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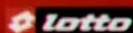
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“Our supporters have been magnificent of late and that was no different at The Alexandra Stadium last weekend, where just under 300 of you made the trip to show your support.”



notes from

david BYRNE

Today is a massive day for the players because they owe the supporters a result after the disappointment of last weekend at Crewe Alexandra.

It is vitally important that we get something from today's game.

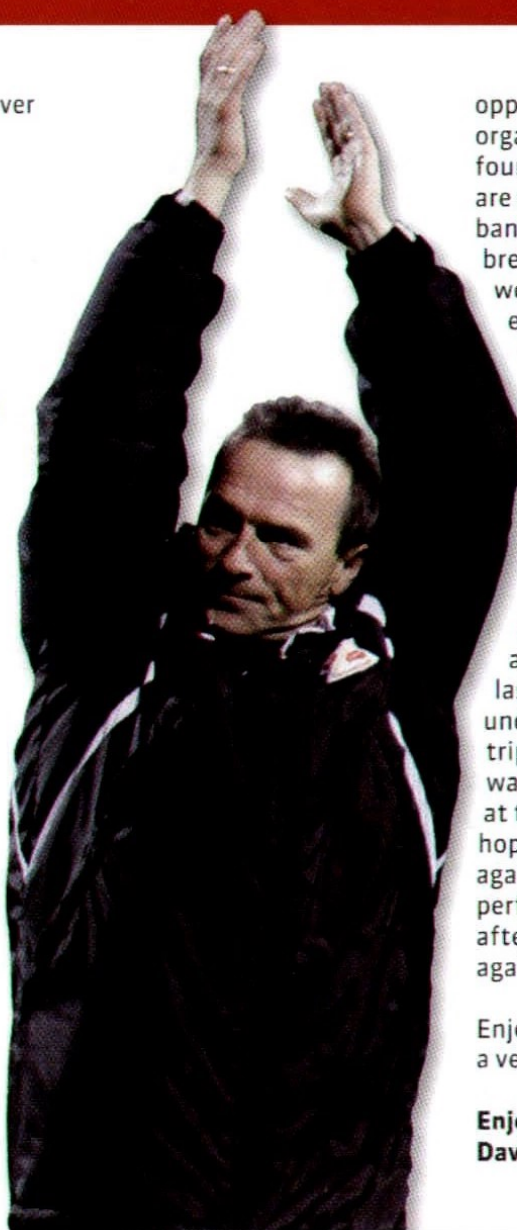
We have to get three points and give ourselves a little cushion over the Christmas period. Our next three games are probably the biggest of the season because it will determine where we start the New Year period. We don't want to be in a relegation dog-fight and our target remains to win three from three before 2009. We are more than capable of doing that but the lads have to go out there and apply themselves correctly.

Last weekend was a massive disappointment and it was probably the first time that I have had to put my hand up and say that we were beaten by the better side. We were lacklustre and to be in the position we are in, and not go there and get a result, was not acceptable. The players now owe the supporters a result because we have now gone six games without a win and that has to change. It is up to each individual player to show that

he is worthy of the shirt over the festive period.

There will be at least one change to the starting line-up with Billy Paynter starting his three-match suspension today. Barry Corr has come through a rigorous week with the Club Physiotherapist and hopefully he will be in contention for a starting place. We do have options though because Blair Sturrock and Ben Joyce are both in the frame too. Blair came on at Crewe last weekend and did well, whilst Joycey has had a taste of the first team scene over the past month or so. Billy will not miss three games and he could suffer because of it and there are other players waiting in the wings to come and take his place – but that's what a squad is for.

Yeovil Town come here today and will provide difficult



opposition. They are well-organised and will play in a four four two formation. They are disciplined and their two banks of four can be tough to break down. As a side they work extremely hard for each other and we cannot turn up and expect to walk away with three points. We have to match them every step of the way and take it on from there.

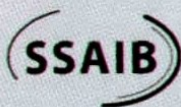
Our supporters have been magnificent of late and that was no different at The Alexandra Stadium last weekend, where just under 300 of you made the trip to show your support. It was not the required result at the end of the day but hopefully with your backing again today – and an improved performance – we can end the afternoon with three points against our name.

Enjoy the afternoon and have a very Merry Christmas.

**Enjoy the game.
David Byrne**



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captain hasney

ALJOFREE

After two close encounters with Yeovil Town last season, let's hope we can emerge as winners this afternoon.

Being back at home will give us the chance to put last weekend's result to rights in front of our own supporters.

Our home form of late hasn't been too bad as we are unbeaten in our last six games at The County Ground. Draws against the likes of Carlisle United and Peterborough United haven't done us too many favours though and is a significant factor in why we haven't made too much ground over recent weeks.

It has been said before, but this league is very tight and there is no 'banker' in terms of results. Yeovil hosted Stockport

last weekend and lost out 4-2, but only a few weeks earlier emerged winners against Tranmere Rovers. I feel that the key to the outcome today will be the pace of the game. If we can stamp our authority in the match early on then we will have every chance of taking all three points.

Both games between the two sides last season were settled by one goal. I am sure many of our fans will remember the home game, which was played out in front of the Sky Sports cameras on a Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately we were unable to win the game in front of the watching nation as a late goal

from Lloyd Owusu saw the Glovers take all three points.

The reverse fixture at Huish Park did have a better ending as Barry Corr notched the only goal of the game to earn the victory. I remember we were under the cosh at times that day but all credit to 'Big Baz' that day as he did well and got what proved to be the winning goal.

It has been almost a year since we last faced Yeovil and what a twelve months it has been. Managers have come and gone whilst the takeover of the Club was also completed. From a personal point of view I have been pleased to have had a run

of games back in the side. I am feeling fitter and stronger and long may that continue.

Hopefully over the Christmas period both I and the rest of the senior lads here can help the younger members of the squad. It is at these times that experience can really help and whilst everyone will be playing their part, the senior professionals in the squad need to stand up and be counted.

As I said earlier, we have to dominate the game this afternoon. Every tackle and every chance will count.

Enjoy the game.



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notes from the **BOARDROOM**

Chief Executive, Nick Watkins >>

"Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what has happened to him."

Seasons Greetings! Good afternoon from The County Ground for today's fixture against Yeovil Town.

We are delighted to welcome the Glovers and their supporters to SN1 this December afternoon and a particular special welcome to the Yeovil Town Chief Executive Martyn Starnes, who virtually 12 months to the day left The County Ground to re-join today's visitors.

And so it is 12 months since the Andrew Fitton led consortium became involved with Swindon Town FC and what an interesting year it has been. For the Brighton & Hove Albion programme notes, I will endeavour to capture the key achievements and changes that have taken place at the club across the year. For these notes, I will focus my attention on the vacant managerial position and some other notable achievements amongst the Swindon Town FC support team.

There is a possibility that by the time you read these Boardroom notes the position of manager may have been resolved and an appointment made. The journey to appointment has been an interesting one and in the process, we have talked to and met with a number of candidates, some currently "resting" and others in active employment. Throughout the process we have at all times remained committed to identifying the candidate who in our view

can take this club forward and who over the next four to five years, can assist us in achieving our declared Championship objective. The innate ability to manage, motivate, coach and inspire players, allied to first hand experience of operating at League One or Championship level as a minimum are essential attributes that the successful candidate must show. These qualities at all times have ranked well above the WOW factor. Our aim has always been to identify someone who is totally committed to the new dawn at Swindon Town.



Christmas is always a time for celebration and this Christmas time we had the opportunity to celebrate the contributions that so many of the Swindon Town back office support team make towards the

running of the club but are so often invisible. Hence, on December 9th we held the Swindon Town Staff Christmas party and 2008 Staff Awards ceremony. With all players and STFC staff in attendance, together with some special guests, an excellent evening transpired and it was an opportunity to recognize achievement. The following were recipients of the inaugural STFC Awards:

Best Newcomer:

Marie Saunders

Best Supporting Act:

Gill Strange & Karen Huggins

Outstanding Performance of The Year:

Mark Isaacs

Matchday Management Award:

Adam Wainwright

Special Achievement Awards:

Brian Powell, Jon Holloway, Clive Maguire

Players Special Award:

Roger Jones (Pictured receiving his award)

The Chairman's Award:

Chris Tanner

Un-Sung Heroes Award:

Curly Withers

Chris & Maureen Kirkland

Roger Bunce

Roger Reeves

Chris Scott

Mavis Knight

Congratulations to all winners and all nominees.

Before closing these Boardroom notes and going off to eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all supporters and friends of Swindon Town FC, the Board's collective good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful 2009.

Do remember the Christmas Carol service at Christ Church on Monday night where STFC players and staff will be in attendance. Kick-Off is 6.30pm.

Nicholas Watkins.



SWINDON TOWN HALF-SEASON TICKETS



Swindon Town FC have launched Half-Season tickets for the final twelve League One home games, starting with the visit of

Brighton & Hove Albion on Sunday 28th December.



Robins fans wishing to sign up for the club's final 12 home League One games of the season can **SAVE UP TO £126*** on matchday prices.

A half-season ticket in the popular Don Rogers Stand will cost **JUST £193**, a **SAVING OF £47** on normal matchday prices. And reductions are available in the Arkell's and Town End stands.

Half-season tickets are now on sale and cover home games against Brighton & Hove Albion, Stockport County, Hartlepool United, Walsall, Southend United, Scunthorpe United, Cheltenham Town, MK Dons, Hereford United, Crewe Alexandra, Leyton Orient and the final home clash of the season against Bristol Rovers.

They can be purchased in person from the STFC Box Office or by calling 0871 223 2300

*£126 saving based on a family ticket of 1 Adult, 2 Juniors.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Four members of the STFC Disabled Supporters Group were treated to a day to remember at the last home game with Carlisle United.

The STFC Disabled Club sponsor Jamie Vincent's home kit and after winning a reverse auction for a round of golf at the 'Audience With' evening, were offered a behind the scenes day out as a replacement prize.

Keith Chatfield and Allison Pyle were winners and took their partners along to the Carlisle fixture as guests of Caretaker Manager, David Byrne.

Tracy Richman was a member of the winning party and explained how the day went.

"We were met in reception and taken to Dave's office where he went through



the team news and had a general chat. A buffet lunch was laid on and we got to chat with several players before the match.

"We had been given permission to sit next to the dug-outs, which was a real eye opener. Dave is very vocal and the match went really quickly, although we did have to be aware of stray balls flying about!

"We all had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and must give a special mention to Curly Withers, who really does make the best cup of tea!"

PLAYERS SET FOR JUNIOR ROBINS PARTY!

The Junior Robins Christmas Party will take place on Monday 22nd December with no less than seven Town players and their families set to attend.

The following first team players will be in attendance so why not come along to the Legends Lounge and mingle with your favourite first teamers?

Hasney Aljofree, Jerel Ifil, Jon-Paul McGovern, Lilian Nalis, Billy Paynter, Lee Peacock and Jamie Vincent.

Junior Robins Co-Ordinator Sharon Franklin explained a little more about what can be expected on the night.

"We will have a dancing competition, party food and a raffle. We will also have some of players there, one of which will be dressed as Father Christmas and it will be your job to guess who is under the outfit!"

This party is free to Junior Robins and just £2 for accompanying friends.

If you would like to come along on the night then please arrive at the Legends Lounge at 6.30pm on Monday evening.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLYN!

Everyone at Swindon Town FC would like to wish Glyn Lewis a very Happy Birthday.

Glyn was 70 years old on Tuesday 16th December and he has been a loyal supporter since 1949!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE REMINDER!

Town supporters are reminded that the Swindon Town FC Christmas Carol service takes place on Monday 22nd December at Christ Church in Old Town.

All supporters are invited to for the service, with refreshments also available. The service begins at 6.30pm.

TOWN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT



Swindon Town Football Club held a complimentary Christmas lunch at The County Ground on Wednesday 16th December.

One hundred and seventeen pensioners from in and around Swindon arrived in the Legends Lounge shortly after 11.30am and were welcomed with a Christmas blessing by the Club Reverend, Simon Stevenette. The complimentary two-course Christmas Luncheon was then served.



After lunch the guests in attendance were treated to a selection of Christmas songs before more activities laid on by the football club.

Overall the event was a tremendous success with STFC kicking off Christmas in style for members of the local community.

The Club would like to thank V Cars for their assistance with the event, with general manager Dan Lane commenting on their support.

"V-Cars are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Swindon Town in providing transport for the elderly to attend the luncheon at Swindon Town Football Club.

"We are always happy to provide support to the local community and feel privileged that we are able to offer our service to such an important event," said Lane.

"I personally think it is a fantastic event and provides an important opportunity for senior citizens to enjoy an afternoon of excellent hospitality. Well done Swindon Town and a very merry Xmas to everyone."

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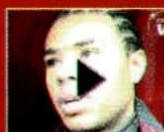
MON 15TH DEC:

STFC World brought you highlights from the weekend's defeat at Crewe Alexandra which saw Billy Paynter dismissed with a straight red card.



TUES 16TH DEC:

Captain Hasney Aljofree spoke to STFC World about how he believes the squad can emerge from the recent run of difficult form a better set of players.



WED 17TH DEC:

Jerel Ifil offered his views about regaining his place in the team and how he hopes his experience can benefit the team over the coming weeks.



THURS 18TH DEC:

With Christmas just around the corner Lee Peacock reflected on 2008 and also opened up on what the festive period is like as a footballer.



FRI 19TH DEC:

We featured all the big build-up ahead of the visit of Yeovil Town to The County Ground, with highlights of previous encounters between the two sides available for subscribers.

IN THE NEWS



Former Town midfielder **Andy Gurney** has taken his first steps on the managerial ladder after taking charge at Weston-Super-Mare. The Blue Square Conference South side have told Gurney he will

be given until 31st January to impress the Weston hierarchy and should he meet their requirements the job will be his.



There is a strong Swindon connection at Weston with no less than three former members of the Robins squad on the books at The Woodspring Stadium. **Ben Wells** made six appearances

for Swindon before leaving in the summer of 2007 whilst **Ashan Holgate** made twelve appearances in first team colours during his time at The County Ground. **Comyn-Platt** racked up 29 outings for Town before departing for Rochdale in January 2007.



There were a few red cards brandished at the weekend, amongst them ex-Swindon loanee **Darius Henderson** sent off for Sheffield United at Swansea City. The striker was dismissed after clashing with Angel Rangel at The Liberty Stadium.



Tommy Smith, brother of Robins defender **Jack**, was on target again at the weekend as Watford recorded a 2-1 win over Coventry City. Smith scored from the spot for his twelfth goal of the campaign. Jack still

has some way to go with two to his name so far!





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01 LADS MAGS

Footballers are renowned for having to cover the motorway miles over the course of a season.

This term has been no different with long trips to the likes of Carlisle United and Hartlepool United. But what do the players do when forced to take a break from driving?

During a stop-off on the way to Crewe Alexandra last Friday afternoon several members of the squad were spotted catching up with the latest news in films, gaming and technology as they browsed the aisles of the newsagents.



