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# maurice malpas

Today we face a resolute Southend United side who are aiming to secure their place in the end of season play-off places. It is important that we put in another positive performance this afternoon.

The important thing for the players at the moment is to take things game by game. I don't want to be talking about the play-offs or where we will finish the season. It's an old cliché but one that we must look towards. I will be asking the players to give everything they have in each and every one of the remaining games this season, then we can see where we finish the campaign.

Anthony McNamee has been in good form over recent weeks. Both Budgie and I knew his qualities when he came to the club and he has put in some decent displays recently. We have worked on his fitness and whilst that has improved, there is still some room for improvement. He has also gained in confidence, especially after exciting showing against Huddersfield Town and Carlisle United.

Last Tuesday I hosted a lunch for members of the STFC 100 Club at The County Ground. It was nice to meet a few of our supporters, have a chat and get their views. I think those that were there appreciated what we are trying to do here and they had some good ideas too. I enjoyed the banter and it was an enjoyable afternoon, something that we will be doing more of.

Our plans for pre-season are now being put in to place and the players will return on Friday 27th June. We will have them in training for a few days and then go away somewhere. Germany is a destination we are looking at and we hope to have three games whilst over there. Cardiff City and Plymouth Argyle have agreed to play us and we will also be playing a couple of local sides too. Pre-season is an enjoyable time for the fans, but also an important stage of the development

process. If we can get start the pre-season period in a positive frame of mind, then that sets the tone for the season.

The one thing I have found since arriving is the lack of real coaching time we have had with the players. There have been a lot of midweek games and that has hindered our time with the players out on the training ground. Pre-season will be an excellent opportunity to spend an extended period of time with the squad to show them exactly how we want to be playing.

This afternoon we face a Southend United side who are in the fringes of the Play-Offs. They are a team who are going well and a team who are expected to be there or thereabouts. Hopefully they will be a team going back down the M4 without a share of the spoils. I have spoken to members of our coaching team about our game at Roots Hall in December. The general consensus was that we were extremely unlucky not to have taken something from the game.

Southend United are a tough side to face and hopefully we will be able to welcome Barry Corr back into the squad for today's game. We have missed his physical attributes and at times it would have been nice to have him on the bench when we have wanted to change games. Barry has told me he is feeling probably as fit as he has ever been and that's great news. Now it is a case of getting him some match time.

**Maurice Malpas**

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“quote  
of the  
week”



“Anthony  
McNamee has  
been outstanding  
in recent weeks.  
His fitness has  
improved and he  
has benefitted.”

**Maurice Malpas**

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### stfc club history

**Year Formed**  
1879

**Stadium Capacity**  
15,726

**Record Attendance**  
32,000 vs Arsenal  
(16th January 1972, FA Cup Third Round)

**Biggest Win**  
9-1 vs Luton Town  
(25th August 1921, Division Three South)

**Most League Appearances**  
John Trollope, 770 (1960-1960)

**Most League Goals**  
Harry Morris, 216 (1926-1933)

**Most League Goals In A Season**  
Harry Morris, 47, (1926/1927)

**Most Capped Player**  
Rod Thomas, 30 (of total 50), Wales

**Youngest League Player**  
Paul Ridout, 16 years 107 days  
(28th November 1982 vs. Hull City)

**Record Transfer Fee Paid**  
£900,000 to West Ham United for  
Joey Beauchamp (Aug 1994)

**Record Transfer Fee Received**  
£1,500,000 from Manchester City for  
Kevin Horlock (Jan 1997)

**Club Honours**  
League Two Promotion, 2005/07  
Division Two Champions, 1955/56  
Division One Play-Off Winners, 1992/93  
Division Two Play-Off Winners, 1989/90  
Division Three Play-Off Winners, 1982/87  
Division Four Champions, 1955/56  
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup  
Winners, 1970  
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1970  
League Cup Winners, 1969  
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→ In The News: Town boss Maurice Malpas explains his views to the media ahead of today's encounter

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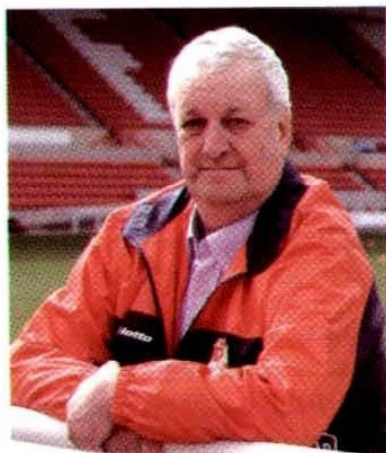
"Between the golden years of youth and the golden years of retirement come those nickel-plated years when you do all the work."

## Happy Easter!

I would like to begin the Boardroom notes for this afternoon's fixture with a salute to Ron Topp, the long serving County Ground Stadium Manager, who along with his wife Lyn, retires today after sixteen years of loyal service.

Ron you have served the club with great distinction and we shall all miss you but there are many painting master pieces that adorn the club, be they in vinyl silk, matt emulsion or the occasional undercoat, to keep your memory alive for many years to come. Everyone associated with the club wishes you and Lyn a very long and happy retirement and remember: "Cherish all your happy moments. They make a fine cushion for old age." Thank you.

And so to the business of the day, our game against Southend United. An Easter Monday welcome to the Blues and all of



→ Moving On: That's Ron Topp

their travelling fans and it is a pleasure to extend to you The County Ground hand of hospitality.

For those Swindon Town fans who attended our last home fixture against Carlisle will have witnessed a truly excellent and entertaining game of football. In the programme notes on that day I mentioned consistency as being important. If the Robins can continue to deliver that level of consistency week in and week out, as I am sure they can, then the fans will have much to look forward to and hopefully the stands will once again be full. Your consistent support is crucial.

Easter symbolises new life and so there is new life emerging at STFC. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mark Isaacs as the new Operations Manager, taking responsibility for all operational matters centred on the stadium and the supporting facilities. Mark has spent most of his career at BMW focusing on the delivery of performance improvement and his experience will prove invaluable to STFC in the coming years, as we strive to introduce a programme of continuous improvement around The County Ground. Mark will join us in May.

Marie Saunders will also be joining STFC at the beginning of April. Marie is familiar with the County Ground having spent sometime working in the STFC Study Centre. Marie will be fulfilling the role of Office Administrator and PA to myself and I am confident that she will prove to be a very valuable

member of the STFC team. Now there has been much recent press speculation about a possible groundshare arrangement with Bristol Rovers for the next two seasons, whilst they re-develop the Memorial Ground. Like most of these situations, the rumour is often half way around the world before the truth has even got its boots on. I can confirm that the initial approach has been made and as a business we have a duty to consider such an approach. However, there are many pros and cons to consider and much consultation to take place, before any informed decisions can be made.

Easter, is both new life and tradition and it is on the note of tradition that I conclude these programme notes. The Directors in recent weeks have been in discussions with one of STFC's greatest traditions, Mr Don Rogers. To immortalise the legend of Don Rogers and his long association with the club, with effect from the 2008/09 season, what has in recent years been referred to as the South, the Nationwide and the Kingswood Stand, will now forever be known as the Don Rogers Stand. There will be an official naming ceremony of the Don Rogers Stand at the beginning of the 2008/09 season, as we embark upon the 40th Anniversary of the League Cup win.

Stand up Don Rogers.

**Nicholas Watkins**  
Chief Executive

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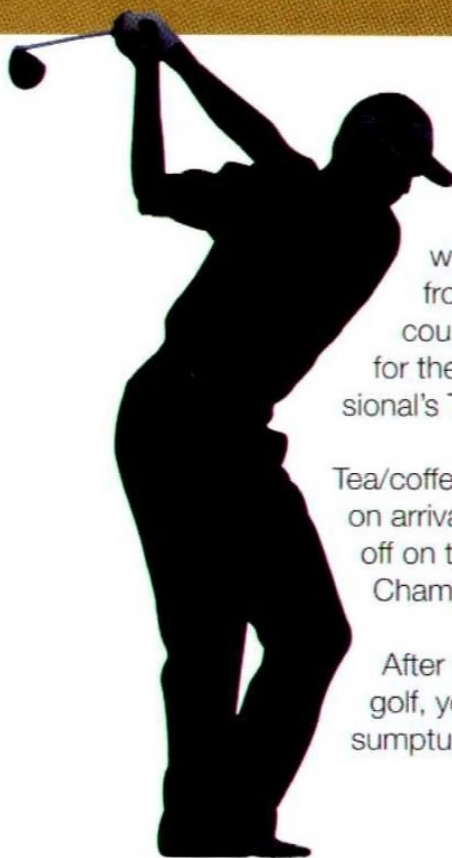


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# from the captain



Good afternoon and a very happy Easter to you all. Hopefully, along with all the players, I trust you went easy on the Easter eggs!

Today we welcome Southend United to The County Ground. When we travelled to Roots Hall earlier in the season, it was a very entertaining game that had pretty much everything. On that occasion we managed to score a very early goal through Simon Cox that really gave us something to fight for and hold onto. Credit to Southend because they did throw everything at us and eventually the pressure was rewarded with an equaliser. Then in the 94th minute they cruelly robbed us of going back down the motorway with a point by scoring the winner. In my opinion and I'm sure that of our fans at the game, we were well worth a point at the very least. Nevertheless that is all history now and we look forward to taking on Steve Tilson's side this afternoon.

Theses notes are being written before the Brighton & Hove Albion match, so hopefully we will have an extra three points on the table prior to today's game.

Our last home game with Carlisle United saw us take a point that was definitely not justice. The lads created chance after chance and but for some outstanding defending and on occasions brilliant goalkeeping, we would have taken all three points comfortably. As it was, we let them off the hook and although a point was gained, I think we all realized it was probably two points dropped. The boys played some fantastic football, which on a tricky surface that isn't always easy to do. Our strikers scored the goals on the day, Coxy and Blair. Coxy's goal was pretty much a routine tap in but Blair finished his very well.

Obviously we were all delighted for both of them as in recent weeks the goals

have not quite gone in for either of them. At times I felt it was as good as we have played for a long time and the lads should feel proud of their efforts. That said when you are winning at home with five minutes to go, and then concede a late equalizer, it is absolutely sickening. Believe me when I say that the lads were almost in tears in the dressing room, they were. I know through experience and talking to the fans just how frustrating it can be when it feels when a team throws the game away. Honestly, it still doesn't quite get to the level of frustration that the players feel, even when they possibly don't show it. The dressing room is where we have our 'post mortems' and 95% of the time what has been said stays in there and rightly so.

Enjoy the game and have a very Happy Easter.

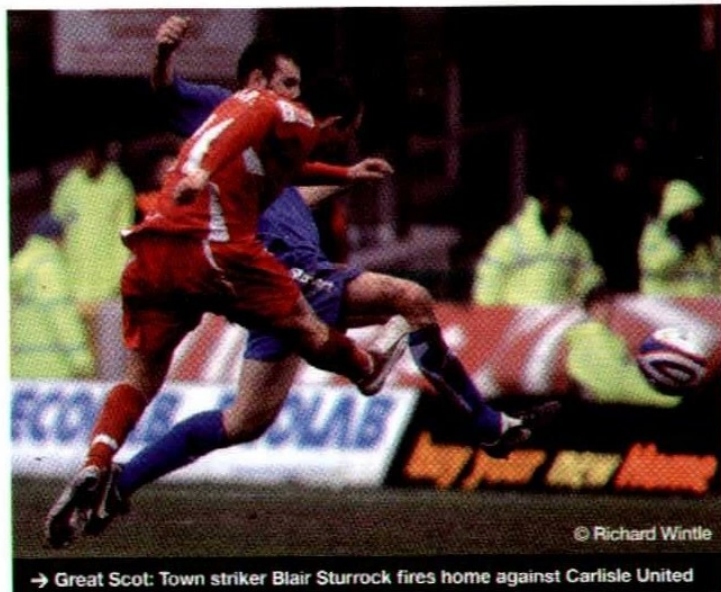
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## injury curse?

Once again this season we have been hit with the injury and suspension curse.

Last Saturday these were the players who for whatever reason were ineligible to play. Jamie Vincent, Lee Peacock, Christian Roberts, Chrissy Allen, Patrick Kanyuka, Michael Pook and Barry Corr. I'm sure you would agree with me that, those seven players named could all have been in the starting line up last week if they were legible to play.

That's why from now until the end of the season we must give the Gaffer as much as possible a full squad to select from.



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→ Great Scot: Town striker Blair Sturrock fires home against Carlisle United

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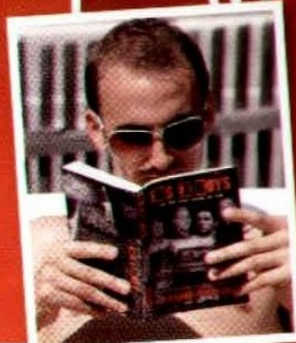
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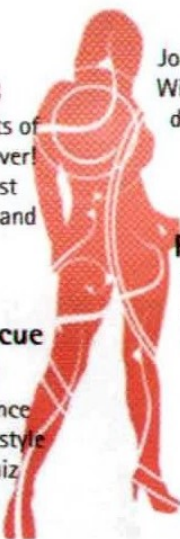
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## head of retail

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**Swindon Town Football Club** is seeking to appoint a **Head of Retail**, someone to take responsibility for the professional management of the club shop, currently referred to as the STFC Superstore.

During the 07/08 close season, the club shop is scheduled to undergo a programme of refurbishment, in tandem with a comprehensive merchandising overhaul and re-stocking. Ideally the newly appointed Head of Retail will be in position to oversee this important project.

### The Role

The principal task will be to assume full responsibility for

the professional management of STFC's retail activity, centred principally on the club shop, the STFC Club Shop web site and the direct mail catalogue.

The Head of Retail may also be invited to oversee the retailing element of match ticketing, if, as part of the shop refurbishment programme the Ticket Office becomes an integral part of the club shop.

### The Head of Retail's key tasks will include:

- (i) the overall professional management of the club shop;
- (ii) the creative sourcing and buying of appropriate shop merchandise;
- (iii) the overall appearance of the shop and the shop displays;
- (iv) the management of suppliers;
- (v) the proper management of retail partnerships;
- (vi) the introduction of proper stock controls;
- (vii) the introduction and utilisation of electronic point of sale systems;
- (viii) shop staff recruitment, resource management and appropriate training;
- (ix) the introduction of and adherence to, professional CRM programmes;
- (x) the creation of a "client" electronic database for direct marketing and promotional purposes;
- (xi) pricing recommendations and pricing strategy
- (xii) the content management for the Club Shop website; and
- (xiii) the preparation and adherence to annual "club shop" budgets.

### The Candidate

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate relevant retailing experience and to have held a managerial position in a retailing environment, with the attendant evidence of success in this role.

### The key attributes of the successful candidate to also include:

- (i) experience of the sourcing and buying of merchandise, of the type that will be offered for sale in the club shop;
- (ii) creative retailing flair for the identification of products and their display in the club shop;
- (iii) well developed interpersonal skills, with an empathy for customers and the delivery of a first class customer care programme;
- (iv) detailed experience of stock management, stock control and the utilisation of EPS (electronic point of sale) systems;
- (v) first class leadership skills, someone who is able to motivate others and who will be attentive to their development;
- (vi) a strong commercial awareness and sound administrative skills;
- (vii) good aesthetic values, an eye for appearance and detail; and
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## brez lends a hand



Swindon Town goalkeeper Peter Brezovan was at the JJB gym six days ago to draw a charity raffle.

On Tuesday 18th March, between the hours of 06:30 and 20:30, the staff at JJB Fitness Club, Orbital Shopping Centre, Swindon, took part in the following challenges:-

- Ran the equivalent of the marathon x 3 on a treadmill (78+ miles)
- Rowed the length of the Channel x 4 on a rowing machine (136km)
- Climbed the equivalent height of Mount Everest x 4 using a cross trainer (34km)
- Cycled the same distance as the final stage of the 2007 Tour De France on an exercise bike (146km)

The club also hosted a raffle with Swindon Town FC's goalkeeper Peter Brezovan making a special guest appearance to draw the tickets. Swindon Town FC also donated a football shirt which was signed by the STFC team.

The event was organised by Andy Mitchell of JJB and sponsored by Landmark PRC to raise money for:-

- British Heart Foundation
- Cancer Research UK
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Children with Leukaemia
- Brimble hill Special School, Swindon
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- RSPCA
- NSPCC

A special thanks to Swindon Town FC, Landmark PRC, Bushido Academy of Martial Arts and Avon Cosmetics for raising the profile of this charity fundraising event.



# stfc news

## STFC RECRUITMENT: WEBSITE EDITOR

This wide-ranging, interesting role calls for someone with the skills, enthusiasm and drive to develop and maintain high quality content and interactivity with supporters across a variety of digital platforms.

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The idea of regularly interviewing the key personalities on and off the pitch at The County Ground and at the training ground should excite you and you should possess the journalistic flair required to effectively tap into the passion at the Club and amongst our loyal supporters.

You will play a pivotal role in delivering the Club's commitment to improving electronic communications with supporters, not just through the website but also through engaging and effective e-shots, mobile phone technology and delivery of our online subscription TV service, Robins TV.

The successful applicant will be proficient in HTML, Flash and Adobe Photoshop. Familiarity with Adobe Premiere or Final Cut would be helpful, though training will be given if necessary.

Although some experience would certainly be advantageous - you must be able to provide examples of 'live' websites you have already designed, managed or contributed to - we will also consider applications from recently-qualified graduates who can demonstrate the talent to make this exciting role their first step in a rewarding new media career.

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## JR'S SUCCESS

Around 100 Junior Robins flocked to The Legends Lounge on Tuesday.

The event saw first team players Simon Cox, Craig Easton and Patrick Kanyuka take time out to meet some of the club's junior supporters.

The evening started with an extended question answer before the players mingled with the Junior

Robins in attendance, signing autographs as well as posing for photographs.

If you would like to join the Junior Robins, or for further information on the forthcoming trip to the London Eye and Chelsea FC, then please call **Sharon Franklin** on **01793 527470**.



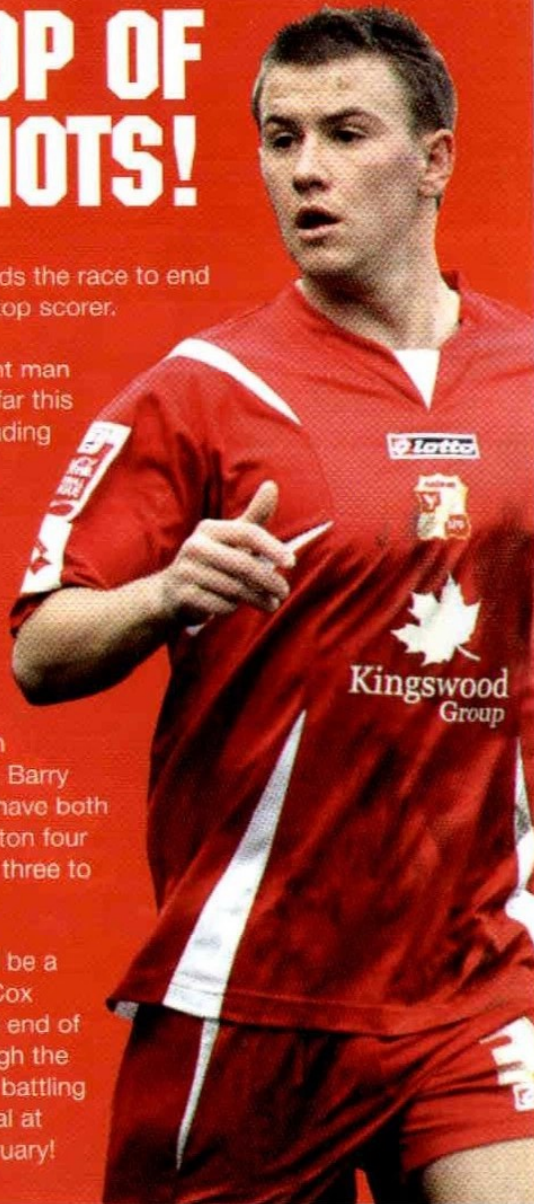
# COX TOP OF THE SHOTS!

