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Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for today's game against Tranmere Rovers.

Firstly I must say how nice it is to be back at home for today's game, as four out of our last five matches have been away, which is never ideal – even though we have done well on our travels of late.

At the time of writing I can't offer any views on Saturday's game at Leeds as it hasn't been played yet, but hopefully

this hamstring niggle that has troubled him since he got here.

Obviously it's been frustrating for everyone – not least Vince himself – that we haven't been able to see the best of him in a Swindon shirt yet but that's the way it goes in football sometimes, especially with hamstring injuries.

I don't profess to being an expert in the field at all, but what I'm told is that a few fibres in the hamstring keep going, so whatever problem that is, it is restricting him so we wanted to sort it

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we'll be coming into today's game on the back of a good result from what is a massive game at Elland Road.

In terms of today's game, I'm expecting a difficult game against Tranmere in spite of their league position, as they're scrapping for their lives, and need the points just as much, if not more than we do.

I remember the last time we played them at Prenton Park back in October it was a tough game, even though we ran out 4-1 winners.

The first half an hour of that game in particular showed what they are capable of, and they could have taken the lead in fairness to them, so we'll have to be wary of them today as their results have certainly picked up with Les Parry in charge.

I've said it before but there are no easy games in this division, especially at this time of the season when most teams in the league have something to play for, and today is no different with both us and them having our own respective causes to fight for.

Away from the game today, we sent Vincent Pericard away to Lillleshall last week to try and get to the bottom of

out properly.

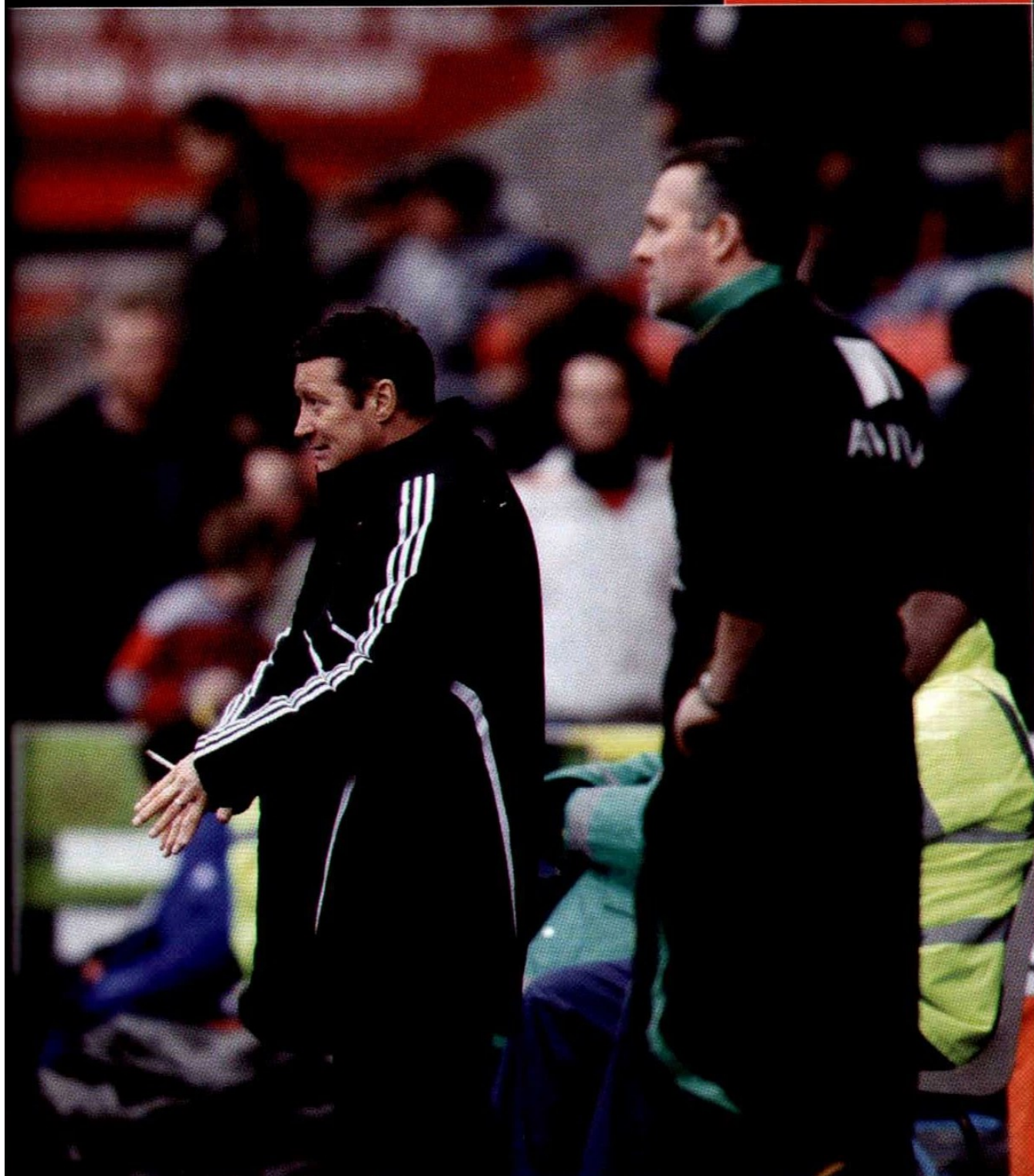
He's not 100%, but we're trying to get this little niggle into some sort of context so that we can treat it properly and then we can see what Vince is really all about, which I'm confident we will before long.

We've had some massive games in recent weeks, and it has been brilliant to see so many fans come out to support us both for the home game against Norwich, and the away matches at Brighton and Southampton.

We're moving into a really crucial stage of the season now, and it would be great to see you continue to support the players in the same way you have throughout the season, and hopefully we can reward you with some good performances – starting today.

Enjoy the game.

Danny Wilson



Question for the Gaffer?

P. Heart, Eastleigh asked:
Were you surprised to see
Portsmouth recall Matt Ritchie
last weekend?

"We didn't see it coming that's for sure. But they had a problem on the Friday morning with one of their boys going down in training,

and one of the lads who'd had a head collision a few days before didn't recover in time, and that was it. It was a shame but that's why teams put a 24 hour call back on players for if problems like that pop up."

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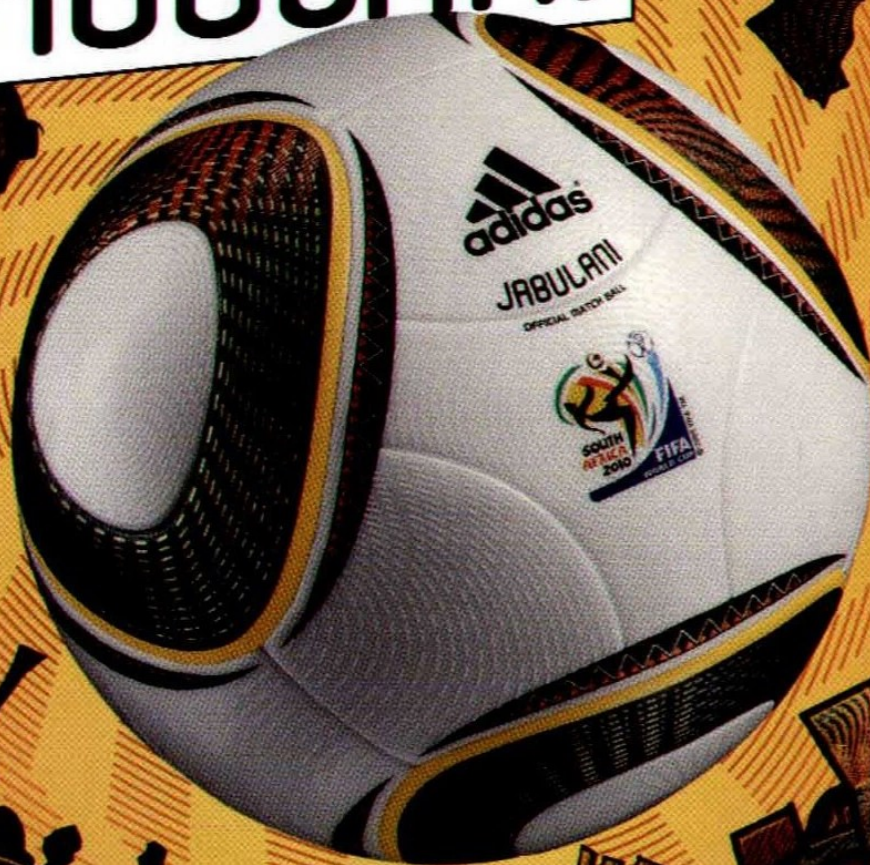


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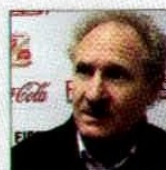
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MONDAY

"Up there with the best I have ever scored," said midfielder Michael Timlin after scoring

a wonder-goal for the reserves. STFC Player got his post-match views. Highlights from the win at Hartlepool United were also available for STFC Player subscribers as well as a post-match interview with Town boss Danny Wilson.



TUESDAY

STFC Player caught up with former Town assistant manager Malcolm Crosby, who spoke about his current role with League Two play-off chasers Northampton Town.



WEDNESDAY

Simon Ferry, bouncy as ever, previewed the game at Leeds United – offering an insight

into how the squad are dealing with the club's promotion hopes.



THURSDAY

Danny Wilson's pre-match views – first and exclusive for STFC Player subscribers ahead of the Saturday venture to Yorkshire with Leeds United the hosts at Elland Road.



FRIDAY

Youngster Danny Ward spoke to STFC Player with his thoughts ahead of a first return to his former club, Leeds United.

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The fixtures for the new campaign will be announced on **Thursday 17th June 2010** with next season kicking-off on **Saturday 7th August 2010**.

As ever, **Christmas** will be a busy period with four match days scheduled in the space of nine days. The traditional **Boxing Day** fixtures are followed by games on **Tuesday 28th December, New Year's Day** and **Monday 3rd January 2011**.

The season for clubs in League 1 and League 2 will end on **Saturday 7th May 2011** with teams in the Championship playing their final matches a day later on **Sunday 8th May 2011**.

SEASON TICKET PRIZE DRAW WINNER →

The lucky winner from the last Prize Draw at the Norwich City fixture was Christine Newland - Don Rogers - Block D3 - Row H- Seat 90. Christine won a personal Samsung MP3 Player. Call Adam at the club for details of today's draw on **0844 880 1094**.

Football United



For the duration of the 2009/10 season, Help for Heroes is the official charity partner of The Football League and tens of thousands of pounds have already been raised through the generosity of fans across England and Wales.

Football for Heroes week is eight days of action where all 72 Football League clubs are dedicating their home game to supporting the charity which rehabilitates injured military personnel.

With a relationship dating back over a century Football for Heroes Week is just the latest chapter in a long history



between the beautiful game and the armed forces.

Today, football flags fly proudly at bases and from tanks on far-away battlefields

and The Football League's recent visit to the defence rehabilitation centre, Headley Court, with the Carling Cup made it clear that the game is still an integral cog in the military machine.

And building on the incredible support already shown by countless League clubs across the country, Football for Heroes week sets out to be an extended, united demonstration of that intrinsic bond.

Dennis Archer →

Swindon Town Football Club are saddened to hear the death of long-time fan Dennis Archer (who was known as Dan to his friends).

Dennis passed away aged 85 on Sunday 7th March at the Prospect Hospice, Wroughton, after months of fighting lung cancer. Dennis was a Season Ticket Holder up until two years ago, when he started to suffer health problems. The club would like to send their condolences to his family at this sad time.



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Nick Watkins:

From the Boardroom

Welcome everyone to The County Ground for this Easter Monday fixture against our Merseyside visitors, Tranmere Rovers.

