

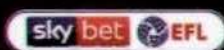


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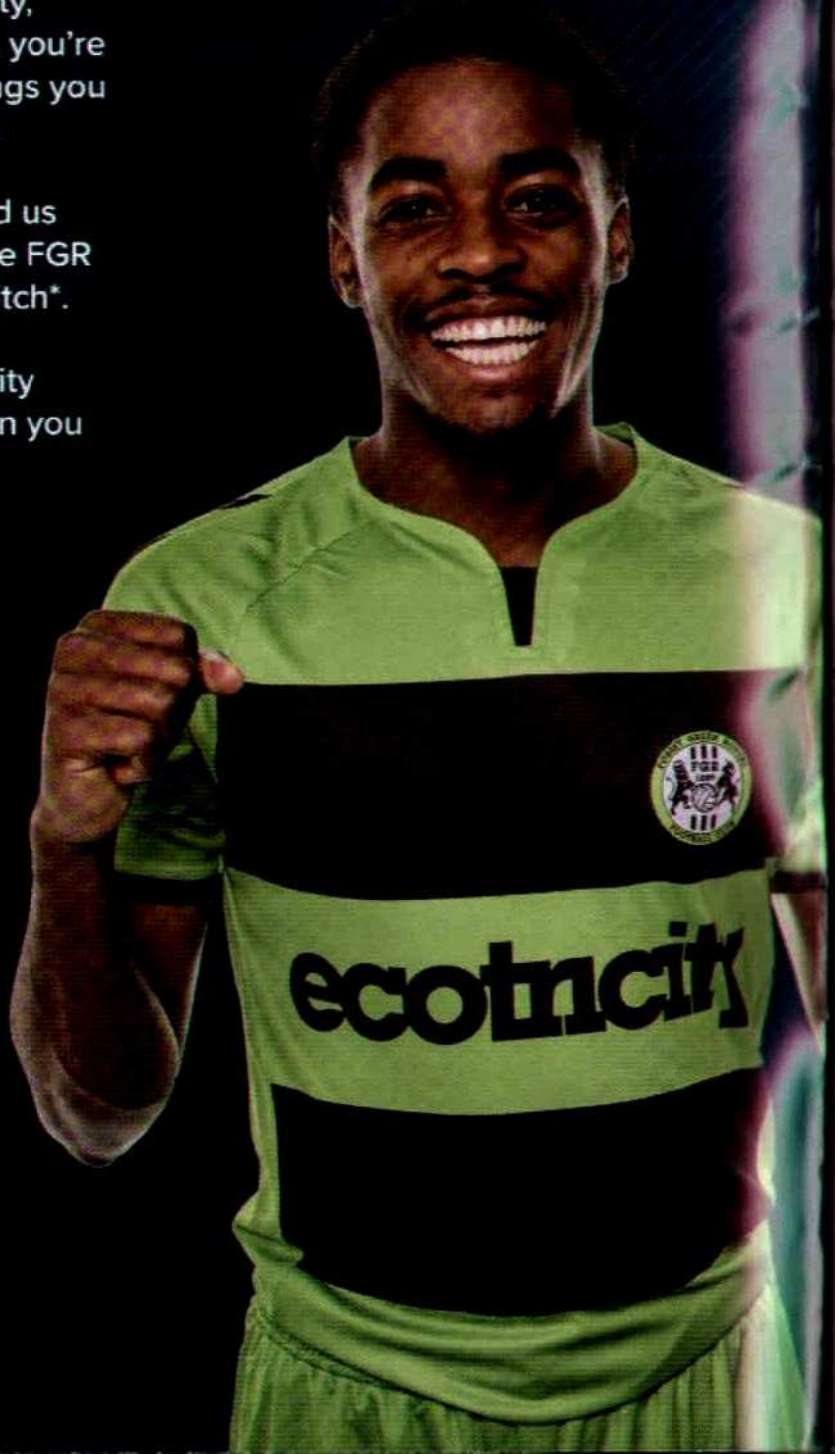
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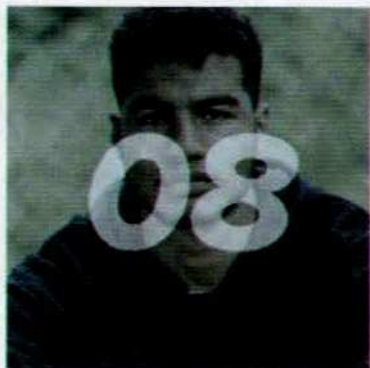
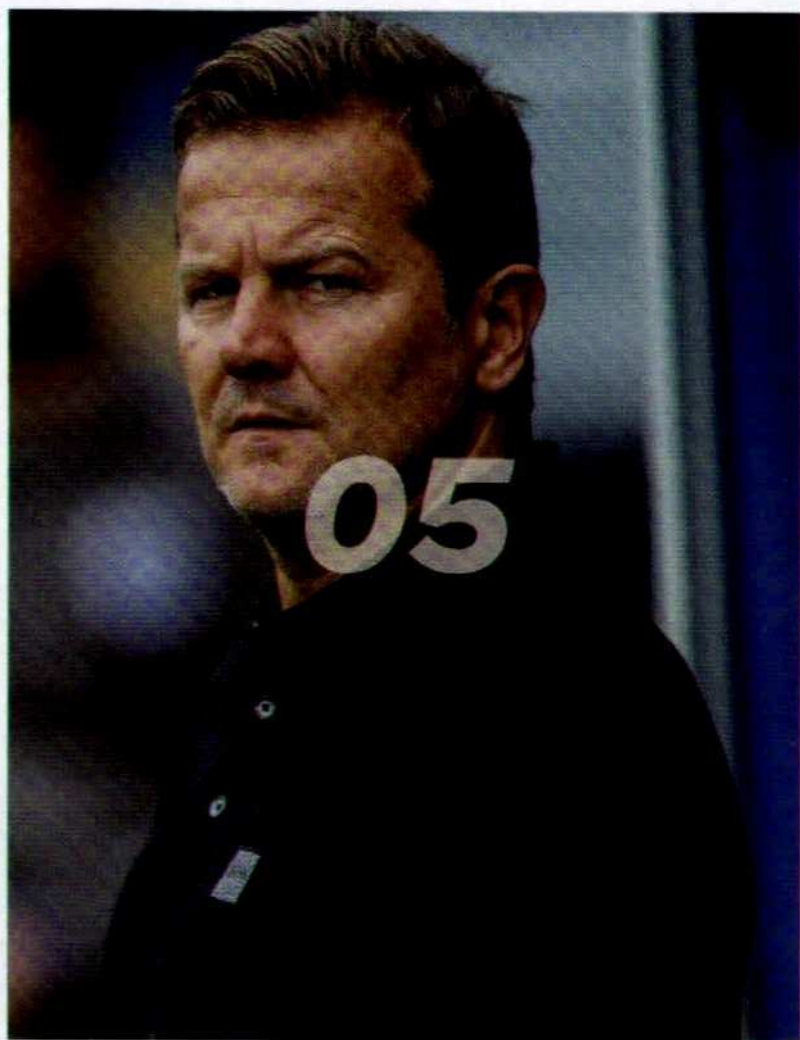
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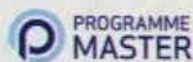
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# WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR

**W**e're back at The New Lawn for our second home game in the space of just four days.

Today, Swindon Town are our visitors and we welcome Phil Brown, their players, staff and fans to The New Lawn.

When we got promoted to League Two last year, these were the type of games we were all looking forward to.

Welcoming teams like Swindon, who have a rich history higher up the Football League, is what we were relishing and now we are playing on the same playing field.

It is a great example of just how far this club has come in such a short time that we are rubbing shoulders with a team like Swindon.

Not only that, only last week we showed we can beat them on the pitch as well when we knocked them out of the Carabao Cup.

It was always going to be a tough evening at the County Ground and we had to sustain large periods of pressure but we dug deep and when the opportunity presented itself, Tahvon Campbell took it well.

We will be looking to take the performance we showed in mid-week into today's game.

I was really pleased with all the players and the reaction they gave to our game at Bury.

Any other week, we would have been walking away with a comfortable victory from one of the sides who have started this campaign unbeaten.

We had a side who were fourth in the league come and show us a lot of respect and play for a draw.

There are a lot of positives that we can take from the game and it is just a matter of time before the goals start coming, but everyone in the team must start chipping in.

We can't rely purely on Christian Doidge, who I want to congratulate on achieving the club's record goal scorer record with his goal against Bury last weekend.

