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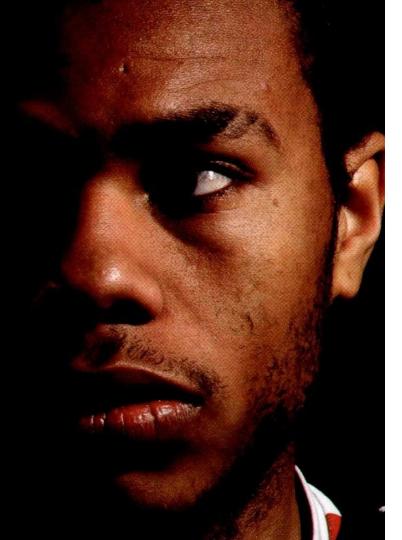
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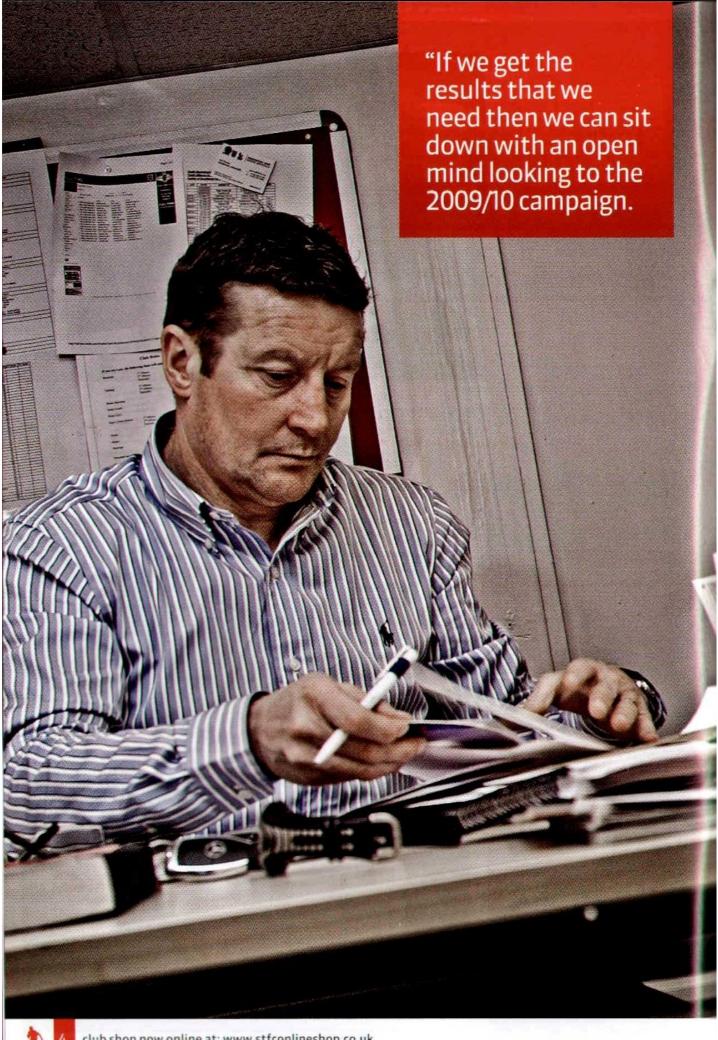
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# danny WILSON

Good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for this Bank Holiday Monday League One fixture. Today's visitors are Leyton Orient and I would like to welcome Geraint Williams, his staff, players and directors and supporters along for the game today.

The last home game with Crewe Alexandra saw us take a point from what was a tight encounter. Crewe arrived here for a point and they were a difficult side to break down. We knew it was going to be a tight affair and whilst it was a game we wanted to win, we didn't do enough going forward to take the three points.

Defensively we have improved over recent games, with clean sheets taken against Hereford United and Southend United. We were undone at Leeds United by the odd goal in March and there was just one goal in the game at Yeovil. Phil Smith did well in the last game here against Crewe and had a lot to contend with. He made a number of good saves and he contributed to a sound defensive performance.

Over recent games we have had a lot of possession and what we must to is make sure we make the right decisions on the ball. We need to be incisive in those situations and encourage the players to be confident in the options they choose. With the likes of Owain Tudur Jones and Michael Timlin in midfield there will be opportunities to move the ball around and open the opposition up. Anthony McNamee and Hal Robson-Kanu have created opportunities for the strikers too and that's something





that we will have to make sure we continue to do, in supplying the strikers with quality ball with which to work.

Deadlines mean these notes are being penned prior to the trip to Brighton & Hove Albion. Hopefully we will have picked up a result there so we can come into this afternoon's visit of Leyton Orient on the back of another positive.

Every point is vital and the priority is to keep the points tally ticking and a win over Leyton Orient, who are not too far away from us in the division, would be another huge step towards securing League One football.

At this moment in time we are concentrating on the remainder of the current season. If we get the results that we need then we can sit down with an open mind looking to

the 2009/10 campaign. Right now we cannot do that, because we do not know where we will be. The players know that they have to knuckle down to secure our status in this division before we look beyond the end of the season.

Next weekend we make the long trip to Carlisle United. It will be a lengthy journey but our fans, as loyal as you are, will turn out in real numbers if there is a feeling of staying up.

Enjoy the game.



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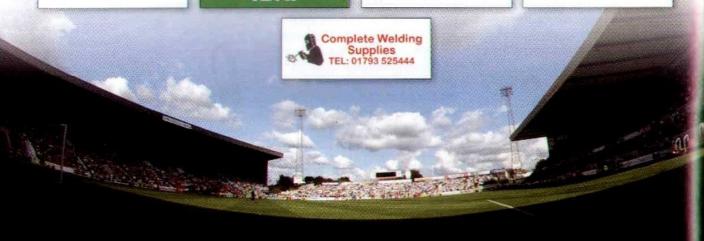


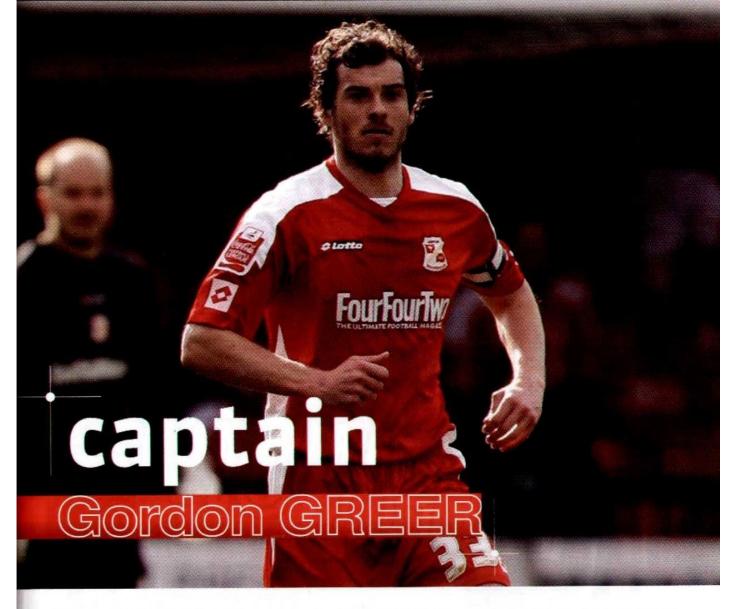












We come into another home game this afternoon after making the trip to Brighton & Hove Albion at the weekend.

Our form at home has been solid enough over recent weeks. My first game for Swindon came in a 3-2 win over Walsall here at The County Ground. At that stage of the season we were conceding a few goals but things have improved. We are now unbeaten in five home games, with the last defeat here coming against Hartlepool United in controversial circumstances back in February. We have defended well throughout the team and that's something that has stood us in good stead.

The last home game came against Crewe Alexandra and the positive to come out of that one is that we kept a clean sheet. Phil Smith had a few saves to make and kept us in the game right through, including a smart stop in injury time whilst Kevin Amankwaah also made a fine block late on.

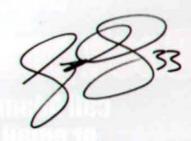
Leyton Orient are the opposition this afternoon and we have to be targeting maximum points from this one. Orient have a good away record, which has included wins on the road against the likes of MK Dons and Stockport County. They have a good mix of players in their squad and I am sure they will come here looking to make their mark. However we must cope with what they have to offer, as well as exerting pressure on them at the other end.

There has been a lot of talk with regards to next season but at the moment we have to secure League One safety first before talking about what might follow in the

summer. There are still games to be played - with trips to Carlisle United, Peterborough United and a home clash with Bristol Rovers all just around the corner.

With so few games left it is vital that we all work together to ensure Swindon Town finish the season as high as possible. Your support since I arrived at the club has been first class and hopefully we can create another positive atmosphere inside the stadium this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.





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Chief Executive, Nick Watkins >>

# "Survival isn't necessarily a comfortable process. But it sure beats the alternative."



Happy Easter – welcome to The County Ground for this afternoon's fixture against our friends from the East (of London), Geraint Williams and The O's.

I trust that the Robin's fans are not too full of chocolate eggs and that you are all in good voice for today's important fixture. As we inch our way to the end of the season, every game gathers increasing importance as the three points become even more precious. It would be a foolish man who relied on the results of those around us to be our salvation and nobody at STFC is being foolish! The destiny is firmly in our own hands.

The Crewe game was somewhat disappointing in terms of the result and as a spectacle. Crewe clearly came to SN1 2ED determined to draw the game and Swindon Town found difficulty breaking through

their six strong line of defence. With the fans right behind the team today, I am sure that we will breach the defensive walls and wrestle those critical three points to the ground.

Simon Cox had an excellent month, as evidenced by his many goals and congratulations to him on being selected as The Powerade Player of The Month.

Stand Buy Me tickets remain on sale until the end of April with over 700 now sold but we still have some way to go to reach the 1,969 target. For £10 it is, as I keep repeating, a great opportunity for either an individual or a company to name the Stratton Bank for the next two seasons. With eight Season Tickets being made available as prizes, for only £10 it represents an unbeatable insurance policy against a full priced Season Ticket. If a fan has already purchased a

Season Ticket and goes on to win two Season Tickets in the Stand Buy Me draw, their money will be refunded. The draw takes place live on Soccer AM on May 2nd and to buy tickets call in at the STFC Club Shop or the Box Office. Alternatively, contact Kay Wainwright on kay@swindontownfc.co.uk - with all proceeds going to the Centre of Excellence, your support is greatly appreciated.

For the Bristol Rovers fixture on April 25th, the police have requested a 1200hrs kick off. The sale of alcohol on the concourses in the Don Rogers and Arkell's stands is not permitted. Furthermore, I have been asked to remind fans not to invade the pitch after the final whistle. Fans last season were excellent in observing this request, which allowed the players to do a lap of honour, to thank you the fans for your support. Access to the Legends Lounge after the finalwhistle will be via the doors leading from inside the stadium and not via the external doors.

The 2008/09 End of Season Party & Awards Dinner will be held at The County Ground on Sunday May 3rd. Tickets are available from the STFC Box Office by calling 0871 223 2300.

The economic climate is affecting everyone and the professions are not immune but I am glad to see that humour is still thriving in these dark days. A couple of signs have been spotted recently on the doors of the professionals.