It is good to be back on home turf after a couple of weeks on the road, inhaling the airs of the North and getting to know each of the traffic cones on the motorways by name. First was our visit to Victoria Park from where we returned homeward, with a victory having being secured against Hartlepool United, in a game where the pitch condition and the howling wind were additional elements to contend with.

As I prepare these Boardroom notes for today's fixture, Danny Wilson's Red Army is preparing to venture North once more, this time to do battle with Leeds United on Easter Saturday. What a contest this promises to be with only a point separating the sides currently occupying positions two, three and four in the league. Norwich City, with their long run of success, would appear to be heading towards claiming the League One title but everything else is still very much to play for. Let's all hope that by the time you read these notes, we will have returned homeward down the M1, once more victorious.

How fortunes change so quickly in this game of football! It was this time last season that STFC went to Brighton & Hove Albion, desperate for three points in order to secure League One survival whilst Tranmere Rovers were challenging for a play-off position. Twelve months on, the situation has been reversed but Tranmere Rovers are a great club, with a long tradition and we wish them every success in their fight against relegation - but not at our expense this afternoon.

Last week, together with representatives from all of the



"Once there was a way to get back homeward. Once there was a way to get back home."

72 league clubs, I attended the Football League meeting, on this occasion hosted by Walsall FC. At this meeting, we bid a collective farewell to Lord Brian Mawhinney on his retirement as Chairman of the Football League. Brian has served the Football League with distinction these past seven years and I would like to use these Boardroom notes to extend to him the thanks of Swindon Town FC. Greg Clarke will take over the Chairmanship on April 7th and the Football League members voted unanimously to extend to Brian the

invitation to become the Football League's very first Honorary President for an initial three-year term.

After our visit to Colchester United next Saturday, we entertain Exeter City here on Monday April 12th. This is a Sky Sports televised fixture and we are offering all supporters the opportunity to bring a friend for £5 so please do take advantage of this initiative. As we approach the climax to this exciting season, we are urging all supporters and their friends to get behind the club and 'Fill The County Ground', not just for the Exeter City game but for the other two home fixtures against Walsall and Brentford. Your support is crucial, the team respond positively when The County Ground is buzzing and you can be that all-important inspiration.

Finally, on the subject of inspiration, my good friend The Talented Mr Andy Ripley continues his battle with cancer and has now sadly lost his sight. In last Saturday's Daily Telegraph, he was interviewed by Mike Cleary, which captured his courage and his determination to fight on despite ever-increasing odds.

Andy was recently invited to pen an introduction to a friend's book and he began with the words: "Dare we hope? We dare. Can we hope? We can. Should we hope? We must...." Andy still dares to hope and as we enter the final race for honours this season, so must we.

Good luck to Danny Wilson's Red Army this afternoon and may your support be the inspiration.

Best wishes.

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Gordon Greer: Captain's notes

Welcome back to The County Ground for this afternoon's match against Tranmere Rovers.

Having played Leeds at the weekend many might look upon this game as a simpler task as Tranmere are fighting relegation, but we know it's not going to be easy.

I remember the last time we played them up at Prenton Park we won 4-1, but it was a very tough match, in the first 25 minutes especially when we

our squad is.

Obviously myself and Scotty Cuthbert have been in the centre of defence for most of the season, but since Scotty went off against Southampton, Lecsy has come in and done really well too, as have the rest of the boys who have come in like Eastie and Marshy so we've got good competition for places now which is great.

This is so important going into the final stages of the season, and hopefully we can keep performing

relaxed on Saturday night and then were in for training yesterday ready for today.

That shouldn't have any adverse effect on us though, as everyone is fully focused on today's game and I'm confident we can put on a good performance in front of our own fans and get a good result.

This is the first of two Monday games that we've got in the next week or so, and even though it is a bit abnormal to play two games in three days, I know we've got a squad that's capable of dealing with such a test.

The games are coming thick and fast now, and it really is getting towards crunch time in the season, so it's important we keep focused on all our matches, from today onwards.

We're up there competing now as we always knew we would be, and hopefully we can continue our good form today, and going into the final six games of the season.

Enjoy the game.

had a lot of defending to do.

It's obviously always going to be difficult playing against any team at this stage of the season because nearly everyone has got something to play for, and today will be no different, with us gunning for promotion and Tranmere scrapping for their lives at the bottom of the table.

I have to say it's nice to be back at The

well throughout the run in.

Our preparation for this game has been slightly different to the normal routine, as we

County Ground having

played four of our last five games away from home.

We've had a few injuries recently as well, but I think the way our results have gone, and the way the boys who have replaced the injury victims have played just shows how strong



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Swindon Town: Commercial

Good afternoon, welcome back to The County Ground and Happy Easter. Easter time is for families to share lots of time together, so we do hope to see lots of families here today cheering on the Robins.



Davis are both life-long supporters of STFC and met at the club several years ago. Keith and Sandy, together with their families, dine in the Sponsor's Suite at every

home fixture and support the club on many of the away fixtures.

It is all becoming very exciting at the top of League One, with another professional away win under our belts against the 'Pools! The final run in will certainly be one you simply cannot miss, and after today there are just three more opportunities to 'Fill The County Ground'.

Today we offer a big thank you to **Virgin Cruises** as the Match Sponsors, **Sandy Steele Davis** and **Keith Ford** as Matchball Sponsors and finally **Kevin Titcombe** from **Swindon Steel Supplies** who is kindly sponsoring today's matchday programme.

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Keith Ford & Sandy Steele Davis

Keith Ford and Sandy Steele

Swindon-born Keith now lives in Hertfordshire and has supported the Town since he was seven. He has always had close links with the club as his grandfather Reggie Cooper played for the Town in the late twenties and his godfather Ronnie Morse was a long-serving Town Secretary. As an Executive Season Ticket Holder Keith is very impressed by the manner in which the club is now being administered. He said the spirit, endeavour and commitment of the team on and off the field are certainly there for all to see.

Sandy is Managing Director of local building company Steel Davis (Swindon) Ltd. He has lived in Swindon all his life and has been married to fellow Town fan Mary for over 40 years. Sandy's best moments have come when watching the victorious Swindon Town team beat Arsenal in the 1969 Cup Final and more recently when beating Leicester City 4-3 in 1993 before promotion to the Premier League.

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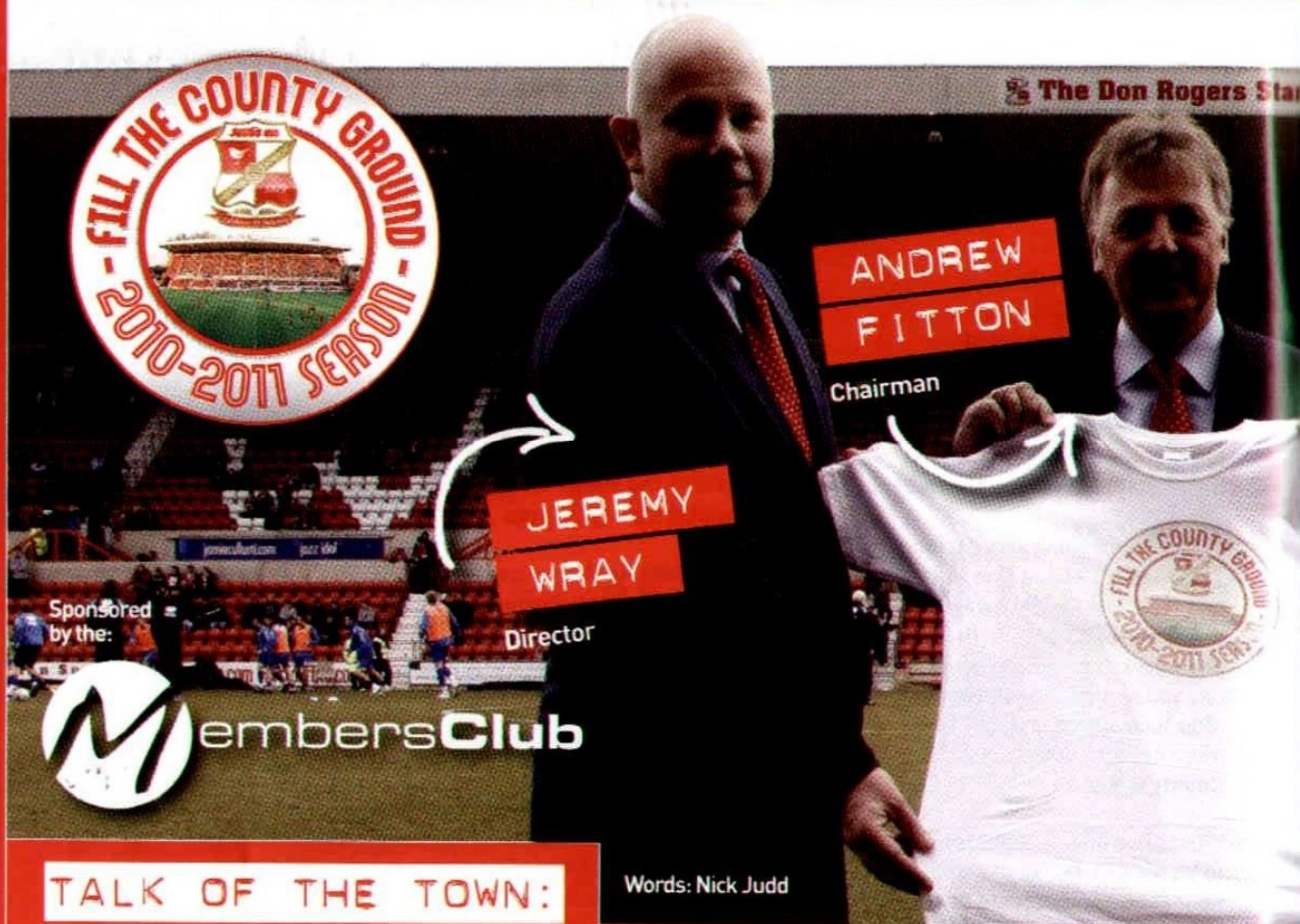
This year there are two 90-minute games, one open for players aged 16 - 30 years old and a veteran's game for players aged 30 and over.

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TALK OF THE TOWN:

Words: Nick Judd

THE BIG ID

It's the **second part** of our feature-length interview with Andrew Fitton, Nick Watkins and Jeremy Wray. To conclude, we look to the future of the squad, The County Ground and football in general. →

Q Charlie Austin has been a revelation and his goals have been key in the last few weeks...

AF: His is a success story for football. In the preamble at the Football League awards [March], the MC mentioned the significance of someone going from being a 20-year-old bricklayer to someone who scores 13 goals in 15 games within six months. For him to get noticed by England's Under-21 squad is also great, so it's one of the greatest stories of the season,

bar none.

JW: Not all of our signings have been a success, but the vast majority have and the reason is that they're getting exposure and game time they probably wouldn't have got elsewhere. So many big clubs import foreign players into the first team, which means there are young lads sitting there – probably financially comfortable – but with no game time. We give them exposure and it works for both clubs. It gets difficult at the end of the season. If we go up, presumably teams are happy for their

players to continue their development here, but that becomes harder if we don't make it. And if we don't sign them, you have to be careful that the standard doesn't drop. You just have to ride the wave while you're on it. We've achieved a level we don't want to drop below; this is the new 'norm'.

Q At what stage do you look to strengthening for next season?

AF: It has started already. Last year Danny and I spent a lot of time going through our targets of players for each position. This year



DEBATE

it's slightly different because we have a better starting position. We know what we'd like our squad to look like in terms of position, types of player and age – so we have a better view of what we're looking for. Our biggest challenge is deciding whether we would want the same players in League One as we would the Championship. But, one of the things we are looking to do is go after a player that will improve what we've got. So, the first question is, is this player good enough for Swindon Town? If yes, the second question is, can this player play at a higher level, because that's where we want to be. I don't think we've got a Championship squad yet, but we have players playing at a higher level that can cope with League One, or the Championship.