It is a fantastic achievement for him and his goals again will be crucial this season.

This week saw the farce that was Hummel reach its head and it has been disappointing that we have been let down by them so badly.

The club have moved quickly to address this and now we look forward to working with PlayerLayer and hopefully it won't be long before we are playing in our green and black striped home kit.



**MARK COOPER**



## WALK IN THE PARK



Ticket and travel information has been released for FGR's Carabao Cup second round trip to Wycombe Wanderers, which is being played on **Tuesday, August 28**, with a **7.45pm** kick off.

Mark Cooper's side successfully negotiated their way past Swindon Town last week at the County Ground to book their place in the next round for the first time in the club's history, drawing a trip to Adams Park.

Prices for the game will remain the same as Wycombe's first-round game, with adults costing £10, and Under 18s being £5.

Official coach travel is available from the club, with prices starting at just £5 for the round trip.

Visit the FGR website for full details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone at Forest Green Rovers would like to wish a happy 14th birthday to **Nathan Clinch**. We hope you enjoy today's game.

Got a special occasion coming up that you would like to get in the announcement section of the next programme as well as read out by our half-time announcer? Let us know the details by emailing [press@fgr.co.uk](mailto:press@fgr.co.uk).

# IN THE NEWS

## FOREST GREEN ROVERS INKS DEAL WITH PLAYERLAYER

*Forest Green Rovers has announced a new partnership with British sportswear brand, PlayerLayer, for the 18/19 season and beyond.*

Following continued broken promises and with no kit delivered almost a month into the club's second season in the English Football League, Forest Green Rovers took the decision to part company with Hummel, its previously announced kit supplier to make the move to the up-and-coming PlayerLayer, based in Nottingham.

With its proven track record in supplying high quality, durable sports kits for many disciplines, PlayerLayer provides a variety of performance gear to a range of international teams – with a focus on winter sports, as well

as supplying sports teams at a number of UK universities.

PlayerLayer is already in production on 100% bespoke home, away and third kits for Forest Green Rovers. The designs closely mirror those already announced – the famous green and black striped home kit, the striking all-black away kit – described by fans online as "saucy", and the (currently) undefeated sky blue third kit.

All designs will include FGR's internet-famous three stars – one filled in to signify the club's promotion to the Football League in 2017 – with two greyed-out to represent the chairman's ambitions to reach the championship.

Visit the website for the full story.



# SOCIALLY SOCIABLE

A look back at the last week through our social media channels...



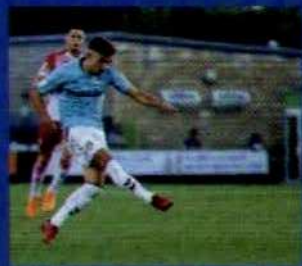
Before the Stevenage game

@SimonBowkett



Delighted to get my 55th goal for FGR which has put me all time top scorer for the club.

Chris\_doidge92



Can't believe we didn't come away with the 3 points tonight. More of the same Saturday and I'm sure the goals will come!

@Liam\_Shep2



Managed to get away from the garage for the evening, and brought the camera with. Luckily managed to snap this shot of the fans in the explosive second half. #WeAreFGR #snapoftheweek

@nailsworth.garage.marcus



Watching the sun go down @FGRFC\_Official #GoRovers #GreenDevils #Footy

@RachelKent2



Great game so far!! Onto to the second half, feeling optimistic!! Come on you Rovers!!!! #WeAreFGR #GreenArmy

@richbunter

## SNAP OF THE WEEK

Each week we are inviting fans to be a part of our matchday experience by sending us their photos of their day supporting the club. We will be giving away merchandise for the photo that catches our eye and features as our snap of the week. This week's winner of an FGR snapback is Roger Farren for this great pic of his son at the Stevenage game.

### HOW TO ENTER

Reply to our social media posts on the day of a game to be win a chance of featuring as our 'snap of the week' in our next programme.



# ROBERT SANCHEZ

*We sat down with Spanish goalkeeper Robert Sanchez as he explains how discrimination impacted his early years in football, making sacrifices to better himself after heading to England to continue his career and how his ambitions don't stop with getting Forest Green promoted during his loan spell from Brighton and Hove Albion.*

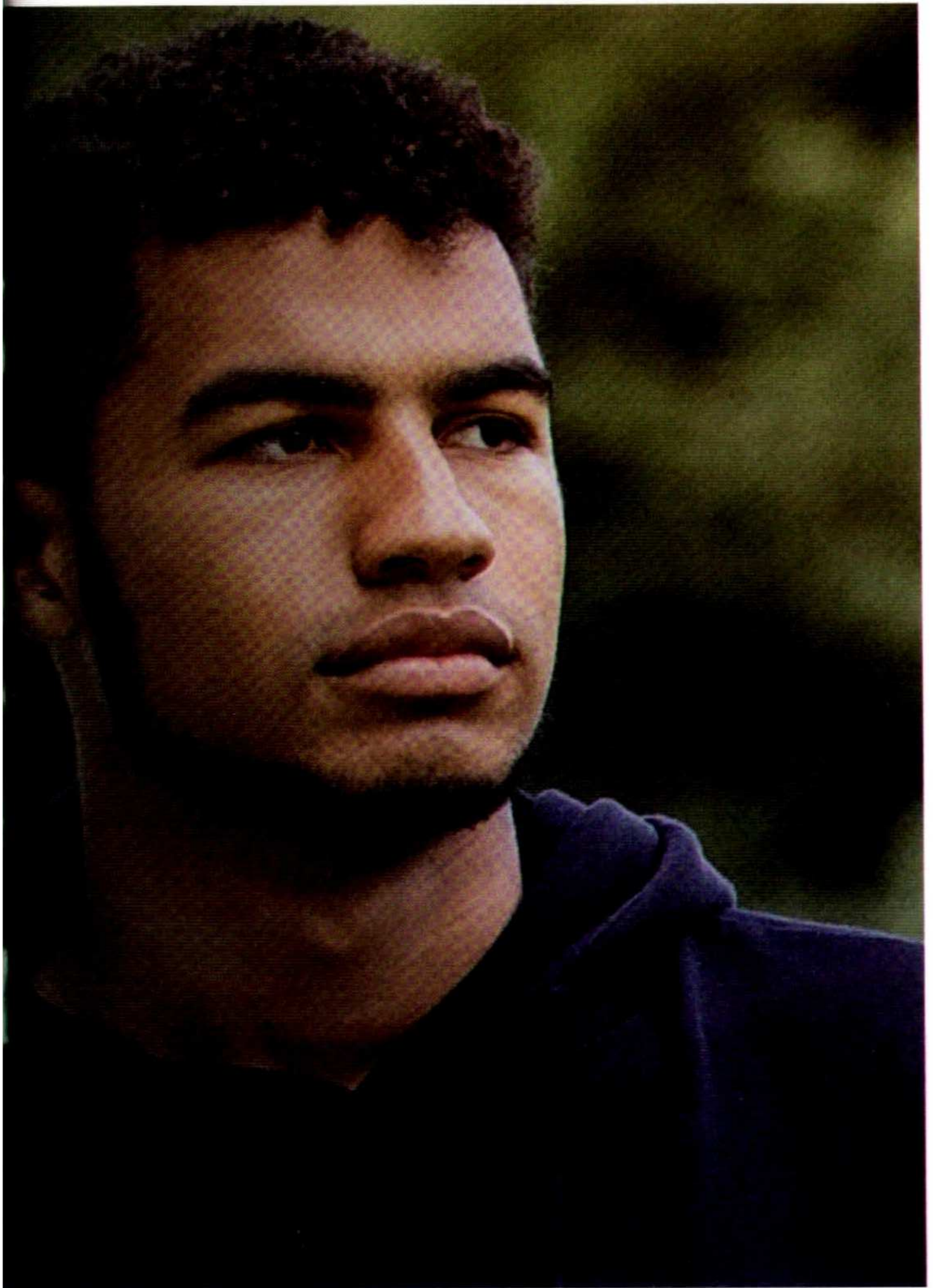
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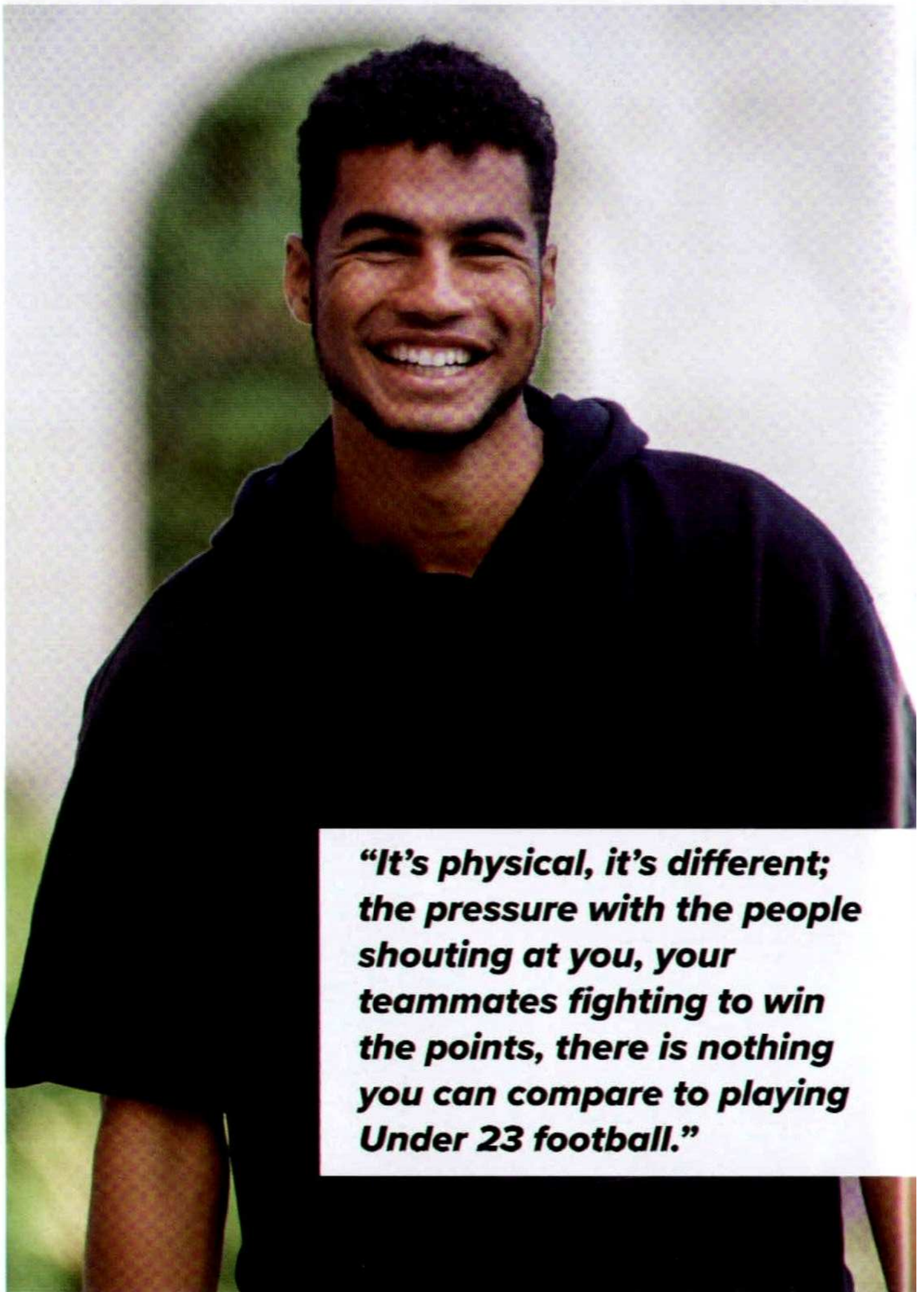
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Age 20   Position Goalkeeper   Nationality Spanish

