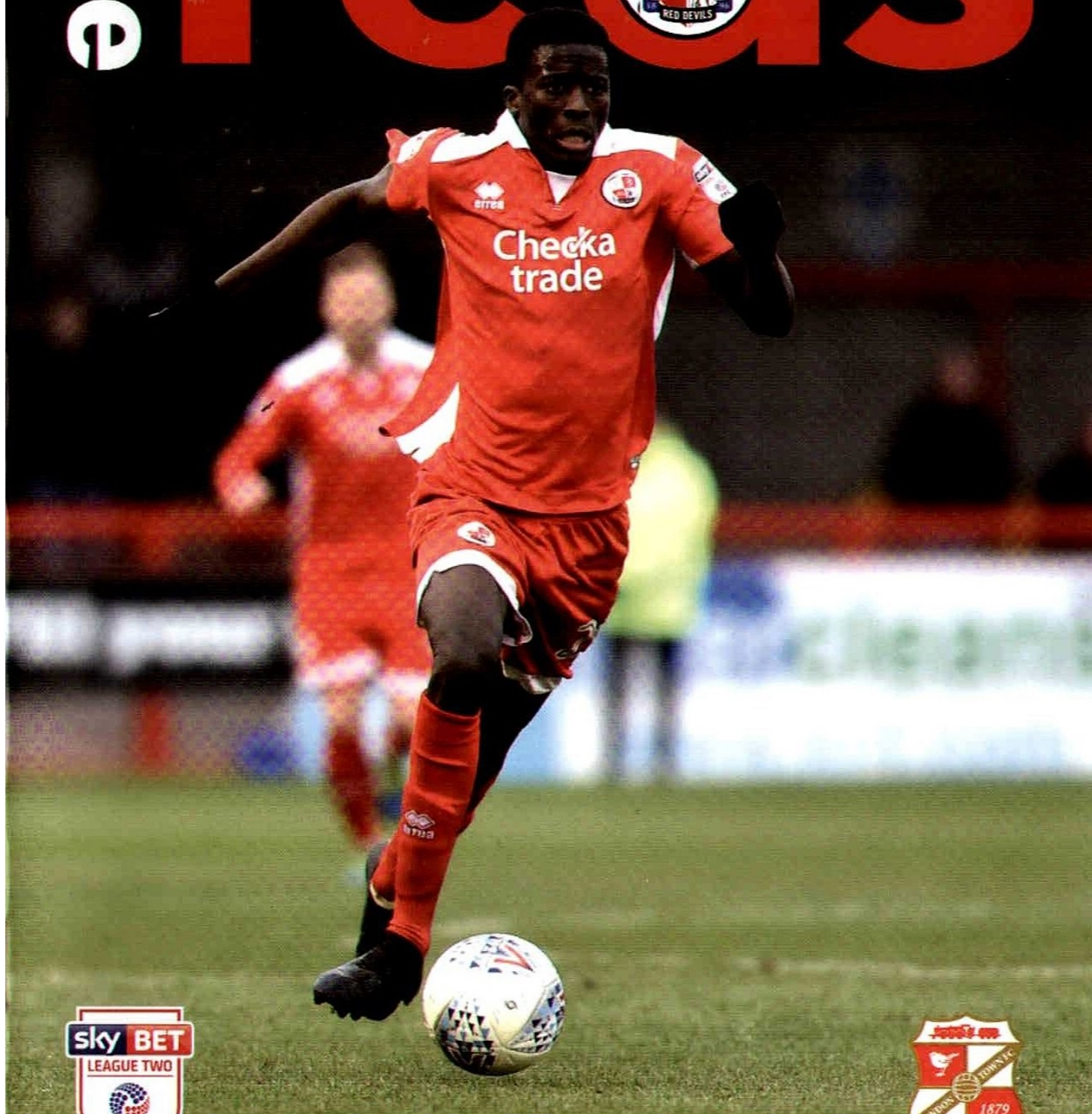
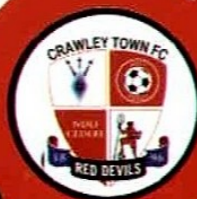


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## **Good afternoon and welcome to Phil Brown and his staff and the Swindon players and supporters.**

Phil knows the league inside out and I'm sure his experience will be vital for Swindon in the run-in as they challenge for the play-offs.

I am writing these notes ahead of our Good Friday fixture at Cambridge, but it goes without saying that I was looking for a response from the players after successive home defeats.

Our last game here against Cheltenham was really open with eight goals but I would have happily settled for a scrappy 1-0 win instead.

I don't want to keep going on about decisions in games having such a big impact but against Cheltenham the two goals they scored in the opening 12 minutes took a lot of recovering from. I felt there was a foul on Lewis in the build-up to the first and unfortunately the officials did not spot the handball before the second.

Having said that, we only had ourselves to blame for some of the other goals we conceded. We changed formation to try and get back into the game because even at half-time when we were three down I still felt we could get something.

I'll credit the players for their willingness to keep going. At 5-1 down they could have given up but they kept trying to play and their bravery was rewarded with two

goals. It was a small consolation on a disappointing afternoon.

Realistically, our play-off chances are over but I am absolutely determined that this season does not tail off. We still have targets, both as a team and individually, and I will not allow the boys to coast until the end of the season.

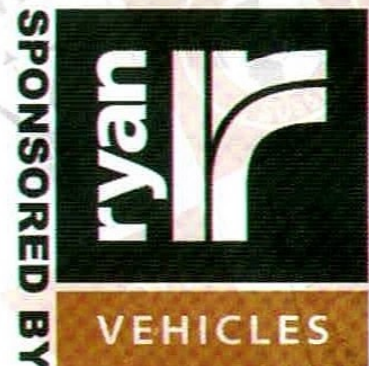
That is especially important today. The club need to be applauded for the Pay What You Can initiative. Anything that helps gets more people in the ground and improves the atmosphere can only help the players this afternoon, especially with Swindon bringing a big set of fans with them.

If you're a first-time visitor or haven't been before this season I hope you will see my boys at their best – committed to the cause, working hard and playing the game the way it should be. I said right at the outset that the change of philosophy we have brought in this season would encounter setbacks. We've had a couple of those at home and it's time to put that behind us and for the players to show everyone what they are capable of and what they delivered for three months or so until our recent setbacks.

If you don't come too often I hope our performance will persuade you that watching your local team is something you want to do on a regular basis.

## **Make some noise for your team!**

**Harry**



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# Red LEADER

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## Good afternoon and welcome to our Easter Monday game against Swindon.

Last season's Pay What You Can game was a brilliant occasion with a big crowd and a win for us that we're desperate to repeat that today.

Although we won at Swindon in the first month of the season, we're under no illusions how tough today will be. They are a big club in this division and are looking to cement their play-off place. We will need to be at our best to get a result.

It's a great opportunity to show a bigger than usual crowd what we are about as a squad. The style of play has changed a lot this season under the Gaffer and Feeno and there will be a lot of people here today who might not have watched us play for a while. Hopefully you will enjoy what you see and come back again because the more supporters here on a regular basis can only help our club move forward.

I am writing my column ahead of our game at Cambridge United on Friday. It's a game we were all looking forward to after a couple of poor home results against Wycombe and Cheltenham.

