

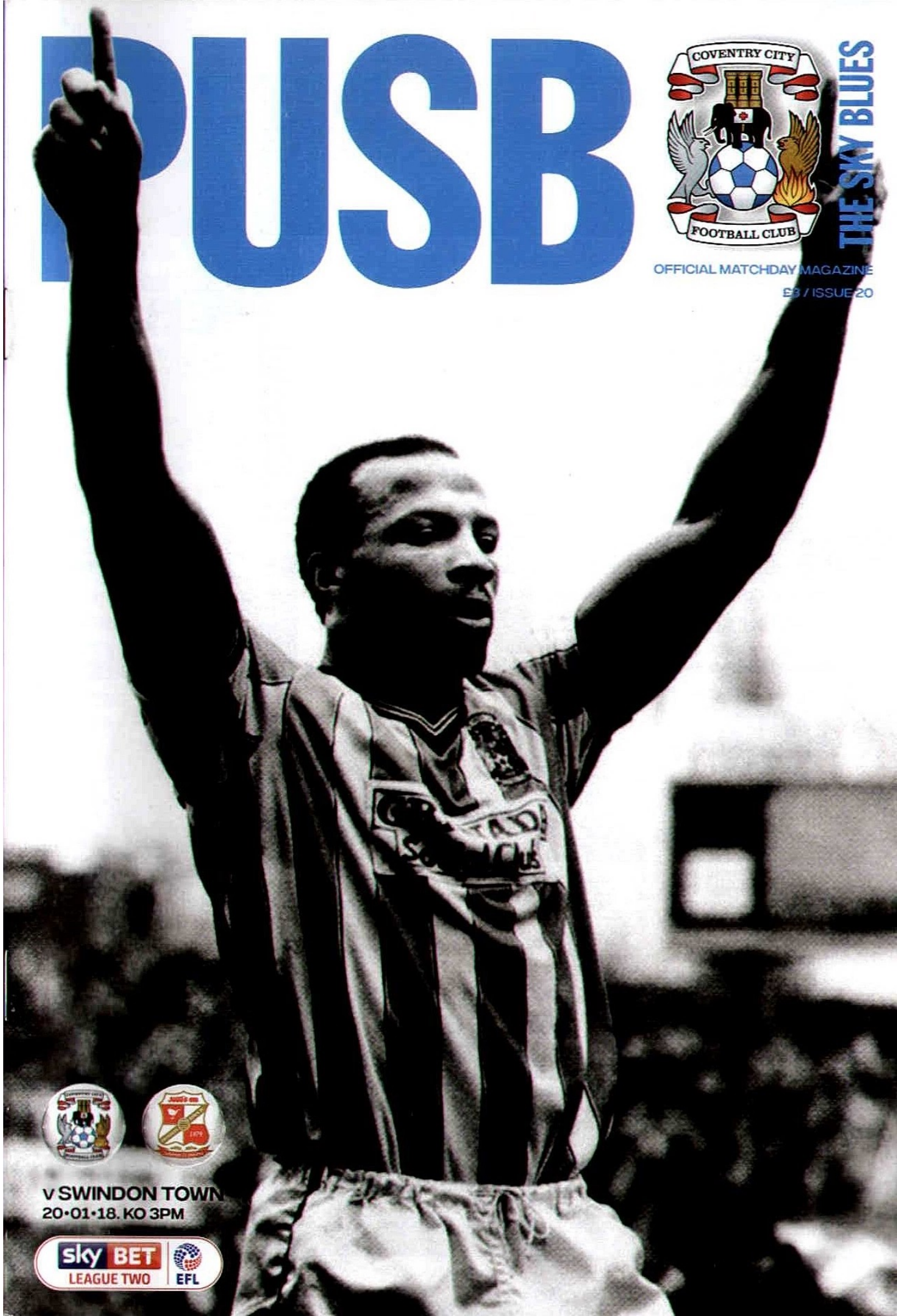
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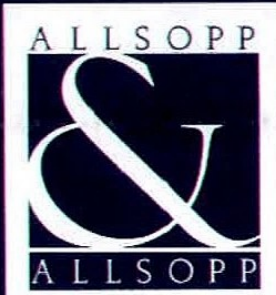
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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

MARK ROBINS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to the Ricoh Arena today, as we return to league action at home against Swindon Town. I would like to extend that welcome David Flitcroft and his players, staff and all the supporters who join us from Swindon Town this afternoon.

First of all, this week brought us the sad news of the passing of Coventry City legend Cyrille Regis. Everyone at the club was shocked and saddened to hear of the news and you only have to see what's been written about Cyrille to understand how important he was to many people and the influence that he has had on the game and I can only echo that.

It has been a sad time this week, losing someone like Cyrille who made a huge impact in the world of football and here at Coventry City and he is in the hearts of everyone at the club and our thoughts go out to his family at this sad time.

The news really puts everything into perspective in football and we will be paying our respects to him this afternoon.

In our last home game, it was a great day for the club to progress into the next round of the FA Cup and the support that day was fantastic and no doubt helped play its part on the day. That atmosphere was brilliant and we need that now until the end of the season.

The win against Stoke helped to extend our unbeaten run at the Ricoh to six games in all competitions. We now have some exciting games coming up against sides around us in the league and in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup against MK Dons.

We are looking forward to the game against MK and to have sold out our allocation of just under 8,000 is brilliant. However, that is next week and we are fully focused on an important game against Swindon today.

It's a special occasion this afternoon, with the

events that have happened in the week and we want to start the game on the front foot this afternoon from the first whistle. It's a big game for us, against a team who are around us in the league and want to make sure we are playing at a high tempo and putting the pressure on Swindon from the off.

Swindon have the best away record in the league this season and we have been strong at home throughout the season and we want to extend that this afternoon.

Elsewhere, we are now seeing Liam Kelly and Peter Vincenti stepping up their return from injury. Liam and Peter were back out on the grass last week and are continuing to progress in their preparations to return to full fitness.

Finally, I wear my Man of Men badge with pride on the touchline because I want to represent everybody in the fight against prostate cancer. It's a scary disease, and people don't know enough about it. If more men can learn about their risk through the work that Prostate Cancer UK are doing with the EFL then that's fantastic and I fully support what they're doing in football.

We lose one man every 45 minutes to prostate cancer; 330,000 men are affected by the disease every year. To put that in perspective, you could fill the Ricoh Arena 10 times over, just with men who will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in this country in the twelve months. Those are some staggering numbers and we need to come together as a footballing community to make sure that we're doing everything in our power to stop prostate cancer being a killer.

It's never been easier to join the fight: get involved in a walking event, cycle to Amsterdam, or just text 'BADGE' to 70005 to donate £5 and get a Man of Men pin badge like mine.

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Mark Robins

MARK ROBINS



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVE BODDY

Good afternoon and welcome to the Ricoh Arena as we face Swindon Town here in SkyBet League Two this afternoon.

The away game at Swindon earlier this season was the best game that I have seen this season, so if it is anything like that then we are in for a treat.

I have been delighted with the reaction to the announcement of our Community Day against Accrington Stanley on 10th February. Not only will tickets be £5 in advance for all supporters (or £10 on the day), but Sky Blues in the Community are visiting schools in Coventry to hand out vouchers for free tickets for the game in the North Stand.

We hope to see the Ricoh Arena packed for that match, which would be great and provide a huge boost to Mark Robins and the team in a crucial game in the push for promotion.

We have seen the extent of the Sky Blue Army support for the team once again this week, as we sold out of tickets for our upcoming Emirates FA Cup tie against MK Dons. To sell nearly 8000 tickets for an away fixture without even going on general sale is a huge achievement for any club.

Last season during the Wembley ticket process, there were complaints about queuing times and purchasing online. I'm glad to report that there have been minimal examples of this on this occasion.



We took the decision to reduce the Season Ticket allocation from the normal 6 down to 4. Setting allocations per person is never an easy decision, as fans have different circumstances and in this situation the supply of tickets was never enough to satisfy the demand.

Season Ticket holder's priority is important, as it is these fans who commit their time and money to the club at the start of each season and who's loyalty is vital. Saying that, we appreciate not all fans are able to commit, which is where our Memberships and Match Packages come in. These fans also received a priority, with the tickets selling out around 30 minutes into this period.

Just under 3000 Season Ticket holders purchased tickets for MK Dons. This means an average of 2.2 tickets per person. Ultimately, it was not the allocation per person which lead to tickets selling out 'early', but the desire of fans to make the trip to Stadium MK to support the team in such a big game, which should be applauded.

We did request further tickets from MK Dons both before selling out and once we did, however following safety concerns regarding previous occasions against other teams that away capacities totalled 10,000 meant that MK Dons could not accommodate this.

I hope you enjoy the game today!

BANNED IN THE MORNING YOU'RE GETTING BANNED IN THE MORNING

All 72 EFL Clubs have signed up to a new Chairman's Charter to help put an end to the dangerous use of pyrotechnics.

It is already a criminal offence to enter a football stadium while in possession of a flare, smoke bomb or firework.

Any supporter now found to be in breach of the terms of the Chairman's Charter will also face a minimum three-season Club ban.



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CLUB NEWS

SUPPORTERS FORUM FIRST MEETING THIS MONTH

The first meeting of the new Coventry City Supporters Forum will take place later this month at the Ricoh Arena.

Various supporter groups and organisations have agreed to be part of the new forum and send a representative to the meeting. These are:



- CCFC LGBT Supporters Club
- Coventry City Former Players Association
- Coventry City London Supporters Club
- Coventry City Supporters Club Irish Branch
- Diamond Club
- Family Zone volunteers
- Leamington and Warwick Supporters Club
- Sky Blue Trust
- Sky Blues in the Community

At the first meeting, the aims of the Supporters Forum will be agreed.

Also at the meeting, the process for the election of fan representatives will be discussed.

- A fan representative is required for each of the following:
- Season Ticket holders (Standard Zone/Premium Zone)
 - Corporate Season Ticket holders
 - Disabled Supporters

Any supporter from these categories will be able to put themselves forward as a representative, serving a one-year term. Details on how fans can put themselves forward and the subsequent voting process will be confirmed following discussions at the first meeting.

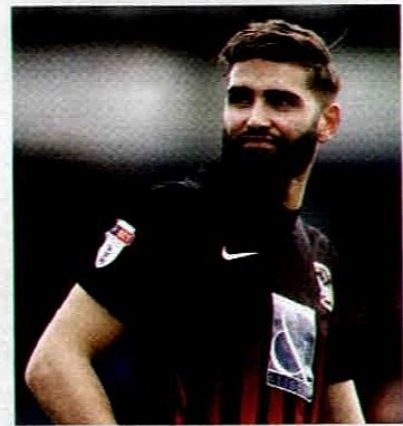
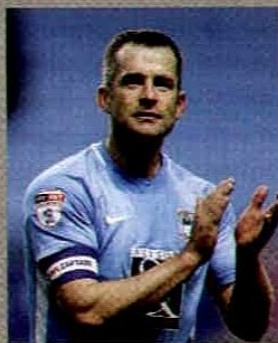
DOYLE WINS GENESIS GOAL OF THE MONTH PRIZE

Michael Doyle has won the Genesis Employment Goal of the Month award for December.

The Sky Blues captain won for his strike at the Ricoh Arena against Wycombe Wanderers, when from around 45 yards the midfielder let fire on an unbelievable strike to set the Sky Blues on their way to three points.

Michael won the Twitter poll with 79% of the 879 people that voted, with Marc McNulty coming joint second with himself, with his goals against Boreham Wood and Wycombe coming out with 8% each.

In fourth place was McNulty again for his winning goal at the Ricoh against Cheltenham Town which had 5% of the vote



TURNBULL MOVES TO NORTHAMPTON

Coventry City defender Jordan Turnbull has moved from the Sky Blues to Northampton Town in a permanent transfer.

Turnbull joined the club from Southampton in August 2016, making 46 appearances and scoring 2 goals during his spell with the Sky Blues, which also included picking up a Checkatrade Trophy winners medal in April 2017.

Coventry City would like to thank Jordan for his efforts while at the club, and wish him the best for his future career.

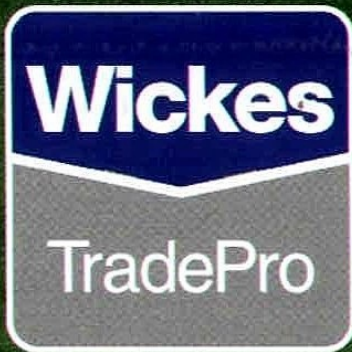
McNULTY WINS PFA AWARD FOR DECEMBER

Marc McNulty has been voted the PFA Bristol Street Motors Player of the Month for League 2 by football fans across the country.

In a landslide vote run by fan engagement experts, Snack Media, the in-form striker won 33% of the nominations for December knocking Colchester midfielder, Sammie Szmodics, (16%) into second place.

In the final of four divisional votes carried out over seven days via Snack's digital and social networks, it was clear that McNulty's superb performances over December – where he scored four goals to help his club maintain their promotion aspirations - has resonated not just with Coventry fans, but with supporters of all teams.

To see all the winners from all four leagues for December go to www.footballfanecast.com/pfa-awards



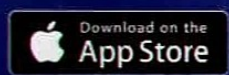
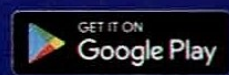
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CLUB NEWS

FANS URGED TO BECOME POTENTIAL LIFESAVERS AS COVENTRY CITY JOIN DKMS TO SHOW BLOOD CANCER THE 'RED CARD'

Coventry City has again teamed up with blood cancer charity DKMS in a bid to register fans as potential lifesavers. On 20 January 2018, a match-day donor registration event will be held at Coventry City's main entrance Ricoh Arena. It will give supporters attending the home game against Swindon the opportunity to register as blood stem cell donors and potentially help save the life of someone with a blood cancer.

Coventry City Head of Marketing and Communications, Mark Hornby, said: "Following the success of our donor event registration last year at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry City FC is delighted to once again stand united with DKMS, as we show blood cancer the red card. In our players and our fans we have many heroes at the club, so we urge eligible people to register with DKMS. It could be one of the most important things you'll ever do because you could potentially help save a life."

Every 20 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with a blood cancer, such as leukaemia, and over 12,000 people die from blood cancer each year – making it the third most common cause of cancer death in the UK.

DKMS Volunteer, Sukhjit Dulai, said: "My main reason for getting involved with DKMS is because my late sister was fortunate she had a match, it gave her hope. For people who do not have that option it is important that we promote DKMS and get as many people registered.



To be in position to potentially save someone's life by joining the register is amazing."

Reason for campaign

A blood stem cell donation is often the only chance of survival for many blood cancer patients. Sadly, many patients will not find a matching donor. This isn't because a match doesn't exist, it's simply because there aren't enough people registered as donors. That is why DKMS works to increase the size and diversity of the blood stem cell registry.

DKMS launched Football Vs Blood Cancer in a bid to raise awareness of blood cancer, blood stem cell donation and register more

potential lifesavers throughout the football community.

Donor Registration

Anyone in the UK aged between 17 and 55 and in good general health can register with DKMS. To register, the charity asks potential blood stem cell donors to give consent and take cheek swabs. This is done at one of their donor recruitment events or by requesting a home swab kit online at www.dkms.org.uk.

Should you be a match around 90% of blood stem cell donations in the UK are collected via the blood stream. And around 10% of blood stem cell donations in the UK are donated through a bone marrow collection from the back of the pelvic bone.



CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

MICHAEL DOYLE

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Ricoh Arena for our League Two clash with Swindon Town today.

First of all, I would like to pay my respects to the great Cyrille Regis who passed away earlier this week. Everybody has spoken outside of Coventry and in the City on how big an influence he has had on football and also with battling racism. In all my years of being here, he has been at the games and was an absolute gentleman and it's been a massive blow to the world of football.

Cyrille played such a big part in people's lives in Coventry throughout his life and of course with the 1987 FA Cup final, which has to be the best day the club has ever had and he played a massive part of that and I think he will be a massive loss for everyone around Coventry.

Not only in Football, Cyrille has played a massive part in the community over the years. Like I mentioned previously, everybody goes on about 87 to this day and not only that, but he had a big effect on the community, you only have to mention his name and people light up.

From my own experience of Cyrille, when I was at Portsmouth he was down there looking after players and keeping an eye on people and smiling, he really was a true gentleman of the game.