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02 SCHOOL OF ROCK

The STFC Staff Band 'County Road' will make its first ever appearance at The County Ground before Christmas with several members of the playing squad strumming up support.

Goalkeeper Peter Brezovan and midfielder Craig Easton, both keen guitarists, have been attending regular practice sessions in the Legends Lounge as they look to tune up ahead of the much-anticipated debut gig.

Also taking part are Sales and Marketing Executive Adam Wainwright, Stadium and Operations Manager Mark Isaacs as well as special guests. Keep an eye out on these pages for a full report as the band prepare to take (a small part of) Wiltshire by storm!



03 MYSTERY PLAYER

Some set the trend, others follow. Some are not worried, whilst others choose to stand out from the crowd.

Can you identify the mystery player who found a unique piece of headwear to try and keep out the Wiltshire cold-snap?



04 IN THE PICTURE

Several members of the Town first team squad have been stripping off for Town's Charity of the Year - the Prospect Hospice.

Selected squad players took part in a photo-shoot earlier in the week with details of how you can purchase posters featuring the images will be made early in the New Year.

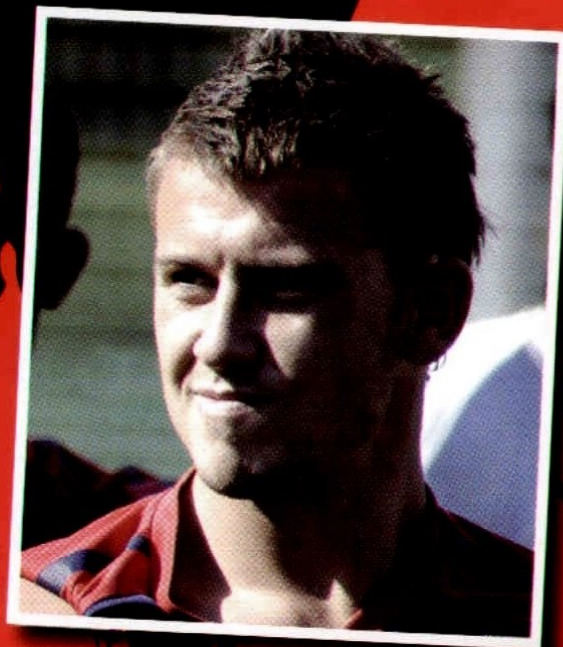
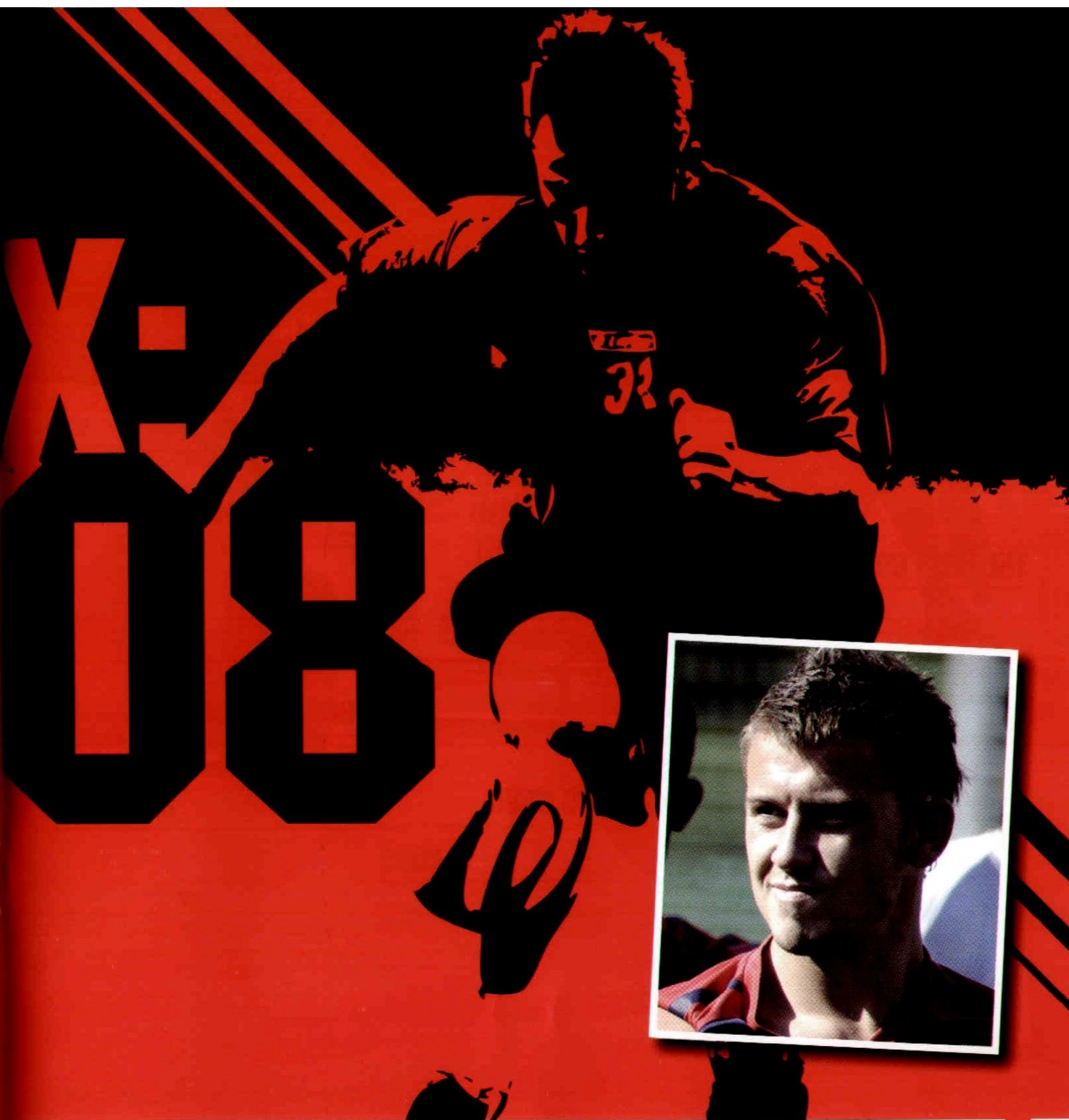


SIMON GO MY 20



It's been a promising year for our top scorer, here he recalls the highs and lows... >>>

Words: Nick Judd



JOINING THE CLUB

"It's always difficult going to a club on loan. Your ultimate aim is to try and get a starting place in the new team, but do enough to be able to go back to your employers and try and be a part of their season. I knew Reading had been sending scouts to watch me and were giving feedback to the manager, so you always hope you can go back and do a job. I was told that wasn't the case and I knew Swindon were in negotiations with them.

"I'm Reading born and bred and I was there from the age of nine, 11 years. It was a big change

for me, but I'm happy I came here. I knew the manager and the players and I was pleased how it worked out. At least in joining Swindon I was given the opportunity to finish what I started. I may have dropped a division but you have to see it as an opportunity to get first team games, which is what I'm doing."

THE FIRST GOAL OF 2008

"I scored against Swansea on New Years Day and then went back to the Madejski. After returning from Reading the second time I was glad to be back playing first team football; reserve games are not as fast and you're tempted not to try as hard. First team football means must-win games and in my first match back – against Huddersfield – I was booked, giving me the fifth card I needed to get the suspension hanging over me out of the way. My first goal came against Cheltenham, but I didn't score for a few games after that; it didn't quite go as planned!

"My next came against Carlisle a few weeks later and it was a massive relief to score again. I did start to think about how much Swindon had paid for me, and you feel under pressure, guilty, but I knew I was a good player. I knew I could benefit this team. As soon as I got that first goal I wanted to end the season strongly, and I did. Although we weren't involved at the top of the table, the back end of last season was very good for me. I was given a chance to play first team football at a good club and I took the opportunity by scoring 15 league goals. I felt that was a good return.

MAURICE MALPAS

"When he came in he said that if I joined permanently we could have a real crack at promotion the following season. He said he wanted to bring his own players in, but it didn't work out. I was a bit gutted for him, to be honest. I didn't think it was his fault we were struggling.

"At the end of the day we're the ones on the pitch and we weren't doing what he wanted us to. It's a shame that if the players don't play well, it's the manager that takes the bullet. He gave me the chance to play regular first team football, so I'll always be thankful to him for that."



2008/09: PROMISING START

"People were excited about this season after the Tranmere game – the first match of the season – and we believed the hype. We were really confident after the pre-season we'd had. We played Fenerbahce and Steaua Bucharest, both opponents that make you think, 'flipping eck!' But we came out of those two games unbeaten and we felt fit, and we showed it by beating Tranmere comfortably.

"We have good players and we all want to do well and I thought Maurice Malpas was in the right mindset to take us forward."

UNDER PRESSURE

"Even now, after the recent run we've had, two or three games can change the league table. Two wins and you hit 30 points and all of a sudden the mood in the town changes.

"When you're at the bottom it's easy to look down, but we need to look up. The league is close and wins over Christmas will see us back in mid-table. We need to turn draws into wins."

NEW MANAGER

"You can't use the manager situation as an excuse. When Paul Sturrock left in 2007 we weren't sure who would come in and the consortium were trying to take over the club. We dipped in form then, too, but it is no excuse. We need to look at ourselves and the starting XI needs to produce.

"When the new manager does come in, at least we'll have someone set in stone and it will be business as usual. They'll have the opportunity to stamp their authority on the club, bring new staff and possibly new players. If that's the case we'll welcome them, we've got a friendly squad."

GOALS GALORE

"Again it's not been the best of seasons so far for the team, but I've already scored 16 and beaten my total from last year. My aim is to keep playing with a smile on my face and try and hit my target of 25 goals.

"Of all the goals I've scored I'd have to say the one against Fenerbahce in pre-season was my best; if that had been in the league it would have been goal of the season! My favourite league strike was the one against Scunthorpe, but more importantly for me is that I feel my all round game is good.

"I haven't scored in three but when you believe in your own game the goals will always come and I'm chomping at the bit to play. I'm not afraid to shoot and the goals will flow again."



CHRISTMAS

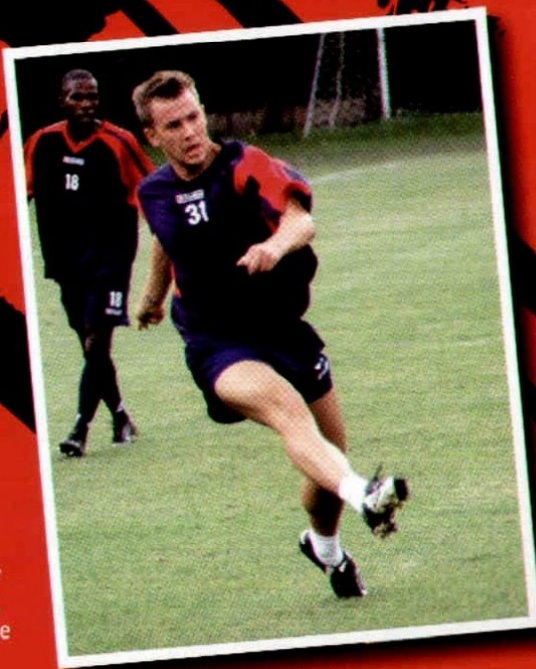
"If you win your first game of the festive period you can't wait for the next one to come. If you lose, like we did last week, then you get the opportunity to put it right straight away."

"Today's game is a good opportunity to kickstart our run of games building up to the new year. We need to be bold, bouncy and find the winning formula. We have to go in to the game with a good mental attitude and work hard. A good win will see us lifted for the trip to Leyton Orient, and again for Brighton; all teams around us in the table."

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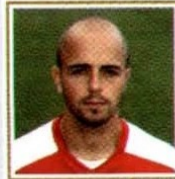
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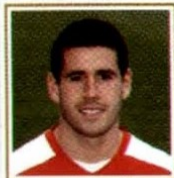
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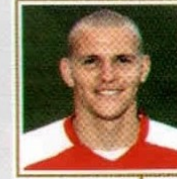
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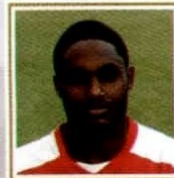
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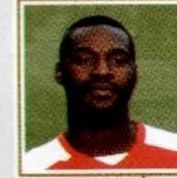
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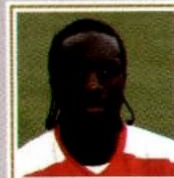
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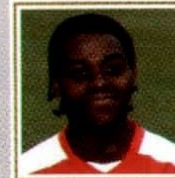
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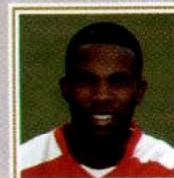
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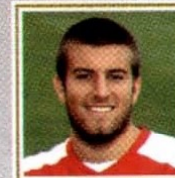
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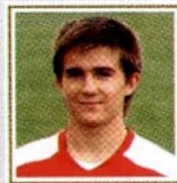


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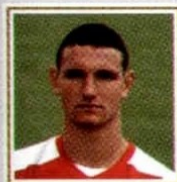


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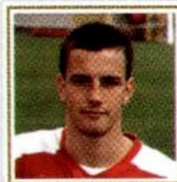


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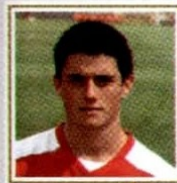


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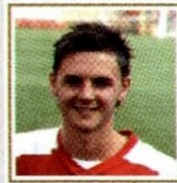


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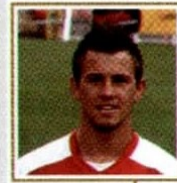


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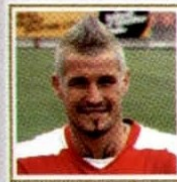


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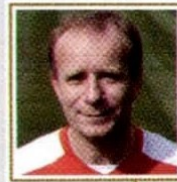


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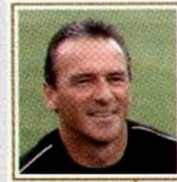


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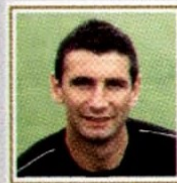
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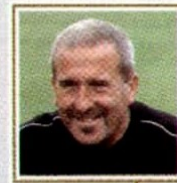
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It was a case of déjà vu for The Robins in the last home encounter at The County Ground as a late goal from Paul Thirlwell dashed Town's hopes for three points.

David Byrne made changes to the line-up with Callum Kennedy making

his full league debut in place of the suspended Michael Timlin at left-back. Anthony McNamee also returned to the action with Craig Easton named amongst the substitutes.

Town made a bright start to the game with plenty of chances created,

although were unable to make the most of their opportunities.

The Robins took the lead through an own goal just after the start of the second half, but were unable to build on the advantage and secure an all important home victory.



KEY MOMENTS

50 MIN



Town take the lead as a low cross is turned into his own net by Peter Murphy who is under pressure from Billy Paynter.

66 MIN



Lee Peacock's header glances off the crossbar after a fine cross from Anthony McNamee from the left.

73 MIN



On loan midfielder Graham Kavanagh goes close with a 25 yard free kick which curls narrowly over.



