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Swindon Town FC will be celebrating the famous League Cup win over Arsenal in 1969 with a weekend of celebrations beginning on Saturday 7th March 2009.

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# danny WILSON

Good evening and welcome back to The County Ground for the first of two important home games this week. Tonight's visitors are Cheltenham Town and I would like to welcome Martin Allen, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters along for the game this evening.

Saturday's game up at Tranmere Rovers was a disappointing display from the team and we didn't do enough to take anything from the game.

We needed that bit of quality and it just wasn't there. We didn't create the chances we needed to win the game and we were just not clever enough in and around the box to open them up.

As soon as they went down to ten men we knew they would tighten things up, but we didn't move the ball quickly enough. We kept trying to run up blind alleys rather than using the ball to stretch them out. The goal we conceded was poor and we said to the players after the game that with our squad, we should be going to places like Tranmere Rovers and getting the three points. At the moment we lack that little bit of creativity, that little bit of craft to create the opening that could lead to the vital goal. We were poor in the attacking third and didn't create enough with the possession we had.

This evening we face Cheltenham Town who themselves have been embroiled in a fight against relegation. It has been a difficult season for them, with Martin Allen now looking to steer them to safety. We will respect what Cheltenham do,



but we need to do our jobs and get the result. They will be giving it everything to get the result but we have to try and slam the door shut as firmly as we can before looking to start rising up the league.

Tonight's game will be the biggest test that we have had so far. The players have to respond after Saturday's showing and that was made clear to them after the game at Prenton Park. Now we need to play in a manner where decisions are nice and clear. The players need to be calm and see what options are available to them. We have a game plan and we

have to stick to it – which we didn't do on Saturday.

Tonight is our biggest game of the season so far and we need to go on a run, starting with a home victory this evening. We need two or three wins to get ourselves up the table as soon as possible.

Enjoy the game.



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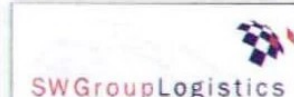
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# captain

## Jerel IFIL

Welcome back to  
The County Ground  
for tonight's  
home game with  
Cheltenham Town.



**Tonight is all about victory. On Saturday we failed to get anything from the game at Tranmere which makes this evening's visit of Cheltenham even more important.**

On Saturday we did have a lot of the game and it was disappointing to not come away with something to show for our efforts. We knew Tranmere would be a difficult side to break down and so it proved.

On reflection I thought we dominated the game, but we were unable to score what would have been a vital goal. We did limit the amount of chances they had but at the end of the day they got their goal and we lost the game.

We haven't had the best record against Cheltenham but hopefully we can redress that with a home victory this time around. The night games provide something different and although we have a few games coming up under lights, they are always enjoyable. Our fans seem to

enjoy the evening games too and hopefully we can respond with the three points that we need.

League One is extremely tight at the moment and we know we are in a difficult situation now. We are not at the right end of the table and we have to have a mindset that we can dig ourselves out of the position that we are in by getting a few results. The games are coming thick and fast and which each of those matches, we have an opportunity to win games and move up the table.

Last Thursday I attended the Smash Youth Project Awards evening. It was an enjoyable night and I met a number of young people who have now completed a year under their mentor scheme. A thank you to all those that attended and good luck to you all for the future.

Back to business and please get behind the team for what is undoubtedly a massively important



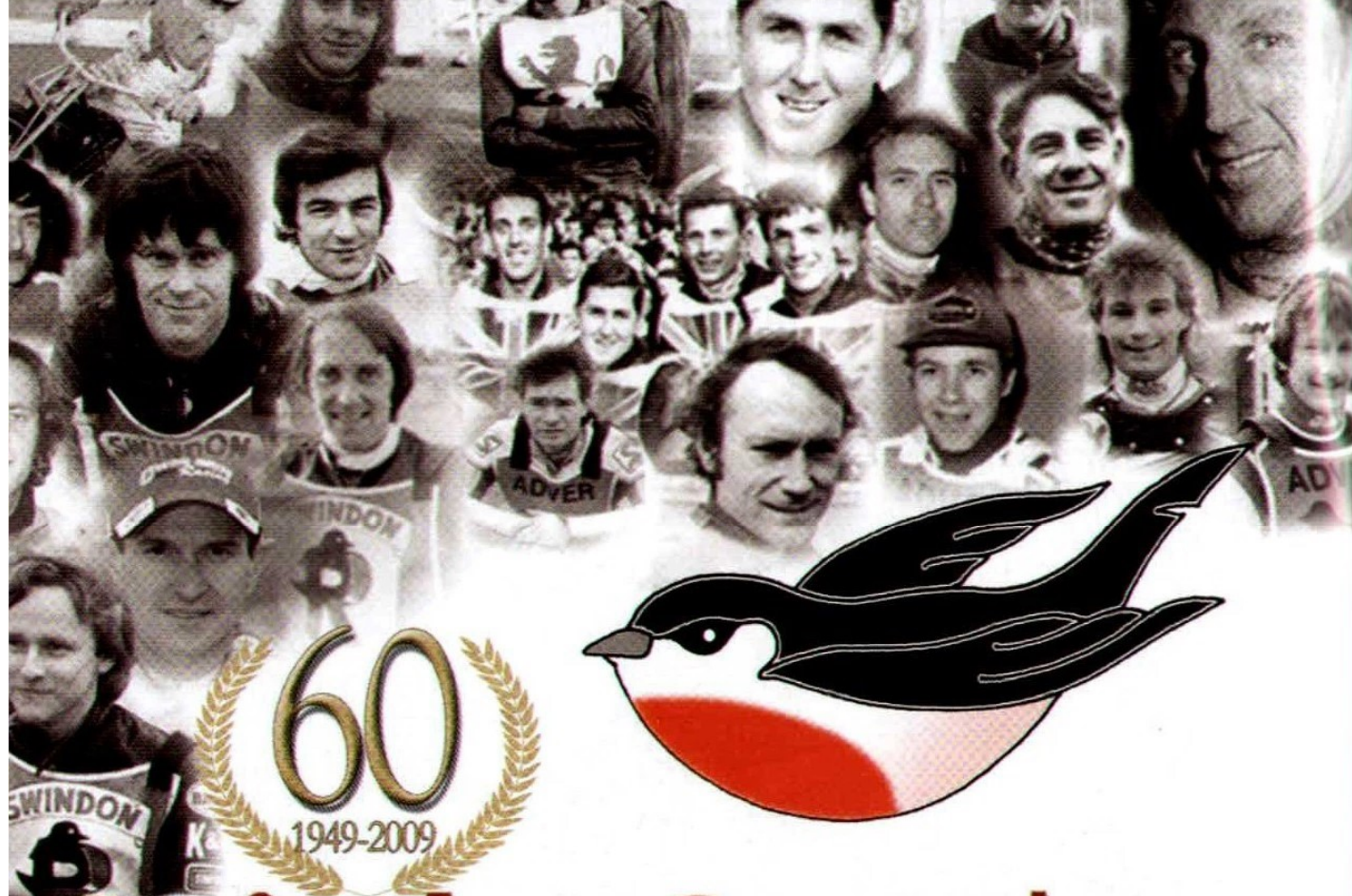
**Pictured: Smash Youth Project Awards**

contest this evening. Your support is always appreciated. Hopefully we can reward your backing with a win to celebrate going to what will be another important home fixture this weekend with MK Dons in Town.

A stylized signature of Jerel Ifil.

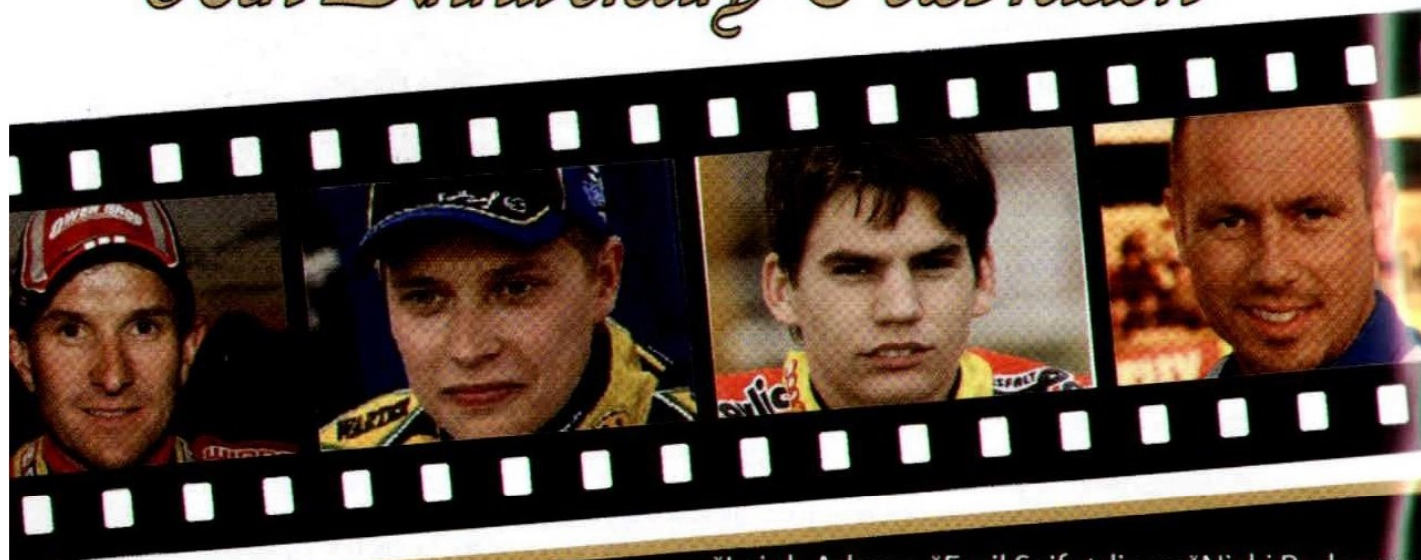






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# notes from the **BOARDROOM**

Chief Executive, Nick Watkins >>

**"I have always maintained that whether a black cat crossing your path is lucky or unlucky depends whether you are a man or a mouse."**



**Good evening! The forecast for this evening is rain and wind so let's hope it is a wind of change that blows across the County Ground and replaces two disappointing consecutive and unnecessary defeats, with a much needed win.**

We open our doors this evening to our fellow Robins and extend a warm welcome to them, their directors, management, supporters and guests. Both sides in tonight's encounter are currently in the uncomfortable position of propping up League One and I am sure will be anxiously looking for those elusive three points.