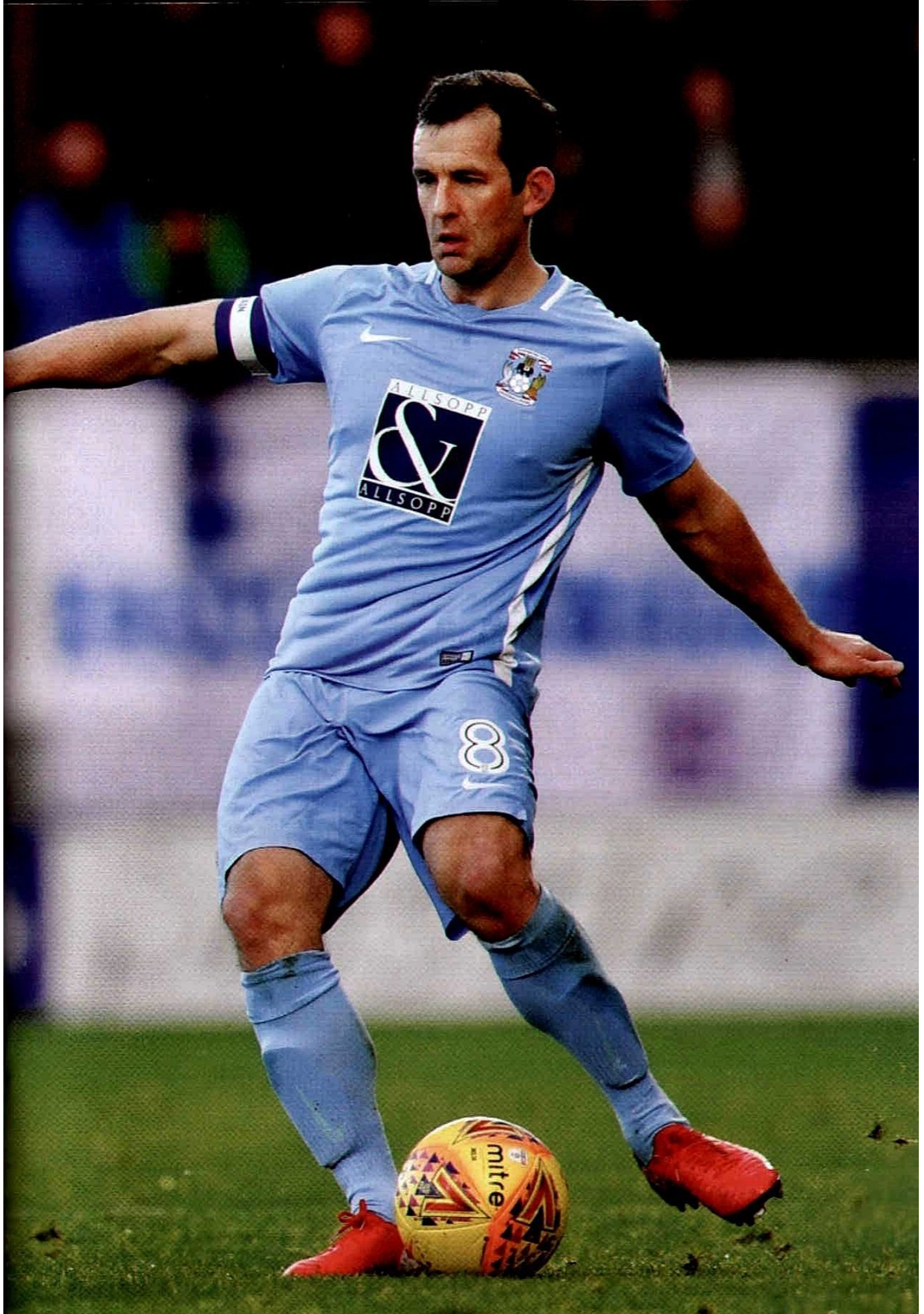
It's been well documented this week the effect he had on a lot of footballer's lives growing up with the racism and he met it head on by all accounts.

Fortunately for us in our generation that play football, that has gone out of the game because of people like Cyrille and we don't get to hear much of it anymore so we can't say enough all we can do is go out and honour the man.

Finally, just to touch on the last time we were at the Ricoh, it was great to have a big crowd and give a good performance against Premier League opposition.

I'm sure it's given a lot of the younger players a place to keep striving for that success and elsewhere its shown the pull the club has, drawing back the supporters and it was great day all round to get the victory and obviously getting fans thought he turnstiles and the players to put a performance on like that I think overall it was a good day.

Your Captain





OPPOSITION PROFILE: SWINDON TOWN



Founded: 1879
Ground: The Energy Check County Ground
Manager: David Flitcroft
Nickname: The Robins
Last time we met: 2-1 Coventry win, League Two, September 2017

FLITCROFT WON'T LET ROBINS NEST IN LEAGUE TWO

In darkest, deepest Wiltshire Swindon manager David Flitcroft has been busy concocting a formula that will halt the frequent Jekkyll and Hyde transformations of his inconsistent side.

On the road the Robins have won nine of their 12 excursions, have registered a league high 24 goals and have only conceded on 10 occasions. In stark juxtaposition their record at their Energy Check County Ground has been underwhelming, losing seven times on home soil and haemorrhaging 24 goals, the joint worst defensive record with relegation-threatened Forest Green Rovers.

Red-faced moments in their own backyard have included losing 3-0 to Crawley and 4-1 to Barnet in the campaign's opening months, as well as enduring a run of four straight defeats from November which included a 5-0 humbling to table-toppers Luton.

As if to highlight their consistent inconsistencies, just four days after that Boxing Day fiasco to the Hatters, Town concluded 2017 with a success over

high-fliers Notts County in SN1, and repeated the 1-0 scoreline last weekend against Forest Green.

Flitcroft was delighted with his side finally gaining some home comforts, telling the Swindon Advertiser: "We've tried to do everything possible to win for our home fans and the players have been hurting this season when they haven't done.

"They've been fantastic in the last two games to dig in and get two clean-sheets at home. Full credit to the team for the way they defended and the willingness to put themselves on the line to improve our home form."

The County Ground successes sandwiched a 2-1 victory at Barnet on New Year's Day, and four wins in their last five games has Swindon ably placed outside the play-off places on nothing more than goal difference.

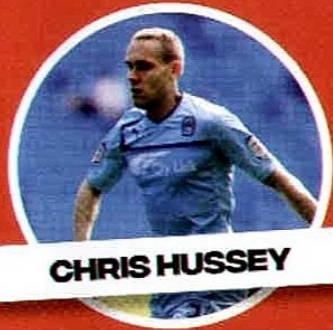
They've certainly acted quickly in the January transfer window to reinforce their ranks for a promotion push for the second half of the campaign. Keshi Anderson's temporary stop from Crystal Palace was made permanent, workhorse midfielder Oliver Banks was

drafted in on loan from Oldham and seasoned-goalscorer Marc Richards bolstered the attacking options. Although with Luke Norris in double figures leading the scoring stakes, and eight others with three or more goals, finding the back of the net with regularity has not been one of their deficiencies.

After losing more than half of their league fixtures last season relegation brought a period of self-reflection and a readjustment of the club's principles. Chairman Lee Power conducted "a review of everything that was happening at the football club", which ultimately saw Luke Williams and former Tottenham and Aston Villa manager Tim Sherwood removed from their roles as head coach and director of football.

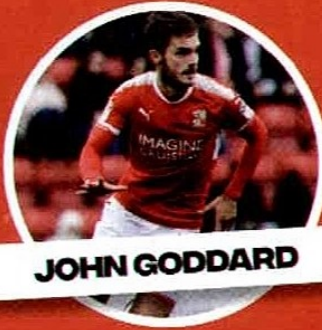
Under Flitcroft Swindon have moved away from the passing style they had become synonymous with, with a more practical, dogged approach now the order of the day. And with confidence returning and a 5-3-2 preferred system yielding results, hopes of an automatic return to the third-tier - a level they had occupied for the previous five seasons - is beginning to manifest.

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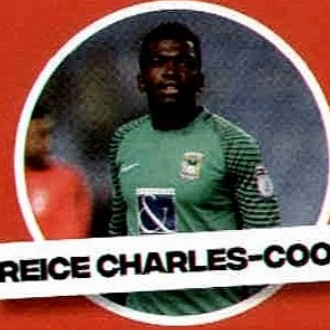
CHRIS HUSSEY

Made a loan spell from AFC Wimbledon permanent in January 2010, signing during Chris Coleman's tenure, and went on to make 61 appearances over the next three years for Cov. After 12 Championship outings in 2010-11, he made 31 during the relegation campaign, then returned to the Dons in January 2013.



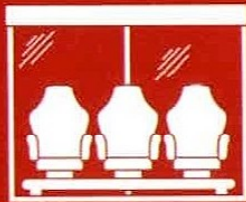
JOHN GODDARD

Following three National Conference campaigns with Woking, the winger made his EFL bow against Coventry in August 2016 for Swindon. The first of the 24-year-old's 65 outings for the Robins to date was the 1-0 League One victory over Cov, a game settled by Yaser Kasim's winner.



REICE CHARLES-COOK

After spells with Bury and Nuneaton, the former Arsenal trainee gained his first full campaign with Coventry in 2015-16. Keeping four clean-sheets in his opening four games was a club record and the 23-year-old finished the season with 13 shut-outs in all competitions, as the Sky Blues finished eighth in League One.



IN THE DUGOUT: DAVID FLITCROFT



Returning to League Two marked a seismic shift in Swindon chairman Lee Power's thinking, having held his hands up for mistakes made with a low-cost recruitment philosophy and being let down by 'big name' appointments he rubber stamped.

So after demotion and Luke Williams's removal from the dug-out, Power explained the rationale behind appointing the purposeful disciplinarian David Flitcroft last summer, saying: "I needed to find someone well-versed in getting promotion and David obviously got Bury out of this league. His teams are always fit, experienced and dogged, and his knowledge was second to none. I just felt that's what we need for this season."

The former Bolton-born midfielder was something of a fire-fighter in his first two managerial roles. After being assistant manager at Barnsley, he took over from Keith Hill in December 2012 and guided the club to Championship safety, before picking up the pieces at Bury 12 months later in leading them to a top-half finish in League Two.

The 44-year-old then turned around Bury's fortunes in masterminding promotion the following season and despite being released by the Shakers in November 2016, Flitcroft has vowed to "put Swindon back on the map" since taking over at the County Ground.



SWINDON TOWN MEET THE SQUAD



James Dunne



Donal McDermott



Matt Preston



Luke Norris

LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Goalkeeper | DOB: 19.11.1993

Last season's Player of the Year kept 12 clean-sheets but the Chilean has fallen down the pecking order after breaches of club discipline, not featuring since Boxing Day.

BEN PURKISS

Right-back | DOB: 01.04.1984

Vastly experienced full-back who captained Port Vale before last summer's switch to Swindon, the consistent performer was elected chairman of the PFA in November.

CHRIS HUSSEY

Left-back | DOB: 02.01.1989

Rampaging left-back on a season-long loan from Sheffield United, the former Bury promotion winner has not figured since September after undergoing a hernia operation.

MATT PRESTON

Centre-back | DOB: 16.03.1995

Archetypal no-nonsense defender

cast from the same mould as Town legend Shaun Taylor, the former Walsall man has three goals this season, including a New Year's Day winner at Barnet.

CHRIS ROBERTSON

Centre-back | DOB: 11.10.1985

After a Conference promotion with Torquay, League One campaigns at Preston and Port Vale and a SPL stint with Ross County on a packed portfolio he became the first signing of the Flitcroft era.

OLLY LANCASHIRE

Centre-back | DOB: 13.12.1988

Commanding and influential captain who leads by example, Town's only league ever-present this season has won promotion from this level before with Rochdale.

PAUL MULLIN

Left winger | DOB: 06.11.1994

Effervescent wideman who has

flourished in his maiden campaign in Wiltshire following three years at Morecambe, scoring seven times in 31 outings.

JAMES DUNNE

Centre midfielder | DOB: 18.09.1989

The combative former Exeter, Portsmouth and Cambridge midfielder could make his 299th league appearance today, but saw red in the reverse fixture in September.

LUKE NORRIS

Striker | DOB: 03.06.1993

Clinical marksman topping Town's scoring charts with 12, including one against Coventry in September, the former Gillingham hot-shot has already doubled his tally from last season.

JOHN GODDARD

Right winger | DOB: 17.05.1993

Plucked from non-league Woking after 17 goals in 41 games earned

him the club's Player of the Season award, the creative influence has two goals this term.

JAMES BROPHY

Left wing-back | DOB: 25.07.1994

Recalled from a three-month loan at Leyton Orient in November, the jet-heeled wing-back is in his third season with Swindon after previously serving Edgware Town.

WILL HENRY

Goalkeeper | DOB: 06.07.1998

Burgeoning understudy who debuted in April 2016 and has had England Under-20 call-ups, he earned one Checkatrade Trophy outing this term.

ELLIS IANDOLO

Left wing-back | DOB: 22.08.1997

Lauded by Flitcroft as "very diverse" the youngster opened his scoring account in league football in style with a 35-yard free-kick against Barnet on New Year's Day.

AMINE LINGANZI

Centre midfield | DOB: 16.11.1989

Briefly a Premier League footballer with Blackburn before spells at Gillingham and Portsmouth, the Congo international was in the most productive scoring form of his career before a quad tear.

MARC RICHARDS

Striker | DOB: 08.07.1982

With a track record of three League Two promotions and 187 goals from more than 600 games, securing the pedigree marksman from Northampton this week was a major coup.

DONAL MCDERMOTT

Winger | DOB: 19.10.1989

Now on his ninth career stop but the former Manchester City trainee, who also lists Bournemouth and Rochdale on his calling card, is out with a groin strain.

TIMI MAX ELSNIK

Centre midfield | DOB: 29.04.1998

The Slovenian Under-19 international is on a season-long

loan from Derby, with the all-action dynamo having captained the Rams' Development Squad.

KELLAN GORDON

Striker | DOB: 25.12.1997

Another borrowed from the Rams, the high-octane frontman has relished his maiden campaign in senior football, scoring four times in 22 appearances.

REICE CHARLES-COOK

Goalkeeper | DOB: 08.04.1994

The Robins' No.1 since October, keeping five clean-sheets, the unflappable former Arsenal trainee was on Coventry's books between 2014 and 2017.

KYLE KNOYLE

Right wing-back | DOB: 24.09.1996

Industrious former England Under-18 cap who learned his trade in West Ham's Academy, then had loans at Dundee United and Wigan.

JORDAN YOUNG

Attacking midfield | DOB: 31.07.1999

Academy prodigy who became the club's fourth-youngest player when debuting in February 2016, then third-youngest scorer last May, but hasn't featured in 2017-18.

OLIVER BANKS

Centre midfield | DOB: 21.09.1992

Flitcroft lauded the January arrival of the cultured Oldham loanee following last weekend's debut, saying "he covered every blade of grass with an elegance and a quality".

KESHI ANDERSON

Striker | DOB: 06.04.1995

"What I love about Keshi is he is not one dimensional" Flitcroft said this week after a loan from Crystal Palace was made permanent for an undisclosed fee.

MATTHEW TAYLOR

Centre midfield | DOB: 27.11.1981

A Premier League mainstay for Portsmouth, Bolton, West Ham and Burnley, the evergreen midfield terrier is approaching 700 career appearances.

KEY MAN



KAIYNE WOOLERY

Striker | DOB: 11.01.1995

The exhilarating winger became Swindon's marquee acquisition last summer from Wigan Athletic for £350,000, after the Robins fought off stiff competition for his services.

The 23-year-old spent the second half of 2016-17 on loan at Forest Green Rovers, scoring four times in 19 games, but it was a Wembley double that put his name up in lights. The brace in the National Conference Play-off Final against Tranmere Rovers helping the Stroud outfit gain promotion to the EFL for the first time in their history.

It was the Robins who took a chance on the pacey forward last July, something he's begun to repay, scoring on his debut against Exeter City. Since then the former Bolton trainee has contributed three more but Flitcroft is aware that his prized asset requires careful nurturing.

Flitcroft told the club's official site. "We've got benchmarks and we profiled Kaiyne when he first came in and he was under where we wanted him to be. It was always about developing Kaiyne to realise his potential and it is going to take time and it is going to take patience."

classic Match

Rob Mason looks at a classic fixture from the past.



