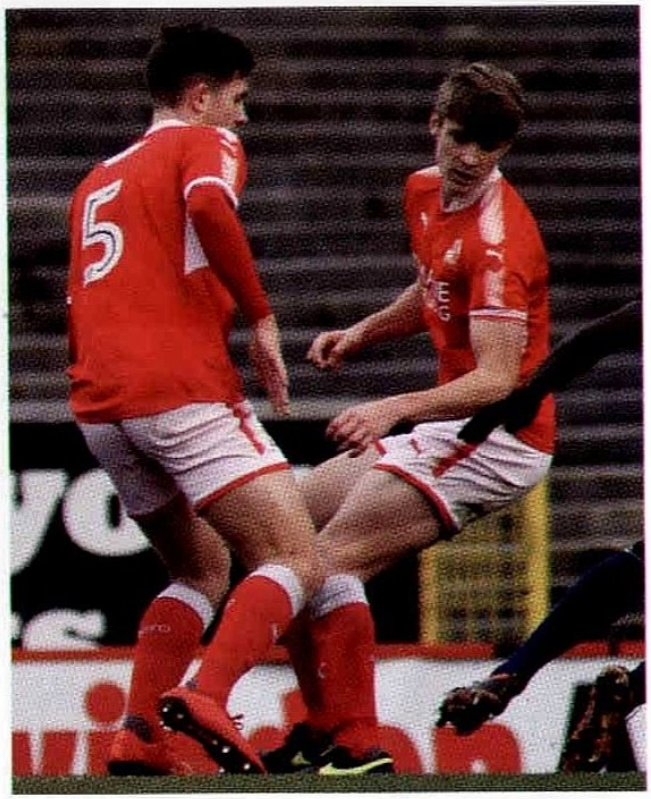
1-3

FA YOUTH CUP THIRD ROUND

NOTTINGHAM FOREST U18'S

Scorers: Riley Harbottle (39), Arvin Appiah (58), Luke McCormick 79)

Subs: Liburd-Hines, Asare, (Mighten 77), (Willetts 85), (Bondswell 90)



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BEST MATE AT THE CLUB

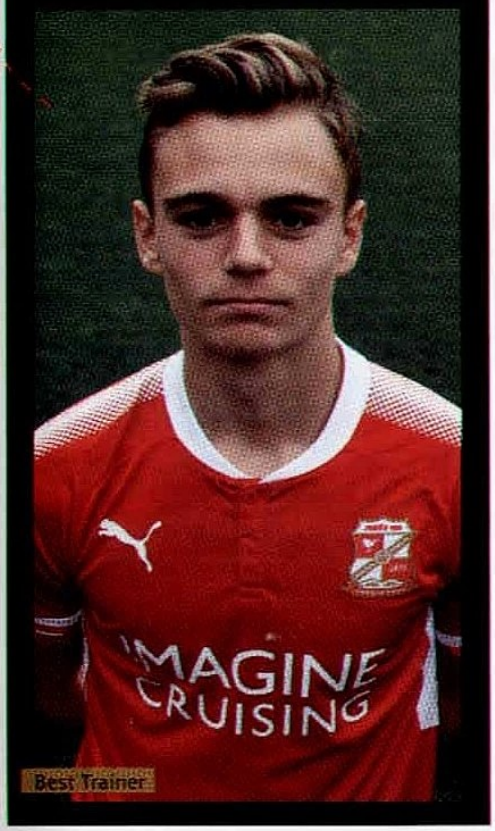
I would say Tom Smith, Youngy and Twiney.

MOST SKILFUL

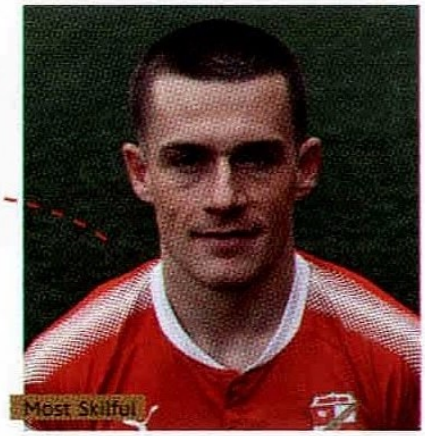
It is a hard one. I've got Smudge in the car so I'll ignore him! I'll say Donal McDermott

BEST TRAINER

I'm going to say Scott Twine because every time he trains he just scores goals for fun



Best Trainer


Most Skilful

WORST TRAINER

I can't answer that one - everyone is pretty good in training.

HARDMAN

It has got to be Dunny

Hardman

BEST DRESS SENSE

I would say Matty Taylor - he's got decent gear!

WORST DRESS SENSE

Someone like James Brophy!

MOST INTELLIGENT

Ben Purkiss all day long!

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Town's Dany N'Guessan is congratulated by Nicky Ajose and Louis Thompson after scoring the winner in our 2-1 victory away at Colchester United in November 2013.

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ACADEMY UPDATE
WITH JEREMY NEWTON

THE ACADEMY IS STILL RUNNING UNTIL THE LAST WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND IT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN TERMS OF THE GAMES OVER THE WEEKEND JUST GONE. OUR U15'S WERE DUE TO PLAY MANCHESTER UNITED AND THE U11'S THROUGH TO THE U14'S WERE AT EVERTON, BUT THE SNOW LITERALLY PUT A DAMPENER ON PROCEEDINGS AND EVERYTHING WAS CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF THAT.

Our U18's hosted Nottingham Forest at The Energy Check County Ground in the Third Round of the FA Youth Cup last Saturday and I thought it was a good game. It could have gone either way but, at that level, it just comes down to individual errors that can cost you a game.

That isn't a reflection on those individuals because it is part of their learning cycle and you have to be exposed to certain situations that they may not experience in their normal games programme. I felt Nottingham Forest had a little bit more than us in terms of creativity but we managed them for long periods of time and our second goal, which was not given for offside, could have made a difference and goals do change games.

We got back into it at 1-1 and we always speak about how vulnerable you are from scoring because you are just overexcited and we conceded straightaway. It took the wind out of our sails and if only that second goal counted then you never know, but it is all ifs, buts and maybes. I know the Forest coach very well and he was very complimentary to us after the game. The FA Youth Cup is a bonus to the boys and they've got to get back to the league campaign now and hopefully try and win the league.

We'll be sitting down as a group of staff soon to make decisions on our U16's for Scholarships. We've got a good group and that is healthy for next year. It is then all eyes on the second-half of the season and the Second-Years will be trying to get themselves into the reserves to try and aid themselves for April when their futures are decided. We've then got indoor festivals and tournaments and we don't really have a wind-down as an Academy. It just continues throughout the Christmas period and the first-team have got some fantastic games to look forward to, so it will be nice to come here on Boxing Day for once.