Simon Cox currently leads the race to end the 2007/08 as Town's top scorer.

The former Reading front man has hit eleven goals so far this term and is currently leading the charge to win the golden boot at the end of the campaign.

However, strike partner Billy Paynter is a close second with nine goals whilst Christian Roberts and Blair Sturrock have both netted six goals apiece. Barry Corr and Lee Peacock have both hit five goals, Craig Easton four and J-P McGovern has three to his name.

It looks as though it will be a straight race between Cox and Paynter to take the end of season plaudits, although the Town number 31 is still battling to claim the second goal at Oldham Athletic in February!



## PSYCHO LENDS A HAND

Young players from Greenmeadow Youth U13's got a chance to meet a true England legend when Stuart 'Psycho' Pearce came to Swindon last week.

The former England full-back and current Under-21 boss took time out of his busy schedule to give a coaching session to Greenmeadow Under 13s, thanks to a competition run jointly by the Swindon Advertiser and England-sponsors Nationwide.



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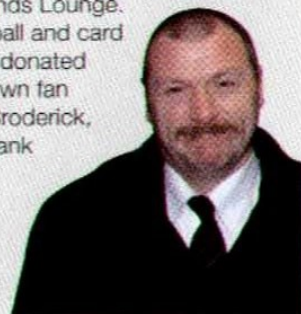
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## john's birthday celebrations!



Lifelong Town fan John Menham recently celebrated his 50th birthday on Saturday 15th March.

John was presented with a signed Swindon Town FC football by Patrick Kanyuka in the Legends Lounge. The ball and card were donated by Town fan Pat Broderick, so thank you Pat!



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## club factfile

**Also known as:** The Blues/Shrimpers

**Ground:** Roots Hall

**Manager:** Steve Tilson

**Year Formed:** 1906

**Record attendance:** 31,090; vs Liverpool  
10/01/1979 FA Cup R3

**Most capped player:**

George MacKenzie: Ireland, 9

**League appearances:**

Sandy Anderson: 451 1950/63

**Record goalscorer:**

Roy Hollis: 122 1963/60

**Goals in a season:**

Sammy McCrory: 31 1957/58 Division 3S

**Transfer fee received:**

£3,570,000: Stan Collymore Nottingham Forest June 1993

**Transfer fee paid:**

£750,000: Stan Collymore Crystal Palace Nov 1992

# steve tilson

Having played for Southend United as a player, Steve Tilson rejoined The Blues as director of the club's up-and-coming youth academy; meanwhile his playing career continued to bloom, leading Canvey to FA Trophy victory at Villa Park against Forest Green Rovers in May 2001.

His long overdue testimonial was granted in March 2003 with a match against an England XI.

Eight months later he took over as Southend United manager from Steve Wignall and would make an even greater contribution to the club's history. In his first season, he guided the team to its first ever major final, although the LDV Trophy final was lost to Blackpool. The following season the side were again beaten finalists in the LDV Trophy to Wrexham, but returned to Cardiff for the play-off final against Lincoln City. This time the side triumphed and promotion to League One was achieved. Instead of settling for stability after seven years in the basement, Tilson's men stormed to the League One championship in a tremendous season.

This gave Tilson the unique achievement of consecutive promotions as a player and a manager with the same club. Although the first season back in the Championship ended in relegation, Tilson once again made history for the club by masterminding their greatest ever victory, against Manchester

United in the Carling Cup, by masterminding their greatest ever victory, against Manchester United in the Carling Cup.



## alan mccormack

When Alan McCormack requested a move away from Preston last season, there was only one team on his mind to join.

Having previously played for Southend for two months in 2005, the Irishman had no hesitancy in making the move south again.

During his past time with the Blues, the 22-year-old played his part in helping the Club towards the League Two play-offs, only to be recalled prior to the end of the campaign.

This year McCormack became frustrated at a perceived lack of opportunities at Preston, which saw him restricted to only three appearances, and this only increased his desire for pastures new.

He moved to Roots Hall initially on loan in November before making the move permanent at the turn of the year for an undisclosed figure where he has been an energetic influence for the team in the centre of the park.

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## SOUTHEND UNITED ROLL CALL 07/08

### GOALKEEPERS

GOALKEEPERS	APPS	GLS
Darryl Flahavan	17	0
Steven Collis	20	0

### DEFENDERS

DEFENDERS	APPS	GLS
Simon Francis	15(3)	1
Che Wilson	4(2)	0
Lewis Hunt	23(1)	0
Peter Clarke	36	4
Adam Barrett	36	5
Zoltan Liptak	2	0
Johnny Herd	0	0

### MIDFIELDERS

MIDFIELDERS	APPS	GLS
Mark Gower	32(1)	8
Kevin Maher	3	0
Damian Scannell	0(7)	0
Hal Robson-Kanu	3(2)	2
Alan McCormack	33	8
Tommy Black	21(9)	2
Charlie Mulgrew	9	0
Franck Moussa	5(7)	0
Nick Bailey	34(1)	9
Anthony Grant	0(5)	0
Peggy Lokando	0(1)	0

### FORWARDS

FORWARDS	APPS	GLS
Richie Foran	9	3
Charlie MacDonald	11(11)	1
Alex Revell	3	0
Lee Barnard	6(1)	4
Matt Harrold	12(4)	0
Gary Hooper	11	6
James Walker	5(1)	2



# today's visitors



## DARRYL FLAHAVAN ↑

Born: 28th November 1978  
Former Southampton trainee joined Southend from non-league Woking in 2000. Flahavan worked his way into the record books this season after keeping his 88th cleansheet during the 2-0 Carling Cup win over Watford, which was enough to overtake the previous best set by Paul Sansome 10 years ago.

## PETER CLARKE

Born: 3rd January 1982  
Peter Clarke signed a three-year contract with Southend just three days ahead of the Championship season when he moved for an undisclosed fee from Blackpool. The 24-year-old central defender was a real fans favourite at Bloomfield Road where he captained the side and was named their player of the year in the 2004/05 season.

## TOMMY BLACK

Born: 26th November 1979  
Black began his career as a trainee at Arsenal before moving to Palace in 2000 for a £500,000 fee and has previously had loan spells at Carlisle United, Bristol City, Sheffield United and Gillingham. He made a total of 67 league starts for Palace and scored 10 goals during his seven-year association with the London outfit.

## ADAM BARRETT

Born: 29th November 1979  
A strong and commanding left-footed central defender, local boy Adam Barrett joined the Blues in 2004 after spending the previous two seasons with Bristol Rovers. This season, Barrett his 300th career league appearance in Southend's 3-0 win against Gillingham and recently signed a new four-and-a-half year contract.

## ANTHONY GRANT

Born: 4th June 1987  
Southend completed the emergency loan signing of Chelsea's Anthony Grant in January 2008. The deal will see the 20-year-old remain at Roots Hall until May 2nd due to the emergency loan ruling. Last year, Grant made 47 starts for Wycombe Wanderers during a season-long loan in League Two.



## SIMON FRANCIS ↑

Born: 16th February 1985  
Simon penned a three-year deal after joining Southend for an undisclosed fee from Sheffield United. This saw the full back become the Club's second signing of the summer ahead of the new season in the Championship. Francis spent most of last season in League One where he made 17 appearances for Tranmere Rovers.



# southend

## HAL ROBSON-KANU

Born: 19th February 1981  
Southend completed the loan signing of the current England under-19 international from Reading in January 2008. The youngster, who can operate on the left-wing and in attack, will link up with Southend until the end of the season from the Premier League side. Travelled with Reading to Korea in pre-season.



## FRANCK MOUSSA



Born: 24th July 1989  
Joined Southend in 2005 after he was released by West Ham, as he really came to the fore in the under-18 youth team. 17-year-old Moussa made his first team debut last season coming on as a late substitute at Colchester, but now he intends to make a lasting impression.



## MARK GOWER



Born: 5th October 1978  
Gower joined Southend from Barnet in the summer of 2003 for a fee of £25,000 and capped his first season with the Club by being named player of the year. The winger began his career at Tottenham and was a member of the squad that won the Worthington Cup in 1998/99.

## NICKY BAILEY

Born: 10th June 1984  
Southend completed the signing of Nicky Bailey from Barnet in a £175,000 deal from Barnet. The 23-year-old signed a three-year deal to become the Club's third signing ahead of the new season. Bailey picked up Barnet's Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year gongs last summer.

## LEE BARNARD

Born: 18th July 1984  
Southend United completed the signing of Spurs striker Lee Barnard in January 2008 for an undisclosed fee. The 23-year-old had his first taste of League football during loan spells at Exeter City, Leyton Orient and Northampton Town, and also had a temporary stay at Conference club Stevenage Borough (2004).

## JAMES WALKER

Born: 25th November 1987  
Striker who joined The Blues on loan in mid February from Charlton Athletic. Scored the winner against AFC Bournemouth and also against Luton Town. Has a habit of scoring late on and has already had an eleven-game loan spell at Yeovil Town this term, scoring three goals for The Glovers.

## return of the mack



Blues front man Alan McCormack has said the side will not become complacent following their strong run.

The 24-year-old returned from a two match suspension to score a late winner against Huddersfield Town last weekend.

The 2-1 win extended Southend's run to six matches without defeat and moved them into fifth place in League One.

McCormack told BBC Essex: "We've got to keep our run going, keep our attitude right and make sure we don't get carried away."

## head to head

	STFC Wins	Draws	SUFC Wins
League	41	24	34
FA Cup	1	0	1
League Cup	2	0	0
Other	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>

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## match action



### Swindon Town 2 Carlisle United 2

Date: 15/03/2008

Venue: The County Ground

Attendance: 6,004 (573)

Referee: M Russell

#### Swindon Line-up

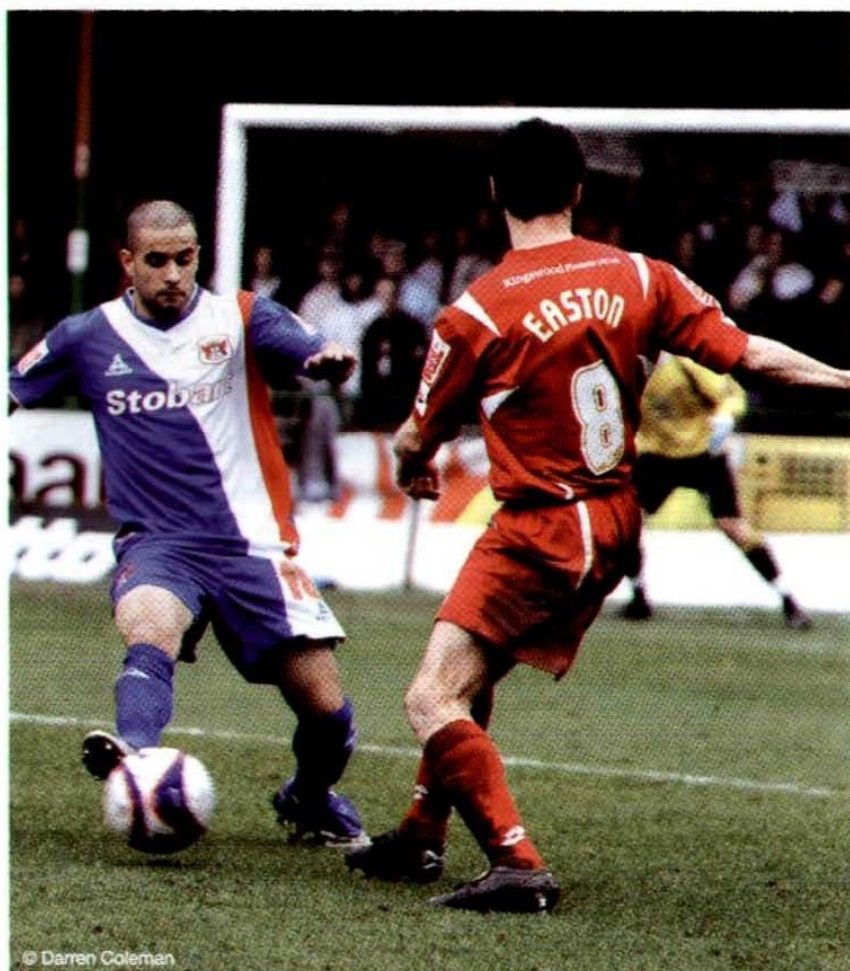
Peter Brezovan  
Miguel Comminges  
Jack Smith  
Jerel Ifil  
Hasney Aljofree  
Jon-Paul McGovern  
Craig Easton  
Michael Timlin  
Anthony McNamee  
Blair Sturrock goal 80 89  
Simon Cox goal 61  
Sean Morrison  
Phil Smith  
Moses Ashikodi 89  
Andrew Nicholas  
Sofiene Zaaboub

#### Carlisle United Line-up

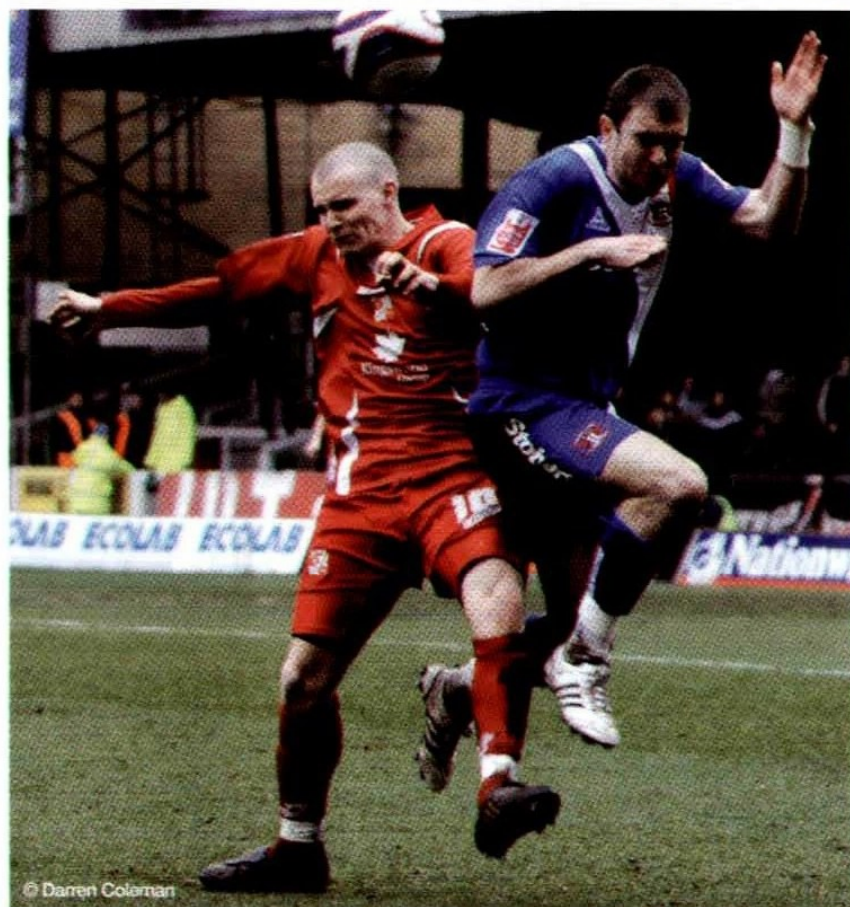
Keiren Westwood  
David Raven  
Evan Horwood  
Danny Livesey  
Peter Murphy goal 86  
Cleveland Taylor 73  
Chris Lumsdon  
Marc Bridge-Wilkinson goal 94  
Grant Smith  
Danny Graham 68  
Simon Hackney 89  
Paul Arnison 89  
Chris Howarth  
Danny Carlton 73  
Luke Joyce 68  
Gary Madine

#### match stats

	STFC	CUFC
Goals:	2	2
Possession:	52%	48%
Shots On Target:	7	3
Shots Off Target:	6	2
Corners:	14	4
Fouls:	7	7
Yellow Cards:	1	0
Red Cards:	0	0



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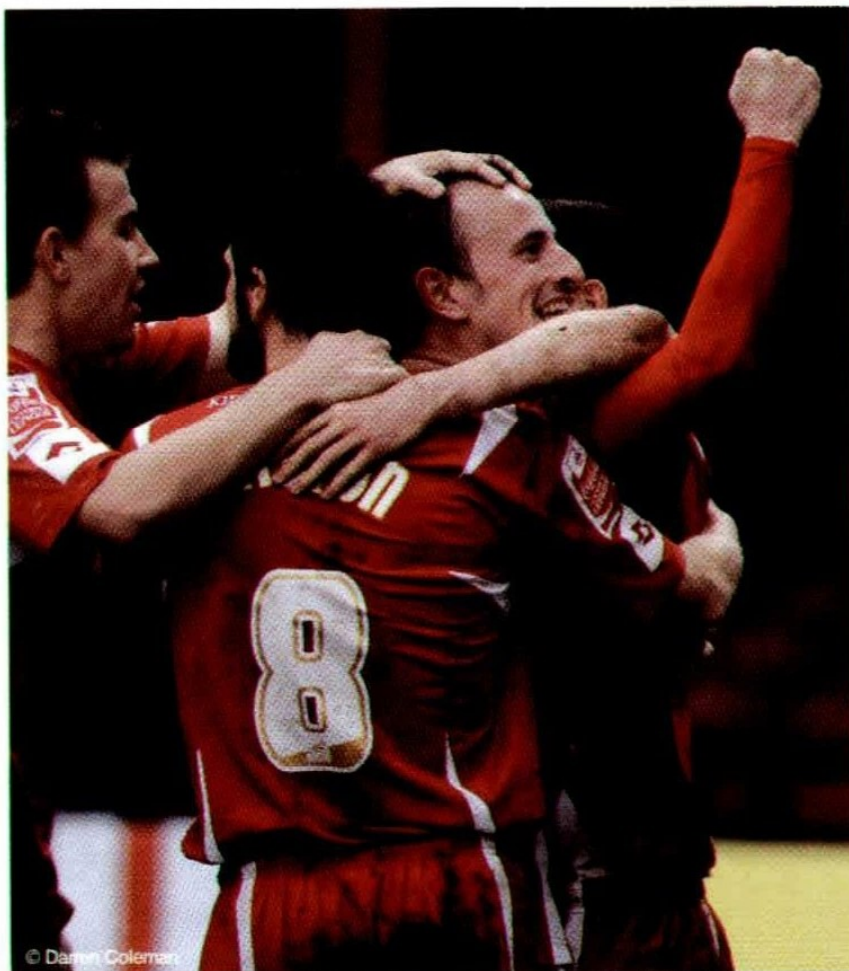
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“The players showed their quality and that was pleasing. Our movement and passing was excellent. Carlisle have a long journey back and I don't think they deserve to take anything back up the road with them.”