You can't tell me that David Lucas couldn't play in the Championship, or Jonathan Douglas, or Charlie Austin.

NW: We have already made contractual commitments to members of the squad, while other members, such as Douglas, are already on contracts from this season that run for another year. The nucleus of the squad will be here regardless of what league we're in. The idea is to keep this squad together, and we have a strong nucleus. Then, depending on where we are, Danny will tell us what he will need for the specific division we're in. I imagine if we were to go up, his targets might be slightly different than if we were to be competing in League One again. It's horses for courses.

JW: What we've built already needs

to be able to either go for promotion again next year, or compete at a higher level. This is a hard league to get out of, especially this year with the teams that have come down. On paper, next year this league could be weaker – that's no disrespect to the teams potentially coming down, but the league might well look weaker if the teams at the top now do go up. So, if we didn't make it this year, we'd like to consider ourselves favourites next year.

Q Given our success this year, do you expect teams to come looking at our players?

NW: I never travel in hope with regards to thinking about whether people will bid for our players. We'll treat it as it comes, but Simon Cox

is a case in question. The offer from West Brom came from leftfield, but he went to develop his career. He had a year left on his contract but he is an ambitious young lad. He would have done a job for us had he stayed because he loved the club, but we had a duty as a club to support him as a player and from a personal point of view. We have to be mindful of that with our players, but also we want to become a stepping stone by allowing our players to play in the Championship with us.

Q Stadium redevelopment is a hot topic at the moment, where are you with that?

NW: We're in Phase One, which is to set about creating the financial feasibility model and a business case needed to aid the development of a new stadium, to identify how a new stadium that could cost a lot of money – maybe up to £20million – can be sustainable. We don't want to stick another debt milestone around the club's neck, or create something to which there is no demand for. All of this, looking at financial viability and commercial reality, will take 12-14 weeks to engage, discuss and look at our options. Then we will look at outline planning from that point, see if it stands up to test and move into the design side, which is Phase Two. We've met with developers who have worked on things we think are akin to The County Ground, so redeveloping on site – as opposed to moving to a new stadium. We need people who have done that, who have maintained maximum capacity while working on new developments. We have various schemes put in front of us, but we need to know what is possible in terms of finance and planning before we look at the design. We're in dialogue with the council at this stage and we will keep them informed of what we're doing.

JW: People look at what's gone on in the past and the Council have come in for a lot of criticism for not embracing previous projects, but that's unfair. Quite rightly, they may have looked at previous



administrations and wondered whether these were the right people to take the club forward. That's what we have to do; we have to convince them that we are good people, that we are credible and that what we want is for the good of Swindon. Hopefully if this is achieved, then it will reflect well on the Council that allowed it to happen at the time. That's what we're keen to do, and I hope we're close to selecting our development partners to help project manage. Then we'd be looking to put ideas to the Council and try and get support from them all along the way. We want a series of 'yeses' along the way so that when the final application is submitted, it's a mere rubber-stamping process.

There are plans and ideas we like above others, but to reveal them would give too much away! There are examples of work that has been done which we like, by various developers that are keen to work with us. They have a vast ream of ideas for Swindon and there are some that fit very well with what we want to do. Maybe we end up picking the best of various people's ideas, but it all comes back to budget, appetite... one thing we're convinced of is that we redevelop where we are now.

It's not like we're looking to make a huge return on the investment directly, it's just important that there are things that help support the club. We're not looking to put up houses and sell them on. What you need is a revenue stream that allows you to grow the club. A 20,000-seater stadium might need a hotel or other

leisure facilities, but it's about what is needed and we have various options we think could go into the site. First and foremost, the redevelopment must benefit the club and the community.

AF: We know what is needed for a Championship stadium, taking into consideration analysis of Championship clubs and crowds. We also know what's needed for a League One stadium, and there's a big difference between the two. In League One, you don't actually need anything that holds more than 15,000. In the Championship, you need the capacity to take up to, and more than 20,000 – possibly up to 25,000. The town will dictate to us whether we need a capacity of 15,000 or 25,000.

JW: What would frustrate me is if the football improved on the pitch, but we couldn't entice a bigger crowd, meaning we'd have to draw a line at what would be our limit. That would be sad, but we're not foolish to admit that, if that's the case.

Q Non-matchday revenue streams seem to be the key issue with any redevelopment...

AF: We are increasingly one of the best conferencing facilities in the town already, but market research tells us that there is a desire for another hotel in the town particularly with good car parking, which we would have. These things are a given, but you would need to create space for other activities. It could be like Preston, which has the National Football Museum and


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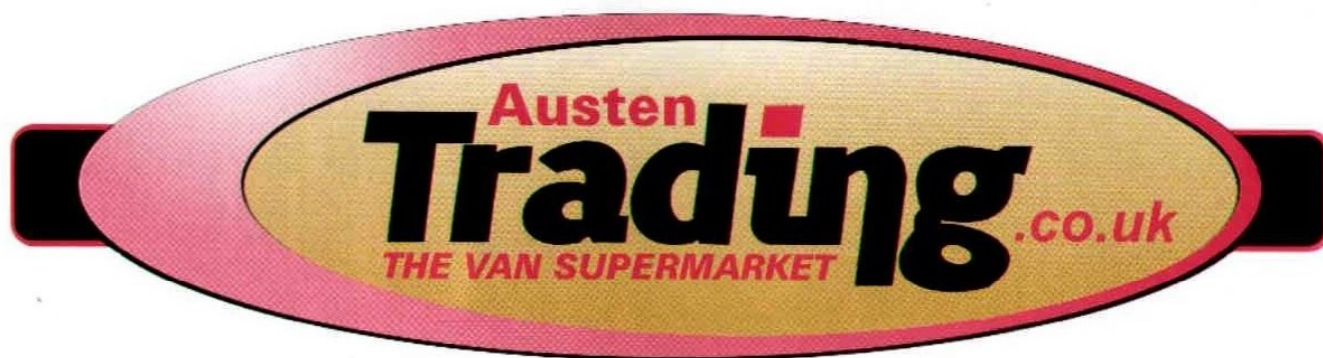
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a walk-in medical centre, both of which contribute rent, or it could be business offices or a leisure centre, but we're still doing work on that.

NW: It has to be an asset that makes money seven days of seven, not one out of 14.

Q Going back to the state of the club when you took over, has that been the most frustrating part of your involvement?

AF: I'm not so worried about the finances of the club, because someone has paid for that, but what you have to do as a club is try and grow, and it didn't. The club was in a terrible state and we lost fans as a result. People don't come back just because you've taken over; you have to tempt them back, to make them fall in love again. That's what makes me angry, the destruction that was done before us – it makes our task very difficult.

JW: It's the one thing we haven't cracked. I guess we want to know that what we're doing on the pitch is wanted by the town. It's easy to get carried away with developing the stadium and moving the club forward, and we'd love to go ahead with our plans, but it's got to be wanted. No-one wants a white elephant. There's no ego trip involved here, this progress needs to be sustainable. A lack of interest would be a great shame, because we would have to reign in our own ambitions.

AF: We have the infrastructure of a Championship club, but we have the crowd base of a League One club, so

the costs of one and the benefits of the other! So, it's up to us to attract people back to help us grow again. But we saw more than 2,000 supporters at Southampton, 6,000 at Fulham... compare that to Leeds, who have the highest average away support at just fewer than 2,500 – we have proved we are a big club. We may struggle at Carlisle on a Tuesday night, but we generally take a good crowd – which shows there is a base there.

Q You discussed applying business models to football, but have you found the nature of football, the ups and downs, difficult to cope with in terms of running a business?

NW: Andrew has been involved in sport all his life so is used to the affects of winning and losing. Similarly, Jeremy is involved in gambling, so wins and loses all the time! I was also involved in rugby, at Wasps, and you have highs and lows. Everybody has worked hard to re-establish the club on and off the field, we're all working in harmony and it was gratifying to see this reflected at the Football League awards, when we were nominated for two categories – and all of this is important along the way to benchmark the progress we're making.

Q What would you say are the biggest problems in football at the moment?

AF: I've spent a lot of time with the Football League and I've been

trying to enforce the message that we need to address the problems plaguing football, and the need for financial prudence. It's not fair on clubs trying to run their businesses properly. The example I gave the other day was that if someone gave me £70million, I could probably deliver Premier League football to Swindon, but I wouldn't be able to sustain it. It's completely unfair, therefore, for a club that's done that to just drop down a division, and still receive parachute payments from the Premier League, from my perspective, they need to be told to go back down to the bottom and start again.

JW: Football will definitely come through the current climate, but not without casualties. Casualties will be healthy, although it will be horrible for those actual clubs involved. Even then, clubs rise again. Chester City have gone out of business, but already there is a team in place to try and rise again, much like AFC Wimbledon have done.

Football needs a reality check. Look at Portsmouth, you can't help but be sympathetic to those on the periphery who have been affected, creditors like the local builder. He might be owed £20k, which is less than a players' salary, but to him, that's his business. For the club to go into administration and wipe out that debt, I can't believe that's right. It shouldn't be allowed. People ask us why we didn't go bust first and then rebuild: we would have saved ourselves £6million, but you then drop down the divisions. So we decided to go down the more honourable route. Also, HMRC are now taking a less sympathetic route to football clubs as well. Clubs can't avoid those bills any more. That said, there will always be individuals who will supply the next bit of money clubs need to operate.

NW: Nature is stronger than man and there will be a cull. The weaker teams will struggle and it can't go on as it is. Football can't sustain the wages at certain levels and there will be a levelling out. Hopefully those who survive will do so in a more sustainable world.

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TRANMERE ROVERS

Tranmere Rovers have been involved in a relegation dogfight for a large proportion of the season, and remain one of at least seven clubs who could face the drop as the campaign moves into its final stages.

Rovers started the season under the now infamous stewardship of John Barnes, and the former Liverpool man's ill-fated reign began in a similar vein as it finished.

A 4-2 win over Gillingham in the second match of the season was then followed by six consecutive defeats, including a 4-0 home drubbing against Charlton Athletic – a run which turned a large section of Rovers' fan base against Barnes.

And, despite a brief resurgence which saw Rovers register four points from six against Colchester United and Wycombe Wanderers, a subsequent 5-0 hammering at the hands of Millwall sealed Barnes' fate, and he was sacked a few days later.

Club Physiotherapist Les Parry then took control of the side, but did little to turn around their fortunes early on, suffering five defeats from his opening six matches, including a 4-1 loss to Town at Prenton Park in late October.

However Parry, who had recently been confirmed as boss until the end of the season, then went on to guide Rovers through the Christmas period without defeat; instilling

an optimism in the fans in the process that had been largely absent up until the turn of the year.

A determined, if inconsistent run of results has brought Parry's side up to today's clash, with five draws, five defeats, and four wins serving to keep them in and around a relegation scrap they are hoping to pull away from as the season draws to a close.