Words Matt Edwards Photography Shane Healey







***“It’s physical, it’s different; the pressure with the people shouting at you, your teammates fighting to win the points, there is nothing you can compare to playing Under 23 football.”***



**F**or many, breaking into the professional game is a struggle and a slog of determination and will-power.

For Spanish goalkeeper Robert Sanchez there was the added hurdle of racism that he had to overcome to excel himself to the top.

At a young age, Sanchez came across barriers that would have been confusing and appeared unfair for someone of any age, let alone a child.

However, he was blessed with being smart - a trait that also earned him some grief from other children growing up - but he had the awareness to know that if he focussed on himself and working as hard as he could, his ability would soon be more apparent than the colour of his skin.

"Now I realise, if I want to get to where I want to, I have to push myself to the maximum," he said as he sat on the park bench in Stratford Park.

"When I was little, the thing about having different coloured skin made it difficult. Now it is alright but there were some hard times growing up.

"It was also hard because my family didn't have a lot but I worked my hardest and I am what I am now because of my quality.

"Myself, I felt like I was unlucky as I always needed to do much better than the other goalkeepers my age to get recognised and progress.

"Once the coaches saw what I was able to do, and looked beyond the colour of my skin they

put me through.

"Before I moved to England I always played in the teams above my actual age and that put me in good stead, playing against bigger players.

"The last years have not been easy, it is never easy trying to make it in professional football, but certainly easier than when I was younger.

"If you make the effort and put in what you want to get out from it, you are going to get it."

Sanchez started his career at La Liga side Levante at the age of 15 and was quickly recognised and started training with the first team.

Having been there for just a year, a childhood ambition to play football in England presented itself when Brighton and Hove Albion came knocking.

While there were other offers on the table for the young keeper, a month spent visiting the West Sussex club and training meant it was an opportunity that he couldn't turn down.

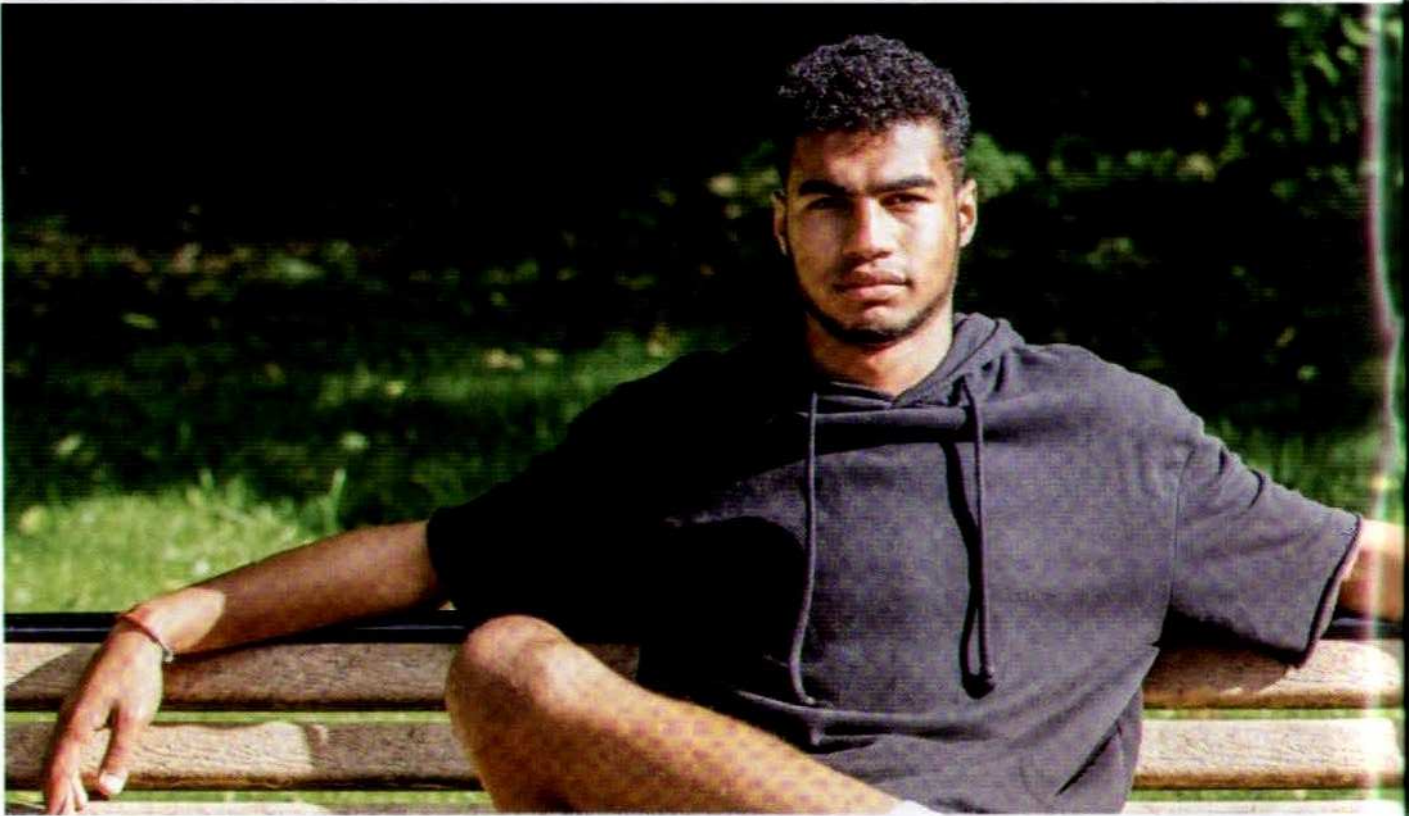
It didn't come without its difficulties though.