I thought we were unlucky not to get something out of the Wycombe game but against Cheltenham we were off the pace. We lacked our usual energy in the first half. Maybe that was a reaction to playing a tough game 72 hours earlier but by the time we got going and played at our usual tempo we were 5-1 down.

The boys kept going and we at least made the scoreline more respectable with a couple more goals. I was delighted for Panutche to get on the scoresheet again. He worked really hard and deserved his goal while Youngy was pleased to finally score in front of the home fans.

When you score three at home you should win the game. A few decisions against Cheltenham didn't go our way but it's no use bleating on about them. We have to control the controllables which for us means cutting out the silly mistakes and defending as a team from back to front. We had been pretty good defensively until the Wycombe game and we need to get that solidity back otherwise it's going to be a long end to the season.

Realistically, the play-offs are beyond us but there is a lot of football still to be played. In the last two years we have switched off in the last six or seven games. We've got to avoid a repeat of that. Whatever happens, it has been a better season for us but if we can finish strongly we can take some momentum into the summer and beyond. That has to be the aim.

**It will be great to play in front of a big, noisy crowd today so make sure you get behind us.**

**Jimmy**



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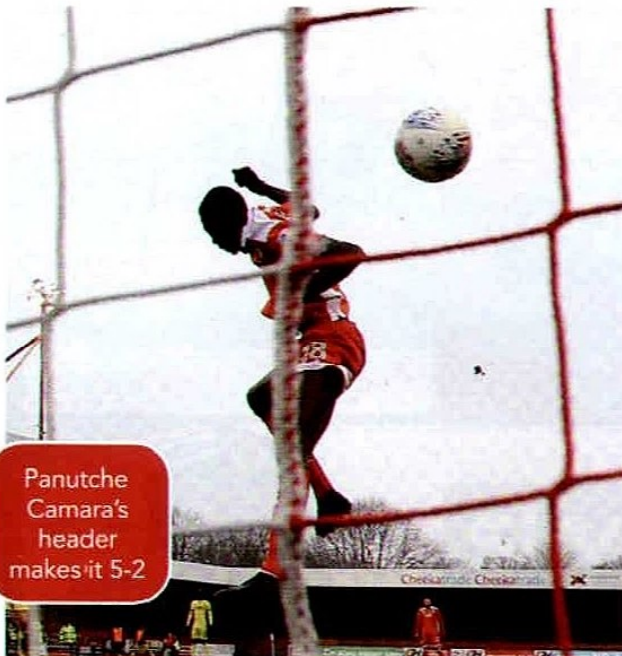
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Jimmy Smith at full stretch



Panutche Camara's header makes it 5-2



Another goal for Karlan Ahearne-Grant



Lewis Young's first goal at the Checkatrade Stadium

**Reds were involved in a game with more goals than any in our Football League history but we paid for some poor defending despite a second-half comeback.**

Some questionable refereeing allowed Cheltenham to go 2-0 up after 12 minutes. Harry Pell seemed to foul Lewis Young before belting one into the top corner from 25 yards then Mohamed Eisa handled before he was fouled in the box by Glenn Morris. The keeper parried Pell's penalty, but Pell knocked in the rebound. Eisa looked offside when he rounded Morris to make it 3-0 then Cheltenham broke from our corner to score a fourth just after the break through Eisa. Karlan Ahearne-Grant got his eight in nine games as reward for his persistence but Will Boyle made it 5-1 with a free header from a corner.

In the closing stages Panutche Camara scored for the second successive game with a header and Lewis Young's bravery in challenging for a loose ball was rewarded with his first League goal at home. Lewis and Joe McNerney had great chances too but the damage had been done.



Joe McNerney can't believe it after a late challenge goes begging

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# Kelly DERHAM

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**Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town. I'm delighted that so many people have taken up our Pay What You Can ticket offer and we're on course for our biggest crowd of the season.**

So, it's an especially warm welcome if this is your first visit to the Checktrade Stadium. We place a lot of emphasis on match day on making everyone welcome but if you have any issues, or are not sure where things are, please ask the nearest steward and they will be happy to help.

And hopefully you will enjoy your experience enough to come back again before the end of the season. For the club to prosper and grow we need to increase our fan base. Pay What You Can games do attract occasional fans and it's our job to turn them into regular supporters. If you're here for the first time please let me know your feedback, good or bad, by emailing [kellyderham@crawleytownfc.com](mailto:kellyderham@crawleytownfc.com)

## **Sussex Senior Cup final**

As our fan on the board Steve Leake has mentioned elsewhere in today's programme, the club has been in touch with the Sussex FA regarding the arrangements for the Sussex Senior Cup final on May 9.

Last season our supporters were segregated in the South Stand at the Amex and we have asked that this not be the case for this year's final after I received several complaints from our fans about this arrangement.

Although it is Brighton's home ground, the venue should be neutral for the final and I have asked for assurances from the Sussex FA in terms of seating and facilities on the night. We will publicise information when they respond.

## **Brighton Women's and U23s**

Talking of Brighton, we have held several discussions with them recently about their use of the Checktrade Stadium, which will they will use to host women's and under-23 fixtures next season.

Part of the agreement is that Brighton will help finance the biggest pitch improvement project we have undertaken since the stadium was opened in 1997.

As well as a full renovation of the playing surface, new drainage and irrigation systems will be installed and we are on course to start the work in early May, which will take two months.



## **Next season tickets, kit and Junior Reds**

At this time of the year our focus is very much on planning for next season. Season tickets are likely to go on sale in the first week in May and we're currently working on our programme of pre-season friendlies. Also, more information on next season's kit will be released shortly and the relaunching of Junior Reds this summer, for our young fans aged up to 18 years of age.

**Watch this space!**

## **Part-time ticket office matchday staff needed**

Finally, we are now recruiting for part-time matchday staff to work in the Ticket Office. If you are interested please email [sophieharding@crawleytownfc.com](mailto:sophieharding@crawleytownfc.com). Applicants must be 16 years old and if you have previous customer service experience that would be helpful.

**Thanks again for your support today – and if you're a first-time visitor we hope to see you again soon!**

**Kelly**

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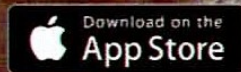


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**Is the glass half-full or half-empty for Swindon fans at the moment?**

I think many fans feel that it's a glass half empty. We've had a bit of an up and down season really, with some big wins over the likes of Luton, Notts County and Mansfield and some disappointing defeats to team in the lower half. We

seem to go on a run of a few wins and then hit a bad patch, which is really quite frustrating. Many supporters had high hopes for this season and expected us to be challenging for the title, but it hasn't panned out that way.

**Was David Flitcroft's departure a surprise and what do the fans think of Phil Brown's appointment?**

When Steve Evans left the Stags you get the feeling that Mansfield could have headhunted a manager in League 1 or League 2 and paid out their contract. Flitcroft hadn't impressed many at the County Ground, we seemed to have little in the way of a plan B when going behind in games. So, when he left the club it wasn't greeted with too much rancour. I think the main disappointment was that he didn't see out the season. Phil Brown's appointment has been greeted well. He seems assured in interviews, he's had proven success in the League and has wasted no time in changing up the starting XI to try and implement his style. I for one am right behind him.

**Are the play-offs the minimum Swindon fans expected this season?**

Absolutely. Anything other than the play-offs will be a complete failure. I expected us to be at least in the automatic places come May, but we haven't been consistent enough at all. Play-offs are a minimum expectation although our recent play-off history doesn't bode well if we do achieve them.