SQUAD

Swindon Town: Phil Smith, Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil, Hasney Aljofree (Capt), Callum Kennedy (Amankwaah '82), Jon-Paul McGovern (Sturrock '90), Lee Peacock, Michael Pook, Anthony McNamee, Simon Cox, Billy Paynter.

Substitutes not used: Peter Brezovan (GK), Craig Easton, Mark Marshall.

83 MIN



Simon Cox sees his overhead effort from five yards out find the crossbar with the Robins still searching for the crucial second goal.

88 MIN



The visitors seal a late point with Phil Smith's falling at the feet of former Town loanee Paul Thirlwell who fires into the corner of the net.

90 MIN



There is a late chance for a home winner although Billy Paynter drags his low shot across the face of goal.

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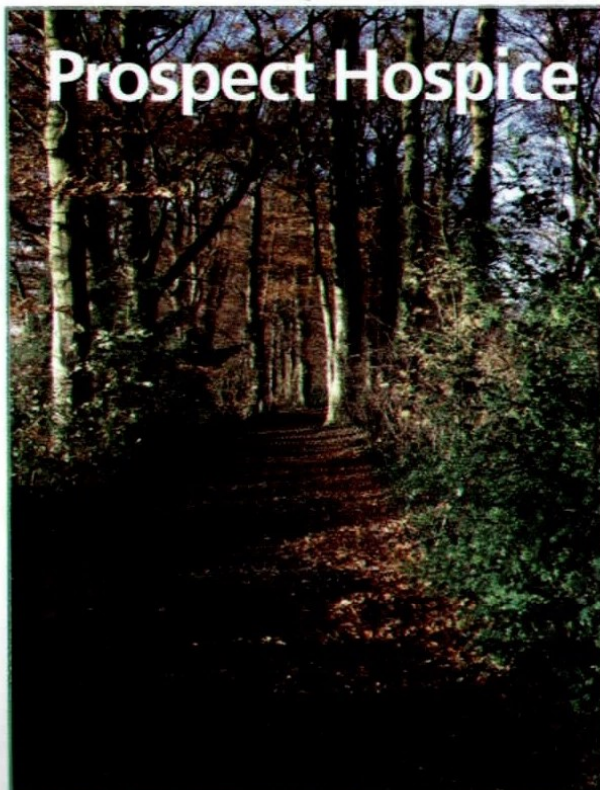
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swindon v yeovil

League 1: 20/12/08



With just one defeat in the five previous encounters between the two sides, Swindon Town will be hoping luck is on their side as they aim for three points against Yeovil Town this afternoon. The Glovers are currently inside the drop zone with 19 points from 20 games. Victory this afternoon would be a welcome boost for either side.



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- 3 Nathan Jones
- 4 Terence Skiverton
- 5 Gareth Owen
- 6 Terrell Forbes
- 7 Marc Bircham
- 8 Darren Way
- 10 Gavin Tomlin
- 11 Daniel Schofield
- 12 Craig Alcock
- 13 Josh Wagenaar
- 14 Paul Warne
- 15 Luke Rodgers
- 16 Gary Roberts
- 17 Aidan Downes
- 18 Keiran Murtagh
- 19 Andre McCollin
- 20 Steven Thompson
- 21 Robert Fitzgerald
- 22 Jordan Street
- 23 Aaron Brown
- 25 Gifton Noel-Williams
- 27 Lee Peltier
- 28 Nathan Smith
- 31 Lloyd Irish



in town

Josh Wagenaar



Wagenaar started his career in Canada with clubs St. Catherine's Wolves and Hamilton Sparta SC. After his arrival in Europe Josh spent some time with Dutch club ADO Den Haag and Danish club Lyngby BK. Joined Yeovil

at short notice in July to answer the club's urgent need for a keeper.

Terry Skiverton

Skiverton is the Glovers inspirational skipper and is currently the club's longest servant.

London born Terry started his career with Chelsea, later moving on to play for Wycombe Wanderers, before dropping into Non-League football with Welling United. Signed for Yeovil in 1999 when Dave Webb was the manager of the club.

Nathan Jones

Welsh full-back Nathan Jones has proven himself to be a vital figure in Russell Slade's Yeovil side. Following his release from Brighton and Hove Albion, Jones was snapped up by the Glovers on a free transfer and is arguably one of the best pieces of business the club has done in recent years.

Paul Warne

Starting his career in non-league football with Norfolk club Wroxham, Warne signed for Wigan Athletic in July 1997 for £25,000, where he went on to make 62 appearances and scored five goals, also having a short loan period at Kettering Town. Signed for Yeovil in the summer of 2007.

Lee Peltier

Made his loan move to Yeovil permanent in January 08 and proved a sensation with the Yeovil fans in his first season. Peltier was predominantly used at right back by Russell Slade after some stirring performances in this role, although he was used by Liverpool in centre midfield. Seven bookings so far this term.

Gifton Noel-Williams

Experienced striker who began his career with Watford and went on to make 107 league starts for The Hornets before a switch to Stoke City in the summer of 2003. Further spells with the likes of Burnley and Real Murcia, before signing for Millwall in the summer. Joined Yeovil Town on loan in early November.

Gavin Tomlin

Tomlin joined Yeovil from non-league outfit Fisher Athletic. Prior to his time at Fisher Athletic he spent time with League Two side Brentford, where he made 6 first team appearances. He has also had spells with Staines, St Albans, Tooting and Mitcham, Ashford Town and Gillingham. Four goals to his name this season.





Luke RODGERS

Birmingham-born front man Luke Rodgers joined Yeovil Town on loan from Port Vale at the end of November 2008.

He started his career with Shrewsbury Town and rose through the ranks to become a first team regular. He soon proved himself to be an asset in front of goal as he scored 73 goals in just under 200 appearances for the Shropshire side. Rogers also scored four hat-tricks for the club, which attracted the attentions of other league clubs.

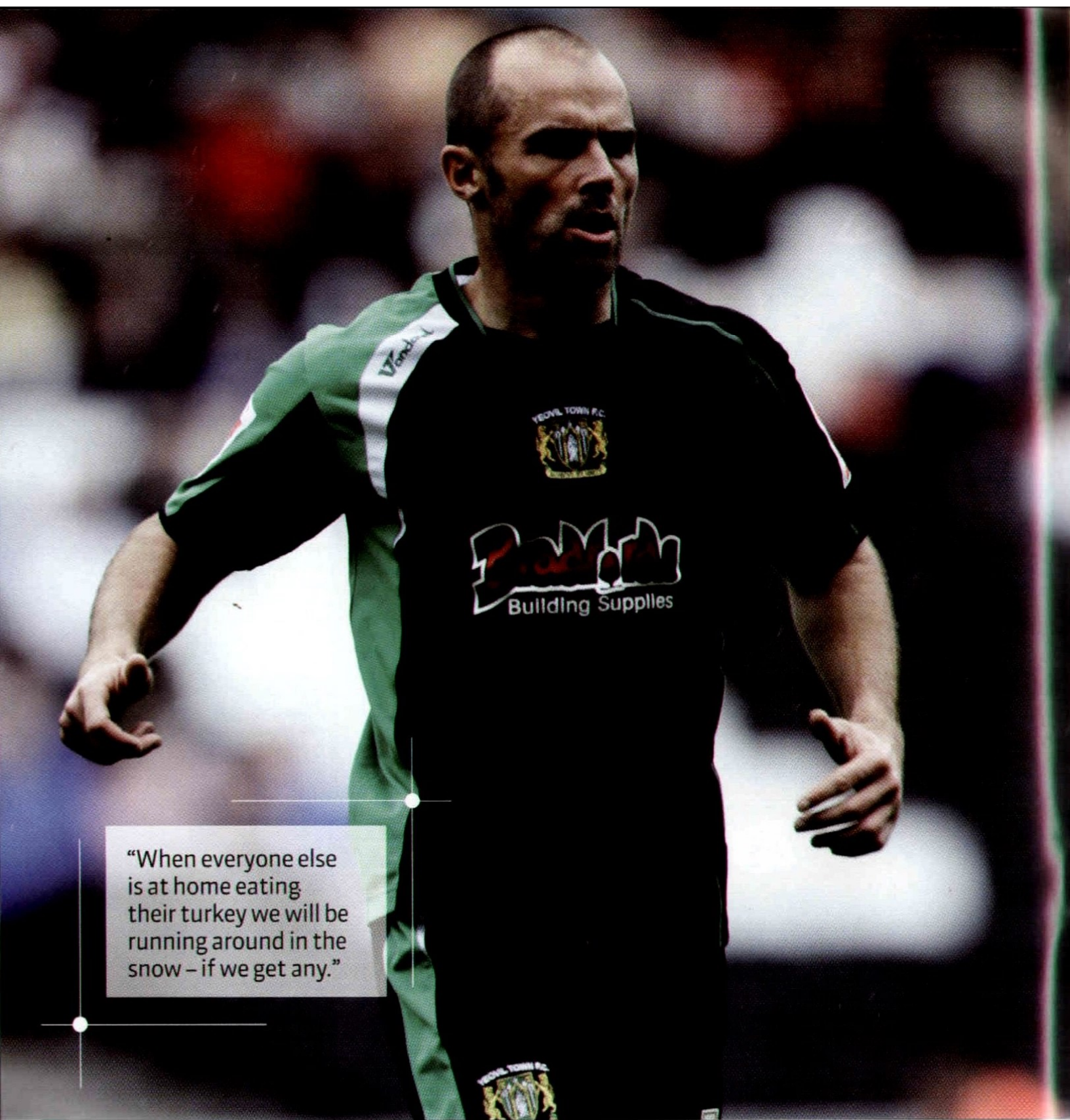
After turning down the offer of a new contract to remain with The Shrews, Rogers made the switch to Crewe Alexandra in the summer of 2005. A tribunal decided the fee, although his stay at Gresty Road was not a fruitful one as the form of Nicky Maynard and Luke Varney restricted first team opportunities.

A move to local rivals Port Vale followed in January 2007 although the player could have been destined for The County Ground after some previous transfer interest from Swindon Town, then managed by Paul Sturrock.

A £30,000 fee was enough to seal the switch to Vale Park and he had scored six goals by the end of the 2006/07 campaign. The 2007/08 season was a better one for the striker as he netted 12 goals, including a penalty against Swindon in a 2-1 win for Vale in October 2007.

Yeovil Town's interest in the player saw a loan move agreed in November, with the switch set to become permanent in the January transfer window.





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PAUL WARNE FRONT LINE

After an injury hit first season for Paul Warne last term, the striker has been a regular in the Yeovil starting line-up this term with 26 league appearances to his name so far this term.

Warne's career began in non-league football with Norfolk club Wroxham, the striker signed for Wigan Athletic in July 1997 for £25,000, where he went on to make 62 appearances and scored five goals, also having a short loan period at Kettering Town. In January 1999 he signed for Rotherham United where he went on to enjoy a highly successful six years, making 256 appearances and scoring 30 goals, also being involved in two promotions. A move to Boundary Park soon followed although after 21 goals in 100 appearances, he was released at the end of the 2006/07 season.

Oldham's loss has been Yeovil's gain as the player has impressed

with his work-rate and versatility, which has seen him play on both flanks and up front for Russell Slade's men.

Warne's 43rd minute strike saw The Glovers take a 2-1 lead over Stockport County last weekend, although Yeovil eventually lost out 4-2 with the 35-year old admitting defeat was hard to take.

"It was a disappointing defeat and going into the game we were hoping for better," he said.

"The game was a bit strange because over recent weeks we had looked fairly tight at the back with clean sheets against Hartlepool and Tranmere. It was a different story last weekend though because we looked like scoring all over the place, but we didn't defend as well as we had done in previous weeks."

The striker notched his third goal of the season against Stockport and still wonders quite how his Yeovil side ended the day as losers.

"From a personal point of view it was pleasing to get us into

the lead, but when we went 3-2 down we were all a little bemused as to how we had lost the advantage.

"If we had picked up the points against Stockport then that would have been a massive bonus."

After today's encounter at The County Ground, The Glovers host Cheltenham Town on Boxing Day before travelling to Millwall two days later. A busy schedule – although the striker now accepts festive life as a professional sportsman.

"That's the joy of Christmas. When everyone else is at home eating their turkey we will be running around in the snow – if we get any."



Shining Light

When Michael Timlin received his fifth yellow of the campaign at Walsall at the start of December, David Byrne knew exactly who he would turn to at left-back for the visit of Carlisle United.

Yet to make his league debut and very much on the first team fringes for the majority of the campaign, Town supporters may have been forgiven for not knowing too much about the latest addition to the first team production line.

The Robins have a good reputation in recent years for 'bringing on the kids'. Lukas Jutkiewicz and Ben Tozer have now moved onto the top-flight stage whilst Sean Morrison has shown much tremendous promise this term.

Step forward Callum Kennedy. After playing 90 minutes against Brentford in last season's Johnstone's Paint Trophy win under Paul Sturrock, the 19-year old saw his first team chances restricted with the likes of Jamie Vincent and Andy Nicholas ahead of him in the pecking order. However, with Vincent still on the injured list and Timlin suspended, Kennedy's chance arrived

with the youngster delighted to grab the opportunity with both hands.

"Making my league debut was just a fantastic feeling,"

"Making my league debut against Carlisle United was just a fantastic feeling."

he exclaimed. "I was a little nervous before the game but the excitement carried me through. As soon as I crossed the white line and the match got started then it was fine.

"There is not a lot of time to think once the game gets under way. I did feel comfortable though and knew exactly what was expected of me. Playing for the reserves this season and last helped me a lot."

With Town lining up for the first half attacking the Stratton Bank end of the stadium, Kennedy was also able to receive advice from the sidelines during the opening forty-five minutes.

"That was a factor," he said. "Being close to the bench in the first half meant they could

pass on instructions but to be honest I didn't have to take too much on board with the way the game was going. The rest of the players helped me out as well.

"In the first half the nerves were setting in and it is about making the first pass and seeing how the game progresses. The second half in any game is always more open but I did feel a bit more comfortable in the latter stages.

"The most pleasing moment was probably the cross I put in for Lee Peacock. He got in a good header which hit the bar and that was a good feeling, knowing that I had made a positive contribution and I felt I linked up well with the rest of the team.



"When I came off we had kept a clean sheet so I don't think I did too badly, but not being able to hold onto the three points was a disappointment for everyone."

Kennedy kept his place for the trip to Crewe Alexandra last weekend and completed ninety minutes as ten-man Town were left to return from The Alexandra Stadium without a share of the spoils. The next test is today's visit of Yeovil Town and if selected the defender will give it his all.

"I am really looking forward to it. All I can do is train hard and hope that I keep my place in the team.

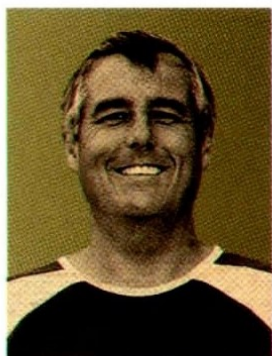
"Saturday at Crewe was extremely disappointing and I know the lads are all looking forward to getting out there on Saturday and putting things right."