"I was only 16," he explained.

"It was quite hard because I was young and I liked to be with my family, so it was hard to move away.

"I also didn't know how to speak any English at all. Not even 'good morning', nothing.

"It was quite hard but I put in the effort to learn English as quickly as I could.



"I quite like new things, so as soon as I had the chance to learn English, I grabbed it. After seven months, I could understand it perfectly and after a year and a half I could start to talk with people.

"I was in digs and I was quite lucky that I was with another Spanish footballer that Brighton had at that time, Luis Garcia, who is playing with Sevilla right now.

"On the football side, it was a different style, it was new faces and a completely different culture - everything was different from what I knew.

"After four or five months, I was quite comfortable living here.

"It's hard but if you want to get to where you want to get to, you have to make these kind of sacrifices."

It was leading into this summer that Sanchez, now 20, sat down with the coaching staff at Brighton to discuss his next move.

Pat Mountain had been keeping close tabs on the up and coming stopper last season and when the approach came from Forest Green to take him on loan for the season to experience first-team football for the first time in his career, it was something he couldn't turn down.

"Forest Green was the best option I had,"

"I came to see the club in the summer and the ground was great, Pat Mountain, the goalkeeping coach, showed a lot of faith in me, and the way the club plays suits me well.

"Since my move, it is exactly what I expected and what my coaches from Brighton have prepared me for.

"It's physical, it's different; the pressure with the people shouting at you, your teammates fighting to win the points, there is nothing you can compare to playing Under 23 football.

"It is a whole new level, it's professional football in the league and it is why everyone wants to play in it.

"The people at the club, the quality of training, is all I expected it to be. It's been top class.

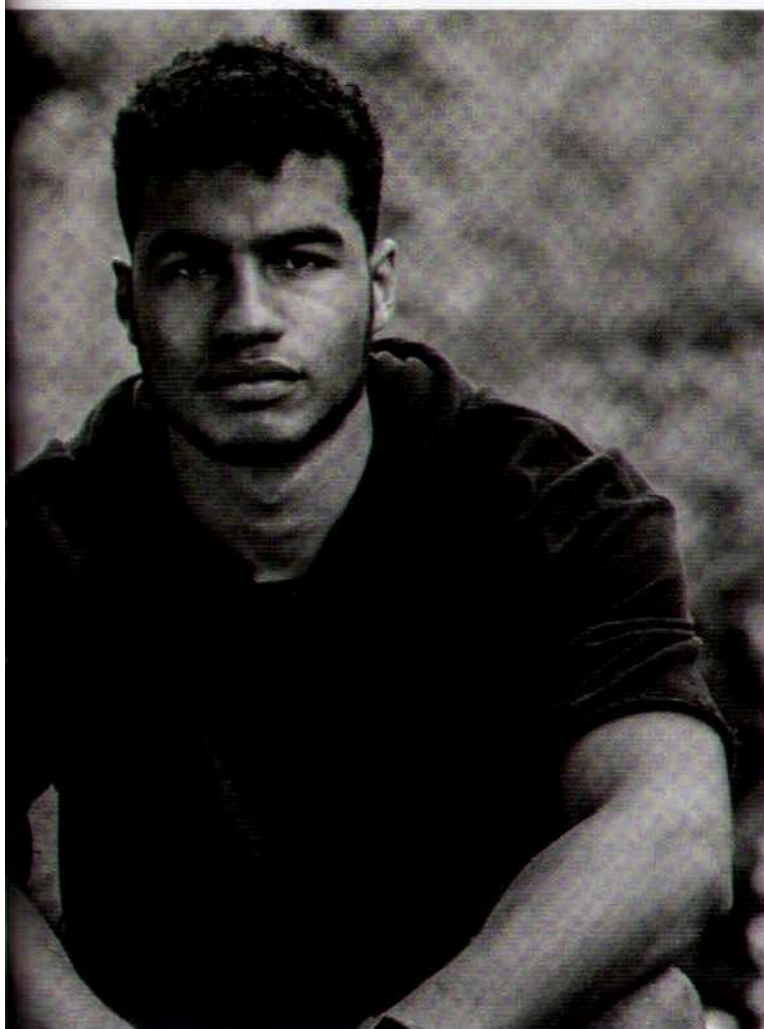
"Forest Green plays differently to other clubs in this league, they play more from the back and I like that, they risk a bit more.

"I feel we have the quality in the team that deserves to at least make the play-offs come the end of the season and that can be the only aim."

FGR fans would have only had a taster of what Sanchez will bring in goal for the team this season.

However, from day one of meeting up





with his new teammates at the training camp in Devon, his class was visible to all as his two metre frame was plucking balls out of the sky or stretching ridiculous lengths to make gravity defying saves.

"I have got a bit of everything," he said when asked to describe his attributes for fans who may not have seen him in action yet.

"I like to deal with everything that comes into the box if I am able to and take the pressure off my defence.

"I like to organise my back four, talk to them and let them know if I am coming or if I'm not and what they need to do.

"I would say shot stopping is another attribute I have along with my distribution.

"Some keepers like to focus on one thing, I like to improve across the board and know there is a lot more for me to learn."

Away from the pitch, you'll find Sanchez doing the same things as many people his age, playing Fortnite on the Playstation, watching the latest films on Netflix or hanging out with his friends.

He also has a shoe collection that would be the envy of many, with some rare Nikes and Adidas sneakers kept box fresh in his wardrobe at home.

"I really like shoes," he added. "I have a large collection at home, a lot of which I don't wear, they are just for my collection.

"I like to finish training, try to recover and then just chill by watching some movies or going for a walk. If my friends are around, I like to catch up with them."

Sanchez has never lost the drive and determination he inherited through adversity at an early age.

As a result, his ambitions don't end with getting Forest Green promoted. He has a clear pathway set out in front of him that he wants to reach the end of.

While he jokes that appearing for Spain at a World Cup could be the ultimate destination, there is a twinkle in his eye as he laughs it off that suggests he won't rest until it becomes a reality.

"Right now I am looking to do well here at Forest Green," he concluded.

"In the years coming I just want to do my best, try to make it in Brighton and who knows from there, the World Cup with Spain would be a dream. Or England, I am only a year away from qualifying for them.

"If you do your best, you can get to where you want."



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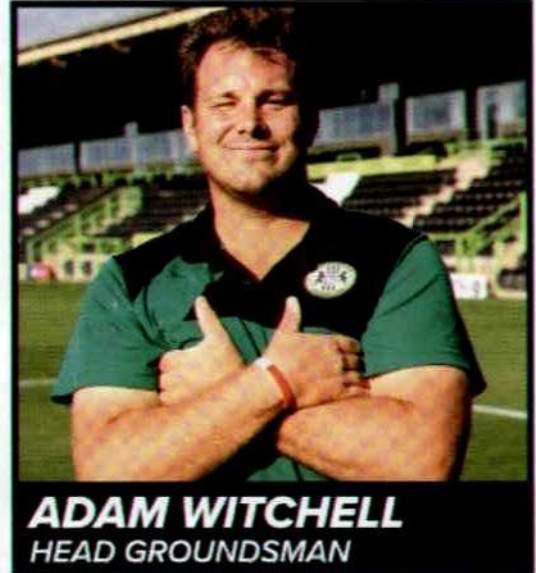
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# BEHIND THE SCENES

It was a very busy summer here working on the new pitch for the start of the season. As soon as I could get on the new surface I did some drainage work behind both goals and then we got the contractors in to assist with putting two drains in the pitch. We then did a lot of work on the secondary drainage to try and prevent the blocking issues we experienced last season as well as adding the sand drainage and seeding the pitch. After that, the heat came and germination became a bit of a problem so we had to put a lot of water on the pitch in order to help the seedlings sprout. The whole top surface came off over the summer and the pitch is now 25mm lower than last season to help open up the drainage pattern underneath in the hope that we won't have any blocking issues like we did last year. The rainwater that falls on the pitch is all recycled as it goes through our drainage system before travelling to the edge of the pitch, down the lino-runs and into the big tank in the corner of the stadium.