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MACCA PROUD OF PLAYERS' EFFORTS IN FA YOUTH CUP

THE YOUNG REDS WERE DEFEATED 3-1 BY NOTTINGHAM FOREST IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE COMPETITION, BUT ALAN MCLOUGHLIN WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR HIS SIDE.

I was obviously disappointed with the result but I was immensely proud of the effort and the commitment the players put into the game. We earned the right to be there and we earned the right to play a Category Two team with England players in the side.

We only had limited time to work with the players in the week leading up to the game due to a Central League game at Southend on Tuesday, and then the Manager quite rightly required four or five of the youth team to take part in their training session on Thursday. That totally scuppered my preparation for Saturday but we had Friday morning where we went through how we could frustrate Forest.

The game plan was executed great and we negated and stopped their better players by being compact and by sticking to the game plan. It was just unfortunate that we got outdone on a corner where we are normally strong at in terms of defending and we lost a one-v-one battle which meant that we went in 1-0 down at half-time.

Myself and Jeremy Newton had a chat and we both decided to go 4-3-3 and really take the game to Nottingham Forest. We were very positive and that kick-started the players, we asked them at half-time to be braver on the ball, to understand that they have to try and control the game and to be fair the boys executed it brilliantly and got back into the game with an excellent free-kick from Jordan Edwards, which saw a fine header from Teo Atik who got across his man to score.

We were right back in the game then but, unfortunately, we maybe took being brave with the ball a step too far and the next pass went square and was cut out. Players at a higher level will then punish you and normally that might go wide, but it was a great finish to make it 2-1.

The players didn't lose confidence, they kept going, kept taking the game to Forest and probably the turning point of the game then was a brilliant flowing move started at the back by Joe Romanski who drove forward, he then played the ball out to Jacob Bancroft who produced a lovely ball for Jordan Edwards who steered it past the goalkeeper and it was going into the back of the net but, unfortunately, Teo Atik instinctively decided to take the last touch but he was in an offside position.

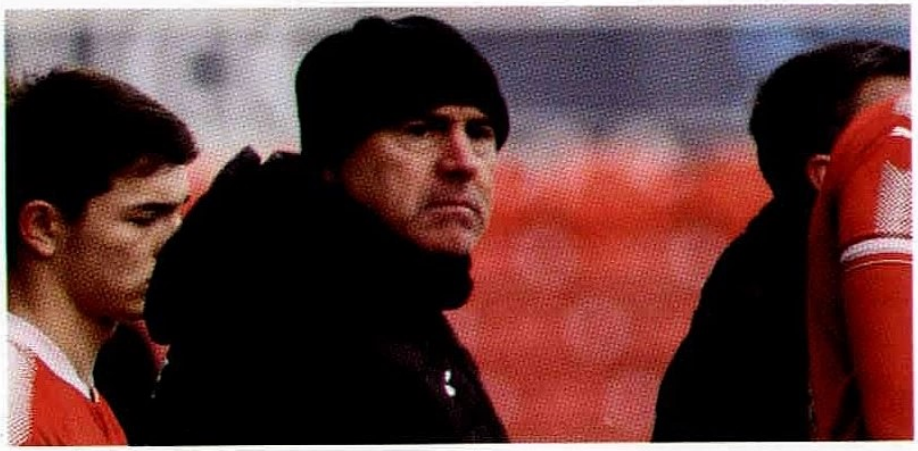
That was the turning point because we were on top in the game and the match was very open, it was a bit like a tennis match and I was enjoying the game. The final goal again came from a sloppy pass from us, it was cut out, we had to give away a free-kick and it was well executed by their player into the top right-hand corner.

Overall, I can't fault the players and although we lost I enjoyed it and we always ask the players to go out and express themselves within the instructions we give them. They did that and Nottingham Forest were very complimentary of us after the game. We were disappointed of course but I can't fault their effort, I can't fault their commitment and I can't fault their quality.

We have to regroup now and learn from certain errors and certain decision making. I was more than happy with the application and the effort of the players and that's all I expect. There will never be any complaints from me if they come out second best but try their best.

Enjoy the game today.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN, U18's Manager.



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EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP - SECOND ROUND

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

LUTON TOWN 1 (0)
(Shamalo 90)
SWINDON TOWN 0 (0)

Matthews, Blackwell (Stanley), Spalding, Romanski, Giamattei P, Dunstan-Digweed (Drag), White (Pryce), Graham, Atik (Dugan), Rejek, Bancroft.

F A YOUTH CUP - THIRD ROUND

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

SWINDON TOWN 1 (0)
(Atik 54)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 3 (1)
(Harbottle 38,Appiah 55,McCormick 81)

Matthews, Blackwell, Romanski, Rejek, Giamattei P, Graham, Bancroft, Atik (White), Pryce, Edwards (Dugan), Stanley (Wells).

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V FOREST GREEN ROVERS

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER AT STANLEY PARK,CHIPPENHAM

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U18s RESULTS and FIXTURES 2017/18			
Aug 5	Portsmouth	(a)	W4-3
Aug 12	Plymouth Argyle	(h)	W4-3
Aug 19	Exeter City	(a)	W3-2
Aug 26	Newport County	(h)	W5-1
Sep 2	Yeovil Town	(a)	L0-2
Sep 9	Cheltenham Town	(h)	W4-0
Sep 12	Gillingham (YAC1)	(a)	W2-0
Sep 16	Bristol Rovers	(a)	W3-2
Sep 30	AFC Bournemouth	(a)	L1-2
Oct 7	Oxford United	(h)	D3-3
Oct 14	Forest Green Rovers	(a)	W2-0
Oct 21	Newport County	(a)	L1-3
Oct 28	Yeovil Town	(h)	W3-2
Nov 4	Newport County (FAYC1)	(h)	W6-2
Nov 11	Cheltenham Town	(a)	W5-4
Nov 14	Northampton T (FAYC2)	(h)	W1-0
Nov 18	Bristol Rovers	(h)	L0-1
Nov 21	Luton Town (YAC2)	(a)	L0-1
Dec 9	Nottm Forest (FAYC3)	(h)	L1-3
Dec 16	Forest Green Rovers	(h)	
Jan 6	Portsmouth	(h)	
Jan 9	AFC Bournemouth	(h)	
Jan 13	Oxford United	(a)	
Jan 16	Plymouth Argyle	(a)	
Jan 27	Exeter City	(h)	