The veterinary surgeon's door: Back in five minutes. Sit & Stay

On the plumber's van: Don't sleep with a drip. Call a plumber!

The maternity ward door: Push. Push. Push!

The Restaurant window: Don't stand there miserable and hungry come in and get completely fed up

Let's all hope we can relax and laugh at full-time.

Good afternoon.
Nicholas Watkins

# stfc news in brief

# STFC SUPPORTING CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE



# Join Town Players and Manager at the Bombay Lounge Curry Night.

Ros Fitton, wife of Swindon Town Football Club owner Andrew, has launched a branch of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline in Richmond, South London. On Monday 20th April she is organising a curry night at the Bombay Lounge with support from the club.

Manager **Danny Wilson** will attend with some of the first team squad. Tickets are available priced at £20 from the STFC Box Office and includes an all you can eat buffet meal.

To purchase a ticket just call the STFC Box Office on **0871 223 2300**.



The above photo is of Kristina and Sasha Ezhenkova from the village of Ozarichi in Belarus which has badly affected by radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear power station disaster 21 years ago.

They who have both stayed with families in Swindon where a month away from the radiation zone can add up to two years to life. Whilst here Kristina was diagnosed with a cancerous tumour but had to return to Belarus for treatment. They are pictured with their Grandmother.

# **DERBY DAY** ENTERTAINMENT

Swindon Town's final home game of the season against Bristol Rovers will be helping raise cash for service personnel wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.



The game, which kicks-off at 12pm on Saturday 25th April 2009, has been designated 'Help for Heroes Day' with both clubs set to join forces to assist the fundraising efforts.

There are plenty of events planned for the day, with supporters of both sides invited to wear team colours to the game, adding to what should be a great atmosphere.

Representing the Services there

will be live music from the Royal Air Force Central Band, with a fanfare and National Anthem played prior to kick-off.

The Army's 21 Signal Regiment (AS) Colerne will provide a guard of honour for the players as they run on to the pitch, while 600 Signal

Troop part
of 10 Signal
Regiment
Corsham
will be doing
bucket
collections and
a number of
invited army
families will
make-up an

expected sell-out crowd.

Recently The Rugby Football Union donated Twickenham for the first Rugby Challenge Match, providing the ground, officials and safety stewards for free.

A total of 52,254 fans, including Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, watched a Help For Heroes side take on an International Select XV with more than £1.4m was raised through ticket sales and memorabilia.

# ABOUT HELP FOR HEROES

Help for Heroes was launched in October 2007 and has raised £1m a month for injured servicemen and women.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the charity had become "a national institution". Much of the cash goes to

the military rehabilitation unit at Headley Court, Surrey, with £8m allocated for a swimming pool. The charity has received royal approval with Princes William and Harry sporting Help for Heroes wristbands.

The charity was the idea of

appeal chairman Bryn Parry, who spent 10 years in The Royal Green Jackets, and a group of friends and relations, many of whom

> have connections with serving servicemen and women. It soon won support from the head of the army, Chief of the General Staff General Sir Richard Dannatt.



# ARKELL'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Swindon Town striker Simon Cox collected his Arkell's Player of the Month award for January at the last home game with Crewe Alexandra.

The Town front man accepted his award from Nick Arkell before kickoff and was named Player of the Month by the Arkell's voting panel, which includes Nick Arkell and former striker Don Rogers.

Arkell's relationship with Swindon Town goes back generations, and the brewery is very proud of its association with the club, having actively supported the team for over 30 years.

Nick Arkell said: "March was an excellent month for Simon with eight goals in eight games including that memorable hat-trick at Northampton a few weeks back.

"With Orient in Town this afternoon, let's hope he can mark his award with another goal!"

# **OUR MASCOTS**



**Ashley Meeson** 

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

striker, Simon Cox!



### Honor Fraser

Honor is 6-years old and has been a Season Ticket Holder for three seasons. She attends Colebrook Infant School and her favourite players are Lee Peacock and Jamie

Vincent. Honor has even named her goldfish after them! She has been to several away games and has also watched East Fife on several occasions.



Ryan Wyer

8-year old Ryan attends Lawn Primary School and he keeps himself active by playing hockey, rugby and practicing Tae Kwon Do! His Favourite player is Billy Paynter and his

score prediction for Today's game is 2-0.





FRI 10TH APR: Striker Simon Cox previews the trip to Brighton & Hove Albion as well

as offering his views on his Powerade Player of the Month award.



SAT11TH APR: The Robins are in action at Brighton & Hove Albion with live

commentary broadcast on STFC World from The Withdean Stadium.



SUN12THAPR: Match highlights online from Saturday's clash with

The Seagulls with near DVD quality footage available from the game.



MON 13TH APR: Log on after the final whistle this afternoon to see Danny

Wilson's first post-match reaction following today's clash with Orient.



TUE 13TH APR: See match highlights from this afternoon's game online. Let's hope we

have a home victory to savour for the remainder of the week!

See all the action from the Hereford United home game online, with highlights available online for STFC World subscribers. Subscribe to STFC World for only 99p for 4 days (see the official club website for terms and conditions).



George Collier-Jefferies
George attends The
Ridgeway School in
Wroughton and he used
to play for the school
football team during his
days at Chiseldon Primary

football team is STFC and he was a Junior Robin for four seasons! His current favourite player is Slovakian stopper Peter Brezovan.

School, His favourite

**Charlotte Collier-Jefferies** 

Charlotte is a budding young footballer and she is trying her best to get into her school side. She also enjoys horse riding, playing the guitar and watching her favourite

team – Swindon Town! Her favourite former player is Sam Parkin and she also names Peter Brezovan as her favourite current player.

# Mr. Morror Management of Manag

Chairman **Andrew Fitton** reveals plans for this season and beyond, the futures of Greer and Cox, plus the recent court case with Bill Power.

Words: Nick Judd

# How are your nerves holding up at this stage of the season?

My nerves are pretty good. I'm not the sort of person who gets too nervous about things really. I tend to be pretty measured about these things. In fact, I'm probably at my best when things are difficult.

# The Board have always been confident we'll avoid the drop, is that still the case?

Absolutely, but I think we've been surprised by how difficult it's been this season. We might need 50 points to make ourselves safe this year, but we've seen that any team in this half of the table- and it's not just the bottom half- is capable of beating anyone else in this division. We've done well against some of the top sides and struggled against some of those in the lower half, so there are no easy games. It's a cliché, but it's true.

# And the big games keep on coming, Brighton on Saturday, Leyton Orient this afternoon...

I think from my perspective I don't tend to get too focused on that. They're all just games, aren't they? You have to take one game at a time and you can't get too hung up about who it's against or where they are in the table around you. What's most important is for us to play at our

best. The reality is that it's in our own hands and so we can only focus on our own performance, our own squad. If we play to our best, we'll have no problems.

# Fans spend hours trying to work out where the necessary points will come from, do you do the same?

I think you do, but when you do that you're confounded by it, and events have proved that it's not that easy! For example, we won three games and I was expecting to win a fourth against Yeovil, and we didn't do it. I expected to beat Crewe, but there didn't look as though there was going to be a winner in that game, so as much as you try and predict what will happen, it's difficult; we're all capable of beating each other.

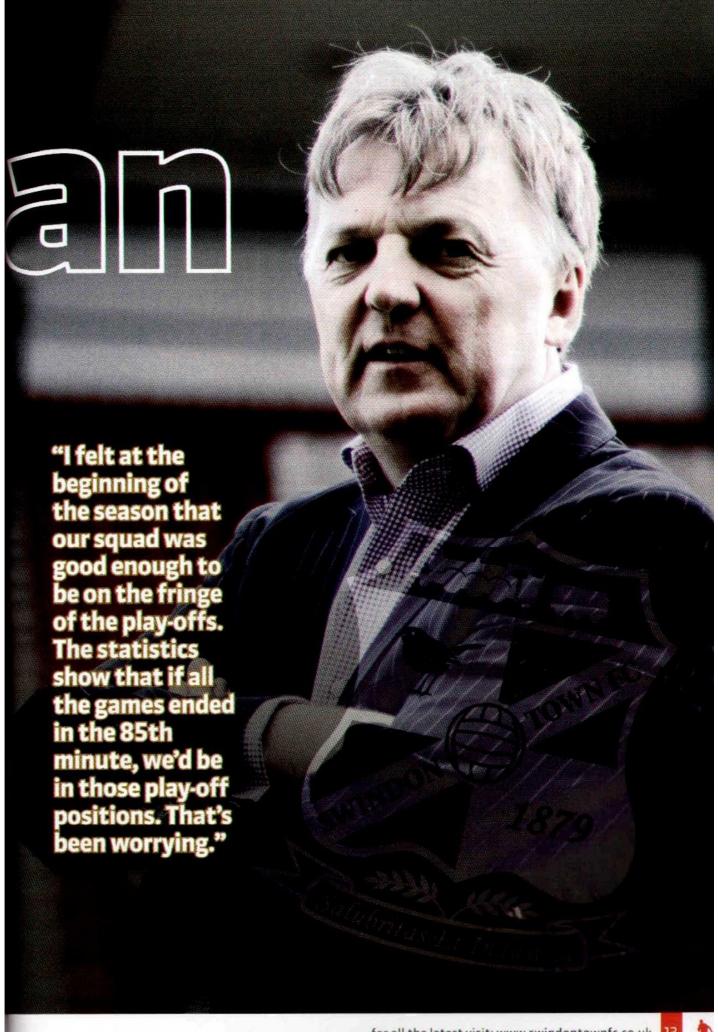
# Are you disappointed we're still fighting for our lives at this stage of the season? Could you have imagined this situation at the start of the campaign, and has this been the most difficult element of the job?

It is. I felt at the beginning of the season that our squad was good enough to be on the fringe of the play-offs. The statistics show that if all the games ended in the 85th minute, we'd be in those play-off positions. That's been very worrying.

But I don't think you can single out any area of the pitch that has been a specific weakness. Certainly, since Danny arrived, we have been looking to improve things at the back and in the middle. We've made changes and things have been better. And when you improve one position, you then look to strengthen the next, so it's a constant battle to enhance the team and solve the problems, but I thought we were better than this. We've certainly learned a lot, we've learned that you need to get on a confident, winning run, because nerves have undone us a few times.

# We never really got going ...

I think we got into the habit of losing. The other thing is that we do better against the better sides. I'm sure the manager has spent time thinking about this, but it's like the players feel they're more able to play against the top sides. It happens with other teams, even Liverpool and Manchester United. I don't know if it's psychological - do they think they're going to win easily? I don't know... We just always seem to raise our game against the good sides, then look a little bit lacklustre or tired against the weaker sides. But like I said, on their day, the teams at the bottom are still capable of beating anyone, they've shown that. >>>





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### How would you assess Danny Wilson's tenure so far?

What Danny has done is to show a structured approach. He knows what he wants and he knows how he wants the game to be played, and he looks logically at how and where he needs to strengthen.