This is the third time we've featured a game against Liverpool in this series. That should come as no surprise as Coventry were often a

thorn in their side at a time when The Reds swept all before them.

This match was a good example of the Merseysiders faltering when faced



with the Sky Blues. Bob Paisley's side were en-route to retaining the league title, but try as they might they just could not breach the City defence who held out for 85 minutes after earning a fifth minute advantage to defend.

Cast your eyes over that Liverpool line-up. It contains some of the classic stars of that or any era. In contrast Coventry didn't have so much in the way of superstars but there was no little talent – and plenty of heart – in the home side. What City also had was youth, their average age of 23 was four years younger than their decorated opponents. Coventry needed every last drop of energy those youthful legs could produce as Liverpool's passing game was negated by sheer hard work, stout defending and a touch of good fortune here and there.

Top of the table Liverpool hadn't lost since September. Manager Bob Paisley was old school. Despite a 42 game league season, European football and The Reds reaching the semi-finals of both domestic cup competitions they were the epitome of a settled side. Of the team who played at Coventry not one of them started fewer than 37 league games that season. There's one in the eye for the modern day advocates of top level rotation. Moreover, there was still only one substitute allowed then - and even then in 27 of their 42 games Paisley kept his solitary sub on the bench.

Saturday 19 January 1980

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COVENTRY CITY

BLYTH
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GOODING
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GILLESPIE
ENGLISH (THOMPSON 83)
WALLACE
HATELEY
BLAIR
HUTCHISON

LIVERPOOL

CLEMENCE
NEAL
A. KENNEDY
THOMPSON
R. KENNEDY
HANSEN
DALGLISH
CASE (HEIGHWAY 70)
JOHNSON
McDERMOTT
SOUNESS

Division One | Attendance: 31,578





Taking on this steamroller of a football team were mid-table Coventry. A week earlier City had succumbed to defeat at Norwich and while Middlesbrough had been beaten in the previous home game on New Year's Day, the two home matches before that had been lost to Nottingham Forest (In the season Brian Clough's team retained the European Cup) and Manchester United, so hopes of a win against top quality visitors were reserved for the most optimistic of supporters. There was a hint of hope however in the fact that only the previous month Coventry had thrashed Bobby Robson's high-flying Ipswich 4-1 at

Highfield Road with all four goals coming from Mick Ferguson.

Unfortunately Ferguson was missing! In his place came Merseyside born Mark Hateley whose dad had led the line for both Liverpool and the Sky Blues. Hateley junior though was exactly that – a junior – and making only the third league start of his career. He was replaced by sub Garry Thompson, who made his first appearance of the season and stayed in the side thereafter.

However it wasn't a centre forward but a centre half who scored the only goal of a famous victory. Former apprentice Paul Dyson had only turned 20 three

weeks earlier but five minutes into the match managed to score his first senior goal. However it was Dyson's even younger central defensive partner Gary Gillespie who evidently caught Liverpool's eye. Three years later they paid big money for him.

For those two raw centre backs the clean sheet was an early career highlight but Liverpool must have been sick of the sight of Highfield Road. In addition to the times when The Sky Blues got the better of them Liverpool returned later in the season for an FA Cup semi-final third replay (Remember them?), only to lose to Arsenal by the same 1-0 score-line.





Last Time

Duckens Nazon's long range winner was one of the goals of the season so far. Coming 14 minutes before the end it meant the Sky Blues took quick advantage of the home side going down to ten men, after James Dunne had been dismissed four minutes earlier.

Three points on a Tuesday night were more than welcome for the 700 strong Sky Blue army, especially after going behind in the 20th minute when Luke Norris spectacularly gave the home side the advantage. Despite City starting brightly Swindon were well on top at this stage and could have gone further ahead but shortly after the half hour mark, good work by Jodi Jones led to a chance which Michael Doyle clinically converted having benefited from a deflection. Later it was the outstanding skipper Doyle who was on the receiving end of a push when Dunne was dismissed.

26 September 2017



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VIGOUROUX
PURKISS
ROBERTSON
LANCASHIRE
TAYLOR
ELSNIK (LINGANZI 66)
DUNNE
GORDON (SMITH 82)
ANDERSON
MULLIN (MCDERMOTT 59)
NORRIS.

BURGE
GRIMMER
McDONALD
WILLIS
STOKES (DAVIES 90)
DOYLE
KELLY
KELLY-EVANS
NAZON
JONES (SHIPLEY 82)
BIAMOU (MCNULTY 90+4)

SkyBet League Two | Attendance: 6,340



RECENTLY AT THE RICOH

Swindon were at the Ricoh Arena as recently as last February when they won 3-1, thereby completing the double over the Sky Blues who that had been beaten 1-0 at The County Ground at the start of the season.



SIXTY SCORELINES

The sides have met sixty times in the past in the league and cup with Coventry edging the overall record with 24 wins to Swindon's 20. Each team have a 6-0 win to their credit, City's big win coming in 1955 while Swindon inflicted the same score-line back in 1927.

ABOUT TIME

Given that Coventry hold the upper

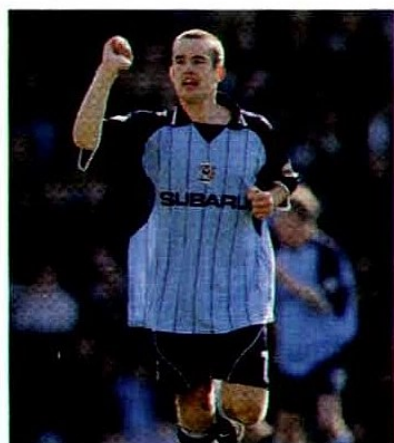
hand in the head to head record the Sky Blues recent home record against The Robins is not a good one. Swindon have won four and drawn one of their last five visits. Before that they drew their two previous games in the city so you have to go all the way back to October 1964 since Swindon lost here, goals from Ken Hale, Ernie Machin and George Hudson helping Jimmy Hill's side to a hard fought 3-2 victory.





SPOT THE SEASON

Welcome to the series where we look at seasons gone by. We feature some of the highs and lows of a campaign, pick out some great games and goals as well as some of the key individuals. The question is can you spot the season and if so how many sections will you need to read to work it out? Find out the answer on page 67.



POINTS AND POSITION

54 points in a 46 game championship season left the Sky Blues slap bang in the middle of the Championship table, in 12th place. Away form was pretty good with only two games more lost than won, but at home there were only four more victories than defeats. Only six teams in the division boasted a better goal difference.



CHAMPIONS

Norwich City were convincing champions, their 94 points seeing them eight clear of runners up West Brom and 15 ahead of the Play-off places. Having finished sixth, Crystal Palace went up through the Play-off route

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Stephen Warnock's consistency saw him become the Sky Blue Player of the Season. The on loan Liverpool man returned to Anfield and made 30 appearances the following season for The Reds in all competitions.

**EVER PRESENT**

33 players were used across the 46 games but none of them managed to play in every match. Stephen Warnock was the most regular member of the side, starting 42 league games and coming off the bench in a couple of others.

**TOP SCORER**

Gary McSheffrey's 13 goals included three penalties. His tally was all the more impressive given that he only played 19 times in the league, with three of those being as a sub. McSheffrey notched another in the FA Cup.

**CROWDS**

An average of 14,816 was an increase of three on the previous season, an amazingly consistent statistic. The final home game of the season brought the biggest attendance of 22,195 who saw in form Crystal Palace claim the final Play-off place despite City beating them. Palace's south London neighbours Wimbledon drew Coventry's smallest gate of the season, 10,872 being under half the size of the top attendance.

**MANAGER**

Gary McAllister resigned in January to look after his wife, who would sadly pass away in 2006 following a battle with cancer. McAllister replaced by assistant Eric Black who was then replaced by Peter Reid.

**TODAY'S VISITORS**

Under Andy King, Swindon finished fifth in Nationwide League Division Two (The present League One). They were to suffer agony in the Play-offs though. After losing at home to Brighton they won the second leg by the same score to take the tie into extra time. Having gone ahead Swindon then conceded a last minute equaliser and subsequently went out on penalties.

**MATCH OF THE SEASON**

WALSALL 1
COVENTRY CITY 6
Nationwide League Division One
17 January

Having gone three games without a goal City took just two minutes to score at Walsall through Andy Morrell. The Sky Blues went on to slaughter The Saddlers with Morrell and McSheffrey each bagging braces, though McSheffrey went home regretting not having the match ball under his arm after missing a penalty.

Having scored only nine goals in their previous 13 games the Sky Blues went goal crazy at The Bescot Stadium. They had to wait until the second half for the goal-fest, Calum Davenport having been denied by the crossbar with a header mid-way through the opening half.

Paul Merson's Walsall equalised on the stroke of half time through Darren Wrack, player/manager Merson providing the assist. That was especially disappointing for the visitors as by then the home side were down to ten men, Stefan Oakes having been sent off ten minutes before the break after a bad foul on Andrew Whing.

Eric Black's men took full advantage after the break, scoring early as they had at the start of the game, this time McSheffrey restoring the lead. From then on it was one-way traffic with Julian Joachim getting in on the act by making the third for Morrell before getting on the score-sheet himself. An own goal by Ian Roper soon followed before McSheffrey made it six with eight minutes to go. There was still time for the same player to hit the woodwork with a spot kick.

**CUPS**

Peterborough were knocked out of both cups, only for the Sky Blues to be knocked out at the second hurdles they tried to jump.

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TWO'S

Rob Mason rounds up news from SKYBET League Two.

COMPANY

It's so incredibly tight at the top that one goal at **Exeter** last week cost **Coventry** not just a place in the automatic promotion places but even a place in the top seven. The Sky Blues slipped outside the Play-off places on goal difference, being the third of four teams on 44 points.

Despite the drop in league placing City remain just two points away from an automatic spot, although third placed **Accrington Stanley** have a game in hand after winning at mid-table **Cheltenham**.

What is heartening for all of the teams chasing league leaders **Luton Town** is that whereas it had begun to look as if The Hatters were being waved off into the distance leaving just two automatic places to play for, the Kennilworth Road outfit have hit a sticky patch. So sticky in fact that, including their FA Cup exit at Newcastle, their third reverse in a row came at **Chesterfield** whose 2-0 victory lifted them out of the bottom two, surely the result of the day last weekend.

Second placed **Notts County** were unable to take full advantage of Luton's latest loss. The Magpies were held by The Imps after a 2-2 draw at Sincil Bank where the point edged **Lincoln City** above Coventry as the best placed of the quartet of clubs on 44 points.

A 3-1 home win over **Colchester United** moved **Wycombe Wanderers** up to fourth place, level on points with third placed Accrington albeit having played a game more. The Chairboys are a point above Coventry's conquerors Exeter, however Paul Tisdale's team, like Accrington, have a game in hand on the rest of the leading pack.

A third side looking at capitalising on a game in hand are this afternoon's

visitors **Swindon Town**. They drew level with Coventry on 44 points after a 1-0 home win over **Forest Green Rovers** who dropped back into the relegation berths. The Robins have been much better on the road than at the County Ground so far this season and will be tough opponents here today.

Coventry's next visitors **Cambridge United** remain in mid-table having been held to a goalless draw at home by **Mansfield Town** who are the final club of the four on 44 points.

Two points behind are **Newport County** who followed up their cup

win over Leeds with an excellent 2-1 away win at **Grimsby**. The Mariners own promotion ambitions are looking somewhat forlorn as they now have ten points to make up to reach even the Play-offs. Grimsby were leap-frogged by **Crawley Town**. Harry Kewell's side beat bottom of the table **Barnet** 2-0 at home.

With a home cup tie to come against Manchester United, **Yeovil** allowed themselves scope to look forward to that big occasion even more by taking a point from a 1-1 draw at **Port Vale**. The result opens up a five-point gap for The Glovers from the relegation spots although they still need to put more daylight between themselves and the bottom two.

One point above Yeovil are **Crewe Alexandra** and **Morecambe**. Crewe lost 1-0 at mid-table Carlisle United while Morecambe took a point from a home 1-1 draw with **Stevenage** for whom the point took them above Cheltenham and Grimsby.

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Town	27	16	6	5	62	27	35	54
2	Notts County	27	14	9	4	46	28	18	51
3	Accrington Stanley	26	14	4	8	44	30	14	46
4	Wycombe Wanderers	27	13	7	7	49	36	13	46
5	Exeter City	26	14	3	9	36	32	4	45
6	Lincoln City	27	12	8	7	37	26	11	44
7	Mansfield Town	27	11	11	5	38	29	9	44
8	Coventry City	27	13	5	9	28	19	9	44
9	Swindon Town	26	14	2	10	39	34	5	44
10	Newport County	27	11	9	7	37	31	6	42
11	Colchester United	28	11	8	9	37	34	3	41
12	Cambridge United	27	10	8	9	25	31	-6	38
13	Carlisle United	27	10	7	10	38	37	1	37
14	Crawley Town	27	10	6	11	27	31	-4	36
15	Stevenage	27	9	7	11	37	40	-3	34
16	Cheltenham Town	28	9	7	12	37	41	-4	34
17	Grimsby Town	28	9	7	12	27	38	-11	34
18	Port Vale	28	9	5	14	30	36	-6	32
19	Morecambe	27	7	8	12	27	37	-10	29
20	Crewe Alexandra	27	9	2	16	29	42	-13	29
21	Yeovil Town	27	7	7	13	37	48	-11	28
22	Chesterfield	28	6	6	16	28	51	-23	24
23	Forest Green Rovers	27	6	5	16	26	48	-22	23
24	Barnet	27	5	5	17	26	41	-15	20

WWTTT

WHO WAS THAT THEN?

In each issue of PUSB this season we will attempt to test your memory by choosing a City game and giving you a brief 'pen-picture' of each of the starting line-up. Your task is to name all XI. (Answers on page 63)



MANCHESTER CITY 1-3 COVENTRY CITY

FA CUP 4TH ROUND | 23 JANUARY 1982



A Scottish international 'keeper who was once City's Player of the Year.

B Made the first nine of 292 league appearances for the Sky Blues.

C Went on to play for England and win the UEFA Cup with Spurs.

D Scotland international who played for Liverpool and Celtic in between two spells with Coventry.

E Played over 100 times for both Coventry and Stoke.

F Coventry born defender nick-named Chukkie.

G Republic of Ireland international who played over 100 times for both Man United and Derby.

H Scored BBC TV's Goal of the Season in this game.

I Coventry were the first of nine clubs this future Bristol Rovers manager played for.



J A scorer in this game, this future England international left his first club Coventry to go on and play in America, Italy, France and Scotland.

K England international signed from New York Cosmos. Opened the scoring in this win from a second minute corner.



HALFTIME QUIZ

Having knocked Premier League opposition out of the FA Cup earlier this month and with a fourth round match to look forward to how much attention have you been paying to the rest of the competition.

- 1) Which Championship team were beaten at Newport County?
- 2) Which Championship team lost at home to Notts County?
- 3) Which Championship team knocked out holders Arsenal?
- 4) Which Championship team lost at home to Peterborough United?
- 5) Which two League Two teams both lost to Premier League opposition at St. James' Park?
- 6) Coventry travel to MK Dons in Round 4. Who did The Dons beat as The Sky Blues were beating Stoke?
- 7) Wycombe Wanderers conceded five goals at home to which Championship team?
- 8) Subject to Premier League clubs winning their replays how many all Premier League games could there be in round four?
- 9) Which Premier League manager achieved his first win for his new club in round three?
- 10) Apart from Yeovil v Man United and Newport v Spurs, subject to a replay which other League Two side were drawn at home to a Premier League club?



HOW DID YOU DO?

- 10 points Table topper
- 7-9 points Promotion material
- 5-6 points Play off loser
- 3-4 points Mid table
- 2 points Just escaped the drop
- 0-1 points Relegation beckons – keep reading PUSB and move up the table

ANSWERS 1) Leeds United, 2) Brentford, 3) Nottingham Forest, 4) Aston Villa, 5) Luton at Newcastle and Exeter at home to WBA, 6) QPR, 7) Preston, 8) Four, 9) Alan Pardew of West Brom at Exeter, 10) Notts County who were drawn at home to Swansea (or Wolves).



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JUNIOR SKY BLUE TEST

Here's a little test on today's visitors Swindon Town

- 1) What is the name of Swindon's ground?
- 2) John Trollope is Swindon's record appearance maker. Did he play 689, 789 or 889 games for the club?
- 3) Are Swindon known as The Robins, The Bluebirds or The Throstles?
- 4) Which big London club did Swindon once beat at Wembley in the League Cup final?
- 5) Which former Coventry forward who later became a Coventry manager scored against Swindon in that final?