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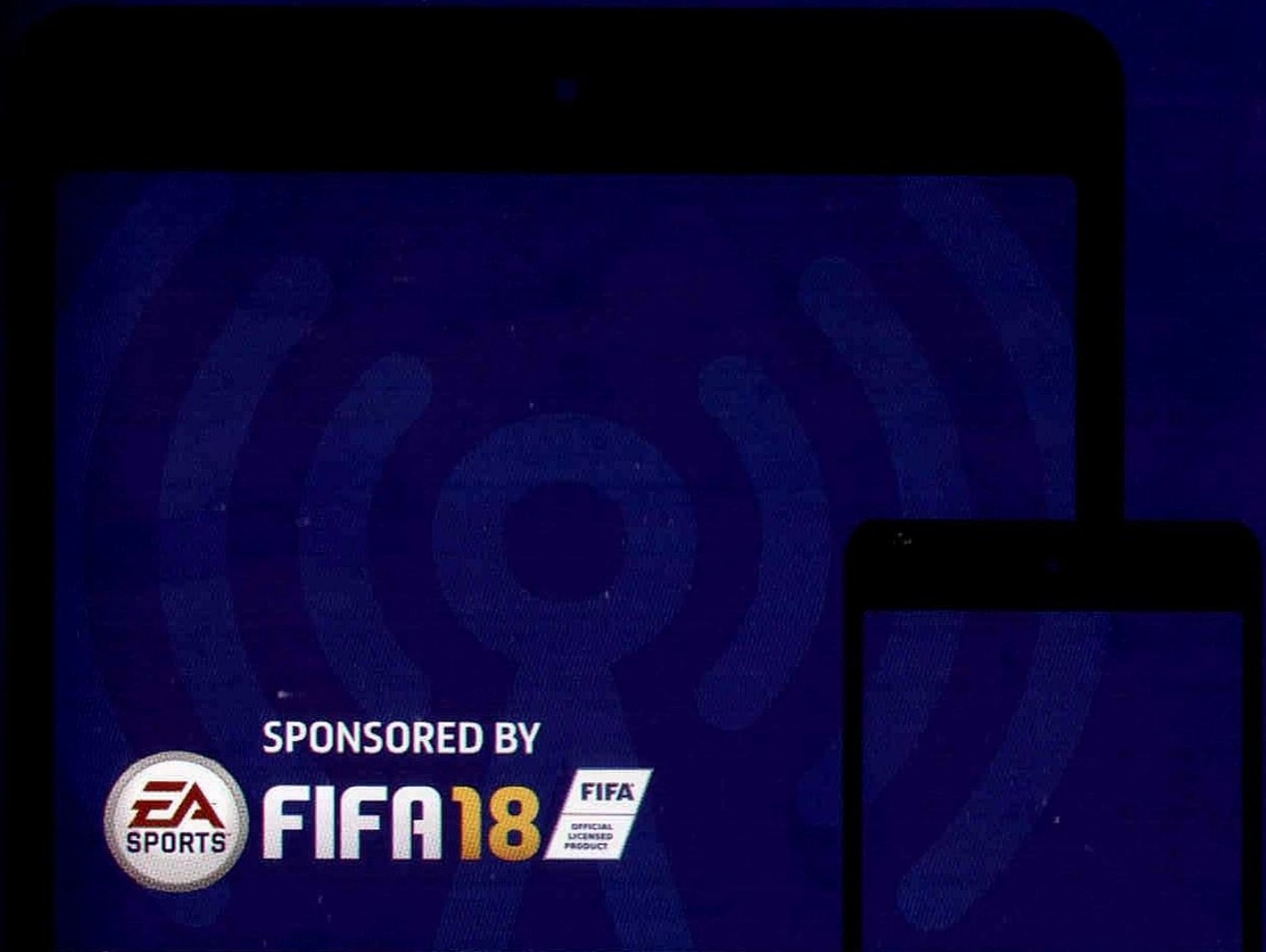

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THE PURKISS Diary

Back after a short break, Ben Purkiss fills us in on what life has been like as the new PFA Chairman as well as looking at what the Christmas period means for footballers...

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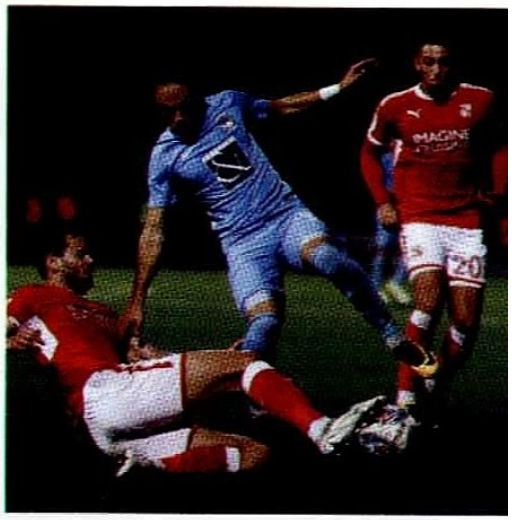
"You spend that time with your family but you also prepare for the game on Boxing Day so you are making sure you are eating right, you aren't overindulging, you go to bed at a decent hour and you don't partake in the celebrations that everyone else has on Christmas Eve."



It has been interesting few weeks as the new Chairman of The PFA. It has been different and everyone wants to know your opinion and everyone wants to talk about it, so I've been speaking to a lot of people about the PFA and a lot of people about the role.

I imagine that will all settle down now and I look forward to getting on with the job. The PFA have been good to me and it is an opportunity to give something back. Football has been good to me as well so again there is that chance to give something back. It is about making sure that The PFA is doing everything it possibly can to help all the players and players from every division. We need to make sure it is relevant for the players in the Premier League and the Championship, but also players in League One and League Two because they really do need and benefit from The PFA's support.

Christmas is nearly upon us and I think it is about balance. I've been fortunate over my career because I've never had a Christmas Day where I've been training - every manager that I've had has given us Christmas Day off. It is nice and it is important to spend that time with your family.

You spend that time with your family but you also prepare for the game on Boxing Day so you are making sure you are eating right, you aren't overindulging, you go to bed at a decent hour and you don't partake in the celebrations that everyone else has on Christmas Eve.

It is important to have that family time though because they support you throughout your career, but then you are always mindful of the fact that you have got a game the next day. I look back over my career and I've had convincing victories on Boxing Day and I've had defeats on Boxing Day as well. That day off on Christmas Day doesn't really make that much difference.

Have a good Christmas and I'll see you back here on Boxing Day.

Until next time.

PURKS.