Kennedy



"When I came off we had kept a clean sheet so I don't think I did too badly, but not being able to hold onto the three points was a disappointment for everyone."





A classic encounter

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“Ricky Shakes cut out a wayward pass from Paul Terry and his ball to Colin Heath, on loan from Manchester United, resulted in the midfielder shooting home powerfully to give us a two-goal cushion.”

Pictured below: 1, On Target Rory Fallon. **2,** Tom Heaton, on loan from Manchester United. **3,** Gary Johnson at the helm for Yeovil.

Final Score: Swindon Town 4 Yeovil Town 2

**27th August 2005,
League One.**

We first played Yeovil Casuals in the FA Cup in consecutive Novembers at the beginning of the 1900's. With one match at home and the other away, we won both 4-0, but in 2005 came the first ever League encounter between the two West Country clubs.

And the way Gary Johnson's side started, they gave every impression that they were ready to make up for lost time and overturn those defeats of a hundred years earlier.

The game was just 25 seconds old when Pablo Bastianini collected a Nathan Jones cross, and despite the attention of Sean O'Hanlon steered the ball past loan keeper Tom Heaton in the Swindon goal.

The travelling supporters were almost even happier when manager's son Lee Johnson drove wide, but at the other end Jamie Cureton fired a Rory Fallon knock down over the bar.

With 20 minutes to the interval Terry Skiverton made the first of his two contributions to the match, when he diverted a Gareth Whalley cross into his own net to level the scores, and

despite a couple of chances for Luciano Alvarez and one each for Jones and Bastianini, the half time whistle blew with the sides all square, but Yeovil apparently in the ascendancy.

It's a well-worn saying that two halves are rarely the same. Within five minutes of the restart, Cureton and Jack Smith combined and Smith smacked a shot against the bar. Reacting first, Rory Fallon turned the ball into Chris Weale's net to give us the lead.

Four minutes later, Weale held another Fallon shot at the second attempt and the game was now being played predominantly in the Yeovil half of the pitch. On 66 minutes Ricky Shakes cut out a wayward pass from Paul Terry and his ball to Colin Heath, on loan from Manchester United, resulted in the midfielder shooting home powerfully to give us a two-goal cushion.

Then with 16 minutes of the game to run, another ManU man stamped his own mark. Jones was brought down by substitute Andy Gurney and referee Peter Walton pointed to the penalty spot.

Johnson stepped up to face Old Trafford loanee Tom Heaton,

who parried his spot kick to his left and keep Swindon's two-goal lead intact.

With four minutes left there was still time for a dramatic finale.

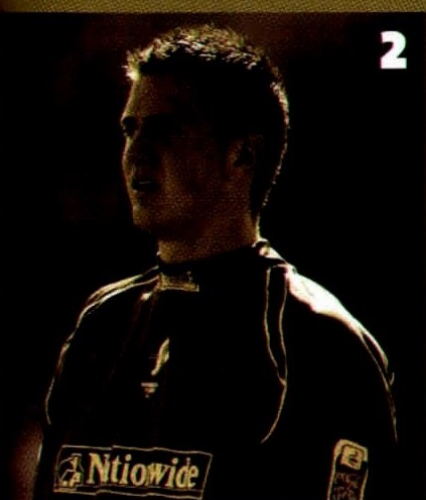
First Yeovil were reduced to ten men when Efe Sodje was dismissed after tangling with Fallon, then Skiverton attempted to redeem himself for his earlier own goal by heading home a Jones corner to bring the scoring to 3-2.

Still the action wasn't over. In the last minute a long Heaton ball was flicked on by Fallon, and Christian Roberts completed the scoring by beating Weale at the second attempt.

For us, only Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil and Michael Pook from the 16 players named. But then again, we've changed chairman once, divisions twice and managers five times during the same three-year spell. Perhaps change was inevitable.

Kevin Amankwaah played the match for Yeovil, while Rory Fallon had already had a spell on loan at Huish Park the previous February.

We went down at the end of the season, leaving Yeovil as the senior club of the two for the first time ever.







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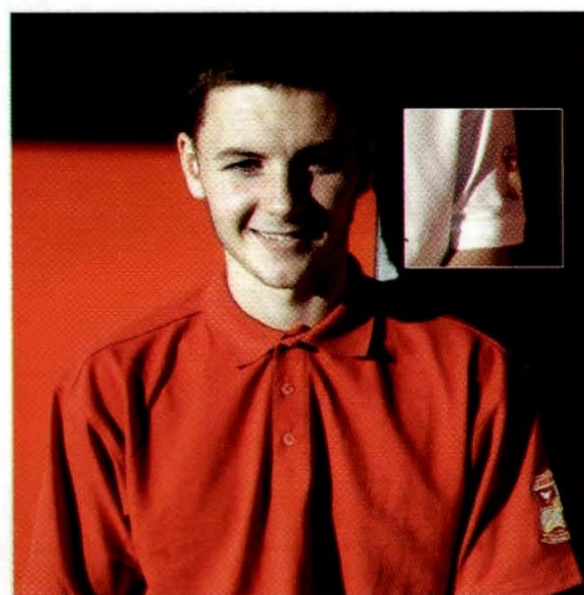
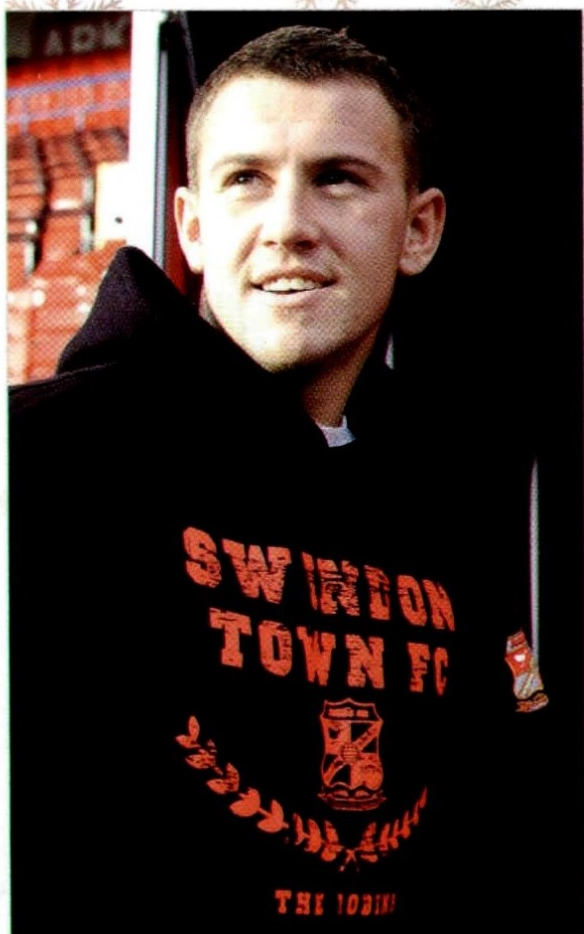
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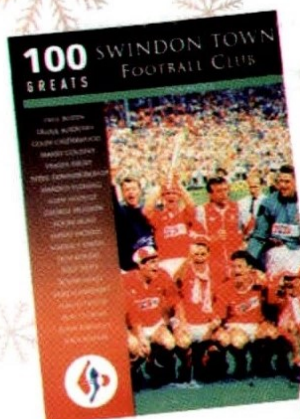
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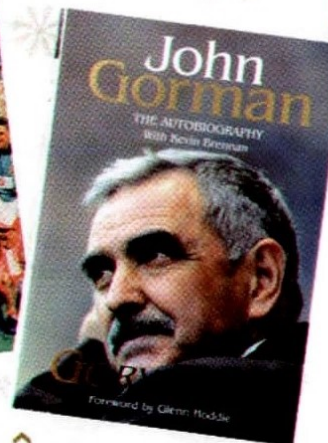
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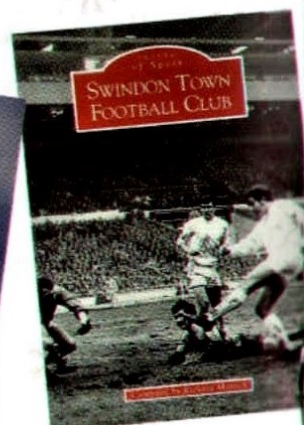
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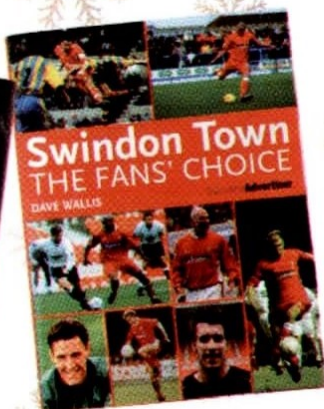
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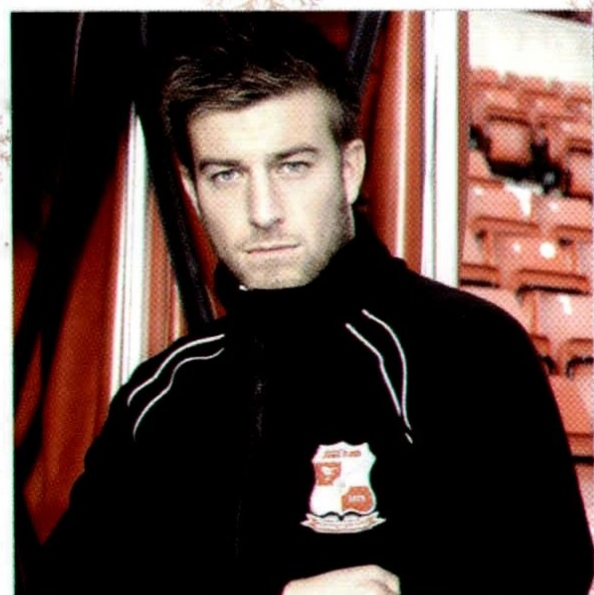
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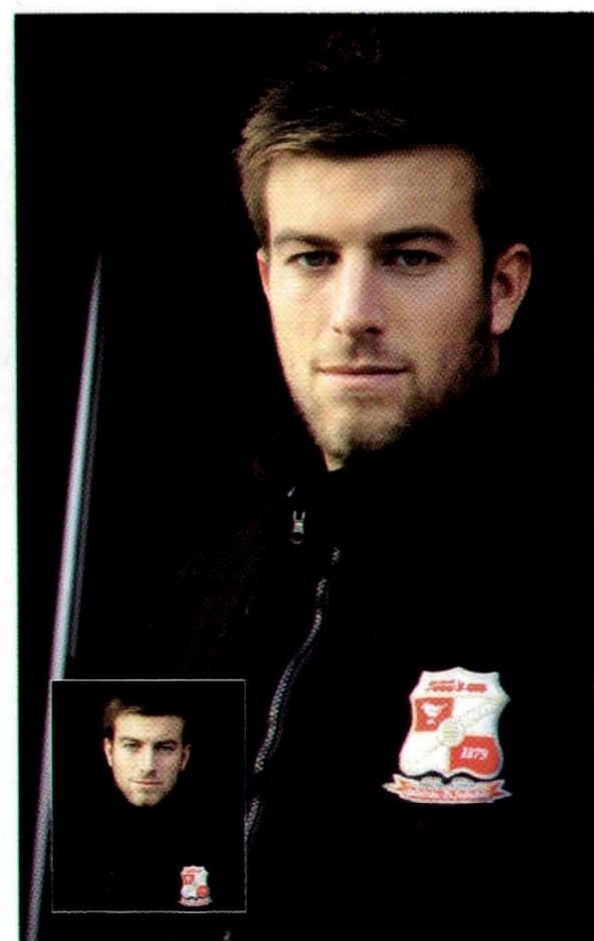


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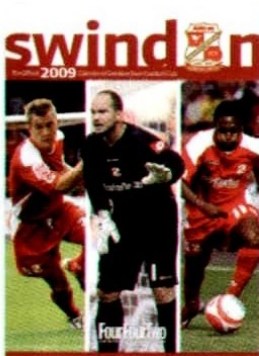
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Billy Paynter was sent off for the second time in as consecutive seasons at The Alexandra Stadium as Town slumped to a disappointing defeat at bottom of the table Crewe Alexandra.

The hosts, on just nine points before

the start of the game, battled all game and were put into the lead on the stroke of half-time with Shaun Miller firing home from close range after Joel Grant had been denied by Smith.

Paynter then saw red for violent

conduct after clashing with Alex Captain Michael O'Connor in the midfield. The striker reacted angrily to an off the ball incident which went unpunished by the referee, with the Town front man seeking his own retribution.



KEY MOMENTS

6 MIN



A low cross from Anthony McNamee finds Billy Paynter who sees his effort find the side netting from 7 yards out.

45 MIN



A fine move from the home side sees a low shot from Joel Grant parried by Phil Smith with Shaun Miller sweeping the loose ball home.

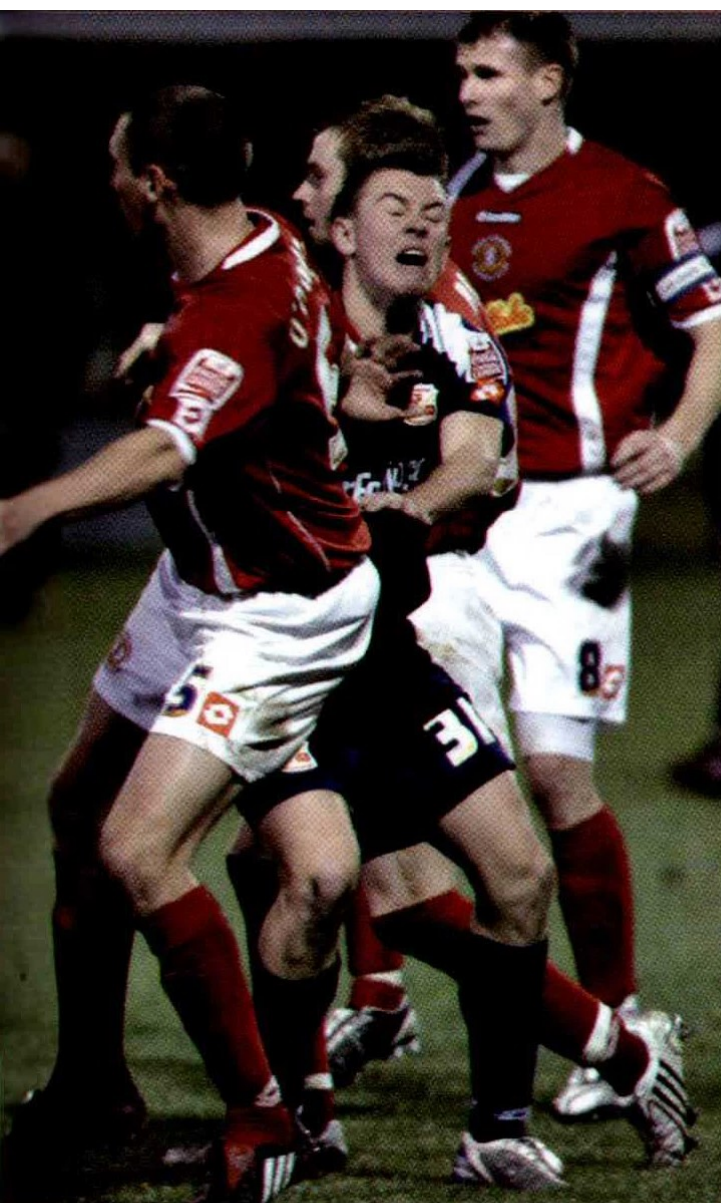
46 MIN



Town make a change with Craig Easton replacing Lee Peacock in the heart of the midfield alongside Michael Pook.