**ADAM WITCHELL**  
HEAD GROUNDSMAN

## WHAT IS IT LIKE WORKING WITH AN ORGANIC PITCH?

It's mainly fed on things like seaweed, sugars, carbohydrates and folic acid. The grass is cut with the solar powered E.T Mo robot and the nets are the only biodegradable nets on the market. The lines are also eco-friendly as they are painted with Ecoline which means that every time I spray them I use 50% less paint. All the weeds on the pitch are handpicked and I go around with a knife and pluck them all out. Every bit of the pitch is a challenge but it's a challenge I love and in my opinion it's the best way to grow a pitch. I wouldn't have it any other way.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MATCHDAY

What a great start to the season it's been and we have some great options to enhance your match day experience here at The New Lawn. Private hospitality suites, for up to 12 people, are available for our upcoming games and they include a fantastic buffet, drinks, waitress service, parking programmes, tea or coffee and cake at half time. VIP dining is also proving popular, with reserved tables in the Carol Embrey suite and waitress service. Don't forget if you have a season ticket you can just pay the upgrade price for the above. For more information or to check availability please contact the club by emailing [hospitality@fgr.co.uk](mailto:hospitality@fgr.co.uk) or call 01453 837431.



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**PHIL BROWN**



## GETTING TO KNOW: SWINDON TOWN

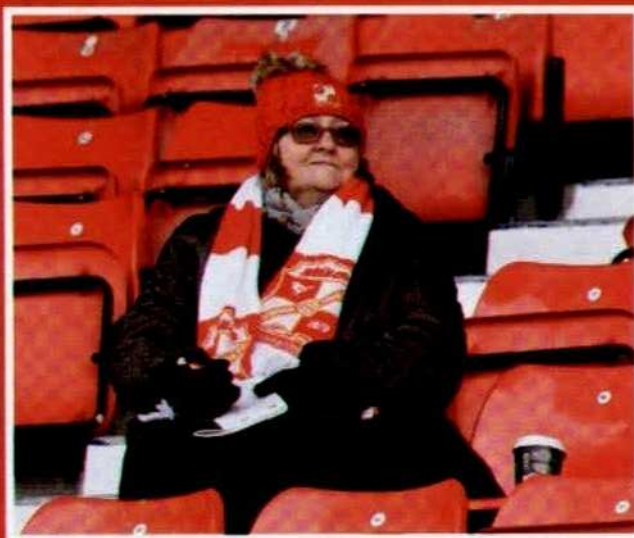
It's safe to say that Swindon have not done things the easy way so far this season – in fact, they boast one of the most thrilling, or stressful, openings to the 2018/19 campaign.

It was a summer of change for the Town – eight new players arrived at SN1 fresh for the new season and what a first month it has been.

On the opening day, the Robins were behind twice to League Two new boys Macclesfield Town – but Michael Doughty's hat-trick featuring two penalties in the 96th and 98th minute gave them a last gasp win. Phil Brown has found his team scoring goals but struggling to keep them out – Town are yet to keep a clean sheet this season and have conceded two or more in each of their league games.

Town suffered three defeats on the bounce – Chelsea Under-21s won in the Checkatrade Trophy, Lincoln beat them 4-1 before Rovers overcame them in the Carabao Cup.

Within ten minutes of last week's clash with Tranmere, Swindon were 2-0 down. Tranmere's Jay Harris seeing red tipped the balance in the Robins' favour as the hosts ran out 3-2 winners, while on Tuesday they finished with nine men as they ended up drawing 2-2 away at Crawley Town.



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**GOALKEEPER**

Lawrence Vigouroux

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A firm favourite at the County Ground, Vigouroux arrived at SN1 in August 2015 on a season-long loan from Liverpool. Since then he has made the number one jersey his own and made his 100th appearance for the club in last week's win over Tranmere.

**DEFENDER**

Olly Lancashire

**06**

Lancashire started his career as another product of the renowned Southampton academy – after leaving the Saints with thirteen games under his belt, the centre-half joined Walsall. Spells at Aldershot, Rochdale and Shrewsbury followed before he moved to the south west in July 2017. He has captained the side for the majority of his time at the County Ground.

**DEFENDER**

MATT TAYLOR

**31**

Taylor was another 2017 addition to the Robins squad – after playing in the Premier League with Portsmouth, Bolton, West Ham and Burnley the left-footed midfielder-turned-defender has begun his coaching development. He is a player-coach at Swindon after joining from Northampton and briefly took the reins last season before Phil Brown was appointed.

**DEFENDER**

MARTIN SMITH

**16**

This summer, Smith joined Town from Coleraine and has impressed with his tenacity and protection of the back four. In today's teams' fixture in the League Cup, Smith hit the post from inside his own half as he searches for his first goal in Town colours.

**MIDFIELDER**

MICHAEL DOUGHTY

**03**

Doughty has caught the headlines this season after signing permanently from Peterborough in the summer. The midfielder, on his third debut for the club, scored a hat-trick while wearing the number 3 – the number his wife had picked for him over the summer. And if that wasn't enough, he did so with two penalties – one in the 96th minute, one in the 98th.

**STRIKER**

ELIJAH ADEBAYO

**17**

Since joining on-loan from Fulham Adebayo has started every game this season and has impressed – his first goal came in Swindon's home win over Tranmere last week. The 6ft 4in striker was briefly on-loan at Cheltenham making six appearances and scoring two goals.

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## MATCH REPORT

Ollie Palmer struck a dramatic stoppage-time penalty as Crawley salvaged a point at home to nine-man Swindon.

James Dunne gave Swindon a 13th-minute lead when he intercepted a back pass from Rob Milsom to steer home his first Robins goal.

Keshi Anderson doubled the lead in the 37th minute by beating Morris at his near post with a low shot.

Crawley playmaker Filipe Morais struck the crossbar shortly before the break following good work by Nathaniel-George.

Swindon midfielder Toumani Diagouraga was shown a straight red card for a challenge on Milsom before former Lincoln forward Palmer put Crawley back in the game with his third goal of the season in the 51st minute.

The Robins went down to nine men two minutes later when Dunne saw red for a lunging tackle on skipper Jimmy Smith.

Josh Payne received a straight red card for Crawley for bringing down substitute Steven Alzate before Palmer scored in the last minute of stoppage time with a coolly-taken penalty.



**CRAWLEY 2**

PALMER (51', 90'+9 PEN)

**2 SWINDON**

DUNNE (13')  
ANDERSON (37')



### TOP SCORERS

MICHAEL  
**DOUGHTY** **4**

KESHI  
**ANDERSON** **1**

JAMES  
**DUNNE** **1**

### SEASON 18/19 SO FAR

F9 A10  
**GOAL DIFF** **-1**

W2 D1 L1  
**POINTS** **7**

PLAYED 4  
**POSITION** **7**

### MATCH STATS

#### POSSESSION

Crawley - 71% Swindon - 29%

#### SHOTS

Crawley - 19 Swindon - 6

#### ON TARGET

Crawley - 5 Swindon - 4

#### CORNERS

Crawley - 17 Swindon - 4

#### FOULS

Crawley - 14 Swindon - 13

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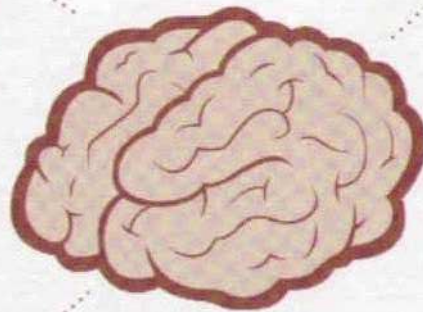
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**What do you love about FGR?**

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**If FGR could sign any player, who would it be?**

Kylian Mbappe of Paris Saint Germain. He is young and was awesome in the World Cup.

**As an Ambassador, what do you want to encourage people to watch FGR?**

I want a player to come to my school and do a PE session.

**Favourite player**



Reuben Reid



# Q&A

## CHRISTIAN DOIDGE



### Q: Who is your best mate in the team?

A: I would have to go with my Welsh brother Liam Shephard. I spend most of my time with him but I get on with everyone in the squad.

### Q: What team did you support when you were a kid?

A: My first game I ever watched was at Ninian Park to watch Cardiff City so they are a club that are very close to my heart, but growing up Manchester United was a team I supported – mainly because of Ryan Giggs.