FOOTBALL IN THE Community

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S FRIDAY FOOTBALL AND WE HOPE THE TEAM WILL DELIVER AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO TAKE US INTO THE FESTIVE PERIOD. CAN WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS, THEIR FAMILIES, OUR PARTNERS AND ALL SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

FOOTBALL FANS IN TRAINING

Tonight we celebrate the graduation of our latest group of 'Football Fans in Training' who have just completed their twelve week healthy lifestyle course here at SN1. This fantastic project is delivered in partnership with Swindon Borough Council and Swindon Public Health and we would like to thank Cllr Brian Ford for joining us tonight to present the certificates. The final weight loses are being calculated and we are anticipating the group will have lost nearly 40 stone in weight over the last 3 months. This is another brilliant achievement from the group and the men have now started their journeys to a long term healthier future. Congratulations to everyone that has graduated tonight and if you know someone over the age of 35, who is looking to lose some weight and get healthier, then email Jon Holloway **jon@stfc-fitc.co.uk**

PREMIER LEAGUE GIRLS

Our Premier League Girls project has got off to a flying start with over 170 female participants at 8 different sessions around Swindon. We offer a range of sport and fitness activities giving women and girls of all ages the chance to get fit and healthy! We are incredibly proud of all our participants. Here is our Kingsdown Womens FITT class, we have 30 women who take part in multi sports and fitness sessions every Tuesday night. Donna Doble, who attends the session with her daughter, reviewed the class: "I absolutely love the Tuesday night ladies fitness sessions. I was nervous about going after not really doing any keep fit classes for over 20 years and was worried it may be too hard but I was pleasantly surprised. Not only do I enjoy it when I am there, I can honestly say it is the only exercise I have ever looked forward too. Abby and Dave are fantastic at running the sessions, they surprise us with something different every week, we always have a laugh whilst working hard (and aching the next day). The sessions are well run, great fun, friendly and suit all ages and abilities. At 45 I didn't expect to be learning how to play benchball, but I'm glad I have! I would encourage any ladies thinking about it to give it a go!

For more information on our Premier League Girls programme please email **Abby Picton abby@stfc-fitc.co.uk**

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS

Premier League Primary Stars

Over the past few weeks Swindon Town FITC have hosted a range of exciting events with our partners at the Premier League. The first saw the Premier League trophy visit Swindon and the local area. The day started at Chesterton Primary School in Cirencester, where school children were able to set their sights on the trophy as well as receive taster sessions from our very own community coaches. From there the trophy moved to the Energy Check County Ground where local partner schools Lainesmead and Drove were able to experience the trophy up close. The day ended with the trophy in the club shop with player appearances from our very own Kaiyne Woolery and Paul Mullin. We would like to thank the Premier League for supporting us in arranging this special day.

We also hosted our very first Premier League Primary Stars author event. Pupils from both Lainesmead and Drove Primary School undertook a number of activities including a poetry workshop hosted by the poet, Paul Cookson. During the day, pupils were also able to create their own poems based on the theme of resilience. These will be entered into a national poetry competition, the Premier League Writing Stars, which will be judged by stars such as Frank Lampard and Yannick Bolasie.

If your school are interested in becoming involved in our Premier League Primary Stars programme then please email Mike Booroff **mike@stfc-fitc.co.uk**

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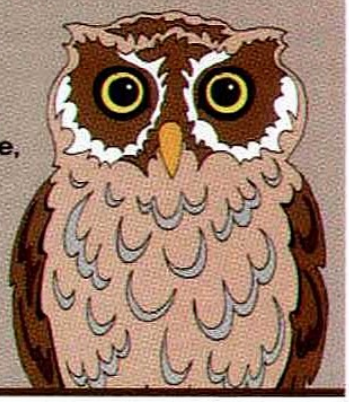

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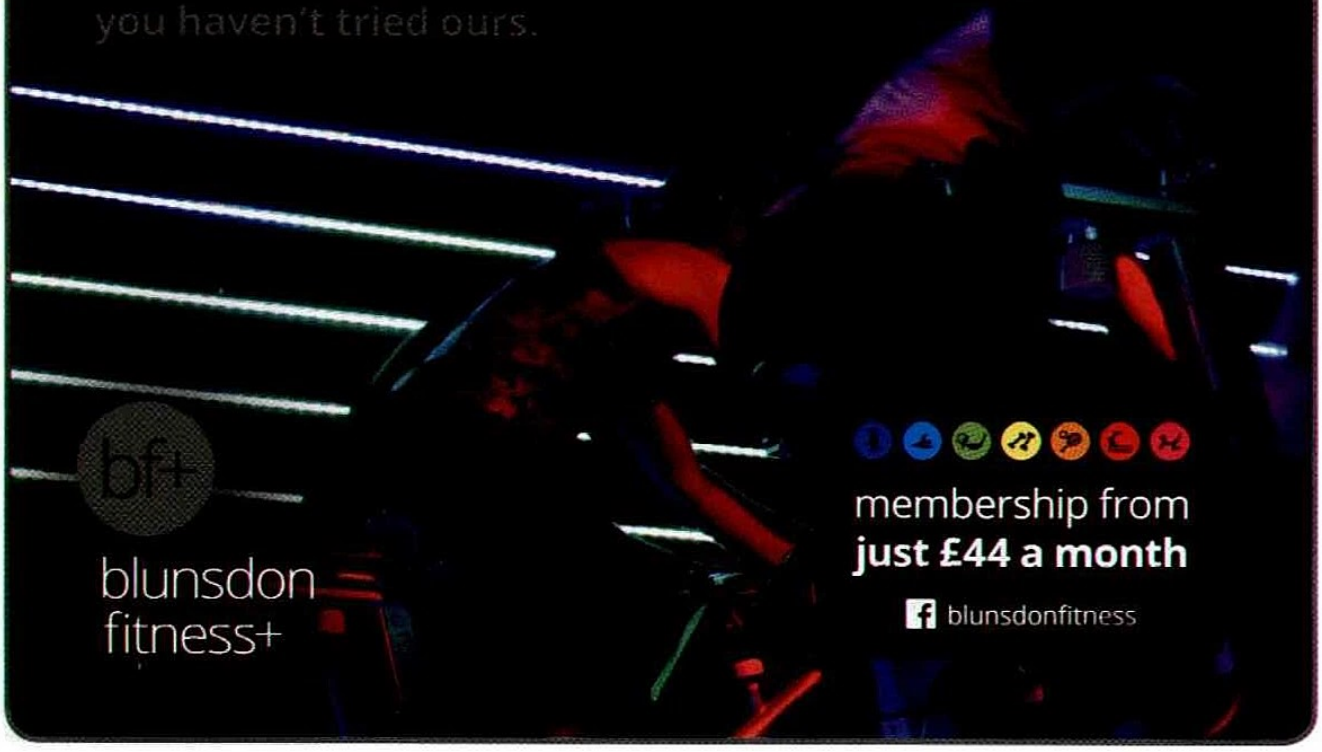