WATCH OUT FOR...



Today's visitors have some dangerous players. Watch out for Swindon's Keshi Anderson

FIVE FACTS

- 1) Keshi is on loan from Crystal Palace.
- 2) Last January he scored a hat-trick against Coventry when he was playing for Northampton.
- 3) He has previously been on loan from Palace to Doncaster and Bolton as well as Northampton.
- 4) He scored the first goal of his career against Swindon – on his second appearance in September 2015 when he was with Doncaster.
- 5) He made the 50th league appearance of his career on New Year's Day.

FAMILY ZONE



Have you been in the Family Zone today? If not get here early next time and take a trip there. There's loads to do with Giant Jenga, Subbuteo and table football. You can get your face glitter painted and there's a Sky Blue Sam postbag so you can send questions to Sky Blue Sam and the players. What's more once the teams are announced you'll find out who is playing and there's also a great Dug-out Draw which is a competition with the prize of being able to watch the match warm up from Mark Robins' place in the dug-out. How cool is that?

MY MATCH REPORT

Can you help Sky Blue Sam with your match report?

BEFORE KICK OFF:

- 1) What do you think today's score will be?
Coventry City Swindon Town
- 2) Who do you think will be Man of the Match?
- 3) Guess how many people will be at the game

AT HALF TIME:

- 4) What was the half time score?
Coventry City Swindon Town
- 5) What do you think the full time score will be now?
Coventry City Swindon Town
- 6) Who has impressed you most in the first half?

AFTER THE MATCH:

- 7) What was the final score?
Coventry City Swindon Town
- 8) Who scored the goals?
- 9) Was the best player in the first half just as good in the second? Yes / No
- 10) Who was your Man of the Match?

FIVE FACTS ON JORDAN SHIPLEY

- 1) Jordan is only 20 years old.
- 2) At the start of this season he had just seven minutes first team football experience.
- 3) He scored his first goal in The Sky Blues 3-0 win at Luton in October.
- 4) That free kick won Jordan the EFL League Two Goal of the Month award.
- 5) Jordan's first goal at home came in the FA Cup win over Boreham Wood.

MASCOTS



CAELAN MCCOURT

Age: 6

School: Christ the King Infants
Hobbies: Football and singing in the car!

Favourite Players: Jack Grimmer, Jodi Jones and Michael Doyle



CIAN BUCKLEY

Age: 8

School: St Augustines Catholic School

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Players: Jordan Willis, Lee Burge, Ryan Haynes



FELIX HUNTER

Age: 7

School: Race Leys Infant School

Hobbies: Football, Tennis and playing Plants vs Zombies

Favourite Players: Marc McNulty, Tom Bayliss and Michael Doyle



HENRY GIDDINGS

Age: 6

School: St. John Fisher primary school

Hobbies: Football, swimming and playing games

Favourite Players: Jodi Jones, Michael Doyle



KIERAN MATTOCKS

Age: 7

School: St Andrew's C of E Infant School

Hobbies: Football (Plays for Coundon Court Football Club's U7 team), Taekwon-do, playing with his friends and playing on his PS4.

Favourite Players: Jodi Jones



CASEY PAUL WIDDOWSON

Age: 7

School: Grange Farm Primary School

Hobbies: Football crazy - plays for under 8's Coventry Sporting and trains with Coventry City.

Favourite Players: Jordan Willis and Jodi Jones.

(1) THE COUNTRY GROUND, (2) AN AMAZING 889, (3) THE ROBINS, (4) ARSENAL, (5) BOBBY GOULD

Junior Sky Blue Test



CYRILLE REGIS

9.2.1958 – 15.1.2018

If George Curtis was the Sky Blue player of the 60s and Tommy Hutchison the player of the 70s, then Cyrille Regis was a strong contender for the City player of the 1980s. Cyrille was a talismanic centre-forward who was adored by Coventry City fans of all ages during his seven years at Highfield Road and was a key player in the Sky Blues' 1987 FA Cup triumph. His death this week at just three weeks short of his 60th birthday has shocked the football world but especially the fans of his two favourite clubs, West Bromwich Albion and Coventry City.

Strong, quick and direct, Cyrille had an excellent first touch and a habit of scoring spectacular goals, powerfully running at defences before unleashing thunderous shots

from either foot. He had a strong aerial presence too and many of his goals were headers. He was a true centre-forward who led the line with passion and bravery prepared to take a battering from a tough defender as well as the vile racial abuse from the terraces.

Born in Maripasoula in French Guiana, Cyrille's family moved to the UK in the early 1960s and he grew up in West London, not far from Wembley Stadium. West Brom spotted him playing for non-league Hayes and at the age of 19 he moved to the Hawthorns for a £5,000 fee. He made an instant impact, scoring twice on his debut in a League Cup tie with Rotherham and four days later, like something out of Roy of the Rovers, he scored against Middlesbrough on his league debut. Within a short space of time he

became a fixture in an Albion side that included two other outstanding young black players, Laurie Cunningham and Brendan Batson.

Eighteen goals that season and the same number the following season when, with Ron Atkinson in charge, the Baggies finished third in Division One saw Cyrille gain international recognition. In his seven years at the Hawthorns he built a formidable reputation as a goalscorer winning four England caps and narrowly missed going to the 1982 World Cup finals. The Sky Blues crossed paths with Big C several times in that period and two games are not fondly remembered by City fans. In October 1978 Atkinson's rampaging Albion side took a more than useful City team apart at the Hawthorns, winning 7-1 with Cyrille scoring twice. Then, in 1982, Dave Sexton's young



TRIBUTES TO CYRILLE REGIS

Following the tragic news of the passing of Sky Blues legend and FA Cup winner, Cyrille Regis, famous faces have been paying their tribute to the former striker.

We have compiled a selection of tweets from those who have paid tribute and collated them for you to take a look at below:

Gareth Bale: Tragic news about Cyrille Regis. Helped me a lot when i was younger and was a great man! My thoughts are with his family at this sad time. RIP Cyrille.

Brian Lara: From my very first visit to England I familiarised myself with all the black sportsmen that were doing the hard yards to create a better future for all of us. Cyrille Regis was someone I looked up to. His legacy will live on. RIP my big brother. #CyrilleRegis #RIPCyrille #icon

Ruud Gullit: Thanks #cyrilleregis for paving the way for all of us #cyrilleregisRIP

Jeremy Corbyn: Cyrille Regis was a true hero of football. He helped change attitudes on the terraces and in society, while often being subject to horrific racist abuse himself. #RIPCyrille @Coventry_City @WBA

Gary McSheffrey: Shocked to hear the news that Cyrille Regis has passed away, such sad news, a Coventry City legend and role model to so many. RIP big man

Bobby Gould: Oct 10th 1984 I had the great privilege to ask Cyrille Regis to join my beloved Sky Blues his answer was 'Yes'. 3 years later he was holding The FA Cup 'Sky High'. As u travel to heaven Cyrille a lot of tears r being shed, rest in peace my dear friend Luv BGx

Darren Huckerby: Guttled Cyrille Regis has passed away, top player and bloke! #Pusb



City side travelled to the Hawthorns for an FA Cup sixth round tie and Cyrille scored the first goal - one of his screamers - in the 2-0 win. That year he was voted second in the PFA Player of the Year award behind Kevin Keegan. His haul of five England caps was poor reward for years of brilliance and he would have won more but for the outstanding form of Trevor Francis and Paul Mariner and later Gary Lineker, and if he had played for more fashionable clubs.

Cyrille admitted in his autobiography that the years 1983-86 were spent in the wilderness. He lost form in a struggling Albion side, had off the pitch problems and his career had stalled when City manager Bobby Gould paid £250,000 for him in October 1984. His first two seasons at Coventry were disappointing as first Gould, and then Don Mackay used him as target man and his goal

return was poor. He almost joined Bordeaux in 1985 and under Mackay there were stories that City were trying to unload him for £40,000. In his first season City had to win their last three games to avoid relegation and in the final game he finally came good, scoring twice (a powerful header and a scrambled effort). There were always glimpses of the old Cyrille, for example he equalled the club's individual scoring record by netting five goals in a League Cup game with Chester. After John and George took over in 1986 Sillett insisted they played to Cyrille's strengths - playing on the deck and getting him to hold the ball up and play off and around him. Immediately City looked a different proposition, the successful partnership with Dave Bennett was formed and the club enjoyed their best season for a long time. Cyrille netted 16 goals including a memorable 90th minute winner against Tottenham in a 4-3 thriller





at Christmas but this was only the prelude to a memorable FA Cup run.

Cyrille described City's 1987 FA Cup win as the greatest football day of his career and his role in that famous team was vital. He scored in the 3-0 win over Bolton in round three and then in the sixth round he set City on the way to a famous victory by scoring at the Kop end against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. Lloyd McGrath and Dave Bennett did the hard work in the centre circle and a one-two with Benno saw Cyrille take off like a greyhound with the Wednesday defence trailing in his wake. As Martin Hodge the Owls goalkeeper came out Cyrille, from the edge of the penalty area, let fly and the ball rocketed into the net.

His form that season was so good that he was recalled to the England squad and gained the last of his five full caps. Critics said he did not score

enough goals but he made many for others purely with his physical presence and the fear he induced into defenders. Whilst John Sillett was in charge Cyrille was guaranteed a place and his post playing career seemed assured when John gave him and Trevor Peake coaching roles. However in 1990 when Sillett was sacked the new manager Terry Butcher wanted change. Several of the '87 boys were let go and in May 1991, to the surprise and disappointment of the fans, Cyrille was given a free transfer, a decision which turned out to be premature.

Ron Atkinson, by now in charge at Aston Villa, realised that Cyrille had more to offer and signed him. The move gave him a new lease of life and he was a first team regular. Then in May 1992 Cyrille scored a goal against City at Villa Park that, but for Notts County's late winner, would have sent his old club down. After



Noel Whelan: I am saddened to hear of the death of Cyrille Regis, met him many times at Coventry city and had some good chats together. A great player but a real gent, he will be missed by many, RIP Cyrille

Dion Dublin: Devastated, Sad, Gutted and totally Shocked by the news that Cyrille Regis has died. He was my ALL TIME footballing hero and idol..... and the main reason why I wanted to be a Centre Forward, just like him! #LEGEND. I'm gonna miss you my FRIEND. RIP Big C

Alan Shearer: What a man. What a centre-forward! One of my earliest football memories was walking into WBA for a trial as a 13 year old kid, seeing Cyrille Regis and being in awe of him. RIP big man

Cyrus Christie: RIP Cyrille Regis pleasure to have met and spoke to you many of times on a personal level. You paved the way for a lot of the young black players in the game now and remain an icon for them m. A true great of the game may you rest in peace.

Kevin Gallacher: Can't believe I wake up to find Very sad news about my former @Coventry_City strike partner. RIP Cyrille Regis,(big C)

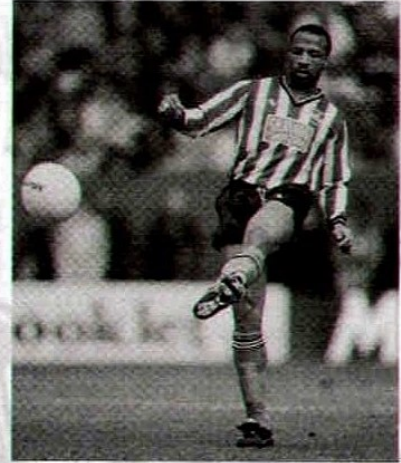
Never forget how his physical presence helped me score so many goals and settle into English football. #legend

Mark Bright: Heavy heart this morning, just heard that Cyrille Regis has passed away age 59. He was more than just a footballer, he blazed a trail for every black player who followed him, an inspiration to myself and many players of my era. A humble man and a great man. #RIPC

David Phillips: Just heard the news that great friend and colleague Cyrille Regis has passed away. So sad, what a gentleman and so proud to have known him for 30 years.. thoughts with his family. Life is so cruel. RIP C. Xx



two years at Villa he joined Wolves on a free transfer and later played briefly for Wycombe Wanderers and Chester. He then took up a coaching role at West Brom but quickly recognised that coaching wasn't for him and moved to become a very successful player's agent. In this role he mentored some big names in the game, passing on sensible advice to young players making their way in the game. In 2008 he was awarded the MBE for his services to the game and for his voluntary work.



Coventry City legend and FA Cup winning goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic has paid tribute to former teammate Cyrille Regis.

"Cyrille signed shortly before I did. You could see then he was a fantastic footballer. People remember his pace and his strength, but he also had a sublime touch. He wasn't the fittest of players actually, he could run like the wind but wasn't blessed with stamina so playing balls for him to run onto wasn't going to work."

Bobby Gould signed Regis for the Sky Blues, but it was under John Sillett's management that the striker excelled. Ogrizovic said:

"He did have his problems in the early days when we were probably too direct, but when John Sillett came in, the first thing he did when he took over as Manager was say to Cyrille 'Look how can we get you playing to the best of your ability' and Cyrille said playing me in behind isn't my game, play it to feet and I'll bring people into play."

"From that moment, John said that's the way we're playing and we had a passing game and we played into Cyrille. He was brilliant at holding the ball up, he brought everyone into play. But not only that he then got into the box, and he could finish with right foot, left foot and he was a really good header of the ball."

"Not only do I remember him for the goals that he scored, I also remember him for the incredible amount of chances and goals he made for other people. He was an unselfish striker, and you don't get many of those in this day and age."

Regis was a mainstay of the 1987 FA Cup winning side, and Oggy says that 'Big Cyrille' was at the peak of his powers at that time.

"He was right at the top of his game at that time, as were most of us. We'd managed to develop as a team, especially under John and George, and were playing some really good stuff. We enjoyed each other's company, socially we were always going out and we were big friends,



The firm bonds of friendship and camaraderie between the players and management that helped carry the team to success in 1987 are as strong as ever and they met regularly. Their next get together will have a sombre atmosphere.

When the Former Players Association was formed eleven years ago Cyrille was one of the first to join, enthusiastic about meeting up with former colleagues, and he has been a great supporter attending most Legends Days. I often bumped into him in the Legends Lounge and was always struck by his warmth and kindness and his special presence. He never said a bad word about anyone and would engage positively with everyone he came into contact with. When he



started talking, quietly mostly, about the game and players he was compelling and you hung on his every word. For his young clients his words and wise advice must have been invaluable and inspiring. Since becoming a born again Christian following the tragic death of Laurie Cunningham in 1989, religion had played an important role in his life.

There were no signs of impending health problems when I last saw

him in the autumn, in fact he looked fitter than most men half his age and that makes the news of his death all the more shocking. City fans will mourn him today but at the same time celebrate the passing of a great footballer and a great man. In Latin Regis means 'of the king' and Cyrille lived up to his surname on and off the field. To Coventry City fans he will always be a true King.

Jim Brown



the whole team. That helped to develop relationships and you could see that. Cyrille knew everybody else's game inside out and we knew his game, and I think that's what created the side that ultimately won in 1987.

"Beyond that, he stayed for another four years. It's incredible that we look at him as a Coventry legend, which he is, but also West Brom and other clubs will look at him as their hero too."

The world of football has been united in paying tribute to Regis, which is testament to the impact he had on the game.

"I've listened to the tributes - it's been hard at times to listen" said Ogrizovic.

"When people recall their experiences and anecdotes it's quite heart-warming and you see the love that people have for Cyrille. It's all really genuine because he was that type of guy."

"He was 6 foot 2, strong as an ox, but

I never ever saw him lose his cool - it would have been dangerous if Cyrille lost his cool! He was so gentle, so placid but so good on the pitch."

1987 FA Cup winning boss John Sillett paid tribute to Cyrille Regis following his untimely death.

"He was the perfect gentleman, the perfect professional and a wonderful player. He had a physique which everybody knows about, which he knew how to use."

"He was brilliant at Coventry, and a big part of me getting the job. I watched the game from the stand before I got the job and thought they aren't using him correctly. I got the job, and spoke to Cyrille and said 'We're going to change everything. We're going to play into your feet, and bring the rest of the players around you and into the game.' And he said 'Thank goodness for that.'"

"We had a great team spirit and he was a massive part of that. All the boys respected him and knew what a great player he was.