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## reserves match action



### Swindon Town 3 Bristol Rovers 0

Date: 18/03/2008

Venue: The County Ground

Referee: A Walmer

#### Swindon Line-up

Phil Smith	
Jack Winter	73
Andy Nicholas	
Michael Pook	85
Sean Morrison	
Ady Williams	
Lloyd Macklin	
Chris Allen	
Moses Ashikodi	goal pen 58
Ben Joyce	goal 70,84
Sofiene Zaaboub	77
Kurt Hammonds	85
Callum Kennedy	77
Nathan Thompson	73

#### Bristol Rovers Line-up

Alex Bowring
Tom Godsell
Tom Parrinello
Ryan Paddock
Steve Elliott
Alex Kite
Sammy Igoe
Charlie Clough
George Pawley
Joe White
Ben Swallow
James Tyrrell
Spencer Cutlan
George Booth
Elliott Richards



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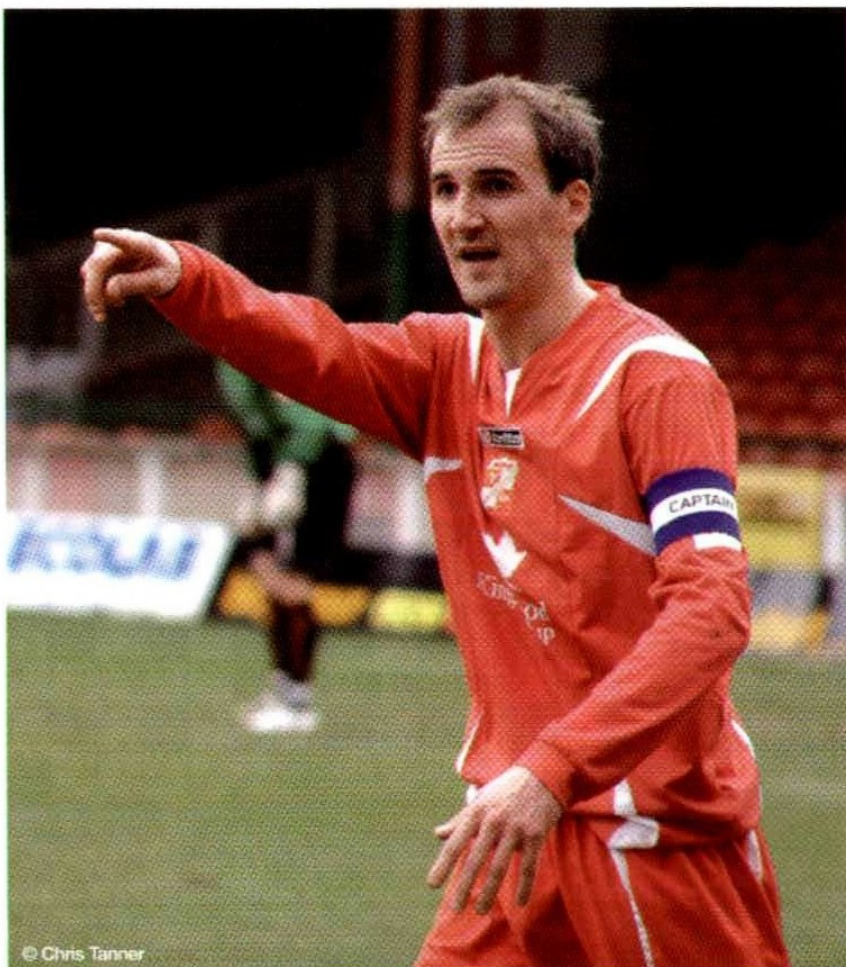
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"It was a decent performance and I was delighted for Ben Joyce, who got two goals. We played well and thoroughly deserved the victory."

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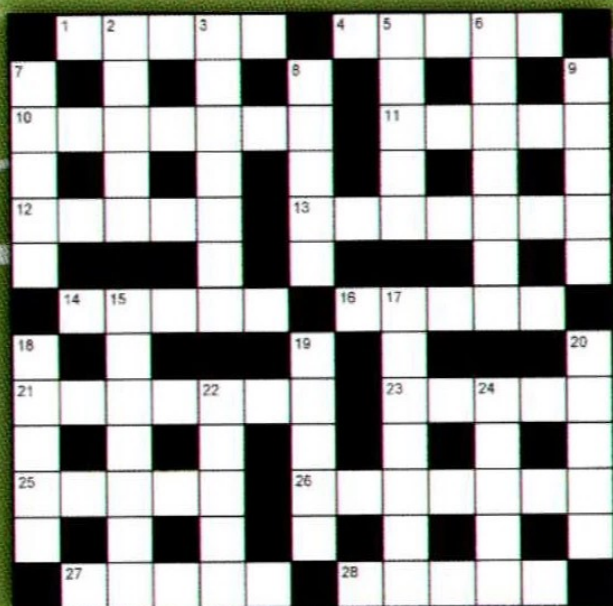
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# QUIZ



## QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS



### ACROSS

- 1 Ratzenberger and Senna had tragic accidents at this Italian circuit in 1994 (5)
- 4 Hugo \_\_\_\_\_, legendary Pumas fly half (5)
- 10 Cech's understudy at Chelsea (7)
- 11 Christmas came early for Blackburn when signing Roque \_\_\_\_\_ Cruz (5)
- 12 Olympic 400m hurdles champion in 76 and 84 (5)
- 13 Pompey striker less known as Mwaruware (7)
- 14 Replaced by Roeder as Norwich boss (5)
- 16 Aggers of TMS on the radio (5)
- 21 One of two Everton players red carded in this year's Goodison derby (7)
- 23 Roma's 2007 European Golden Boot winner (5)
- 25 Italy's understudy to Buffon until his international retirement in 2004 (5)
- 26 Arsenal's lethal Croatian (7)
- 27 Golf's undisputed No 1 (5)
- 28 City that hosted the 1964 Olympics (5)

### DOWN

- 2 Controversial Leeds and Man City full back who played in 2002 World Cup (5)
- 3 Birmingham's Swede signed from Arsenal (7)
- 5 Ole \_\_\_\_\_, three time speedway World Champion in the 70s (5)
- 6 Avram Grant's Dutch assistant at Chelsea (3,4)
- 7 Chris Gayle broke this against South Africa in the recent 2nd Test (5)
- 8 Liverpool's first Danish midfield star of the 80s (5)
- 9 Tennis' most famous Cup (5)
- 15 Brazilian FIFA World and European footballer of the Year in 1999 (7)
- 17 Ex Rangers man with 2006 World Cup winner's medal (7)
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Niemi of Finland and Fulham (5)
- 19 Venue for the 2008 Spanish Moto GP which has hosted F1 GPs (5)
- 20 England's stumper in last World Cup (5)
- 22 One of tennis' English brothers who created national chain of sports & health clubs (5)
- 24 He plays for Chelsea, his brother for Orient (5)

- 01 Who scored the first Swindon goal in the last meeting between today's teams?
- 02 In the style of which sport did the player celebrate the goal?
- 03 Which goalkeeper left The Robins to join The Blues in the summer of 2004?
- 04 Can you name the left-back who joined Swindon from Southend in 2005?
- 05 Which former Valiant signed for Swindon in August 2007?
- 06 Ex-Robin and Blue now managing the Orient...
- 07 What was the result the last time Town faced Southend at The County Ground?
- 08 Orient striker who has played for both today's teams...
- 09 Where do Southend United play their home games?
- 10 Which former Swindon trialist scored the winner for Southend against Manchester United?

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Answers  
 1. Simon Cox; 2. Boxing; 3. Bart Graaflink; 4. Nicky Nicolau; 5. Billy Paynter; 6. Martin Ling; 7. Swindon Town; 8. Southend United; 9. Wayne Gray; 10. Freddy Eastwood; 11. Simon Cox; 12. Terry; 13. Terry; 14. Grant; 15. Agnew; 16. Neville; 17. Totti; 18. Toldo; 19. Toldo; 20. Toldo; 21. Toldo; 22. Toldo; 23. Toldo; 24. Toldo; 25. Toldo; 26. Toldo; 27. Toldo; 28. Toldo.

# ron's topping out

Swindon Town FC Stadium Manager Ron Topp will today say farewell to The County Ground after sixteen years of loyal service.

Ron, along with his wife, Lynn – the club's shop manageress, are taking up early retirement with today's visit of Southend United their last working day.

It has been a long road for the former electrician and the 60-year old spoke to STFC Magazine before his last matchday and offered an insight into what life has been like at The County Ground.

before being promoted to Stadium Manager some while later."

Whilst many would jump at the chance of working for a professional football club, Ron admits the attraction of

"The football just passes me by," said Ron. "On a matchday I have too much to do, but I am not a football fan in any case. In my view if I was a football

hospitality as guests of the club

"It's something I have never had the chance to do as I have been working every matchday since I started in the job. Sitting down as a VIP will certainly be an experience and one I am looking forward to greatly."

Stadium Manager is a hectic and sometimes thankless role, with Ron wishing to take the

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# ron toppp

"It will be an emotional day when Monday comes around. I have been here for such a long time, made so many good friends and had so many memorable experiences.

"I first got involved with the club through one of my old bosses. We worked for an electrical firm who helped out around local schools. My boss was a big Swindon fan and he came up here to help out, so I gave him a hand. We were painting the railings on the Stratton Bank at the time.

"The then Stadium Manager heard that I was an electrician so I started doing more work here before I covered for a few games whilst the Stadium Manager was away. "I became Maintenance Manager

fan then I wouldn't be able to get as much done."

Times have certainly changed at SN1. With the dark days financial woe now firmly past, Ron believes the future is bright at The County Ground.

"I used to have to almost plead to get a bag of nails! Things have changed now though; you can see that. The new consortium has come in so there is no longer the need to beg and borrow like we used to. That's good news for the club and I am looking forward to coming back and seeing all the changes."

Ron and Lynn will be back at The County Ground for the first game of the new 2008/09 season, enjoying complimentary matchday

opportunity of thanking a number of companies for their assistance during his time at the club.

"I would like everybody in Swindon who has helped the club out. Gibbs Tarmac, Chris Dale welding and Wilts Wholesale Electrical Company have all been fantastic, I would like to thank those companies as well as so many others who have supported me in my capacity as Stadium Manager."

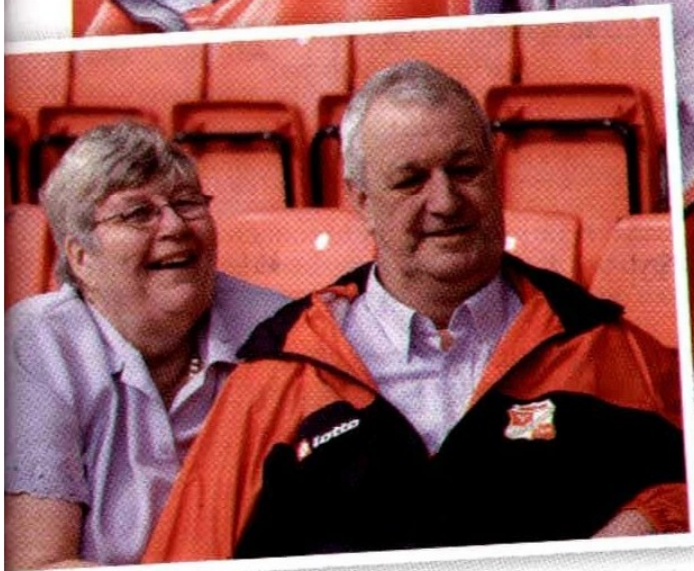
So with retirement ahead, how do Town's Topp duo plan to spend their days?

"We have seven grandchildren. One of those lives up in Southport so instead of seeing them once a year we hope to see them once a month. We have other interests too, so won't be idle," he finished.



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## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

### Maurice Malpas

Played 13 Won 4 Drawn 4 Lost 5  
For 15 Against 16  
Av Pts/game 1.23  
**Biggest Win(s)** Swindon 3 Huddersfield 2 (04/03/2008). **Biggest Loss(es)** Swindon 0 Walsall 3 (23/02/2008).

### Steve Tilson

Played 201 Won 81 Drawn 53 Lost 67  
For 275 Against 248  
Av Pts/game 1.47  
**Biggest Win(s)** Southend 5 QPR 0 (09/02/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)** Darlington 4 Southend 0 (02/10/2004).

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 | Maurice Malpas .....0 | Steve Tilson.....0  
Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Billy Paynter 48

#### shots on target

Billy Paynter 25

#### shots off target

Simon Cox 27

#### assists

Sofiene Zaaboub 7

#### crosses

Jon-Paul McGovern 42

#### fouls

Jerel Ifil 58

#### free-kicks-won

Billy Paynter 47



### GAMES SINCE

2	a win	0
1	a home win	1
4	an away win	0
1	a defeat	6
2	a home defeat	5
0	an away defeat	3
0	a score draw	1
11	a no score draw	23
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	6
0	scoring > 1	0
7	keeping a clean sheet	2
3	failing to score	10
18	back to back wins	4
5	back to back defeats	10
0	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
7	win by > one	2
5	loss by > one	16

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Mark Gower 66

#### shots on target

Mark Gower 37

#### shots off target

Mark Gower 29

#### assists

Alan McCormack 4

#### crosses

Mark Gower 95

#### fouls

Peter Clarke 56

#### free-kicks-won

Peter Clarke 52

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	Southend	CCFL Cup	Tot		
Simon Cox	10	1	11	Nick Bailey	9	2	11
Billy Paynter	7	2	9	Alan McCormack	8	1	9
Christian Roberts	5	1	6	Leon Clarke	8	0	8

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ....37 | Swindon wins .....16 | Southend wins.....11  
Draws ....10 | Goals 54 (1.5 per game) | Goals 42 (1.1 per game)  
0-0's .....6 | Times failed to score 11 | Times failed to score 15

### Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:

19/03/1966 Swindon 4-0 Southend  
10/09/2005 Swindon 1-2 Southend



## 2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

14	Position	5
37	Played	37
12	Won	17
12	Drawn	7
13	Lost	13
48	Goals For	58
47	Goals Against	49
48	Points	58

### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	7	10	21	5	2	9	19

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
10	5	3	9	12	5	4	4

### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	6	2	12	15	4	4	5

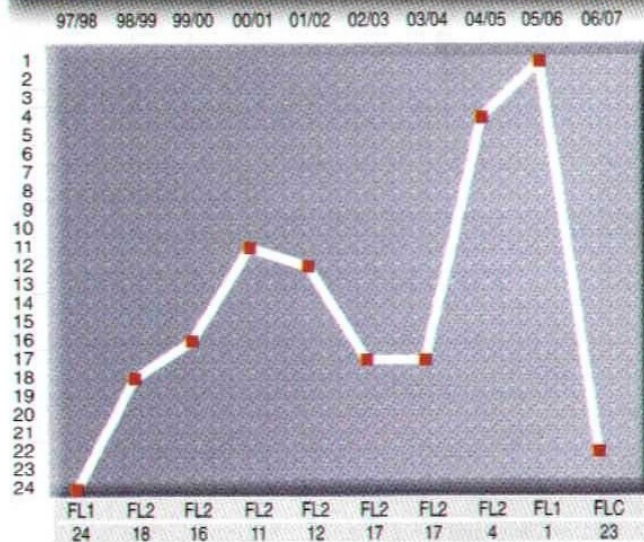
### Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	5	11	20	2	3	9	13

### Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-1[4], 3-0[1], 3-2[1], 4-1[1], 5-0[1], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-3[3], 1-2[6], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[7], 2-2[4]  
Wins: 1-0[4], 2-0[2], 2-1[5], 3-0[3], 3-2[1], 4-1[2], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], 1-4[2], 2-3[1], 3-4[1], Draws: 1-1[5], 2-2[2]

## SOUTHEND - TEN SEASON RECORD



\*up to and including 16/03/2008



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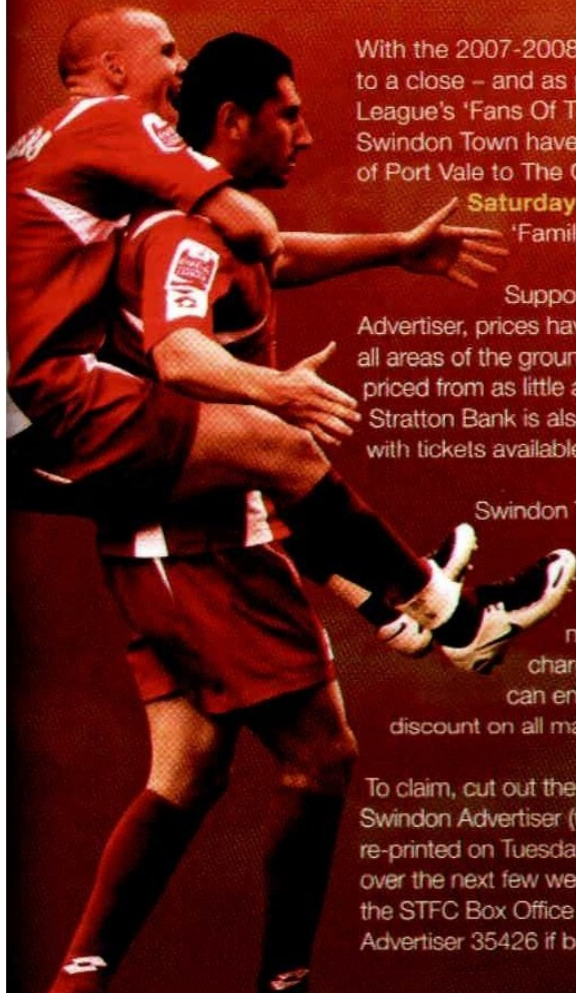
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# one for the family!

Swindon Town will be opening up the **Stratton Bank** to home fans and have slashed their prices for the visit of Port Vale.



With the 2007-2008 Season drawing to a close – and as part of the Football League's 'Fans Of The Future' initiative – Swindon Town have designated the visit of Port Vale to The County Ground on **Saturday April 19th** as a 'Family Day'.

Supported by The Swindon Advertiser, prices have been slashed for all areas of the ground. Junior tickets are priced from as little as **£2** a ticket. The Stratton Bank is also open to home fans, with tickets available for just **£6**.

Swindon Town season ticket holders are able to move to the Stratton Bank from their normal seats free of charge. Adver readers can enjoy a further **£1** discount on all main stand tickets.

To claim, cut out the voucher in today's Swindon Advertiser (the voucher will be re-printed on Tuesday's and Thursday's over the next few weeks), take it along to the STFC Box Office or quote Swindon Advertiser 35426 if buying over the phone.

The Adver promotions team will be at The County Ground before kick-off, with goodies on offer and Allie The Alligator will be joining in the fun by challenging Town mascot Rockin' Robin to a penalty shootout at half-time.

Discounted tickets will only be available until 5pm on Friday 18th April, with normal matchday ticket prices applying on the day of the game.

Please call into the STFC Box Office with your voucher and mention 'The Swindon Advertiser Family Day' to purchase your tickets. Or call **0871 2232300**.

The 'Fans of the Future' campaign aims to encourage the next generation of supporters to watch live football at their local League club by providing a range of innovative ticketing initiatives for young supporters.

Swindon Town FC have for the last three seasons offered a 'Kids Go Free' scheme for fans under the age of seven, as well as discounted tickets for school groups and local football teams.

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Stratton Bank	Advanced	Matchday
Adult	£6	£15
Concession	£3	£12
Junior	£2	£5
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## Terms and Conditions

To qualify for a Junior ticket you must be 15 or under on 19th April 2008. To be eligible for the discounted £2 ticket, juniors must be accompanied by a paying adult. Maximum five juniors per adult. Offer ends at 5pm on Friday 18th April.