My Board Room notes for this

evening's fixture will focus on two key topics:

## **1. The 69 League Cup Celebrations**

Immediately after the final whistle at the **MK Dons** fixture on **7th March**, the Legends' Lounge will be open for a question and answer session with members of the 69-Cup winning team. Entry will be via the payment of **£2 on the door**. A unique opportunity to meet and talk with yesterday's heroes.

**The Silverware Dinner** to celebrate the 69 League Cup win over Arsenal will be held at The County Ground on **Sunday March 8th**, with the venue being the Legends' Lounge.

We are anticipating an excellent evening with a good collection of the 1969 winning team attending. A three-course meal, an exclusive auction and after dinner entertainment from the Ludwig Beatles, will make for a memorable evening. There are still places available and if you can muster up a table of ten, then we will offer you a special price. If at all possible, do please come and support the club.

## **2. Stand Buy Me**

Last Saturday on Soccer AM, the Swindon Town FC "Stand Buy Me" lottery was launched and tickets officially went on sale yesterday via the Ticket Office and **www.stfconlineshop.co.uk**. Simply by purchasing just one **£10** lottery ticket, of which there will only be **1,969** available, you could win the opportunity to name the Stratton Bank for the next two seasons. In addition, the winner and three of the runners up will all receive two Season Tickets for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 seasons. The chances of winning are high and the draw will take place live on **Soccer AM** on **Saturday 2nd May 2009**.

A proportion of the proceeds from the lottery will go towards funding the STFC Youth Development programme.

Again, your support of Stand Buy Me will be greatly appreciated. Good luck and look out for the black cat!

So as we approach kick off time, let's hope that Danny Wilson is busily injecting his brand of fire into the bellies of the Swindon Town boys and that tonight we make amends for the previous two defeats and leave the County Ground tonight with three crucial points.

A good game is one you win, so let's hope it is a good game.

Have a good evening and keep those fingers crossed.

Best Wishes.

**Nicholas Watkins**





# stfc news in brief

## YORKSHIRE BOUND

Tickets for the March trip to Leeds United are now on general sale from the STFC Box Office.

Town are expected to take around 1,500 up to Yorkshire, with many fans making a weekend of it. An executive trip is proposed for the game with packages available. Please call **Adam Wainwright** on **0844 880 1094** for details.

### Match Ticket Prices

Adult £21

Senior Citizen (Over 65) £14

Junior (Under 16) £9

Wheelchair Disabled (free helper) £14

No student discounts are available.



## LET'S DANCE!

Town mascot Rockin' Robin has added to his tally of high-profile media appearances, appearing on ITV.com's The Glory Hunter.

Rockin' steals the show in episode 58 of Spencer Austin's The Gloryhunter, which saw a visit to The County Ground to see Town take on Hartlepool United.

"It was a nice surprise to see RR make the final cut," said Agent RR. "I have been spending a lot of time in front of the mirror practicing my routine, and my appearance on The Gloryhunter makes it all worthwhile!"

To see Town's breakdancing mascot, as well as a fascinating story about Britpop legends Oasis, a Rolex stadium clock and an eleventh Football League pitch ingested then just log onto [ITV.com/TheGloryhunter](http://ITV.com/TheGloryhunter)

## WILSON'S WEMBLEY WAY!

The Carling Cup final took place on Sunday with Manchester United lifting the trophy in front of a capacity crowd at the new Wembley!

2009 marks the 40th Anniversary of the 1969 League Cup final win over Arsenal with a series of celebratory events planned this weekend.

There are further links with the trophy as current Manager Danny Wilson was a part of the Luton Town side which beat Arsenal 3-2.

"The final was a tremendous occasion, even the journey from the hotel to the stadium was unforgettable," Wilson said.

"The fact that it was Luton's first time at Wembley since 1959 meant it was extra-special for the fans. Just looking down Wembley Way and seeing all those flags made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up.

"You don't think you can top that until you walk out onto the pitch.

I had goosebumps on hearing the 'Wembley roar' which comes at you from every direction. The last 10 minutes of the game were crazy. Some finals turn out to be a bit dull, but both sides were going for it, and if I'm honest we couldn't play any other way."

The midfielder made sure his trip to Wembley was extra special with a goal for The Hatters, sparking predictably suitable celebrations.

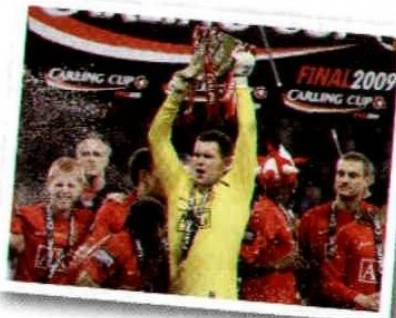
"All I can

remember about my goal was Brian Stein going down the left hand side and his cross being deflected as I made it into the six-yard box. The deflection

seemed to wrongfoot the Arsenal defence, and I reacted quickest, getting my head on the ball to nod it in. Minutes later, of course, Brian Stein scored the winner and it was total pandemonium.

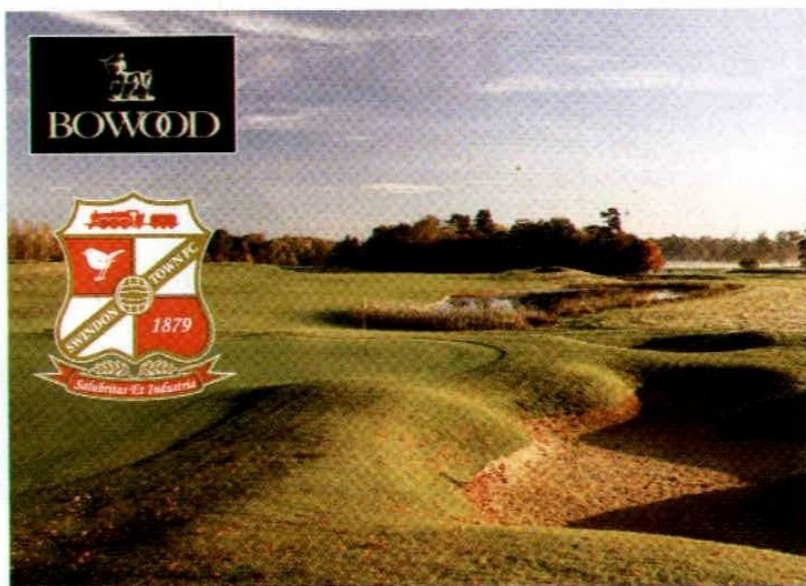
"Our manager Ray Harford was very calm and composed before the game, but once we picked up the cup he let his emotions out. I remember chucking him in the bath and he didn't have a change of clothes!

"We had a lot of fun that night. In fact, I don't think I went home for a week after we won."





## STFC GOLF DAY AT BOWOOD



Swindon Town Football Club will be staging a Golf Day on Wednesday 30th April 2009.

The event will take place at Bowood Golf and Country Club on the stunning championship golf course which was voted among the top ten new courses in Britain and top fifty golf destinations in Europe by Golf World Magazine. Bowood boasts one of the finest 18 hole courses in the South of England.

Included in the prices are coffee and bacon butties on arrival, 18 holes of golf, pre-dinner drinks and a two-course dinner with coffee.

The price for a team of four is £195 plus VAT. Teams do have the option of selecting an STFC first team player as their fourth golfer.

For more details or to book your team's place, please call the STFC Marketing Department on 0844 880 1094.

## IN THE NEWS



**Miguel Comminges** finished on the losing side for Cardiff City at the weekend as their impressive unbeaten run came to an end at Southampton.

David McGoldrick – once a Town target during Paul Sturrock's time in charge – scored the winner with his tenth of the season. Former Town loanee **Tom Heaton** was not in the Bluebirds' matchday squad, with Demitrios Konstantopoulos (who conceded six at the County Ground a few weeks back whilst playing for Swansea's reserves) in between the sticks for Cardiff.



**Sofiene Zaaboub** is now a regular starter in the Walsall side and he played 89 minutes of their 2-0 home win over Yeovil Town

at the weekend. Former Town defender **Andy Nicholas** played no part for Rotherham United in their 1-0 triumph at Lincoln City, where **Iffy Onuora** is Assistant Manager.



Another ex-Town man, **Neil Ruddock**, was spotted in the Tottenham end at The Carling Cup final throwing his weight behind the Spurs cause.

**Charlie Griffin** played his part for Salisbury City as they earned a creditable draw at Blue Square Premier promotion-chasers Wrexham. Charlie Ademenko scored his second goal of the season for The Whites, following on from his winner against Oxford United earlier in the campaign.