### Q: What has been your best moment at the club?

A: My best moment for the club has to be promotion at Wembley. After such a hard season, to get what we set out to achieve is something I'm very proud of.

**JACK**  
CAM EVERLANDS



## AMBASSADOR MATCH REPORT

21.08.2018



**FOREST GREEN 0**



**STEVENAGE 0**

I was sitting in the front row, the atmosphere was buzzing. Watching the warm up has was very interesting, particularly as I spotted a female coach, which is really good to see.

Christian Doidge was captain and we were all hopeful he would lead our team to victory.

There was a free-kick to Stevenage that FGR defended well, while there were some tricky shots played by both teams that added to the crowd's anticipation.

Stevenage played some dirty football with hard pushes and tackles. I like how FGR rise above these low blows.

Theo Archibald had some incredible footwork throughout while Robert Sanchez made an intense save on half time.

After half time there was an immediate free-kick for Stevenage outside the box, Sanchez deflects the shot brilliantly.

Stevenage got a corner and had a great header for the cross but missed.

FGR had an awesome shot, so powerful that it blew the crowd away. The crowd were whipped into a frenzy chanting for FGR, it was such a good atmosphere. There was a bouncing ball in the Stevenage box and there appeared to be a hand ball but the penalty was not given. The crowd were not happy.

In the 90th minute there were two brilliant corners for FGR, the atmosphere was tense! Sadly none resulted in a goal.

**AMELIE**  
BRIMSCOMBE



George  
**WILLIAMS**



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# FGR QUIZ



## 1 GUESS WHO



## 2 GUESS WHERE



## 3 GUESS WHAT



**4** This week Forest Green announced they would be switching kit supplier after leaving Hummel. Who is the new supplier?

**5** Other than FGR, how many sides are currently unbeaten this season in League Two?

**6** Sprinting world-record holder Usain Bolt is currently undergoing a trial at Central Coast Mariners F.C. but which country does this team play in?

**7** Who wears the number '18' for FGR?

**8** How many League Two sides have won all four of their League games so far?

**9** Russian side FC Rostov hit the headlines this week for releasing a fourth kit designed like what?

**10** Gary Neville lost a bet with Jamie Carragher and consequently had to wear a Liverpool shirt on Monday Night Football. Who's name was on the back?

# WORDSEARCH

Find all the hidden words below to complete this weeks wordsearch.

X	I	C	I	Q	T	G	M	F	X	J	Q	D	W	V	Z	B	R	A	I
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# Quorn Cumberland Sausage *and roasted vegetables*

## Ingredients

1 pack of Quorn Vegan Cumberland Sausages

1 red onion, chopped into wedges

100g butternut squash, peeled and chopped into cubes

1 red pepper, chopped into cubes

1 courgette, chopped into disks

2 tbsp oil

1 tbsp dried mixed herbs

1 tbsp smoked paprika

1 tsp cayenne pepper

½ tsp salt

½ tsp black pepper



## Method

Preheat your oven to 200 C / Fan 180 C / Gas 6. Place the red onion, butternut squash, red pepper and courgette into a roasting tray. Drizzle with 1 tbsp oil and scatter over the mixed herbs, smoked paprika, cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper. Toss until the vegetables are coated in the oil and spices. Place in the oven for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place a frying pan on a medium heat. Add the oil and brown off the sausages in the pan for 4-5 minutes, turning frequently.

Add the sausages to the tray of mixed vegetables and transfer back to the oven for 25 minutes, before serving.



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# LEWIS SPURRIER

**L**ewis Spurrier is one of the more seasoned players in the FGR academy having been at the club for over two years. The midfielder took a break from football after being released by his last club but says that the environment around FGR and the forward-thinking ethos made him want to get back into the sport and be a part of the club.

Having moved into a more advanced role in the academy side's midfield, Spurrier is looking to increase his numbers from last season and drive the team forward

by achieving double figures in assists and goals in the new campaign. He prides himself in his ability to get on the ball and create opportunities. Having spent the last few seasons working on his defensive game, he now feels he is a well-rounded and versatile player

Spurrier says that pushing into pro football is the goal for everyone at the academy and he's got more experience than most - making one appearance for the first team in the Checktrade Trophy last season.



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# FOREST GREEN ROVERS ACADEMY

**T**he start to the season for the Under 18s, and the Academy on the whole, has been really good and we're all moving in the right direction.

The performances for the Under 18s have been very good. We're getting a lot out of the players, they're improving week on week and I am really excited by the current group we have at the club.

They're in the midst of a tough schedule of Plymouth away last weekend, Bournemouth away today and Stevenage away in the space of 10 days.

It's good though and a learning curve for the boys. It's not so much the travelling, it's the preparation that goes into it for them.

Whether that be going home and doing the right things after training on a Friday, eating well, sleeping well and getting up the following morning ready to go.

They are a good group who were integrated together from last December really.

They are just getting used to the different bits that come along with it really. They've been in full-time every day, had their first proper pre-season, college starts soon and we know it goes in waves for them.

We're absolutely delighted with where they are. We are very fortunate to have the group we have got and I'm really enjoying working with them.

The whole Academy has been brilliant since we started back in early July and it's been great to have all the different age groups in each week.

We've got a great venue down at Cirencester, who have been really helpful to us and we're now able to carry on building on the squads we have got.

The coaches have done a fantastic job integrating the new players with the existing ones and we're looking forward to the games programme starting back in September.

**SCOTT  
BARTLETT**

**HEAD OF FGR ACADEMY**



18.08.2018



**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1**



**FOREST GREEN  
ROVERS 0**

Forest Green Rovers head of Academy Scott Bartlett believes his Under 18s did everything but claim the three points when they travelled to Plymouth Argyle last Saturday.

A second-half goal was enough to secure the hosts all three points in the Youth Alliance League South West Division encounter.

Forest Green had numerous chances in the first half to make their superiority tell on the scoreboard but were unable to take it and despite falling behind, continued to push.

Dan Ogunleye, who has three goals to his name already this term, was denied late on from the penalty spot which would have secured at least a point, no less than what they deserved according to Bartlett.

"We were outstanding away at Plymouth," he said.

"The boys were very unfortunate not to win the game, let alone lose it. It was our best performance of the season to date.

Bartlett felt that his side didn't quite get the rub of the green on the day:

"We were unlucky not to come in at half time out of sight. We didn't quite maintain that same level second half, although we still did well.

"We conceded a goal against the run of play and had a right go for the last 20 minutes - we got a penalty right at the end of the game but missed and that's how it goes sometimes.

But the manager was positive at full time and sees it as something to build upon:

"We came away from there really happy and I know the boys were happy with their performance as well."



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Welcome to The New Lawn for this Bank Holiday visit of Swindon Town, our near neighbour from Wiltshire.

It's not so many years ago that fans would have only ever entertained the idea of a game against Swindon as a pre-season friendly and in fact STFC were our first ever visitors to The New Lawn on the opening evening 12 years ago.

This will be our fifth ever competitive fixture against Swindon. Today's game is a reality not a dream and, after our start to this season, perhaps we aren't the underdogs we have been previously.

These days The Supporters' Club help to support a much bigger FGR than in years gone by, in any way we can.

As always, a big thank you to all who have supported FGR over the years and made today possible.

If today is your first visit, welcome to FGR. Your input as a supporter this season will be just as valuable as in years gone by.

Look out today for this season's

Rovers Raffle, which has bigger prizes again.

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Also, another reminder that the next Supporters' Quiz night is on Friday, October 12, in the Carol Embrey Suite. It would be great to see as many new faces come along as possible.

If you would like to get more involved with the Supporters Club, please get in contact with us.

Enjoy the match.