He identified early on that he wanted more width. We have a good player in Anthony McNamee but he wanted more options, and we've seen the benefits when we've got 'Macca' and Hal Robson-Kanu on the pitch. He saw we needed to strengthen the midfield and he bought in Owain Tudor lones, and that's had a knockon effect with Michael Timlin; he's freer and we're seeing the best of him, he's able to distribute the ball and play to his strengths. And again at the back, there were obvious issues. Again Danny targeted that area and identified a solution, and you can be rest assured he is doing that looking forward as well.

# So the manager has transfer targets in mind already ahead of next season?

We've talked about a lot of players as the months have gone on. We have an issue this year in that there are a lot of our own players out of contract, but also there will be a lot of players available because I think a lot of teams will be looking to cut their squads this summer. That creates an opportunity for us and we've identified four or five key players we'd like to bring in. If we can get them in, we can start looking for the other players to build a squad. One thing's for sure, it will be a smaller squad.

# Are you hoping to get these targets

We've got an advantage this year, and to be fair it's not something Maurice had, and that's having a lot of our players coming out of contract, meaning we're looking to bring in several more faces. Of course, some of our players will be given new contracts and we'll be negotiating with them, but we have an opportunity to rebuild early.

It's important to get the spine right. By that, I mean someone leading at the back, someone in the middle and a strong goalkeeper to create a spine that plays every game. Once you have those elements you can hang the



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other bits on the edge. Danny's very focused on that.

We hope this will happen quickly, and if I was a player I'd be looking to get a quick deal this summer; there will be a lot of players – good players – who won't find homes because of the cut backs. But equally, we want to move quickly to get the players we want and we're focused on that. If we have to play the waiting game for one or two, then we'll do that as well.

# Many Town fans see Gordon Greer and Simon Cox as part of that spine. Have you made any attempt to make Gordon's move permanent, and will 'Coxy' be wearing a Swindon Town shirt next season?

I think one of the things Danny and I have been keen to do, is to let our league situation resolve itself before we do anything. We're in a battle and we don't want to get involved in contract negotiations [because they can be distracting]. We would like to have some conversations with Gordon - he knows that - and we'll be sitting down with him, but it won't be until after Easter. We don't want to distract him or others. Timing is everything; if we get six points this weekend we'll feel much more able to sit-down, because we won't feel at risk.

With regards to Simon's position, it hasn't changed; he's a Swindon Town player. I'm a real believer that Swindon Town as a club has to make itself a shop window for players to come here, whether they are youth players growing within our team, or players coming down from a higher level to kick-start their career – like Simon. Is he for sale? Well, no, but if the right opportunity comes up >>>



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I want to see Simon Cox become a top footballer. I want to see him play in the Championship; I would prefer that's with us, but I can't stand in his way. It's a difficult balance, but you have to be honest, realistic – you have to give players that opportunity to attract them in the first place, they have to know you're not going to prevent them from building their careers. They have to know that if they do a job for us, we'll do a job for them.

# Has the Board found it difficult trading in the current financial climate, and are there plans in place for next year?

Football clubs are generally losing money and we have to have one eye

on that. Our plan [for next season] has been finalised and will be adopted in the next few weeks. We have both a draft budget for next year and a three-year plan, in draft. We're looking to do work on both of those before we adopt them, but we'll be looking to implement them at the end of April.

# Is there a back-up plan if we go down?

They say you must hope for the best and plan for the worst, so the answer is yes. I wouldn't say it's a back-up plan, for us it's about making adjustments if the worst happened, or using sub-strategies. It's a bit like an Olympic rower like Steven Redgrave; he's planned his campaign carefully for four years ahead of the Olympics, so if something happens and things don't go to plan, he has a plan B to get back on track.

For us this is a long-term game. We didn't expect instant success and we

didn't expect that this was going to be easy, but our plan was to have a place to get to within three or five years. I don't think anything has happened so far that interferes with that.

# Last year you looked at getting 6,000 Season Ticket sales. Does the number we sell this summer impact on any financial plans?

Swindon is a well-supported club at this level, but it has the potential to be much better supported. Historically we've had bigger crowds and we have to build back to those attendances, but we're one of few clubs that have seen a rise in attendances this year. Many clubs have seen a fall of 5/10 per cent. We're up this year and we want to continue that trajectory.

I don't want to nail it down to a number of Season Tickets for next season, because I don't think that's necessarily the most important thing. It's good to have a base, of course it is, but I would much rather have an average gate of over 8,000 than x thousand Season Ticket sales, that would tell me we're building the club back up. Don't get me wrong, I would be disappointed if we didn't see a similar number of Season Tickets as this year, but it's not our only focus.

### How important is a good start to next season to help improve crowds further?

No-one knows the answer as to how many people a good start will bring to the gate, but do I think a good start will help? Yes I do. Do I hope we're at the top end of the table? Yes, Do I hope we're playing good football? I think we're already doing that under Danny Wilson, and I think that will continue next season.

All the work we did last summer, it's all a crucial part of getting extra people through the gate. What I want to see is an extra 500 people through the gate on average each season.

There's no point me saying we're going to get 15,000, because it's not going to happen, but I can plan to get from 7,500 to 8,000, then 8,000 to 8,500 and so on, and get back to the levels of support we've had historically. That way we'll have a football club that can sustain itself.



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"What I'm really saying is that ending up in court is never a good answer. I'm guessing the combined legal costs of both sides will come close to one million pounds, that's not a good outcome."

# You mention the changes off the field last summer, are there any more in the pipeline?

There are, but not quite as dramatic. It's not difficult. Last summer we spent a bit of money – not loads – on making the place have a bit more pride in itself. It makes a difference to people, it can change attitudes. Our focus now is to continue to improve things, but also to start seeing the next step. Is it ground development, a ground

move? That work is going on behind the scenes, but it is taking a lot longer than expected.

# Is the ground share with Bath Rugby club definitely off as reported last week?

Yes, it's off. We've gone past the date where it would be natural for it to happen. Rugby is suffering its own recession, and Bath probably aren't sure what their crowds will be next season either. Rugby is planning for

it's own down turn at that level.

# You spoke of football's recession earlier in the season, are you surprised more clubs haven't gone into administration?

I'm staggered, not because I want them to, but because I thought they would. I think there will be clubs disappear, and I mean disappear and going out of business. There aren't as many people with the money to help pick up the pieces. I'm very concerned about clubs like Southampton...

# But you see us as one of the clubs on a more level playing field?

We've still got to go to another level. When we came to this club, frankly, it was in a mess. Now it's in less of a mess but it's still not financially sustainable without a lot of thought from its shareholders and Directors. There are clubs out there that do manage to keep themselves profitable, and I think we must get to that level. I think we want to create something that's sustainable whether I'm here or whatever. I could get run over tomorrow, and we don't want to get into a situation where the club's in jeopardy because I'm not there, or Sir Martyn Arbib's not there, or Jeremy Wray or Andrew Black. It's not good for the supporters or the club. Too many football clubs are losing money where the shareholders can't finance them. There have been many wealthy benefactors who aren't as wealthy as they were, or they have to keep their own businesses alive, and I don't want Swindon in that position.

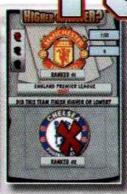
# Can you shed any light on the court case with Bill Power?

I can't say too much about Bill Power, although the case is finished and we're awaiting a decision after Easter. It's a very unfortunate episode. It has done great damage to the football club both in terms of reputation and finance. I'm disappointed the people involved allowed it to get this far and didn't sit round a table to sort this out.

It will have cost the club a lot of money. What I'm really saying is that ending up in court is never a good answer. I'm guessing the combined legal costs of both sides will come close to a million pounds, and that's not a good outcome.

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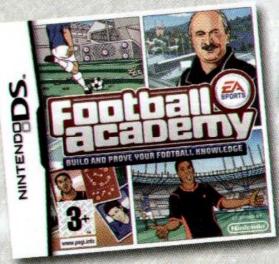




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# Commercially Speaking

# Welcome back to The County Ground

Good afternoon and Happy Easter to you all, especially to our younger guests - I am sure you have all eaten lots of Easter Eggs.

For those that took part in our Easter Egg hunt earlier today, I do hope you were fruitful in the number you collected!

# **END OF SEASON** AWARDS NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for the End of Season Awards night which will take place at The County Ground on Sunday 3rd May 2009. The season will come to a close with the away trip at Peterborough United on Saturday 2nd May, with the awards night taking place 24 hours later in the Legends Lounge.

Those of you who attended the 1969 Celebration Dinner will know what a fantastic night that was, so don't miss out on what should be an excellent evening. The first team squad, Directors and Management will be in attendance with individual tickets starting from only £35 per person, to include a three course meal.

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Town's Fitness and Conditioning Coach David Morrison knows more than most about today's visitors Leyton Orient.

The former midfielder spent three years with The O's after a £25,000 switch from rivals Peterborough United. Now a member of the backroom team here at The County Ground, the 34-year old former winger spoke to the official matchday programme about his footballing career and how the seeds were sown for a career to remain in the game.

### How did you enjoy your time down at Orient?

It was good, but I had quite a bad injury early on. Barry Fry sold me to Orient from Peterborough United just before deadline day in March 1997. I finished off that season on a high and was really looking forward to the new season when injury struck.

Pre-season had gone well but I hyper extended my knee in one of the last warm-up games. A week later we played Cardiff City in the first game of the season and I did my cruciate.

# Was there one moment which triggered your interest in becoming a fitness coach?

The recovery from my knee injury was down to the physio at Orient and in those days cruciate knee injuries weren't that common. The club sent me up to Lilleshall once a week for about seven months, working with the physio team up there. Thankfully I recovered and had another eight years or so playing time.

My interest in fitness and conditioning started during my time at Lilleshall. I did a home study course when I was at Bohemians then continued my studies after that.

# You had quite a varied career, playing league, non-league and Irish football. What were the highlights for you?

The European Championship qualifiers were great nights with Bohemians; there was a special atmosphere around the place. I remember my Peterborough debut well, which came against Bristol Rovers and I also scored a penalty in the semi-final second leg against Rotherham United in the play-offs. Unfortunately I didn't make the squad for the final!

# You joined Swindon last summer as fitness and conditioning coach. How do you cope with the needs of the individual whilst also looking after the masses?