## STFC WORLD...

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**FRI 27TH FEB:** We spoke to Hal Robson-Kanu after the Reading loanee agreed an extension to his stay at Swindon.



Tranmere Rovers in League One.

**SAT 28TH FEB:** Commentary from Prenton Park with The Robins in action against



against Ronnie Moore's men.

**SUN 1ST MAR:** Match Highlights available from Saturday's encounter



visit of Cheltenham Town to SN1.



game on STFC World.

**MON 2ND MAR:** Danny Wilson spoke to STFC World with his pre-match views ahead of the

**TUE 3RD MAR:** See the manager's first post-match reaction after tonight's

To see all the coverage from the week, including highlights from Tranmere Rovers and Cheltenham Town, then why not subscribe to STFC World for only 99p for 4 days (see the official club website for terms and conditions).





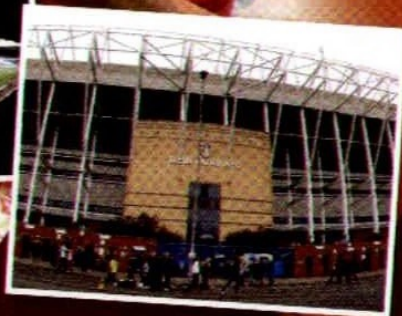
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**Itinerary:**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009**

- 9am - Executive Coach departs from The County Ground for Leeds
- 12.30pm - Arrival at hotel and check-in
- 1pm - Transfer to the stadium with pre-match hospitality provided including a pre-match meal and match ticket
- 3pm - Kick-Off
- 4.45pm - Three points in the bag - we hope!
- 5.30pm - Transfer to the hotel
- 7pm - Three course meal provided for guests

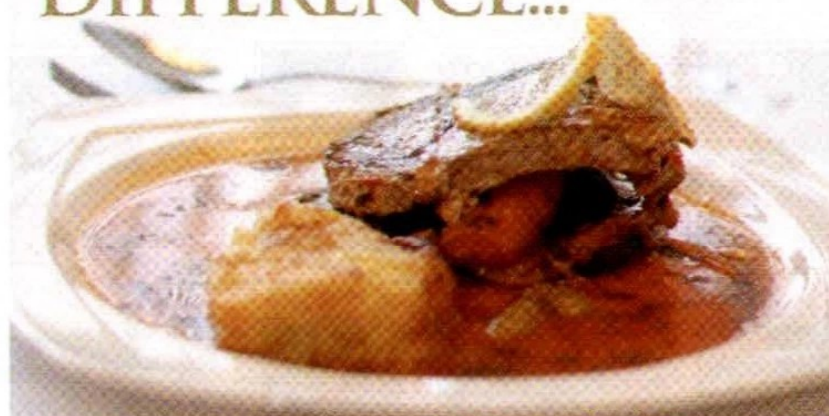
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

- 10am - Coach departs for Swindon Town FC

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Sunday 8th March:

### 1969 Silverware Dinner:

Exclusive access to the official celebration dinner:

- Three-course evening meal
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- After-dinner entertainment from The Ludwig Beatles
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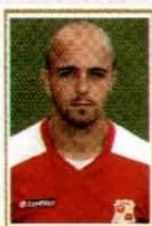


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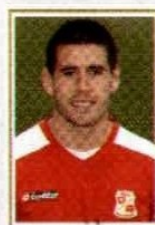


**Jamie Vincent 03**

Defender

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A: Cliff Puffett



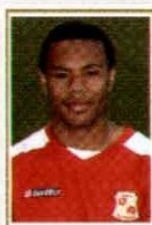
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**Jerel Ifil 05**

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H: Deacons

A: Tyco Electronics



**Hasney Alijofree 06**

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H: Keith Lewis - Singapore

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Midfielder

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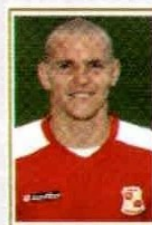


**Barry Corr 09**

Striker

H: Divorce Online

A: Laura Clargo



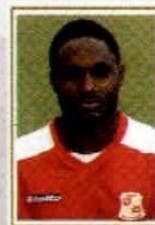
**Jon-Paul McGovern 10**

Midfielder

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Marquee Hire

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**Anthony McNamee 11**

Midfielder

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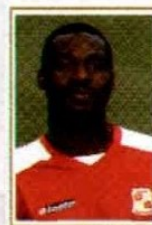


**Peter Brezovan 12**

Goalkeeper

H: Sallys of Highworth

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**Patrick Kanyuka 14**

Defender

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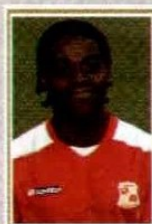


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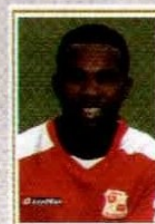


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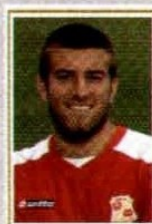


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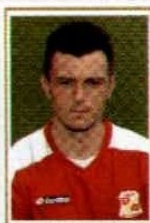


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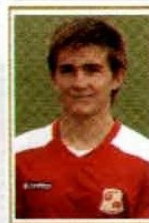


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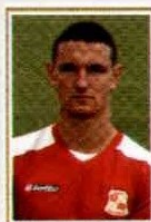


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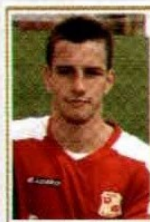


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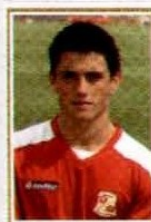


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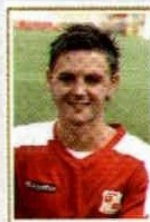


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# SWINDON TOWN 0 HARTLEPOOL UTD 1

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## KEY MOMENTS

**14 MIN** Good work from Kevin Amankwaah results in a chance for Billy Paynter who fails to test the Pools stopper.



**34 MIN** Town have another opportunity to open the scoring although Hal Robson-Kanu lifts his shot over.



**43 MIN** Simon Cox should have done better with an opening but can only divert his header wide of Lee Barratt's goal.



**52 MIN** The visitors continue to pressurise the Swindon goal with Ben Clark seeing his free-kick cannon off the Town defensive wall.



**75 MIN** Simon Cox does well on the right before squaring to Peacock, who can only fire straight at the Pools keeper.



**90 MIN** Town go behind with Ben Clark slipping a penalty past Brezovan after Jerel Ifil had been harshly penalised.







Swindon Town were dealt a late penalty blow as Hartlepool United returned North with three vital League One points.

Former Pools boss Danny Wilson made one change to the Swindon side with Gordon Greer returning to the backline in place of Lecsinel Jean-Francois, who was not included in the matchday sixteen. Jamie Vincent reverted to left-back with Greer partnering Ifil at the heart of the defence.

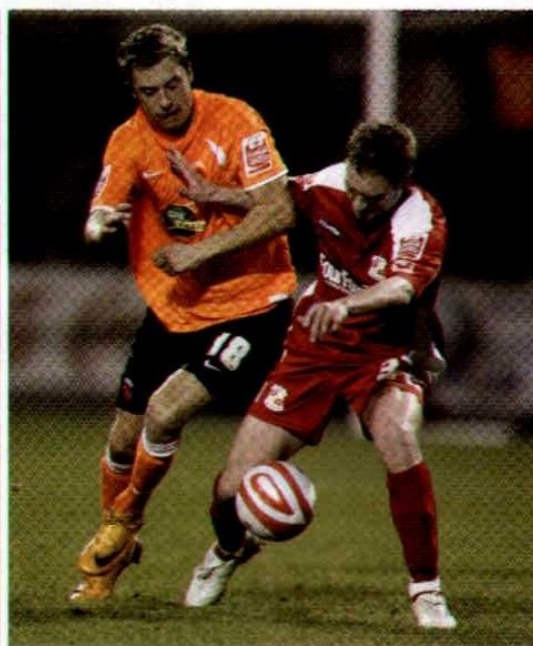
Town did create chances in the game with Hal Robson-Kanu, Simon Cox, Billy Paynter and Lee Peacock all going close in a game that could have resulted in a welcome second successive home victory.

It was a bizarre end to the game with match Referee A R Hall taking centre stage, awarding a last minute penalty. Jerel Ifil was penalised for an alleged foul on substitute David Foley.



## Action replay

### 24.02.09



#### SQUAD

**Swindon Town:** Peter Brezovan; Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil (Capt), Gordon Greer, Jamie Vincent; Kevin Amankwaah (McNamee 61), Patrick Kanyuka (Allen 71), Michael Timlin, Hal Robson-Kanu; Billy Paynter (Peacock 61), Simon Cox.

**Substitutes not used:** Phil Smith, Sean Morrison.





# swindon town v cheltenham town

League 1: 03/03/09



Games between Cheltenham and Swindon are rarely dull. There have been an impressive sixteen goals scored in the six previous meetings and there was a red card in each of the two clashes between The Robins in the 2002/03 season. Tonight's encounter sees three vital league points on offer and there will be no quarter given in the fight against the drop...







## Martin ALLEN

**Martin Allen took over as Cheltenham Town manager in September 2008, becoming the club's sixth permanent manager since gaining promotion to the Football League in 1999.**

Born in Reading in 1965, Martin began his playing career with Queens Park Rangers, signing professional for them in 1983 and spending six years at Loftus Road. A competitive midfielder who won two caps for the England Under-21 side, he played in the 1986 League Cup Final against Oxford United before a £670,000 move to West Ham United. At West Ham he won two promotions to the top flight in 1991 and 1993.