**Who are the Swindon players to watch out for this afternoon?**

I think the best aspect of our play is definitely attacking. Going forward we have exciting young players such as Kaiyne Woolery and Paul Mullin, both of whom pace to burn. However, I think our best performers this season have been our more experienced pros. January signing Marc Richards and Matty Taylor have been very stable

and effective for us. Richards has come in and really hit the ground running and seems to be in the right place at the right time each time we go forward. Taylor has provided assist after assist, as well as the odd trademark wonder goal!

**What teams have impressed you in League Two this season?**

Accrington have really impressed me, they weren't tipped to do anything at the start of the season yet they've consistently performed to a high standard. I'm tipping them for the title. As well as Accrington, Wycombe have impressed me, they utilise Adebayo Akinfenwa very well and I expect them to be promoted as well.

**Finally, how many Swindon fans do you expect to travel and what's your prediction?**

I think we're bringing a full house so it should be a really good atmosphere! I'm expecting a tough game but I'm hoping for a 3-1 win for us. Come on you Robins!



# Opposition SQUAD



## KEY THREE

### Matthew Taylor

Taylor recently returned to the ranks after a brief spell as player-manager after David Flitcroft left to join Mansfield and before the appointment of new manager Phil Brown. The highly experienced 36-year-old midfielder played in the Premier League for Portsmouth, Bolton, West Ham and Burnley and has now clocked up more than 650 appearances during a 20-year career which started at Luton Town. Last season Taylor played for Northampton before heading to Swindon last summer.

### Marc Richards

The 35-year-old striker has a consistent goalscoring record during his career. He joined Swindon on loan from Northampton Town in January and has since scored nine goals to fire their play-off challenge. His career has included eight clubs and he is perhaps best known for his five-year spell at Port Vale when he scored 67 goals in 181 appearances. He joined Northampton on a three-year deal in 2014 but was released earlier this year and headed to Swindon.

### Luke Norris

The 24-year-old former Brentford trainee has been a regular scorer for Swindon since joining them in 2016 from Gillingham, where scored 14 goals in 70 appearances. Norris is the club's leading scorer so far this season with 13 goals.

### Paul Mullin

The 23-year-old has plenty of League Two experience having played more than 120 games for Morecambe before joining Swindon last summer. He has been a regular this season, scoring eight goals in 41 appearances including three goals in his first four starts.

### Stuart Moore

Moore signed in January on a free transfer after making 18 National League appearances for Barrow this seven.

The former Reading trainee had loan spells with seven clubs before joining Barrow in July. The 23-year-old's elder brother Simon is a goalkeeper at Sheffield United.

### Ben Purkiss

After seven years in non-league, Purkiss played League football for Oxford, Darlington, Hereford, Port Vale and Walsall. The 33-year-old right back joined Swindon last year and was recently voted chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association.

### **Chris Hussey**

The 29-year-old left back is on a season-long loan from Sheffield United. Hussey played for Bury, Burton Albion, AFC Wimbledon and Coventry City before joining the Blades in 2016.

### **Chris Robertson**

The Dundee-born 31-year-old joined Swindon last summer after being released by AFC Wimbledon and was ex-boss David Flitcroft's first signing. He has also played for Sheffield United, Torquay and Port Vale.

### **Rollin Menayese**

The former Wales under-17 international defender joined the Robins on loan until the end of the season from Bristol Rovers in January. Last season he had a loan spell in National League South with Weston Super Mare.

### **James Dunne**

The 28-year-old midfielder has stacks of experience of League 2 from spells with Exeter City, Stevenage, Portsmouth and Cambridge United. He left Cambridge last summer to join Swindon. Dunne has also played in the top flight in Scotland during a loan spell with St Johnstone.

### **Timi Elšnik**

The 19-year-old Slovenian midfielder is currently on a season-long loan from Derby County. He has scored five goals in 23 appearances for the Robins.

### **Kaiyne Woolery**

The 23-year-old Londoner played non-league football, including a spell with Redhill, before Bolton signed him for £10,000 from Tamworth in 2014. The striker has since played for Wigan and Forest Green Rovers. He joined Swindon from Wigan on a three-year contract last August.

### **Will Henry**

The Bristol-born 19-year-old goalkeeper was recently recalled from a loan spell with Hampton & Richmond Borough.

### **Kyle Knoyle**

The 20-year-old defender joined Swindon last summer after he was released by West Ham United. During his time with the Hammers Knoyle played on loan for Dundee United and Wigan Athletic.

### **Amine Linganzi**

The 28-year-old midfielder joined Swindon last summer from Portsmouth and is a Republic of Congo international. Developed in France by St Etienne, Linganzi has played for Preston, Accrington Stanley, Gillingham and Blackburn earlier in his career.

### **Kellan Gordon**

Gordon is on a season-long loan from Derby County, where he recently signed an extended contract. The 20-year-old has made 31 appearances this season, scoring four goals.

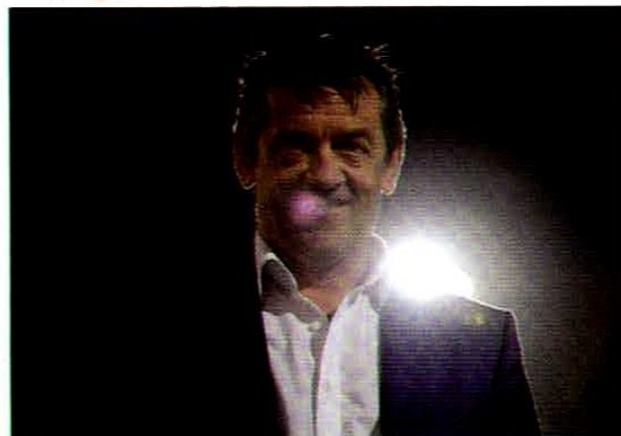
### **Keshi Anderson**

Anderson joined Swindon permanently in January, having been on loan from Crystal Palace since the start of the season. The 22-year-old striker had loan spells with Doncaster, Bolton and Northampton during his time with Palace.

### **Scott Twine**

The 18-year-old striker has recently returned to the club from a spell on loan with Chippenham Town. He made his League debut last April against Charlton Athletic.

### **In Charge**



### **Phil Brown**

Brown made a quick return to management last month when he was appointed Swindon boss on a contract which initially runs until the end of the season.

The 58-year-old left Southend United earlier this year after five years at Roots Hall during which he led the club to promotion from League Two.

Brown began his managerial career at Derby County 13 year ago. He later led Hull City to promotion to the Premier League and also had a spell in charge of Preston.

His long playing career featured more than 650 appearances for a variety of clubs, notably Hartlepool and Bolton. He played more than 200 games for both clubs.





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## MATCH FACTS

Crawley have won each of their last three league matches against Swindon, scoring six goals and conceding just once in those wins.



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Swindon are winless in six league games (D3 L3) against the Red Devils since a 3-0 win in August 2012.



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# Previous MEETINGS

John Barnett looks back at past League games with today's visitors

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**Not surprisingly, with Swindon being a long-established League club, we did not face each other in the same division until the 2011-12 season, our first at League Two level.**

After a very bright start, we hit the rocks in early September, losing 6-0 away at Morecambe three days before today's opponents, under the management of Paolo Di Canio, made their first league visit here and won 3-0 through Alan Connell and two from Mehdi Kerrouche.