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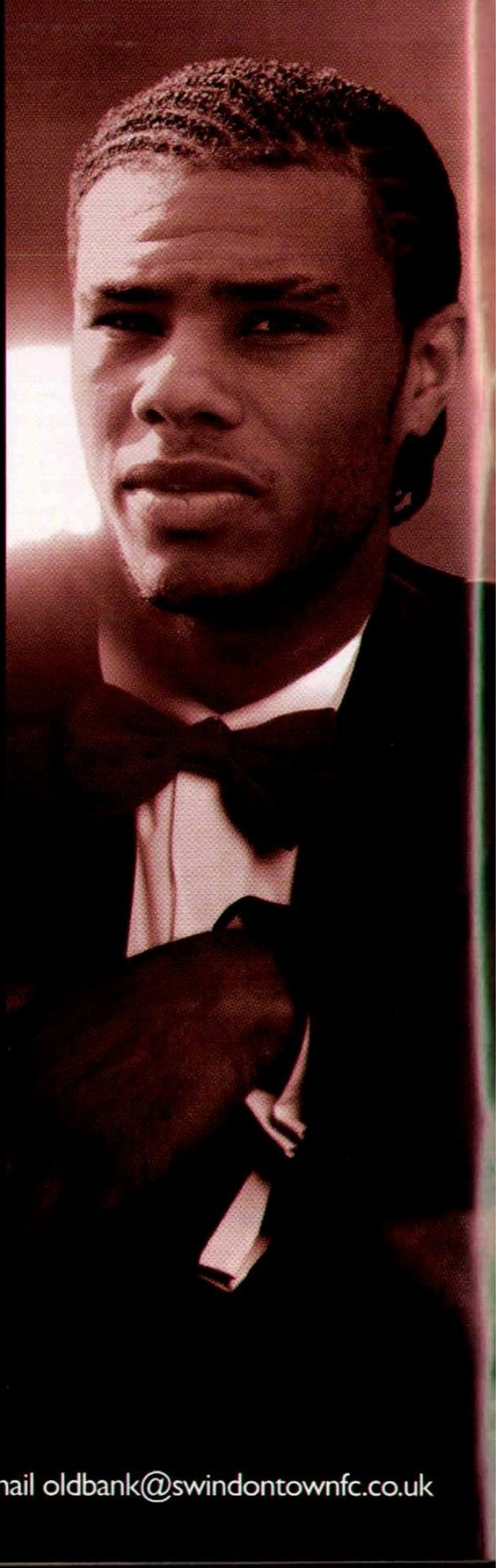
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# stfc commercial

Happy Easter! All 250+ hospitality places have been booked up by a mixture of our corporate guests and families enjoying a Bank Holiday get-together; so I hope you all witness a win today!

I would like to start my notes today by paying tribute to the one and only **Mr Ronald Topp**, who, after 16 years loyal service, most recently as Stadium Manager, will be locking up The County Ground this evening for one last time. Best wishes also to **Lyn**, who is stepping down from her role in the STFC Superstore to enjoy her retirement with Ron. I look forward to welcoming them back to the club as VIP guests for the opening game of next season, but until then, have an enjoyable and relaxing few months!

**Oldham Athletic** are the next visitors to The County Ground on **Saturday 5th April**. For just **£120 plus VAT** for 2 adults and 2 juniors (U16s) a family can enjoy a day in our Platinum Lounge. Additional juniors tickets are priced at £15 plus VAT each. Take a behind the scenes tour of The County Ground before sitting down to enjoy a three-course meal served prior to the game. After lunch, enjoy the most comfortable seats in The County Ground, overlooking the halfway line, to cheer on the Robins in style.

Tickets for this year's end-of-season party are selling well. The event will take place on **Sunday 4th May**, just 24 hours after the final game of the 2007/08 season. The Directors, Players & Management will be hosting the special event over all three floors at **The Old Bank**, a prestigious venue in Old Town. The event will take place over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend so hopefully the majority of those attending will not have to worry about going to work with a hangover the next day!

Having listened carefully to the feedback following last season's event, this year we are offering two separate packages: The Gold Package, primarily aimed

at the club's sponsors and corporate guests, and The Silver Package, designed with our loyal supporters and season ticket holders in mind.

Discounted tickets will be made available to the following groups: Season Ticket Holders, members of the STFC Supporters Club, and members of Trust STFC. All guests attending on the night will be entered into a fantastic prize draw. The winners will have the opportunity to win either their season ticket for the 2008-2009 season, or a full Match Day hospitality package for the opening game of the new season.

Full details of the two packages on offer can be found opposite and also at [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk). For more details on any of the events and opportunities listed above please contact the STFC Sales and Marketing team.

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Enjoy the game...

**Ben Lambert**  
Sales and Marketing Manager



→ Fox in the Box: Then official line-up before kick-off against Carlisle United



## play on the pitch!

Swindon Town Legends **Fraser Digby, Paul Bodin** and **Phil King** will all be taking part in the over 30's Veterans game at The County Ground on Wednesday 14th May. Kick-off 7:00 in the evening. Players will receive a full replica kit with their name on the back of the shirt, a commemorative team photograph of the day, and a post-match meal when you'll be able to talk through that perfect run into the box, nutmegging Kingy, before curling the ball past Fraser and into the top corner of the Town End goal! All for just **£150 plus Vat** per person.

Spaces are limited so please contact Adam via [adam@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:adam@swindontownfc.co.uk) or **0844 880 1094** to book your place.

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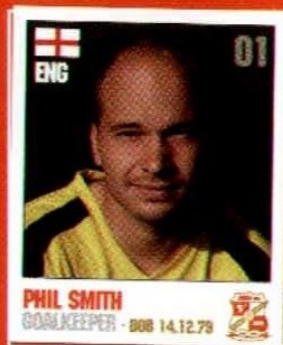
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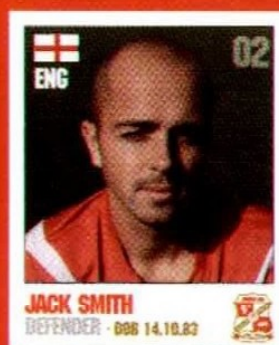
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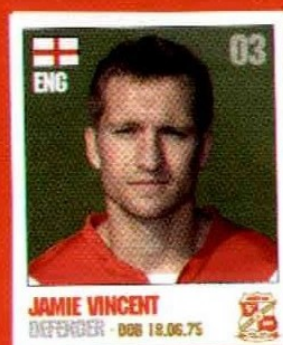
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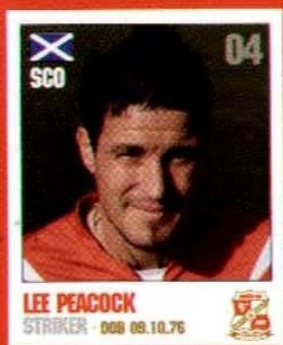
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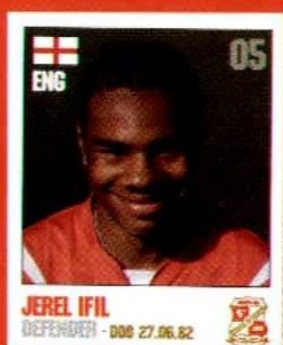
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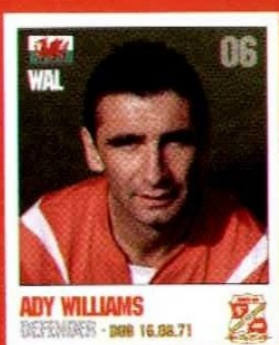
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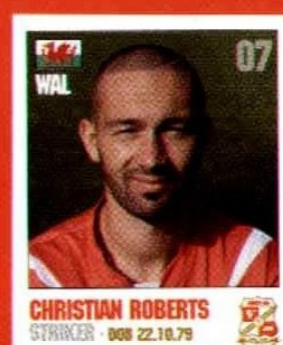
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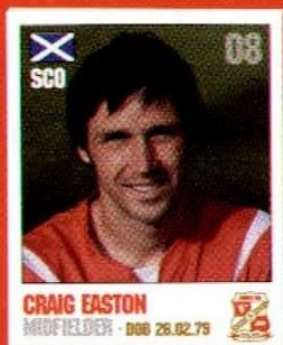
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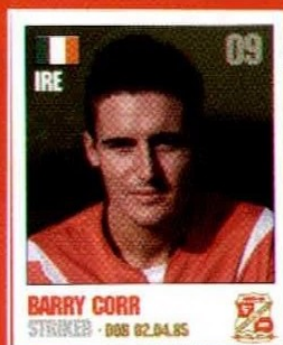
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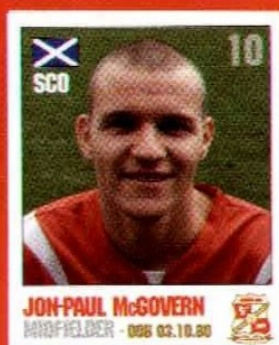
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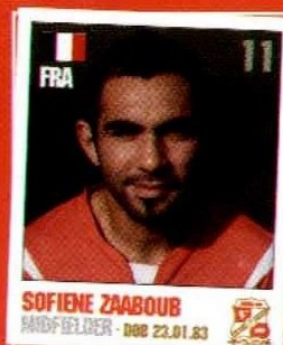
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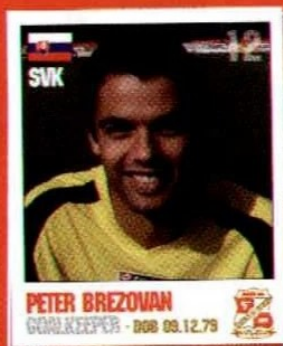
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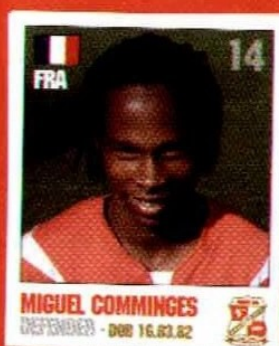
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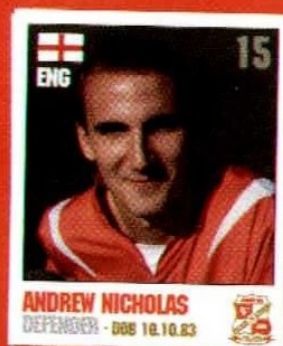
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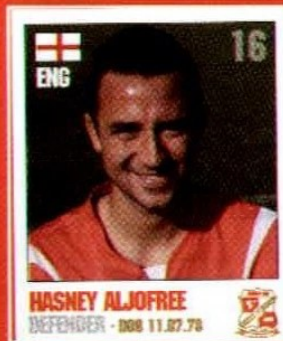


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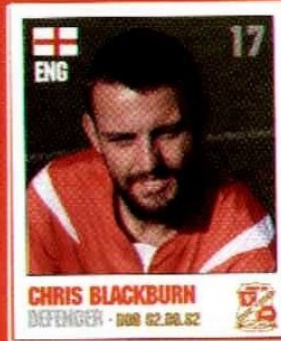
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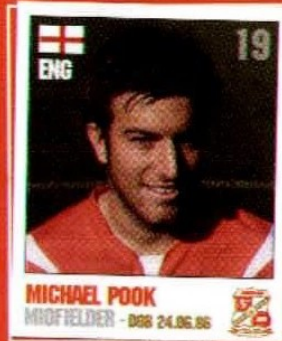
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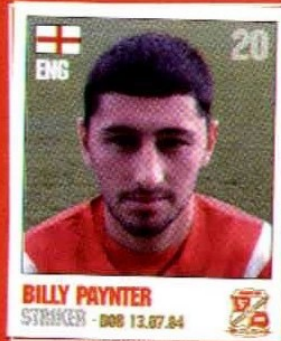
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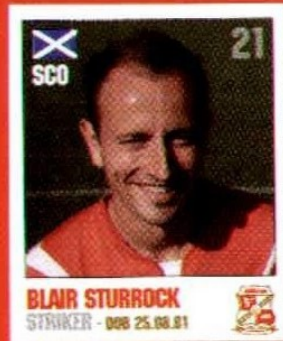
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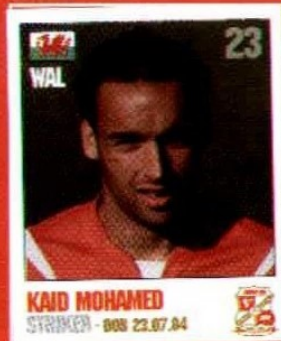
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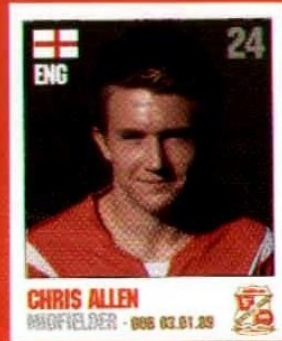
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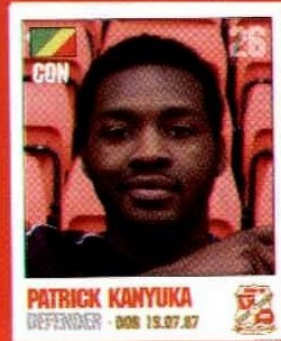
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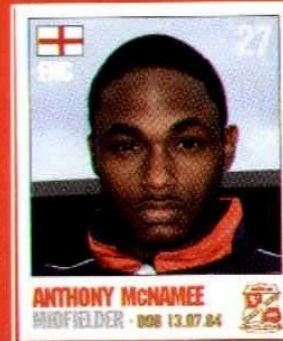
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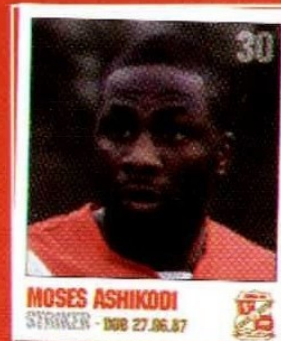
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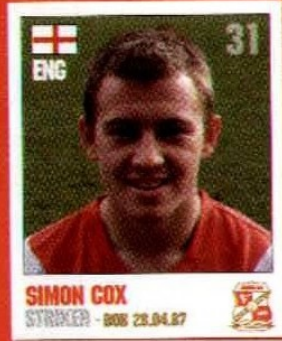
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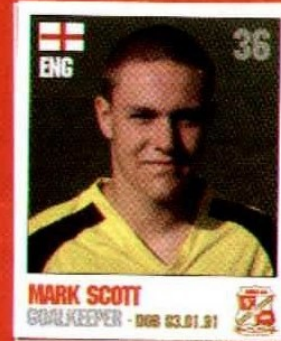
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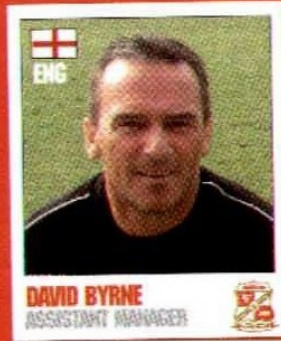
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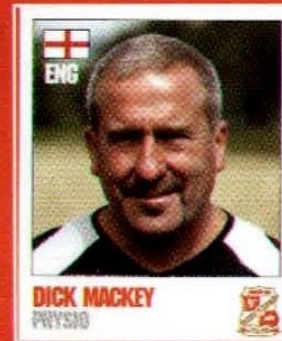
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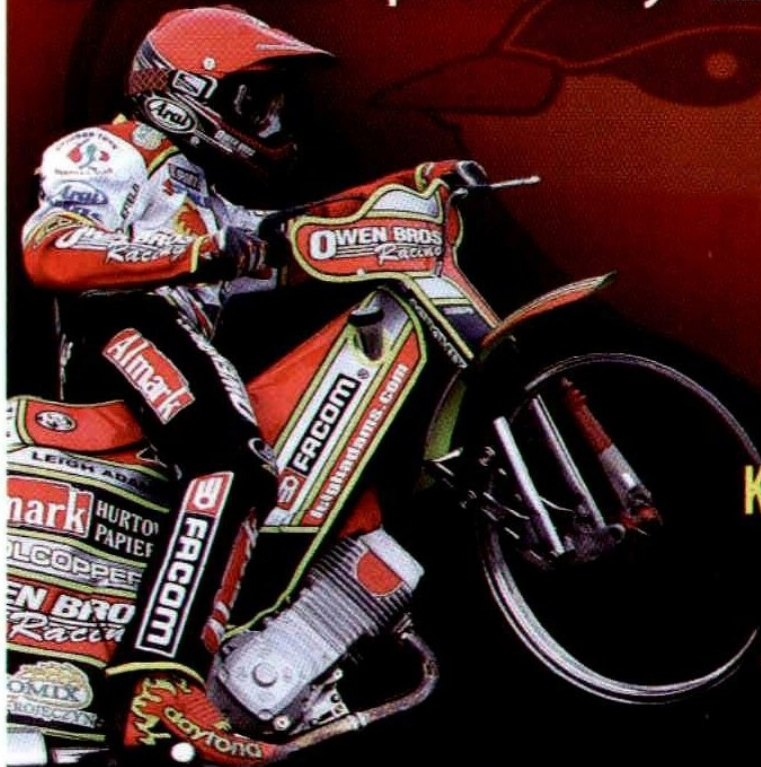
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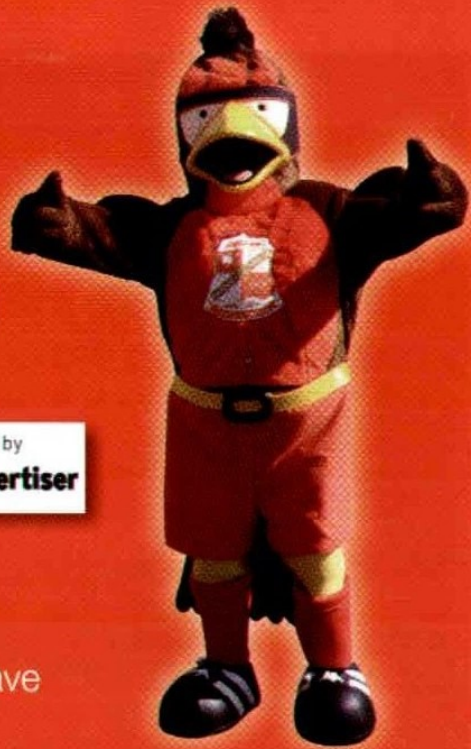
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# JUNIOR ROBINS



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I hope you are all having a great Easter and have not eaten too many Easter Eggs!

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We should be well entertained at half-time today with some of our Junior Robins trying to score goals against our very own Rockin' Robin and we also have the Hot Cross Bar Challenge!

Southend United have sold out of their initial ticket allocation, which is great. It's always good to see a well-supported club.

On Tuesday evening we held our meet the players evening for the Junior Robins at The County Ground. This saw Simon Cox, Craig Easton and

Patrick Kanyuka take time out to chat to our Junior Robins. A full report and photos will appear in the next edition of STFC Magazine. I will also let you know how our trip to Brighton and Hove Albion went in the next programme.

As you know, we have the day out at London coming up soon, which includes a tour around Stamford Bridge, and a trip on the London Eye on Sunday 20th April for the Junior Robins. The coach will be leaving The County Ground at 8.30am, and

leaving London at 3.30pm. The cost for this will be £36 for adults and £26 for Junior Robins. This includes a guided tour around Stamford Bridge, including their museum, the coach travel, and the flight on the London Eye. The places for this are already going well, so please let me know if you are interested. As with my other trips I can only book you on once I have received the payment. This should be a great family day out, with hassle-free travel!