He stayed with the Hammers until 1995 when he made a £500,000 switch to Portsmouth and had a brief loan spell at Southend United during his three years at Fratton Park.

Martin's coaching career began at Reading, where he was assistant manager to Alan Pardew. His first management job was at Barnet and led the Bees to the brink of the Conference play-offs in 2004 but

was offered the chance to manage Brentford before the end of the season. He enjoyed two successful seasons at Griffin Park, leading Brentford to the League One play-offs in both 2004-05 and 2005-06 and reaching the FA Cup fifth round in both seasons.

In the summer of 2006 he moved to Milton Keynes Dons and once again led his team into an unsuccessful play-off campaign, this time in League Two. A year later Martin was appointed manager of Leicester City in the Championship but left after only four games following a difference of opinion with chairman Milan Mandaric.

After a break from management in which he pursued some scouting and media work, Martin returned to the dugout with Cheltenham and signed a three year contract. He has a long affinity with the club as his father Denis managed the Robins between 1974 and 1979 and Martin spent a large part of his childhood around the Robins back in their Southern League days.

## Last Six in League One...

<b>28/2/09</b>	
<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	<b>0</b>
Northampton Town	1
<b>24/2/09</b>	
<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	<b>1</b>
Millwall	3
<b>21/2/09</b>	
Leeds United	2
<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>17/2/09</b>	
Stockport County	1
<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>14/2/09</b>	
Cheltenham Town	2
<b>Hereford United</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>31/1/09</b>	
Cheltenham Town	3
<b>MK Dons</b>	<b>5</b>

## Town's last six vs Cheltenham

<b>16/8/08</b>	
Cheltenham Town	2
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12/2/08</b>	
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>3</b>
Cheltenham Town	0
<b>9/10/07</b>	
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>1</b>
Cheltenham Town	3
<b>25/8/07</b>	
Cheltenham Town	1
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>12/3/03</b>	
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>0</b>
Cheltenham Town	3
<b>17/9/02</b>	
Cheltenham Town	2
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>0</b>

## Town's record vs Cheltenham

	Swindon wins	draws	Cheltenham wins
League	1	1	3
Other	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>





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## SQUAD

- 1 Shane Higgs
- 3 Alan Wright
- 4 Shane Duff
- 5 Gavin Caines
- 6 Michael Townsend
- 7 Josh Low
- 8 John Finnigan
- 9 Paul Connor
- 10 Damian Spencer
- 12 Scott P Brown
- 14 David Bird
- 16 Alex Russell
- 17 Andy Lindegaard
- 18 Ashley Vincent
- 19 Lee Ridley
- 20 Andy Gallinagh
- 21 Will Puddy
- 27 Lloyd Owusu
- 28 Marley Watkins
- 29 Drissa Diallo
- 38 Ian Westlake
- 39 Elvis Hammond
- 41 Nicholas Bignall
- 44 Ashley Hemmings



# in town



### Scott P Brown

A young goalkeeper with a growing reputation who spent his early career

on the books of his hometown club Wolverhampton Wanderers. He left Wolves in 2003 and played briefly in the Welsh Premier League for Welshpool Town before spending six months with Bristol City.

### Nicholas Bignall

Moved to Cheltenham Town during the January 2009 transfer window, initially on a one-month emergency loan. He is a striker or winger who has come through the Reading Academy and for two consecutive seasons he was the under 18s' top scorer, notching 11 in 24(+5) in 2006/7, then nine in 15(+5) appearances in 2007/8.

### Lee Ridley

A left-back who was signed at the start of July 2007 on a free transfer from Scunthorpe United.

He joined The Iron straight from school as a trainee and made his debut towards the end of the 2000-2001 season. In all he made over 100 first team appearances during a seven year spell as a professional at Glanford Park.

### David Bird

A product of the Cheltenham Town Centre of Excellence programme, having joined the Robins from his local club Cinderford Town at the age of 17. Made his senior debut for Cinderford in the Southern League at the age of only 15. He has now made over 160 league starts for the club, either

the centre of midfield or wide on the right.

### Shane Duff

A tall, strong central defender who joined Cheltenham Town straight from school and spent a year in the youth team before being offered a professional contract in 2000. After a couple of years in the reserves and a loan spell at non-league Evesham United, Shane was ready to make a the move into first team football.

### Drissa Diallo

Defender who joined Cheltenham Town during September 2008, initially on a one month emergency loan period from the MK Dons, which was further extended through to the January 2009 transfer window. He quickly became a popular and integral feature of the club and agreed an 18 month permanent deal with the Robins.

### Marley Watkins

Although born in London, Marley Watkins spent much of his early life in Swansea, South Wales and was a Schoolboy player at Swansea City until the age of 16. Released by Swansea in 2007, he was spotted by Cheltenham Town coach Bob Bloomer at the Football League exit trials.

### Ian Westlake

Joined Cheltenham Town on a three-month loan from Leeds United in October 2008. The move became a permanent move during the January transfer window, thus keeping him at Whaddon Road until the end of the 08/09 campaign. Has two goals to his name in Robins colours.





# Ashley VINCENT

Ashley is a quick forward player who can operate either out wide or as a central striker. He began his career as a Scholarship player at Wolves and spent three years at Molineux, featuring for both the youth team and reserves.

He moved to Cheltenham Town in summer 2004 and gained some first team experience on loan with Aldershot Town before returning to make quite an impact with the Robins during the final stages of that promotion winning campaign.

Sadly Ashley sustained a cruciate ligament injury at the beginning of the 2006/07 season and was forced to miss the campaign in almost its entirety.

Over the course of the 2007-08 season Ashley made 20 first team starts and a similar number of appearances off the bench. Despite favouring a position up front he was generally utilised in a wider position which certainly caused a certain amount of frustrations for the young player.

Nevertheless, his 25 yard strike during the home game against local rivals Swindon Town was certainly one of the high points of last season and he has six goals to his name so far this term.

## Previous Clubs

### Aldershot (Loan)

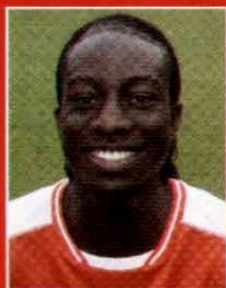
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### Cheltenham

16.05.2004 - Present

### Wolves

01.07.2003 - 16.05.2004



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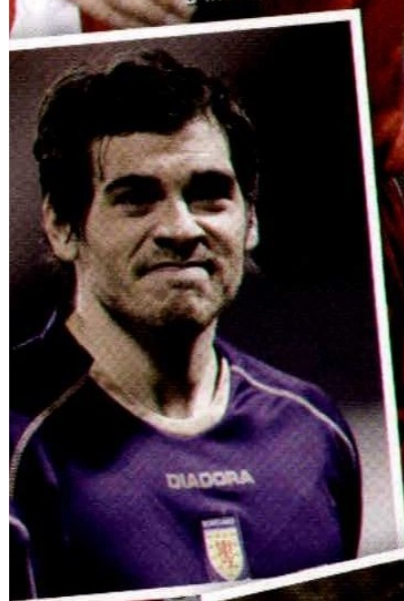
**Kevin Amankwaah** spent an twelve-game loan spell at Whaddon Road during the 2003/04 season whilst with Bristol City. The 26-year old was recently recalled to the Swindon line-up by Danny Wilson and will be coming up against one of his former sides this evening.







Pictured: Lining up for Scotland 'B' in February 2007



The Scottish defender is committed to the cause until the end of the season and hoping he can help Town continue the fight against the drop...

Gordon Greer has proved such a good find the chaps on Time Team would be hard pushed to do better. Few had heard of the Scotland 'B' international when Danny Wilson announced the loan capture in January, but he's now recognised as one of the most crucial cogs in the machine hoping to steer Town away from the drop.

Greer started life at Clyde before joining Blackburn Rovers in 2001. He only made two appearances but his first – in a pre-season friendly – saw him score against Catalan giants Barcelona. Four years at Kilmarnock followed, where Greer teamed up with former Robin Danny Invincible before he headed south to Donnie's Keepmoat Stadium in 2007. Injuries have curtailed his career in the last two seasons, but a move to The County Ground has invigorated the Scot, not to mention his new teammates and fans. A rock at the back and a commanding presence, Greer will be crucial as we approach 'squeaky bum time'. And if the boss plays his cards right, he'll hopefully secure the big man's services on a more permanent basis. 'Sign him up, sign him up, sign him up'...

**You've had a frustrating couple of years with injury, are you happy to be playing regular football again?**

It's great to be playing again. When the manager first approached me I jumped at the chance to come to Swindon Town. I really enjoy working with him and the players. He is a very good manager and together with the squad, I've been made to feel very welcome.

**What were your first impressions when you joined?**

One of the first things I thought was that Swindon had huge potential. It's a top club and it has to stay up and be given the chance to try and push on. I was at Doncaster when they were promoted in 2008 and I see the same professionalism and expectation. It comes from the Chairman, the Manager – the boss is trying to make this club more professional and you can see it's working by the way we've played in the last few games.

**Did you seek Mr Invincible's advice before putting pen to paper?**

I haven't spoken to Danny for a while, although I've been meaning to for some time. We were very good friends at Kilmarnock and it's funny how things work out; when he joined us up there he was talking about how he'd enjoyed his time at Swindon, and now I'm here. He said it was a decent club, and I've still been pleasantly surprised so far.

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# Greer



Pictured: Gordon Greer in action for Kilmarnock against Celtic's Neil Lennon.