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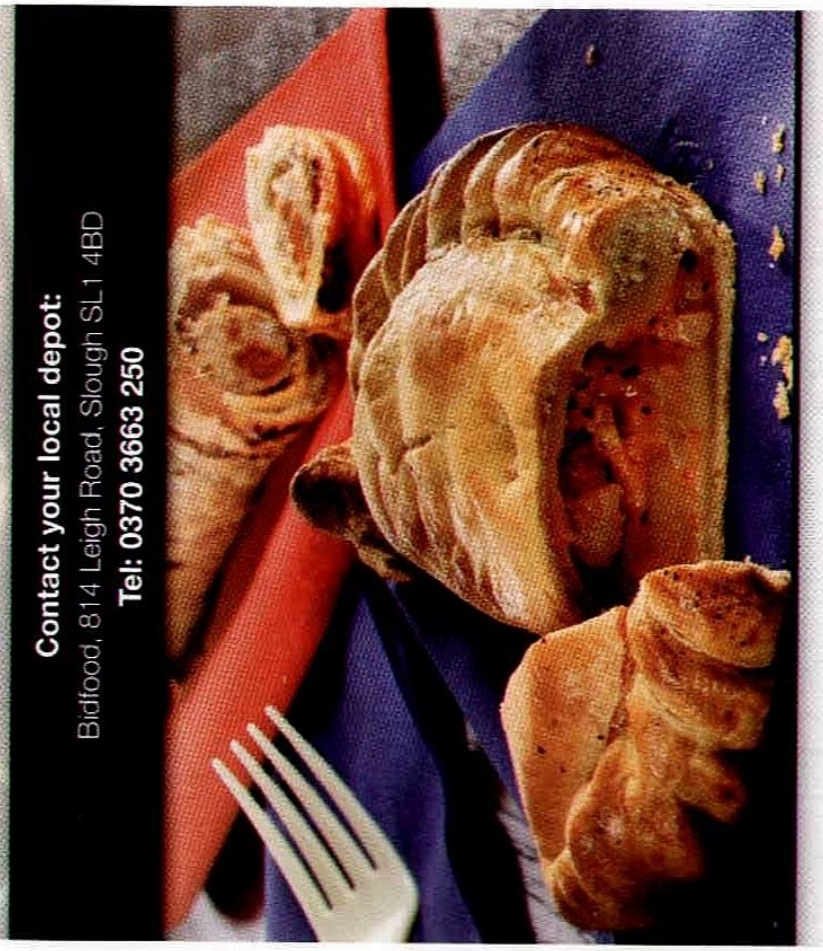

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ON THE ROAD

CREWE ALEXANDRA

23/12/2017 • KICK-OFF: 3PM

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BY ROAD

Leave the M6 at Junction 16 and take the A5020 towards Crewe. Follow this road right into Crewe and at the roundabout junction with the A534, Nantwich Road, turn left. Gresty Road is down past the Railway Station on the left.

PARKING

Just before you reach the island on Weston Road, you will see a sign pointing to the right, which displays: 'Away Supporters On Street Parking.' This directs you to an industrial estate on the right of the road. It takes about 15-minutes to walk to the ground from here. Alternatively, at the ground behind the Main Stand is a pay and display car park which holds 560 cars and costs £3.50 for the day. This fills up quite quickly on matchdays.

BY TRAIN

Gresty Road is only a few minutes walk from Crewe Railway Station. Turn left as you come out of the Railway Station and the ground is down the road on your left.

PUBS

If you arrive early at Gresty Road, the Supporters Club at the ground allows a small number of away fans in. There is also a number of pubs within walking distance of the ground, like the Corner Bar at the Royal Hotel on Nantwich Road. The Cheshire Inn and the Brunswick, both located further along Nantwich Road, are also highly recommended.

LAST TIME WE MET

16/01/2016
Swindon Town 4
Crewe Alexandra 3

The Reds rallied from behind to beat Crewe in a thrilling encounter at The County Ground thanks to a Nicky Ajose brace, a Jon Obika effort and Ben Nugent's own goal.

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CREWE ALEXANDRA • SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2017 (3PM)