I would like to arrange a trip somewhere in the close season, so if you have any ideas, please let me know and I will see what I can do. The most popular ideas so far seem to be a day at Warwick Castle, or a trip to Cadburys World. Contact me on the numbers below if you are interested the trip to London.

I hope you all enjoy the game, and let's hope for a good result against The Blues!

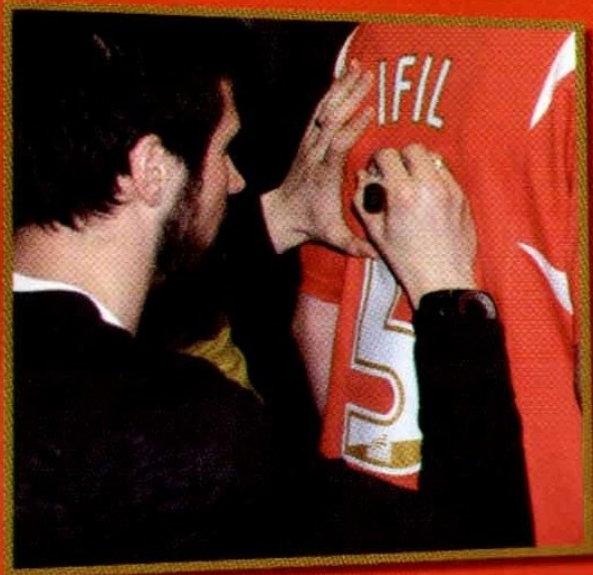
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Sharon Franklin  
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→ Off to the Bridge: Town's Junior Robins will be enjoying a trip to London in April

# MEET THE PLAYERS



# RANDOM ROBIN



This weeks Random Robin is **Owen Pugh**, who will be nine-years old tomorrow, from Ferndale.



**Your favourite current STFC player?**  
Barry Corr

**Your favourite past STFC player?**  
Rory Fallon

**Your favourite non STFC player?**  
Ronaldinho

**How long have you been Town fans for?**  
Since 2003

**Furthest away travelled for a Town game?**  
Wrexham



# ROBINS MASCOTS



## ← MAX MULCOCK

Mark is ten-years old. He goes to Grange Junior School, Stratton and is an STFC Season Ticket Holder. His favourite player is Lee Peacock, who he met at one of the FITC courses recently. He plays midfield for Stratton Juniors Under 10s.

## → JOE THOMSON

Joe is nine-years old. He goes to Grange Junior School, Stratton, and loves football! He is an STFC Season Ticket Holder. His favourite player is Lee Peacock, and his uncle, Andrew Thomson, used to play for the club. He has enjoyed the FITC courses recently, and plays for Highworth Town Under 10s.



## ← SCOTT BEVAN

Aged 11, Scott goes to Red Oaks Primary School, and plays for Swindon Town's Centre Of Excellence Under 12's team and Swindon Primary Schools Representative Squad. He supports both STFC and Chelsea.

## → FREDDIE ANDREWS

Happy Birthday to Freddie who is 15 today. His favourite player is Jeril Ifil. He goes to St Joseph's Comprehensive school, and will be taking his GCSEs next summer. His hobbies include karate, skiing, playing electric guitar and, of course, watching Swindon Town with his dad Lee and friends Diane and Mark.

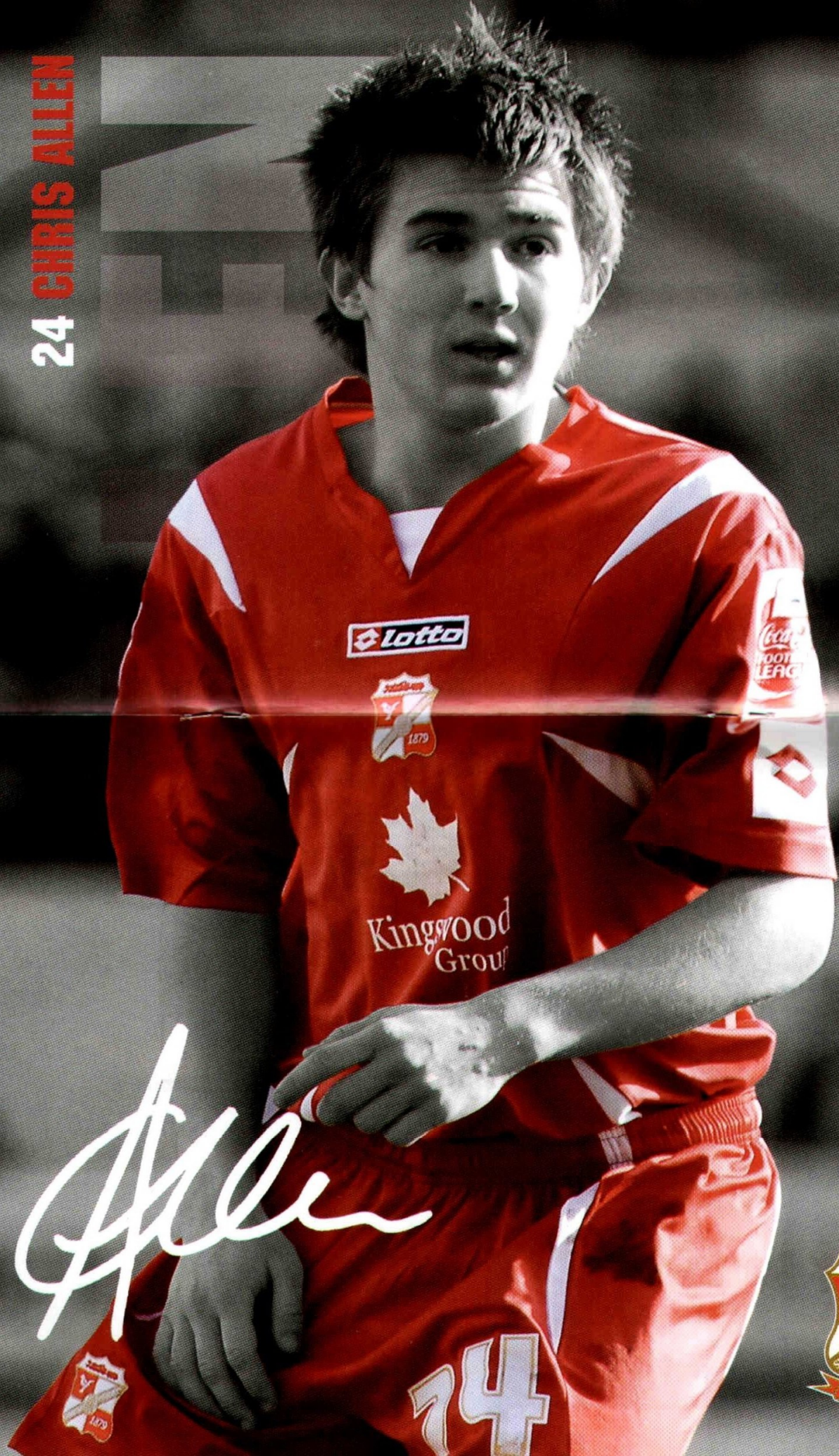


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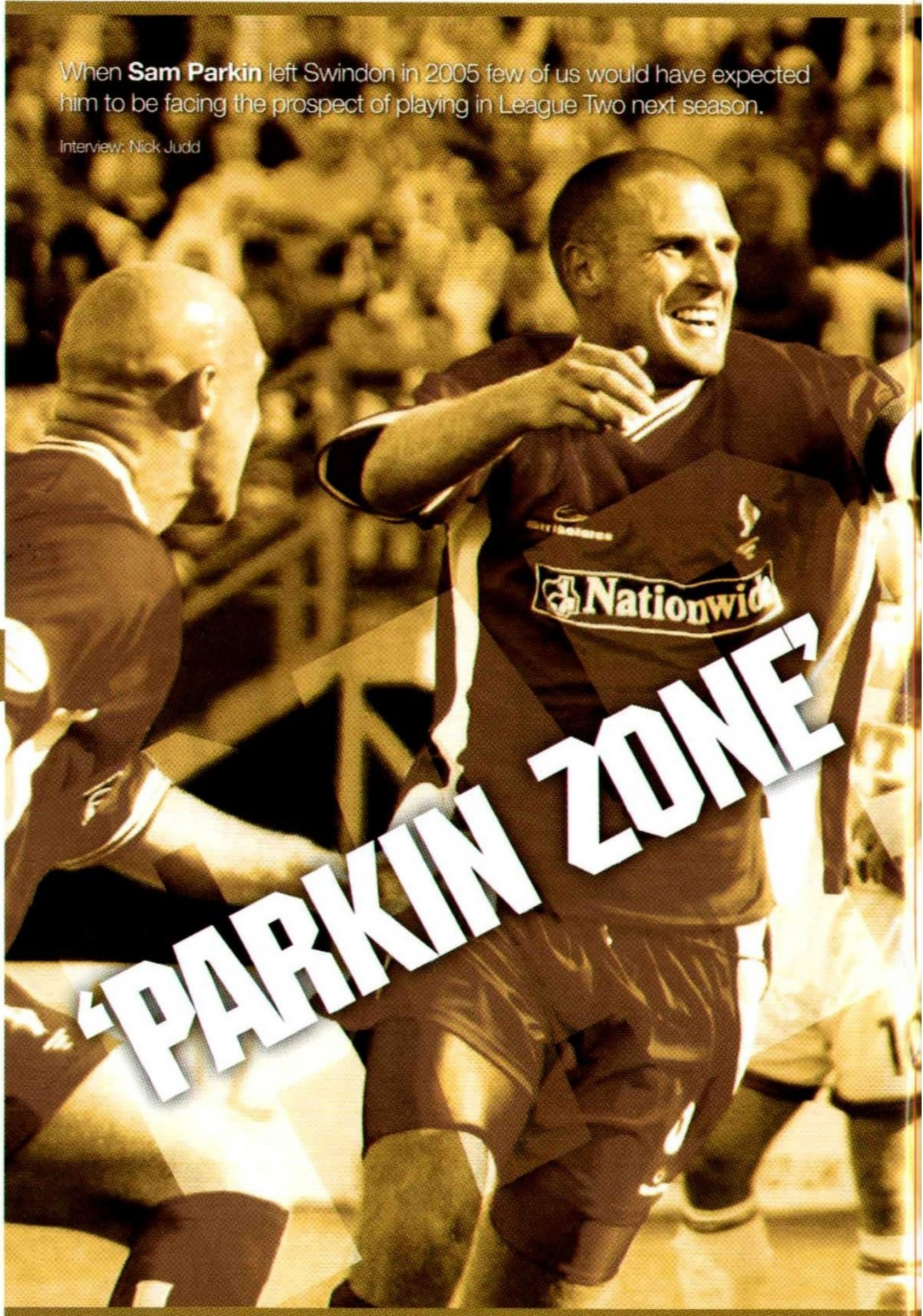
Happy Birthday to Owen Pugh, Chloe Tuck, Ben Brackenbury, Connor Wilson, Calum McKendrick, Shea Loughlin, Jake Chequer and Megan Bentley-Pearson. I hope you all have a great birthday!

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When **Sam Parkin** left Swindon in 2005 few of us would have expected him to be facing the prospect of playing in League Two next season.

Interview: Nick Judd



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# 'PARKIN ZONE'



"I text Brian Howard quite a bit, so I've already been on the blag for some tickets for the FA Cup semi-final."

2ND-HALF

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A broken ankle sustained at Ipswich has seen him endure one setback after another and even a move to Luton in 2006 couldn't change his fortunes. Now, for the first time in two years he's feeling fit and ready to go. Luton's mini season of eight games begins with a trip to an old club for our former favourite. It's win or bust for the Hatters at Millwall and Sam is in the zone and desperate to prove he has what it takes to play his part in the survival...

**You played for the reserves in the week, is that to help get your fitness up? You've been back in the first team recently?**

I played 45 minutes. I'm still in and out of the side at the moment, it's not a lack of fitness but I'm not 100% sharp. That comes with games, but other than that I'm feeling pretty good. I saw Kingy at the game, too!

**At least you're back playing...**

It's nice. It's been a tough few years but it's all behind me now. I can focus on playing and getting my sharpness back. I'm confident I can get back among the goals with a run of games behind me. I've had a few starts and a few appearances off the bench – I just need games.

**You scored against Leeds in a 1-1 draw in January, it must have been nice to experience**

**that feeling again?**

It was pretty amazing. It was such a good feeling being back among the goals and celebrating and hearing the old name called out – it had been a while. I've made a few 90-minute appearances recently and a few months ago I wasn't sure if that was going to be possible, so the goal was a massive development. Now I'm feeling fit, the ankle's ok and I've got a few years ahead of me, so I can hopefully put the past behind me.

**You've had time to work on a goal celebration, how did you crown the Leeds strike?**

I didn't even think about it. I hadn't felt it for so long I just went berserk. There are some good photos which I'd like to get my hands on – although I look like I'm off my head! It was just the culmination of putting the last two years behind me – a release of tension and frustration.

**We missed seeing your name turn up on Soccer Saturday...**

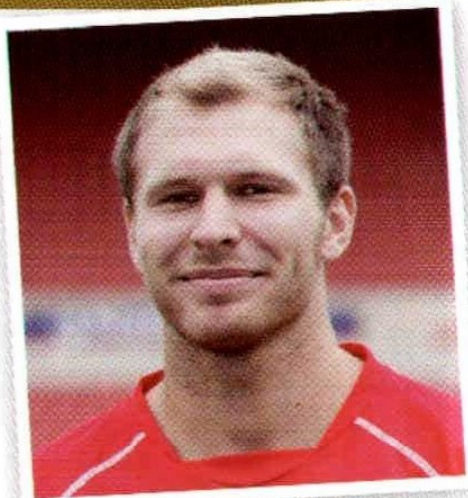
I used to take it for granted and it has been difficult to deal with. I feel I'm through the worst of it now, the club have really helped me and we have a new physio department, which has really been supportive. Scoring the goal was just nice for everyone. The lads reacted as well, they all knew what it meant to me.

**Was it frustrating sitting on the bench at Anfield when Luton played Liverpool in the FA Cup? There was a lot of hype because of the administrative situation at Luton...**

Yeah it was, although I felt it was nice to be included on the bench given that I hadn't played much and it was such a high-profile game.

**Were you surprised to see Barnsley win there, especially Brian Howard scoring the winner?**

I text him quite a bit, so I've



already been on the blag for some tickets for the semi-final. He's a really good player and I'm sure he'll be on the move this summer. He showed in that game he has good ability and that he can play at the highest level. We share the same agent and I know there has been a lot of interest in him. He could be playing in the cup final – it's amazing that one of my former team-mates has gone on to achieve something like that.

**It's been an eventful season at Luton... new manager, administration and a relegation battle – how has that affected yourself and the other players?**

The lads have taken several body blows this season. For me, on the playing side, the fact that we've had to sell several players means that I've been put straight in when I could have perhaps done with being eased back in after my injury. But it's been difficult for everyone; administration isn't easy, as I found out with all the problems we had at Swindon. The lack of players' wages is the hardest bit. Experienced lads and young lads having their first children and a mortgage, it's difficult when they don't see anything. We went weeks without anything at all at one stage and that's hard for anyone. Things are looking up, though. There is a takeover supposedly going through and we're picking up on the pitch. The future should be ok. Obviously in the short term no-one knows what's going on – people



## sam parkin career history

**Name:** Sam Parkin  
**Height:** 6.02  
**Date of birth:** 14-03-1981  
**Position:** Forward  
**Place of birth:** Roehampton  
**Nationality:** England

### Career Appearances:

	Apps	gls
Luton 06	10 (8)	2
Ipswich 05-06	17 (5)	5
Swindon 02-05	120 (4)	67
Northampton 01-02 (loan)	31 (9)	4
Oleham 01 (loan)	3 (4)	3
Wycombe 00-01 (loan)	5 (3)	0
Milwall 00 (loan)	5 (2)	4
Chelsea 00-02 (trainee)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>191 (35)</b>	<b>85</b>

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on longer and higher contracts could be out in the summer, and we don't know what division we'll be in next season. A lot depends on whether we stay up or not.

### The 10-point deduction was a big loss, can you stay up?

It's going to be very difficult, but I think we're going to have a good end to the season. The 10 points came in January when we had to see three players leave as well, that was hard to take because you know that will have an impact on trying to win those 10 points back. When you take three or four good players out of the team, the spine if you like, then it's going to be hard.

### New manager Mick Harford has come in to a difficult situation. You obviously know him from his days at The County Ground and close affiliation to Kingy?

He's done well. I know him pretty well, which helps. He has the backing of the board and the players and he's slowly turning things round. It's difficult. We only have one recognised central defender at the club and we have an embargo over us – I doubt any of us have ever experienced that before and he's got to do a juggling act, which is difficult. But we're winning games, so we're on to something. I was impressed with his coaching at Swindon, so given enough time he can do a good job.

### What did you make of the Town line –up when the teams met at your place earlier in the season?

Town looked very strong and deserved the win on the night. They played well. We'd come off a good result against Leeds and were poor. They looked solid, no-one particularly stood out but it was a good performance. I only know Nicho, Jerel and Christian from the old squad so it's changed a bit!

I hear people are raving about Simon Cox. And Billy Paynter was decent a few seasons ago, he's strong and a good finisher. Barry Corr sounds like he's been

quite useful as well and Blair, so I'm told, scored a good goal at the weekend. So it sounds like there are a lot of good options going forward.

### So what happens if Luton go down? You're under contract for another year – would you stay and try and take them back up?