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**What have you found to be the main differences playing in the SPL and England's Championship and League One?**

League One is a lot more physical than the Scottish Premier League. It's hard to compare the divisions because even though we used to play League One teams in pre-season, they were only pre-season games. Obviously the league up there is smaller, which isn't as good, but you're definitely up against more physical players down here.

**You seem to have slotted in seamlessly, are you happy with the way you're playing?**

I still feel as though my main job is getting back to full fitness, but it's coming with each game. I'm fairly happy with the way I'm playing and I feel I've settled in well. I'm pleased I've got the chance to play more games until the end of the season and help finish this job. I just want to keep going...

**Are you still living out of a suitcase off the pitch?**

Yep, I'm living in a hotel at the moment and I was just packing up my things to go to training when you called. It's not great. It can be frustrating; I've got a one-year old daughter and it's hard not being with her, missing all the things she's doing. But I needed to play football again and this is what I had to do. I had to get away [from Doncaster] and start playing regular football again. I'm out of contract in the summer and this is my livelihood, so I had to try and put myself in the shop window. I have a family to support, so it was important that I sort myself out.

**Have you been frustrated Swindon haven't been able to win more points in the last six games?**

It can be disheartening when you play well and draw games, like we did against Leicester and Millwall, but you can't let it get to you. We have to take heart from the fact that we've been playing well and keep doing what we're doing. As long as we do everything we can... you just can't legislate for late goals like the one scored by Millwall – 'Brez' had no chance – or penalty decisions

like the one we encountered against Hartlepool. The boys have played really well and they've been unlucky [not to win more games]. If we'd have drawn against Hartlepool last week it would have been another point gained and the unbeaten run would have continued, so we just need to make sure we learn lessons from these experiences and try and win the games coming up. We have to try and close games out and take our chances to climb the table.

**Tonight's game is the first of several key encounters with teams around us at the bottom, have the players got their eye on games we must win?**

I think you have to take each game as it comes, you can't look too far ahead and predict where you can pick up points. You have to be confident and pick up points where possible, but it's no good getting draws away at Leicester and Millwall if we can't beat the sides around us. We need to take the confidence gained from competing with the top sides and show the same kind of character against the others.

**Do you feel under any more pressure playing the teams at the bottom?**

I don't think there's any added pressure. Obviously when you play the teams at the top the expectation is different, because you're thinking anything you get is a bonus, but I wouldn't say we feel any more burdened when we're expected to win. We just need to make every game count.

We have to pick up points in every match. If we lose the odd game we won't be panicking, it won't mean we're relegated, but each win will help take the pressure off. Obviously a win at Tranmere will ease the pressure [against Cheltenham], but if we haven't won then we just need to focus on our strengths and the job in hand.







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# JUNIOR ROBINS

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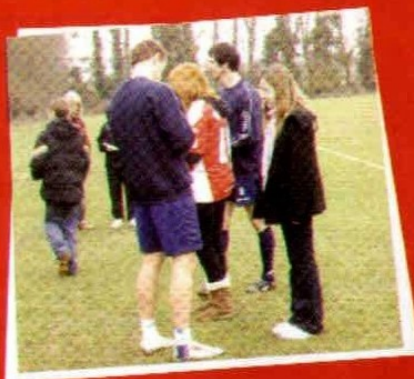
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be holding a Junior Robins Meet the Players evening at The County Ground at the end of March. I will let you know more details in a following programme. These evenings are always a great success, so it is well worth coming along to meet our players. Let me know if you are interested in this.

The Wembley trip is now sold out, which is fantastic news and thank you to all those who booked up for this event.

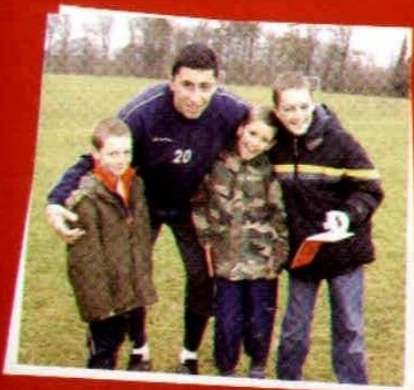


lunch, which was really good. Can I say thank you to Danny and his players for allowing us to join them for the day!

weather than last time the Junior Robins went there!

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.

## TRAINING SESSION



Last week some of the Junior Robins and their parents were able to watch the players train up at the training ground. It was a great opportunity to see how they train; we also had photos with the players, and got a lot of their autographs. After the training we all went back to The County Ground to share

## MEMBERSHIP COSTS

If you would like to join up as a Junior Robin it will now only cost £5. For that very small charge you will get use of the JR clubroom on match days, 15% discount in the STFC club shop, some great offers on various things around Swindon. You will also get the opportunity to come to Meet the Players evenings etc. Also there is the chance to be a Swindon mascot at away games that you are travelling to. Please contact me for further details.



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## AWAY GAMES

The JR's will be on their travels again soon as we visit Brighton & Hove Albion in April. That does seem like a long way off, but it will soon fly by, and hopefully it will be better

Many thanks Sharon

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes to Kieran Stutes and Darren Howlett. Kieran comes to all away games with the Junior Robins and Darren is one of our ball boys here at The County Ground.

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# A classic encounter



Words: Dave Wallis

Final Score: Swindon Town 3 Cheltenham Town 0

February 12th 2008  
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When we were promoted to the Premiership in 1993, a massive five divisions separated us from our visitors this evening. Less than ten years later the two teams competed at the same level, due to the contrasting fortunes of the Town from Cheltenham and that from Swindon.

So to last season, and the two teams had shared the points with a 1-1 draw at Whaddon Road back in August, when an Ashley Vincent goal 18 minutes from time had equalised a Blair Sturrock first half strike.

By the time the two teams met again in February both had made a change in manager. John Ward left Whaddon Road in October to be succeeded by Keith Downing, and Paul Sturrock left Swindon for Plymouth, to be replaced by Maurice Malpas in mid January.

Both new men had tough tasks ahead of them, but with Cheltenham closer to the drop zone, if the pressure weighed more heavily on the shoulders of Downing it wasn't evident at the kick-off.

Inside three minutes Peter Brezovan denied Steve Brooker, then the Slovakian's woodwork was rattled by Andy Gallinagh as the visitors took the game to their hosts.

But with 20 minutes of the game gone it was Simon Cox who celebrated his permanent move to Wiltshire with his first goal since making the full time switch from Reading. A mistake by Alex Russell gave the ball to Jon Paul McGovern whose cross supplied Cox to open the scoring on the night.

Four minutes before the interval



Mac Attack: Anthony McNamee goes on the charge against Cheltenham Town

**“Four minutes before the interval Billy Paynter, back from suspension, tucked away an Anthony McNamee cross.”**

Billy Paynter, back from suspension, tucked away an Anthony McNamee cross, then substitute Christian Roberts, on the pitch for just a minute, recorded what was to be his last goal for the club with ten minutes of the match remaining.

Just five more games would see Roberts grace a Town shirt before long-term injury forced the Welshman into a premature retirement.

The match had been an exercise in good finishing and bad defending, with Cox working tirelessly and Paynter settling the nerves with a

flicked header when Cheltenham could still easily have forced their way back into contention.

The three-goal margin may have flattered Swindon, but the result left the Wiltshire Robins five points of the play-offs with two games in hand.

From that 11th place we never moved more than two places in the remaining 16 games of the season and finally finished 13th.

For Cheltenham's part their 18th position was surrendered one place at the season's end, but that was enough to avoid a drop to the basement division once more.





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## **GILLINGHAM 3 SWINDON TOWN 0**

**Saturday 28th February 2009**

**Three second half goals from  
Connor Essam, Luke Rooney and  
Jack Payne condemned Town  
to defeat at Gillingham at a  
sun-kissed Beechings Cross on  
Saturday morning.**

Paul Bodin's Under 18's had travelled on Friday and stayed overnight, but were dealt a blow 24 hours before the game with Mark Scott and Jordan Record ruled out through injury.

It was Gillingham who soon took control with Essam putting a header wide and Rooney was denied by Town keeper Callum Antell who was out quickly and bravely to block at his feet.

Town then got going forward and not for the first time this season a ball over the top caused

problems. However Lloyd Macklin's low shot struck the legs of Conor Quinn in the Gills goal and Ollie Bartrum put his body on the line in blocking the follow-up from Danny Wallington.

Although Will Evans seemed to have the Swindon rearguard well-marshalled it was stand-in keeper Antell who was forced to make the saves as the Gills looked to make the breakthrough. Dean Rance had a shot tipped over, Rooney had an angled shot touched onto the bar while Tom Murphy's shot on the turn was straight at the keeper.

Seven minutes after the break Gillingham finally took the lead. Initially a Rooney corner was headed down by Liam Wybraniec to Charlie Stimson. As he looked to turn, the ball was hacked away for another corner. This time it was Essam who timed his run perfectly to meet Rooney's corner and the centre-half powerfully headed home.

Sixteen year-old left-back Jack Evans broke into the area but saw his shot saved and Murphy saw

a strike deflected wide before the second goal came in the 69th minute. Evans neat touch set up Josh Sargeant to cross from the left and Rooney thrust himself forward to plant a stooping header wide of the keeper. It was the attacking midfielder's 12th goal of the campaign.

Three minutes later it was all over, bar-the-shouting, when Gillingham added a third with Rooney again involved. This time his ball in from the right-wing fell perfectly for Jack Payne to thump home on the half-volley to register his first goal of the season.