Rovers fans will be hoping their side can improve their dismal away form this afternoon by registering only their third win away from Prenton Park in what has been a forgettable season for today's visitors.

our opponents:



FACT FILE:

NICKNAME: The Rovers

EST: 1884

GROUND: Prenton Park

CAPACITY: 16,789

RECORD VICTORY: 13 - 4: vs

Oldham Athletic - 26/12/1935

RECORD LOSS: 7 - 3: vs

Darlington - 31/03/1928

RECORD FEE RECEIVED:

£2.5 million from West Brom for

Jason Koumas - 29/08/2002

RECORD FEE PAID:

£450,000 to Aston Villa for

Shaun Teale - 09/08/1995

RECORD GOAL SCORER:

John Aldridge: 40 - 1991/92

THE SQUAD:

- 1 Luke Daniels
- 2 Shaleum Logan
- 3 Aaron Cresswell
- 4 Gareth Edds
- 5 Ian Goodison
- 6 Paul McLaren
- 7 Bas Savage
- 8 Marlon Broomes
- 9 Ian Thomas-Moore
- 10 Alan Mahon
- 11 John Welsh
- 12 Ash Taylor
- 13 Joe Collister
- 14 Terry Gornell
- 15 Kithson Bain
- 16 Josh Macauley
- 17 Tom Baker
- 18 Chris McCready
- 19 Charlie Barnett
- 20 Ryan Fraughan
- 21 Andy Robinson
- 22 Andy Coughlin
- 23 Chris Shuker
- 24 Zoumana Bakayogo
- 25 Craig Curran
- 27 Marvin Sordell
- 29 Joss Labadie
- 30 Ben Gordon

TRANMERE ROVERS



DANIELS

Goalkeeper Luke Daniels joined Tranmere Rovers back in the summer in a season-long loan deal from Championship side West Bromwich Albion.

The Bolton-born 22-year old is a former Manchester United trainee and England Under-18 international who joined the West Brom ranks in the summer of 2004.

He played for Shrewsbury Town on a season-long loan deal last term, playing a key role as they reached the League Two Play-Off Final. He saved two penalties in the semi-final shoot-out victory over Bury.

In Tranmere colours, he has been a regular between the sticks and made his 33rd League One start for the club in last Saturday's away defeat at Brighton & Hove Albion. He is yet to make a first team appearance for West Brom but his experience this term could play an important part of his future development.

GOODISON

Ian Goodison joined Tranmere Rovers in February 2004 during Brian

Little's tenure as boss and was an instant success at the heart of the defence.

The former Jamaican international has since made almost 250 league appearances and he became team captain in the 2006-07 season.

He was rewarded for a string of Man of the Match awards with a new two and a half year contract in November 2006 and went on to become the Fans' Player of the Season two years in a row.

Goodison made his debut for Jamaica in 1996 in a friendly against Guatemala and he scored his first international goal in the fixture. With over 100 caps for his country, the defender has vast experience on both the domestic and international scene.



WELSH

Andy Welsh, a former England Under-21 international midfielder, joined Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 2009 from Premier League side Hull City, where he had spent the previous four seasons.

The 26-year old began his career at Liverpool and made his debut at the age of 18. He made seven appearances in the 2004-05 season and won his first of eight England Under-21 caps.

He spent the first half of the 2005-06 season on loan at Hull before joining The Tigers on a

permanent basis. Last season he spent time on loan at Carlisle United and Bury and also has a temporary spell with Chester City to his name.

Welsh has been a regular in the side this term and scored his first of four goals this term against Gillingham, with further efforts finding the net against Colchester, Brighton and Leeds.

CURRAN

Craig Curran is a young striker who made a stunning impact at the end of the 2006-07 season, scoring with his first touch just 30 seconds after coming off the bench at Prenton

Park against Brighton & Hove Albion.

The frontman followed it up with a hat-trick on the final day of the season against Brentford. The treble was

scored inside the first 36 minutes of the game, breaking a record set by Tranmere legend Dixie Dean as the youngest ever player to score



a hat-trick in a Rovers shirt.

Curran is a product of the youth system at Tranmere and was top scorer for the reserves in 2006-07. He made 38 appearances in the 2007/08 which were predominantly off the bench and missed the majority of last season through injury.

SAVAGE



28-year old striker Bas Savage joined Tranmere in July 2008 and scored on his debut for Rovers against Swindon at The County Ground in a 3-1 defeat.

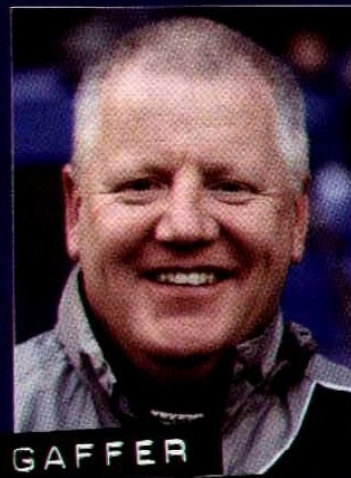
he joined the Prenton Park side from Millwall on a two-year contract.

His career started at Reading in 2002 and he became a popular figure at The Madejski Stadium after joining from non-league football. He has also spent time with Wycombe Wanderers, Bury and Bristol City before joining Millwall in January 2009.

The frontman has made just a handful of appearances for Tranmere this term after injury, making his first outing of the season against Southampton in a 2-1 victory on Saturday 6th March.

Savage is known for his trademark moonwalk goal celebration, which has gained cult fame on TV's Soccer AM, although Swindon fans will hope the visitors have little reason to celebrate this afternoon.

our opponents:



GAFFER LES PARRY

Long-serving Tranmere Physio Les Parry took charge of the first team following the departure of John Barnes in October 2009.

Barnes was appointed manager at Prenton Park in the summer of 2009, assisted by former Liverpool and Tranmere player Jason McAteer. The duo endured a disastrous start and won just three of the opening fourteen games in charge.

Parry, assisted by Shaun Garnett and Wayne Allison, led the team to an improvement in results and was appointed manager until the end of the season two months later.

Parry started out on a part-time basis before working with Tranmere's first team in 1993 on a full-time basis, racking up more than 900 consecutive games in the process.

As caretaker manager he has a win ratio of around 33% and goals from former Town midfielder Gareth Edds and Andy Welsh helped secure his first victory as boss in October 2009, a 2-1 win over Brighton & Hove Albion.

Tranmere are currently right in the midst of a relegation battle and host Wycombe Wanderers, Exeter City and Millwall in their remaining games as well as trips to Walsall, Brentford, Colchester United and Stockport County.



CLUB CONNECTIONS

FROM THE TOWN CAMP

WAYNE ALLISON



Joined Town:

July 1995

Apps/Goals: 100/31

Joined Tranmere:

Sept 1999

Apps/Goals: 85/26

MARLON BROOMES



Joined Town:

January 1997

Apps/Goals: 12/1

Joined Tranmere:

July 2008

Apps/Goals: 22/1

GARETH EDDS



Joined Town:

August 2002

Apps/Goals: 8/0

Joined Tranmere:

June 2008

Apps/Goals: 42/4

TONY GRANT



Joined Town:

January 1996

Apps/Goals: 3/1

Joined Tranmere:

September 1999

Apps/Goals: 8/0

IFFY ONUORA



Joined Town:

March 1998

Apps/Goals: 65/25

Joined Tranmere:

February 2004

Apps/Goals: 1/0

PAUL RIDEOUT



Joined Town:

August 1981

Apps/Goals: 90/38

Joined Tranmere:

July 2000

Apps/Goals: 42/6



Paul Bodin was a key member of Town's 1992/93 play-off winning campaign. He featured in both of the play-off semi-final games against Tranmere Rovers before scoring the decisive penalty at Wembley to secure promotion to the Premier League with victory against Leicester City.

The official matchday programme caught up with the Welshman ahead of today's League One contest to look back at Town's rise to the top-flight.

What do you recall of the play-off games against Tranmere?

At home we managed to come out of it with a 3-1 win. Dave Mitchell and Craig Maskell took advantage of a couple of mistakes at the back, and Steve Vickers notched an early own goal. We expected a very tight game at home and were delighted to take a 3-1 cushion back up to Prenton Park.

There was a tremendous atmosphere for the return leg. We wanted to keep it tight at the back but they managed to get back in it but thankfully Craig Maskell and John Moncur came up trumps to get us through to the final.

There were some big names in both sides too...

Glenn as player-manager was

fantastic throughout the season and he was thorough on and off the pitch. We had a very settled team with around 16 players being used consistently throughout the season. The Tranmere side had Pat Nevin and Gary Stephens in it with John Aldridge also involved - all three played international football!

How did the players deal with the promotion pressure that season?

We went into the play-offs on the back of a great run. The Birmingham game was significant having come back from 4-1 down to win 6-4; that was important. I managed to score a couple in the final run of games against Peterborough, Luton and Notts County. The key to the season was a settled squad with continuity throughout the side.

Do you think Town have what it takes to go all the way this term?

Definitely! The side has got better and better as the season has gone on. We can hold onto 1-0 leads and there are goals in the team as well. Charlie Austin has been scoring regularly with Billy Paynter having his best season in a Swindon shirt.

The football has been fantastic - which has been great for the younger players at the club to watch and learn.

ian THOMAS MOORE



STAR MAN

Tranmere Rovers signed Ian Thomas-Moore on transfer deadline day in January 2008 and the striker has ten goals to his name so far this term.

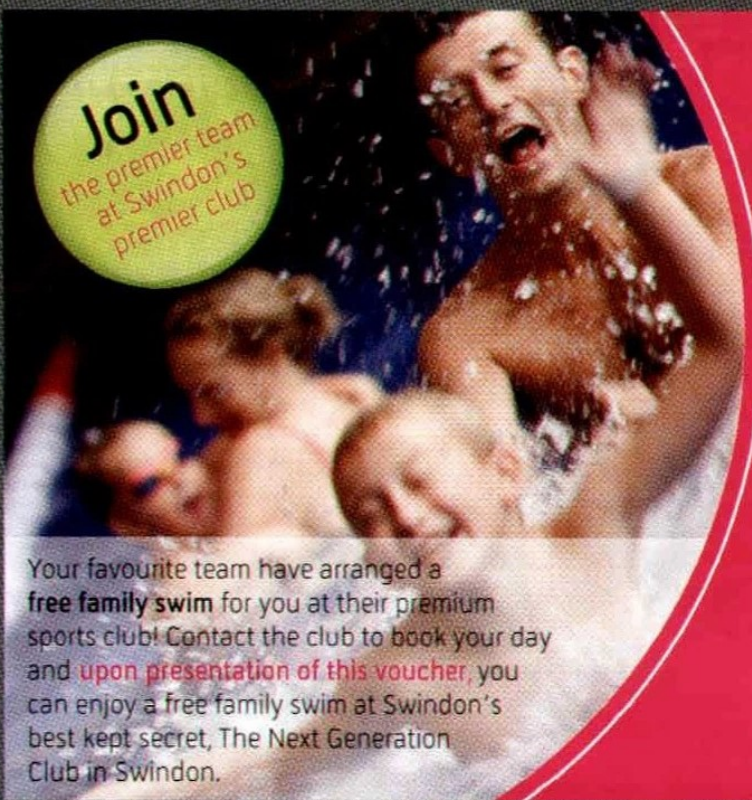
The 33-year old striker is the son of former Tranmere manager Ronnie and Moore junior began his career at Prenton Park in 1994 and his early form earned him England Under-21 caps.

After being sold to Nottingham Forest for £1 million in 1997, where he played in the Premier League, he then moved to Stockport County for £800,000 in 1998. He had a goal ratio of one in four games for County and became the club's top scorer, which soon brought him to the attentions of near neighbours Burnley and he joined the Turf Moor outfit for £1 million in 2000. He spent five seasons at Burnley before signing for Leeds United and then joined Hartlepool United in the summer of 2007. It was to be a short stay at Victoria Park with six goals in 22 league starts before making the deadline day switch to Tranmere.

The number nine has now made more than 500 league appearances during an established Football League career and he will be hoping to utilise all of his experience to help edge Rovers away from the League One drop zone.



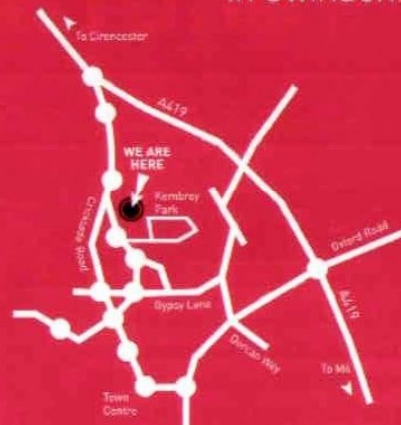
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When was the last time we won three away League games in a row?