The return came five days before our FA Cup fifth round tie with Stoke City in February 2012, at a time when we were both challenging near the top of the table. Future Red Luke Rooney gave the hosts the lead before half-time and Billy Bodin and Paul Benson added further goals in the second half to complete a 3-0 win.

With both sides gaining promotion – Swindon as champions – we met in League One the following August at the County Ground, and it was same scoreline again. New manager Richie Barker had enjoyed a winning start to his reign but suffered the same fate as his predecessor Steve Evans.

Matt Ritchie's fortuitous effort drifted in from out on the wing to put Swindon in front and a second before half-time from Tommy Miller left us with an uphill task. Raffaele De Vita made it 3-0.

The rematch came on 1st February and was the last time a Reds league game was shown live on TV.

The visitors arrived in third place, but Di Canio was considering his future following the sale of Ritchie to Bournemouth. We were in play-off contention but struggling for goals although Billy Clarke gave us the lead from the penalty spot we had to settle for a point when Adam Rooney equalised before the hour mark.

For the next meeting in November 2013, the Robins were managed by Mark Cooper, who employed a bizarre 4-6-0 formation. They soaked up the pressure and broke effectively, with former Red Nicky Ajose having a goal disallowed. Another former player of ours, Nicky Byrne, was sent off for a second caution but we were unable to make our man advantage count. This was our second successive home goalless draw, and Barker paid the price a run of one league goal in seven matches when he was sacked the following day.

After the meeting on New Year's Day was postponed 90 minutes before kick-off, the rescheduled game became our second on the road in three days following four weeks without a match. Swindon took the lead through Byrne early in the second half but Matt Tubbs was back on loan and notched his fourth goal in three starts

earned John Gregory's men a point with a goal ten minutes from time.

August 2014 at the Checkatrade saw the next meeting, and a team totally revamped by Gregory had won both opening matches in league and cup 1-0 but were outplayed by an impressive Swindon outfit early on. Somehow, we got to half-time all square and soon after the restart Louis Thompson was shown a straight red for bringing down Izale McLeod. McLeod made it three in three from the penalty spot to seal three consecutive single goal victories.

Much water had flown under our respective bridges by the time we met again in February 2015 at the County Ground. The home side were third from top and we were third from the bottom with Dean Saunders in interim charge due to Gregory's ill-health. Loanee Anthony Wordsworth gave us an early lead, one which we held until 13 minutes into the second period. Thereafter Swindon pushed hard for a winner before Gavin Tomlin sent the visiting fans wild with a thunderous strike two minutes from the end to make it 2-1 and seal back-to-back wins and our first away triumph since the opening day success at Barnsley.

Relegation that season meant that we did not meet again until last August. And, as in 2015, there could not have been a greater contrast in fortunes between the two teams going into the game. The Robins had taken seven points out of nine, while the Reds had lost three out of three. Once again though the form book went out of the window when Ollie Lancashire headed a cross past his own goalkeeper to give us the lead. Jordan Roberts and Jimmy Smith netted in the final 11 minutes to wrap up the points and Harry Kewell's first win as Crawley manager.



Matt Tubbs equalising at the County Ground in March 2014 when we drew 1-1 with Swindon

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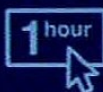


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## What are your thoughts on an up and down campaign to date?

I think the lads have done really well this season. We have gelled brilliantly and the manager has got his points across to the team. The last couple of home results [Wycombe and Chesterfield] haven't gone our way, but we've pushed on from last season. During the week we work on tactics, formations, shape and especially passing the ball. That's what the gaffer loves and he then trusts us on the day to perform.

## You had a cracking start to the season and was hampered by injury.

I had some time out on the sidelines this season and the season before, but I try my best to stay fit despite picking up little knocks here and there. When I go out there onto the pitch I always try my best, whether that's scoring or creating goals or even defending. Our style of play suits me down to a tee and I'm just looking forward to playing a part in the remaining fixtures.

## As former Champions League winner and someone that has played the game at the highest level, what has it like to have been working under Harry Kewell?

It's always nice to have someone that has been there and done it. He's a player that used to play in a similar role to me and he's left footed. I learn what I can from him. He's got a way that he wants us to play and I think it's rubbing off on me. I think I've learnt a lot this year, both on the pitch and off it. As a player I am still learning and I'm more than happy to take all the advice on board.

## There was speculation you might leave in January but you're still here.

My contract run until the summer and I always wanted to stay. If something came up that was right for me then I would have possibly looked at it, but I always wanted to stay and help the lads push for the play-offs. We'll carry on until the end of the season and see what happens, but I'll give my all until then when

we'll make a decision about the future.

## You've played wide on the left, on the right and through the middle as a striker. You're nothing if not versatile!

Whatever role the manager gives to you, when you go on the pitch you have to give it everything in that position. I'm still learning the role of playing up front. I don't mind playing out wide or through the middle to be honest. I'm always learning on the training pitch and always getting advice from the gaffer and Feens [Warren Feeney].

## Any specific plans for the summer before the boys return for pre-season?

I'll hopefully go on as many trips away as I can, have a good rest and then get my body back to full fitness before we go again. Hopefully I can contribute in the future with more goals and assists.

We beat Swindon in the reverse fixture, so it would be nice to the double this afternoon in another big game.

We know how they play and we'll be going into the game full of confidence, but we know what we can do and that's the main thing. We need to play our football and I think a lot of teams respect the way we play, which is a compliment to the boys and the management. We'll go out there looking to play our natural game this afternoon.

## Finally, the Pay What You Can initiative is back. How important are days like today?

It's been a good initiative that the club to try to get as many kids down to watch us and of course parents, who love bringing their children to live matches but can't always do it regularly because of the cost. It should hopefully be a good day all round, especially if we win the game and people who haven't been before come back because they have enjoyed the way we try to play.



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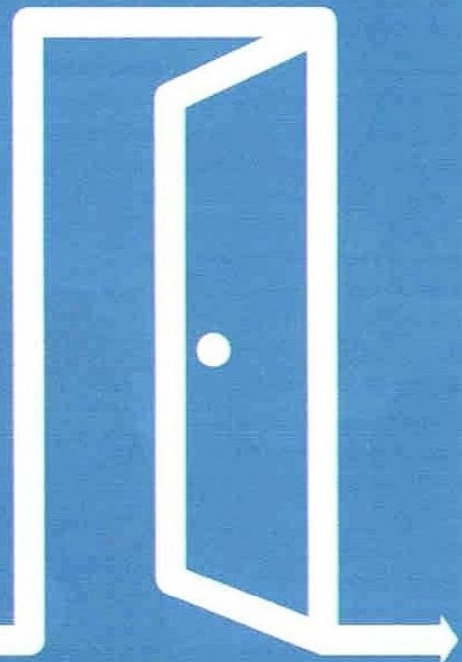
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**A visit to Vale Park, Port Vale is next up for the Reds as we head to the home of Port Vale this Saturday.**

The stadium itself holds 19,052 although just under 50,000 squeezed in there during an FA Cup fifth round fixture against Aston Villa in 1950. Following recent developments, the stadium has now become an all-seater.

Trips to Burslem in recent years have yielded mixed returns for the Reds, with one win, a draw and a defeat since 2011.