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Swindon Town: Phil Smith, Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil, Hasney Aljofree (Capt), Callum Kennedy, Jon-Paul McGovern (Sturrock '71), Michael Pook, Lee Peacock (Easton '46), Anthony McNamee (Sturrock '71), Simon Cox, Billy Paynter.

Substitutes not used: Peter Brezovan, Sean Morrison.

66 MIN



The Referee issues a straight red card to Paynter who reacted following an off the ball challenge from Michael O'Connor.

71 MIN



Byrne makes a double switch with Anthony McNamee and Jon-Paul McGovern withdrawn with Michael Timlin and Blair Sturrock coming on.

81 MIN



Phil Smith does well to deny Miller a second, with the striker seeing his shot gathered by the Town keeper at the second attempt.

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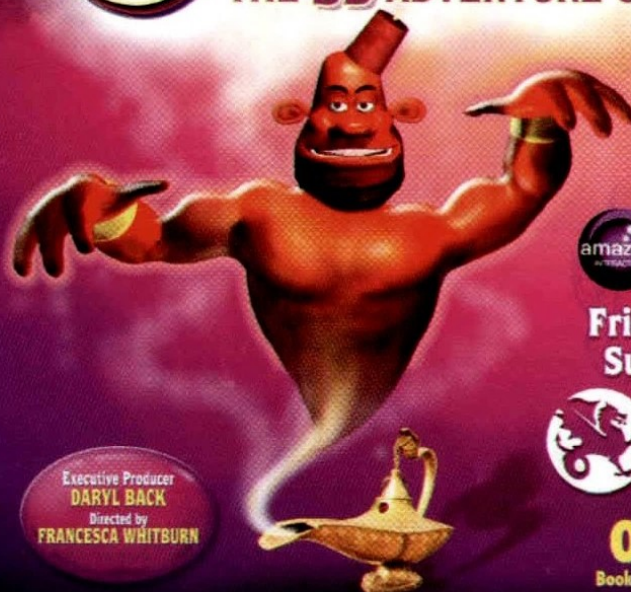
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JUNIOR ROBINS

Hello everyone and welcome to the Junior Glovers who have made the journey to be here from the South-West today.

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Any queries please contact Sharon on 0777 6207 655 / 01793 527 470 or email shazfranklin@aol.com



I would like to say a big thank you to Jake Eyles who was the Swindon Town mascot at Crewe Alexandra last weekend.

Jake and his family travel to all the Swindon games, so it was a great opportunity for Jake to meet the team ahead of the match and meet the players.

JR'S TRAINING SESSION

I stated in the last programme that we will be holding a training session for the Junior Robins ahead of today's game. This will now be held on Sunday 28th December ahead of the

Brighton & Hove Albion game. I think after eating all the turkey and Christmas pudding a bit of fun and games in the training session will be much needed! This will be with the Football in the Community team on The County Ground extension, starting at 11am. It won't be too serious, so don't worry if you are not the next Jerel Ifil, or Lee Peacock! If you are interested, please contact me on the usual contact details.

JR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are holding the Junior Robins Christmas Party on Monday evening starting at 6.30pm in the Legends Lounge. This should be a brilliant party. We will have a dancing competition, party food and a raffle. We will have the likes of Billy Paynter, Lee Peacock and Lilian Nalis there so it should be a really good evening.

This party is free to Junior Robins, and £2 for accompanying friends. Please



contact me as soon as possible if you would like to come along and join the fun.

AWAY MASCOT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are travelling to an away game and would like to be the Swindon Town matchday mascot for that game please contact me for more information. This is for games that I am not taking a Junior Robins coach to.

NEW MEMBERS

We have had some new members joining in the last couple of weeks which is brilliant, so thank you and welcome. It would be fantastic to have even more

Junior Robins though as we have so many great things to offer. So come along to the Junior Robins clubroom on a matchday, or call me on the numbers below to find out how to join us.

JR'S ROOM

The Junior Robins clubroom is in the Arkell's Stand, in the Lifestyle Centre, towards the Stratton Bank end. Please come in and say hello, we have sweets, tea, coffee and squash. We will be getting more equipment as time goes by, but if you have any good suggestions of what you would like to see, or do in your Junior Robin clubroom please let me know. It's got off to a great start, but we still want to improve on what we have.

Any queries please let me know.

Many thanks and have a very Merry Christmas!

Sharon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday today to Oliver Shore and Happy Birthday over the next few days to Danny Jackson, Thomas Denmead and Joseph Presswell.

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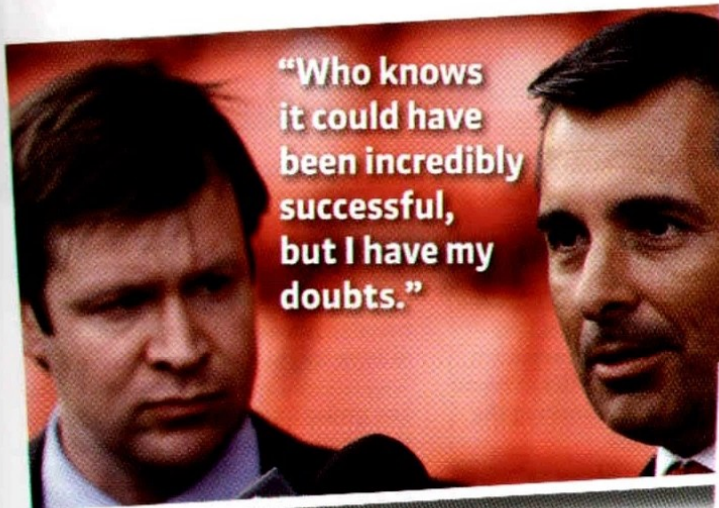
Words: Ed Hadwin

Swindon's home game with Yeovil last season was memorable for all the wrong reasons.

The 1-0 defeat was bad enough, but it was what was happening off the field that really worried me.

The game was played on Sunday afternoon in front of

it now it does make me wonder what might have been. Who knows it could have been incredibly successful, but I have my doubts. Considering the mess the club was in off the field just fifteen months ago, you can see just how much progress has been made since then behind the scenes. Now all we need is something similar on the field!



"Who knows it could have been incredibly successful, but I have my doubts."

the Sky cameras, and came at the height of the Jim Little/Portuguese consortium takeover. They had given BBC Radio Swindon an exclusive interview on the Saturday night, outlining their plans for the club which included former Benfica General Manager Jose Veiga becoming the club's new Chief Executive.

As we know that deal didn't work out, but thinking about

In my job, a lot of gossip is passed on when I meet up with colleagues from other BBC radio stations covering the opposition. Whether it's about the game we're about to watch or just interesting things that have been happening on our travels, it's usually good for a few funny stories. Yeovil, and in particular a couple of

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their fans, came up in one of my recent chats.

My colleagues in question had been to Huish Park recently and told me about a couple of fans who'd given them a real ear bashing at half-time. Apparently the commentators had been too loud in the first half and were told, in no uncertain term, to keep it down in the second half! I doubt it helped that Yeovil were losing at the time, but it is one of those occupational hazards of being a radio reporter at a football match.

We're just trying to do our jobs, but I have a lot of sympathy with fans at some grounds. Some places we go to, we're effectively sat right next to

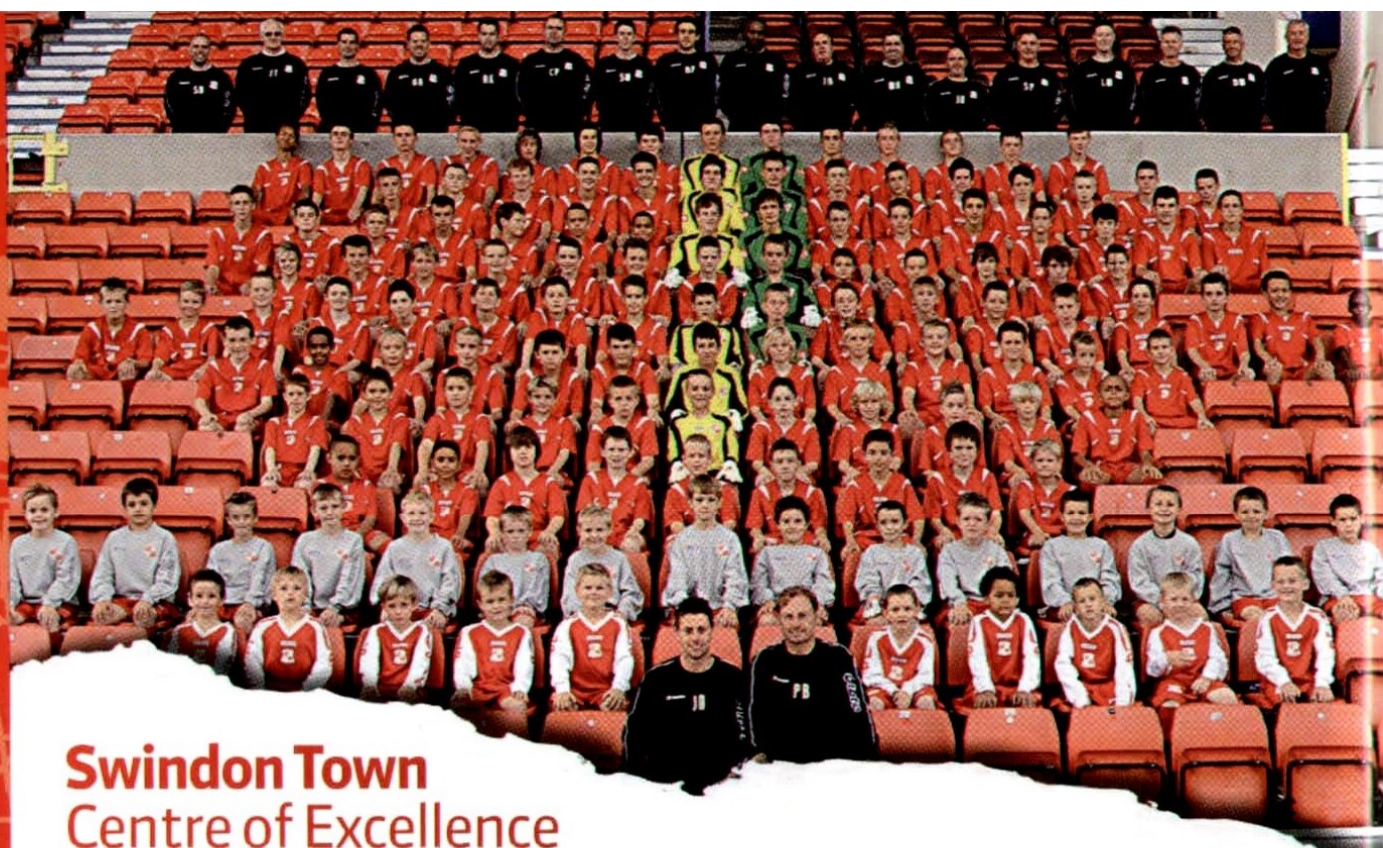
people who've probably paid lots of money for a season ticket to see their team. The thought of having to listen to different commentators (particularly the opposition ones) prattle on for a whole season while you're trying to enjoy the football, well let's just say I can understand where they're coming from.

Sometimes it does help though. I was commenting on a game at Chesterfield a few seasons ago, Swindon had just conceded a goal and I was bemoaning that when the Chesterfield fan sat next to me on the other side of a very small wooden partition, reached over and tapped me on the shoulder. "It's not a goal duck, the linesman's got his flag up".





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Swindon Town Centre of Excellence

The Centre of Excellence is now approaching the Christmas break with two games to report on which came against Exeter City and Bristol Rovers.

The Under 9's, 10's, 14's and 15's were at the training ground while the 11's, 12's and 13's made the long trip down to the South-West on the Sunday. The 9's lost while the 10's maintained their impressive record with 4-1 victory. The 14's were again in good form winning 3-1, whilst the 15's drew again. The 11's won 1-0 thanks to new signing Jake Evans, the 12's lost and the 13's won 3-0.

Last weekend saw the 9's, 10's, 14's and 15's at home against Bristol Rovers. The 11's, 12's and 13's made the short trip a few junctions along the M4. The 9's unfortunately lost again, while the 10's had a great game drawing 4-4, but had chances to win the game. The 14's won 2-1, while the 15's lost 5-1 and I am sure John Trollope will be working them hard during the week.

The 11's lost 4-1, the 12's lost 3-1, while the 13's won 3-1. Last weekend saw our entire programme washed and frozen out against Plymouth Argyle. This week we will play AFC Bournemouth, with the 9's, 10's, 14's and 15's at home and the 11's, 12's and 13's making the trip to the South Coast.

For the last couple of weeks I have spent time with all of our players from U7's right through to our U16's, so in total have conducted 140 player reviews. The reviews are a measure of the first half of the season and to give the players feedback on where they can improve for the second half of the campaign. This process is done with feedback from the coaches as well as taking information from the player development books. These books are important tools because they have reports, attendance records and a complete list of games played.

It is an important time for all players here at the Centre of Excellence. They

have to try and take the key points from the reviews and try and improve for their next review in April when a decision is made whether to retain or release.

The Under 8's will be looking to earn their first contract, whilst the Under 12's will be trying to earn a two-year or a four-year contract. This week has seen the final reviews for our Under 16's. Unfortunately there were seven players released from the squad with the remaining players told what they need to improve to obtain a two-year youth contract.

It is never a nice job to have to tell players that they are not good enough to be kept on and that their football education lies away from The County Ground. Some of these players have been here since eight years old but we have to be honest with them.

As a club we will ensure that we help those released players to try and find

new clubs. I have already faxed their details to all League One and Two sides and I have also informed the players of assessment trials being held in February to gain trials at other clubs. We will always try to help players in anything we can do, as we want them to continue their football at some level, which we will always support. This will give all the other age groups a chance to play a year up, with a shift of players from Under 12 through to Under 15 level making the step up. This gives them a chance to enhance their development by playing a year up against better players. When next season comes around then they will have already had experience of playing at that age-group.

The U16's will now consist of U15's playing in addition to several trialists that we have coming in. We have two players joining on trial from Aston Villa, one from Plymouth Argyle and one from Oxford for the games today against AFC Bournemouth. I have already offered a two-year youth contract to a player from Leicester City and we are always looking to strengthen the youth team.