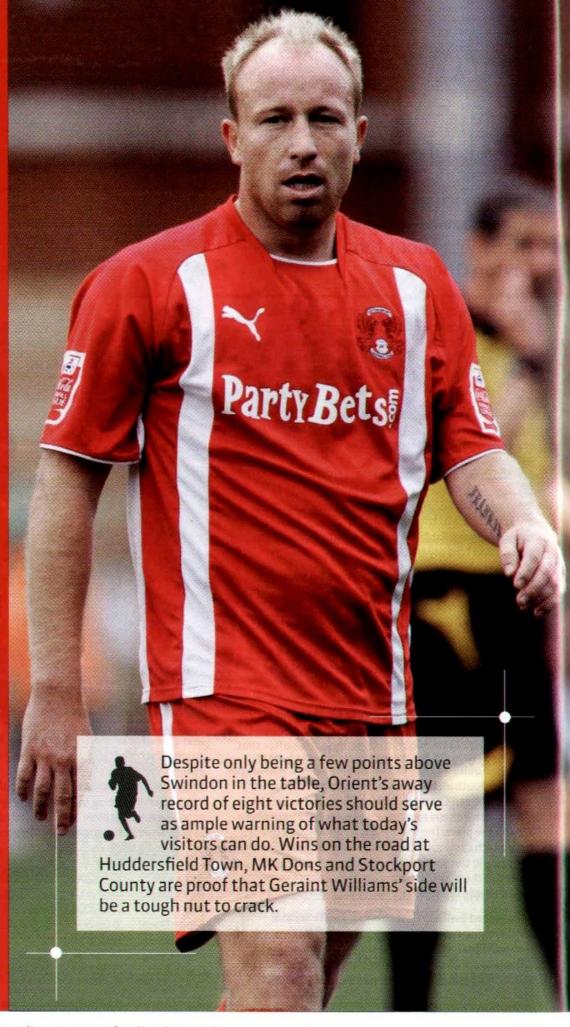
The lads are all different. There are those who excel at short, sharp anaerobic running whilst there are others

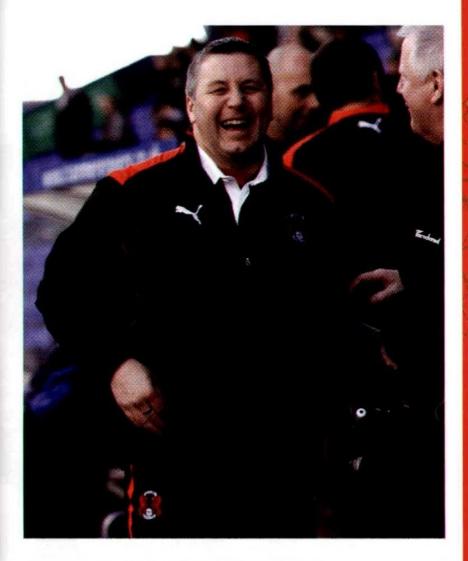


You have to take the temperament of the individual into account. Getting to know the players over the course of this season has been a big help, which should make things easier in the summer and beyond.

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# **Geraint WILLIAMS**

Geraint Williams was appointed as manager of Leyton Orient on February 5 2009, replacing former Swindon midfielder Martin Ling. who left the O's by mutual consent the previous month.

Williams joined the club initially on a contract until the end of the season as Orient embarked on a crucial three-month battle to save their League One status.

47-year-old Welshman Williams previously managed Colchester United and led the U's to their highest-ever League position when they finished 10th in the Championship two seasons ago.

He spent just over two years in charge of Colchester, following a six-year spell as assistant to Steve Whitton and Phil Parkinson at Layer Road as the U's made

progress through the Football

He becomes the 29th permanent manager of Leyton Orient and just the fifth under Barry Hearn's 14 years as chairman of the club.

The former Welsh international made close to 700 Football League appearances in a playing career that lasted 20 years.

After beginning across the River Severn from his birthplace of Cwmparc at Bristol Rovers, he then played at the highest level for Derby County and Ipswich Town, enjoying seven seasons in the old Division One and Premier League.

He ended his professional career at Colchester United, where he spent a decade as player, coach and manager before leaving the Weston Homes Community Stadium club in September 2008.

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# Town's last six vs Leyton Orient

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# Town's record vs Leyton Orient

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- 16 Andrew Cave-Brown
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- 23 Ryan Jarvis
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- 25 Charlie Daniels
- 27 Jimmy Smith
- 28 Jordan Spence
- 29 Scott McGleish
- 30 Simon Church



# in town



# Jamie Jones

Young goalkeeper who arrived at Orient in the summer of 2008 following his release by

Everton. The Kirkby-born stopper came through the ranks at the Goodison Park club and signed his first professional contract there in 2007. His route to first team football was blocked by the likes of American international Tim Howard.

# Paul Terry

Central midfielder Paul Terry signed for the O's in June 2007 after recovering from a cruciate ligament injury that cut short his 2006/07 season. Barking-born Terry had previously been a virtual everpresent in the Yeovil Town team that reached the play-off final that year and he returned strongly for the O's last term, only missing three League games.

# Jimmy Smith

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22-year old Chelsea midfielder Jimmy Smith moved to Orient on a threemonth loan on the January

2009 transfer deadline day, then extending his stay until the end of the season. A versatile attacking midfield player, East End boy Smith is capable of playing in a central position

> or on either flank.

# Scott McGleish

Experienced striker who

returned to the club where he scored his first senior goal when he put pen-to-paper on a three-month loan

from Wycombe Wanderers in February 2009. The 35-yearold front man enjoyed a Ioan spell at Brisbane Road from Charlton in the 1994/95 season and then spent just under a year on a permanent contract in E10 from 1996 to 1997.

# Tamika Mkandawire

Former Orient manager Martin Ling finally landed former Hereford United defender Tamika Mkandawire in June 2007 after a 12-month pursuit for his services. The ex-Town man had been a longtime admirer of the Malawi-born centre back and he had a £60,000 bid for Mkandawire turned down by the Bulls prior to the 2006/07 season.

### Simon Church

Reading voungster Simon Church became Geraint Williams' second signing as O's boss when he arrived on a month's loan in February 2009. The Wales U21 international is awaiting his Royals League debut, but has experience from previous loan spells at Crewe Alexandra, Yeovil Town and Wycombe Wanderers.

### Wayne Gray

The Londoner returned to his home city for an undisclosed fee from Yeovil Town in July 2007. Orient had been on the lookout for a striker all summer and Gray's arrival was the reward for weeks of searching. Scored twice for Swindon during a loan spell towards the end of the 1999/00 season.





# Jason DEMETRIOU

O's youth team product Jason
Demetriou really caught the eye
with his progress last term, which
saw him pick up the club's Young
Player of the Year award.

In just his second year as a professional, Newham-born midfielder Demetriou started 31 League games and was a used sub in 12 more- a total that was only bettered by Adam Chambers and Adam Boyd.

An extremely versatile player capable of playing in central midfield, on either wing, or at right back, Jason was handed his first team debut during the 2005/06 season as reward for an impressive 18 months in the youth and reserve teams.

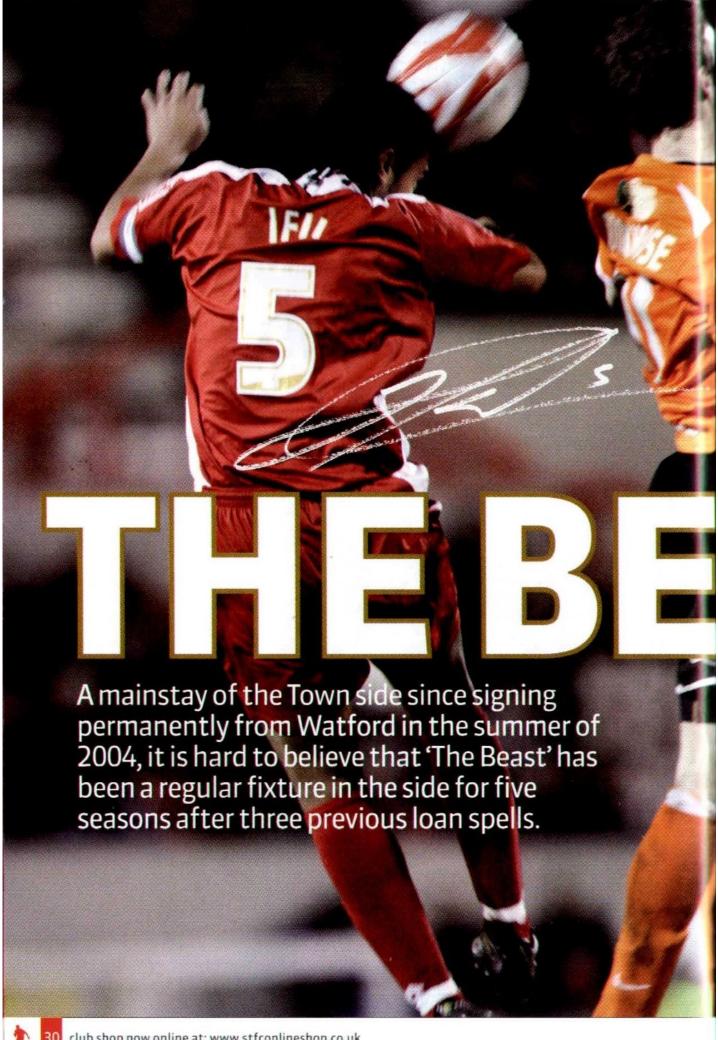
Most of his opportunities last term came on the left flank and Jason also has a great eye for goal-scoring a remarkable 17 times, mostly from full-back, for the youth and reserve sides in 2004/05. He has since backed this up with six senior strikes.

A set-piece specialist who supports the attack well and can pass with both feet, Jason has been an integral part of the O's team during 2008/09.

In February 2009, Demetriou earned his first call-up to the Cyprus squad, making his international debut in a 2-0 defeat to Serbia.

He has chipped in with five goals so far this term which includes scoring the only goal of the game at Colchester United in an FA Cup tie in November.





Ifil has made 26 starts for The Robins this term and has chipped in with vital goals against Hereford United and Aldershot Town. His effort at Edgar Street will surely be the goal of the season scored by a Swindon defender this term.

Ahead of this afternoon's Easter Monday clash with The O's, we caught up with the centre-back and got his views on the season so far, the remaining games of the campaign and what it will mean to secure League One football for another season.

# It has been an up and down season for you so far, how would your 2009/10 campaign?

It has been disappointing overall. Personally I would have liked to have played more games than I have done, but earlier in the season I probably didn't do enough to stay in the team when my opportunity came along.

Did you watch the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final last weekend with three former Swindon players

I watched most of the second half and I couldn't believe it when Claude (Gnakpa) scored! I recognised him from somewhere then remember he was here for a few months a couple of years ago. It was a surprise to see him that far up the pitch, but it was fantastic to see him get the goal and I am sure he will always cherish that moment.

This afternoon will be predictably

tense. How do you counter the

biggest boost ever. The fans can give you the added incentive and they can pick up your game when things aren't going well. In March we had good wins against Hereford and Southend at home. Hopefully we can get another three points on Monday.

You played in the 2-1 Boxing Day win at Orient. What type of game are you expecting today from them?

nerves on a matchday? It is good to have some nerves before a game because it means

vou are

There has been a big squad this year which has been good for the management, but not necessarily for the players that haven't been involved. All you can do is work hard in training and make the most of the chance handed to you.

# You have scored a few goals, including a cracker at Hereford. Is that your favourite ever career goal?

The one at Hereford was enjoyable, yes. It was in a League One game and was from distance, but I haven't scored that many goals! My favourite ever goal would be the one against Walsall a few seasons back though on the final day of the season. It meant a lot at the time, and it still does to me.