Matt Barnes and Andy Westall went close for the visitors but not as close as Callum Day for the Gills. The substitute met Murphy's cross from the left with a diving header that looked destined for the bottom corner until Antell got across to touch the ball round the post.

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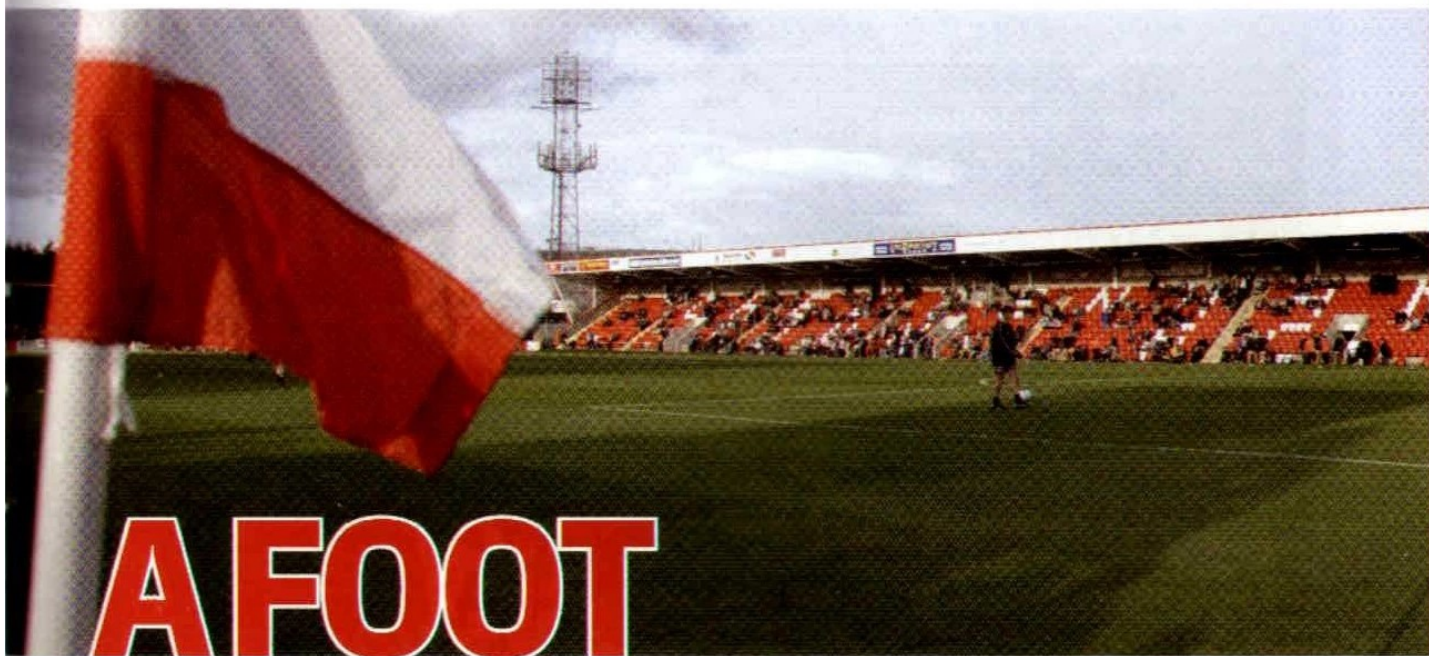
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# A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

Words: James McNamara

It has almost been three years since I started following the fortunes of these two teams for the Western Daily Press and in that time I have seen them lock horns four times.

The most memorable clash happened here at the County Ground 18 months ago in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Not that there was anything particularly special about the football served up on a night when Cheltenham came out worthy victors against a shadow Swindon side.

No, it was the events that took place behind the Arkell's Stand as fan frustrations over spiralling debts and the continuing Portuguese consortium shambles reached breaking point. Those angry protests by worried fans provide the abiding memory from the early days of my Swindon watch; a turbulent time where what was going on

in the boardroom continually overshadowed the happenings on the pitch.

No such problems at Whaddon Road - the club with the sensible board noted for running a tight financial ship. The roles are reversed, however, as the two sides prepare to meet this evening. Swindon have since that night back in October 2007 gone from strength-to-strength off-the-pitch with the arrival of Andrew Fitton and his consortium of astute businessmen.

Gone are those days when transfer embargos, late payment of bills and a failure to pay players wages on time dominated the Swindon headlines. It is Cheltenham who are now in the news for reasons other than those that occur when players cross the white line.

Martin Allen's side are seemingly destined for League Two after being cut adrift at the bottom of the table and in the last fortnight have confirmed that 'cashflow' problems have led to a brief transfer embargo and saw the players paid a day late. Allen is having to operate without an assistant and has also released goalkeeper coach Alan Fettis due

to the continuing bleak financial outlook.

They have fared little better on the pitch, either. Heavy defeats at the start of the campaign brought Keith Downing's time in charge of team affairs to an end. A move by the board to appoint Allen to follow in the footsteps of his father, who also managed the club in the 1970's, was widely applauded at the time. His reign started well enough with a 2-1 win over West Country rivals Bristol Rovers. A plethora of loan signings and a run of just 3 wins in 24 games since then, however, as Allen has tried to turn the club's ailing fortunes around, has polarised opinion amongst supporters regarding the current manager. Swindon's season has been somewhat less tumultuous. A change in manager has occurred following the departure of Maurice Malpas, but at least Danny Wilson and his side have a good chance of winning their own battle against the drop - even if they are far from safe just yet. How will it go tonight? Well, with an interest in both clubs, I'm going to stick my neck out and go for a draw. Wouldn't expect me to say anything else, would you?





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# Local, but not rivals?

Words: Ed Hadwin

**Trying to explain to anyone who doesn't follow Swindon that a game against Cheltenham might be local, but certainly isn't a derby, isn't easy. Maurice Malpas couldn't quite get his head around it during his time at The County Ground, and he's certainly not alone.**

Considering these two sides only met for the first time in 2002, I suppose it's not that surprising though. For years I suspect a fair few Town fans probably had a little soft spot for Cheltenham (and possibly Yeovil). Teams that always seemed to be doing well in the non-leagues, and seemed to be nice small community clubs. I don't think that feeling has completely changed yet, but I think it's on the way. It's amazing how a few defeats can change your mind!

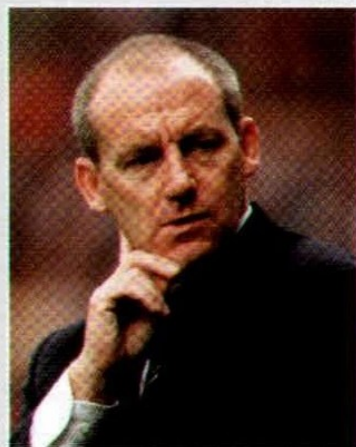
There's no doubt about it, Cheltenham are something of a bogey team for Swindon. The overall record between the teams shows just one win in six games. Not particularly impressive is it? And the manner of some of those defeats doesn't help either. I don't think any Town supporters who were at Whaddon Road on Tuesday 17th September, 2002 are likely to forget it either.

Andy King was a true marmite manager. You loved him or, well you get the idea. He had the potential to be utterly charming in person, and was prone to extreme generosity. He could also be a complete nightmare to deal with if he was in the wrong mood. His biggest problem (although some would say it was his most endearing quality), was that he said whatever was on his mind at the time. He either didn't want to edit out some of the more controversial stuff, or he couldn't. Whichever it was, I think that night at Cheltenham was probably his

lowest point at the club.

The team were utterly rubbish that night. In a season in which they actually played some very good football, they made a poor Cheltenham team look like Brazil (well ok, maybe Costa Rica). "Super" Sammy Parkin was sent off, and Swindon lost 2-0 at a ground where I think everyone was expecting a draw at the very least (and perhaps that was the problem). There was also the small matter of players and fans at each others' throats in the second half after a few choice words in the direction of Andy Gurney. It's difficult to believe Steve Coppell didn't run screaming out of Whaddon Road having seen all that, having only been brought in that day to help out manager Andy King!

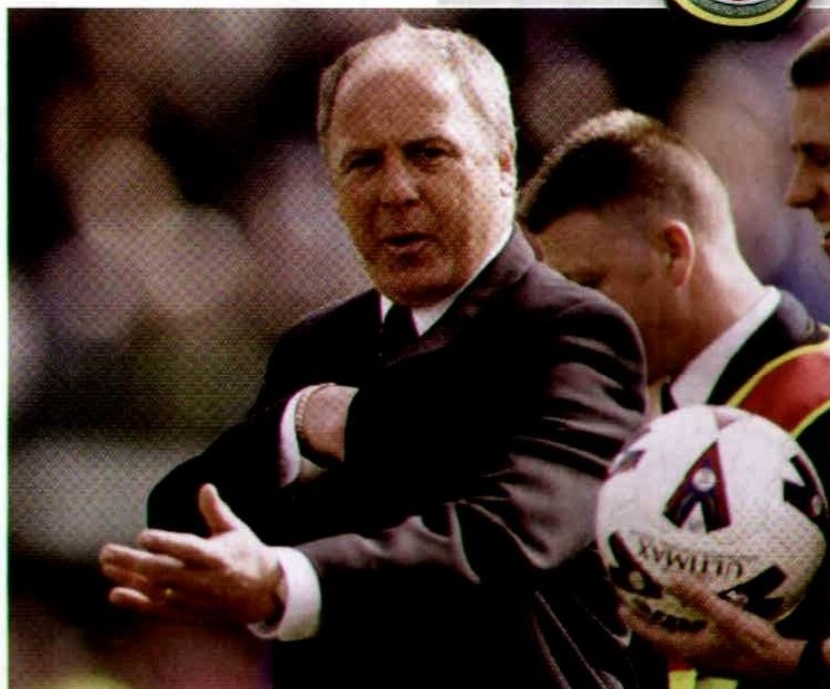
And that seems to have set the tone for Swindon in this particular fixture. Too many more performances like that and we might have a real derby on our hands!