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2017/18 PRICES

Matchday Prices

	SIDES	T.END
Adults:	£23	£19
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Under 21s:	£10	£10
Under 18s:	£6	£6
Under 11s:	£2	£2
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	SIDES	T.END
1 Adult, 2 U18s:	£32	N/A
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2 Adults, 2 U18s:	£53	N/A
2 Adults, 1 U18, 1 U21:	£57	N/A
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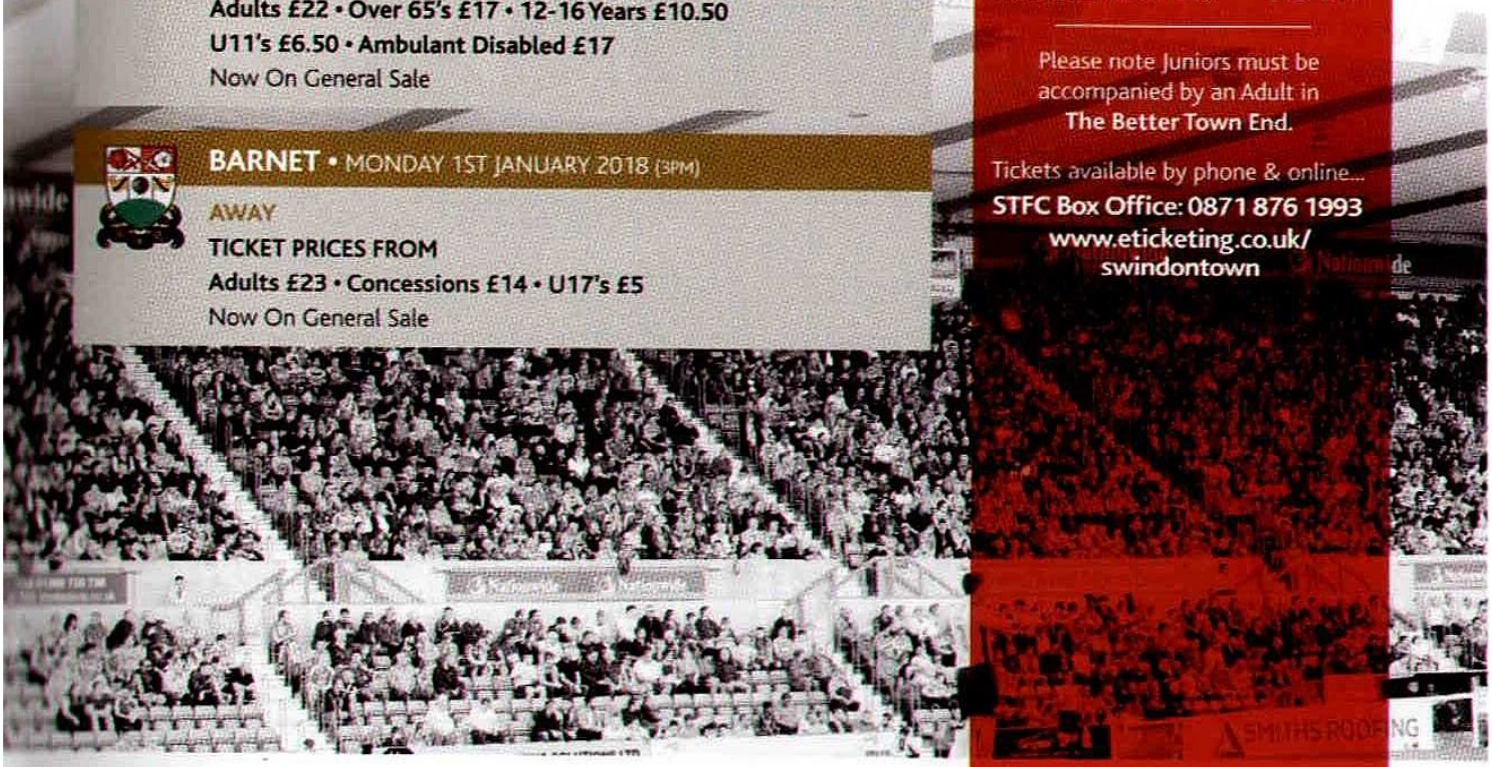

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2017/18 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	FIXTURE	RES./K.O	ATT. (AWAY)	STARTING XI					
AUGUST									
Sat Aug 5	Carlisle United	W2-1	6,036 (557)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
Tue Aug 8	Norwich City CC1	L2-3	13,166 (321)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Robertson	**Lancashire (1)**	Hussey	Dunne
Sat Aug 12	Exeter City	D1-1	7,795 (807)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Robertson	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
Tue Aug 15	West Ham United (EFLT)	L2-3	2,082 (285)	Henry	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
Sat Aug 19	Morecambe	W1-0	1,655 (472)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
Sat Aug 26	Crawley Town	L0-3	6,613 (87)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
SEPTEMBER									
Sat Sep 2	Barnet	L1-4	5,895 (246)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Robertson	Lancashire	Hussey	Taylor
Sat Sep 9	Luton Town	W3-0	8,455 (832)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	**Hussey (1)**	Dunne
Tue Sep 12	Notts County	L0-1	5,107 (336)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Taylor
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	W3-2	6,022 (?)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Conroy	Lancashire	Hussey	Dunne
Fri Sep 22	Forest Green Rovers	W2-0	3,305 (804)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Robertson	**Lancashire (1)**	Hussey	Dunne
Tue Sep 26	Coventry City	L1-2	6,340 (702)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Robertson	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge United	W2-0	5,847 (326)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
OCTOBER									
Sat Oct 6	Cheltenham Town	L1-2	5,050 (1,402)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	**Preston (1)**	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Oct 14	Mansfield Town	W3-1	4,081 (523)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Tue Oct 17	Lincoln City	L0-1	5,684 (?)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Oct 21	Wycombe Wanderers	W1-0	7,114 (?)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Oct 28	Port Vale	W3-0	5,071 (?)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	**Taylor (1)**	Dunne
Tue Oct 31	Wycombe Wanderers (EFLT)	W1-0	1,236 (?)	Charles-Cook	Knoyle	Preston	Robertson	Iandolo	Dunne
NOVEMBER									
Sat Nov 4	Dartford (FAC1)	W5-1	2705 (?)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Wed Nov 8	Bristol Rovers (EFLT)	W4-2	1,657 (197)	Charles-Cook	Knoyle	Robertson	Lancashire	Iandolo	**Goddard (1)**
Sat Nov 11	Chesterfield	D2-2		Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Nov 18	Yeovil Town	W2-1	3,622 (1,144)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Tues Nov 21	Grimsby Town	L2-3	3,023 (199)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
Sat Nov 25	Newport County	L0-1	6,764 (?)	Charles-Cook	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Dunne
DECEMBER									
Sat Dec 2	Stevenage (FAC2)	L2-5	1,883 (?)	Vigouroux	Purkiss	Preston	Lancashire	**Taylor (1)**	Dunne
Tue Dec 5	Forest Green Rovers (EFLT)	L0-1	1,320 (?)	Vigouroux	Knoyle	Preston	Lancashire	Taylor	Robertson
Sat Dec 9	Accrington Stanley	15.00	P-P						
Fri Dec 15	Colchester United	19.45							
Sat Dec 23	Crewe Alexandra	15.00							
Tue Dec 26	Luton Town	15.00							
Sat Dec 30	Notts County	15.00							
JANUARY									
Mon Jan 1	Barnet	15.00							
Sat Jan 6	Stevenage	15.00							
Sat Jan 13	Forest Green Rovers	15.00							
Sat Jan 20	Coventry City	15.00							
Sat Jan 27	Crewe Alexandra	15.00							
FEBRUARY									
Sat Feb 3	Lincoln City	15.00							
Sat Feb 10	Mansfield Town	15.00							
Tue Feb 13	Wycombe Wanderers	19.45							
Sat Feb 17	Port Vale	15.00							
Sat Feb 24	Chesterfield	15.00							
MARCH									
Sat Mar 3	Yeovil Town	15.00							
Sat Mar 10	Cheltenham Town	15.00							
Sat Mar 17	Cambridge United	15.00							
Sat Mar 24	Exeter City	15.00							
Fri Mar 30	Morecambe	15.00							
APRIL									
Mon Apr 2	Crawley Town	15.00							
Sat Apr 7	Carlisle United	15.00							
Sat Apr 14	Newport County	15.00							
Sat Apr 21	Grimsby Town	15.00							
Sat Apr 28	Colchester United	15.00							
MAY									
Sat May 5	Accrington Stanley	15.00							