"The fans can give you the added incentive and they can pick up your game when things aren't

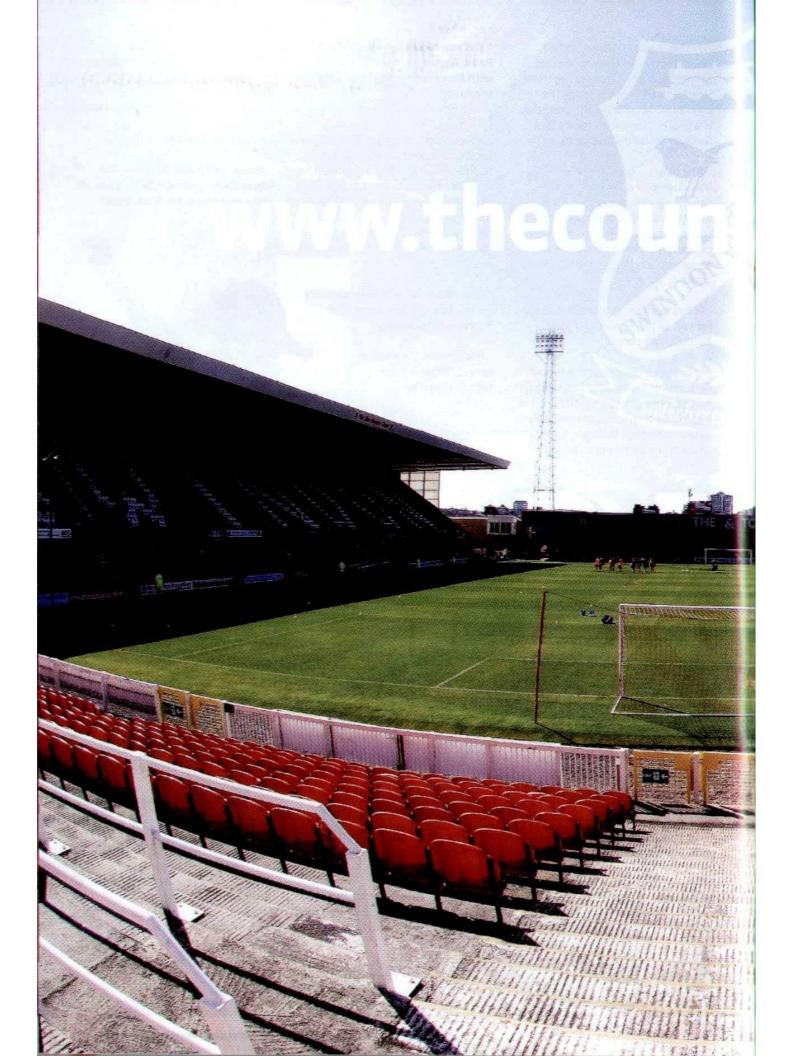
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thinking about what's coming up. I deal with it by saying my prayers and try to calm myself down and focus.

How much of an advantage is playing at home? Do you find there is more pressure at The County Ground to perform?

Our supporters are fantastic when they are on our side and that's the

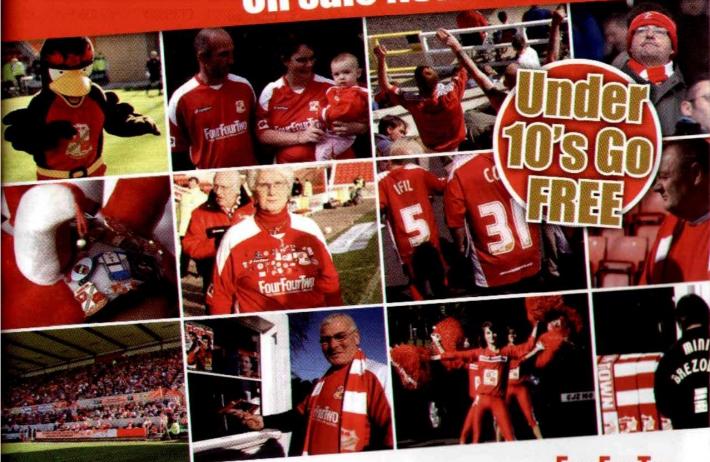
The Boxing Day game was a really good win and we played well. Leyton Orient have picked up a few results of late and have done well away from home this season. Monday's game will be a big game for the players, the club and the supporters.







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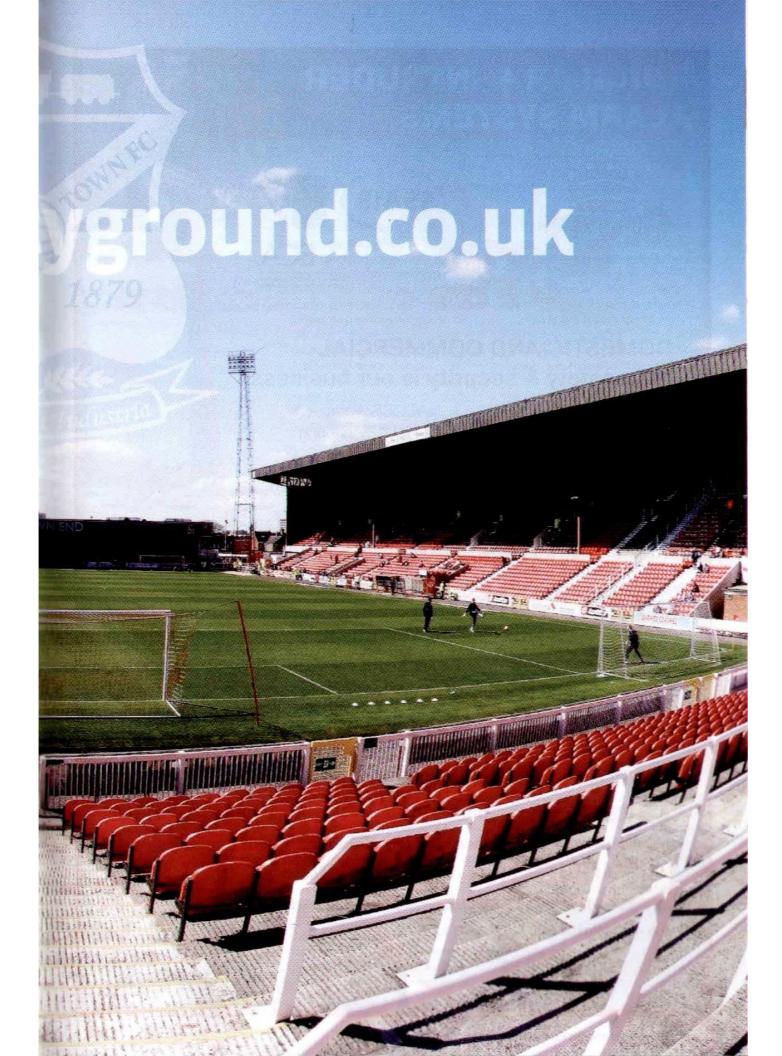
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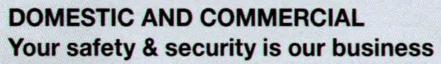
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# A classic encounter











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Final Score: Swindon Town 5 Leyton Orient 0

The County Ground 19th October 1963 Division Two

There were some unusual things happening at The County Ground in mid-October 1963.

For a week BBC cameras had been following the staff around as the broadcasters recorded the documentary 'Six Days to Saturday', detailing the day to day activities behind the scenes of a Division Two football club.

Classic period footage showed local stars Don Rogers, Mike Summerbee and Ernie Hunt playing kickabout around the Rodbourne streets, and even manager Bert Head having his hair cut. Just how much excitement could we take?

Midsomer Norton born Bert Head's half time talk, delivered in a fantastic west country brogue, may have been more for the cameras than the players, but from a second half John Trollope free kick, Reg Davies in the Orient goal missed his punch and allowed Summerbee to double the lead with a precise right footed shot inside the left hand post.

Then Town started to turn on the style. Ken McPherson played the ball out of defence, and a passing move involving Roger Smart, Finally centre forward Jack Smith ran down the left, his centre bypassed Davies to allow Hunt to fire in from six yards to complete the scoring, 5-0.

Orient keeper Davies had only joined from Millwall the previous summer and Town's fluidity mercilessly punished any mistakes. Welsh international wing half Mal Lucas was to leave for Norwich City at the end of the season and ex-West Ham left winger Malcolm Musgrove made one of his 84 appearances for the away side.

"Classic period footage showed local stars Don Rogers, Mike Summerbee and Ernie Hunt playing kickabout around the Rodbourne streets." Footage can be viewed at: www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire



Then, on Saturday 19th, true to the programme's name and as the cameras were still here anyway, the opportunity was taken to capture some match action of Town's home match with Leyton Orient.

The match was as intriguing as the week's events.

After some early control from the visitors Summerbee started causing danger down the right hand side, but it was Rogers on the other wing who jinked past three defenders to square to Hunt. His strike in front of the Stratton Bank supporters took Town into the break one goal to the good.



Trollope, Bobby Woodruff, Hunt and Keith Morgan eventually found Rogers wide on the left. Town's star man then proceeded to cut along the goal line and drill the ball under Davies to make the score 3-0.

The next goal started even further back. Town keeper Mike Turner played a short goal kick to Woodruff who knocked the ball through the centre of the park to Hunt. His turn and ball to Morgan played the wing half through one-on-one against Davies, and he slid the ball past the onrushing keeper inside the same post only recently found by Summerbee.

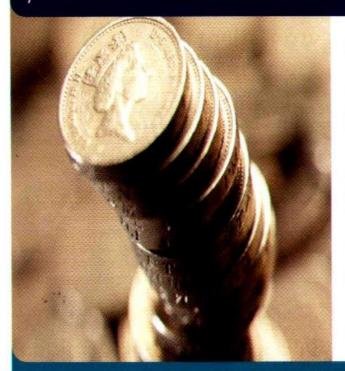


With the M4 still ten years from fruition, the trip home to the East End may have seemed even longer than usual for the Orient team and travelling fans alike.

The teams finished the season two points apart, nearer the bottom of the table than was comfortable for either, and the following season Town finished bottom and dropped into Division Three. Twelve months later, Leyton Orient did the same.

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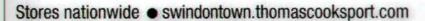


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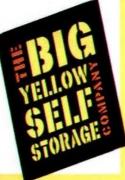
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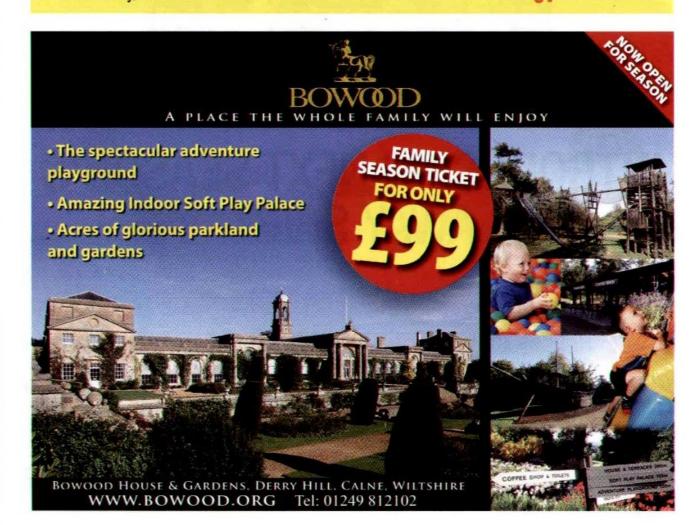
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# **Easter Course** Update

We are now half-way through our Easter course with over 200 youngsters being put through their paces at St. Joseph's Catholic College.