Albeit not all 1-0 scorelines, it was the beginning of the 2006/07 promotion season at Hartlepool United (ironically), Darlington and Chester in the early days of Dennis Wise's brief Swindon reign.

These notes are being written before a trip to another of his former clubs Leeds United with a chance to leapfrog them in the table. The fixture at The County Ground against one of the division's 'big clubs' certainly brought out the best in the Town, leading to a terrific atmosphere under lights in late January in front of around 14,500.

A couple of changes in the starting line-up from that memorable night match are possible today, including

"His temporary transfer from West Ham United makes him the last fresh face before the closure of the emergency window."

Stephen Darby settling into the right-back berth ahead of Kevin Amankwaah who'd hardly missed a minute's action during the current campaign until his latest injury and the arrival of the Liverpool loanee.

Where will striker Frank Nouble fit in? His temporary transfer from West Ham United makes him the last fresh face before the closure of the emergency window, despite Danny Wilson's best efforts.

And can you remember the last arrival from Upton Park? It was another forward Petr Mikolanda, here over Christmas 2005. The Czech striker made five appearances for

The Robins during the 2005/06 season before being released by The Hammers at the end of the campaign.

The latest departure is Matt Ritchie. The Portsmouth winger was recalled by his parent club just after the deadline and promptly made the bench for Pompey's Premier League defeat against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane in front of 35,000 - very different to Victoria Park!

And one last question; how much will depend on the outcome of Swindon Town at Millwall on Saturday 8th May?

Swindon Town 1 Norwich City 1



Team Line-Ups

Swindon:

12 Phil Smith
21 Stephen Darby
6 Gordon Greer
19 Leccinel Jean-Francois
3 Alan Sheehan
7 Jon-Paul McGovern
4 Jonathan Douglas
8 Craig Easton '67
24 Daniel Ward
9 Frank Nouble '67
32 Charlie Austin '75

Substitutes:

25 Mark Marshall '67
26 Jakub Jesionkowski
5 Vincent Pericard '75
10 Michael Timlin '67
11 Matt Ritchie
23 Nathan Thompson
31 Billy Bodin



Date: 20/03/10
Venue: The County Ground
Attendance: 11,972
Referee: S Mathieson

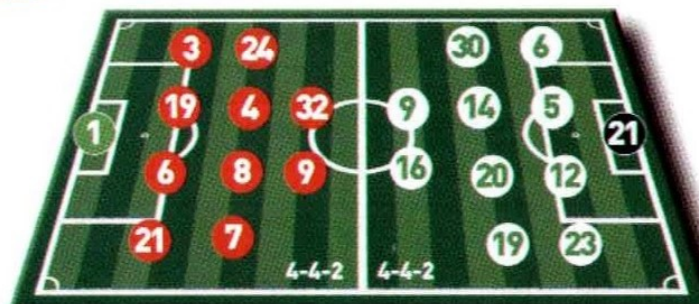


Norwich:

Fraser Forster 21
Russell Martin 6
Michael Nelson 5
Gary Doherty 12
Michael Rose 23
Korey Smith 30
Wesley Hoolahan 14
Darel Russell 20
78 Simon Lappin 19
Grant Holt 9
73 Chris Martin 16

Substitutes:

Anthony McNamee 24
Declan Rudd 13
Adam Drury 3
78 Stephen Hughes 8
Oli Johnson 32
Paul McVeigh 18
73 Stephen Elliott 11



Swindon Town 1 [Greer '90+2] Norwich City 1 [Holt '52]

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Key Moments

17

Charlie Austin's through ball is collected by new-boy Nouble, who sprints past Nelson before being brought down inside the box although no penalty is given.

20

Simon Lappin's free-kick is met by Michael Nelson whose header falls into the grateful arms of Town keeper Phil Smith.

40

Danny Ward powers forward before unleashing a powerful left foot drive which has the beating of Forster but goes narrowly over the bar.

52

Lappin finds Rose in space on left and his superb cross is met by Grant Holt who gets in front of Lecsinel Jean-Francois to head home.

90

Jonathan Douglas comes close to opening his Town account with a fierce volley from 20-yards which is tipped around the post by Fraser Forster in the Norwich goal.

90

Alan Sheehan's pinpoint corner is met by Gordon Greer who rises high to head home his second goal of the season to seal a point.

Post-Match



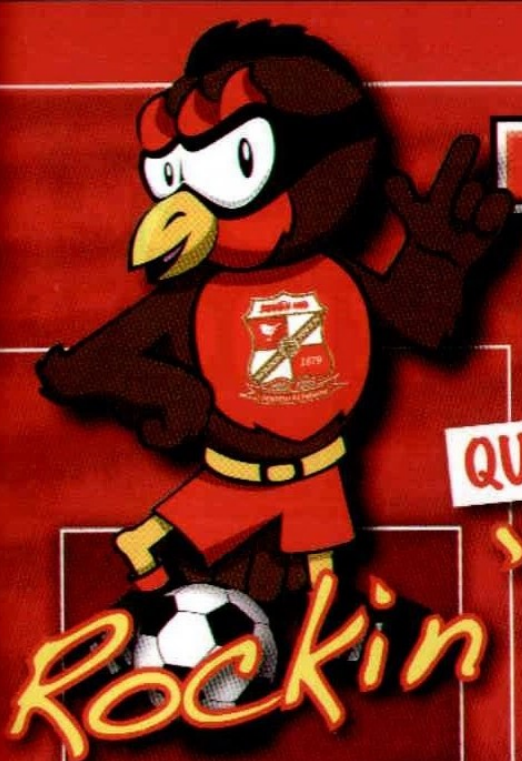
"I don't think we got something we didn't deserve from that. Maybe we didn't deserve the win, but it

was a great point. We took the game to them second half, and showed great character to come back against a team of the calibre of Norwich. They are the best team in the division, and I'm sure they're disappointed they didn't win it, but in the big picture 1-1 was a fair result." **Danny Wilson**



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QUIZ FUN

Can you name the 4 items pictured which are used in every game of football?



ANSWERS: 1 Studs, 2 Goalkeepers Gloves, 3 Shin Pads, 4 Whistle.

And welcome to today's crucial game against Tranmere Rovers.

I have found fame (not so much of the fortune, but fame for sure!) this month. A few weeks ago I was approached and asked if I wanted to have an interview with our main sponsors, FourFourTwo magazine. After no consideration at all, and completely with gut instinct and a head for stardom I put myself forward to be asked lots of very hard hitting, deep and meaningful questions, really unearthing some hot topics and burning issues! Well, the results of said interview this week immersed in the magazine, as they were trying to get behind the scenes with a football mascot. The results are on page 24 (I'm not sad for remembering it, am I?) along with some photographs in a few of my favourite poses!

After much debate FourFourTwo didn't follow my request to put an embargo on the article, so I could sign each copy by wing, however, I have managed to smuggle myself a few copies that I am going to sign and sell on Ebay!

You can buy the magazine in the STFC Club Shop or in the retail unit, or if you want a discount, come and meet me under the floodlight at the Town End, for a blackmarket copy!

Let's hope the Robins can hen-peck the Rovers!

Come on you Reds.

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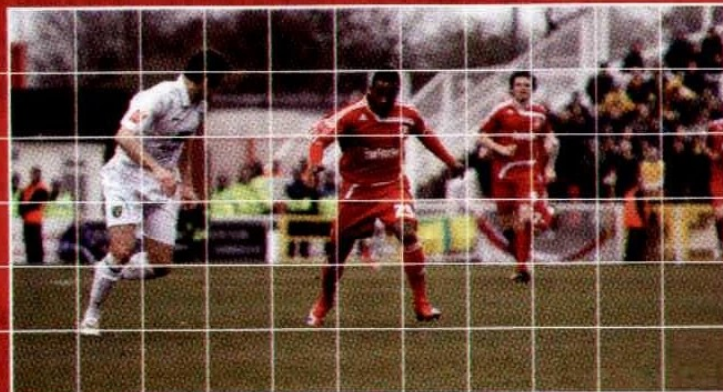
Which international side had this goalkeeper's kit in the 1994 World Cup?



who is taking this Town throw in?

Crazy Kits! Mexico Who am I? Callum Kennedy

A
B
C
D
E
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

CAN YOU SPOT THE BALL? Just select your grid reference and email your answer to programme@swindontownfc.co.uk and you could **WIN** a fantastic prize! In the Norwich City programme the ball location was A6.

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Lloyd Macklin

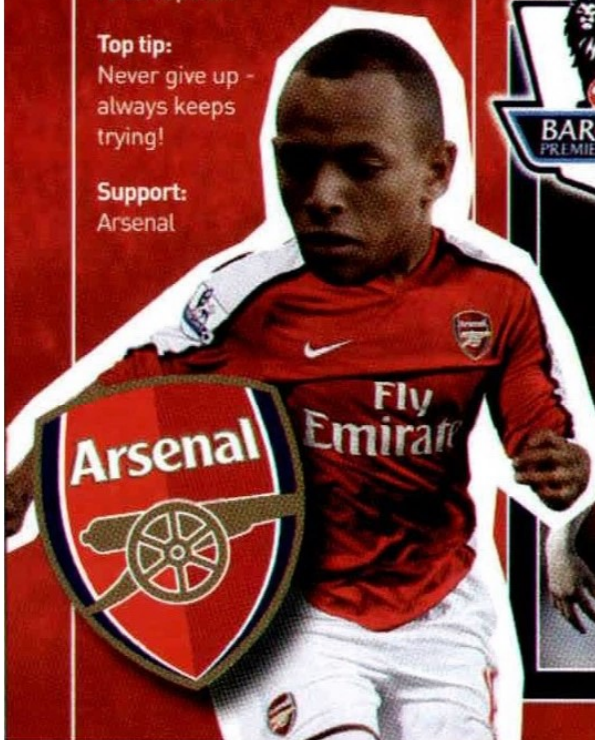
Real name: Lloyd Macklin
Nickname: 'Lloydy' or 'Macka'
Position: Winger / Striker
Born: 02/08/1991
Former Clubs:



Boots:
 Nike Vapours

Top tip:
 Never give up - always keeps trying!

Support:
 Arsenal



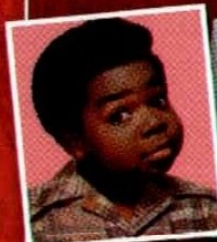
Guess Who?

This former Town Loanees scored against Ross County for Dundee last weekend but who is he?



Answers: Ben Hutchinson

Related?



Mark Marshall



Arnold (Different Stokes)



Premier News Bite

After returning to Portsmouth ahead of their Premier League fixture with Tottenham Hotspur, winger Matt Ritchie is still waiting to make his debut for Pompey.

Ritchie's loan spell with Swindon was his third temporary spell away from Fratton Park, after similar stints at Dagenham & Redbridge and Notts County.

The midfielder joined Portsmouth as a 13-year old and has progressed through the youth ranks. Ritchie has also been involved in the club's UEFA cup squad and was named on the bench for last weekend's 2-0 defeat at White Hart Lane.



Gettin know

Scott Curran

Best defender ever...

I'll go for [Paolo] Maldini. To play at the top level for all those years, for both Italy and AC Milan, you can't have a bad word to say against him. He's won everything and was a brilliant defender.

Moving to Swindon...

It was great coming down and getting to know the boys, and there were a few Scottish lads here already so they made me feel welcome. Then Simon [Ferry] came down as well and I knew him from Celtic and that helped me settle in. I'm enjoying my football, the team are doing brilliantly and everyone around the club has been fantastic, so it's a great place to be at the moment.

ng to you! thbert

Growing up at Celtic..

They're a massive club playing in Europe every year and everyone up there was brilliant to me. They're under a lot of pressure to win games every season and to do well in the Champions League even though there are some massive clubs in there as well, so it was great experience.