"In my book, he was the greatest centre forward I ever dealt with. Great pace, great power, good shot on him, great in the air - complete player.

"You'll never hear a bad word against him, he was a gentleman. God must be short of a centre forward if he took him this early."



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SKY BLUES SUPREMOS

By Rob Mason

Mark Robins is the latest in a long line of Sky Blue Supremos, the men who have tried to bring success to City. In this series PUSB reflects on the highs and lows on those who have occupied the hot-seat.



GEORGE CURTIS

Having turned the Supremo spotlight onto John Sillett in the issue for the fantastic FA Cup win over Stoke City, PUSB today looks at another man who contributed to the Sky Blues triumph in the 1987 final, George Curtis.

The Ironman was a legendary figure at Highfield Road long before the cup came to Coventry. He had set the club's appearance record as a physically powerful centre half and natural leader whose captaincy and consistency were second to none.

Consequently, when Don Mackay parted company with the club in April 1986 it was Curtis that the board turned to. Having become commercial manager in July 1974, he had taken over as Managing Director in September 1983 when his old team-mate Bobby Gould was manager. Evidently the board didn't have to look far to find someone who knew the club inside out and could

steer the side through the remaining three fixtures of the season.

A goal from Nick Pickering gave Curtis a 1-0 home win over Luton in his first match. It was a result that brought an eight game winless run to an end and helped exorcise the horrors of a 5-0 defeat the week before. Although a 1-0 defeat at West Ham caused some anxiety going into the final fixture of the season, goals from Brian Kilcline and Dave Bennett brought about a final day win over QPR.

Two wins from George's three games took City to 43 points and the safety of being sixth from bottom, two points clear of Ipswich who occupied the last of the relegation places just five years after winning a European trophy.

If there was cause for celebration in the Curtis household where two days later George turned 47, that was nothing compared to the scenes a year later as Coventry won the cup. Working in tandem with John Sillett

who duly took over team affairs with Curtis moving back 'upstairs' into a more administrative role, the pair both deserve credit for Coventry's success.

During George's famed 1986-87 season in charge City didn't just win the cup but climbed to 10th in the top flight, far from the lowly position the team occupied when The Ironman was called upon. Curtis didn't have a lot to spend but in July 1986 invested £60,000 in what proved to be an inspired purchase in bringing in Keith Houchen from Scunthorpe United.

Houchen was the kind of centre forward Curtis knew could cause trouble. As a centre half George had been renowned as a hard man in an age where physical contact wasn't just accepted, it was expected. Curtis the centre half was used to having physically fragile centre forwards in his pocket but Houchen was the sort who would let centre halves know they had been in a game. However,



he was yet to pull up any trees in his career so Curtis deserves credit for seeing enough in him to produce the cheque-book. Houchen had only scored twice in nine league games for Scunthorpe having previously played for York, Leyton Orient and Hartlepool. During the cup winning season Houchen would only score twice in 20 games but in the FA Cup he was a revelation. Five goals in as many games included two in the quarter-final, one in the semi and the iconic moment of the final, where his diving header was one of the all-time most memorable cup final moments.

The Wembley win over Tottenham was the climax of a season under Curtis' control. It commenced with defeat at the same ground and by the same score-line as his one previous away game in charge, losing at West Ham by a single goal. Nick Pickering had scored the winner in George's first match as manager and the England international came up trumps again with the winner in the opening home game of the season as Arsenal were beaten, before following it up with another goal to earn a point against Everton.

Firm foundations were being laid and by the end of September a seven game unbeaten run had seen only one goal conceded in the last five of those. By then a cup run was under way – but in the League Cup. Mighty Liverpool – who had done 'the double' the previous season – were taken to a replay with a quarter-final place at stake as City hinted at what was to come. At the start of the month where it was Coventry's turn to win at Wembley Liverpool were beaten at Highfield Road, that man Pickering again notching the winner.

It was Coventry's 25th win of the season in all competitions but the best victory of the season was still to come. The cup run had started with a comfortable 3-0 win over Bolton and away wins at Manchester United, Stoke and Sheffield Wednesday. Having hit the winner at Old Trafford, Houchen helped himself to a brace against Wednesday and was back at Hillsborough again for a semi-final showdown with Leeds, where he scored again as Coventry won in extra-time.

Working in tandem with John Sillett, George Curtis was a man everyone in and around Coventry looked up to, and in guiding the club to FA Cup

triumph he brought about the finest day in the history of the club that by that glorious day of May 16 1987 was already well into its second century.

Up to that point, throughout that long history no one had played for games for the club than George. While his phenomenal total of 538 appearances has since been surpassed by Steve Ogrizovic, Curtis remains the record outfield appearance maker and indeed the only non-goalkeeper to play over 500 times.

Former Coventry player Harry Barratt had recommended City sign Curtis from Snowdown Colliery who Barratt managed, and so in October 1955 George was brought to the club as a 16-year old during the brief reign of Jesse Carver.

By the time he was 17 George had played in three league games, with three different goalkeepers. As was so often the case in the time before Play-offs late season games often had little at stake other than testing out young players to see if they had what it takes. Thus Curtis was given the final three games of the season by George Raynor who had succeeded Carver. It wasn't the greatest of

debut as four goals were leaked in defeat at Newport but there would be a first clean sheet on his home debut on the final day of the campaign.

George had made the right impression and got 19 games the following year, many of them at left back but while he played four fewer league games the season after by now he was earning a place in his best position at the heart of the defence, where he started the final dozen games of the season.

The next nine seasons saw him play an incredible 440 games, an average of over 48 a season. Most of these were before the dawn of substitutes so were full 90 minute appearances. Strange when you think of coaches making wholesale changes to modern day teams because of fatigue.

By the time England won the World Cup in 1966 George Curtis had missed just two Coventry games during the decade – and he would be ever present in the following season too!

During this period Coventry climbed from the third division to the top flight for the first time, the club reaching the highest level in 1967, exactly 20 years before the cup came to Highfield Road.



Having done so much to get Coventry into the top flight Curtis made his own first division bow at Burnley but before he could lead the side out at home he was missing. With huge misfortune and awfully bad timing a broken leg in the second game of the season at Nottingham Forest meant that Jimmy Hill's side would face the top talent in the country minus their totemic defender.

By the time George came back at Easter Noel Cantwell was in charge. Coming off the bench in a home win over Stoke, Curtis was asked to start in the return match just 24 hours later only to have to come off injured.

It would be the following October before he could play regularly again. However, he had recovered sufficiently to show he could hold down a regular spot at the highest level despite approaching the veteran stage, one highlight being a goal in a home win over Manchester United who had become the first English European champions, and at the time had reached the semi-finals in the defence of their trophy.

It would be Manchester United's next visit that marked the final start of Curtis' Coventry career. A week later, in November 1969, George came off the bench for his final City appearance in a goalless draw at Burnley.

The following month the man who had been a central figure in a decade of massive improvement for the club moved on. A measure of how swinging the sixties had been was that Coventry had climbed from division three to being destined for sixth place in the top flight at the end of Curtis' final season. City were now in a higher division than Aston Villa which was where Curtis would add a final chapter to his playing career.

Division two champions in 1960, Villa had won the League Cup in the first year of its existence a year later and been finalists again two years on from that before dropping out of the top flight in 1967, just as second division champions City took their place.

Signing for Tommy Docherty, after



just 13 goals in all his years at Highfield Road, Curtis announced his arrival with a debut goal that earned a Boxing Day point away to this afternoon's visitors Swindon. George would score twice more before the end of the season but by the time of his next goal 'The Doc' had departed with Vic Crowe taking over but unable to prevent Villa going down to the third division.

Injury restricted Curtis to 11 games in his first full season at Villa Park but in his second he helped the Villans to the third division title, the final appearance of a long career coming in a 1-1 draw at Mansfield on 24 April 1972. Over half of George's life at this point had been spent as a first team player. 16 years and 11 months old when making his bow in Coventry colours, 17 years and three days had elapsed between that debut at Newport and him walking off the pitch for the final time.

While his managerial career would be brief to say it was successful would be an understatement and so George Curtis' time as City Supremo should be looked on as fondly as his time as a true legend on the pitch.



Saturday 6th January 2018

WILLIS
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GRIMMER
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ADAM
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O'BRIEN
GRIMMER
WILLIS
DAVIES
STOKES
SHIPLEY (85' HAYNES)
DOYLE
BAYLISS
MAGUIRE-DREW (62'
STEVENSON)
MCNULTY
BIAMOU

UNUSED SUBS:
BURGE, HAYNES, FINN,
MAYCOCK, PONTICELLI

Referee: Martin Atkinson | Attendance: 14,199

BUTLAND
EDWARDS
ZOUMA
WIMMER
CAMERON (52' CROUCH)
ADAM (75' SHAQIRI)
ALLEN
IRELAND (72' CHOUP-
MOTING)
SOBHI
DIOUF
BERAHINO

UNUSED SUBS:
GRANT, SOUTTAR, FLETCHER,
AFELLAY

Mark Robins said: "We have had to defend really well at times, but I think if we would have come in 3-0 up at half time, I don't think anyone could complain."

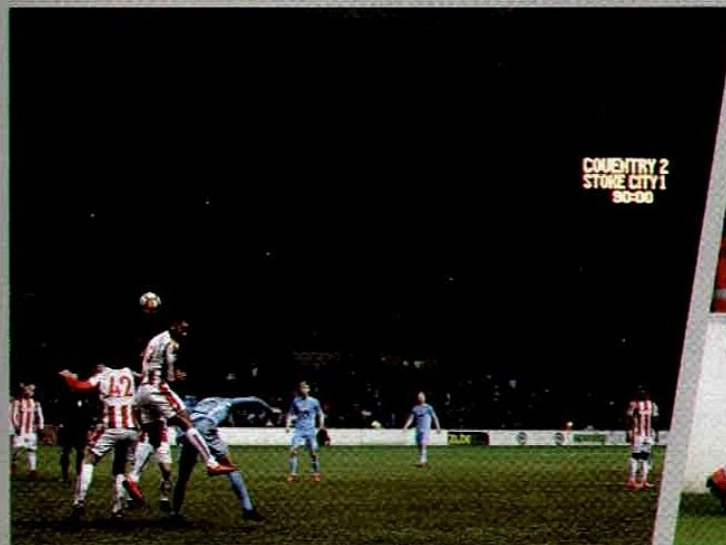
"We had our share of possession. We had our share of play. I think there were some unbelievably mature performances from players who are eighteen years of age. Jordan Maguire-Drew and Tom Bayliss were both phenomenal today."

"It was not only those two either. We have played against athletes who have switched play quickly and we have had to deal with that. I thought we were magnificent. It was a really proud day for me."

"This cup game has been an added extra for us. I can't tell you how massive it is for us because it brings everyone together. You saw the supporters after the game and that is massive for us."

"If we can get another good draw in the next round then that is massive for us. More of our supporters will come to the games and it is really important in terms of the transfer market that we get good revenue through."







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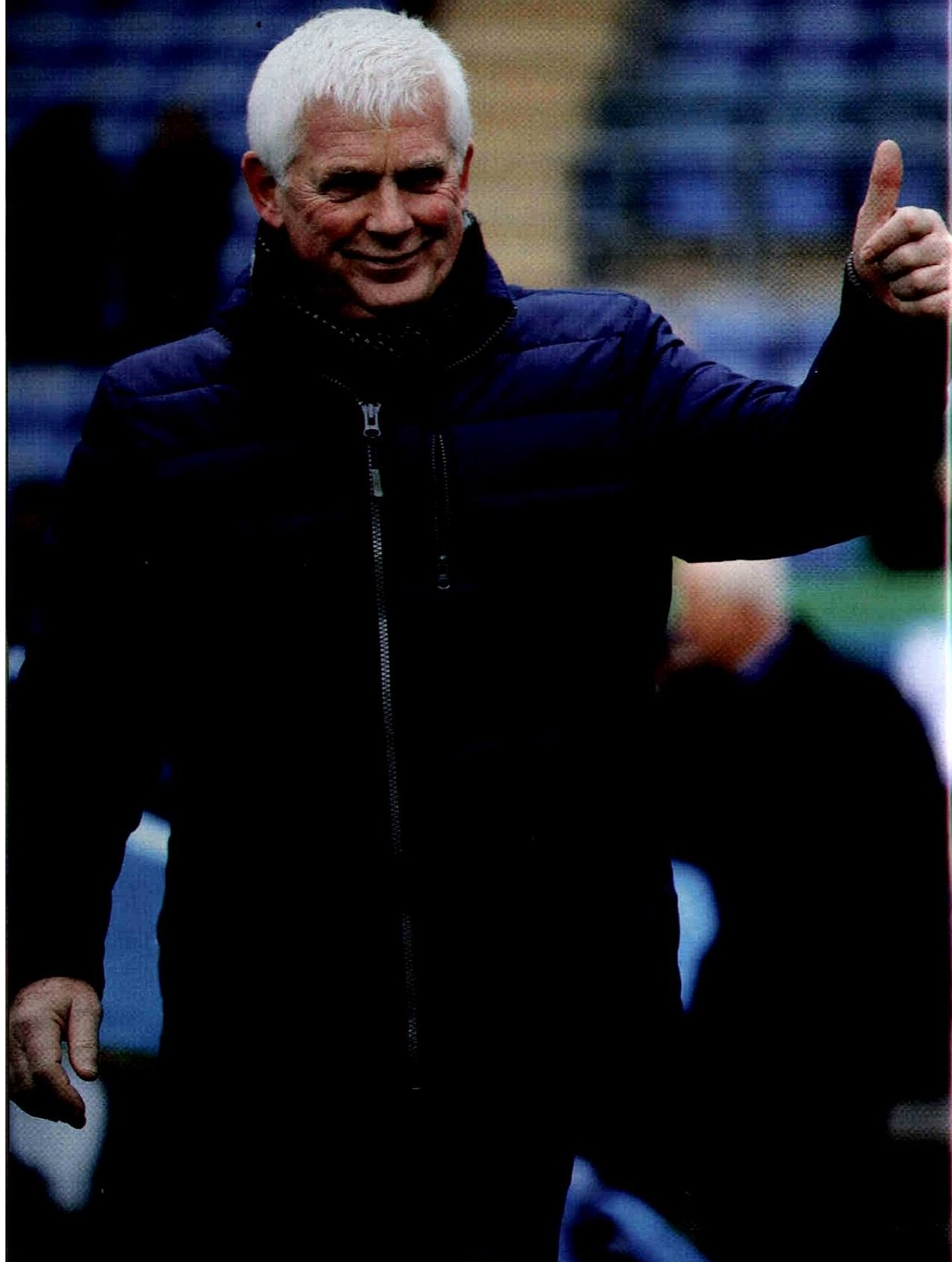
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JIMMY HOLMES



SENT TO COVENTRY

Playing at the Maracana against Brazil's 1970 World Champions, becoming the Republic of Ireland's youngest international, scoring for Coventry in an FA Youth Cup final, starring in 150 games for the Sky Blues and being a regular for Spurs in the days of Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles would seem to be the highlights of a full career, let alone someone whose top class career was curtailed through injury at the age of just 26, writes Rob Mason.

Jimmy Holmes was at the peak of his powers when he lined up at the Vasil Levski Stadium in Sofia in May 1979 for a crucial European Championships qualifying match with a Bulgarian side who Ireland had experienced some tasty games with in that era, two Irishmen having been sent off on the Republic's previous visit. 55 minutes had gone when Irish sub Paddy Mulligan saw Ivan Illiev steaming in and tried to warn Jimmy. Mulligan was warming up and remembers, 'I could see what was coming down the tracks. The Bulgarian player was going for the ball with his studs showing. 'Don't go Jimmy' I shouted. 'It was never Jimmy's ball but he had made up his mind to contest the tackle. He was too brave for his own good.'

The injury was a bad one and the treatment he received in Bulgaria had to be re-dealt with both on the way home and once he was back in England. Complications, including an infection, resulted in a

top level career coming to a far too premature close.

Coming back from serious injury there were mental hurdles as well as physical ones to overcome. The natural inclination to thunder into a tackle was understandably perhaps more hesitant than it once was, and with a young Chris Hughton coming through the ranks at Tottenham, Holmes moved on to play in the calmer surrounds of Vancouver Whitecaps.

Jimmy's old Coventry boss Gordon Milne brought him back to these shores with Leicester City in 1982-83 but the two games he managed for the Foxes both ended in defeat, albeit the one Leicester goal scored in the games Holmes played was scored by a young Mr. Lineker.