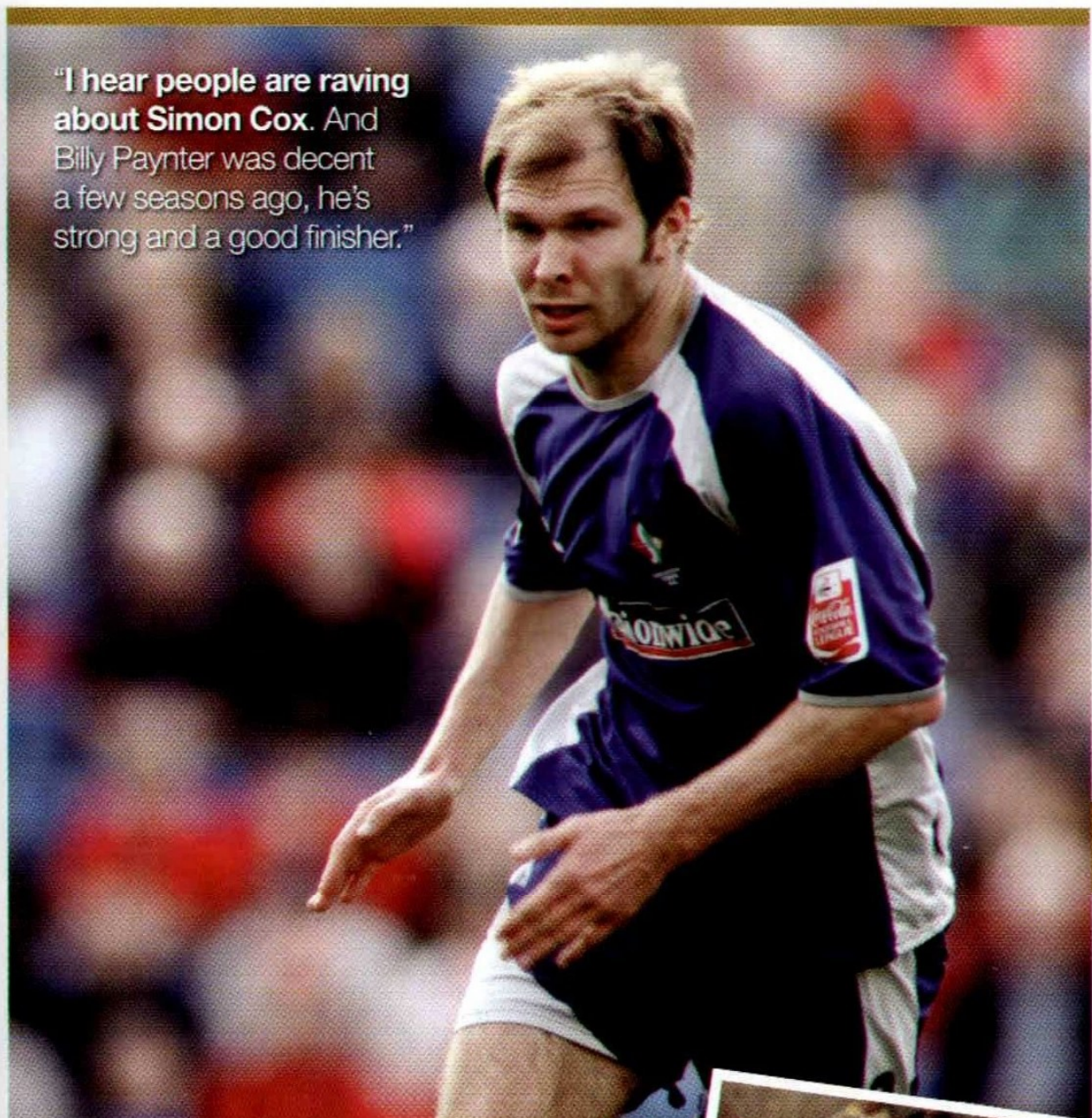
It wouldn't be the end of the world for me to go down, get some games and some goals and come back stronger. In my experience these things are often taken out of your hands, there might not be a budget to keep me or a few of the others, but my injury history would mean there would be people rushing for my signature. I signed a long contract at Luton and I'd like to do well there - I would take any chances that were given to me next year.

### Are you disappointed with the way things have gone since you left The County Ground? You've been unlucky with injuries?

I'm confident I can do it again. It's been an awful two years but I'm raring to go and it's all about getting my confidence back up and being a good goalscorer again. Hopefully I won't have the time to go on to Facebook anymore, like I did when I was out injured!

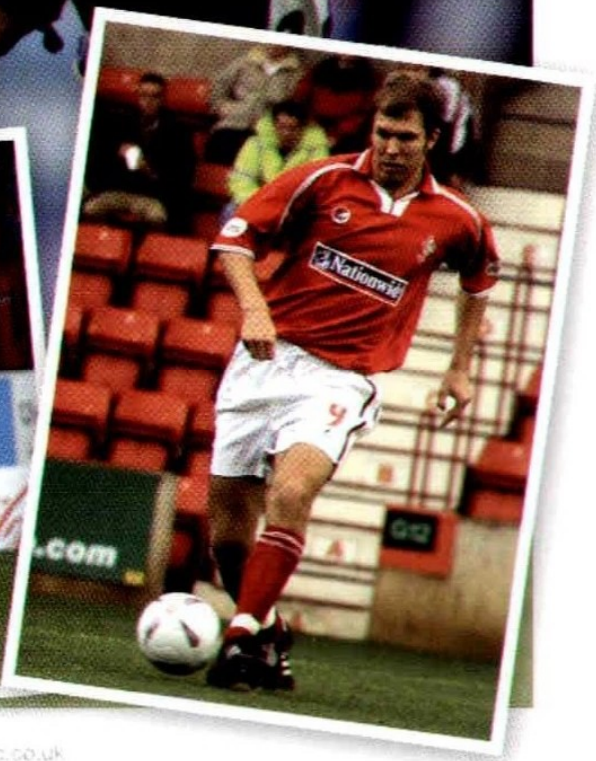


"I hear people are raving about **Simon Cox**. And Billy Paynter was decent a few seasons ago, he's strong and a good finisher."



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## 1 Ricky Shakes

Winger arrived in the summer of 2005 from Bolton Wanderers and was soon a popular figure with the Town faithful with his searing pace. Made 52 league starts for the club in two seasons before a summer move to Brentford in the summer of 2007. Shakes returned to his native London after impressive performances during a trial spell with The Bees in pre-season. Has made a solid start to his career at Griffin Park with 31 appearances for the club. Scored the opening goal on his first return to The County Ground in a Johnstone's Paint Trophy encounter in August, although ended on the losing side as Swindon ran out 4-1 winners.

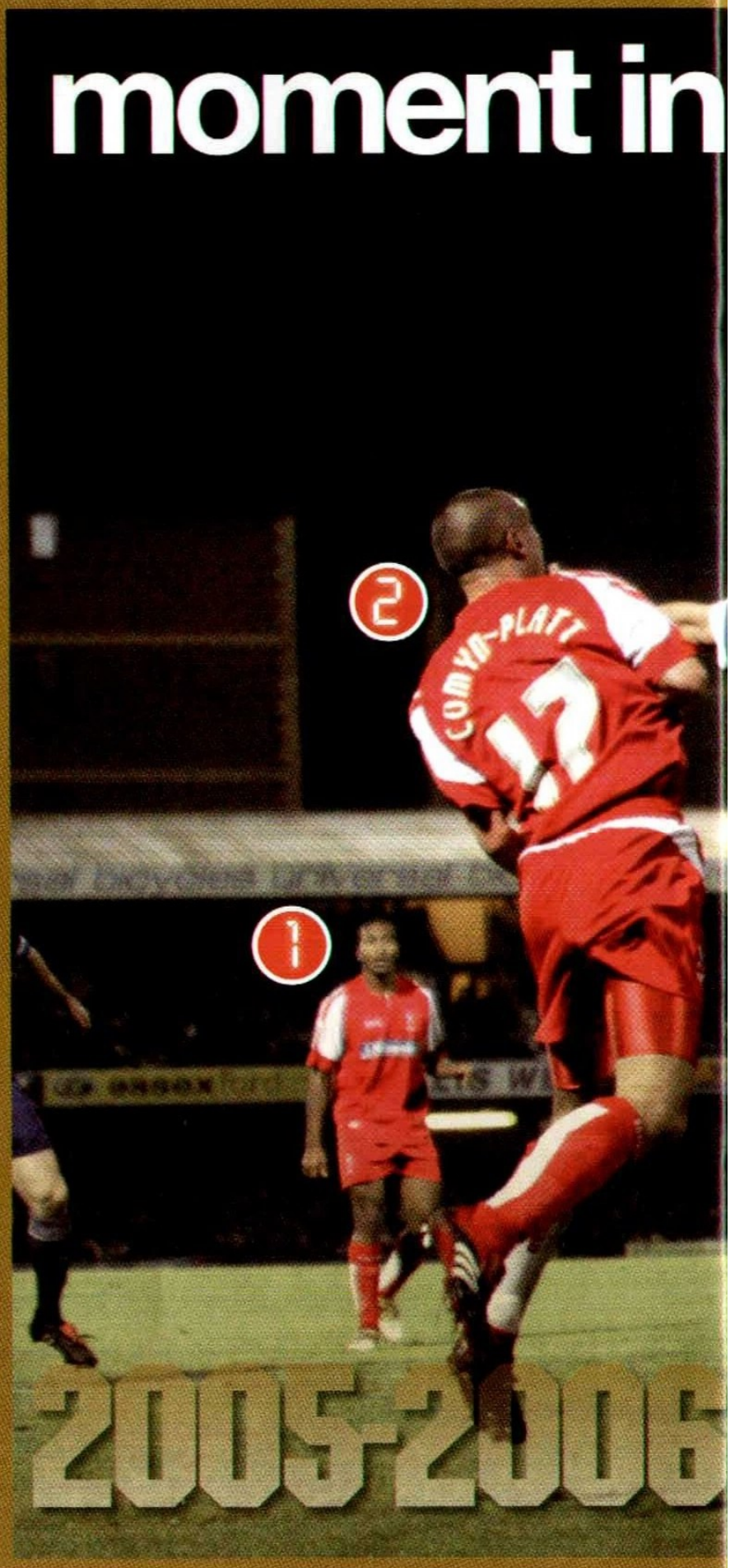
## 2 C. Comyn-Platt

Determined defender who arrived from Bolton as part of a double deal which also brought Ricky Shakes to SN1 in the summer of 2005. After only fleeting appearances during King's time in charge, new boss Ify Onuora often used Comyn-Platt in a central midfield role. Comyn-Platt was soon reunited with former boss Andy King during a two-month loan spell at Grays Athletic in November 2006. After failing to hold down a regular starting slot on his return CC-P departed SN1 on a free transfer for Rochdale but failed to make an impact at Spotland. The 22-year old soon found himself out of the professional game and is now turning out for Weston Super Mare FC.

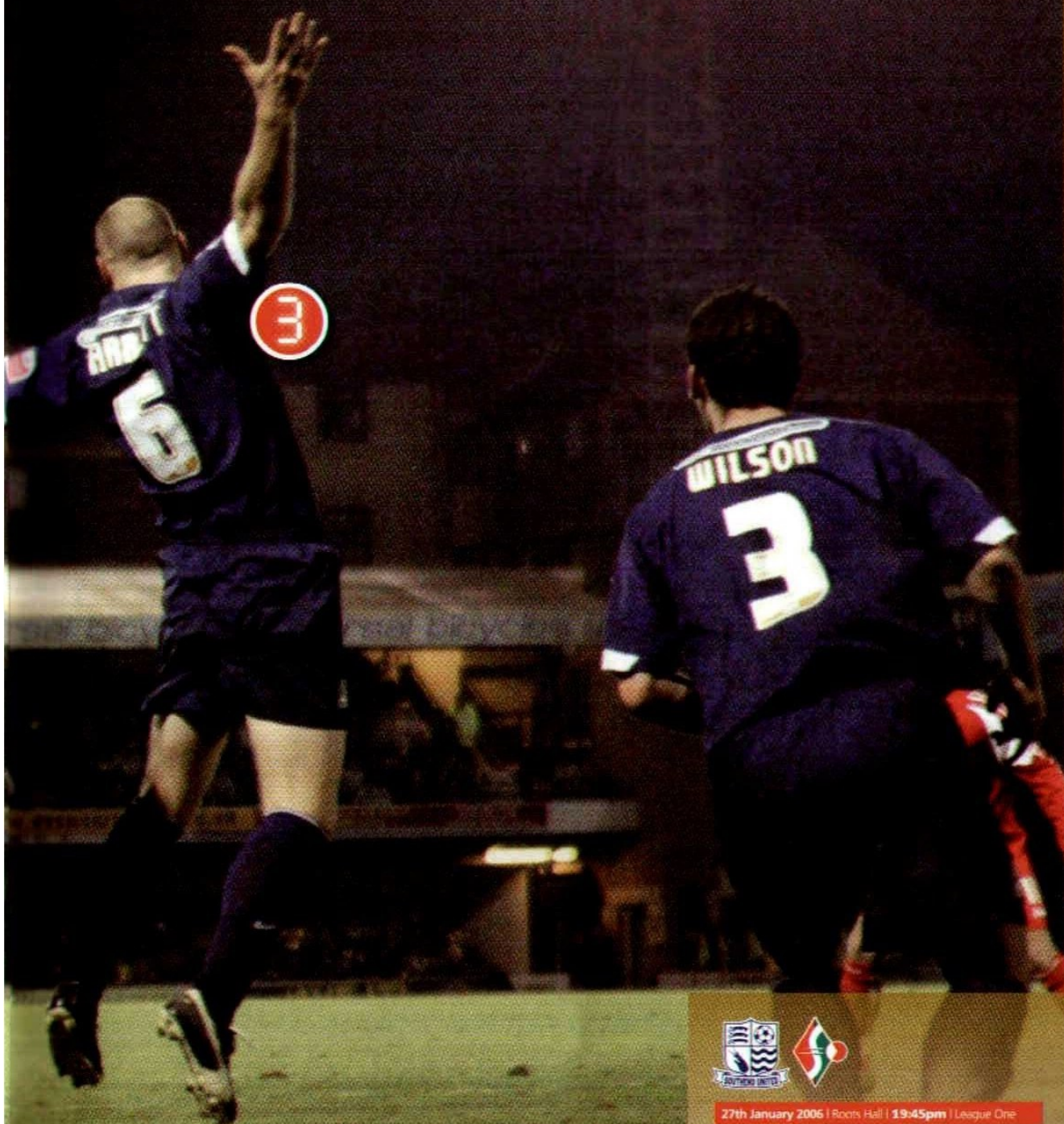
## 3 Adam Barrett

Barrett joined the Blues during the summer of 2004 after spending the previous two seasons with Bristol Rovers. He made his League debut for Plymouth in a 5-0 win over Scunthorpe in March 1999 after an early career that included a traineeship at Leyton Orient and a scholarship in the United States. Barrett played over 50 games for the Pilgrims before moving to Mansfield for £10,000 in December 2000. Since then Barrett has firmly established himself at his hometown Club and finished the 2004/05 campaign as the joint second-top scorer with eleven goals. His importance to the Blues is shown by the fact he was a virtual ever present for Southend in League One and ended the 2005/06 campaign being named in the Team of the Season. Barrett made his 100th league appearance for Southend last season at Burnley. This season, Barrett his 300th career league appearance in Southend's 3-0 win against Gillingham and recently signed a new four-and-a-half year contract.

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# brunel fm media view

I've just realised that I've been going to live football for forty years!

What makes it such a great game is how it stirs up passion. People who are the best of friends have come to blows over a referee's decision. I know; I've been there. For this reason, writing a set of programme notes is challenging and provokes debate. Supporters are free to disagree with your every word. And it appears that recently, some of you did.

The article in question concerned my comments about Dennis Wise having moved to Newcastle from Leeds and the fact we were robbed of the chance to 'welcome' him back to The County Ground.

Somewhere along the way, a supporter commenting on the 'Adver forum' decided I was a cross between the devil and an Oxford United supporter for highlighting the reasons why Wise may have chosen to leave – but unfortunately, totally missing the point. I was suggesting that Wise clearly thought a 'sleeping giant' of a club with a bigger, modern stadium and first class training facilities was a better option. I wondered whether (in hindsight) if Wise has actually proved anything, given that Leeds United's form faltered when Gus Poyet went to Spurs.

Equally puzzling was how my visit to Stamford Bridge apparently made me a Chelsea supporter. I commented that I had to admire their incredible facilities, but wondered whether Andrew Fitton and his consortium might one day put STFC in that elusive new stadium and bring top-flight football back to the club. It certainly is his dream; The Chairman's passion was clear during my 45-minute conversation with him while he was in New York, prior to the takeover.

Rest assured, I am not one of those fickle

fans who choose to support a successful Premiership team. I went to south London to see my home team play there in the cup.

It's reasonably well-known in Swindon that I was born in Leicester. Yes, I have taken substantial stick from STFC fans (plus Alan McLoughlin and Paul Bodin) for being in the blue half of Wembley in 1993. Yes, 4-3... ok, now get over it.

I have seen far more of Swindon Town over the past eight years than The Foxes – although I'm sure they're coming to The County Ground next season! So while I may not have been born here, don't for one moment assume that I have no genuine interest in the club. That would be like suggesting Maurice Malpas has no right to be manager because he isn't local!

#### Dan Chisholm

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→ Ooh Shaun Taylor! Town defender nets another goal at Wembley in May 1993

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# stfc youth report

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Last weekend we faced a return fixture against Exeter City at the training ground and it was a positive performance from our boys.

It was a very good display from the lads and we were made to work against a committed Exeter side. We had to be patient in our build-up and wait for our opportunities to come.

After going into the break all-square, we kicked on in the second period and scored three good goals. Danny Wallington got the first, getting on the end of a cross from the right to finish well. Ben Joyce then got the second with a clinical finish from inside the box. The third and final score came after a tremendous mazy run from winger Lloyd Macklin. Having surged forward from the half way line he progressed down the left, before crossing into the far post where Jamie Taylor scored from an acute angle.

It was a pleasing display from the side and another clean sheet capped what was an excellent defensive display. We were without Sean Morrison, who was on the bench for the first team against Carlisle United. Will Evans, one of our new scholars for next season, played alongside Kurt Hammonds at centre-back in what was a new position for Kurt. We also included Under 16 trialist Jonathan Creek in the side on trial from Blackburn Rovers. He started on the left-hand side of midfield.

Last week we welcomed two players back into the squad. Andy Westall, who is a first year scholar, had a major operation at the start of the season but is thankfully now raring to go. Tom Evans had a knee operation in January and has been recovering well, and we are delighted to have them both back and in full training with us.

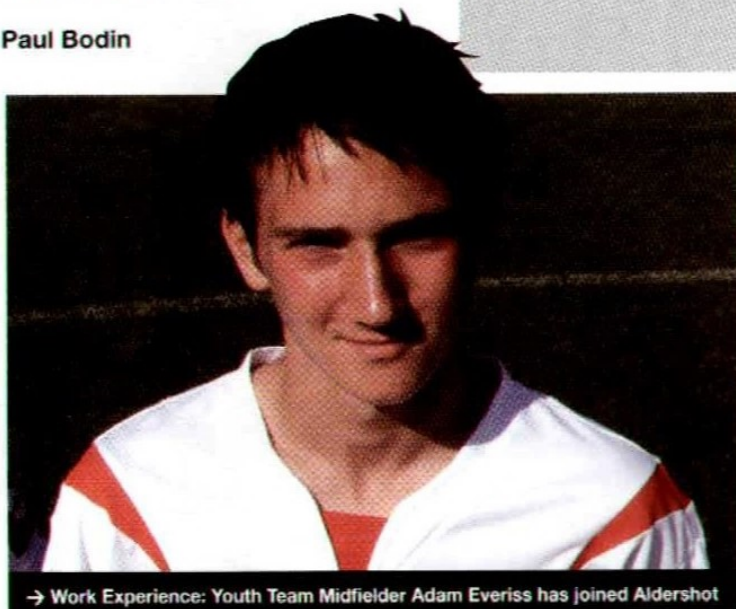
Ben Joyce got two goals for the reserves in their 3-0 win over Bristol Rovers on Tuesday afternoon. It was good to see him continue his good form with another brace, following on from his effort against Exeter City last weekend.

Eisewhere, congratulations to Jake Hyde who scored his first goal at senior level last week. Jake as many of you will now know is on loan at Blue Square Premier side Weymouth and was on the scoresheet in a 2-2 against Northwich Victoria.

**Adam Everiss** has also joined Aldershot on work experience for a month. It will be a good opportunity for him to gain some experience at Blue Square Premier level and I am sure he will benefit from his time with them.

Enjoy the game today.

**Paul Bodin**



→ Work Experience: Youth Team Midfielder Adam Everiss has joined Aldershot



→ U18's manager Paul Bodin

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It was a washout at the training ground last weekend with our nine through to under fifteen's age-group games falling foul of the weather.

Our Under 16's game went ahead and I took the side with regular coach Dave Warren away. We travelled down to Bristol Rovers with a strong side that included four of our youth team signings for next season, the rest were made up of U15's, and one U14 player.

We started very well and looked sharp. We soon went 1-0 up through Jordan Record, he then made 2-0 with a well-taken goal after some good build up play from Billy Bodin and Alex Henshall. By this time we were playing some good football and the midfield of Jordan Roberts and Mark Hartman were making the most of the possession, as they did throughout the game. We then went 3-0 up when Alex Henshall passed to Billy Bodin to score from 8 yards, and then we relaxed a little and allowed Rovers to nick one from poor concentration. Going into the break 3-1 up, I just said to the lads that there was an ideal opportunity to build on a great start with more goals.