It was fantastic to see our inflatable pitch in use again and it was a magnificent sight from the

roadside to see so many children taking part in our fun-based activities.

This week we have another 200 up and coming stars taking to the field of play and let's hope the weather stays generally clement as it did last week! We would like to say a big thank you to our dedicated team of part-time coaches who have again provided some fantastic sessions for the children who all

went away happy on Thursday with their goodie bags.

# Goodie Goodie!

The main giveaway last week in the goodie bags last week was a skill ball for each child provided by Alive and Kicking, who provide hand-stitched footballs for children throughout Africa.

We took delivery of them last week and they went down a storm with the children, helping the youngsters hone their skills with these money-can't buy footballs.



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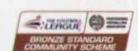














# Action repl►y - 04.04.09



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# SWINDON TOWN **CREWE ALEXANDRA**

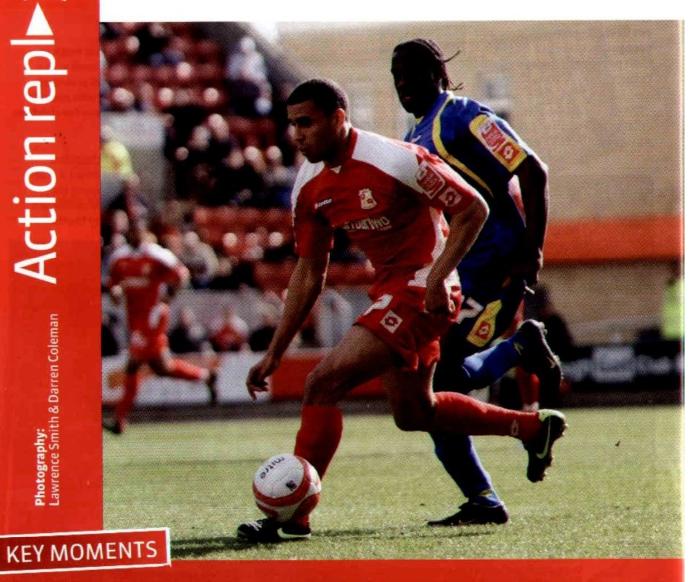
Swindon Town took a point from the last home clash with Crewe Alexandra with The Robins held at home by a resurgent Alex effort.

There were changes to the Robins line-up with Jamie Vincent, Owain Tudur Jones

and Jerel Ifil all included in the side in place of Jack Smith, Lilian Nalis and Sean Morrison.

Guilt-edged chances were few and far between with the Crewe defence well marshalled by the likes of

Dennis Lawrence and the highly-rated Julien Baudet. Hal Robson-Kanu was amongst the most likely to break the deadlock although on-loan keeper John Ruddy was equal to the long-range efforts from the Reading youngster.



# **18 MIN**



Midfielder Michael Timlin is handed an opportunity on the left but sees his crisp drive fizz over the bar from the left hand edge of the area.

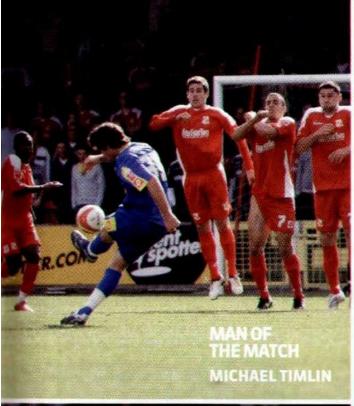
# **31** MIN



31 - Alan Sheehan, on loan from Leeds, cuts in past Greer before squaring the ball to Woodards who somehow fires wide from close range.

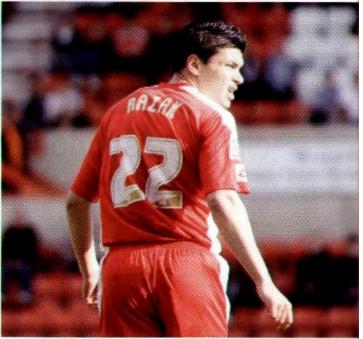


40 MIN Hal Robson-Kanu picks up another loose ball on the edge of the area and cannons a left foot shot which narrowly flies past the post.











Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Kevin Amankwaah, Jerel Ifil, Gordon Greer (Captain), Jamie Vincent (Smith, '88); Hal Robson-Kanu (Razak '84), Michael Timlin, Owain Tudur Jones, Anthony McNamee; Billy Paynter, Simon Cox.

Substitutes not used: Peter Brezovan (GK), Craig Easton, Lecsinel Jean-Francois.



42 MIN The Reading loanee provides another opportunity for Town with Billy Paynter meeting the ball at the back post but his effort goes over.

**75 MIN** 



**Owain Tudur Jones** goes close with a well placed effort which is gathered low to his left by John Ruddy.



92 MIN Substitute Jack Smith, on for Vincent at left-back, strides forward before firing a low drive which is well held by Ruddy.

# Quiz

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To book your place on the team call Adam Wainwright on 0844 880 1094 or email adam@swindontownfc.co.uk

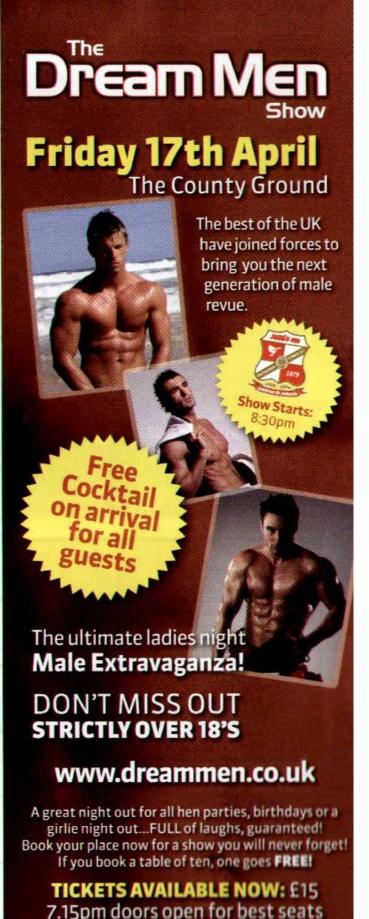
# Sunday 3rd May STFC 2008/09 Awards Dinner -

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# 50 scent

Words: Ed Hadwin

What will it take for Swindon to stay in League 1? It's a question I'm increasingly being asked, and one which I thought it was time to try and get a decent answer for.

This is being written before the Brighton game, so hopefully Swindon will be in a better position by the time you read this.

Traditionally 52 points has been seen as the mark needed to ensure trips to places like Accrington Stanley and Morecambe are avoided, in much the same way as 40 has been the vital number in the Premier League. But, much like the top flight, it turns out that quite often you don't need that many.

I figured looking back at the last 10 years will give us a pretty good idea. Rather than just use the number of points gained by the team finishing fifth from bottom, I took the tally of the last relegated club and added one to it (no-one wants to think about avoiding relegation on goal difference! Having said that though, Swindon do have a much better than goal difference than anyone but Northampton's, so all those Simon Cox goals - and the last few clean sheets - might count for something more than just points).

The lowest points tally needed for survival in the last 10 years is 45, and that's happened twice in the last 10 years. Swindon have already reached that mark but much as I'd love to think the Town have already done enough to secure their place in League 1, I don't think there's a fan out there that truly believes that will be enough.

The highest needed has been the magic mark of 52, again in two of the last ten seasons, including Swindon's 2000/2001 campaign when Bristol Rovers so kindly imploded because of the sheer number of games they had to play.

The exact average can be rounded

up to 50 points to stay in League 1. Funnily enough I don't think this will be too far from the truth

Northampton occupy the final place, three points behind but with two games in hand. They have Leeds, MK Dons and Scunthorpe to play. The other two teams below Swindon, Crewe and Carlisle both have similar run in's to the Town. with one top team left to take on. They are a point behind though, and the previously mentioned goal difference makes it more like two.

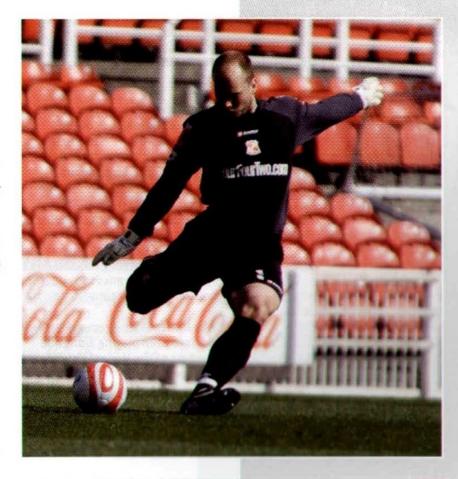
The eagle eyed of you will notice that I haven't actually answered my own question yet! For what it's worth I think 51 (or two more wins) will be enough this season, possibly less than that if Northampton do a Bristol Rovers, But I'm not sure I'd put a bet on it!



Above: Simon Cox on the goal train.

Below: Phil Smith, clean sheets

"All those Simon Cox goals - and the last few clean sheets might count for something more than just points."





# Youth Round-up



The Centre of Excellence has been busy with three games against Bristol Rovers, Oxford and Torquay United.

The Under 9's have had a couple of good games and have shown some decent performances. They have developed slowly as a team but the hard work in training is now starting to show. I am hopeful that this will continue and take their development through into the preseason programme.

The Under 10's have developed very well and have achieved through hard work in their training sessions. They have shown individual and team development and are now working with myself on a full eleven a side pitch looking ahead to next season. The boys are adapting well to the size, distances and angles involved in the step up in pitch size.

The Under 11's have done well, particularly in the second half of the season where they have made progress following a few additions to the squad. They have matured over the course of the campaign and are becoming a very strong side. Good performances over the season include a 6-4 victory over Cardiff City – which was the highlight.

Our Under 12's have had a big squad for the majority of the season and we have had to use a rotation system to ensure all the players get enough game time. In this particular age-group a few of the players have been hit by Osgood Slatters and any member of the squad affected by this has been given a treatment programme to work to. Hopefully this shouldn't mean the players miss too much of their development time.

The Under 13's side is working well and have been playing alongside members of the Under 12's who have been offered the chance to play up a year. Those players are physically capable of handling football at Under 13's level and it has been great to have handed them that opportunity. We hope

to make some additions in the summer to boost the squad.

The Under 14's have had a very good season and at times have played some fantastic football. The coaches have got the players working hard for each other and there are some very good players within the age-groups. I am very hopeful that over the next few seasons we will have some exciting prospects making it through into youth contracts.

Former Swindon defender John Trollope, in charge of the Under 15's, has done a great job this term after arriving at the start of the season. The players have taken some time to get used to John's style but they have learnt so much. Again, I hope that this group of players will be pushing towards youth contracts in twelve months time.

Enjoy the game...

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director

# TOWN GO DUTCH

With no Puma League fixture for the last two weekends we were delighted to welcome Dutch U18 side FC Gravenzande to the Liddington Training Ground.