Looking to resurrect his career Jimmy had four games for Brentford later in the season but a debut at Newport was a long way – in every sense – from jousting with Jairzinho at the Maracana. Still trying to recapture an injury hit career, the same season ended with Jimmy turning out alongside player-manager Bruce Rioch at Torquay.

Former West Brom stalwart John Wile was player/manager of Peterborough United where Jimmy found a home, starting off in front of an up and coming goalkeeper by the name of David Seaman.

City's next visitors Cambridge were

on the receiving end of the last goal of Jimmy's league career, a penalty in October 1985 before Halifax Town was the scene of his final league appearance the following month.

Having moved into coaching at Peterborough, Jimmy went on to work extensively in non-league in player/manager roles and then spent 23 years in the police force based at Little Park Street in Coventry before taking on his current job as a chauffeur.

It is a long and varied life for a Dubliner who was all set to sign for Manchester United as a boy before Coventry stepped in. Jimmy had met with United's legendary boss



FACT FILE

Clubs:

COVENTRY CITY	1970-77
Tottenham Hotspur	1977-81
Vancouver Whitecaps	1981-82
Leicester City	1982-83
Brentford	1983
Torquay United	1983
Peterborough United	1983-85
Nuneaton Borough	1985-87
Leicester United	1987
Hitchin Town	1987-89
Bedworth United	1989-90
Nuneaton Borough	1990

Republic of Ireland: 30 caps, 1 goal

Sky Blue total, all competitions:



Career league and major cups total:



Matt Busby at the Gresham Hotel in Dublin and even had tickets to travel to Manchester when suddenly Noel Cantwell turned up at his family's door. Holmes had seen Cantwell play for Ireland but there was another reason Coventry captured his signature rather than United, that was when Jim's brother revealed that Coventry had bought his house for his parents! City's wonderfully named scout Bunny Fulham was a pal of Jimmy's dad and so the Sky Blues had learned of his young talent.

Playing alongside Dennis Mortimer and Mick McGuire, Holmes came to prominence in the 1970 FA Youth Cup final against a Tottenham team that included Steve Perryman and Graeme Souness. Jimmy scored in the first leg at Highfield Road but after the final ended level on aggregate City lost the toss for the venue of the replay and went down 1-0 at the third time of asking. As a youth player he did win a trophy with City though, coach Ronnie Farmer's side beating West Ham 2-1 on aggregate in the final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Jimmy had to wait until December of the following year for his first team debut which came against Leicester but by then he was already a full international. Over six months before his bow for the Sky Blues he had become the Republic of Ireland's youngest ever full international when he replaced Don Givens for the last quarter of an hour of a defeat by Austria at Dalymount Park.

No doubt there would have been many more caps but for his Bulgarian nightmare but over nine years Jimmy's 30 caps included 17 won with Coventry, a goal from the penalty spot against Norway and a draw with England at Wembley (where Gerry Daly scored).

Having got into the Coventry team after becoming an international, Jimmy remained on the fringe of the side until 1973-74 when he missed just one match. Remaining at Highfield Road until March 1977, Jimmy's was a terrific career that would have been so much longer but for one far away fierce tackle in the service of his country. Granted a Testimonial by the FA of Ireland, an Irish XI featuring Packie Bonner, Chris

Hughton, David O'Leary and Tony Cascarino took on an XI assembled by Jimmy's old Tottenham teammate Glenn Hoddle which included Pat Jennings, Ossie Ardiles, Chris Waddle and Garth Crooks.

That was a fitting tribute to an ever popular player who was a fine talent and a superb reader of the game, Jimmy Holmes who is special guest at the match today.

PUSB: How much are you looking forward to being guest of honour this afternoon and how often do you get to see the team?

JIMMY: I don't get up there very often because of my job. I am the chauffeur for the Mayor of Nuneaton, which is something I've been doing for six years now but I was up there for the game against Stoke when I thought they played brilliantly. It was a great day and I enjoyed that one.

PUSB: How has your autobiography, 'The Day My Dream Ended,' done?

JIMMY: I enjoyed doing it and locally it's done well so I'm quite happy with it.

PUSB: Your first goal came at Anfield in your first season as a regular. What can you remember of it?

JIMMY: Ray Clemence was in goal and as I remember it the goal was a free kick that went in off the post at the Kop end.

PUSB: You made your name as a left back but was that your favourite position or did you prefer it when you played more in midfield for Coventry?

JIMMY: No I was definitely a defender but I did like playing in midfield at a time when we had a lot of experienced defenders. My best game in midfield was at Middlesbrough where it ended four each and I got two. I was supposed to pick up Graeme Souness but I think he got two as well.

PUSB: You can't claim to have had a good game Jimmy, you lost your man twice!

JIMMY: Yes, well okay! I don't think he was chasing me anyway!



PUSB: Coventry's left side was very strong when you were partnered with Tommy Hutchison, was that the best partnership you had in your career at Coventry?

JIMMY: Without a doubt. It was a joke between us that Hutchy would say, 'Don't go by me, just win the ball, give it to me and I'll do the rest'. The way he crossed balls was unbelievable.

PUSB: You had some great players in your 1970 FA Youth Cup final side but one who became famous for life outside football as David Icke. What was he like as a young goalie? Was he strange or unusual as a young lad – even allowing for the fact that some people think all goalkeepers are strange!

JIMMY: They're all mad, goalkeepers, in my opinion, in the nicest possible way. David Icke was a fantastic trainer, in fact he never stopped training. He would run off the pitch when he was finished, rub himself down, jump into his mini and drive off.

He was a good 'keeper and a great influence on the rest of the players.

PUSB: Having joined Spurs how did a team with Glenn Hoddle, Ralph Coates, Steve Perryman, Peter Taylor and Pat Jennings go down?

JIMMY: It's amazing. When I joined Tottenham I didn't even realise what position they were in. We'd been playing Derby and I planned to go out for a drink with Alan Dugdale when we got back but [manager] Gordon Milne told me that Tottenham wanted to sign me and I had to go to the Esso hotel where they were waiting for me. I met up with them around midnight and didn't get home until around three in the morning so it was all very sudden. It was transfer deadline day and the move had to be registered by five o'clock. I went there when we didn't have many games to go and I missed some matches through damaging my ankle ligaments in a tackle with Chris Garland who was playing for Bristol City. I scored in the last game against Leicester who we beat but it was

all over then, we were in the second division.

PUSB: There were some great days at White Hart Lane as you went straight back up, there's not too many players take part in a 9-0 win?

JIMMY: That was a fairy-tale. Glenn Hoddle was unbelievable that day. The thing is Bristol Rovers had Bobby Gould playing for them and at half time he said, 'Take it easy on us in the second half Holmesy'. It was one of those games. Ian Moores, who is dead now, scored three and Colin Lee got four on his debut.

PUSB: There's not too many get to play in front of 120,000 at the Maracana either. Although Pele had retired from international football that Brazil side of the early seventies were magnificent – what were they like to actually face?

JIMMY: It wasn't scary but there was a weight of anticipation just to see how the first ten minutes would go. I looked across at kick off and I could see a front three of Rivelino, Tostao and Jairzinho who was my winger and he was 6'2". Straight away he went by me and put in a cross which Tostao headed against the bar. I shouted to Eoin Hand who was player/ manager and said, 'Eoin, you've got to give me a hand against this guy', but he just said, 'Sorry Holmesy I can't do it I've got to pick him up', pointing across the pitch. So I said 'Who?' and he answered, 'Rivelino'. We just looked at each other and laughed! They were unbelievable but they only beat us 2-1. It was one of the highlights of my career.





Ronnie Rees beaten to a through ball by Marshall, the Newcastle keeper.



SKY BLUE STORY - 50 YEARS ON

with Club Historian Jim Brown

TOPSY TURVY FORM DOESN'T HELP RELEGATION FIGHT

After a weekend without a game, the Sky Blues resumed their relegation fight on the 20th January with a home game against Newcastle United. The Magpies were having a much better season and lay sixth in Division One with only one defeat in nine games. Welsh international centre-forward Wyn Davies had scored 10 goals and a defence built around John McNamee and Bobby Moncur was tight.

Noel Cantwell recalled Brian Hill at right-back for his first game for two months, in place of Dave Clements. Former manager Jimmy Hill and his wife Heather

were in the stand, as was England manager Alf Ramsey.

City had the better of things in the early part of the game and Newcastle lost forward Albert Bennett on 19 minutes with a twisted knee. Jim Scott came on as substitute and ten minutes later put the Geordies into the lead with a fierce drive from the edge of the penalty area. City had their chances and Hannigan's header looked goal-bound until Marshall grabbed it on the line with City players appealing that it had crossed the line. A minute later Gerry Baker levelled the scores with a left-foot drive from a great pass from Gibson. After half-time it was nip and tuck until 64 minutes when Jackie Sinclair was allowed to run some 35 yards unchallenged before hammering

the ball past Glazier through a ruck of players. Worse was to follow as Tommy Robson headed in a third goal and Davies wrapped up the points ten minutes from time with a towering header. The 33,760 crowd went home very disappointed with another poor defensive performance.

The Sky Blues stayed rooted to the foot of the table with the only good news being that their rivals Fulham, Sheffield United and Southampton all lost. Leaders Manchester United beat Sheffield Wednesday 4-2 to stay two point ahead of Liverpool.

Seven days later Second division Charlton Athletic were the visitors in the FA Cup third round. Cantwell dropped a bombshell by leaving Ronnie Rees out of the team in

Today's Teams **THE SKY BLUE**

SKY BLUES

1 BOB GLAZIER
2 BOB HILL
3 STUART BUCKLE
4 BOB HANNIGAN
5 MURRAY SETTERS
6 ALAN CAMPBELL
7 GERRY BAKER
8 BOBBY GOULD
9 BOB GIBSON
10 BOB BIRD
11 BOB BIRD

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

12 CHARLIE WRIGHT
13 BOB CLYTON
14 BOB KEARNS
15 PAUL WELSH
16 PAUL WELSH
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18 PAUL WELSH
19 ALAN CAMPBELL
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22 ALAN CAMPBELL

Referee: J. H. Gifford
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favour of Willie Carr. Bobby Gould was also out with a knee injury. Mick Kearns and Brian Lewis came into the side. Charlton, managed by former player Eddie Firmani, were in the lower reaches of Division Two and had been thrashed 4-1 at Villa Park the previous week. Manager Cantwell wasn't at the game, he was away scouting, presumably for new players.

In a dire first half City, playing in a new sky blue kit with a royal blue v-neck, just shaded it and Gerry Baker missed their best chance, heading straight at goalkeeper Wright from a few yards. At half-time Brian Hill came on for Maurice Setters who had picked up a leg injury and Baker was also limping. Wright soon had to make a good save from Lewis and then the 'keeper pushed Hannigan's header around a post. Charlton were defending with nine men back but still created chances and Alan Campbell missed an open goal as City's defence went walkabout.

A replay looked likely until nine minutes from the end when the Sky Blues finally broke the deadlock. Kearns joined the attack and his shot slammed the upright and Baker was on hand to crack it home. Three minutes later Carr was in the right place to score his first senior goal when Wright could only palm out Machin's shot. There was no holding City now and Hannigan made it 3-0

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1	Manchester Utd	26	16	7	3	54	30	39
2	Leeds Utd	27	16	5	6	48	21	37
3	Liverpool	26	14	8	4	41	19	36
4	Manchester City	26	15	4	7	58	31	34
5	Newcastle Utd	27	10	10	7	42	40	30
6	Tottenham Hotspur	26	12	6	8	40	40	30
7	Everton	26	12	4	10	37	27	28
8	Arsenal	26	10	7	9	40	32	27
9	West Bromwich Albion	25	11	5	9	48	39	27
10	Nottingham Forest	26	11	5	10	38	31	27
11	Sheffield Wednesday	26	9	7	10	39	40	25
12	Burnley	25	9	7	9	43	47	25
13	Leicester City	26	8	8	10	41	44	24
14	Chelsea	25	7	10	8	37	53	24
15	Stoke City	26	9	5	12	33	41	23
16	West Ham Utd	26	9	4	13	49	51	22
17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	26	8	4	14	43	57	20
18	Sheffield Utd	26	6	8	12	30	46	20
19	Sunderland	25	6	7	12	32	46	19
20	Southampton	26	7	5	14	41	59	19
21	Fulham	24	6	4	14	32	50	16
22	Coventry City	26	3	10	13	31	53	16

League table 20 January 1968

a minute later with a 25-yard shot that Wright misjudged and the ball passed under his body into the net.

losing to lower status clubs. Wolves and Sheffield United lost by the odd goal to Rotherham and Watford respectively whilst Carlisle pulled off the result of the day, winning 1-0 at Newcastle.

Elsewhere in the cup there were shocks with three First Division sides




Ernie Hannigan heads for goal watched by Gerry Baker v Newcastle.

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TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST – WELCOME TO JIM HOLMES

Dublin born Jimmy was brought to Highfield Road by fellow countryman Noel Cantwell as a promising youngster in 1970 from St John Bosco.

He debuted at left-back in 1971-2 and over six seasons with the Sky Blues he made 150 first team games scoring six times and appeared regularly for the Republic of Ireland side eventually winning 30 caps.

The versatile and dynamic defender went to Spurs in 1977 for a big fee but after a bad leg fracture his playing career wound down between 1981-84 at the likes of Vancouver Whitecaps, Leicester City, Brentford, Torquay and Peterborough, before dropping into non-league football.

Jim then managed both Bedworth and Nuneaton Borough and built a career with West Midlands Constabulary (where he received a bravery award in an armed incident in 2007).

He has been our 'special guest' at Sky Blues home games a number of times and is a pretty regular Ricoh visitor, often attending both our major annual reunions, Legends Day and Golf Day.



Jim in the Sky Blue

CYRILLE REGIS RIP (1958-2018)



CCFPA along with all Sky Blue fans were devastated to hear of the sudden death at the tragically early age of 59 of our true Sky Blue 'Legend' earlier this week (just as this page went to press). A full tribute is on our website. A 'Big man' of football in every way he will be sorely missed by the Sky Blue family.

BUSSTY SEES SPIREITES SUNK



Dave rides the BBC CWR Airways

After a gritty 1-0 win against Carlisle at the back end of 2017 lowly Chesterfield opposed us on New Year's Day. Heroic ex CCFC defender **Dave Busst** saw a single goal Sky Blue victory (another first half McNulty strike). Since retiring with a horrific leg injury, Dave has become well respected as a driving force behind the club's Sky Blues in The Community project.

ANDY SEES WYCOMBE WIN

Just before Xmas former Sky Blue forward **Andy Morrell**, who now manages Tamworth, saw CCFC eventually see off Wycombe Wanderers in a match of fluctuating fortunes. An amazing long range opener from Sky Blue captain (and CCFPA member) **Michael Doyle** and a Marc McNulty strike gave us a 2-0 lead. A Wanderers 1st half penalty (in added time) and an early second half equaliser required McNulty's second to guarantee the points.



Andy (left) with CCFPA's Pat Raybould & the Family Zone gang

MARCUS (& MICKY) SEE STOKE STUNNED (& 'SPARKY' SACKED)

The Sky Blues headlined nationally in knocking Stoke City out of the FA Cup at a rapturous Ricoh. Our 'special', two-time former CCFC defender **Marcus Hall** saw the Premier Leaguers humbled by goals each side of the break from defenders Jordan Willis and Jack Grimmer. Stoke got a consolation penalty but were well beaten and gaffer Mark Hughes paid the penalty soon after! Marcus had to leave before the post-mortem in Lady Gs and thanks to 1987 F.A.Cup Final hero **Micky Gynn** for coming on as sub!



Brian 'Harry' Roberts gets a smile from Marcus



Micky Gynn tells Billy how it was!



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HOLMES (79' BOATENG)
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UNUSED SUBS:
JONES, SIMPSON, WILSON,
JAY, MCALINDEN

BURGE
GRIMMER
WILLIS
DAVIES
STOKES
SHIPLEY (77' BARRETT)
DOYLE
BAYLISS
MAGUIRE-DREW (82'
STEVENSON)
MCNULTY

UNUSED SUBS:
O'BRIEN, HAYNES,
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Referee: Ben Toner | Attendance: 4,219 (339)

Mark Robins said: "Today was totally unlike us."