Our only victory at Vale Park came in March 2015 courtesy of goals from Anthony Wordsworth, Izale McLeod and Richard Wood in a thrilling 3-2 victory when Reds twice came from behind. It was also, of course, the ground where we played our first Football League game, drawing 2-2 after leading twice and finishing with ten men. Kyle McFadzean and Tyrone Barnett were our scorers.

Signal One is the name of the stand where the Reds fans will be housed, where up to 4,500 away supporters can be accommodated. The concourse has various food options, with Rollover hot dogs and a selection of pies to choose from.

The club programme comes at cost of £3 sold from booths throughout the ground.

If you're heading for a pre-match beverage, then the closest option is the 'Vale Social', which normally admits



away fans at a cost of £2 per person. The next choice would be the Bull's Head located in St John's Square, a ten-minute walk from the stadium. The pub is the perfect place for away fans, with a BBQ on offer before the game.

Please note that cash is not accepted at the away turnstiles, you have to buy a ticket from the cabin in the car park by the away end which is cash only. Advance ticket sales close at 4pm on Friday (April 7) from our Box Office. Prices - Adults (22-61) £20; Seniors (62 plus) £15; 18-21 years £15; 2-12 years £8; Under-12s free. Admission on the day increases by £2.

Vale Park is probably the venue in League 2 which is badly served by trains more than any other. Stoke on Trent railway station is four miles away, so that means a taxi to the ground (and one back). The nearest station to the ground is actually Longport, which is a 25-30-minute walk away. The 0939 from Three Bridges gets to Stoke via Euston at 1224 and then there is a 1234 connection to Longport. Other services are the 0953 (1327 Longport) or 1032 (1339). There is an hourly return service. The 1727 from Longport gets into Three Bridges at 2044, the 1827 at 2144. Both run via Stoke and London Euston.



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# CTSA update



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## **Steve Leake, CTSA representative on the club's Board, updates supporters.**

Hi everyone, it has now been about four months since I was elected as Fan Representative onto the board of Crawley Town Football Club.

As part of the agreement to have a Fan Rep, the CTFCSA have pledged £8,000 to the club which is being used to fund the playing budget directly. During my tenure I have met with Operations Director Kelly Derham on three occasions and attended my first board meeting on March 22.

In our informal meetings we have hopefully addressed several concerns put forward by our fan base and in the board meeting I was encouraged to bring up any matters no matter how large or small.

The club is looking to introduce a Super Saver scheme for those who can purchase their season tickets in April at this season's prices but with an even greater reduction in the price. Hopefully details of this scheme will be today's programme. If not, please watch out on the club website [www.crawleytownfc.com](http://www.crawleytownfc.com)

The club are also hold a players awards evening similar to last season but at a lower price than last year to encourage supporters to attend. Once again please watch the club website for further details.

One matter that has been brought up by several fans is the future of the East Stand.

The club is involved in discussions with Crawley Borough Council over this and the long-term plans are to redevelop and provide a permanent structure.

This is complicated by the fact that West Sussex County Council Highways own the land directly behind the East Stand, but supporters can rest assured the club is constantly in discussions with the interested parties in order to find an acceptable way forward.

For me and most of you the most important matter is how we are progressing on the field. Director of Football Selim Gaygusuz confirmed it is still our aim to be in League One as soon as possible with a long term (8 year) plan to progress to the Championship.

This is on the proviso that we establish our training complex which will not only improve facilities for the first team but will also enable the club to establish an Academy once more to help develop our own future players.

The last thing we discussed was the Sussex Senior Cup final against Brighton on May 9 and Kelly assured me that the club has already informed the Sussex FA that we will not accept the situation as it was last year, when

we were stuck in a corner as if we were away fans when both clubs should have been considered as neutrals. This is not a Brighton home game and we have made that point to the Sussex FA.

In closing I still hope that we still make the play-offs this season but if not that we make a real go at winning promotion next season. The club are promising to build on what we have achieved this season and if each one of us could only introduce a new supporter that would make the task easier to achieve.

**Come on You Reds!**

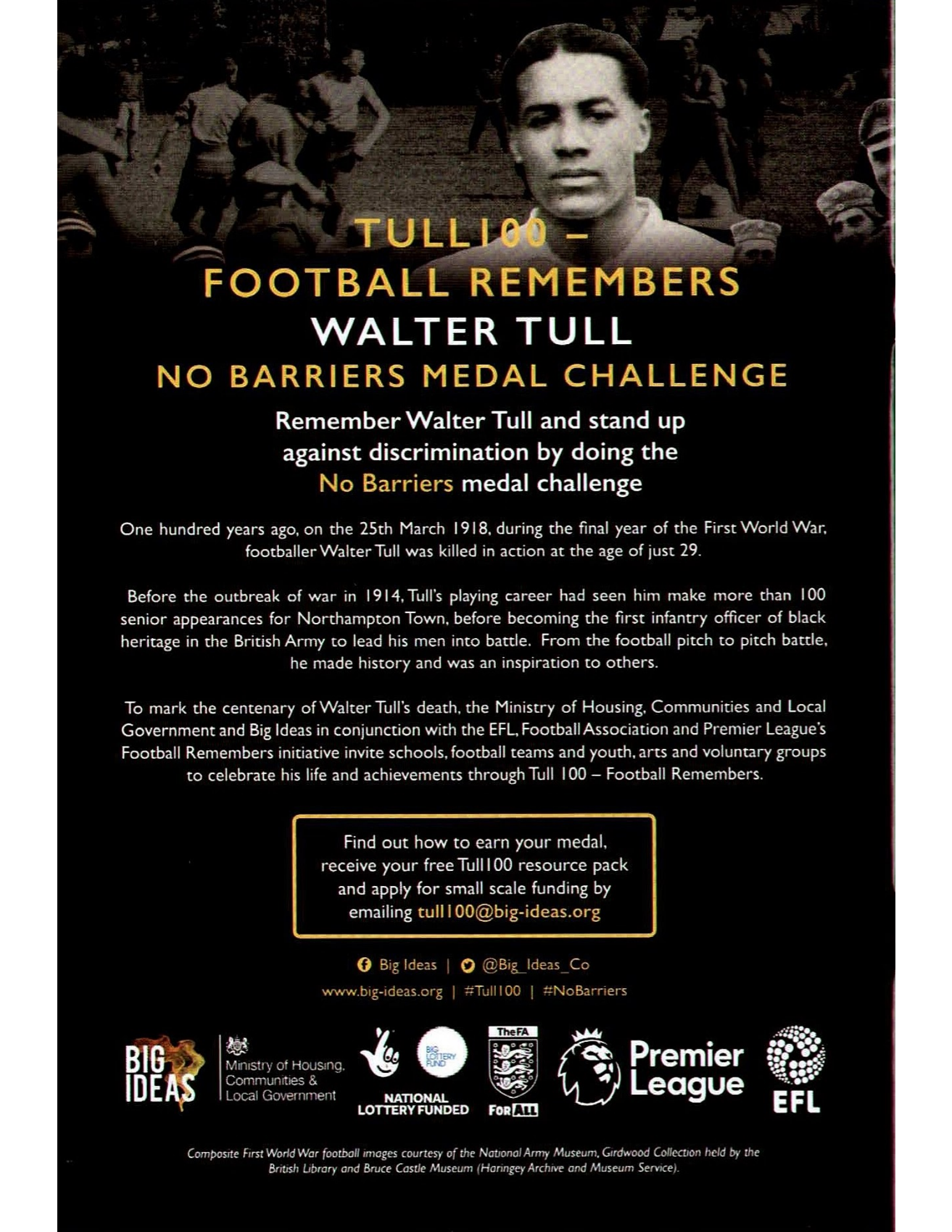
**Steve Leake**

[fanrep@ctfcsa.co.uk](mailto:fanrep@ctfcsa.co.uk)



Director of Football Selim Gaygusuz has confirmed the club's long-term (eight-year) plan is to progress to the Championship





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# Retro REDS

To try and take my mind from our miserable (first half, anyway) performance last Saturday against Cheltenham, I thought I would dive into the distant past for some distraction and came across a 1934 book, *The Answers Book of Football*.