This gave Paul Bodin a chance to play first year apprentices and next year's intake, as well as giving an early opportunity to blend together and give experience playing against a side that would operate a different philosophy to what we would normally expect. There were also one or two trialists playing who were hoping to impress the watching youth department staff.

# **INJURY UPDATE**

Kurt Hammonds is continuing his rehabilitation work with Physio Dick Mackey and has started doing some ball work at the training ground as well as his work in the gym and swimming pool.

Mark Scott is working hard on his general physical fitness and strengthening work, but is unable to work on any goal keeping handling technique until his thumb has completely healed and pain free which should be in the next week or so.

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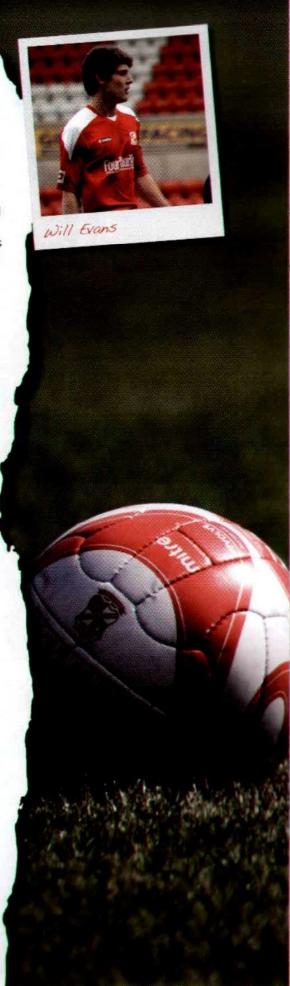
It was good to see Will **Evans, Nathan Thompson** and substitute Lloyd Macklin play well in the recent reserve fixture against Forest Green Rovers at The County Ground.

This continued their personal development with Will and Nathan playing ninety minutes at the back and Lloyd came off the bench to set up the final goal for Jon-Paul McGovern.

# **JUST CHAMPION**

Only two games stand in the way of the Town Under 18's side winning the Puma Youth Alliance League title.

Swindon face a trip to Plymouth Argyle on Saturday 18th April before a home encounter with The Pilgrims the following week. Let's hope The Robins can secure the title with a picture special to follow in the next edition of the programme!





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Exeter City	17	10	1	6	35	19	+16	31
Bournemouth	18	8	3	7	29	28	+1	27
Yeovil Town	17	7	4	6	22	24	-2	25
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	39	31	+8	21
Cheltenham T.	17	5	2	10	19	35	-16	17
Oxford United	17	5	1	11	16	34	-18	16
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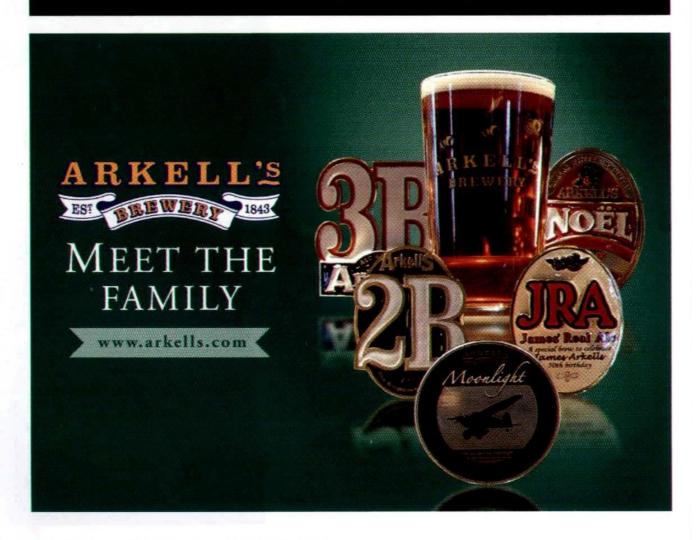




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# JUNIOR ROBINS

Bristol Rovers.

Hello everyone and a warm welcome to the Junior Fans from Leyton Orient that have made the trip along the M4 to The County Ground this afternoon.

> along to send their support to the Town at Brighton. There will

> be a number of photos from the day featured in the final home

programme of the season against

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

# SEASON REVIEW...

It has been a really busy season for our Junior Robins members with four away trips and the tour around Wembley. We also now have the Junior Robins Clubroom for match days. We have also had a couple of Meet the Players evenings, a visit to the training ground and a Christmas Party with a disco enjoyed by all!

We will be doing all this and more for next season. As well as discounts we also offer the chance to be the Swindon Town match day mascots at away games.

# 2009/10 SEASON

After today there is only one game of the season remaining with Bristol Rovers coming to Town on Saturday 25th April. Plans are already being put in place for next season!

We will be building on the good work we have done this term for next with a number of new features and initiatives coming up. If you would like more details, or for me to send out a new membership form to you as soon as they are printed in the close season please let me know.

# BRIGHTON AWAY TRIP

We ran a coach trip to The Withdean Stadium at the weekend with a number of our Juniors going











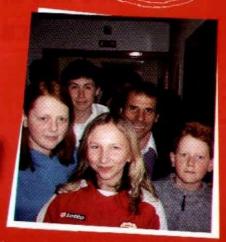
# JUNIOR ROBINS CLUBROOM

Just to let you know that the Junior Robins Clubroom will not be open for the last home game of the season against Bristol Rovers. I will be contactable in the STFC Legends Lounge for any enquiries. Remember the game kicks off

For any enquiries please let me know 07776 207655 or 01793 527470. Shazfranklin@ aol.com

at 12pm!

Many thanks Sharon



# STAR SPOTTING

Junior Robins member Hannah Clinch attended the recent Christian Roberts Testimonial fixture with friends, and they managed to snap a picture with West Ham boss Gianfranco Zola! Well done!



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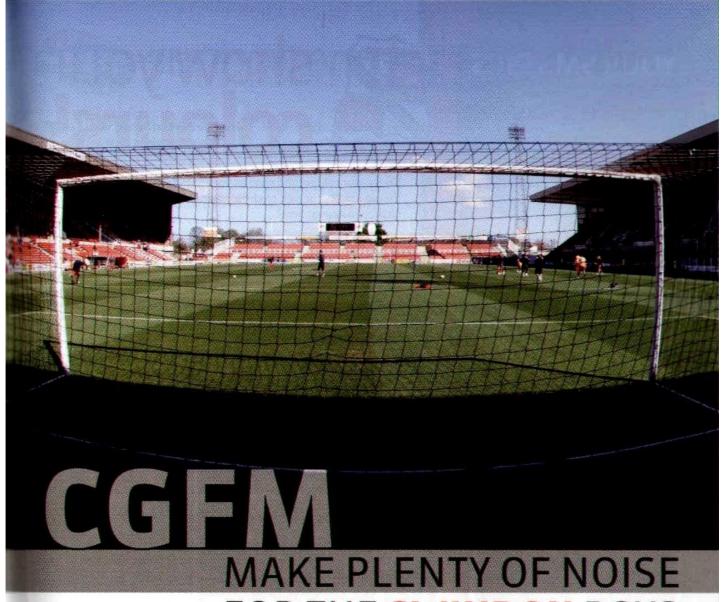
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# FOR THE **SWINDON** BOYS

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our Bank Holiday fixture with Leyton Orient here at The County Ground.

Hopefully we will have got three points down at the lovely Withdean Stadium and broken the Nicky Forster voodoo that he seems to have over us. The fixture computer has copied last season when we played on the South Coast. We had to suffer every season possible in the ninety minutes of play, it rained, snowed, hailed and the sun even shined for a while when Craig Easton put us one up.

It is certainly down to the nittygritty now as we are in the end of season run-in. After today we will have just one home game for us to get clear of possible trouble.

With results going our way then we could be safe with two weeks of the season to go. Like the eternal optimist I can hope that is the case or I could back the 100-1 winner of the national and that did not happen either!

You the supporters are playing your part with your vocal support for YOUR TEAM. After fifteen minutes of our game with Crewe the encouragement that you gave from all of the supporters was absolutely superb. With just one hundred and eighty minutes of football left to be played here this season, now is the time to lift your voices higher than ever before and carry the boys to three valuable points today and three points against the Rovers for our final home fixture. Keep making PLENTY OF NOISE FOR THE

SWINDON BOYS.

Many thanks for your birthday and special event mentions that are coming into Shaun and me here at The County Ground. We have great pleasure in trying to make your day that much more special by reading out your request. We have our own email box which is cgfm@ swindontownfc.co.uk or you can send them in to us c/o the front

Nails may well be chewed down to the one but your support is vital and with everything crossed the vocal levels will again be high for the whole game with the SWINDON CROWD making PLENTY OF NOISE FOR THE SWINDON BOYS.

Enjoy the game Stuart and Shaun

# YOUR SMS PICS



# **Trophy Time For Vernon!**

Whilst Matty didn't get to see his beloved Liverpool lift the Carling Cup this year, he did get the chance to get close to the trophy when it came to STFC recently!





# Three Lions! and a Robin!

8-year old James Sheldon is pictured here whilst showing his Town colours at the England vs Ukraine game at the start of April. He has been a Season Ticket Holder here at The County Ground for three years. Westbury-based James has been encouraged by his Father, who is a Leeds United supporter, to support his local team. Keep it up James!



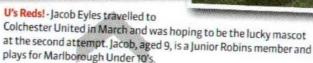
# show your colours!

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!



Yu-Can Do It! - Town fan
Brian Hunt is seen showing
off his colours here at the
Tulum Archeological site
on the Yucatan Peninsula,
Mexico, Brian is a Season
Ticket Holder in the Don
Rogers Stand although he
is currently following the
fortunes of his favourite
club from afar as he is in The
Falklands for four months.







Cooper S-TFC-Town supporter Tim Cooper is seen here celebrating his 40th birthday in Angelsey with family and friends. Keep up the support!



Australia! - Old Town resident Mark Stone, who works in the matchday box office at The County Ground, is seen here during a trip to February in Sydney.



# supporters club

# The Easter period is always crucial at both ends of the table and today's game is no exception.

Talking of results we were delighted with another £400 plus pay-out for the half-time draw at the last home game, the results are.

1st prize v Crewe 910 wins £403, P. Cheeseley of Highworth 2nd prize v Crewe 1211 wins £45, C. Rutland of Swindon 3rd prize v Crewe 459 wins £10, D. Gunner of Swindon

Incidentally, for those that keep a check on the prize listing on our website we have been missing the 2nd prize winner for the game against Southend. This has now been claimed by A.Preedy of Swindon who won £35.

Don't forget that at the final Bristol Rovers game we will be holding our "super" draw, with a guaranteed first prize of £1,000 plus a new season ticket and a further significant cash prize. This will mean once again we will have distributed prizes amounting to £10,000 to winning fans this season.

Members should by now have received the recent newsletter, containing details of the Player of the Year vote as well as details of the presentation dinner being held on Tuesday 28th April.

Please return the voting slips and

food choices as soon as possible

If any non members wish to attend this event they may contact me on 01865 820499 or e-mail me at chairman@ swindontownsupportersclub.com. for the details. The event is always well attended with players and club officials also in attendance.



There is one of the longest away trips of the season ahead of us next week and whilst thankful it is not a Tuesday evening in December, it is a journey which I hope will bring some reward for the supporters that will travel North for that one. I will bring news of that match in my final notes of the season.

