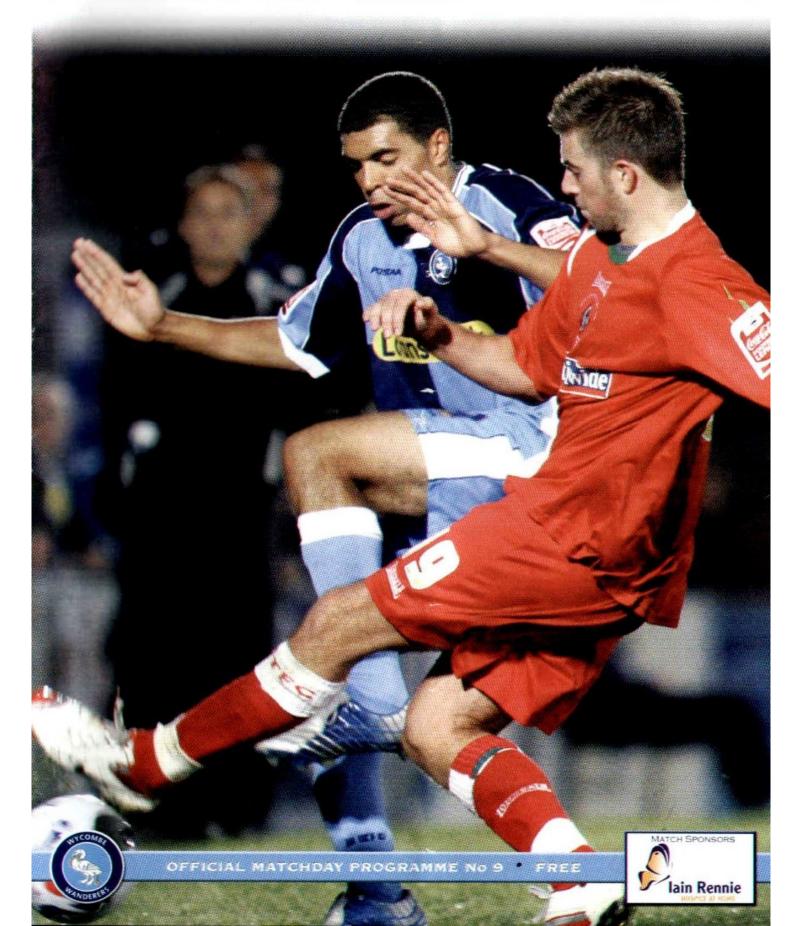


# WYCOMBE WANDERERS **V SWINDON TOWN**

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### Swindon Town - a little history

In 1894 Swindon Town Football Club, founded by Rev Williams Pitt, took on professionals and became a founder member of the Southern League Division One. Financial problems would dictate the direction of the club from an early stage.

Before World War I the club enjoyed prosperous times winning the Southern League Championship twice and reaching the FA Cup semi-final on two separate occasions.

One of the most notable players from that early period was Harold Fleming who scored an incredible 202 goals in 332 games for the club between 1907 and 1924. Such was his popularity that there is a statue of the footballer now in the town and the stretch of road 'Fleming Way' is named in his honour. Fleming was also the two goal hero when the side defeated Barnsley at the Parc des Princes Stadium to secure the Dubonnet Cup in 1910.

A year later the club took part in the highest scoring Charity Shield match to date. Swindon managed to net four times, but it wasn't enough to overhaul the eight scored by the great Manchester United.

The Robins, as they would become known, moved into the Southern Section of the Football League's Division Three in 1920 and won their first game of that season 9-1 against Luton Town. However, having earned league status the club nearly lost it in 1933, 1956 and 1957 and had to apply for re-election, a circumstance similar to what would happen 32 years later when the club admitted 36 charges of breaching league rules to the league and were nearly relegated to the Third Division despite claiming promotion from

the first. World War II brought more troubled times for the club and during the war the County Ground was used by the war office as a Prisoner of War cap.

### **Cup Classics**

The turnover from the 60's to 70's coincided with Swindon's most memorable cup heroics in their history. In 1969, over 98,000 fans watched a team lead by shrewd manager Danny Williams beat an Arsenal side, including the likes of Bob Wilson, Frank McLintock and Bobby Gould, to win the League Cup for the first and only time in the club's history.

Don Rogers bagged a brace in that game and was at it again later that year to help the Robins triumph over AS Roma in the inaugural Anglo Italian League Cup Winners Cup. Despite losing the first leg in Rome, Swindon won the return encounter 4-0 at the County Ground.

A year later and they brought the Anglo Italian Cup back to Wiltshire when goals from Peter Noble and Arthur Horsefield claimed a 3-0 victory at SSC Napoli. The game was actually abandoned after 79 minutes due to crowd trouble but luckily for Swindon the result was allowed to stand.

With Cup success coming their way thick and fast the Robins were also able to enjoy some progress in the league when they jumped back into the Second Division after finishing joint top with Watford.

Since then the only real progress made by the club in cup competitions came in 1995 when Steve McMahon, who replaced former Blues boss John Gorman at the helm, lead them to another League Cup semi final where they lost out to Bolton Wanderers.

That same year brought a successive relegation for the club

who, just two years previous had been competing against the likes of Arsenal and Liverpool in the Premiership. 'Yo-vo' years and financial turmoil then saw the club struggle to build and maintain a strong squad at the County Ground and after seven managers had passed through the doors in the space of eight years, their demotion to League Two in 2006 made them the first ever former Premiership side to be relegated to the Football League's basement Division, although they were eventually joined by MK Dons (formerly Wimbledon, but lets not get started on that).

#### **QUESTION TIME**

- Name the player who left the Blues for Swindon Town in November 1993 in what was a record transfer fee received by the club at the time?
- Which former Arsenal trainee has played in the Conference for Wycombe and in the Premiership for Swindon?
- What was the score in the first ever meeting between the two sides and when was the game played?
- Which two former Wanderers helped Stevenage Borough to an FA Cup victory over Swindon Town in 1998?
- Swindon Town had a strike partnership that netted 43 goals in the 2003-2004 season. Both players have played for the Blues - name them.

#### ANSWERS

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5) Tommy Mooney and Sam Parkin

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5.	Will ANTWI
6.	Mike WILLIAMSON
7.	Kevin BETSY
8.	Stefan OAKES
9.	Jermaine EASTER
10.	Matt BLOOMFIELD
11.	lan STONEBRIDGE
15.	Tom DOHERTY
16.	Tommy MOONEY
18.	Jonny DIXON
19.	Scott GOLBOURNE
20.	Steven GREGORY
22.	Sergio TORRES
23.	James FAULKNER
24.	Tom CADMORE
25.	Sam STOCKLEY
28.	Ikechi ANYA
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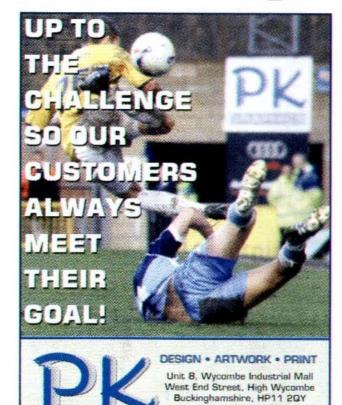
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