At the time of its publication, today's opponents, Swindon, were in the old Third Division (South) when the lower division was regionalised North and South. From the previous season's league table, Swindon had finished eighth in a division won by Norwich City, ahead of Coventry and Reading. Other current opponents who were in the division were Luton, Exeter and Newport County, with the bottom two teams being Bournemouth and Cardiff. Just as an aside, the old top (First) division had been won by Arsenal, with Grimsby Town winning the old Second division and Lincoln relegated (and Manchester United third from bottom!).

**SWINDON TOWN (The Moonrakers).** County Ground. Red. Manager: E. T. Vizard. Record gates: 23,027 (£2,786 15s. 6d.), v. Manchester City (Cup), Jan. 25, 1930; and 24,730 (£1,615), v. Burnley (Cup), Jan. 30, 1929.

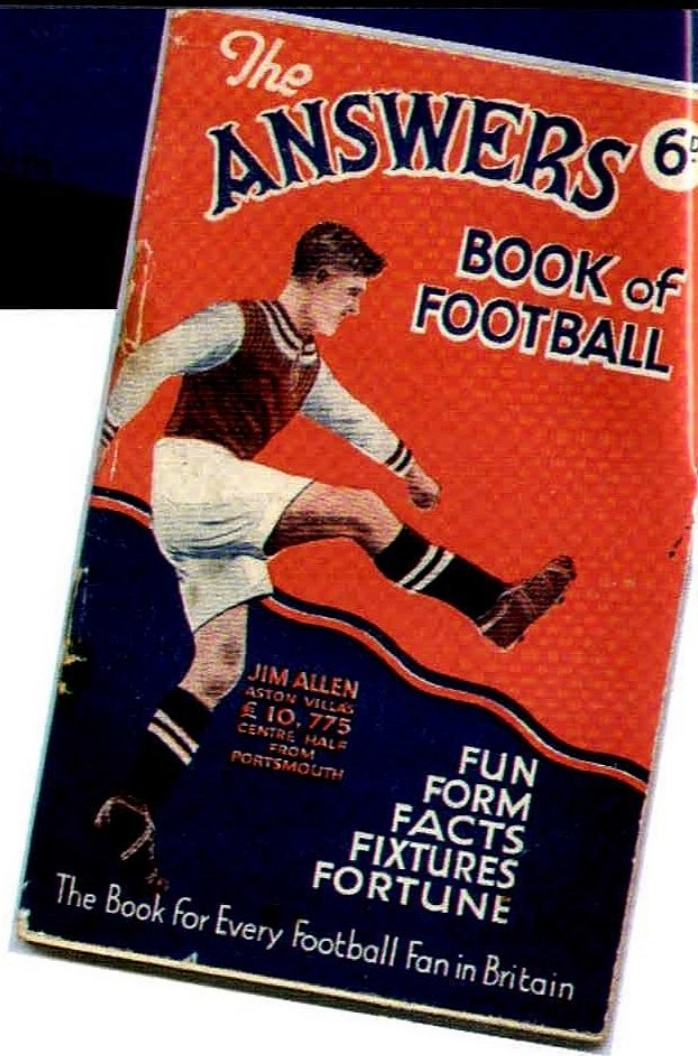
Also in the facts section of this little book were a few details on each league club, and as you can see from my first picture, Swindon were listed with a nickname of *The Moonrakers*. Interesting, as I had always thought their *Robins* nickname dated from the early 1900s. I know there is a Moonraker pub in the town, so perhaps that was behind what must have been a short-lived moniker?

Also in this publication was a fascinating article on football finances of the time. I must admit - considering the massive crowds often seen at clubs in the days before TV and a multitude of other distractions - I have often wondered who made all the money in those and post-war days. This article listed the breakdown of the money generated by these big crowds.

It starts with paying the executive and office staff, groundsmen, trainers and masseurs - who were all deemed to be full-time staff. Then it listed the clerks (to keep the accounts), gatemen (*who take your modest shilling*) and police (apparently at that time clubs such as Chelsea had 80 policemen at each game).

Then apparently the Government took a huge slice of the income in the form of Entertainment Tax (no cheap jokes please, you could never say the second half v Cheltenham wasn't entertaining!) which I assume now would be the VAT element? After that, the Corporation made a tax assessment, which could be as much as £2000 pa.

Surprisingly, in those days the visiting club also took 20% of the gate (as well as being treated to tea or a drop of the stronger stuff) which, apparently, was seen



as a self-preservation law of football. Also paid a regular wage were representatives, who were basically scouts - but you were not allowed to call them that for some strange reason. Apparently, any club worth their salt would have them studded around the nursery parts of the country, such as the Newcastle area and the colliery districts of Yorkshire.

Finally, it was mentioned that shareholders would (if they were lucky) be paid their customary 7.5 per cent and also many of the staff would be on summer wages when not a penny piece was coming into the fold - and this in the days before club kits and any other

SECOND DIVISION		Home		Away				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers (2)	2	Cambridge Utd	1	2	2	10	15	39
Mebay 29		Middlesbrough	20	9	3	0	25	52
White 42		Blackburn	20	7	2	1	17	42
Charlton Athletic (0)	1	Derby	5	1	4	15	10	6
Reading pen 66	4,591	Southend	21	6	2	4	21	17
Grimsby Town (1)	3	Ipswich	22	6	1	3	17	12
Wood 2		Leicester	21	3	3	2	16	8
James 69, Smith 88		Swindon	20	6	2	2	20	13
Leicester City (0)	1	Charlton	22	5	4	14	13	3
Gordon 83		Portsmouth	19	7	2	0	13	5
Middlesbrough (1)	2	Port Vale	22	4	5	1	12	10
Wilkinson 39		Bristol City	21	6	5	2	15	10
Sloven 50		Milwall	21	5	1	5	13	14
Newcastle United (1)	2	Tranmere	18	4	2	1	14	11
Mikel 40		Wolverhampton	21	4	2	5	16	17
Peacock pen 61		Grimsby	20	4	3	5	16	14
Oxford United (0)	1	Newcastle	22	4	7	1	22	17
Mohr 85		Barnsley	22	5	0	8	13	15
S.954		Sunderland	21	3	4	2	15	11
Plymouth Argyle (1)	1	Bristol Rovers	21	4	2	3	18	19
Frost 26		Watford	21	4	0	7	12	9
(Plymouth's Steve Whitton sent off after 51 min)		Brighton	21	4	3	4	17	15
Southend United (1)	2	Brighton and Hove (1)	21	3	4	2	15	11
Arnold 24, Tibson 59		Walsley	21	5	3	18	19	5
Watford (0)	1	Derby County (1)	21	4	2	5	16	17
Hilsett 82		Ormskirk 2	86	8,300				
Wolves (0)	1	Sunderland (0)	0					
Cook 83			11,922					

The old Second Division results from December 1991

And the League table which showed Good Friday opponents Cambridge top of the table





**FAN-TASTIC** — Crawley's supporters are packed behind one of the goals. About 2,000 Reds fans made the trip to Church Road for the big game.