Thankfully the lads listened and we did just that. Jordan Record scored to complete his treble before Billy Bodin then added another, with a good left foot strike. The scoring was completed when overlapping right back Elliot Knight cut inside with his left foot, before curling one in to the keeper's left hand side. At 6-1 up we decided to make some changes giving all substitutes half an hour. Although Rovers did get another one back, the boys were praised for their performance and the way they conducted themselves. There were some late challenges coming in from the home side, but we let our football do the talking.

This weekend we have no games as it is our Easter Break before we come back and start to train at the training ground again. It is hard for the players, as we have been training on astro from October through until now, but I am sure that they are looking forward to the longer nights and the chance to wear football boots again on grass! It's pleasing for the coaches, as they can work on all aspects of the game with the space and the coaching sessions can be more realistic and hopefully implement and rectify what happens in games, in training.

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## SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	18	5	23
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	17	0	17
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Nicky Forster	Brighton	12	4	16
Adam Boyd	L Orient	12	3	15
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	9	6	15
Danny Graham	Carlisle	12	2	14
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14

## WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	19	58	3.05
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	19	57	3.00
County Ground	Swindon	19	52	2.74
Vale Park	Port Vale	19	51	2.68
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	19	50	2.63
Elland Road	Leeds	19	49	2.58
The Den	Millwall	19	49	2.58
Roots Hall	Southend	18	46	2.56
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	17	43	2.53
Brunton Park	Carlisle	17	43	2.53
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	19	48	2.53
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	18	44	2.44
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	19	45	2.37
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	19	45	2.37
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	19	44	2.32
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	19	43	2.26
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	18	40	2.22
Prenton Park	Tranmere	19	42	2.21
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	18	39	2.17
Boundary Park	Oldham	19	41	2.16
City Ground	Nottm Forest	18	38	2.11
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	18	37	2.06
Huish Park	Yeovil	19	39	2.05
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	19	35	1.84

## TEAM LEADERS

**Team with the most..**  
**shots on target** 262 Swansea. **shots off target** 242 Northampton. **corners** 256 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 13 Crewe. **offsides** 134 Port Vale. **fouls** 507 Yeovil.  
**yellow cards** 67 Northampton. **red cards** 8 Gillingham.

## PLAYER POWER

**Player with the most..**  
**Shots** 115 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 53 Andy Kirk (Yeovil). **Shots off target** 64 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 10 Paul McLaren (Tranmere). **Crosses** 163 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 65 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 87 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 107 Joe Garner (Carlisle).

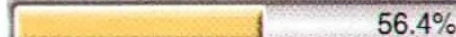


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## GOAL COUNTER 1078

**RIGHT FOOT** 608 goals



**LEFT FOOT** 225 goals



**HEADERS** 221 goals



Own goals 21 (1.9%), Other body part 3 (0.3%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

**From the start of a match**  
 Lewis Grabban (Swansea vs Millwall) 0:28

**By a substitute after coming on**  
 Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

## DISCIPLINARY



2.5 cards per match      0.2 cards per match

## QUICK-FIRE CARDS

**From the start of a match**  
 Sean Thornton (L Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

**By a substitute after coming on**  
 Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

## SUB TOTALS

**Subs used** .....2128

**Offsides** .....2667

**Corners** .....4979

**Shots Off Target** .....4833

## BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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## RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	30
0-1	47
0-2	21
0-3	11
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	48
1-1	63
1-2	25
1-3	8
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	39
2-1	49
2-2	20
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
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3-5	-
4-0	8
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With our Easter course now just around the corner, here you can find out a little more about what takes place during our Easter Funweeks.

Everything is now in place for our Easter Courses which start on Tuesday 8th April and conclude with the last day of our second course taking place on Thursday 15th April. We only have a handful of places left so if you would like to join in, and meet some new friends, then please call us as soon as possible on 01793 421303.

For those of you who have never attended our courses we have places for 200 children aged between 5 and 15 years old. Every child is put into age groups and over the three days you have the opportunity to develop and learn new skills and techniques and a friendly, fun and safe environment. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and there are also chances to win competitions within your groups putting all the coaching you have learnt into practice.

On the final day of the course, the Thursday, we always finish with a round robin competition. This involves small sided tournaments within the individual age-groups. There are always opportunities to meet members of the first team squad, and to find out more about them in our lunchtime question and answer sessions.

The course finishes with a presentation ceremony on The County Ground pitch. Every child goes away with a goodie bag and a main gift from Football in the Community. On the final day there is also an award for Kid

of the Week, which is sponsored by Bryant Homes. This award goes to a child who we feel has typified what Football in the Community is all about.

We have three special guests on Thursday 10th April appearing at our Easter Course. They are specialised free stylists and have displayed their football skills at many venues around the country. The three lads will work with the children over at St. Josephs during the day and will put on a special display, on the pitch during the final day.

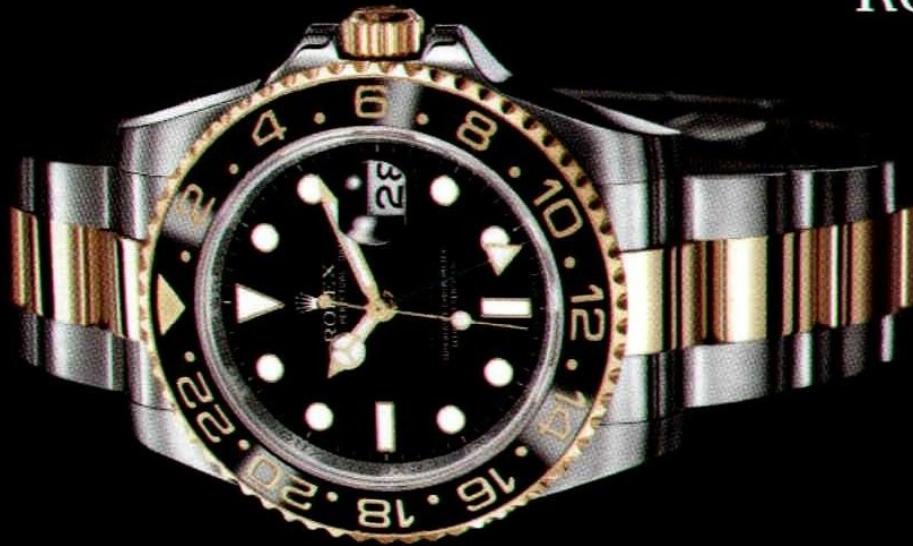
Enjoy the game today and a very Happy Easter!

## Clive and Jon



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# stfc soccer centres



with Shane Hewlett, Adam Grearney & Luke Sharps

Welcome to this home encounter with Southend United. Let's hope we can find the net against The Shrimpers this afternoon!

We are now enrolling for the Easter to Summer term at our Soccer Centre at Stratton with most places now taken. However, there are some places remaining so please book your place by Friday 28th March to guarantee your place.

Football in the Community are involved in many projects and you will see some of our team on the pitch at half-time today as members

of the Junior Robins take part in the Hot Crossbar Challenge and an American style penalty shoot-out. Rockin' Robin will also be in between the sticks trying to save the day!

Members of the Football in the Community team will also be attending the Festival of Sport, which is a community-focused event taking place on Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June 2008. The weekend will be packed full of sports tournaments and free activities for the whole community to enjoy, including Football 6's for men and Ladies, Inflatable Table Football 5's and many others.

If you're not the competitive type, why not come along for a family day out and try one of the many free activities on offer at Coate Water Country Park, the Polo Ground and Dorcan Recreation Complex. There really is something for everyone with festival, cultural and sporting activities on offer throughout the weekend.

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Please enjoy today's game and let's hope for a great game. Don't eat too many Easter Eggs and see you back at training this week!

**Shane, Sharpy and Adam**



→ Rockin' will be in between the sticks today



### Course Schedule

**Link Centre** (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-6yrs
	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

**Oasis** (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

**Highworth** (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

**Haydon Centre** (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

**Stratton**

Monday:	3.30-4.30	6-7yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-11yrs
Tuesday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-10yrs
Wednesday:	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
Friday:	3.30-4.30	4-5yrs

**Marlborough**

Wednesday:	3.30-4.00	5-7yrs
	4.00-5.00	7-9yrs

**Ridgeway**

Wednesday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs

**Clanfield**

Friday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs

**Tidworth**

Friday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

**Croft** (Swindon Borough)

Saturday:	9.00-10.00	5-7yrs
	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

**Dorcan** (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
	5.45-6.30	4-5yrs
Tuesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Thursday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Friday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	5-7yrs

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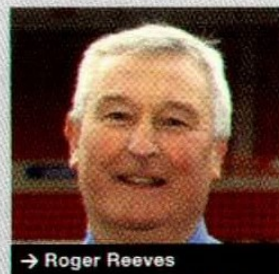
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# swindon town ladies

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→ Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies once again failed to carry their cup performances into their South-West Combination League encounters.

After a good "Ambassador" League Cup win at Luton Town the Town travelled to Buckinghamshire to face Chesham United in a league match. On a grey afternoon the game was much the same as the weather. There was not much between the two sides and goal opportunities were few and far between. With the outcome looking to be a no score draw, the home side scored two late goals to take the points.

The Town's home game against Queens Park Rangers was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. The Town Reserves kept top spot in the South West Regional League despite being held to a no score draw with Keynsham Development.

The Under Fourteen side playing in the Wiltshire County League, drew one each with Swindon Badgers with Hannah Drury finding the net.

The Under Twelve's went goal crazing when playing Bradford Town in the Wiltshire County League and won by

fourteen goals to one. Michaela Vitale got six, Sarah Styles four, Sophie Knight two, Charlotte Diss and Nicole Farmer scored one each.

On Sunday the Town entertain Team Weston in a South West Combination League game. When the two sides met in Somerset back in October, despite having the better of the play, the Town were beaten by two goals to one. There was no shortage of chances but the Town had to settle for a solitary Michelle Rich goal. This match will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

The Town Reserves are also at home and play Stoke Lane from Bristol in a South West Regional League fixture. The game will be played at the Zurich Sports Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00pm.

Any women or girls interested in joining the club should contact Club Secretary **John White** on Swindon **01793 824470**.

## fixtures 2007/08 south west combination

25 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	0-3
2 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	1-1*
9 Dec	Yeovil Town	P-P
16 Dec	Reading	P-P
6 Jan	FA Cup - 2	0-5
13 Jan	Bournemouth	1-3
20 Jan	QPR	P-P
27 Jan	Yeovil	1-0
10 Feb	Luton Town	3-2
20 Feb	Southampton	4-0
2 Mar	Luton Town	2-1
9 Mar	Chesham Utd	0-2
16 Mar	QPR	H
23 Mar	Team Weston	H

\* Town through on penalties

## south west combination league

	P	GD	PTS
Reading	16	48	42
AFC Bournemouth	18	48	38
Plymouth Argyle	13	43	32
Yeovil Town	18	34	32
Chesham Utd	14	31	26
Luton Town	13	36	22
QPR	17	44	21
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
Forest Green Rovers	16	20	12
Team Weston	18	21	13
Frome Town	15	14	6
Southampton Saints	15	14	3

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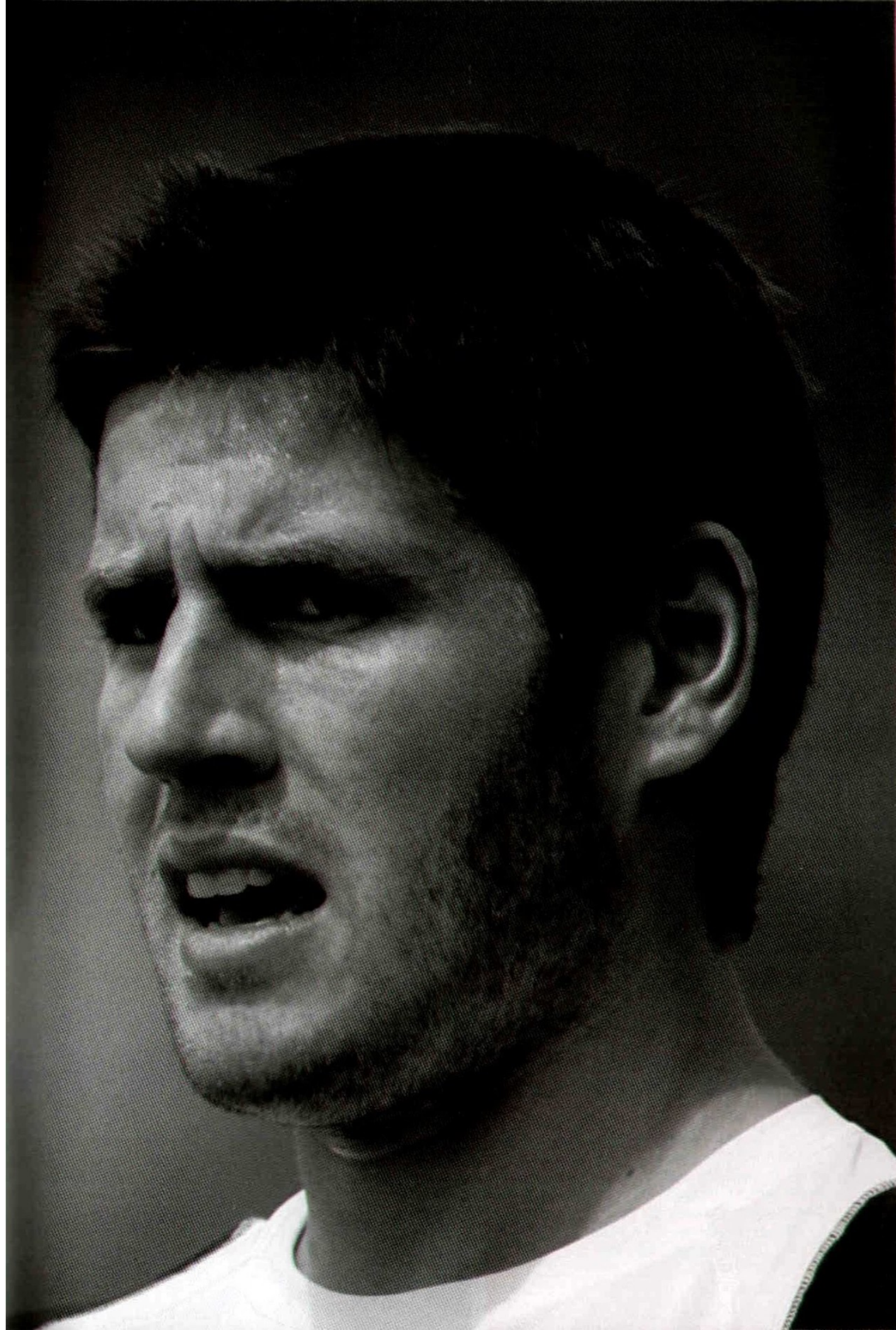
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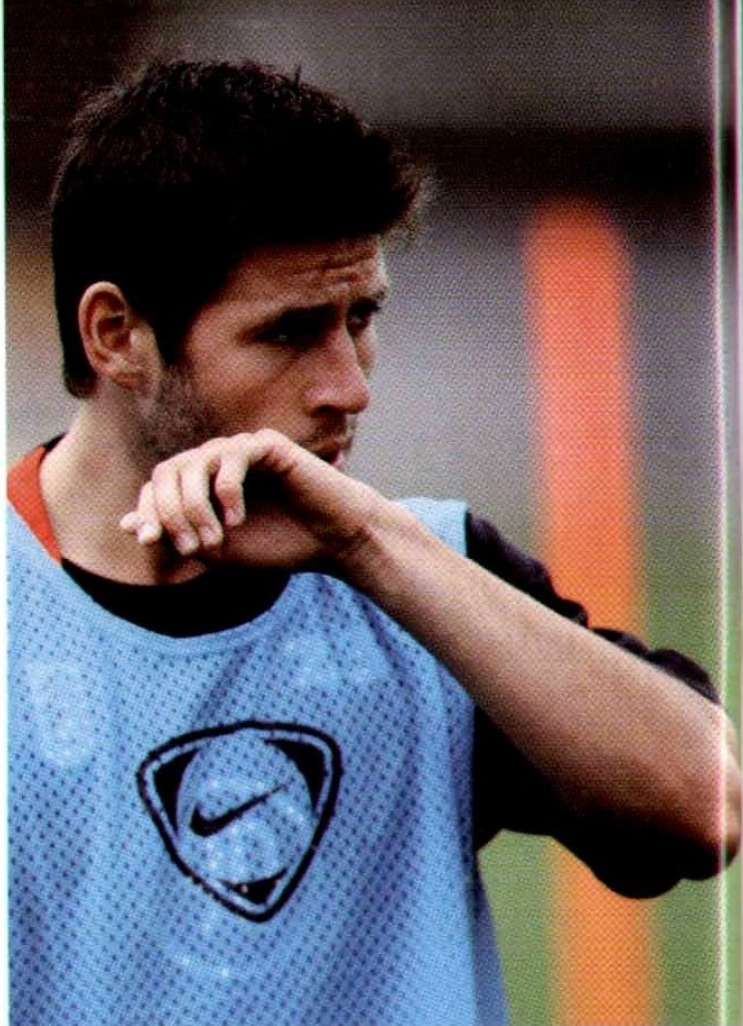
Back in Robins colours, Town's newest recruit is eager to add a touch of top-flight class to our end of season run-in.

Michael Timlin made 24 appearances for Swindon last term after being drafted in by former boss Paul Sturrock. The creative midfielder impressed during his initial loan spell, which was then extended until the end of the 2006/-7 campaign and he went on to help Town secure promotion from

League Two. However, after turning out for The Cottagers in pre-season (which included a tour to the Far East), he has been restricted to reserve team football this term.

Until now. Timlin made his 'second debut' for Swindon in our last home game against Carlisle United and looks to have returned a better player. STFC Magazine caught up with the Lambeth-born middle man.





"The situation is that Swindon asked for a loan move with a view to a permanent deal in the summer. It is looking likely that I will be leaving Fulham in the summer and then I will be looking for a new club."

**The Carlisle fixture was an enjoyable return for you wasn't it?**

It was great to be back in the fold and I felt that we played really well against a side who are up the top of the league. We created a lot of chances and were unfortunate not to come out of the game with more than we did.

**What has changed since you were last here?**

The squad! It is a lot stronger now. There is more variety in the style of the players now. The whole set-up has changed slightly too, there have been little changes. Training has been more competitive and that's probably come from the type of lads we have in the squad. Now.

**When you signed you said you would bide your time to get back into the side, so it must have been pleasing to get a start straight away?**

Yeah, the same happened last time when I first joined. There were a few injuries and I got my chance and the same thing happened against Carlisle last weekend. Hopefully I can keep my place but that goes throughout the whole squad. As soon as you get a chance, even for twenty minutes, then you have to go out and try and impress the manager.

**We played a lot of football against Carlisle too...**

There was a lot of passing and a lot of good movement, which was pleasing. I felt that we were the stronger team and although we did create a lot of chances, hopefully the three points will start coming our way too.

The situation is that Swindon asked for a loan move with a view to a permanent deal in the summer. It is looking likely that I will be leaving



Fulham in the summer and then I will be looking for a new club. Obviously if the right offer comes up here then I will look long and hard about it, although I will have to make sure it is the right division.