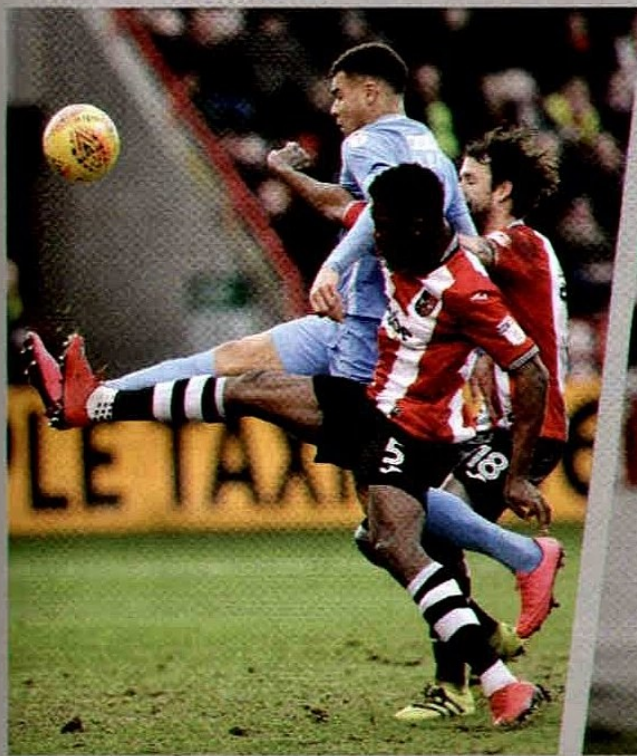
"I think that we were unnerved a little by the presence of Jayden Stockley up front and we did not deal with him very well at all.

"We gave them a goal and a really poor one at that. As soon as we did that we were on the back foot. On a pitch like that it becomes very difficult and they made it harder for us.

"They played very much unlike an Exeter team because of the way that the pitch has cut up, but that is up to them and we have to deal with that.

"I am disappointed, and it is another really good opportunity wasted."







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LOCAL COMPETITION FINALS TO DECIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO REPRESENT COVENTRY CITY IN THE EFL KIDS CUP!

A record number of 63 Primary Schools took part in the Local Competition stage of the EFL Kids Cup during December and January – hosted by Sky Blues in the Community for schools across Coventry and Warwickshire with over 400 children taking part.

The EFL Kids Cup comprises of a six-a-side competition for U11 schoolchildren and culminates in three finals across the Sky Bet EFL Play-Off weekend in May. The road to the finals starts with EFL Clubs organising a Kids Cup local competition for all local schools



wishing to take part. Sky Blues in the Community (on behalf of Coventry City Football Club) hosted the local competition for schools based in Coventry and Warwickshire. The games were played over three nights on the outdoor 3G pitch at Blue Coat Church of England School, with one local primary school team reigning victorious on each night.

The three Primary Schools who came out as winners each night were: Parkgate, Spon Gate and Whitmore Park and will now face each other in a final round-robin competition at the Sky Blue Lodge (Coventry City's Training Ground) to decide the overall Coventry and Warwickshire Local Competition Winner.

The overall winner will go on to represent Coventry City Football Club at the Regional Finals in Swindon during March – competing against 13 other teams representing Clubs in the EFL League 2.



Sky Blues in the Community's, Primary Sport Officer, Marcus Webber said: "It was great to have such a positive response to this year's regional EFL Kids Cup Competition. The standard of football across the three events was very high and it will be a closely fought final-stage to decide the winner! Despite the rearrangement of one tournament due to snow, this year's competition has been a great success. Well done to all of the children who participated and a huge thanks to the school teachers and parents for their support too."

For more information on the EFL Kids Cup please visit www.efltrust.com/kidscup or for more information about Sky Blues in the Community's work with local schools, please contact Premier League Sport Manager, Neil Kelly, via email: neil.kelly@ccfc.co.uk or Telephone: 024 7678 6349.

CALUDON CASTLE SCHOOL REPRESENT COVENTRY CITY IN THE EFL GIRLS CUP AREA FINALS!

Each season the EFL, with the support of Football Club Community Organisations, organises two cup competitions (Kids Cup and Girls Cup) for junior footballers from schools across the country. The finals of which are played in the build-up to some of the biggest matches of the domestic season.

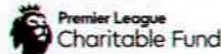
The EFL Girls Cup competition comprises of a six-a-side tournament for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the Checkrade Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in April. The road to the Finals began in November with Sky Blues in the Community hosting the local stage of the competition for Secondary Schools across Coventry and Warwickshire to enter.

The winners of the local competition and therefore the team that represented Coventry City Football Club in the Area Finals in Oxford were Caludon Castle School, who found themselves competing against 8 talented schools. Representing other EFL football clubs were schools from Milton Keynes Dons, Oxford United, Portsmouth, Reading, Peterborough United, Northampton Town and Wycombe Wanderers. The girls did a fantastic job going undefeated in their first three games and continued to display great skill, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day and most importantly thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Reading FC's representatives progressed to the next stage of the

competition and were a very strong side. Coventry City look forward to the EFL Girls Cup next year and are eager to ascertain who will represent the club and how far we can progress in the 2018-2019 tournament.

Caludon Castle Student, representing Coventry City FC, Macie said: "It was a great experience, even though we played some tough teams I had an amazing time."

Sky Blues in the Community's, Football Development Officer for Females, Chloe Debaes added: "Not only were the players performances fantastic, the way they carried themselves and represented us as a club throughout



SKY BLUES ACCELERATE INTO WORK PARTICIPANTS CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AT TODAY'S MATCH!

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund, Sky Blues in the Community form part of the Accelerate Project partnership of 23 local organisations providing co-ordinated employment support to people who are looking for work and further training opportunities.

Throughout 2018, Sky Blues in the Community will be providing more free programmes for those who are unemployed or economically inactive to support them to overcome complex barriers to employment and develop their confidence, all within a sociable and positive environment.

Today, the Sky Blues welcome participants from cohort's 4 and 5 who have all achieved a Level 1 Sports Leadership Qualification through the Accelerate into Work project, all to be presented with their



certificates pitch-side at today's match. All 13 learners passed with flying colours. As part of their practical assessment, learners led the delivery of Blind Football, Endurance Running, Rugby, Boxing, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee and American Football. Learners also gained work experience assisting Sky Blues in the Community coaches at the EFL Kids Cup.

Here's what some of the learners had to say about the project:

Kelly: "Brilliant to meet new people, learn new skills & plenty of encouragement."

Karl: "The programme offered support to people on an individual level as well as encouraging people to work together & support each other."

Sandra: "Good balance of theory & practical activities, good range of external volunteers/workshops, easy, relaxed atmosphere – encourage group bonding & working together."

Floyd: "Great introduction to Sports coaching, this course has given me the confidence to take my FA Coaching badges."

Tommy: "As a blind participant Sky Blues did well not to leave me out & managed to include me in all activities."

Sky Blues in the Community's next Accelerate into Work programme begins on the 30th January 2018. To find out more information please contact Training & Skills Officer, Andrew Hopcroft, via andrew.hopcroft@ccfc.co.uk or 024 7678 6349.



the entire day has made the club and all involved very proud".

The importance of competitions like this for girls' football is tremendous and as a club we want to support girls who want to start or continue playing football and provide opportunities for women and girls to take part in sessions or events like the EFL Cup.

For more information about Girls Football opportunities with the Sky Blues, please contact Chloe Debaes via Email: chloe.debaes@ccfc.co.uk or Telephone: 024 7678 6349.



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U23S MATCH ACTION

The Sky Blues closed the gap to Professional Developmental League South leaders, Crystal Palace yesterday, when they hit six past the Eagles at the Alan Higgs Centre.

A hat-trick for January loan signing Josh Barrett, a brace for Jordan Ponticelli and another goal for Stuart Beavon, saw City pick up a 6-1 win against the Eagles.

The Sky Blues looking ruthless all afternoon, as they headed into the break 5-0 up, just before Palace pulled a goal back through Nyal Kirby and then Barrett completed his hat-trick with minutes remaining in the game.

The U23s are now just a point behind Palace who sit tip of the table, but City have a game in hand, which with a win in that game would see them move to first.

Speaking after the game, U23s coach Jason Farndon believes his side have brought the work rate and desire he wants from his team.

Farndon said: "As you can see we've had a few first team and senior players play in the team and I'm always a little cautious when that happens because it brings a different dynamic to the group.

But, in the last two games we've asked

Coventry City XI: O'Brien, Haynes, Hyam, McDonald, Di. Kelly-Evans, Hickman, Maycock, Stevenson, Barrett, Beavon, Ponticelli
Subs: Camwell, Sayoud, Ford, Thompson, Finn

Crystal Palace XI: Henry, Bissaka, Mitchell, McGregor, Woods, Brown, Lokilo, Kirby, Ladapo, KaiKai, Lumeka
Subs: Flanagan, Tupper, Robertson, Simmonds, Lynch

for work rate and reactions and I think we've got that.

"We've figured we're not going to pass it as much as we'd like too, because you have to play to the pitches at this time of year, but we're definitely going to win the ball back and pass it in the final third and there was some real good performances."

Two of the first team players who have featured in the two games against Bristol City and Crystal Palace have been Jordan Ponticelli and Stuart Beavon.

The two have played up top together in both matches and have scored seven goals between them and Jason has been impressed with the pair.

"Bev has been brilliant. He wasn't playing in the 23s last week and he came and asked to play because he wants to get some minutes in his legs and he has scored in both games and that is a real positive.

"He is great around the young lads and is a real great professional.

As for Ponticelli, Jase said: "We would like Jordan to be impatient because he has high standards for himself.

"He wasn't fully fit during the game, he got a slight knock on Saturday when he came on but he really wanted to play and get in the habit of scoring goals again.

"It's much more difficult to score in the League than in a 23s fixture, but it's important for strikers to get into rhythms and I think we're providing that at the minute."



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Crystal Palace U23	17	10	1	6	37	22	15	31
2	Coventry City U23	16	9	3	4	39	31	8	30
3	Ipswich Town U23	16	8	5	3	36	21	15	29
4	Queens Park Rangers U23	17	9	2	6	36	32	4	29
5	Charlton Athletic U23	16	6	5	5	27	27	0	23
6	Millwall U23	19	5	8	6	17	22	-5	23
7	Watford U23	15	7	1	7	27	19	8	22
8	Colchester United U23	15	5	6	4	20	21	-1	21
9	Cardiff City U23	15	5	4	6	25	26	-1	19
10	Bristol City U23	18	2	7	9	18	30	-12	13



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SKY BLUES ACADEMY

UNDER-18S

The Sky Blues under-18s are looking to turn their fortunes around in the U18 Professional Development League and get back to winning ways.

After a superb run in the FA Youth Cup earlier in the season, which was unfortunate to end at Villa Park against Aston Villa, after a valiant display saw the youngsters narrowly miss out on the next round, falling to a 2-1 defeat

City then followed that up with a close fought battle against table toppers, Crystal Palace U18s, but following their efforts, they come up short, losing 3-2 at the Alan Higgs.

Academy Manager, Rich Stevens, believes it been difficult for the lads since then and believes they need to work a little bit harder in the coming weeks, to bounce back from the defeats to Ipswich Town and Bristol City.

He said: "It's been a tough time. We've found it hard to get performances and performances will get us results and I think the boys have just got to work a little bit harder and try and make that happen.

"It's not been easy ever since the Youth Cup. We lost to Crystal Palace 3-2 which was actually a really good performance in the end and I think another five minutes we would have probably took something out of the game.

"But then the games against Ipswich and Bristol City probably dropped below a standard that we would expect from the academy.

"I think if you look back over the years, last year we had a really good season we won the league and in



the seven to eight years previous to that, we've never threatened in that position before.

"However, we want to win more games in football. Yes we've got to try and win more games in football, but it won't stop us getting players through the system and sometimes you get a collective age group where it doesn't quite work for you and maybe that's where we are at the moment, but we've got to work a bit harder to put it right.

"When players think they're working hard enough, they've got to work a bit harder and it's sometimes easier to feel sorry for yourself when things aren't going well and push the problem away, but what we're looking at the moment, is were looking at finding ways of working harder and try and make things happen."

From the Under-18 side that did so well last season, some of the players that were in that side have begun to make a real impact on the first team side this campaign.

Jordan Ponticelli has become a regular in the match day squad over the past few months and elsewhere, Tom Bayliss has begun to establish himself in the starting eleven.

Elsewhere, the Sky Blues side

consists of several players that have made it through the academy, such as; Lee Burge, Jordan Willis, Ryan Haynes and Jordan Shipley.

Rich believes the amount of players that have come through the system over the years should be something to inspire the lads this season.

"Over the last seven or eight years, every year there's something that inspires our academy boys and it just so happens this year it's been Tom Bayliss and Jordan Shipley.

"Tom was captain of the youth team last year and he had an incredible season last year. He played pretty much all season as an under 17 and in the under 18's so I'm not surprised that he's gone in and done as well as he did, I just wasn't sure he would settle in quite as quickly as he has done.

"In the last six or seven games he's played I think his performances have been an inspiration to everybody at the football club.

"The fans have took to him, the managerial staff like him, the players like him, and it's a young player from the academy that once again has shown, if they apply themselves properly and work hard, then you can get in to that first team and make an impact to the club."



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POSITION **MIDFIELDER**
D.O.B. 10/02/1990

HOME KIT: **BEN CLUNY**
AWAY KIT: **NANCY McDONALD BROWN**

07

PETER VINCENTI

10 DIGITAL

POSITION **MIDFIELDER**
D.O.B. 07/07/1986

HOME KIT: **JONATHAN CLUNY**
AWAY KIT: **MYLES NOTTINGHAM**

08

MICHAEL DOYLE

archer bassett

POSITION **MIDFIELDER**
D.O.B. 08/07/1981

HOME KIT: **RICHARD BULLARD**
AWAY KIT: **DAN BARTLETT**

09

MAX BIAMOU

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POSITION **STRIKER**
D.O.B. 13/11/1990

HOME KIT: **AVAILABLE**
AWAY KIT: **AVAILABLE**

10

MARC McNULTY

SHORTLAND HORNE

POSITION **STRIKER**
D.O.B. 14/09/1992

HOME KIT: **ELAINE PHIPKIN**
AWAY KIT: **RAY PHIPKIN**

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JODI JONES

LAW & MOORE
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POSITION **MIDFIELDER**
D.O.B. 22/10/1997

HOME KIT: **JAMIE LEE**
AWAY KIT: **PAT RAYBOULD**

12

TOM DAVIES

10 DIGITAL

POSITION **DEFENDER**
D.O.B. 18/04/1992

HOME KIT: **AVAILABLE**
AWAY KIT: **AVAILABLE**

13

LIAM O'BRIEN

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POSITION **GOALKEEPER**
D.O.B. 30/11/1991

HOME KIT: **AVAILABLE**
AWAY KIT: **AVAILABLE**

14

KWAME THOMAS

10 DIGITAL

POSITION **STRIKER**
D.O.B. 28/09/1995

HOME KIT: **AVAILABLE**
AWAY KIT: **AVAILABLE**

15

DOMINIC HYAM

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POSITION **DEFENDER**
D.O.B. 20/12/1995

HOME KIT: **PAT RAYBOULD**
AWAY KIT: **AVAILABLE**

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PETER MARSHALL

STUART BEAVON

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

HOME KIT: MYLES NOTTINGHAM
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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10 DIGITAL

TONY ANDREU

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 22/05/1988

HOME KIT: RICHARD BULLARD
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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DION KELLY-EVANS

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

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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DEVON KELLY-EVANS

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

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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MIDREPRO

IRVIN HAYNES

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

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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JORDAN SHIPLEY

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

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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10 DIGITAL

CALLUM MAYCOCK

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 23/12/1997

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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BILAL SAYOUD

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 05/05/1997

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

30

10 DIGITAL

TOM BAYLISS

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 06/04/1999

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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BEN STEVENSON

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

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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10 DIGITAL

COREY ADDAI

POSITION: GOALKEEPER
D.O.B: 10/10/1997

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

34

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CHRIS CAMWELL

POSITION: DEFENDER
D.O.B: 27/10/1998

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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KYLE FINN

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
D.O.B: 07/12/1998

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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10 DIGITAL

REECE FORD

POSITION: DEFENDER
D.O.B: 29/10/1998

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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JAK HICKMAN

POSITION: DEFENDER
D.O.B: 11/09/1998

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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Respected Franchises