Some of the 2,000 Reds fans at Hayes for the FA Cup tie in December 1991

club memorabilia was sold, and obviously well before any TV money or even major sponsorships were even thought of.

I guess a lot of these headaches remain for those running clubs, although today the players' wages make up a significantly larger slice of a much bigger pie now that outside income is that much greater.

But back with Swindon again, I noticed in one of my press cuttings on the day after we had beaten Hayes in an FA Cup 2nd round match in December 1991 that Swindon were by then in the old Second Division (now Championship) of the Football League, with our Good Friday opponents, Cambridge United (including one Dion Dublin in their side), amazingly top of the league although they did just miss out on promotion to the top flight.

We also had Port Vale comfortably in mid table, Grimsby above Newcastle, and that lot from Falmer third from bottom. In the top division were Luton (bottom), with Oldham and Wimbledon in the lower half of a table headed by Leeds and Manchester United, well clear of third-placed Sheffield Wednesday.

Finally, though - and as we are likely to have some of our older fans here today who haven't seen us of late -



In the bath after the game, the players celebrate reaching the third round of the FA Cup for the first time

I thought I would add two nostalgic pictures from the aforementioned Hayes FA Cup tie when around 2,000 Crawley fans (including, unusually, my mum, Joan, who was extremely impressed that the many Crawley supporters' coaches were given a police escort back to the M25) almost doubled the gate at Church Road, in one of my all-time favourite Crawley matches, when a 2-0 victory to put us in the third round for the first time.

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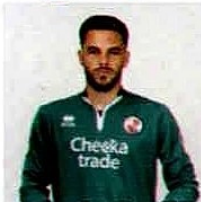
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**09: KARLAN  
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**17: KABO DJALO  
HOME:  
AVAILABLE**



AWAY: SUE SCOBLE  
LACES: HANNAH SMITH

**18: BILLY CLIFFORD  
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AWAY: AVAILABLE  
LACES: ADAM BAYLEY

**19: CEDRIC EVINA  
HOME:  
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LACES: JOSE SAXLUND

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HOME:  
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AWAY: AVAILABLE  
LACES: JONAS NILSSON

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AWAY: AVAILABLE  
LACES:  
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Today's match sponsors are Durrant's Removals and Storage. Without their

support we would not be presenting Pay What You Can and on behalf of the players, staff and I'm sure the supporters, I'd like to thank them for their help. Jason and his team at Durrant's have come on board with us this season and have been a pleasure to work with. It's great to have a sponsor that doesn't just put their cash in but also wants to support and be involved on a regular basis. As our removals and storage partners, Durrant's customers are entitled to 2 free tickets to a Crawley Town game so if you are looking to move house or your business please consider supporting them as it helps them to support the club too.

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way to do so and have a fun time. There's been a lot of competitive talk from the Manager's Office in recent weeks, so it'll be interesting to see who the real deal is on the course!

## Mark Lay Foundation



Today's Matchday Charity is the Mark Lay Foundation. I'm sure many of you have noticed the emergence of the Mark Lay Foundation in recent months and I'm delighted that we are able to support them. Mark Lay was a well know and popular guy on the local football scene, having been involved at both Oakwood and Horley Town. After he passed away in 2017, his family set up the charity to support other families that experience a close relative suffer from cancer.

The charity supports families by funding trips and short breaks for the family, which will create long-lasting memories. I'm sure our fans will get behind the collection today and support a cause that will mean so much to so many people. We're pleased to have Mark's family here and we hope the day is a huge success for them.

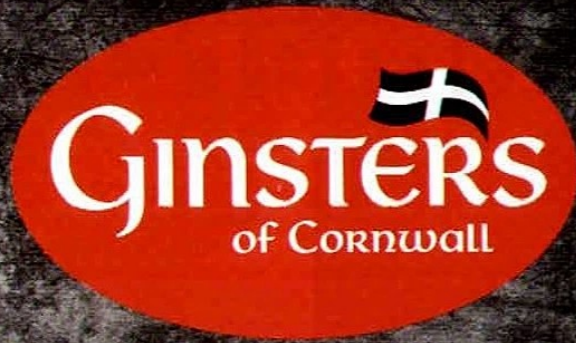
## Matchday entertainment

We have some matchday entertainment before the game and at half-time from the **KC Dancers** who will be performing two routines on the pitch.

With around 50 dancers, KC have emerged as one of the largest dance schools in the area. For more information contact Kirsty on **073 4297 1508** or email [misskirstycampbell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:misskirstycampbell@hotmail.co.uk). You can also visit their Facebook page [kcsdanceCrawley](https://www.facebook.com/kcsdanceCrawley).

**I hope you enjoy the game and let's hope the players do their bit and get the three points. Enjoy your day.**

Joe



# Full Time



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ABOVE: Man of the match Karlan Ahearne-Grant met some young Reds fans after the Swindon game

ABOVE RIGHT: Karlan with Nick Hill, of match sponsors KRL, who presented him with his MoM champagne

BELOW: Our mascots line up with the officials and captains before kick off against Cheltenham



# League Two TABLE



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Luton Town	39	21	11	7	81	40	+41	74
2 Accrington Stanley	37	23	5	9	64	40	+24	74
3 Wycombe Wanderers	39	20	10	9	73	54	+19	70
4 Notts County	39	18	12	9	61	42	+19	66
5 Exeter City	38	20	6	12	50	41	+9	66
6 Coventry City	38	19	7	12	47	31	+16	64
7 Mansfield Town	38	16	15	7	56	40	+16	63
8 Lincoln City	38	16	13	9	53	40	+13	61
9 Swindon Town	38	19	3	16	59	58	+1	60
10 Carlisle United	39	15	12	12	56	49	+7	57
11 Colchester United	39	14	13	12	47	43	+4	55
12 Newport County	38	14	11	13	49	-1	53	
<b>13 Crawley Town</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>53</b>
14 Cambridge United	39	13	12	14	39	51	-12	51
15 Cheltenham Town	39	12	12	15	58	57	+1	48
16 Stevenage	38	11	11	16	50	56	-6	44
17 Crewe Alexandra	39	13	4	22	49	63	-14	43
18 Yeovil Town	37	11	9	17	47	57	-10	42
19 Morecambe	38	9	14	15	37	47	-10	41
20 Forest Green Rovers	39	11	7	21	47	67	-20	40
21 Port Vale	39	9	12	18	41	54	-13	39
22 Grimsby Town	39	9	10	20	32	61	-29	37
23 Chesterfield	37	9	7	21	40	66	-26	34
24 Barnet	39	7	9	23	34	58	-24	30

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# Today's MASCOTS

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We have three mascots today and a mascot from our visitors Swindon