The important thing is to keep playing well, that's the bottom line for me. I don't want to think about the end of the season yet because I have to keep my performances to a high standard.

**Swindon do have a good reputation for bringing younger players on too...**

Of course. Even when the club was in League Two last year, I wasn't put off coming here because Swindon have been up there in the past and it is a club going in the right direction. If we don't achieve promotion this year then I am sure we will be going for it next year.

**How has the travelling been? Have you got a base in Swindon now?**

Last season Paul Sturrock gave me the option of whether I wanted to travel home every day or stay in Swindon, so I did. It was a long journey because I would leave my house at 6.30am, drive across London and just get in for training.

This time round I am staying in Swindon and only going home to London on my days off. I feel more settled and I certainly feel fresher in training. Hopefully it will benefit me in the long run.

**With regards to the rest of the season, how do you see things going?**

Until we are told otherwise we have to keep thinking that we can sneak in the back door of the Play-Offs. You never know what can happen in football and a lot can change when you least expect it.

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# county ground fm

with Gary & Stuart  
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It's Easter Monday and today we welcome Southend United in Town for another important League One clash.

Unfortunately being Easter I need to get these notes in so I can only hope we have secured a result away at Brighton. It is hard to believe that after today's fixture we have just three home games of this season left. Where has the time gone?

It has been quite an eventful period in the clubs history and if we cast our minds back (I know we should never harp on about the past) to December/January time the future of our club was still in the balance. Whilst some thought that a new board would mean instant success on and off the pitch reality has painted a different picture – and I think it is about time we accepted that. Stability of the club was upper-most in the thoughts of the Board and although this has been achieved, there is still work to do. I for one applaud what has been done and anything other that consolidation in this league this season would have been beyond belief.

Today's game gives us another opportunity to play a side who have been up the top all season and if, as the Board have always maintained, we are to look at promotion next season then Southend United will be the type of side by which we judge our standards if we want to achieve our goal.

Our last home game pitted us against Carlisle United, a team looking for an automatic promotion slot, and anybody who was at the game must have thought we were the side in that position. Yes we gifted them two easy goals – goals that will need to be eradicated next season – but overall we were by far the better team and optimism should be there for the future.

Today we say goodbye to two members of the Swindon Town family as this will be their final day as Swindon Town employees. They have both work tirelessly on behalf of the club and on behalf of Stuart and myself

we would like to wish Ron and Lynn Topp our very best wishes as they move into early retirement – what will you do with your time during next season?

As Stuart mentioned in his programme notes last week – did you listen to Teabo? If you are a member of a local band or indeed a single artist, with songs that you have written and performed then please send them into us here at The County Ground and perhaps you could be featured in our half time segment dedicated to local talent.

As always keep showing your support for the team by making as much noise as you can throughout the match and don't forget to keep your requests coming in for those birthday messages or notices of special occasions and we will get them read out at half time for you. Please remember that if you require a special piece of music played then just give us a couple of game's notice and Stuart will be happy to make your wish come true.

## Stuart and Gary



→ On The Ball: Blair Sturrock in action against Carlisle United at SN1



**“Stability of the club was upper-most in the thoughts of the Board and although this has been achieved, there is still work to do.”**

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I hope everyone is having a good Easter so far. Hopefully with a win in our half-time draw Fred Large, a great supporter of the Town, will be enjoying his with a win in the last draw having picked up his prize of £423 with ticket number 246.

The last home game was certainly one where most fans went home feeling we were pretty unlucky not to win. Although Carlisle's late equaliser deprived the Pounds for Points fund of a valuable contribution the fund a couple more wins will take this past the £3,500 for the season. We will be shortly announcing a major financial commitment to youth development at the club that runs in to five figures and is only possible through everyone's support of our fundraising activities.

Talking of which, ticket sales in our half-time draw are now only 2,000 away from reaching a staggering 150,000. We are not sure when we will reach this figure but its certain to be before the end of the season. Thanks again for all your support. We will once again be having a mega draw at the last match of the season, with not only our traditional mega cash prize, but also a season ticket and new season shirt up for grabs.

Our next member's newsletter is being

prepared at the moment and should be with everyone by the first week in April. This will contain voting slips for our player of the year as well as a number other pieces of important information, so please look out for this.

Finally today it would be remiss of me on the day of his last match as Stadium manager at The County Ground, not to wish both Ron Topp and his wife Lyn the very best of wishes for their respective retirements. We have always found Ron and Lyn helpful of our requests that we make from time to time and I would wish to thank them both on behalf of our committee and all fans for that. Some might not appreciate the depth and myriad of regulations that need to be followed to make sure a game is allowed to even to take place and often, these fall within Ron's jurisdiction.

Thanks to you both and have a great retirement!

**Roger**



→ Packed House: Town fans look on from The Arkells Stand during the home clash with Leeds



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### Tranmere Rovers VS Swindon Town

Friday 28th March 2008

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## SAS travel



### Tranmere Rovers VS Swindon Town

Friday 28th March 2008

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## Tranmere Rovers vs Swindon Town

Friday 28th March 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

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## Swindon Town vs Oldham Athletic

Saturday 5th April 2008 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are now available from the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.



## Doncaster Rovers vs Swindon Town

Friday 11th April 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are priced at **£19** for Adults, **£13** for OAP/Student, **£12** for Juniors 12-16, **£5** for Juniors Under 12, **£13** for Wheelchair Disabled.

**SAS Travel** coach fare is **£18** for Adults and **£16** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£2** discount. Departs from The County Ground at 1:00pm. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



## Swindon Town vs Port Vale

Saturday 19th April 2008 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

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## booking information



### OPENING HOURS

The Box Office is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Matchday Saturdays from 9:00am to Half-Time, and Full-Time to 5:30pm. Non matchday Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Midweek matches from 9:00am to 8:30pm and full-time to 10:00pm.

### CALL - 0871 223 2300

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### FAX - 0844 967 1008

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### EMAIL - brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk

Enquires only.

### PAYMENT

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Swindon Town Football Club) or by credit/debit card. All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking.

## home matchday ticket prices

### ARKELLS/SOUTH STAND

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£18.00	£20.00
OAP/Student	£13.00	£15.00*
Junior	£7.00	£9.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 adt, 2 Jun)	£29	£38
Family (2 adt, 2 Jun)	£44	£58
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

### TOWN END \*\*\*\*

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£15.00	£15.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£7.00	£7.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 adt, 2 Jun)	£26	£29
Family (2 adt, 2 Jun)	£40	£44
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

### FAMILY ENCLOSURE \*\*\*

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£18.00	£18.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£4.00	£4.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 adt, 2 Jun)	£23	£26
Family (2 adt, 2 Jun)	£40	£44

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on 1st August 2007. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will issue tickets in Block 1 of The Kingswood Stand. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult in all areas. \*Please note that NO student tickets are available on matchdays. Please purchase in advance. \*\* Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult, and need to be registered (once only) at the Box Office, with proof of age, by 5pm on the day prior to matchday. \*\*\*Please note juniors must be accompanied by an adult in the Town End. \*\*\*\*Family enclosure located at the front of the Arkells Stand. Maximum 3 children per adult.

FULL-TIME

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# stfc 2007/08

fixtures, stats & appearances



Kick-Off 15:00 Saturdays, 19:45 midweek unless otherwise stated

## LEAGUE ONE TABLE 20.03.08

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swansea	37	23	8	6	87	32	77	+35
2 Doncaster	37	20	8	9	54	32	68	+22
3 Carlisle	36	20	8	8	53	34	68	+19
4 Nottm Forest	36	15	14	7	49	26	59	+23
5 Southend	37	17	7	13	58	49	58	+9
6 Walsall	37	14	14	9	44	32	56	+12
7 Tranmere	36	15	11	12	44	37	56	+7
8 Leyton Orient	38	15	11	12	43	47	56	-4
9 Brighton	37	15	10	12	48	41	55	+7
10 Leeds	37	20	9	8	59	34	54	+25
11 Northampton	38	14	12	12	49	45	54	+4
12 Oldham	38	14	11	13	44	36	53	+8
13 Hartlepool	38	14	7	17	56	54	49	+2
14 Huddersfield	38	15	4	19	39	54	49	-15
15 Swindon	37	12	12	13	48	47	48	+1
16 Bristol R	35	11	12	12	36	38	45	-2
17 Yeovil	38	12	9	17	31	46	45	-15
18 Millwall	38	12	7	19	38	52	43	-14
19 Cheltenham	38	11	10	17	33	51	43	-18
20 Crewe	38	9	13	16	34	52	40	-18
21 Gillingham	37	9	9	19	34	62	36	-28
22 Bournemouth	38	11	6	21	48	65	29	-17
23 Luton	37	10	8	19	37	51	28	-14
24 Port Vale	38	6	8	24	37	66	26	-29

## LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES 24.03.08

15:00	Bournemouth	vs	Tranmere	FL1
15:00	Carlisle	vs	Northampton	FL1
15:00	Cheltenham	vs	Leyton Orient	FL1
15:00	Doncaster	vs	Oldham	FL1
15:00	Hartlepool	vs	Yeovil	FL1
15:00	Huddersfield	vs	Leeds	FL1
15:00	Millwall	vs	Luton	FL1
15:00	Nottm Forest	vs	Brighton	FL1
15:00	Port Vale	vs	Gillingham	FL1
15:00	Swansea	vs	Bristol R	FL1
15:00	Swindon	vs	Southend	FL1
15:00	Walsall	vs	Crewe	FL1

## STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

APS	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
	GLS	YR	APS	GLS	YR	APS	GLS	YR	APS
1 Phil SMITH	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
2 Jack SMITH	-	1/0	14	-	-	3	-	1/0	17
3 Jamie VINCENT	-	3/0	25	-	-	2	-	3/0	27
4 Lee PFACOCK	5	1/1	30	-	1/0	4	5	2/1	34
5 Jonny FILL	1	5/1	31(1)	-	2/0	3	1	7/1	34(1)
6 Andy WILLIAMS	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
7 Christian ROBERTS	5	3/0	16(10)	1	-	2(4)	6	3/0	18(14)
8 Craig EASTON	2	3/0	31	-	-	5	2	3/0	36
9 Barry CORR	5	3/1	6(8)	-	1/0	2(1)	5	4/1	8(10)
10 Jon Paul MCGOVERN	2	2/0	25(7)	1	-	5	3	2/0	30(7)
11 Sofiane ZAABOUB	-	2/1	18(8)	-	-	4(1)	-	2/1	22(8)
12 Peter BREZOVAN	-	-	22	-	-	7	-	-	29
14 Miguel COMMINGS	-	6/0	27(8)	-	3/0	7	-	9/0	34(8)
13 Mauro ALMEDA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
15 Andy NICHOLAS	1	-	8(2)	-	-	-	1	-	8(2)
16 Hainey ALJOFREE	1	3/0	32	1	2/0	4	2	5/0	36
17 Chris BLACKBURN	-	1/0	4(3)	2	-	2	2	1/0	6(3)
18 Michael TIMLIN	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
19 Michael POOK	1	4/0	14(8)	-	-	4(1)	1	4/0	18(8)
20 Billy PAYNTER	7	6/2	21(6)	2	-	3(1)	9	6/2	24(7)
21 Blair STURROCK	3	1/0	14(6)	3	-	5(1)	6	1/0	19(7)
22 Ibon ARRIETA	-	1/0	4(1)	1	-	1(1)	1	1/0	1(5)
23 Kaid MOHAMMED	-	-	3(8)	-	-	1(2)	-	-	4(8)
24 Chris ALLEN	-	-	6(1)	-	-	1(2)	-	-	7(3)
25 Sean MORRISON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Patrick KANYUKA	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
27 Bari TOZER	-	0/1	1(1)	-	-	5	-	0/1	6(1)
27 Anthony MCNAMEE	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	11
29 Sam COLLINS	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
30 Moses ASHIKODI	-	2/0	4(8)	-	-	-	-	2/0	4(8)
31 Simon COX	10	4/0	26(1)	1	-	1(1)	11	4/0	27(2)

Other appearances: 1 Neil MACKENZIE, (1) Callum KENNEDY, (1) Steve ADAMS, (1)

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
Sat Aug 11	Northampton	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,210	1,338	11th C. Penton
Tue Aug 14	CHARLTON	LGCP - 19:45	0-2	6,175	799	x A. Woolmer
Sat Aug 18	LUTON TOWN	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	7,520	992	4th J. Singh
Sat Aug 25	Cheltenham	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	5,442	1,790	8th K. Stroud
Sat Sep 1	CREWE	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,595	283	9th K. Friend
Tue Sep 4	BRENTFORD	JPT1 - 19:00	4-1	3,118	151	→ S. Attwell
Sun Sep 9	YEOVIL TOWN	FL1 - 16:00	0-1	6,944	706	11th A. Marriner
Sat Sep 15	Hartlepool	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	4,943	217	12th D. Drysdale
Sat Sep 22	BOURNEMOUTH	FL1 - 15:00	4-1	6,668	697	7th P. Walton
Sat Sep 29	Millwall	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	8,744	889	6th P. Taylor
Tue Oct 2	Swansea City	FL1 - 19:45	1-2	10,135	523	9th D. McDermott
Sat Oct 6	GILLINGHAM	FL1 - 15:00	5-0	6,345	453	6th M. Thorpe
Tue Oct 9	CHELTHENHAM	JPT2 - 19:45	1-3	3,765	295	x D. Deadman
Sat Oct 20	TRANMERE	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	6,430	390	7th P. Miller
Sat Oct 27	Port Vale	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	4,013	582	9th A. Penn
Sat Nov 3	DONCASTER	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	6,517	517	11th G. Horwood
Tue Nov 6	LEYTON ORIENT	FL1 - 19:45	1-1	5,874	475	10th M. Russell
Sat Nov 10	Wycombe	FAC1 - 15:00	2-1	3,332	841	→ K. Friend
Sat Nov 17	Leeds United	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	27,990	1,710	15th L. Mason
Sat Nov 24	BRISTOL ROVERS	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	9,342	2,099	11th R. Styles
Sat Dec 1	FOREST GREEN	FAC2 - 15:00	3-2	7,588	1,675	→ A. Taylor
Tue Dec 4	Carlisle	FL1 - 19:45	0-3	5,477	216	13th M. Oliver
Sat Dec 8	Southend	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	7,403	373	14th S. Attwell
Sat Dec 15	BRIGHTON	FL1 - 15:00	0-3	6,415	801	16th S. Cook
Sat Dec 22	HARTLEPOOL	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	5,875	202	15th R. Lewis
Wed Dec 26	Yeovil Town	FL1 - 14:00	1-0	6,539	920	13th D. McDermott
Sat Dec 29	Bournemouth	FL1 - 15:00	2-2	6,540	1,464	11th K. Friend
Tue Jan 1	SWANSEA CITY	FL1 - 13:00	1-1	9,428	2,636	12th P. Melin
Sat Jan 5	BARNET	FAC3 - 15:00	1-1	5,944	632	→ D. Deadman
Sat Jan 12	Walsall	FL1 - 15:00	2-2	5,449	781	12th N. Swarbrick
Sat Jan 19	NOTT'M FOREST	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	9,815	1,975	11th M. Thorpe
Sat Jan 22	Barnet (R)	FAC3 - 19:45	1-1	2,810	771	x A. Penn
Sat Jan 26	Crewe	FL1 - 15:00	0-0	4,344	428	11th K. Evans
Tue Jan 29	Luton Town	FL1 - 19:45	1-0	5,738	325	10th C. Boyes
Sat Feb 2	NORTHAMPTON	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	7,375	645	10th S. Bratt
Sat Feb 9	Huddersfield	FL1 - 15:00	0-1	9,388	383	11th F. Graham
Tue Feb 12	CHELTHENHAM	FL1 - 19:45	3-0	6,483	653	10th A. Wiley
Sat Feb 16	Nott'm Forest	FL1 - 15:00	0-1	23,439	1,264	11th D. Foster
Sat Feb 23	WALSALL	FL1 - 15:00	0-3	6,265	488	13th G. Ward
Tue Feb 26	Oldham	FL1 - 19:45	2-2	3,923	152	13th C. Oliver
Sat Mar 1	LEEDS UNITED	FL1 - 14:00	0-1	13,324	3,008	14th C. Foy
Tues Mar 4	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1 - 19:45	3-2	4,840	152	13th R. Lee
Tue Mar 11	Leyton Orient	FL1 - 19:45	1-2	3,082	413	14th D. Whiteston
Sat Mar 15	CARLISLE	FL1 - 15:00	2-2	6,004	573	14th M. Russell
Sat Mar 22	Brighton	FL1 - 15:00	A			
Mon Mar 24	SOUTHEND	FL1 - 15:00	H			
Fri Mar 28	Tranmere	FL1 - 19:45	A			
Sat Apr 5	OLDHAM	FL1 - 15:00	H			
Fri Apr 11	Doncaster	FL1 - 19:45	A			
Sat Apr 19	PORT VALE	FL1 - 15:00	H			
Tues Apr 22	Bristol Rovers	FL1 - 19:45	A			
Sat Apr 26	Gillingham	FL1 - 15:00	A			
Sat May 3	MILLWALL	FL1 - 15:00	H			



## head to head

	STFC Wins	Draws	O AFC Wins
League	12	9	14
FA Cup	2	0	0
League Cup	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>

Oldham currently hold the upper hand in terms of league meetings between the two clubs.

Town's last win over The Latics came in October 2004 with debutant Christian Roberts netting the only goal of the game on 14 minutes. It was an important victory for Andy King's side, who began that day with New Zealand striker Rory Fallon alongside Roberts in the front line.

Having taken a point in the reverse fixture earlier this term, Swindon will be looking for a full points return in early April.

EXTRA-TIME

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# next at home



Oldham Athletic are the next visitors to The County Ground as The Latics arrive in Wiltshire on Saturday 5th April 2008.

The two sides met recently at Boundary Park in what was an entertaining League One clash. Four goals in the game saw Swindon make the return journey South with a share of the spoils. Lee Peacock shot Town into the lead before a frantic eight-minute spell in the second half. Oldham equalised through Dave Livermore before Mark Allott took Oldham ahead. Lee Peacock then hit his second of the game from close range – despite Simon Cox's best efforts to claim the goal (the debate still rages).

Both teams have Premiership history too. Oldham were the first ever visitors to The County Ground during the Robins' one-season stay in the top-flight in 1993-94. The visitors went away with the three points, although both teams were ultimately relegated at the end of the campaign.

John Sheridan, who is now in his third spell as manager at

Boundary Park, enjoyed a successful spell as a player with The Latics. He made over 150 appearances for the club after joining in 1998. Sheridan arrived at Oldham with an impressive CV, having served the likes of Leeds United, Sheffield Wednesday and Bolton Wanderers. He also won 34 caps for the Republic of Ireland, scoring five times and was the scorer of the 100th Irish international goal at Lansdowne Road in 1994 against Bolivia.

Oldham have shown inconsistent form over the past month. Their last six games had heralded three wins, two defeats and a draw going into Saturday's visit to Millwall. Oldham have succeeded where many league teams have failed this season though, with a 3-1 away win at Leeds United. Goals from Reuben Hazell, Neal Trotman and an own goal from Andy Hughes secured a New Years Day win.

Craig Davies remains top of the scoring charts with 14 goals to his name this term. Lee Hughes, who returned to the game with a move to Oldham last summer, has scored eight whilst Gary McDonald has chipped in with five.

There could be goals on the cards when the two teams meet for the first home game of April – be sure not to miss out.



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**4th official:** A D Sainsbury

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