From now until the end of the season we will be busy assessing every player in the system as well as recruiting new blood for next season's youth team. In terms of games, the Centre of Excellence is now closed for the Christmas period and training will start up again on Monday 5th January 2009.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Centre of Excellence Coaching, Medical, and Scouting staff for all their hard work and continued support during the first half of the season. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director



DECLAN'S STORY

Declan was born on the 24th December 1999 in Swindon and was born with Talipes which affected his right foot.

Two days after Declan's birth, his parents were asked to attend the Princess Margaret Hospital with him to start treatment and the process of straightening his foot which was bent inwards at a ninety degree angle. The foot was held in position and a cast was added to the foot in a better angle. The process was repeated every week for many months until the foot pointed in a near normal position. At the age of 9 months, Dec went into surgery to stretch his Achilles tendon to give him better movement while learning to walk.

Two years ago Declan was asked to join in training for Greenmeadow Youth Under 7's and

he impressed as goalkeeper. On many occasions his parents were asked if Declan would be interested in going for trials with Premiership clubs but Declan declined the offers to join Swindon's youth set-up.

On 22nd June he went into surgery for an operation to straighten his leg once and for all. After seven weeks and fourteen weeks of learning to walk again, Declan is now ready for action with Swindon Town Under 9's.

Declan's parents have asked to say massive thank you to all at Swindon Town for his card from the players and the letter he received from his favourite player Lee Peacock. Also thanks to the Great Western Hospital, especially Katherine, Mr Williamson and Kate Cady who has worked with Dec through his rehabilitation.



Jack Winter

The Under 18's are in for today's game against Yeovil Town before they head off for a well-deserved Christmas break.

The Under 18's haven't had a game since the last weekend of November and the next game they will play will not come around until Saturday 10th January.

With such a long break it is important that the high fitness levels are maintained. The boys have been working very hard through out the past week and just because they are finishing for Christmas, doesn't mean that the training schedule changes. The boys will probably be working harder over the next

few weeks, fitness wise, because there are no games to play.

Jack Winter is the only injured player at the moment after he sustained a dislocated shoulder in the FA Youth Cup tie against Crystal Palace. He is progressing well and I am sure the rehabilitation work he is doing will see him right for a return in the New Year.

The Under 18's will break up for Christmas this Saturday and won't return until Monday 3rd January when they will be back at College. Some members of the squad do live some distance away so it will be good for them to return home and spend time with their families. The locally-based players will be expected to come in throughout the Christmas period and continue with their jobs, such as cleaning boots for the first team squad and changing room duties.

The lads have really worked hard during the first half of the season. The youth lads have four elements to complete in their programme. These are a College BTEC, a coaching certificate, an NVQ and Key Skills. The second years have nearly completing

their college work and have completed their NVQ work, which is fantastic and another part of the apprenticeship completed.

Over the past few weeks the entire group have completed their Child Protection Workshop and first Aid Certificate. This needs to be completed in order to complete the Level 2 Coaching qualification. All this is part and parcel of being a youth player here at Swindon with hard work required throughout.

The second years have a few very important months coming up after Christmas. They only have four months to continue working towards their first professional contract at Swindon Town Football Club. They have all been working hard from day one, but the players must step up to another level after Christmas and make the step up to reserve team football on a regular basis.

Paul and I would like to say thank you for coming to support the lads during the FA Youth Cup run - the boys really appreciated it.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and pleasant New Year.

Jeremy Newton / Paul Bodin



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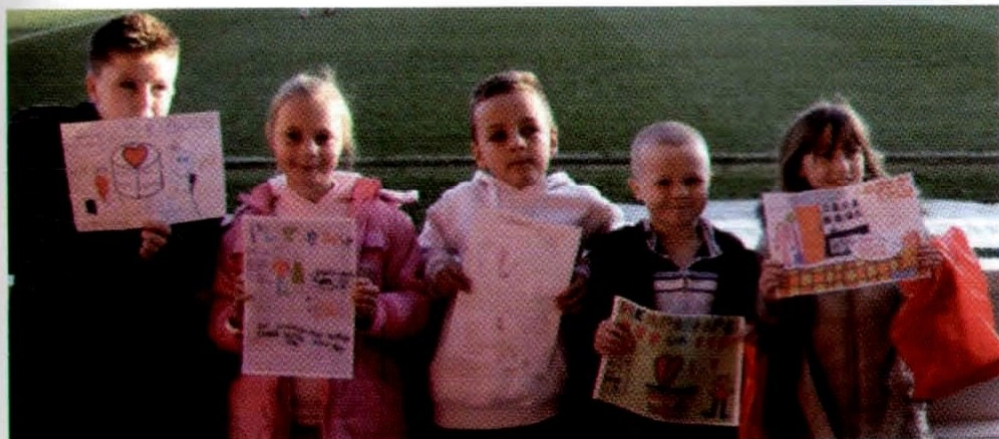
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Heartstart UK is an initiative co-coordinated by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to teach people what to do in a life threatening emergency; simple skills that save lives

What you do in the first minutes of an emergency can make all the difference increasing a person's chance for survival. Children are often present at an emergency and a properly trained child can save lives as effectively as an adult.

The Swindon Heartstart UK Schools Programme, coordinated by the Great Western Hospital Resuscitation Team, is completely free and a fantastic opportunity to provide teachers with all the learning materials and skills to teach simple Emergency Life Support skills within schools.

Prizes Donated by Swindon Town Football Club

STFC are passionate about supporting the scheme and have provided the prizes for a poster competition that we offered to

children in our affiliated schools.

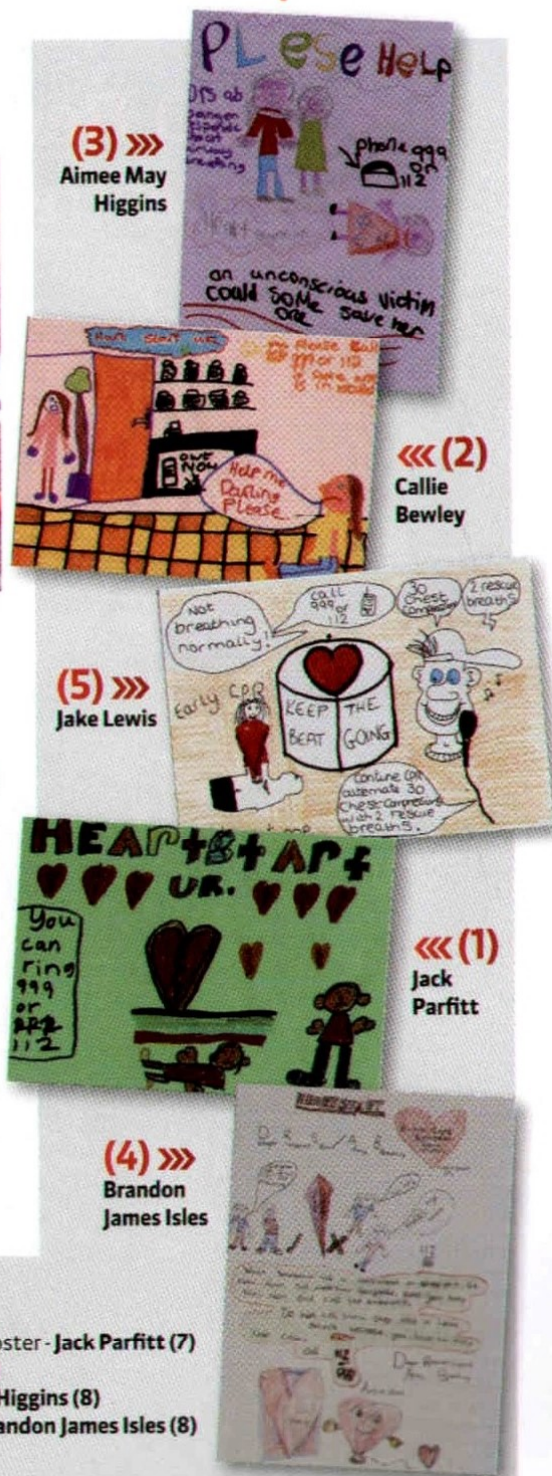
Well done to all entries from St Lukes Secondary School and Penhill Primary School. The entries were judged by Jon Taylor & Julie Habgood from GWH; Helen Murdoch from BHF; Dick Mackay and Dave Byrne from STFC.

There are presently 24 schools on the programme in Swindon but we want to reach out to all schools in the area. For more details please contact Julie Habgood who is the Swindon Heartstart Schools ELS co-coordinator on 07814 021061 or send an e-mail julie.habgood@tiscali.co.uk

Julie is also fundraising to give something back to the BHF by doing the Great Wall of China challenge walk next year, so if any one wishes to donate anything, even the cost of a cup of coffee, please use the donation buckets or go to www.justgiving.com/juliehabgood

The Winners!

1. Swindon Heartstart UK Schools Advertising Poster - **Jack Parfitt (7)**
2. What to do in an Emergency - **Callie Bewley (8)**
3. Caring for an Unconscious victim - **Aimee May Higgins (8)**
4. Caring for someone Having a Heart Attack - **Brandon James Isles (8)**
5. Cardiac Arrest - **Jake Lewis (12)**





People are your **biggest asset...**

C&D Recruitment and Wiltshire Police Witness Appeal – Operation DAMP

Wiltshire Police are currently investigating the serious assault of a Swindon man that occurred on Manchester Road on Saturday the 15th of November 2008, shortly after the football match between Swindon Town and Leicester City.

The 33 year old victim was walking on Manchester Road at 5.30pm, when he was set upon by four or five white men in their early twenties. The victim was beaten with a metal bar before his attackers made off toward Swindon Town Centre. The victim is still in hospital due to his injuries.

The area is known to have been quite busy as the football match had only recently ended.

Karen Davison, MD of C&D appeals to you all personally:

“As you left the Leicester City match, did you see the attack or know anybody who may have been around Manchester Road at that time? Please do contact the police and help us make Swindon a safer place, where you can confidently walk with your families”. *Karen.*

If you have any information that you think might assist please contact DC 1449 Gareth Kitchener at Swindon Police on 0845 408 7000 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Thank you.

swindon ladies



officeangels



STFC Ladies Manager Roger Reeves brings supporters a review of the season so far ahead of the second half of the campaign for Town's Ladies players.

FIRST TEAM:

It has been a disappointing first half of the season in the South West Combination League with the team second from bottom on the same points as bottom club Reading Royals. The team is rebuilding after losing several players during the summer. **Verdict:** Must Do Better

SECOND TEAM

Again it has been a disappointing first few months, with the team bottom of the South West Regional League Division One North. Like the first team they are rebuilding and will

look for improvement in the second half of the season. **Verdict:** Improvement required

UNDER SIXTEEN TEAM

It has been a good start with the side currently hold second place in their division, playing in the Bristol and Gloucestershire League.

Verdict: Keep up the good work!

UNDER THIRTEEN TEAM

The Under 13's play in the Wiltshire County League and have lost just one game so far this season. Currently in the runner's up spot.

Verdict: A great start, keep it going!

UNDER ELEVEN TEAM

The team are competing in the Oxford Girls League and are in a comfortable mid-table position. **Verdict:** Keep on improving.

UNDER TEN TEAM

The team also play in the Oxford Girls League and have managed to get into a mid-table position.

Verdict: A lot of promise!





Saturday Team Club Welcome

We would like to say a big hello to our Saturday Team Club groups.

This week we have Paul Surridge from Stratton Juniors Under 9's, Paul Harvey with Biddestone Youth FC Under 12's and Alison Smith with her group from Robins FC Under 12's. We would also like to welcome Haydon Wick and Peatmoor Primary School who are also spending the day with us.



Football in the Community team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their part-time staff, schools, leisure centres, partners and everyone else involved in grassroots football in Swindon and Wiltshire for all their support over the past 12 months.

Disability Football

If you were at the Carlisle United game at the beginning of this month you will have seen a couple of half-time presentations.

Both of these were through our



disability strategy. The first was the cheque presentation from Bank of New York Mellon to Swindon Rockets Powerchair Football Club. The bank kindly donated £4,000 to the club which will allow them to purchase a specialised powerchair for the team. This fantastic donation, through the Bank of New York Mellon Charity Committee has also been matched pound for pound by Sportsmatch which is great news.

We hope Lee, his two children, Louise, Catherine and Jen all had a good time at the club and enjoyed the hospitality. Swindon Rockets are now in the process of ordering two chairs courtesy of this donation and will hopefully play their first friendly in the New Year.

Soccer Sight

The other presentation was through Soccer Sight which was launched Carlisle United game.

This is a scheme which enhances the matchday experience for visually impaired (VI) STFC supporters.

Soccer Sight have trained several commentators in order for the supporters to be able to follow the game more easily through special headsets which broadcasts the match commentary. The launch also incorporated a day of activities at the club for ten young people with visual impairments.



The 10 youngsters were given a ground tour and coaching session by STFC Football in the Community Disability Officer Adam Greaney before the big kick-off. As a result of this launch Football in the Community have delivered two coaching sessions for VI players at the Link Centre, Swindon and will continue into the New Year with a long-term aim of setting up a STFC VI team.



Main Sponsor



Extra Time Project

The first ten weeks of the Extra Time project came to a close this week with the group participating in water aerobics and water polo at Marlborough College.

Afterwards the group were treated to a Christmas meal upstairs in the Chairman's Suite at The County Ground which was a great way to round off the year.

Football in the Community would take this opportunity to thank James Auty at Marlborough College for assisting us with this week's activity. The sessions will get going again on Tuesday 6th January 2009.



Bronze Award For FITC



Swindon Town have been awarded Bronze status by The Football League Trust for our work in the Community.

The Swindon Town FC Football in the Community Trust will now receive £24k which will be invested into Community activities.

Our staff were recently assessed by the Trust Regional Management team, who found that the club's Community work met the required standard for a Bronze award.

In addition to fulfilling the Trust's Minimum Charter standard, the club's Community staff demonstrated the following:

- A coach to child ratio of 1:16 for all activity
- All activity led by an FA Level 2 qualified coach or above
- Publish a business plan with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Deliver to at least one of the Trust's 4 main themes of health, Education, Social Inclusion/Community Cohesion and Sports Participation
- Establish working partnerships with external agencies eg local authorities
- Working towards charitable status by the end of 2009

Bronze awards have been made to 20 Championship clubs, 19 in League 1 and 17 in League 2. Football League Trust General Manager Dave Edmundson said: "We have been extremely impressed with the standard of community work across the country. "We are sure the investment will benefit the many thousands who participate in Community activities with Football League clubs."