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Goddard	Linganzi	Brophy	**Mullin (1)**	**Norris (1)**	H. Smith	Iandolo	Thomas	**A Haines**
Thomas	T. Smith	Brophy	**Mullin (1)**	H. Smith	Iandolo			**G Eltringham**
McDermott	**Linganzi**	Brophy	**Mullin**	H. Smith	Norris	**Woolery (1)**	Thomas	**D Drysdale**
McDermott	**Linganzi**	**Iandolo**	Woolery	**Norris (1)**	**Mullin (1)**	H. Smith	Brophy	**J Busby**
McDermott (1)	Linganzi	**Mullin**	Woolery	Norris	Brophy	Robertson	H. Smith	**M Heywood**
McDermott	Linganzi	**Mullin**	Woolery	**Norris**	Brophy	Taylor	H. Smith	**B Huxtable**
McDermott	**Linganzi**	**Elsnik**	Anderson	**Norris (1)**	Mullin	Conroy	Woolery	**J. Linnington**
Mullin (1)	Woolery	Elsnik	Anderson	**Norris (1)**	Taylor	Gordon	Linganzi	**G. Salisbury**
Mullin	Woolery	Elsnik	Anderson	**Norris**	Gordon	H. Smith	Linganzi	**S. Duncan**
Mullin	Gordon	Elsnik	**Anderson (1)**	**Norris (2)**	Robertson	Linganzi	Woolery	**J. Brooks**
Mullin	Gordon	Elsnik	Anderson	Norris	Woolery	**Taylor (1)**	H. Smith	**D. Drysdale**
Mullin	Gordon	Elsnik	Anderson	**Norris**	McDermott	Linganzi	H. Smith	**C. Breakspear**
Linganzi	Gordon	Woolery	**Anderson (1)**	Norris	**H. Smith (1)**	Goddard	Mullin	**A. Woolmer**
Linganzi	Gordon	Woolery	Anderson	Norris	Goddard	McDermott	Mullin	**R. Jones**
Linganzi (1)	**Goddard (1)**	Mullin	Anderson	Norris (2)	McDermott	Woolery		**O. Langford**
Linganzi	**Goddard**	Mullin	**Anderson**	**Norris**	McDermott	Woolery		**S. Oldham**
Linganzi	**Goddard**	McDermott	**Anderson**	**H. Smith (1)**	Mullin			**J. Brooks**
Linganzi	Goddard	McDermott	Anderson	H. Smith	Elsnik	**Mullin (1)**	**Gordon (1)**	**G. Horwood**
Mullin	Elsnik	**Woolery**	**Anderson**	Gordon	H. Smith	Goddard	McDermott	**K. Johnson**
Mullin (1)	Elsnik (2)	McDermott	**Linganzi (1)**	**H. Smith (1)**	Goddard	Woolery	Gordon	**D. Drysdale**
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Goddard	Gordon	Woolery	**Anderson (1)**	**H. Smith**	Iandolo			**M. Coy**
Goddard	Iandolo	Mullin	Anderson	**H. Smith**	Woolery	Gordon	Brophy	**J. Linnington**
Goddard	Gordon	**Mullin**	Woolery	**Linganzi (1)**	Norris	H. Smith	Brophy	**N. Kinseley**
Iandolo	Norris	Mullin	Anderson	Linganzi	Woolery	Dunne	Gordon	**R. Lewis**

Booked | Booked | Sent Off

KEY: (1) = Number of goals scored.
First Substitution, Second Substitution, Third Substitution

LEAGUE TABLE

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Luton Town	21	12	6	3	30	42
2	Notts County	21	12	6	3	15	42
3	Accrington Stanley	20	11	4	5	10	37
4	Exeter City	21	11	3	7	4	36
5	Wycombe Wanderers	21	9	7	5	9	34
6	Lincoln City	21	9	6	6	7	33
7	Coventry City	21	9	5	7	7	32
8	**Swindon Town**	**20**	**10**	**2**	**8**	**5**	**32**
9	Mansfield Town	21	8	8	5	5	32
10	**Colchester United**	**21**	**9**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**32**
11	Grimsby Town	21	9	5	7	-1	32
12	Newport County	21	8	7	6	5	31
13	Cambridge United	21	8	5	8	-8	29
14	Carlisle United	21	7	7	7	1	28
15	Cheltenham Town	21	7	6	8	-1	27
16	Stevenage	21	7	6	8	-5	27
17	Crawley Town	21	6	6	9	-4	24
18	Morecambe	21	5	7	9	-8	22
19	Port Vale	21	6	3	12	-10	21
20	Yeovil Town	21	5	5	11	-13	20
21	Chesterfield	21	5	5	11	-13	20
22	Crewe Alexandra	21	6	2	13	-14	20
23	Forest Green Rovers	21	5	5	11	-17	20
24	Barnet	21	4	5	12	-9	17

RESULTS

SAT DEC 09 2017

Yeovil Town 0-2 Lincoln City

Stevenage 0-0 Wycombe Wanderers

Port Vale 2-0 Cambridge United

Newport County 3-3 Carlisle United

Morecambe 2-0 Coventry City

Luton Town 1-1 Notts County

Grimsby Town 1-0 Forest Green Rovers

Crawley Town 2-0 Mansfield Town

Colchester United 3-1 Exeter City

Chesterfield 2-1 Barnet

Cheltenham Town 1-0 Crewe Alexandra

SATURDAY'S GAMES
(3PM UNLESS STATED)

BARNET V MORECAMBE

CAMBRIDGE UNITED V NEWPORT COUNTY

CARLISLE UNITED V PORT VALE

COVENTRY CITY V CHELTENHAM TOWN

CREWE ALEXANDRA V CRAWLEY TOWN

EXETER CITY V STEVENAGE

FOREST GREEN ROVERS V LUTON TOWN

LINCOLN CITY V ACCRINGTON STANLEY

MANSFIELD TOWN V YEOVIL TOWN

NOTTS COUNTY V GRIMSBY TOWN

WYCOMBE WANDERERS V CHESTERFIELD

TOP GOALSCORERS			
1	Danny Hylton	Luton Town	12
2	Jorge Grant	Notts County	11
3	Kristian Dennis	Chesterfield	11
4	Christian Doidge	Forest Green Rovers	11
5	Adebayo Akinfenwa	Wycombe Wanderers	10

TOP ASSISTS			
1	George Cooper	Crewe Alexandra	7
2	Matty Taylor	Swindon Town	6
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FROM THE EDITOR

Merry Christmas everyone! I thought I would kick-off these notes with a festive touch given that the big day is looming ever closer!