**Above:** A visit to Whaddon Road was in store for Steve Coppell on his first day as assistant to Andy King.

**Below:** Former Town Manager Andy King debates with the men in charge during his time as boss.

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Our win against Scunthorpe United brought a bit more than three important League One points and a welcome addition to our Pounds for Points fund, it also brought us into the sights of Spencer Austin of "I am the Glory Hunter". Spencer has been going through the entire season and winning every game, by switching allegiance to every club that wins the match he is watching!

He started off at Grimsby and ended up at Scunthorpe after their Johnstone's Paint Trophy semi-final win. And thanks to that extra ordinary game he then became a Swindon Supporter until we lost to Hartlepool and now becomes a fan of theirs until they lose. They play Colchester this week and who knows he might be back at The County Ground if they stay unbeaten until we play them in a week or two.

The initial story at the Swindon vs Scunthorpe match is picked up in episode 57 and at the time of writing these notes that episode could be seen using the link below, the next one should contain further coverage from the Hartlepool game.

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Enjoy the game...

Roger

## MY favourite ever



## Jason Haines

**Location:** Chippenham.

**Favourite Goal:** Probably the Simon Cox goal against Walsall, but Rory Fallon's goal against Bristol City comes very close. There are two goals that in my mind were really important. Firstly, Paul Bodin's penalty at Wembley to win promotion to the Premier League and also Danny Invincible's against Peterborough that saved us from relegation.

**Best current player:** Simon Cox.

**Past player:** Any of Hoddle's heroes from 1993 - I am far too young for 1969!

**Best Game:** Our 6-4 win against Birmingham City or the Wembley win against Leicester. Both were fantastic games. This season I would say the 3-3 draw at Scunthorpe United.

**Score prediction:** Swindon Town 3 Cheltenham Town 0.

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Cheltenham are on a bad run,

losing ten of their last fourteen games and drawing the other four. Their record here is quite good having only lost once here and winning the two other games. I think our record against their manager Martin Allen is a bit better as I think his team's style of play allow chances and we tend to do well against his clubs. Let's hope the latter achievement is the one that comes to the fore this evening.

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Proof of age may be required when booking junior seats.

**Opening Times:**  
Tuesday 7pm-9pm  
Thursday 7pm-9pm

**Telephone:**  
**01793 536757**

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.

## Next up away...



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

**v Colchester United**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March,  
Kick-Off 7.45pm, Weston  
Homes Community Stadium

Swindon's first ever trip to the Weston Homes Community Stadium will take place in seven days time. Colchester left their Layer Road ground in the summer of 2008 and have lost eight times at their new home already this term. Former Town loanees Mark Yeates and Johnnie Jackson remain part of Paul Lambert's squad and will play a part.

#### Matchday Prices

Adult	£20
Sen.Cit (O'60), Walking Disabled, U18	£13
Junior U'16	£8
Junior U'11	£5

W/Chair and walking disabled needing a carer need to book direct with Colchester on 0871 226 2161

Tickets are now on sale.

**Distance from STFC:** 153.3 miles

**Journey Time:** 2hrs 56min

**Sat Nav:** C04 5UP



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

**v Leeds United**  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March,  
Kick-Off 3.00pm, Elland Road

Town make the trip to Yorkshire in mid-March to take on Leeds United. The game will be eagerly anticipated with Robins supporters having followed Town's fortunes at Elland Road – the biggest ground outside the top flight - in great numbers over recent seasons.

#### Matchday Prices

Adult	£21
Senior Citizen (Over 65)	£14
Junior (Under 16)	£9
Wheelchair Disabled (inc. free helper)	£14

Tickets are now on sale.

**Distance from STFC:** 195 miles

**Journey Time:** 3hrs 29min

**Sat Nav:** LS11 OES







# BOX office

**: 0871 223 2300**

## Useful Information

### OPENING HOURS

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

### CALL - 0871 223 2300

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.

## ARKELLS / DON ROGERS

### 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.

## Next up at home...



### COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

### v MK Dons

Saturday 7th March,  
Kick-Off 3.00pm,  
The County Ground

Roberto Di Matteo brings his MK Dons side to The County Ground no doubt looking for revenge after a 2-1 defeat to The Robins earlier in the campaign. The Dons drew 1-1 at Tranmere Rovers on Saturday afternoon, with Swindon set to travel to Prenton Park this weekend to take on Rovers.

**Matchday Prices:** See left.



### COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

### v Southend United

Tuesday 17th March,  
Kick-Off 7.45pm,  
The County Ground

Supporters of both sides will hope that buckets, shovels and spades are firmly locked away by the time Southend come to Town in mid-March. After a valiant snow-clearing effort to get the game on at the start of February, three valuable points will be on offer at The County Ground.

**Matchday Prices:** See left.







# statistics

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE	1 Phil SMITH	2 Jack SMITH	3 Jamie VINCENT	4 Micheal TIMLIN	5 Jerel IFIL	6 Hasney ALJOFREE (c)	7 Hal ROBSON-KANU	8 Craig EASTON	9 Barry CORR
SAT 09 AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	3.00pm	3-1	7975	538	3	F Graham	S						S/10	
TUE 12 AUG	QPR (CCR1)	7.45pm	2-3	7630	1935	X	R Beeby							S/4	
Sat 16 Aug	Cheltenham Town	3.00pm	0-2	4975	1675	11	P Crossley	S						S	
SAT 23 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED	3.00pm	1-3	7031	297	19	C Penton							S/4	
Sat 30 Aug	MK Dons	3.00pm	2-1	8846	1203	10	S Bennett								
TUE 02 SEP	Aldershot (JPT-1)	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			S/8					
Sat 20 Sep	Stockport County	3.00pm	1-1	5536	374	16	K Hill							1	✓
SUN 28 SEP	MILLWALL	2.00pm	1-2	7589	746	17	A Penn			S					
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	S							✓
SAT 11 OCT	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00pm	1-3	7071	399	19	D Whitestone	S						1	✓
Sat 18 Oct	Southend United	3.00pm	1-2	7965	381	20	G Ward	S						S	✓
TUE 21 OCT	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	7.45pm	2-1	6653	360	18	A D'Urso	S						S/32	✓
SAT 25 OCT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00pm	2-0	6904	476	15	G Horwood	S	1					S	✓
Sat 01 Nov	Scunthorpe United	3.00pm	3-3	4744	295	17	D Foster							S/19	✓
Sat 08 Nov	Histon (FAC1)	3.00pm	0-1	1541	500	X	S Rushton							S	✓
Wed 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion (JPT-AQF)	7.45pm	0-2	2234	141	X	P Crossley								
SAT 15 NOV	LEICESTER CITY	3.00pm	2-2	9499	2076	17	C Penton				S				✓
Sat 22 Nov	Bristol Rovers	3.00pm	2-2	8016	1055	18	K Stroud				S	S/11			1
TUE 25 NOV	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	7.45pm	2-2	6616	311	18	R East		1		S			S	
Sat 29 Nov	Walsall	3.00pm	1-2	3844	626	19	K D Hill				S				
SAT 06 DEC	CARLISLE UNITED	3.00pm	1-1	6787	266	19	A Bates								S
Sat 13 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	3.00pm	0-1	3491	294	19	N Swarbrick			S/11				S/32	
SAT 20 DEC	YEOVIL TOWN	3.00pm	2-3	7072	405	20	G Salisbury			1					✓
Fri 26 Dec	Leyton Orient	3.00pm	2-1	4349	532	18	J Singh	S	1						S
SUN 28 DEC	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3.00pm	0-2	8438	1086	20	O Langford								S/2
TUE 13 JAN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	7.45pm	1-1	6002	176	18	S Cook	S	1						
Sat 17 Jan	Huddersfield Town	3.00pm	1-2	13414	298	18	P Gibbs	S						S/19	
TUE 27 JAN	WALSALL	7.45pm	3-2	6100	126	19	G Hegley	S		S/3					
Sat 31 Jan	Oldham Athletic	3.00pm	0-0	4712	257	19	S Bratt							S/14	
Sat 14 Feb	Leicester City	3.00pm	1-1	19926	1032	20	A Bates	S							
Tue 17 Feb	Millwall	7.45pm	1-1	7104	351	19	P Miller	S							
SAT 21 FEB	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	3.00pm	4-2	6,852	281	19	C Sarginson	S		1			1		
TUE 24 FEB	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	7.45pm	0-1	6,010	72	19	A Hall	S							
Sat 28 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	3.00pm	0-1	5,153	221	20	D Webb	S							
TUE 03 MAR	CHEL TENHAM 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												
TUE 17 MAR	SOUTHEND UNITED	7.45pm	H												
SAT 21 MAR	HEREFORD UNITED	3.00pm	H												
Tue 24 Mar	Northampton Town	7.45pm	A												
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												

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

X Opponents own goal

## Cox...

The weekend proved to be fruitless for Town's top scorer. Defeat at Prenton Park saw The Robins fail to add to their points tally. 'Coxy' was involved in the second half sending off for Ian Goodison, who hauled back the 19-goal front man just outside the eighteen-yard box.