As we once again draw towards the end of another season we look like being in for another nail biting finish, let's hope we come out on the right side and can look forward to League One football again next season.

Roger.



# Iris Higgs

Location: Kempsford
Favourite Goal: Kenny Stroud
v Everton on 29th Jan 1977, Championship
Favourite Player: Lee Peacock
Best Game: At St Andrews Birmingham 4
Swindon 6, 12th April 1993
Score Prediction: Swindon win 2-1

# £'s for points

2008/2009 Participants	•
Jeremy Wray	5
Kevin Legg	5
Sandy & Peter Gray	5
Mike McQueen	3
Peter Cuss	5 3 2.5
Andy Whitaker	2
David Barry	2
Maurice Heritage	2
Swindon Town Disabled Group	2
Robert Stephenson	1.5
Honor Fraser	1
Maureen & Chris Kirkland	1
Iris Higgs	1
Paul Bartlett	1
Simon Bayliss	1
David Toddington	1
David Johnson	i
Mike Dew	i
Max Johnson	i
Bill Dolman	i
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	i
Jerry Walsh	1
Joan Griffiths	1
Eileen & Paul Bailey	1
Paul Spearman	1
Mike & Olive Spearman	1
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	1
Toni Cox	
	1
Kim Young	1
Wendy & Jim Murray Trust STFC	1
	1
Frank Bunce	1
The Fox Denchworth	1
Lloyd and Fiona Russell	1
George and William Woodley	1
Rose and Mike Jones	1
Dennise Webb	1
Chris Tanner	1
Fred Nash	0.5
Shirley Hollister	0.5
Ruby & Trevor Wainwright	0.5
Pete Toddington	0.5
Bradley Carter	0.5
Anna Tomkins	0.5
Ken Bunce	0.5
Andrew Hounsell	0.5
L.J.& 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 6

# TOTAL £ 2610:00

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# Don't join a gym this January.

Until you've checked out our Fitness & Wellbeing Centre on Greenbridge Retail Park, Garrard Way, Swindon, SN3 3SQ or called us on 01793 422 211.



nuffieldhealth.com

# SIMON COX WINS POWERADEAWARD FOR MARCH



Swindon Town striker Simon Cox will this afternoon parade his League One Player of the Month award for March.

The former Reading front man landed the award after enjoying a phenomenal month, netting eight goals in as many league games.

His scoring run began with a goal in his side's narrow defeat to Colchester United and was followed by back-toback braces to secure comprehensive home wins over both Southend



United and Hereford United.

Cox's outstanding goal-scoring form culminated in him hitting a hat-trick to seal all three points for the Robins at Northampton Town and help them move away from the relegation places in Coca-Cola League 1.

Also short-listed for the March award were Jermaine Beckford of Leeds United, Chris Whelpdale of Peterborough United and Scunthorpe United's Gary Hooper.

Chris Kamara, Chairman of the Powerade Player of the Month Awards panel, said:

"Simon Cox is simply a goal machine.

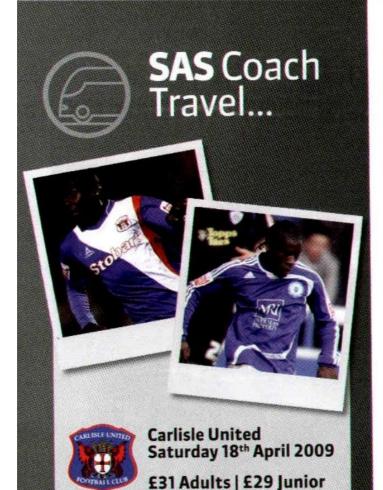
All the big clubs have had a look at him and you can see why. He's beginning to reach his full potential and his goals have helped Swindon stay clear of the League 1 relegation zone."

The winners were announced on Big League Weekend 2 on Monday 6th April with Cox being presented with his award at The County Ground the day after.

To see footage of Cox receiving his award then just log onto STFC World at Swindontownfc.co.uk with the striker speaking to the club's official online TV service about his best goal of the month and the campaign so far.

THE SWINDON TOWN STRIKER WILL BE HOPING TO ADD TO HIS TALLY WITH ANOTHER GOAL OR TWO AGAINST THE O'S THIS AFTERNOON, WATCH MATCH HIGHLIGHTS FROM TODAY'S GAME AT STFC WORLD, THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL ONLINE TV SERVICE

www.swindontownfc.co.uk



£2 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card. Departs from The County Ground at 6.45am. 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.



# Peterborough United Saturday 2nd May 2009

# £16 Adults | £14 Junior

£2 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card. Departs from The County Ground at 10.00am. 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.

**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 Carlisle United Saturday 18th April, Kick-Off 3.00pm, Brunton Park

Swindon fans will hope League One safety is secured by the time Brunton Park comes around as a destination. Carlisle is one of the longest trips of the season with a round trip of 538 miles facing those supporters who make the journey to Cumbria. A three point haul - in addition to League One safety - would certainly make the motorway miles pass quicker.

# Matchday Prices:

Adult	£18
Senior Cit.	£12 (over 65)
Junior (11-17)	£8
Junior (under10)	£4
Junior (under 7)	free
W/Chair (includes free carer)	£2

Tickets are now on sale.

Distance from STFC: 269.3 miles **Journey Time:** 4 hr 40 min CA1 1LL Sat Nav:



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Peterborough United Saturday 2nd May, Kick-Off 3.00pm, London Road

Town's players will hope to board the team coach destined for Perterborough safe in the knowledge that League One safety has already been secured. 'The Posh' are chasing promotion and there could be a party atmosphere at London Road. Let's hope The Robins can celebrate a successful end to the campaign by gatecrashing the party.

Matchday Prices:	Seating	Terrace
Adult	£20	£15
Senior Cit.	£12	£12
Student with NUS card	£12	£12
Disabled	£12	£12
Junior 15 and under	£9	£9
Wheelchair disabled and need a helper need to pho 01733 865674 option 2.	ambulant disa one Peterboro	ibled that ugh direct on

Tickets are now on sale.

Distance from STFC:	111.2 miles
Journey Time:	2 hr 30 min
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# **BOX** office

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# 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 issues 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 Bristol Rovers Saturday 25th April, Kick-Off 12.00pm,

piece band. A win over Trollope's men would certainly

The County Ground

The last home game of the season sees local rivals
Bristol Rovers the visitors to The County Ground. The
fixture has been designated a Help for Heroes day with
plenty of entertainment planned, including a forty-

Matchday Prices: See left

round the season off in style.







Under 10's can watch Town for FREE at all home Coca-Cola League matches in the 2009/10 season.

The Club have launched Season Ticket prices for next season and that means great news for Town's younger supporters.

Under 10's are guaranteed FREE entry to all league games anywhere in the stadium if a Season Ticket is renewed or purchased with an adult.

Season Tickets are now on sale from the STFC Box Office phoning **0871 223 2300** or in person at The County Ground.





# statistics

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Red block denotes player appearance (green donates goalkeeper). With 1 denotes goal scored.

5/20 Denotes substitute appearance and player replaced

- Denotes substitute not used
- Scored from penalty

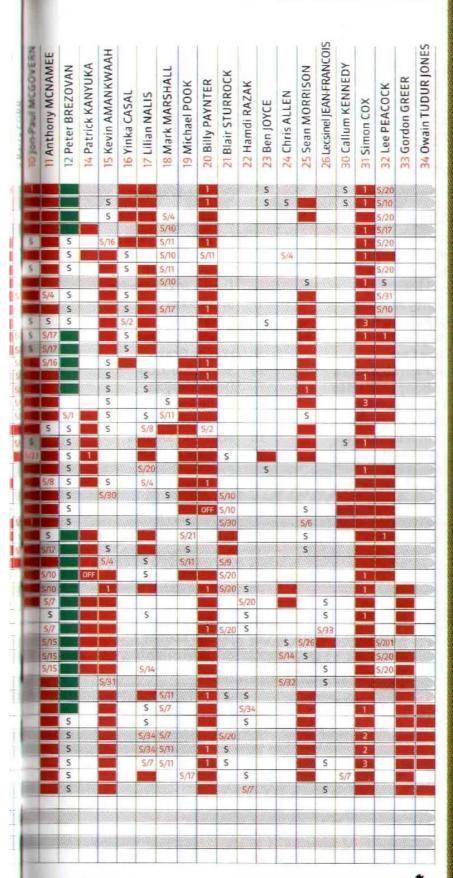
OFF Player sent off

Opponents own goal

# Simon Cox...

March was a fine month in front of goal for our former Reading striker. Cox's impressive tally of eight goals in as many League One games was enough to attract national recognition for his efforts. He was named the Powerade Player of the Month for March with former Town Month for March, with former Town midfielder Chris Kamara on the judging panel. Let's hope for more goals today





### Rickie Lambert...

The Rovers striker has now scored 100 goals in 292 career league starts, with 46 of those goals coming in 107 appearances for The Gas. Lambert failed to find the net in the recent home defeat to Huddersfield and the away trip to Tranmere. With Lambert travelling to MK Dons this afternoon, the striker will come up against former Town man Sean O'Hanlon who is now a regular in the Dons line-up.

Final Day...

Bristol Rovers are in Town on Saturday 25th April for the final home game of the season with a 12pm kick-off. The Legends Lounge will be open from 10am on the day and will be open at before, at half time and after the final whistle. Food will also be available.



# League One Table 08.04.09

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MK Dons	40	21	9	10	76	45	72	+31
Leeds	41	22	6	13	69	47	72	+22
Scunthorpe	39	20	7	12	69	52	67	+17
Tranmere	41	19	9	13	56	43	66	+13
Southend	41	19	7	15	52	54	64	-2
Oldham	41	15	14	12	60	58	59	+2
Stockport	41	15	12	14	54	49	57	+5
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Huddersfield	41	15	12	14	53	59	57	-6
Walsall	41	15	10	16	55	59	55	4
Bristol R	40	14	12	14	67	52	54	+15
Leyton Orient	41	13	10	18	39	50	49	-11
Hartlepool	41	12	10	19	60	69	46	-9
Yeovil	40	11	13	16	34	57	46	-23
Swindon	41	10	15	16	60	64	45	-4
Carlisle	41	11	11	19	51	65	44	-14
Crewe	41	12	8	21	54	72	44	-18
Northampton	39	10	12	17	51	52	42	P
Brighton	40	9	12	19	44	63	39	-19
Hereford	40	9	6	25	37	67	33	-30
Cheltenham	40	7	10	23	46	83	31	-37

### STFC Player Appearances 2008/2009

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2 Jack Smith	4	5/0	33(3)	-	-	5	4	5/0	38(3)		
3 Jamie Vincent		2/0	14					2/0	14		
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8 Craig Easton	2	2/0	12(7)		-	3(1)	2	2/0	15(8)		
9 Barry Corr	10	1/0	2(9)			1(2)	1	1/0	3(11)		
10 Jon Paul McGovern	2	1/0	21(1)		-	4	2	1/0	25(1)		
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20 Billy Paynter	11	2/1	37	1		3(2)	12	2/1	40(2		
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