The busy festive period really does start now and there are some mouthwatering games coming up that we can all look forward to. Luton Town on Boxing Day and Notts County a few days later are both big, big fixtures and could well be season defining for all three teams concerned.

Tonight's game will certainly set the tone for the Christmas period and three points will be vitally important given that the U's are waiting to pounce just behind us in the table. They are starting to hit form at just the right time and this evening is the perfect opportunity for us to get back on track.

There is always something special about a night game at The Energy Check County Ground and we've enjoyed a couple of memorable outings on a Friday around about this time of year.

Remember the 5-1 demolition against Tranmere Rovers here in December 2012? Goals from Danny Hollands, Raffaele DeVita, Matt Ritchie and a brace from Andy Williams certainly got us all in the mood for Christmas that night - let's hope for a similar result tonight!

We hosted our Junior Reds Christmas Party on Monday and it was great to see a huge turnout - both from the fans and the players with pretty much the whole squad in attendance. It looked like everyone enjoyed the evening and I even did my part by dressing up as Santa - not sure the boys were all that impressed though!

Fingers crossed we can get a much-needed win tonight and really kick-off the Christmas period in style - enjoy the game!

And all that is left to do is to wish you all a Merry Christmas - see you back here on Boxing Day.

ANDREW STEELE-DAVIS, Head of Media & Communications

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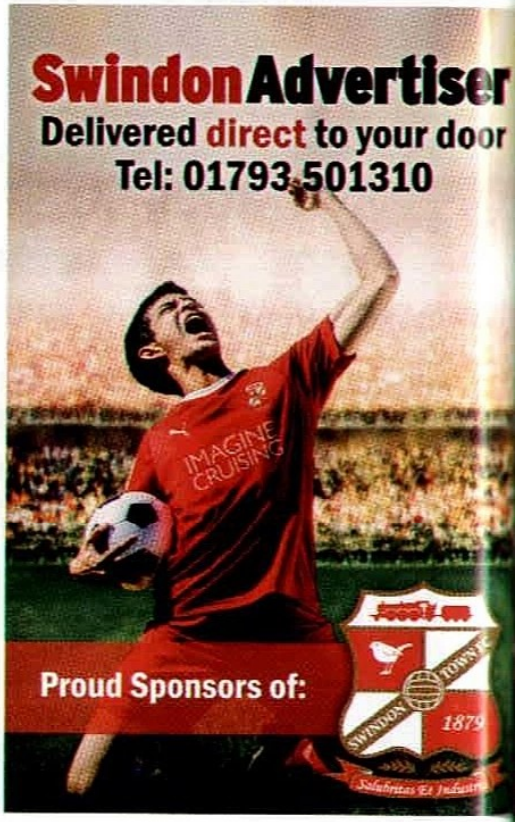

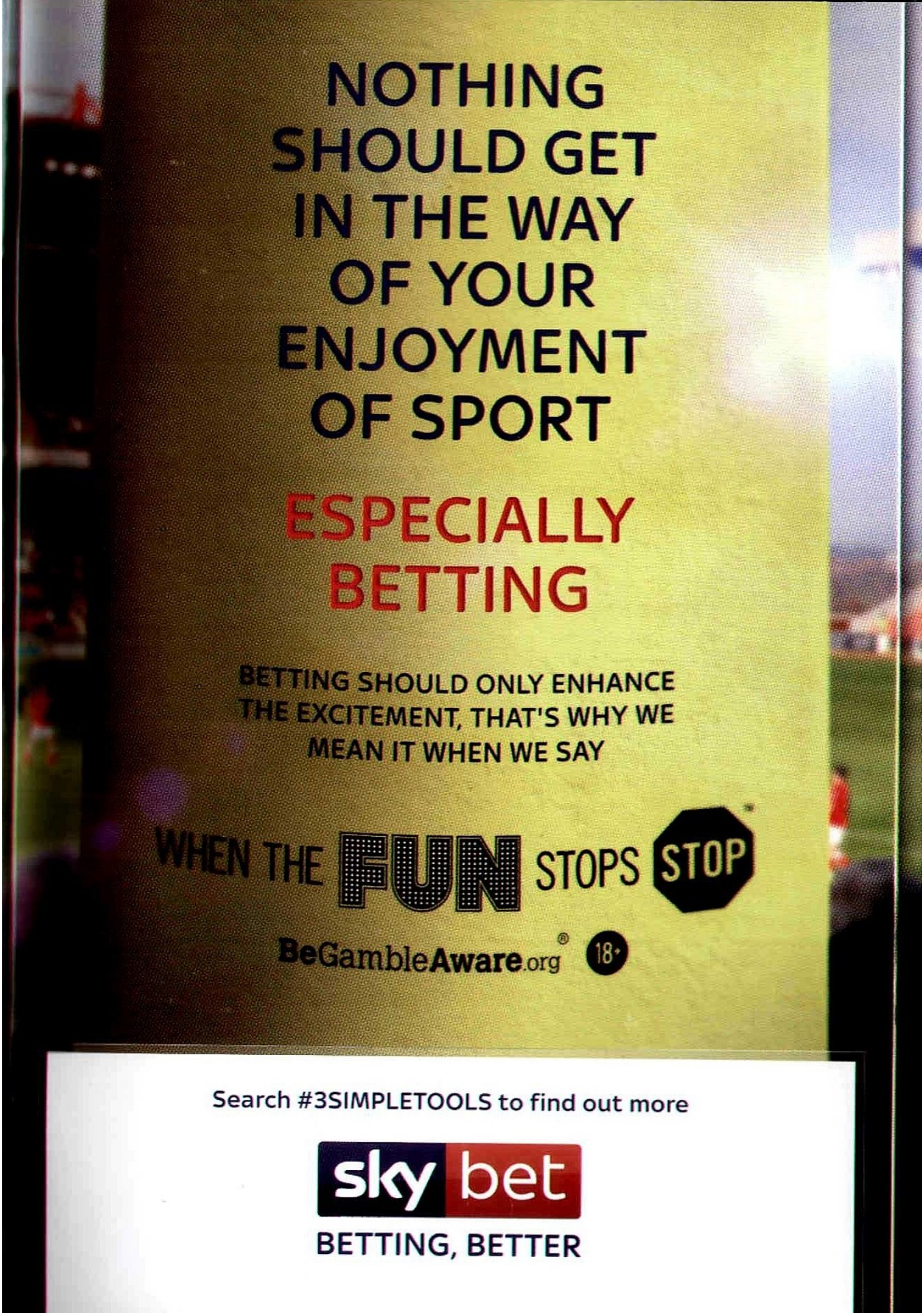
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