Who's Who and Contacts

Football in the Community Chairman
Football in the Community Scheme Manager
Soccer Centre and Coaches Development Officer
Tiny Tots and Mini Soccer Officer
Twilight and Disability Officer
Junior Development Officers

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Tiny Tots and Mini Soccer
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Course Schedule

Link Centre (Swindon Borough)
Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-6yrs
5.30-6.30 8-11yrs
Thursday: 4.30-5.30 5yrs
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

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

GIRLS SOCCER CENTRES

Devises
Monday: 3.10-4.10 11-14yrs

Stratton
Thursday: 4.00-5.00 5-9yrs





MORE THAN

90

Pictures: Darren Coleman

MINUTES

Club Photographer Darren Coleman went behind the scenes for the recent visit of Carlisle United to get a flavour of life on a matchday. >>>



MATCHDAY ARRIVES: The stadium is prepared for action with the home dugout ready to host the Town management



12.30PM



HOME COMFORTS: The home dressing room is laid out ready for the arrival of the Town squad for the big game.



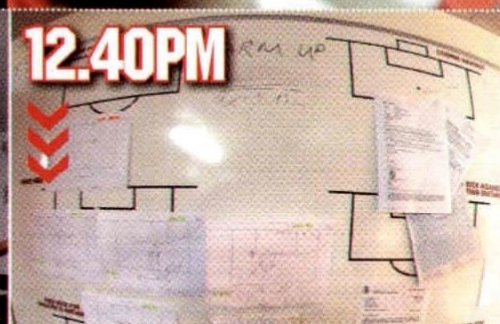
12.35PM



BOTTLED: Powerade drinks are located around the home dressing room to ensure the players are ready for the game.



12.40PM



DOING YOUR HOMEWORK: Tactics and other match information is clearly displayed for the Town players.



KITTED OUT: Kit Manager Roger Jones ensures the players have everything they need, including a matchday programme!



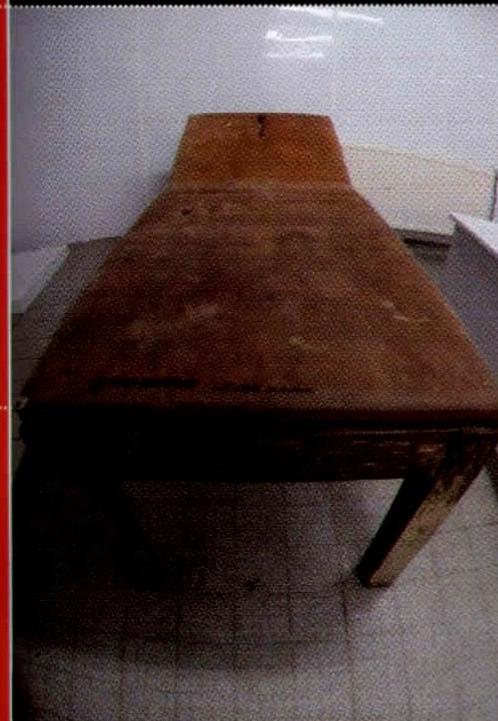
12.45PM



12.55PM



LOUD AND CLEAR: The matchday stewards are given a concise pre-match briefing before supporters arrive at 1pm.



ON THE BENCH: A team of masseurs work with the players before the game, at half-time and after the full-time whistle.



12.50PM



1.00PM

Players Area



GRAND ENTRANCE: The doors that greet both sets of players and management in the depths of The County Ground.

1.30PM



JOURNEYS END: The Carlisle United team coach arrives at the stadium and is escorted through the crowds.

1.55PM



ON PROGRAMME: Sean Morrison, not named in the matchday sixteen, casts an eye over the matchday programme.



WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN: Supporters old and new take advantage of the pre-match kiosk offerings.



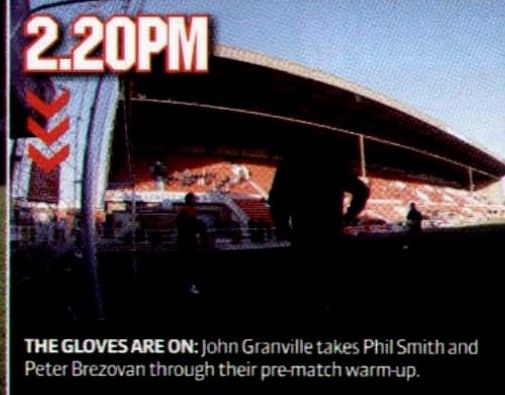
TAKING THE TOUR: Amanda Loftus and Geoff Exton guide matchday hospitality guests with a pre-match ground tour.



1.35PM



2.20PM



THE GLOVES ARE ON: John Granville takes Phil Smith and Peter Brezovan through their pre-match warm-up.

2.30PM



4.46PM

SHINDON TOWN 1
CARLISLE 1

SURPRISE! Junior Robins Co-Ordinator Sharon Franklin is handed a birthday gift by STFC's Adam Wainwright.

3.47PM



HERO'S RETURN: Former number nine Steve Finney is introduced to the crowd at half-time and makes the draw.



POINT TAKEN: Anthony McNamee salutes the home support after the final whistle with 1-1 the final score.

4.49PM



4.50PM



OVER AND OUT: Town supporters head for the exit doors after seeing hopes of three points dashed by a late equaliser.





away travel



Leyton Orient
Friday 26th Dec 2008



£13 Adults | £12 Junior

£1 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground at 8.30am.

All seats must be paid for at time of booking
Please note that credit/debit card payment will now be taken at time of booking.
Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



Millwall
Tuesday 13th Jan 2009

£13 Adults | £12 Junior

£1 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground at 2.30pm.

All seats must be paid for at time of booking
Please note that credit/debit card payment will now be taken at time of booking.
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SAS Travel
2008/09

Opening Times:

Tuesday 7pm-9pm
Thursday 7pm-9pm

The SAS Travel Office, located next to the Football in the Community Office at The County Ground, will be open at all home matches up until 30 minutes before kick-off.



CGFM

MAKE PLENTY OF NOISE FOR THE **SWINDON** BOYS

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our League One fixture with Yeovil Town here at The County Ground.

The start of the festive period and possibly a new era in the history of Swindon Town with a new manager soon to be announced at the time of writing.

Those vital three points have been avoiding us lately so we need to start today with three extra digits to our name at

4.50pm The encouragement and volumes of support from the stands lifts our team and helps the players move onwards and upwards to victory. More than ever the volumes have to peak from 3pm all the way through the game. Make plenty of noise for the lads from kick-off to the final whistle and I am sure it will pay dividends to our points total.

Santa is due in just a few days

and then the transfer window with open a week after his visit. Exciting times are ahead I am sure for you the fans of our club Swindon Town. I would like to take this opportunity from myself and Shaun to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous sporting new year.

If you are in need of ideas for things to do this evening, The Killertones have their first Throwdown gig at the 12 Bar

in Swindon starting at 8pm with special guests Slagerij. The evening of Ska and punk music starts at 8pm so come on down!

Once again Happy Christmas to you all and here's to a great start to the festive period!

Enjoy the game
Stuart and Shaun



YOUR SMS PICS



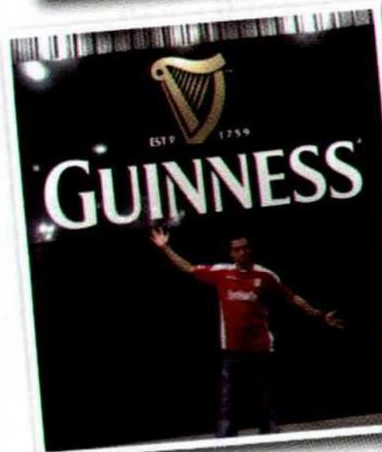
Junior supporters Hannah and her friend Emily are seen here posing with Rockin' Robin at Emily's first football match against Oldham Athletic.

Show your colours and send us your SMS footie and holiday snaps! Please email your pics to chris@swindontownfc.co.uk for your chance to appear here!



Supporters James Lardy and Donna Fern are pictured here during a recent trip to Weymouth beach where they took the chance to pose for some snaps!

show your colours!



Jamie Jenks, who celebrated his 30th birthday on Monday 15th December, is pictured here in the Guinness factory in Dublin.



Town Season Ticket Holder Shaun Ferguson is proudly showing his colours with his children, Brandon and Lauren, on holiday in October in Florida with a certain Mr Duck!

Former Town number nine Steve Finney visited the Legends Lounge before the last home clash with Carlisle United and met some familiar faces!



Young fans Josh (3) and Olivia Adkins (four months) are seen here modelling the Town kit in front of the camera. Josh is a Season Ticket Holder and Olivia's first game was the recent visit of Leicester City.



Lee Peacock and Barry Corr recently met young supporters Nathan Marks and Joshua Strange before a recent home game. Nathan plays for the STFC Under 11's and could become a Town star of the future!





supporters club

Welcome to what can be called a West Country derby against Yeovil Town!

The results from the half-time draw at the Carlisle United match were:

1. To be claimed - sold in Legends Lounge, 818, £367
2. S Lambie of West Hanney, 28, £40
3. T Holmes of Swindon, 1061, £10

There is a nice Christmas bonus still awaiting a fan that purchased their ticket in the Legends Lounge, so please make sure you check your pockets. The tickets around that number were sold quite early on in the day, so if you usually buy tickets there, it could be you!

There will be an on the pitch presentation today in recognition of the level of support that the Supporters Club have given to improving facilities for fans in and around The County Ground during the early part of this season.

One of the areas that we have been involved in funding has been the Legends lounge. I think those fans who frequent the lounge on a matchday will acknowledge the new improved facilities in the lounge which is situated at ground level at the back of the Arkell's Stand.

Don't forget this lounge is accessible to any Town fan on a matchday. You only have to show your match ticket or Season Ticket - there is

no entry fee or membership required. The only restriction is in terms of numbers, so why not come along early and enjoy a pre-match meal and pint whilst watching any broadcast early kick-off on the giant screens.

I am writing these notes ahead of any potential managerial appointment so events may have moved forward by the time you read these notes but as the year comes to an end, with just one more home match before the strains of Auld Lang Syne rings out I hope it's not too early to wish everyone here today a Happy New Year.

Our end of year newsletter includes a free competition exclusively for our members, to win one of four, matchday mascot packages plus some consolation prizes, so watch out for its arrival. Winning will provide some young fans with an unforgettable additional Christmas present worth several hundred pounds - no catches, just answer the question and submit your answer in line with the instructions in the newsletter. I look forward to contacting the lucky winners.

So that's it, I hope you have got your Christmas shopping out of the way and can settle down and enjoy this afternoon's match, with hopefully a win for the Town. Happy Christmas to everyone I'll see you back here in just over a week's time for Brighton on Sunday 28th December!

Roger.

Max Johnson

Max Johnson is 16-years old and attends King Alfreds Sports College and also plays for Wantage Town youth.

Location: Stanford in the Vale

Favourite goal: Rory Fallon v Bristol City

Favourite town player: Jerel Ifil.

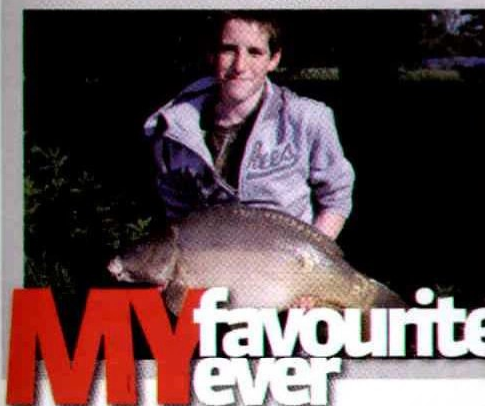
Favourite game: 2-0 down came back to win 3-2 vs Sheffield Wednesday in 2004/05

Predicted score: 1-1

£'s for points

2008/2009 Participants	£
Jeremy Wray	5
Kevin Legg	5
Sandy & Peter Gray	5
Mike McQueen	3
Peter Cuss	2.5
Andy Whitaker	2
Honor Fraser	2
David Barry	2
Maurice Heritage	2
Robert Stephenson	1.5
Maureen & Chris Kirkland	1
Iris Higgs	1
Paul Bartlett	1
Simon Bayliss	1
David Toddington	1
David Johnson	1
Mike Dew	1
Max Johnson	1
Bill Dolman	1
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	1
Jerry Walsh	1
Joan Griffiths	1
Eileen & Paul Bailey	1
Paul Spearman	1
Fred Nash	1
Mike & Olive Spearman	1
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	1
Toni Cox	1
Kim Young	1
Wendy & Jim Murray	1
Trust STFC	1
Frank Bunce	1
The Fox Denchworth	1
Lloyd and Fiona Russell	1
George and William Woodley	1
Rose and Mike Jones	1
Shirley Hollister	0.5
Ruby & Trevor Wainwright	0.5
Pete Toddington	0.5
Bradley Carter	0.5
Anna Tomkins	0.5
Dennise Webb	0.5
Ken Bunce	0.5
Andrew Hounsell	0.5
LJ & C.A Cannings	0.5
Karen Bedwell	0.5
Eve Hutchins	0.5
Pauline Cox	0.5
Geoff Cherrill	0.5
Gary Webb	0.5
Bookpoint	0.5
Peter New	0.5
Anonymous contributors	3.5

TOTAL £ 1318:00



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THE DON

Today will also be my first game 'back from injury' after a hip replacement operation.

The surgery was a success and I can almost throw my stick away now.

The recovery has gone well and I was due to see the surgeon on Thursday for a final check-up.

I will be attending the game with my team, Shaw Under 11's and there will be thirty-two of us coming along. Fans of the Future are key to any football club and I am bringing our young players along as a Christmas treat. The children really enjoy coming along to see the first team in action and it is a good experience for them to see 'live' professional football.

Yeovil Town will be a tough nut to crack but I am confident that we can get the all-important three points, especially if we have a new manager in place. The first few games under a new boss usually result in a few wins so hopefully that will be the case here. A new manager will always lift the spirits of any football club with the players and fans responding to the appointment. It's a fact of life. With a bit of added motivation I am sure we will come out of the Christmas period with a few wins on the table.

As a player I remember playing away fixtures nearly every Boxing Day. Christmas Day

was usually spent at home with my family, having lunch before meeting up with the team to travel to wherever the away game was. Out of ten Christmases I probably spent seven or eight staying over night at a hotel before the Boxing Day game. I remember going to Torquay once and there was only about eighteen of us in the hotel. Nowadays hotels are a popular destination for families wishing to spend Christmas away from home, but back then hotels were desolate on Christmas Day night.

Christmas is a busy period for anyone associated with football whether as a player or a supporter. As a fan the games come thick and fast; which is a great excuse to get out around the festive period with important league games to watch. The games are usually well-attended over the Christmas period, although today's fixture may be a little down with some people still finishing off their shopping.

Thankfully my Christmas shopping is complete so I can sit back and enjoy today's game.

Merry Christmas and here's to three points today.

Enjoy the game.
Don



"A new manager will always lift the spirits of any football club with the players and fans responding to the appointment."



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CALL - 0871 223 2300

Have your credit or debit card details at the ready.

FAX - 0844 967 1008

Please state clearly the game(s) you wish to buy tickets for, the number of tickets you want, what type of ticket (Adult, OAP, Student or Junior) the value and your credit or Debit Card details including your name and address. State if you wish to collect the tickets or have them posted.

EMAIL

brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk
Enquires only.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made by cash or by credit/debit card. All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking.