Best Game Played in...

I'd have to say it was this season when we beat Leeds United 3-0 at home. That was a brilliant night. It was a big game, a great performance from the lads and a great atmosphere.

It was a brilliant crowd and our fans were different class that night.

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SAY WHAT?

Send your captions to programme@swindontownfc.co.uk and you could have your caption published in the next edition! The winning entry will also receive a programme signed by the first team squad.



Hello and welcome to the Junior Robins and the Junior Superwhites who have made the journey down on this Easter Monday.

For the last couple of years the Junior Robins have had an Easter party - this year, because it is proving to be such a great season we are going to celebrate with an end of season party for the Junior Robins and their families. We will announce the date nearer the time, so please keep an eye on this page and the website. I will also email everyone with more details.

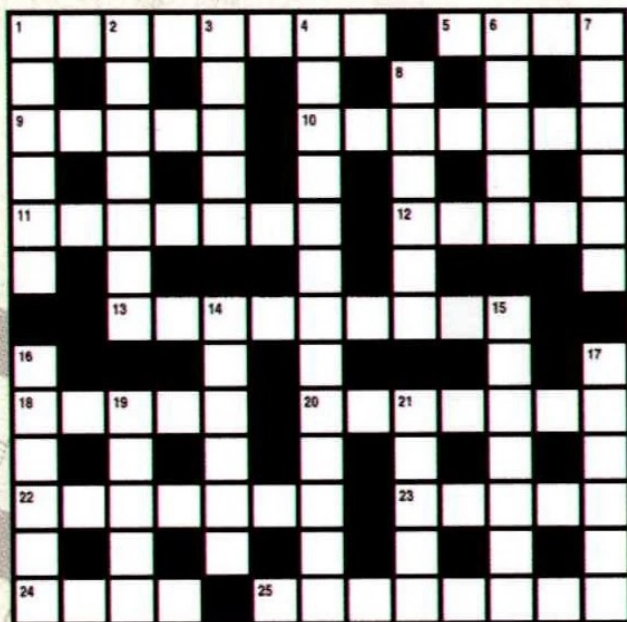
We just have the one more Junior Robins away trip booked in for this season, which is to Millwall for the last game of the season. The coach for this is fully booked now, as hopefully this will be a game to remember! If we do get through to the play-offs I will look into the possibility of booking a Junior Robins coach if there is plenty of interest.

After today's game we only have three home league games left. Where has the season gone? The Junior Robins room will not be open for the Exeter City game. However it will be open for the games against Walsall and Brentford and the room will open an hour and a half before kick-off. When Walsall visit us on Saturday 17th April we will be welcoming the Junior Saddlers to the JR room, as they have made us very welcome when we have visited the Banks's Stadium.

Good luck to our boys today.

Come on you Reds!
Sharon Franklin

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Fiorentina's home city (8)
 5 Korbuto or Morozova (4)
 9 Captain who was the first West Indian to play 100 Tests (5)
 10 Wolves, Scotland and currently Bristol City (on loan) striker (7)
 11 Jumping track that used to host the British GP (7)
 12 Welsh international striker at Sheffield Utd (5)
 13 This United currently play at Sheffield's Don Valley Stadium (9)
 18 Ex Tottenham Swede who has recently left Wigan to go back home (5)
 20 Sri Lankan who was MOM when they beat Australia in the 1996 World Cup Final (2,5)
 22 Former Essex and England captain (7)
 23 Soccer's Jesper or Speedway's Ole (5)
 24 French Grand Slam winner now a singer who performed at Live 8 (4)
 25 The 1953 Cup Final was named after him (8)

DOWN

- 1 Managed by Roy Hodgson (6)
 2 Stoke, West Brom and Burnley midfielder now at Wednesday (1'6)
 3 The ___ Chase run over 4m 1f at Newcastle (5)
 4 Grimsby and Charlton cult hero who scored a play off final hat trick for the Addicks (5,8)
 6 Austrian who defaulted in the season ending GP to give James Hunt the title (5)
 7 One half of Ferrari's 2010 pairing (6)
 8 Aussie Jeff ___, boxing World Champ best known for a stabbing and shooting outside the ring (6)
 14 Stoke striker once with Boro (6)
 15 Xavier ___, Belgian singles semi finalist at Wimbledon in 2002 (7)
 16 Brian ___, Group 1 winning flat trainer now based at Manton (6)
 17 Former Celtic, Jamaica and Tranmere manager (6)
 19 Ferrari's other driver for 2010 (5)
 21 Derby, Everton and Blackburn centre back (amongst others) now manager of Ferencvaros (5)

THE KNOWLEDGE



QUESTION 1:

Who scored four goals in Chelsea's recent demolition of Aston Villa?

Frank Lampard

Frank Lampard

Answer: Frank Lampard



QUESTION 2:

Can you name Everton's assistant manager?

I don't know that one...
I'll pass!

Not sure.

Answer: Steve Round



QUESTION 3:

Who do England face in their first World Cup fixture?

USA

Is it the USA?

Answer: USA



QUESTION 4:

Where is the 2010 World Cup final being held?

Johannesburg

South Africa, but I'm not sure which city.

Answer:
Johannesburg



QUESTION 5:

Which former League One player is now caretaker manager at Celtic?

Neil Lennon

I don't follow Scottish football, so can't answer that one.

Answer:
Neil Lennon

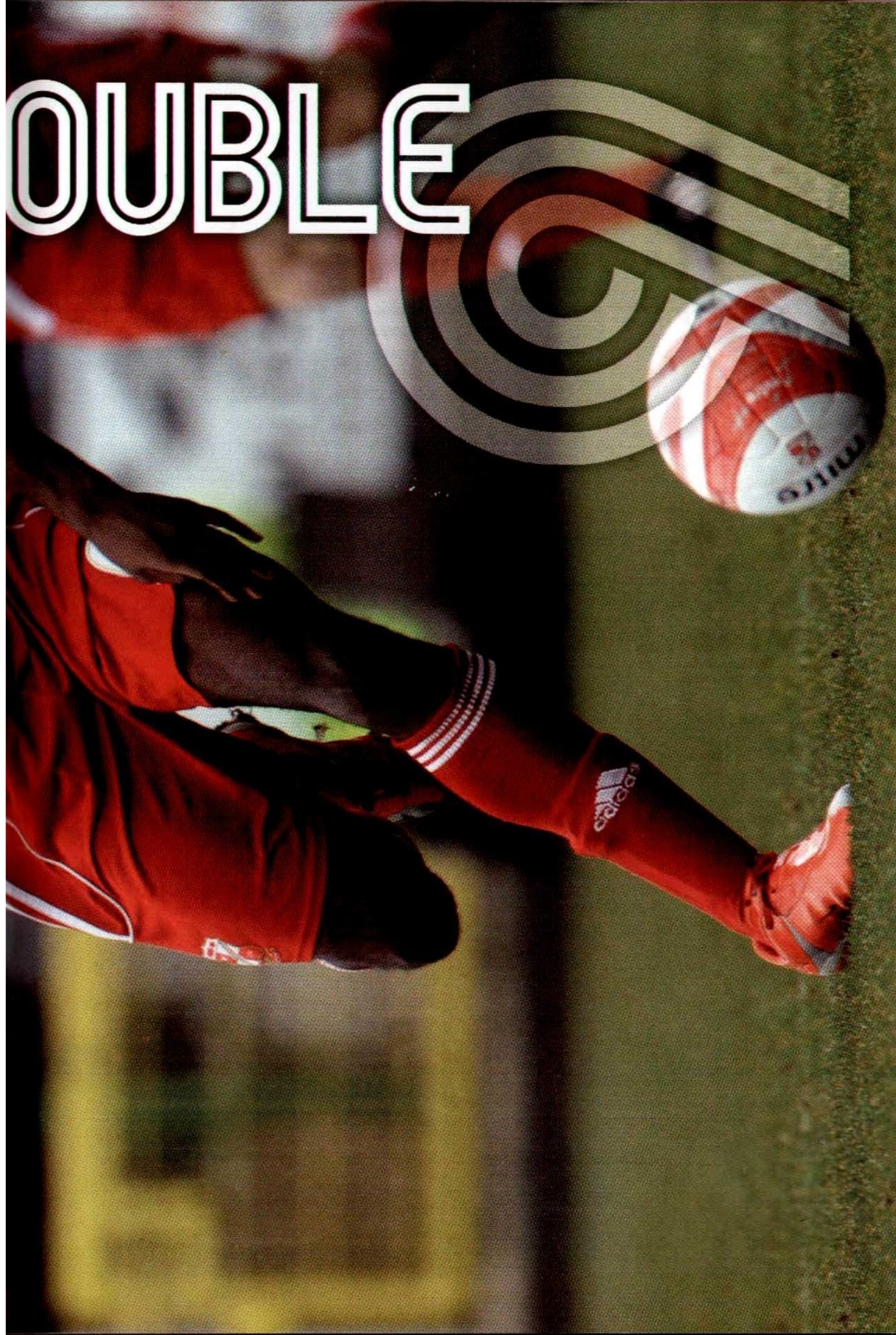


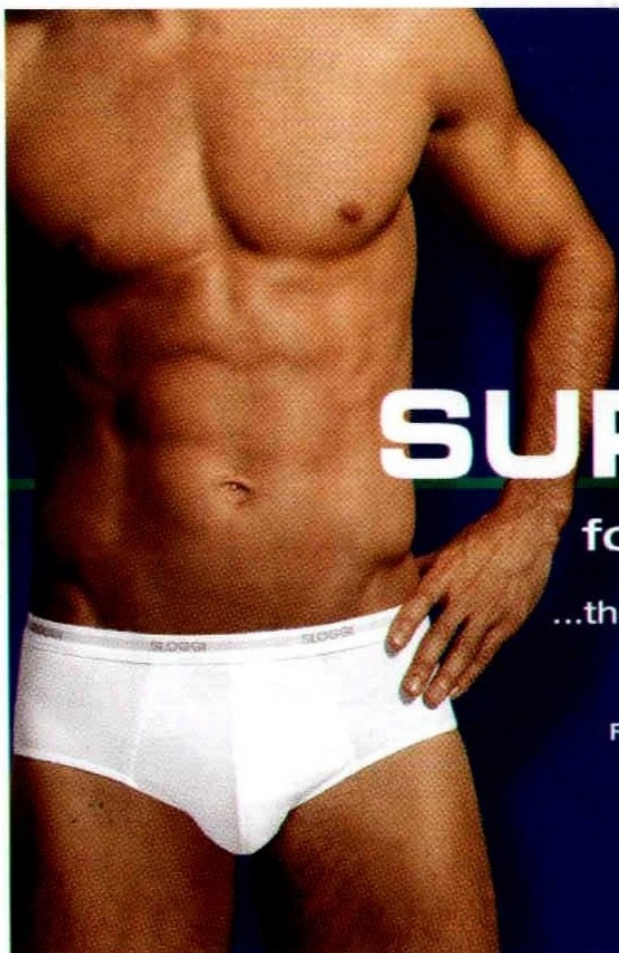
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4-2

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Skip to my Lou

Once Town boss Danny Wilson has targeted a player to add to the squad, Football Secretary Louise Fletcher's work starts to get the deal 'over the line', part of her busy County Ground role...

Name: Louise Fletcher
Job Title: Football Secretary
Year Joined: 2005

How did you get started at Swindon Town FC?

I started working in kiosk six, which was up in The Arkell's Stand serving both home and away fans. Before working for the club I had been a Season Ticket Holder in both the Town End and Don Rogers Stand. I used to come to games regularly with my Dad and brother.

What's your current role with the company?