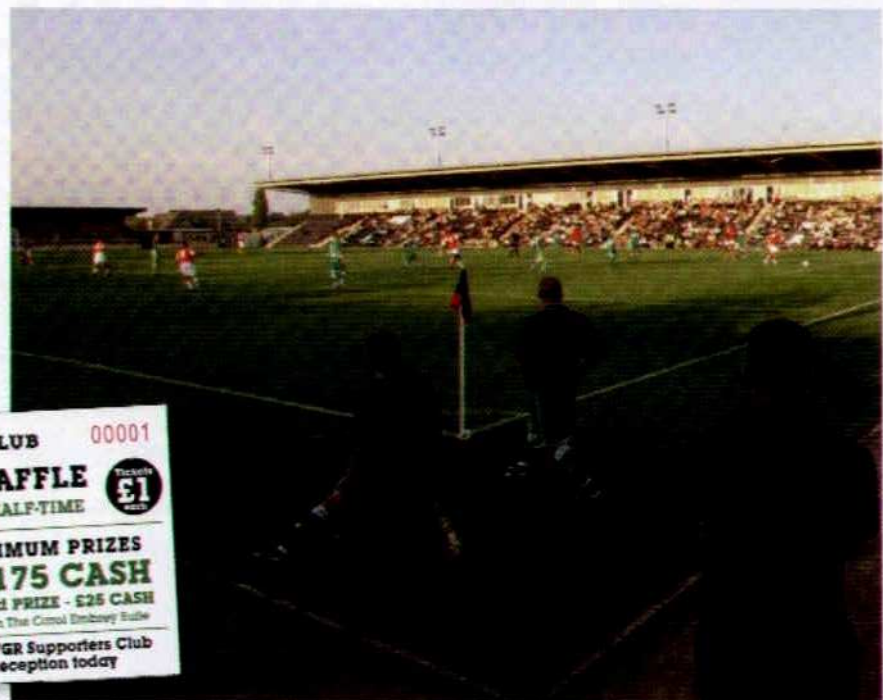
**FGR Supporters Club**

## AWAY DAY TRAVEL



The away coaches are up and running, so please book for our away trip to Notts County for next Saturday's match. We were unlucky not to return with three points last season and we will be travelling with optimism that we can get all three this time.

Have you considered our Travel Club for this season's away travel? The prices have been held to the same as last year and you will travel to all FGR Away matches in style with The Supporters Club and FGR. More details on the website and at reception. We hope you can join us at away matches for what will be a memorable season.



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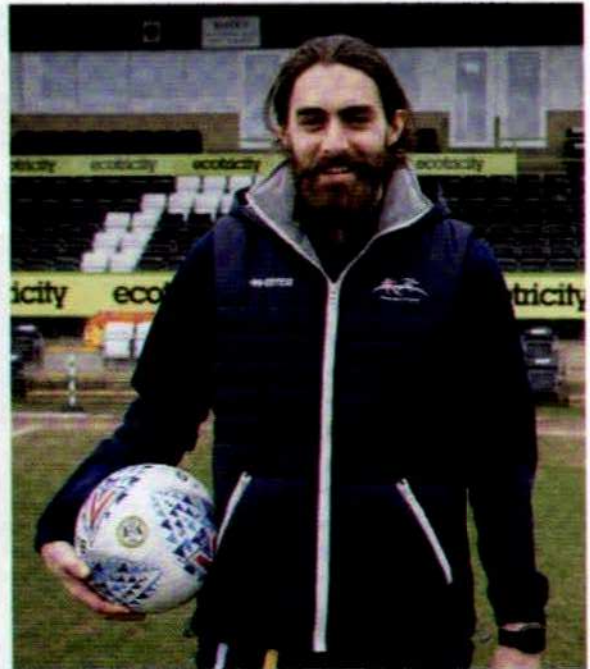
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# FGR IN THE COMMUNITY

## SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

There are still spaces available on the FGR Soccer camps running at Archway School in Stroud on Thursday, August 30, and Friday, August 31, from 9am to 3.30pm. The camps cost £23 per day and are always popular with boys and girls aged 4 – 12 years of all abilities. The children will develop football skills from former FGR central midfielder Rob Sinclair in a fun and safe environment. It has been a great summer so far with over 80 children enjoying the camps - so come and join in the fun. Booking can be made through the FGR website. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. If you're not able to join in the fun this summer or you just can't wait to get booked on again, we will be running a camp in the October half term so keep your eyes peeled for the dates which will be released very shortly.



## FGR GET ACTIVE FOR LIFE DAY

FGR in the Community are supporting Stroud District Council's Active for Life day on Saturday 8th September. The Health & Wellbeing day will host FREE taster sessions of a variety of activities both at Stratford Park Leisure Centre in Stroud and The Pulse in Dursley. The day will host activities for adults, children and the whole family to get involved in from Touch Tennis to Walking Football, Cheerleading, Rugbytots & Junior Boxing – there really is something for everyone! The day is also a great opportunity to speak with local service providers and find out about local clubs and organisations to become involved in. Prior booking is required for all activities through the Stroud District Council website – [stroud.gov.uk/activeforlife](http://stroud.gov.uk/activeforlife).

## COMMUNITY STAND OFFER

If you are a sports club, school, community organisation or uniformed group then we have an offer that may be of interest to you! FGR supports local groups to visit The New Lawn on a match day and take up our Community Stand. As part of our community scheme we would like to offer as many teams, groups, school children and accompanying leaders' free tickets to a match in our Community (North) stand, which is a covered standing terrace. If any accompanying parents or additional adults or siblings would like to attend then we can offer them half price tickets, and under 11's go free all season. If you are involved with a group who would be interested in attending a fixture in the 2018/19 season, please contact [community@fgr.co.uk](mailto:community@fgr.co.uk).





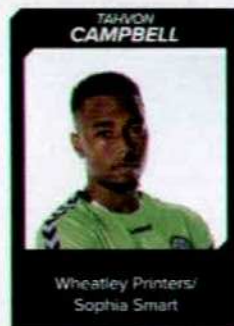
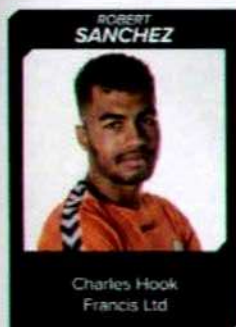
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21.08.2018



**FOREST GREEN  
ROVERS 0**



**STEVENAGE 0**

**THE NEW LAWN  
1,834**

Referee: Brett Huxtable  
SKYBET LEAGUE TWO

**FOREST GREEN ROVERS**

**Starting XI:** Sanchez, Shephard, James, Rawson, Winchester, Doidge, Brown, Archibald, Digby, Mills, Reid

**On the bench:** Montgomery, Collins, Grubb, Williams (Archibald 69'), Campbell, Pearce, Hollis

**STEVENAGE**

**Starting XI:** Farman, Wildin, Hunt, Timlin, Cuthbert, Ball, Byrom, Revell, Kennedy, Henry, Guthrie

**On the bench:** Dieng, McKee, Sonupe (Guthrie 83'), Ferry (Ball 72'), Reid (Kennedy 72'), Wilkinson, Nugent

**KEY MOMENT**

Liam Shephard with a driving run down the right of the pitch late into the game before whipping in a delicious looking cross into the box. George Williams was diving in to meet it with his head but couldn't steer his effort on target.

**SHOTS**

Forest Green - 16 Stevenage - 7

**ON TARGET**

Forest Green - 2 Stevenage - 3

**CORNERS**

Forest Green - 13 Stevenage - 4

**POSSESSION**

Forest Green - 59% Stevenage - 41%



MAN OF THE MATCH

**Theo Archibald**



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# LEAGUE TWO TABLE

## EFL 2018/19

TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD +/-	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Exeter	4	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	4	0	+6	10
2 Lincoln	4	2	0	0	6	2	1	1	0	2	1	+5	10
3 Colchester	4	2	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	1	1	+8	8
4 Stevenage	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	+3	8
5 MK Dons	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	+2	8
6 Carlisle	4	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	7
7 Swindon	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	1	1	3	6	-1	7
8 Newport Co	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	1	4	-1	7
9 Forest Green	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	5	2	-3	6
10 Mansfield	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	2	+3	6
11 Port Vale	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	4	+1	6
12 Yeovil	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	+3	5
13 Oldham	4	1	0	1	4	3	0	2	0	1	1	+1	5
14 Tranmere	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	5	0	5
15 Grimsby	4	0	1	1	2	5	1	1	0	3	1	-1	5
16 Crewe	4	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	7	-1	4
17 Bury	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	3	-1	4
18 Crawley	4	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	1	1	-2	4
19 Cambridge U	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	5	-4	4
20 Morecambe	4	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	7	-8	3
21 Northampton	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	3	-2	2
22 Cheltenham	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	-3	1
23 Macclesfield	4	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	3	6	-5	1
24 Notts Co	4	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	2	4	6	-6	1

## AWAY TRAVEL

### WYCOMBE WANDERERS

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FGR travel to Wycombe Wanderers in what will be the club's first ever second round appearance in the Carabao Cup. Tickets will be on sale from our new Ticket Office Telephone Line on 0333 123 1889, from our website [www.fgr.co.uk](http://www.fgr.co.uk) or in person at The New Lawn. Forest Green Rovers fans have until directly after the Swindon Town game on Saturday to buy their tickets. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased online direct from the Wycombe Wanderers ticket office or on the day. Travel will be on sale from our new Ticket Office Telephone Line on 0333 123 1889, from our website [www.fgr.co.uk](http://www.fgr.co.uk) or in person at The New Lawn and will be on sale until Monday, August 27, at 10am.