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	Matchday
Adults	£20.00
OAP/Student	£15.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 7s	Free**
Family (1 adt, 2 Jun)	£35*
Family (2 adt, 2 Jun)	£45*
Wheelchair Disabled	£10.00

TOWN END ****

	Matchday
Adults	£15.00
OAP/Student	£12.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 7s	Free**
Wheelchair Disabled	£10.00

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on 1st August 2008. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will issue tickets in Block 1 of The Don Rogers Stand. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult in all areas.

*Please note no student/family/free U7 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.

up-coming games...



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Leyton Orient

Friday 26th December,
Kick-Off 3.00pm, Brisbane Road

The Boxing Day trip to Leyton Orient will see The Robins look to rise above one of their closest rivals in League One. Town are currently one place below The O's in the division and a victory at The Matchroom Stadium could be vital in the battle for a mid-table position.

Matchday Prices

Adult	£20
OAP/Student	£13 (Student card required)
Junior U16	£13
Wheelchair	Free (Phone 0871 310 1883 to book)

All pay on the day with the exception of wheelchair users.



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Millwall

Tuesday 13th January,
Kick-Off 7.45pm, The New Den

Town's journey to The New Den has been put back ten days with the game now not taking place until Tuesday 13th January 2009. Goals from Simon Cox and Jerel Ifil ensured it was a victorious visit last season with Swindon fans hoping for another fruitful trip this time around.

Matchday Prices

Adult	£20
OAP (O65)	£13
Jnr. U16	£11
Jnr. U12	£8
Wheelchair	£20 (Helper free)

Tickets are now on sale.



League One Table 14.12.08

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Leicester	20	13	5	2	36	17	44	+19
Millwall	20	13	3	4	32	24	42	+8
MK Dons	20	13	1	6	41	21	40	+20
Peterborough	20	10	7	3	38	23	37	+15
Scunthorpe	20	11	4	5	39	28	37	+11
Oldham	20	10	6	4	37	25	36	+12
Stockport	20	9	7	4	30	19	34	+11
Leeds	20	10	2	8	34	26	32	+8
Tranmere	20	9	3	8	28	26	30	+2
Huddersfield	20	8	5	7	28	31	29	-3
Walsall	20	8	3	9	31	32	27	-1
Southend	20	7	6	7	28	32	27	-4
Hartlepool	20	7	5	8	30	31	26	-1
Bristol R	20	6	7	7	38	33	25	+5
Northampton	20	6	7	7	30	29	25	+1
Colchester	20	7	3	10	32	35	24	-3
Carlisle	20	6	3	11	26	35	21	-9
Leyton Orient	20	5	6	9	16	25	21	-9
Swindon	20	4	8	8	30	36	20	-6
Brighton	20	4	8	8	24	31	20	-7
Yeovil	20	4	7	9	17	29	19	-12
Cheltenham	20	5	3	12	22	42	18	-20
Hereford	20	4	4	12	14	30	16	-16
Crewe	20	3	3	14	22	43	12	-21

STFC Player Appearances 2008/2009

	League			Cup			TOTAL		
	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS
1 Phil Smith	-	-	13	-	-	3	-	-	16
2 Jack Smith	2	3/0	20	-	-	5	2	3/0	25
3 Jamie Vincent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Micheal Timlin	-	4/0	16(2)	-	1/0	5	-	5/0	21(2)
5 Jerel Ifi	1	3/0	9	1	-	2	2	3/0	11
6 Hasney Aljofree (c)	-	4/0	16(1)	-	-	2	-	4/0	18(1)
8 Craig Easton	2	1/0	8(5)	-	-	3(1)	2	1/0	11(6)
9 Barry Corr	1	1/0	1(7)	-	-	1(2)	1	1/0	2(9)
10 Jon-Paul McGovern	1	-	14(1)	-	-	4	1	-	18(1)
11 Anthony McNamee	-	-	15(4)	-	-	3(1)	-	-	18(5)
12 Peter Brezovan	-	-	7	-	-	2(1)	-	-	9(1)
13 Mark Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Patrick Kanyuka	1	2/0	5	-	-	3	1	2/0	8
15 Kevin Amankwaah	-	1/0	6(2)	-	-	2	-	1/0	8(2)
16 Yinka Casal	-	1/0	4(1)	-	-	1	-	1/0	5(1)
17 Lilian Nalls	-	3/0	12(2)	-	-	2(1)	-	3/0	14(3)
18 Mark Marshall	-	1/0	0(6)	-	-	1(2)	-	1/0	1(8)
19 Michael Pook	-	2/0	10	-	1/0	2	-	3/0	12
20 Billy Paynter	6	0/1	20	1	-	3(2)	7	0/1	23(2)
21 Blair Sturrock	-	-	0(2)	-	-	-	-	-	0(2)
23 Ben Joyce	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 Chris Allen	-	-	-	-	-	0(1)	-	-	0(1)
25 Sean Morrison	1	-	11	-	-	3	1	-	14
30 Callum Kennedy	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
31 Simon Cox	13	4/0	19	3	2/0	5	16	6/0	24
32 Lee Peacock	-	1/0	11(7)	1	-	2(2)	1	1/0	13(9)



statistics

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE	
SAT 09 AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	3.00pm	3-1	7975	538	3	F Graham
TUE 12 AUG	QPR (CCR1)	7.45pm	2-3	7630	1935	✗	R Beeby
Sat 16 Aug	Cheltenham Town	3.00pm	0-2	4975	1675	11	P Crossley
SAT 23 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED	3.00pm	1-3	7031	297	19	C Penton
Sat 30 Aug	MK Dons	3.00pm	2-1	8846	1203	10	S Bennett
TUE 02 SEP	Aldershot (JPT-1) (aet 7-6 on pens)	7.45pm	2-2	1814	385	✓	J Linington
Fri 05 Sep	Hereford United	7.45pm	1-1	4061	761	11	G Salisbury
SAT 13 SEP	LEEDS UNITED	3.00pm	1-3	13001	3320	15	D Deadman
Sat 20 Sep	Stockport County	3.00pm	1-1	5536	374	16	K Hill
SUN 28 SEP	MILLWALL	2.00pm	1-2	7589	746	17	A Penn
Fri 03 Oct	Hartlepool United	7.45pm	3-3	4018	139	18	K Evans
Tue 07 Oct	Hereford United (JPT-2)	7.45pm	1-2	1458	227	✓	S Bratt
SAT 11 OCT	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00pm	1-3	7071	399	19	D Whitestone
Sat 18 Oct	Southend United	3.00pm	1-2	7965	381	20	G Ward
TUE 21 OCT	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	7.45pm	2-1	6653	360	18	A D'Urso
SAT 25 OCT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00pm	2-0	6904	476	15	G Horwood
Sat 01 Nov	Scunthorpe United	3.00pm	3-3	4744	295	17	D Foster
Sat 08 Nov	Histon (FAC1)	3.00pm	0-1	1541	500	✗	S Rushton
Wed 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion (JPT-AQF)	7.45pm	0-2	2234	141	✗	P Crossley
SAT 15 NOV	LEICESTER CITY	3.00pm	2-2	9499	2076	17	C Penton
Sat 22 Nov	Bristol Rovers	3.00pm	2-2	8016	1055	18	K Stroud
TUE 25 NOV	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	7.45pm	2-2	6616	311	18	R East
Sat 29 Nov	Walsall	3.00pm	1-2	3844	626	19	K D Hill
SAT 06 DEC	CARLISLE UNITED	3.00pm	1-1 *	6787	266	19	A Bates
Sat 13 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	3.00pm	0-1	3491	294	19	N Swarbrick
SAT 20 DEC	YEOVIL TOWN	3.00pm	H				
Fri 26 Dec	Leyton Orient	3.00pm	A				
SUN 28 DEC	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3.00pm	H				
SAT 10 JAN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	3.00pm	H				
Tue 13 Jan	Millwall	7.45pm	A				
Sat 17 Jan	Huddersfield Town	3.00pm	A				
SAT 24 JAN	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	3.00pm	H				
TUE 27 JAN	WALSALL	7.45pm	H				
Sat 31 Jan	Oldham Athletic	3.00pm	A				
Tue 03 Feb	Northampton Town	7.45pm	A				
SAT 07 FEB	SOUTHEND UNITED	3.00pm	H				
Sat 14 Feb	Leicester City	3.00pm	A				
SAT 21 FEB	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	3.00pm	H				
Sat 28 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	3.00pm	A				
TUE 03 MAR	CHELTENHAM TOWN	7.45pm	H				
SAT 07 MAR	MK DONS	3.00pm	H				
Tue 10 Mar	Colchester United	7.45pm	A				
Sat 14 Mar	Leeds United	3.00pm	A				
SAT 21 MAR	HEREFORD UNITED	3.00pm	H				
Sat 28 Mar	Yeovil Town	3.00pm	A				
SAT 04 APR	CREWE ALEXANDRA	3.00pm	H				
Sat 11 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	3.00pm	A				
MON 13 APR	LEYTON ORIENT	3.00pm	H				
Sat 18 Apr	Carlisle United	3.00pm	A				
SAT 25 APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	3.00pm	H				
Sat 02 May	Peterborough United	3.00pm	A				

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- Red block denotes player appearance (green denotes goalkeeper). With 1 denotes goal scored.
- S/20 Denotes substitute appearance and player replaced
- S Denotes substitute not used
- P Scored from penalty
- OFF Player sent off
- Opponents own goal

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Cox...

It has been a quiet month for the front man who has yet to open his tally for December. After being featured in today's matchday programme, hopefully the former Reading striker can make some ground with a couple of goals this afternoon.

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Lambert...

The Rovers striker is still ahead of Cox in the goalscoring stakes thanks to a four-goal haul at home to Southend United at the end of October. Town will be hoping the Stockport County defence can stand firm this afternoon as they play host to Lambert and Co.



Important information:

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Jake Good

Jake is 13-years-old and attends Ridgeway School in Wroughton. He plays in goal for Bassett Rangers U13's and is a Swindon Town Season Ticket Holder in the Don Rogers Stand.



Fans of the Future

Swindon Town would like to give a warm welcome to the following teams that will be visiting us on Saturday.

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& teams from Abbey Meads

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quick stats

Starts	Assists
Jack Smith 25	Anthony McNamee 5
Simon Cox 24	Simon Cox 4
Billy Paynter 23	Billy Paynter 4
Michael Timlin 21	Jack Smith 2
Anthony MacNamee 18	Lee Peacock 2
Goals	Cards
Simon Cox 16	Paynter 1
Billy Paynter 7	Cox, Timlin 5
Jack Smith 2	Nalis, Aljofree 4
Craig Easton 2	Ifil, J Smith, Pook 3
Barry Corr, Jerel Ifil 2	Total Players Used: 25



Match Officials

Swindon Town vs Yeovil Town
Saturday 20th December 2008
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Referee: M P Russell
 Assistant 1: R Kendall
 Assistant 2: R H Smith
 Fourth Official: J L Cox

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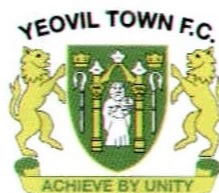
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yeovil town

Russell Slade

- 3 Nathan Jones
- 4 Terence Skiverton
- 5 Gareth Owen
- 6 Terrell Forbes
- 7 Marc Bircham
- 8 Darren Way
- 10 Gavin Tomlin
- 11 Daniel Schofield
- 12 Craig Alcock
- 13 Josh Wagenaar
- 14 Paul Warne
- 15 Luke Rodgers
- 16 Gary Roberts
- 17 Aidan Downes
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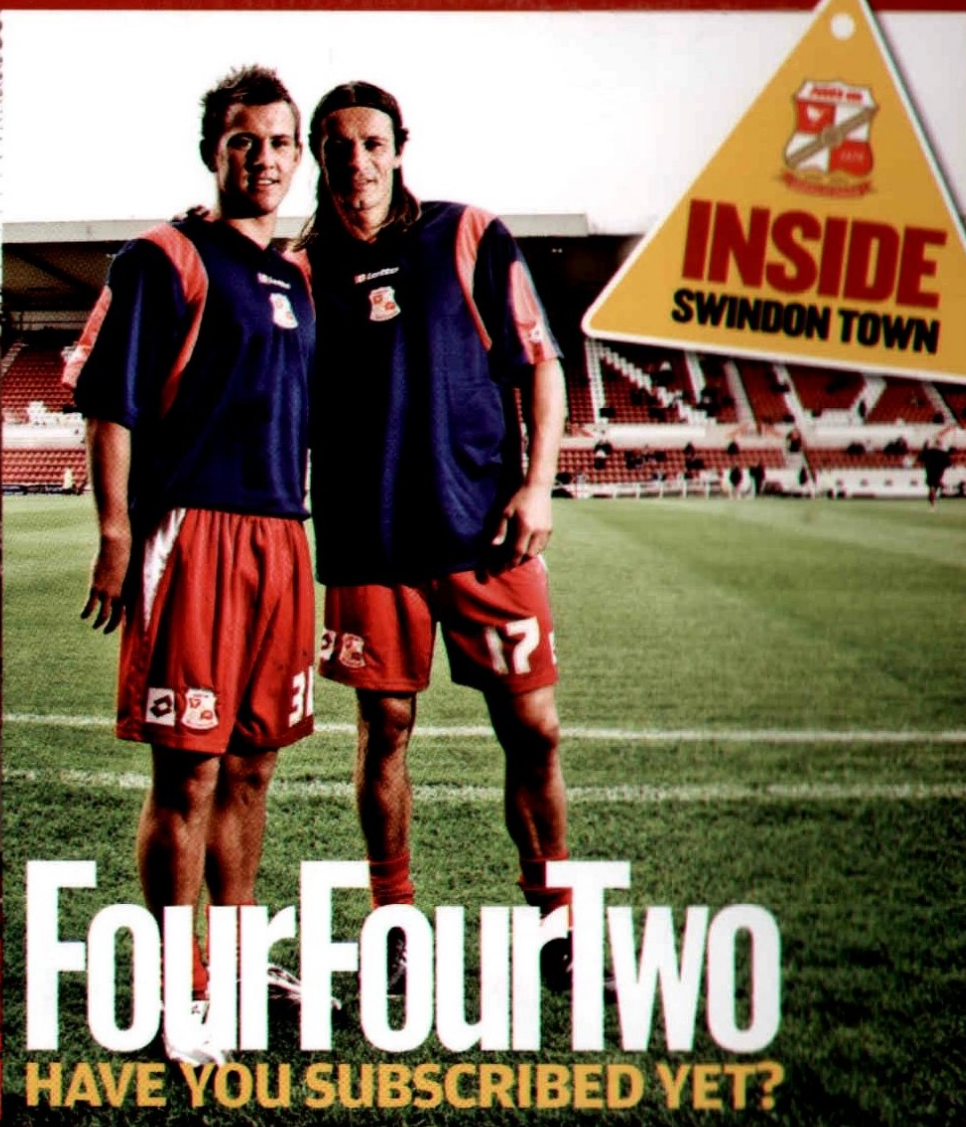


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