I am the Football Secretary and I am wholly responsible for the club's football administration. I manage and facilitate the registration, transfer and reengagement of all players. I am also responsible for the management of all fixtures and maintaining the efficiency of all football administration matters. I also ensure compliance for the football club with all governing body rules and regulations. Another part of the role is to ensure all aspects of football rules, regulations and requirements are fully communicated to the Board, team manager and coaching staff.

Tell us about the most complicated you have had to complete...

Transfers within the EU require international clearance and transfers where agents are involved can also sometimes be time consuming. An example of this would be when 'the three amigos' arrived a few years back during one of the proposed takeover attempts. That was complicated – and expensive!

Which other departments do you work with the most?

Football management is the main one. Danny (Wilson) is the main point of contact from a footballing perspective whilst the Chairman and I are in regular dialogue. Nick (Watkins) the CEO is office-based so we speak every day whilst I also liaise with Peter (Shirtliff) a lot. I also have regular involvement with the accounts, marketing and media departments as well as stadium and operations.

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

The most satisfying aspect of the role is when you complete a player transfer. Once the confirmation letters come through from the FA and



Football League then I'm happy as it means the player is available to the club for selection. There have been occasions in the past when transfers have come extremely close to transfer deadlines, but that's the nature of football sometimes!

How do you unwind away from the office?

I like travelling, eating out and cake-making. On Sundays I try and catch up with my family... I have two nieces who are called Millie and Elise. They will be mascots one day!



1992-93



TOWN VS TRANMERE ROVERS

Words: Dave Wallis



Roll Of Honour

Champions - Premier League
Manchester United

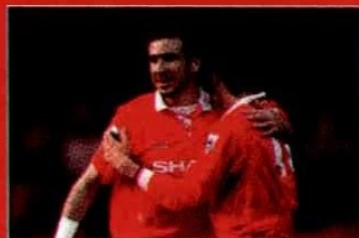


Champions - Division One
Crystal Palace

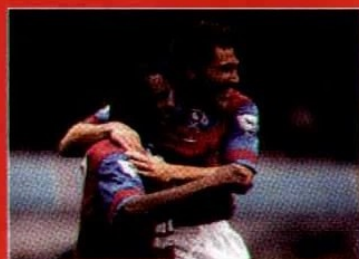
Champions - Division Two
Reading

Champions - Division Three
Shrewsbury Town

FA Cup FINAL
Manchester United 4
Chelsea 0



League Cup FINAL
Aston Villa 3
Manchester United 1



Match Background

Dave Mitchell had grabbed both goals in the 1992/93 home League encounter in February to give Swindon a 2-0 win, after the original game had been abandoned through a floodlight failure in December. Then in April, Rovers returned the favour with a 3-1 victory at Prenton Park when Kenny Irons hit a hat trick for the home side.

None of that though prepared anyone for the first three minutes of the match, when the two sides took to the pitch for the fourth time that season.

With Town fifth and Tranmere fourth, the play-off semi-final decided who was going to Wembley to fight it out for a Premier League place.

First Rovers' defender Steve Vickers obligingly headed Town in front while supporters were still finding their seats, then Dave Mitchell took advantage of another defensive slip to give us a third minute, 2-0 lead.

Tranmere striker John Aldridge felt aggrieved that his header was ruled out, then Craig Maskell extended our lead to three before half time. John Morrissey made the score 3-1 ahead of the second leg trip at Prenton Park the following week.

Still the tension didn't stop.

John Moncur extended Town's lead on the half hour before Mark Proctor pulled one back before halftime. Pat Nevin added to Rovers' tally twenty minutes into the second period. Maskell again notched for Town

before an uncharacteristic foul from Glenn Hoddle allowed Kenny Irons to score from the spot, leading to a nervous last few minutes before the whistle blew to give us a 5-4 aggregate win.



Football Snippets

August sees the long discussed and much vaunted start to the Premier League, as the top clubs complete their split from the Football League.



They Served Us Both

Wayne Allison

Ken Beamish

Gareth Edds

Scott Endersby

Tony Grant

Roy Greenwood

Bryan Hamilton

John Kelly

Ian Muir

Iffy Onuora

Steve Peplow

Paul Rideout

Nicky Summerbee

Gary Williams



In November, Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson pulls off a coup, signing Eric Cantona from Leeds United for £1.2m. In May, United clinch the Premier League championship, the first time the club had been crowned champions since 1967.

Brian Clough announces his retirement as manager of Nottingham Forest in April.

After claiming a 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday in the Coca-Cola Cup, Arsenal Irish international full-back Steve Morrow bizarrely breaks his arm in the post-match celebrations, falling awkwardly from Tony Adams's shoulders.

Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, sensationally votes Terry Venables off the board and sacks him as chief executive. The move heralds the end of what appeared to be a dream partnership.

The World That Season

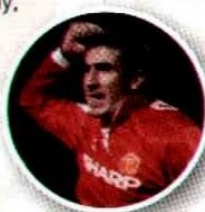
Democrat William Jefferson Clinton is elected US President in November, while at home the General synod of the Church of England agrees to allow women to be ordained into the priesthood.

Also in November, a fire in Windsor Castle causes extensive damage.

In February Prime Minister John Major announces that the Royal family will henceforth pay income tax.

British motor racing champion James Hunt dies in June.

Sunday trading is deregulated in Britain and oil is discovered in the South Atlantic near the Falkland Islands. Steven Spielberg releases 'Schindler's List' and 'Jurassic Park'.



Season outcome for both clubs

For Town the season was to culminate in the greatest achievement the club had ever managed. A monumental 4-3 win over Leicester City at Wembley ensued, with Paul Bodin immortalised as the man who crashed home the winning penalty after Steve White had been adjudged to have been fouled. Goals from player-manager Glenn Hoddle, Craig Maskell and Shaun Taylor had given us what looked

like an unassailable three goal lead, before Leicester doggedly dragged the match back to all square. Cometh the hour, cometh the Bodin.

Never lower than seventh since October, Tranmere were left to reflect on an excellent campaign and to begin to rebuild for the next. Another play-off position was attained in each of the two following seasons, but each ended in disappointment.





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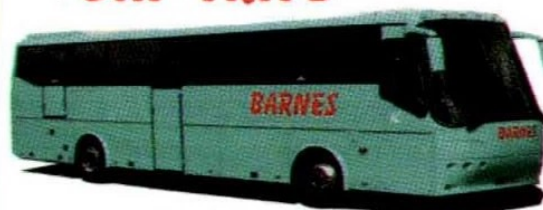


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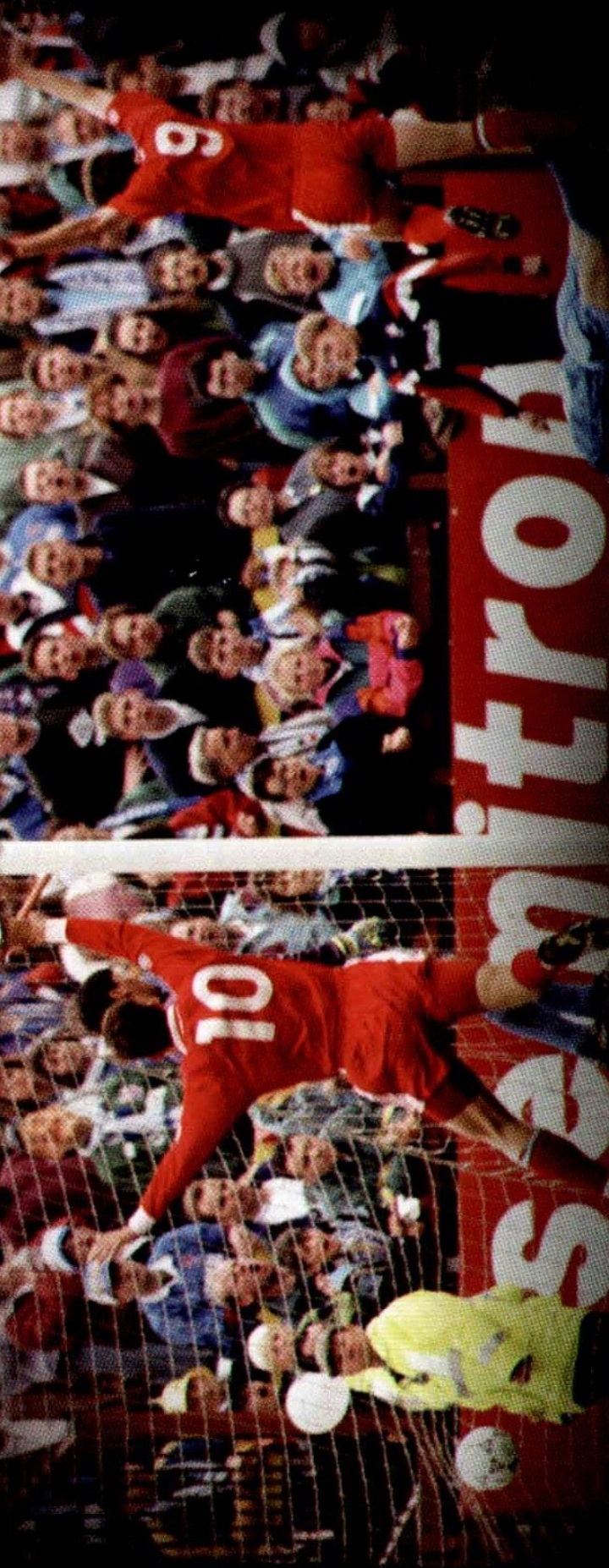
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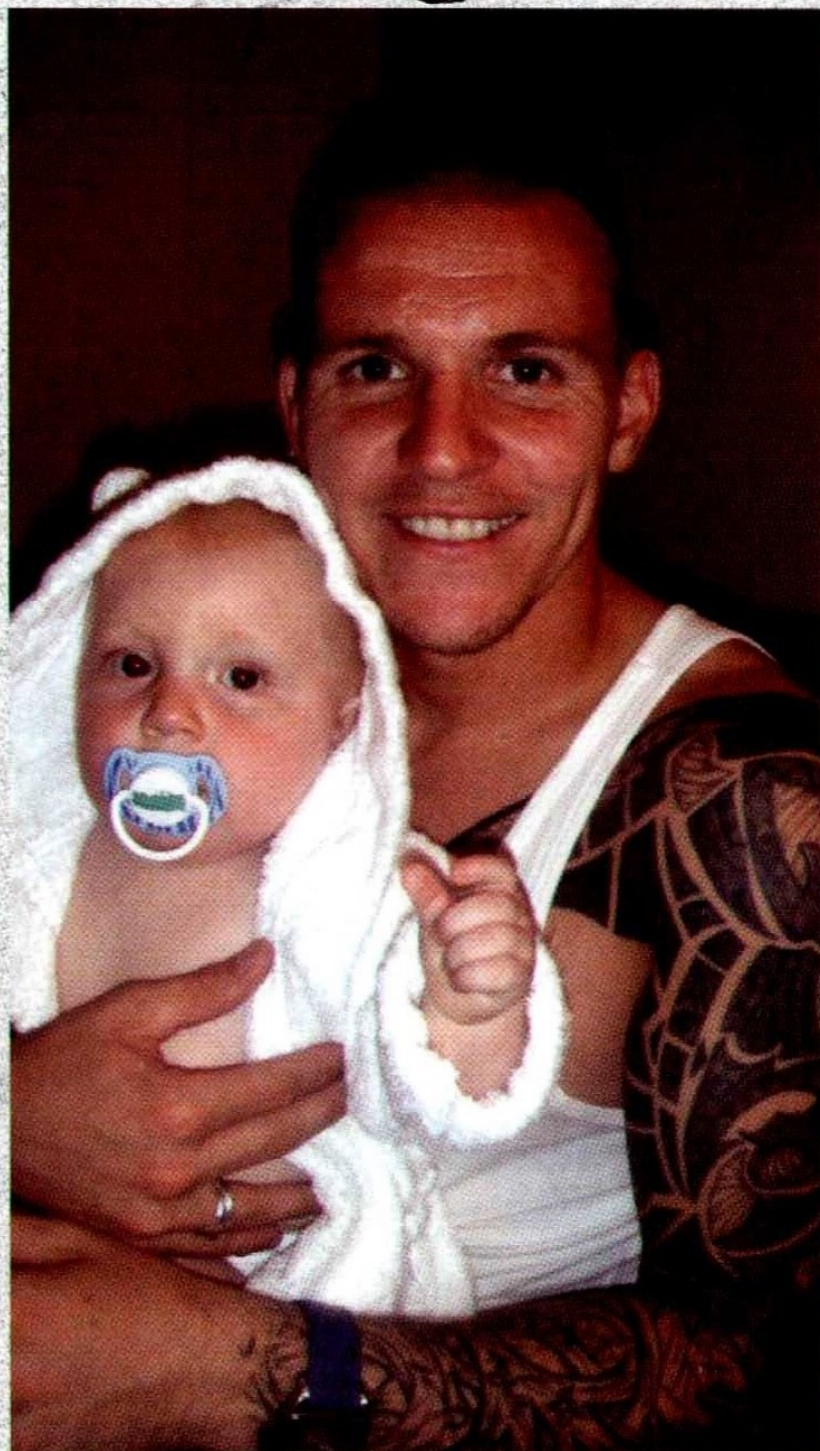
classic moment 92/93 *David Mitchell*



Barclays League Division One - Playoffs - Semi Final - **Swindon Town v Tranmere Rovers**
Swindon Town striker David Mitchell (right) scores against Tranmere Rovers. Town won the first leg 3-1 and the return leg at Prenton Park 3-2 to reach the play-off final at Wembley.

home sweet home

JON-PAUL
McGOVERN:



When did you last move house and why?