#### TIMETABLE

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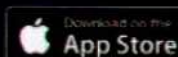


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# FIXTURES & RESULTS

## 2018/19

DATE	KO	OPPONENTS	RES.	ATT.	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST 2018</b>					
SAT 4	15.00	GRIMSBY TOWN	4-1	5,879	Sanchez Shephard Rawson Gunning Mills  Brown
SAT 11	15.00	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	2,759	Sanchez Shephard Rawson Gunning Mills  Brown
TUE 14	19.45	SWINDON EFL CUP R1	1-0	3,451	Montgomery Shephard Rawson Hollis Laird Archibald
SAT 18	15.00	BURY	1-1	2,853	Sanchez Shephard Rawson  Gunning   Mills  Brown
TUE 21	19.45	STEVENAGE	0-0	1,834	Sanchez Shephard Digby Rawson Mills Winchester
SAT 25	15.00	SWINDON TOWN			
TUE 27	19.45	WYCOMBE EFL CUP R2			
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b>					
SAT 1	15.00	NOTTS COUNTY			
SAT 8	15.00	PORT VALE			
SAT 15	15.00	MK DONS			
SAT 22	15.00	CRAWLEY TOWN			
SAT 29	15.00	MACCLESFIELD TOWN			
<b>OCTOBER 2018</b>					
TUE 2	19.45	CAMBRIDGE UNITED			
SAT 6	15.00	NEWPORT COUNTY			
SAT 13	15.00	NORTHAMPTON TOWN			
SAT 20	15.00	CHELTENHAM TOWN			
TUE 23	19.45	TRANMERE ROVERS			
SAT 27	15.00	EXETER CITY			
<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>					
SAT 3	15.00	LINCOLN CITY			
SAT 17	15.00	MORECAMBE			
SAT 24	15.00	CARLISLE UNITED			
TUE 27	19.45	COLCHESTER UNITED			
<b>DECEMBER 2018</b>					
SAT 8	15.00	YEOVIL TOWN			
SAT 15	15.00	MANSFIELD TOWN			
SAT 22	15.00	CREWE ALEXANDRA			
WED 26	15.00	NEWPORT COUNTY			
SAT 29	15.00	CHELTENHAM TOWN			
<b>JANUARY 2019</b>					
TUE 1	15.00	NORTHAMPTON TOWN			
SAT 5	15.00	GRIMSBY TOWN			
SAT 12	15.00	OLDHAM ATHLETIC			
SAT 19	15.00	BURY			
SAT 26	15.00	STEVENAGE			
<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>					
SAT 2	15.00	SWINDON TOWN			
SAT 9	15.00	NOTTS COUNTY			
SAT 16	15.00	YEOVIL TOWN			
SAT 23	15.00	MANSFIELD TOWN			
<b>MARCH 2019</b>					
SAT 2	15.00	LINCOLN CITY			
SAT 9	15.00	MORECAMBE			
TUE 12	19.45	COLCHESTER UNITED			
SAT 16	15.00	CARLISLE UNITED			
SAT 23	15.00	PORT VALE			
SAT 30	15.00	MK DONS			
<b>APRIL 2019</b>					
SAT 6	15.00	CRAWLEY TOWN			
SAT 13	15.00	MACCLESFIELD TOWN			
FRI 19	15.00	TRANMERE ROVERS			
MON 22	15.00	CAMBRIDGE UNITED			
SAT 27	15.00	CREWE ALEXANDRA			



KEY: GOALSCORER 1 BOOKED 2 SENT OFF 3 STARTING XI: FIRST SUB SECOND SUB THIRD SUB OWN GOAL ▲

SUBSTITUTES

James	Winchester 1	Reid	Doidge 2	Williams	Montgomery	Grubb	Collins	Campbell	Archibald	Digby	Hollis
James	Winchester	Reid 1 2	Doidge	Williams 2	Montgomery	Grubb	Collins	Campbell	Archibald	Digby	Hollis
Collins	Digby	Grubb	Campbell 1	Doidge	Sanchez	James	Winchester	Brown	Williams	Reid	Pearce
James 2	Winchester	Reid	Doidge 1	Williams	Montgomery	Grubb	Collins	Campbell	Archibald	Digby	Hollis
James 2	Brown	Archibald	Doidge	Reid	Montgomery	Collins	Grubb	Williams	Campbell	Pearce	Hollis





# LIAM SHEPHARD

## **FAVOURITE PRE-GAME SONG?**

I pretty much listen to any dance, upbeat music. For me it's all about the dance beat, I don't mind which song it is. That gets me in the mood for my playing style and into the zone for the game. My music is just on shuffle when you see me come off the coach with my headphones on, I don't even know the names of the artists.

## **WHAT ARE YOU READING?**

I started, but I haven't finished it yet, First Man In, by Ant Middleton. I like to read about the army and what's going on behind the scenes and what their mindset is. My favourite book is Lone Survivor and I recommend that to everyone.

## **LAST FILM YOU WATCHED?**

I watched 12 Strong on Amazon Prime. That was to do with the army as well, based on a true story and before that it was Mission Impossible. 12 Strong, was about 9/11 and they were the first team to go over to Afghanistan, it was amazing.

## **HOW DO YOU RELAX?**

I go to the gym to be able to switch off, which sounds strange as it is similar to work. I go and see my family and spend a lot of time with the missus at home. You'll often find me playing on the Playstation as well.

## **FIRST CAR?**

It was one of the old Corsas. It's a far stretch to call it a car, it was a canoe. Water used to get into the car all the time, my feet were soaking. It was a typical first car, it was cheap and got me from A to B.

## **BEST GAME FOR FGR?**

There aren't many for me to pick from. In terms of a team performance, I would probably say Grimsby. It was a tough place to go, first game of the season, it wasn't easy. To get the three points and score four goals in the process, it set the season off well.

Together we make a winning team

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## FOREST GREEN ROVERS

Manager **Mark Cooper**

- 1 Robert Sanchez
- 2 Liam Shephard
- 3 Scott Laird
- 4 Lloyd James
- 5 Lee Collins
- 6 Farrend Rawson
- 7 Carl Winchester
- 8 Dayle Grubb
- 9 Christian Doidge
- 10 Reece Brown
- 11 George Williams
- 12 Jordan Simpson
- 13 James Montgomery
- 14 Tahvon Campbell
- 16 Gavin Gunning
- 17 Isaac Pearce
- 18 Theo Archibald
- 20 Paul Digby
- 23 Joseph Mills
- 24 Lewis Thomas
- 26 Reuben Reid
- 32 Haydn Hollis



## SWINDON TOWN

Manager **Phil Brown**

- 1 Lawrence Vigouroux
- 2 Kyle Knoyle
- 3 Michael Doughty
- 4 Jak McCourt
- 5 Sid Nelson
- 6 Oliver Lancashire
- 7 Jermaine McGlashan
- 8 James Dunne
- 9 Marc Richards
- 10 Keshi Anderson
- 11 Steven Alzate
- 12 Will Henry
- 13 Ellis landolo
- 15 Chris Robertson
- 16 Martin Smith
- 17 Elijah Adebayo
- 20 Toumani Diagouraga
- 21 Jordan Young
- 22 Kaiyne Woolery
- 23 Luke McCormick
- 24 Scott Twine
- 25 Joe Romanski
- 26 Dion Conroy
- 27 Jordan Edwards
- 28 Sol Pryce
- 31 Matthew Taylor



## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee  
Andy Davies

Assistant Referees  
Darren Blunden  
Dean Treleaven

Fourth Official  
Robert Massey-Ellis

## MATCH SPONSOR



## NEXT AT THE NEW LAWN



### CHELTEMHAM TOWN

Checktrade Trophy  
04.09.18  
Kick-off 7.30pm

## ELSEWHERE IN LEAGUE TWO

Cambridge v Cheltenham  
Carlisle v Crewe  
Colchester v Northampton

Crawley v Bury  
Lincoln v Notts County  
Macclesfield v Mansfield

MK Dons v Exeter  
Morecambe v Oldham  
Newport v Grimsby

Tranmere v Port Vale  
Yeovil v Stevenage