**Sheldon and Shayan Pickering** Sheldon is 7 and attends Maidenbower Junior School. His favourite player is Karlan Ahearne-Grant and his hobbies are playing for Charlwood Village Juniors, playing golf and Xbox. Shayan's favourite player is Enzo Boldewijn. She is five years old and goes to Maidenbower Infants School. Her hobbies are gymnastics, reading, singing dancing. **Both Sheldon and Shayan are season-ticket holders.**

**Stanley Hind** Stanley, 7, goes to Patcham Junior School and loves football and golf.

**Poppy and Millie** are our two mascots from Swindon today. We hope they enjoy their visit to the Checkatrade Stadium.

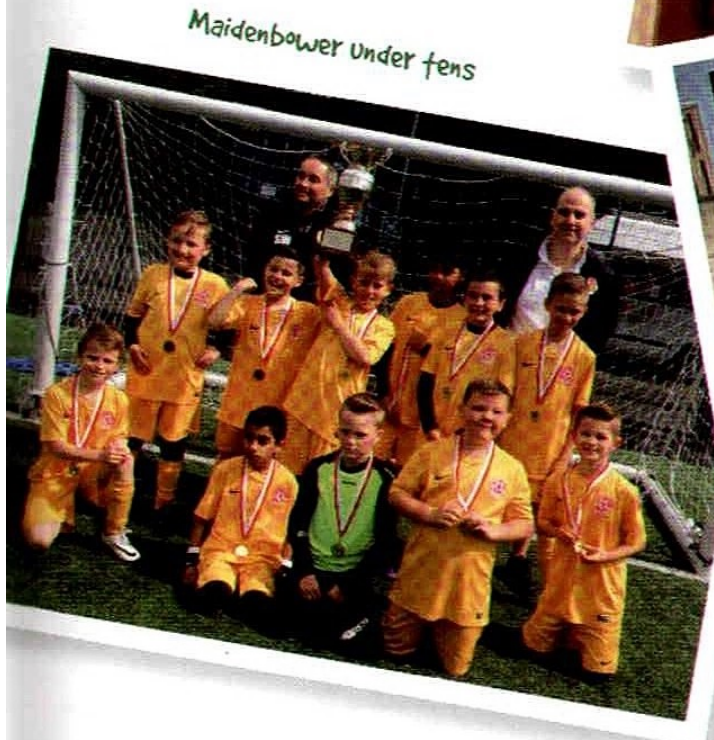
**Our Player Escorts and Flag wavers** today come from **Maidenbower u10s**. We hope they have a great afternoon with us!



Sheldon and Shayan Pickering



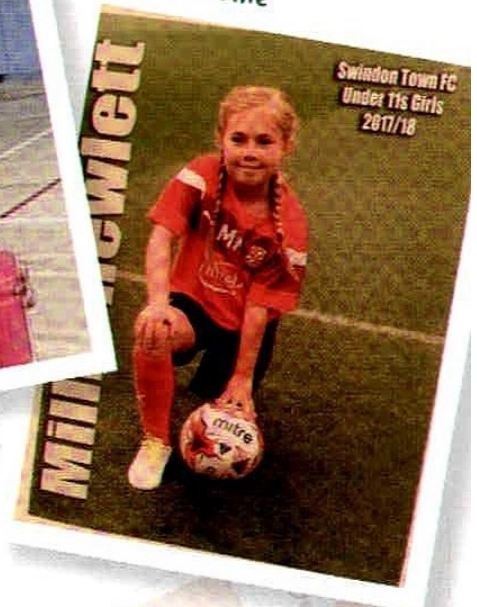
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	League		Cup		Season		Career	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Karlan Ahearne-Grant	9	8			9	8	9	8
Andre Blackman			1		1		34+2	
Enzio Boldewijn	38	9	1+2		39+2	9	85+9	15
Dannie Bulman	28+2		3		31+2		326+27	18
Panutche Camara	10+13	2	4+1	1	14+14	3	14+14	3
Billy Clifford	4+2	1	1+4		5+6	1	36+17	2
Mark Connolly	33	2	1		34	2	147+13	9
Dean Cox	3+1		1		4+1		24+3	2
Josh Doherty	9+2		2		11+2		11+2	
Kaby Djaio	1		4		5		34+6	1
Cedric Evina	31+2		0+1		31+3		31+3	
Addison Garnett							2+2	
Matt Harrold	0+2		1		1+2		43+37	12
Josh Lelan	29+1		2		31+1		41+5	
Dennon Lewis	3+6		3+1		6+7		6+7	
Ibrahim Meite	6+12	2	3	1	9+12	3	9+12	3
Yusuf Mersin	1		3		4		12+2	
Joe McNerney	10+6	1	5		15+6	1	63+6	5
Glenn Morris	38		2		40		81	
Josh Payne	18+10	3	4		22+10	3	47+18	4
Mark Randall	21+7	2	1		22+7	2	22+7	2
Jordan Roberts	23+5	6	1	1	24+5	7	41+14	11
Moussa Sanoh	3+5		2+2	1	5+7		5+7	1
Jimmy Smith	28	8	1+1		29+1	8	146+14	16
Aryan Tajbakhsh	3+6		2+3		5+9		12+12	
Josh Yorwerth	31+1		3		34+1		72+9	3
Thomas Verheydt	13+3	2	1+1		14+4	2	14+4	2
Lewis Young	34	2	2		36	2	145+21	2
Own goals	1							

## Today's fixtures

- Accrington Stanley v Notts County
- Carlisle v Lincoln City
- Chesterfield v Newport County
- Coventry City v Yeovil
- Crewe v Port Vale
- Exeter City v Cheltenham
- Forest Green Rovers v Colchester United
- Luton Town v Mansfield
- Morecambe v Cambridge
- Stevenage v Barnet
- Wycombe v Grimsby Town



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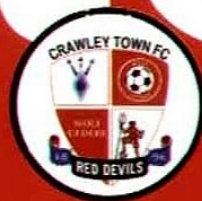


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# the teams



## CRAWLEY TOWN

Head Coach: **Harry Kewell**

Colours: **red and white**

- 1. Glenn Morris
- 2. Lewis Young
- 3. Josh Doherty
- 4. Josh Payne
- 5. Joe McNerney
- 6. Mark Connolly
- 7. Enzo Boldewijn
- 8. Jimmy Smith
- 9. Karlan Ahearne-Grant
- 10. Dean Cox
- 11. Jordan Roberts
- 12. Yusuf Mersin
- 15. Josh Yorwerth
- 17. Kaby Djalo
- 18. Billy Clifford
- 19. Cedric Evina
- 20. Aryan Tajbakhsh
- 21. Dannie Bulman
- 22. Josh Lelan
- 23. Thomas Verheydt
- 25. Mark Randall
- 27. Moussa Sanoh
- 28. Panutche Camara



## SWINDON TOWN

Manager: **Phil Brown**

Colours: **green**

- 1. Lawrence Vigouroux
- 2. Ben Purkiss
- 3. Chris Hussey
- 4. Conor Thomas
- 5. Chris Robertson
- 6. Olly Lancashire
- 7. Paul Mullin
- 8. James Dunne
- 9. 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
- 27. Scott Twine
- 28. Stuart Moore
- 29. Oliver Banks
- 30. Keshi Anderson
- 31. Matthew Taylor

Referee **Dean Whitestone**  
Assistants **Adrian Waters & Matthew Lee**  
Fourth Official **Thomas Ramsey**



**Next home game**  
**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> kick off 3pm**  
**COVENTRY CITY**