JORDAN PONTICELLI

POSITION: STRIKER
D.O.B: 10/09/1998

HOME KIT: PAT RAYBOULD
AWAY KIT: RED CARD NORM

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10 DIGITAL

JORDAN THOMPSON

POSITION: DEFENDER
D.O.B: 08/04/1999

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

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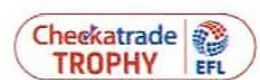
POSITION: ELEPHANT
D.O.B: 30/08/1969

HOME KIT: AVAILABLE
AWAY KIT: AVAILABLE

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

DATE	TD	OPPONENT	H/A	RES	COMP	POS	ATT	AWAY ATT	STARTING XI
AUGUST									
Sat 5th	15:00	NOTTS COUNTY	H	3-0	EFL 2	2	10,350	1,727	O'Brien, Grimmer, Hyam, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Tue 8th	19:45	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	1-3	EFL CLUB	-	5,372	626	O'Brien, Grimmer, Hyam, McDonald, Carmwell, Stevenson
Sat 12th	15:00	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	0-2	EFL 2	1	6,767	1,357	O'Brien, Grimmer 1, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 19th	15:00	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	0-1	EFL 2	4	8,745	908	O'Brien, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 26th	15:00	YEOVIL TOWN	A	2-0	EFL 2	10	3,754	1,056	O'Brien, Grimmer, Hyam, Willis, Stokes, Kelly
Tue 29th	19:45	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	2-3	EFL 1	-	1,968	161	Burge, Grimmer, Hyam, Pearson, Di. Kelly, Evans, Stevenson
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 2nd	15:00	CHESTERFIELD	A	0-0	EFL 2	10	5,164	1,443	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 9th	15:00	PORT VALE	H	1-0	EFL 2	8	6,951	443	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Tue 12th	19:45	CARLISLE UNITED	H	2-0	EFL 2	4	6,151	242	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 16th	15:00	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	2-1	EFL 2	6	5,142	1,209	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 23rd	15:00	EXETER CITY	H	2-0	EFL 2	6	8,340	1,122	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Tue 26th	19:45	SWINDON TOWN	A	1-2	EFL 2	4	6,340		Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 30th	15:00	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-0	EFL 2	4	7,664	343	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
OCTOBER									
Tue 3rd	19:45	WALSLEY	A	2-2*	EFL 1	-	1,617		O'Brien, Grimmer, Hyam, Carmwell, Stevenson, Maycock
Sat 7th	15:00	BARNET	A	0-0	EFL 2	5	4,041	1,390	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 14th	15:00	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	A	1-0	EFL 2	7	2,828	1,494	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Tue 17th	19:45	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	H	0-1	EFL 2	8	6,366	212	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Kelly
Sat 21st	15:00	DOLCHESTER UNITED	H	0-0	EFL 2	8	7,149	349	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly
Sat 28th	15:00	LUTON TOWN	A	0-3	EFL 2	6	9,670	1,067	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly
NOVEMBER									
Sun 5th	14:00	MADENHEAD UNITED	H	2-0	FAC 1	-	3,370	715	Burge, Grimmer, Davies, McDonald, Haynes, Sholey
Tue 7th	19:45	WEST BROMWICH ALBION (C1)	H	2-1	EFL 1	-	1,429	43	O'Brien, Di. Kelly, Evans, Willis, Hyam, Stokes, Stevenson 1
Sat 11th	15:00	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	0-1	EFL 2	6	8,410	1,565	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly
Sat 18th	15:00	LINCOLN CITY	A	1-2	EFL 2	7	9,581	1,450	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly
Tue 21st	19:45	STEVENAGE	A	1-1	EFL 2	6	2,544	760	Burge, Davies, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly
Sat 25th	15:00	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	1-1	EFL 2	6	6,381	159	Burge, Davies, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Grimmer
DECEMBER									
Sun 3rd	14:00	BORHAM WOOD	H	3-0	FAC 2	-	2,995	595	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Haynes, Stevenson
Sat 9th	15:00	MORECAMBE	A	2-0	EFL 2	7	1,773	708	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Stevenson
Sat 16th	15:00	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	2-1	EFL 2	7	6,457	537	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Bayliss 1
Fri 22nd	19:45	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3-2	EFL 2	4	7,234	696	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Bayliss
Tue 26th	15:00	PORT VALE	A	1-0	EFL 2	7	7,127	1,698	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Stokes, Bayliss
Sat 30th	15:00	CARLISLE UNITED	A	0-1	EFL 2	5	3,807	847	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Stokes, Bayliss
JANUARY									
Mon 1st	15:00	CHESTERFIELD	H	1-0	EFL 2	3	7,402	460	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Stokes, Bayliss
Sat 6th	15:00	STOKE CITY	H	2-1	FAC 3	-	14,199	3,612	O'Brien, Grimmer 1, Willis 1, Davies, Stokes, Bayliss
Sat 13th	15:00	EXETER CITY	A	1-0	EFL 2	8	4,716	339	Burge, Grimmer, Willis, Davies, Stokes, Bayliss
Sat 20th	15:00	SWINDON TOWN	H		EFL 2				
Sat 27th	15:00	MK DONS	A		FAC 4				
Tue 30th	19:45	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H		EFL 2				
FEBRUARY									
Sat 3rd	15:00	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	A		EFL 2				
Sat 10th	15:00	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H		EFL 2				
Tue 13th	19:45	DOLCHESTER UNITED	A		EFL 2				
Sat 17th	15:00	LUTON TOWN	H		EFL 2				
Sat 24th	15:00	MANSFIELD TOWN	A		EFL 2				
MARCH									
Sat 3rd	15:00	LINCOLN CITY	H		EFL 2				
Sat 10th	15:00	BARNET	H		EFL 2				
Sat 17th	15:00	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A		EFL 2				
Sat 24th	15:00	GRIMSBY TOWN	H		EFL 2				
Fri 30th	15:00	NEWPORT COUNTY	A		EFL 2				
APRIL									
Mon 2nd	15:00	YEOVIL TOWN	H		EFL 2				
Sat 7th	15:00	NOTTS COUNTY	A		EFL 2				
Sat 14th	15:00	CRAWLEY TOWN	A		EFL 2				
Sat 21st	15:00	STEVENAGE	H		EFL 2				
Sat 28th	15:00	CHELTENHAM TOWN	A		EFL 2				
MAY									
Sat 5th	15:00	MORECAMBE	H		EFL 2				
TBC	TBC	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A		EFL 2				

FIXTURES



KEY: Goalscorers in bold - McNulty 1 = 1 goal scored by McNulty
 1st Sub: Green | 2nd Sub: Blue | 3rd Sub: Red | Example - McNulty (65) - sub on 65 minute
 Yellow Card 🟡 | Red Card 🔴 | Home games are highlighted Blue.

		SUB 1		SUB 2		SUB 3		UNUSED SUBS					
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty	Jones 1	Beavon	Biamou (73)	Nazon (86)		Charles-Cook	Pearson	Kelly-Evans	D.Kelly-Evans	Stevenson	
Shiple	Kelly-Evans	Nazon 1	Jones	Biamou	Beavon (62)	Ponticelli (63)	Finn (75)	Charles-Cook	Pearson	Maycock	Kelly-Evans		
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty 1	Jones 1	Beavon	Hyam (73)	Andrew (75)	Nazon (87)	Charles-Cook	Pearson	Hyam	Stevenson		
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty	Jones	Beavon	Andrew (60)	Stevenson (63)	Biamou (78)	Burge	Pearson	Hyam	Nazon		
Doyle	Nazon	McNulty	Jones	Andrew	Beavon (63)	Biamou (81)		Burge	Pearson	Vincenzo	Kelly-Evans	Stevenson	
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty 1	Jones	Andrew 1	Shiple (39)	Maycock (45)	Beavon (51)	O'Brien	Thompson	Nazon	Biamou		
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty	Jones	Beavon	Andrew (57)	Nazon (77)		O'Brien	Hyam	Biamou	Shiple	Maycock	
Doyle	Jones 1	Andrew	Vincenzo 1	McNulty	Beavon (29)	Nazon (58)	Davies (82)	O'Brien	Biamou	Kelly-Evans	Maycock		
Doyle	Vincenzo 1	Nazon 1	Jones	Beavon	Biamou (59)	Kelly-Evans (87)		O'Brien	Hyam	Maycock	Bayliss	Ponticelli	
Doyle	Vincenzo	Nazon 1	Jones	Beavon	Biamou (83)	Kelly-Evans (84)		O'Brien	Hyam	Maycock	Bayliss	Ponticelli	
Doyle	Vincenzo	Kelly-Evans 1	Jones	Nazon	Biamou (22)			O'Brien	McNulty	Davies	Shiple	Maycock	Ponticelli
Doyle 1	Biamou	Kelly-Evans 1	Jones	Nazon 1	Shiple (82)	Davies (90)	McNulty (90+4)	O'Brien	D.Kelly-Evans	Maycock	Ponticelli		
Doyle	Biamou	Kelly-Evans	Jones 1	Nazon 1	Beavon (72)			O'Brien	D.Kelly-Evans	McNulty	Davies	Shiple	Stevenson
Vincenzo	Beavon	Di Kelly-Evans	Shiple	McNulty 1	Ponticelli (45) 1	Sayoud (74)		Addai	Ford	Hickman	Bayliss	Finn	
Doyle	Biamou	Kelly-Evans	Jones	McNulty	Shiple (77)	Ponticelli (85)		O'Brien	Vincenzo	Davies	Beavon	Stevenson	
Doyle	Biamou	Kelly-Evans	Jones	Nazon	McNulty (51)	Ponticelli (87)	Vincenzo (90+1)	O'Brien	Davies	Shiple	Beavon	Stevenson	
Doyle 1	Biamou	McNulty 1	Jones	Nazon 1	Shiple (72)	Ponticelli (72)		O'Brien	Davies	Vincenzo	Beavon	Stevenson	
Doyle 1	Beavon	McNulty	Jones	Nazon 1	Shiple (24)	Vincenzo (73)		O'Brien	Biamou	Davies	Ponticelli	Stevenson	
Doyle	Vincenzo	McNulty 1 1	Jones	Ponticelli	Nazon (81) 1	Biamou (82)	Shiple (90) 1	O'Brien	Stokes	Davies	Maycock		
Doyle	McNulty	Vincenzo	Jones	Ponticelli 2	Biamou (45)	Nazon (74)	Maycock (74)	O'Brien	Stokes	O'Brien	Beavon	Nazon	
Maycock	Vincenzo	Di Kelly-Evans 1	Beavon	Thomas	Biamou (45) 1	Thompson (58)	Bayliss (74)	Burge	Leahy	Finn	Ford		
Doyle	Vincenzo	Ponticelli	McNulty	Jones 1	Biamou (56)	Davies (74)		O'Brien	Stokes	Beavon	Shiple	Stevenson	
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty	Jones 1	Nazon (51) 1	Stokes (90)		O'Brien	Vincenzo	Hyam	Maycock	Ponticelli	
Doyle	Shiple 1	Biamou	McNulty 1	Jones	Maycock (29)	Vincenzo (54)	Ponticelli (90+3)	O'Brien	Stokes	Hyam	Kelly-Evans		
Doyle	Shiple	Beavon	McNulty 1	Nazon	Stevenson (45)	Ponticelli (58)	Kelly-Evans (83)	O'Brien	Stokes	Biamou	Maycock		
Doyle 1	Shiple 1	Biamou	McNulty 1	Nazon 1 1	Vincenzo (55)	Kelly-Evans (71)	Bayliss (84)	O'Brien	Hyam	Beavon	Ponticelli		
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty	Nazon	Vincenzo (45)	Kelly-Evans (45)	Beavon (77)	O'Brien	Stokes	Davies	Bayliss		
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty 1	Vincenzo	Davies (45)	Nazon (70)	Kelly-Evans (85)	O'Brien	Beavon	Haynes	Stevenson		
Doyle 1	Shiple 1	Biamou	McNulty 2 1	Vincenzo	Kelly-Evans (6+8)	Nazon (84)	Davies (90+4)	O'Brien	Haynes	Stevenson	Ponticelli		
Doyle 1	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty	Davies 1	Nazon (59)	Beavon (84)	Ponticelli (84)	O'Brien	Haynes	Maycock	Stevenson		
Doyle	Shiple	Kelly-Evans	McNulty 1	Beavon	Hyam (18)	Nazon (45)	Biamou (56) 1	O'Brien	Haynes	Stevenson	Ponticelli		
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty 1	Kelly-Evans	Ponticelli (54)	Haynes (79)		O'Brien	Hyam	Kelly-Evans	Maycock	Ponticelli	
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty	Maguire-Drew	Stevenson (53)	Haynes (90+1)		Burge	Hyam	Maycock	Finn	Ponticelli	
Doyle	Shiple	Biamou	McNulty	Maguire-Drew	Ponticelli (58)	Barnett (77)	Stevenson (82)	O'Brien	McDonald	Beavon	Haynes		

2003-04

Spot The Season

- K Steve Hunt
- J Mark Hatley
- I Garry Thompson
- H Peter Bodak
- G Garry Daly
- F Peter Hornantschuk
- E Paul Dyson
- D Garry Gillespie
- C Danny Thomas
- B David Barnes
- A Jim Blyth

HALF-TIME QUIZ ANSWERS

* won 4-3 on penalties



COVENTRY CITY

MANAGER: MARK ROBINS

- 01 ○ Lee **BURGE**
- 02 ○ Jack **GRIMMER**
- 03 ○ Chris **STOKES**
- 04 ○ Jordan **WILLIS**
- 05 ○ Rod **MCDONALD**
- 06 ○ Liam **KELLY**
- 07 ○ Peter **VINCENTI**
- 08 ○ Michael **DOYLE**
- 09 ○ Max **BIAMOU**
- 10 ○ Marc **McNULTY**
- 11 ○ Jodi **JONES**
- 12 ○ Tom **DAVIES**
- 13 ○ Liam **O'BRIEN**
- 15 ○ Dominic **HYAM**
- 16 ○ Stuart **BEAVON**
- 17 ○ Jordan **MAGUIRE-DREW¹**
- 19 ○ Tony **ANDREU**
- 20 ○ Dion **KELLY-EVANS**
- 22 ○ Devon **KELLY-EVANS**
- 24 ○ Ryan **HAYNES**
- 26 ○ Jordan **SHIPLEY**
- 27 ○ Josh **BARRETT²**
- 28 ○ Callum **MAYCOCK**
- 29 ○ Bilal **SAYOUD**
- 30 ○ Tom **BAYLISS**
- 31 ○ Ben **STEVENSON**
- 33 ○ Corey **ADDA³**
- 34 ○ Chris **CAMWELL**
- 35 ○ Kyle **FINN**
- 36 ○ Reece **FORD**
- 37 ○ Jak **HICKMAN**
- 38 ○ Jordan **PONTICELLI**
- 39 ○ Jordon **THOMPSON**

¹ On loan from Brighton & Hove Albion

² On loan from Reading

³ On loan to Hendon



SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER: DAVID FLITCROFT

- 01 ○ Lawrence **VIGOUROUX**
- 02 ○ Ben **PURKISS**
- 03 ○ Chris **HUSSEY**
- 04 ○ Matt **PRESTON**
- 05 ○ Chris **ROBERTSON**
- 06 ○ Oliver **LANCASHIRE**
- 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 ○ Marc **RICHARDS**
- 18 ○ Donal **McDERMOTT**
- 19 ○ Timi **MAX ELSNIK**
- 20 ○ Kellan **GORDON**
- 21 ○ Reice **CHARLES-COOK**
- 22 ○ Kaiyne **WOOLERY**
- 23 ○ Joe **ROMANSKI**
- 24 ○ Kyle **KNOYLE**
- 25 ○ Dion **CONROY**
- 26 ○ Jordan **YOUNG**
- 29 ○ Oliver **BANKS**
- 30 ○ Keshi **ANDERSON**
- 31 ○ Matthew **TAYLOR**
- 32 ○ Tom **OULDRIDGE**
- 38 ○ Scott **TWINE**

MATCH OFFICIALS



REFEREE
Stephen **MARTIN**



ASSISTANT
Timothy **WOOD**

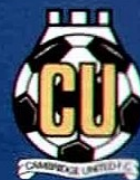


ASSISTANT
Michael **GEORGE**



FOURTH OFFICIAL
Josh **SMITH**

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