## Q&A SESSION WITH THE '69 HEROES

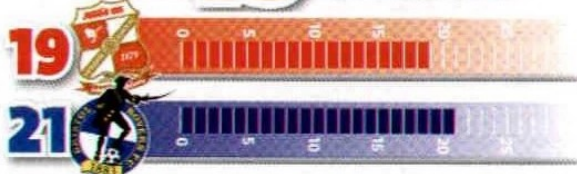
Saturday 7th March 2009 - Doors open at 4.45pm.

- Entry into the Legends Lounge after the MK Dons fixture
- Question and Answer session with members of the 1969 League Cup winning side
- Photo and autograph opportunities
- Pay Bar available & food available to purchase

Price per person: £2.00 Tickets to be collected from the Box Office.



## COX VS Lambert





Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Leicester	34	21	11	2	64	28	74	+36
MK Dons	32	19	5	8	64	36	62	+28
Peterborough	34	17	9	8	60	44	60	+11
Oldham	34	15	12	7	54	43	57	+11
Millwall	32	16	7	9	45	38	55	+7
Leeds	33	17	3	13	53	40	54	+13
Scunthorpe	32	16	5	11	56	47	53	+9
Stockport	34	14	10	10	50	38	52	+12
Tranmere	33	15	7	11	45	38	52	+7
Huddersfield	33	13	9	11	43	47	48	-4
Walsall	33	13	7	13	47	46	46	+1
Colchester	33	13	7	13	45	44	46	+1
Southend	33	13	7	13	39	47	46	-8
Bristol R	32	11	10	11	53	44	43	+9
Hartlepool	34	10	10	14	48	54	40	-6
Northampton	32	9	10	13	42	43	37	-1
Carlisle	33	10	7	16	42	51	37	-9
Yeovil	33	9	10	14	31	47	37	-16
Crews	32	10	4	18	44	61	34	-17
<b>Swindon</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-8</b>
Leyton Orient	33	8	9	16	26	41	33	-15
Brighton	32	7	11	14	35	50	32	-15
Hereford	31	8	6	17	31	47	30	-16
Cheltenham	32	5	6	21	37	72	21	-33

	League			Cup			TOTAL		
	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS
1 Phil Smith	-	-	14	-	-	3	-	-	17
2 Jack Smith	4	4/0	30	-	-	5	4	4/0	35
3 Jamie Vincent	-	1/0	7	-	-	-	-	1/0	7
4 Micheal Timlin	2	7/0	26(3)	-	1/0	5	2	8/0	31(3)
5 Jerej Hifi	1	3/0	21	1	-	-	2	3/0	23
6 Hasney Aljofree (c)	-	4/0	17(1)	-	-	2	-	4/0	19(1)
7 Hal Robson-Kanu	1	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	7
8 Craig Easton	2	2/0	12(7)	-	-	3(1)	2	2/0	15(8)
9 Barry Corr	1	1/0	21(9)	-	-	1(2)	1	1/0	3(11)
10 Jon-Paul Mc Govern	2	1/0	21(1)	-	-	4	2	1/0	25(1)
11 Anthony McNamee	-	-	17(12)	-	-	3(1)	-	-	20(13)
12 Peter Brezovan	-	-	18	-	-	2(1)	-	-	20(1)
13 Mark Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Patrick Kanyuka	1	3/1	15	-	-	3	1	3/1	18
15 Kevin Amankwaah	1	1/0	14(3)	-	-	2	1	1/0	16(3)
16 Yinka Asanl	-	1/0	4(7)	-	-	1	-	1/0	5(1)
17 Lillian Nalls	-	3/0	15(3)	-	-	2(1)	-	3/0	17(4)
18 Mark Marshall	-	1/0	0(6)	-	-	1(2)	-	1/0	1(8)
19 Michael Pook	2	2/0	11(2)	-	1/0	2	-	3/0	13(2)
20 Billy Paynter	8	2/1	28	1	-	3(2)	9	2/1	31(2)
21 Blair Sturrock	-	-	2(7)	-	-	-	-	-	2(7)
22 Hamdi Razak	-	1/0	(1)	-	-	-	-	1/0	(1)
23 Ben Joyce	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 Chris Allen	-	-	2(1)	-	-	(1)	-	-	2(2)
25 Sean Morrison	1	-	11(2)	-	-	3	1	-	14(2)
26 Lesnel Jean-Francois	-	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)
30 Callum Kennedy	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
31 Simon Cox	16	5/0	31	3	2/0	5	19	7/0	36
32 Lee Peacock	2	2/0	17(9)	1	-	2(2)	3	3/0	19(11)
33 Gordon Greer	-	2/0	6	-	-	-	-	2/0	6

In the event of an emergency at The County Ground you will hear a police message over the public address system. It will be preceded by a loud 'alarm' sound. Please remain where you are, listen to the message, and if it effects your area of the stadium, comply with the instruction immediately. These will direct you to a safe area, through exit gates and doors into car parks, roads or the pitch area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, please remain where you are until the stewards assist you to leave. Above all, REMAIN CALM and DO NOT MOVE unless the announcement concerns your area of the stadium.

Bristol Rovers took a point from their weekend clash at Carlisle United. Striker Rickie Lambert did feature for the visitors but was unable to add to his 21-goal tally - which means Simon Cox remains two goals behind in the League One scoring charts going into tonight's set of fixtures.

Ashley celebrated his 11th birthday on Saturday afternoon so a happy birthday to you from everyone at STFC!

Ashley attends Holy Family Catholic School and plays football for Eldene Rangers. His favourite Town player is none other than star striker, Simon Cox!





## Match Officials

**Swindon Town vs  
Cheltenham Town**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009**  
**Kick-Off 7.45pm**

Referee: D J Phillips  
Assistant 1: A Davies  
Assistant 2: A Rodda  
Fourth Official: E B Mackrell

### League One Fixtures: 03.03.09

Bristol Rovers vs Brighton & Hove Albion  
Crewe Alexandra vs Carlisle United  
Hartlepool United vs Tranmere Rovers  
Huddersfield Town vs Colchester United  
Leicester City vs Stockport County  
Leyton Orient vs Peterborough United  
Northampton Town vs MK Dons  
Scunthorpe United vs Walsall  
Southend United vs Millwall  
Swindon Town vs Cheltenham Town  
Yeovil Town vs Hereford United

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## cheltenham town

Martin Allen

- 1 Shane Higgs
- 3 Alan Wright
- 4 Shane Duff
- 5 Gavin Caines
- 6 Michael Townsend
- 7 Josh Low
- 8 John Finnigan
- 9 Paul Connor
- 10 Damian Spencer
- 12 Scott P Brown
- 14 David Bird
- 16 Alex Russell
- 17 Andy Lindegaard
- 18 Ashley Vincent
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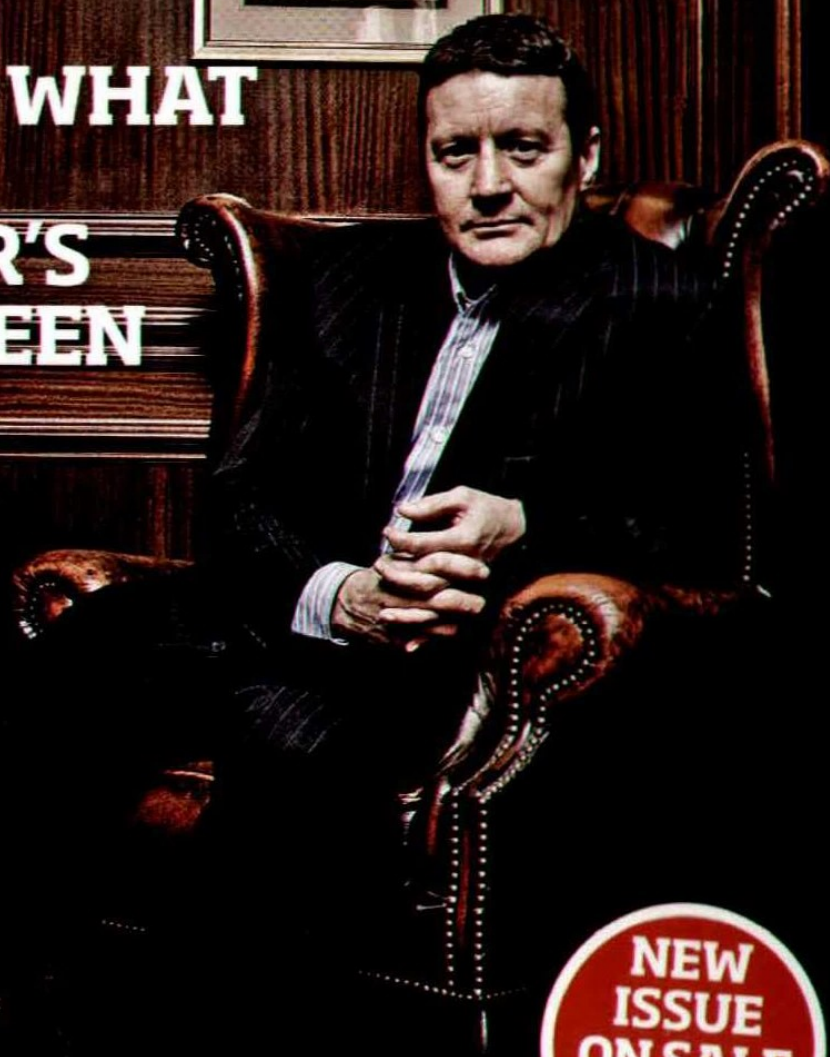
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