My last move was after my first season at Swindon. I needed somewhere with a bit more space so moved out of an apartment near the Town Centre to the place I have now.

How many times have you moved over the years?

Probably about nine times! I moved a few times in Sheffield and also in Glasgow. When I was at MK Dons I moved twice and have moved since I have been here at Swindon, that's about it I think.

How old were you when you moved out of your parents place?

I was 22-years old. I was at Celtic and had just signed for Livingston, so decided to buy my first property which was in Glasgow itself.

Which was the most stressful move you have made?

I'd say buying my place in Sheffield. I was moving down from Scotland where the house purchasing system is different and as a single lad back then it meant there was a lot to sort out. That was pretty stressful.

Which three personal items are most important to you?

Aside from my family, I would say the strip I wore playing for Sheffield Wednesday in the play-off final. I got it framed and that's definitely one of my most prized possessions.

Do you prefer older or newer properties?

I'd say older. Most of the properties



I have had have been older style ones. I lived in a building which used to be a blind school in Sheffield and that was lovely. I still own a property up in Glasgow which is in a building which used to be an old factory and that's great. I'm a big fan of sash windows and tall ceilings.

Have you ever bought, or thought about, a property abroad?

I have thought about it but I have heard a few horror stories which have been enough to put me off buying one. Owning another property in the UK is hard enough without taking it abroad with the language barrier and the other issues that would come with it.

Would you ever like to play abroad?

Yes... I would like to one day. I recently had the chance to go out and play in Australia which I turned down. A friend who was living with me for the last three months has just signed for Kansas City out in America, which should be an experience. Playing abroad is

something I would like to do and it's something I look forward to doing one day.

Where do you want to live when you retire?

I will probably end up living in Glasgow or Sheffield. My Mum, Dad and sister are in Glasgow and that's a big part of my heritage. However, my little boy is in Sheffield and I have a lot of alliances there too.



SHIRT TALES

AFTER MISSING OUT ON THE PLAY-OFFS LAST SEASON WITH TODAY'S VISITORS, **PETER SHIRTLIFF** IS HOPING TO GO ONE BETTER WITH TOWN AS THIS CAMPAIGN DRAWS TO A CLOSE- STARTING WITH A WIN TODAY.

Words: Chris Smith

This time last season, Tranmere Rovers were sitting comfortably in the League One play-off places under the stewardship of Ronnie Moore and Peter Shirtliff.

However a last minute equaliser from Scunthorpe United on their final day fixture meant Rovers narrowly missed out on the top six, and have subsequently struggled to replicate last season's form this term - a fate which Shirtliff is disappointed to have seen befall a team with whom he enjoyed his time.

"It's a shame to see them where they are because there are still a lot of good people there," he said.

"I had two good years there and really enjoyed working with Ronnie [Moore]. We had a really good group of players there as well.

"We were winning 1-0 at Scunthorpe until the very last minute when they got an equaliser that ensured they got 6th spot and subsequently got promoted which was obviously a disappointing thing to happen especially on the last day of the season.

"But I was disappointed for the players more than anything because they were a good group and they'd

worked very hard.

"There were some good lads there, and Ronnie deserved success as well so it was a shame, but sometimes things happen like that and we've all moved on from it."

Comparisons between Shirtliff's respective play-off contending sides from this season and last are inevitable, but Danny Wilson's right-hand man insists that, beyond an excellent team spirit, the similarities are minimal.

"It's a totally different set up and a totally different environment," he said.

"We're a little bit more creative in

looking forward to being re-united with them this afternoon - not least physio-turned-manager Les Parry.

He said: "Les is a good mate of mine, and obviously was the physio when I was there so it will be good to see him.

"He has done well to pick them up recently and drag them out of the drop zone, it is still a tough time although I think they will have enough to get out of it.

"One or two of the players are still there too like Ian Thomas-Moore, Chris Shuker and Ian Goodison so it will be good to see them as well because they're good lads."

"We're a little bit more creative in terms of the players we've got here, which wasn't quite the case at Tranmere."

terms of the players we've got here, which wasn't quite the case at Tranmere.

"But there's the same type of atmosphere because we've got a really good group of lads here as we had there.

"The lads enjoy the fun and the banter which is great, and I'm loving every minute of it here."

Despite his professional affiliation with Town Shirtliff still counts a number of Rovers staff as friends, and is

And with last season's experience still fresh in his memory, Shirtliff is better placed than most to preach caution ahead of a run in which could yet see Town promoted automatically or missing out altogether, and is keeping his feet firmly on the ground ahead of what he expects to be a tough test at The County Ground this afternoon.

"There are still seven games to go and you cannot take anything for granted," he said.

"It's going to be a difficult game, as they all are at this stage of the season.

"They are fighting for the points just as much as we are, and possibly even more because they're trying to stay up.

"Alright we're in fourth at the moment but we've still got a hell of a lot of work to do from today onwards.

"We've just got to keep going, and it's as simple as that."







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Reserve Team Round-up

David Byrne offered his views after watching his side return to form with a 4-1 win over Bristol City at The County Ground last Monday afternoon.

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Swindon Town 4 Bristol City 1

Byrne said: "I thought it was a fairly even contest throughout, and wasn't the fluent football that we have played in previous games, but sometimes you take the result over the performance.

"But again the attitude and application of the senior pro's was flawless, and that can only benefit the kids because they pick up off that.

"It was a much improved performance from last week, but we can do better and hopefully we will.

Lloyd Macklin's first-half goal was added to by second-period strikes from Mark Marshall, Michael Timlin and Josh Parsons as Byrne's side ran out comfortable winners.

Macklin's goal was a rare highlight of an otherwise tepid first period and was just about deserved after Town fought their way into the game following a sluggish start.

Byrne's side nearly snatched an early lead when Abdul Said raced onto a Billy Bodin knock-down before firing goalwards, only to be denied by a flying save from City keeper Tom Bradley.

Town then began to force a succession of corners, and went

close to taking the lead through Mark Marshall when the former Eastleigh man ran onto a quick Michael Timlin free-kick and crashed a shot against the underside of the cross bar.

Lennox then volleyed over for the visitors as the half looked to peter out before Macklin's inspirational intervention.

The winger picked up the ball just inside the visitors' half and drove straight at the full-back before cutting in and releasing a powerful low drive

inside Bradley's near post to put Town a goal up at the break.

Town started the second half brightly and added to their lead seven minutes after the break when Timlin found Macklin in space down the left and the youngster calmly squared for Marshall to tap home.

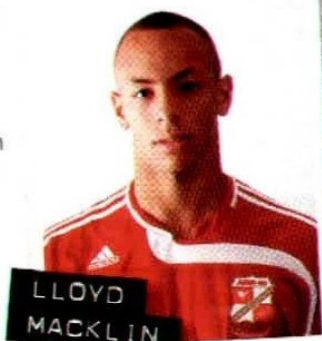
The impressive Timlin then increased the lead when he

intercepted a poor pass from City sub Bobby Reid before spotting the keeper off his line and delivering an audacious 25-yard chip into the net.

City looked a beaten side and Bodin and Macklin both went close to piling on the misery before Josh Parsons latched onto a loose ball following a Macklin tackle before showing great composure to finish



DAVID
BYRNE



LLOYD
MACKLIN



MICHAEL
TIMLIN

for Town's fourth.

City did threaten on the counter as the game opened up further, but an impressive defensive performance from Amankwaah and co looked to have sealed a clean sheet before Lennox nicked a consolation after a Jakub Jesionkowski error.

Despite this, Byrne's young side ran out deserved winners after another strong attacking display.

Swindon Town: Jakub Jesionkowski; Kevin Amankwaah, Ben Gerring (Dan Evans '45), Will Evans (Capt.), James Richards; Lloyd Macklin, Abdul Said, Michael Timlin, Josh Parsons; Billy Bodin, Mark Marshall.

Unused substitute: Calum Antell (GK), Seb Broomfield, Matt Clark, Dan Evans, Matty Barnes.

REMAINING RESERVE FIXTURES

07/04/10 Plymouth Argyle (A) (Home Park) 2pm
21/04/10 Bournemouth (A) (Dean Court) 2pm
27/04/10 Swindon Supermarine (WPS Final) (Hunts Copse) 7.45pm

30th March 2010

CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Swindon Town	14	9	1	4	13	28
Exeter City	13	8	3	2	3	27
Southampton	16	8	1	7	5	25
Swansea City	14	8	1	5	1	25
Reading	12	7	1	4	9	22
Bristol City	14	6	2	6	17	20
Plymouth Argyle	12	5	3	4	16	18
Forest Green Rovers	14	3	3	8	-18	12
Salisbury City	13	3	2	8	-24	11
A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	2	1	11	-22	7



SWINDON DOWN'S



SYNDROME GROUP

Our aim is to support people with Down's syndrome, their families and carers and also anyone with an interest in Down's syndrome by providing information, advice and support as well as raising general awareness. We are a parent-led support group run by a committee of 14 volunteers and a registered charity - 1096089 - affiliated to the National Down's Syndrome Association. All our work is funded by our Group and the money is raised through jumble sales, sponsored walk, donations and grants from local companies and businesses.

The group provides opportunities for parents to support each other by organising trips to the theatre, theme parks, a Christmas party, barbecues, activity sessions and monthly baby/toddler support meetings. We aim to provide training and information through an annual training day aimed at teachers and teaching assistants and through seminars throughout the year. We also

support pre-schools, primary and secondary schools by providing school resource packs containing manuals, flash cards, software, DVD's, numeracy resources and books aimed at educating a child with Down's syndrome.

The Group also provides some specialist sporting activities - football training run in conjunction with Swindon Town Community Team. This training session is open to all children with a disability between the ages of 5 - 18. Tennis lessons with a specialist coach and fortnightly swimming lessons with a specialist swimming coach and working towards nationally recognised qualifications. The Group also runs weekly speech and language therapy sessions.

These sessions are attended by children with Down's syndrome, their parents and, in most cases, a teaching assistant from the child's school. **Visit: www.swindondownsgroup.org.uk**



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PREPARING FOR LEEDS UNITED AWAY

Three points from every game is the sole objective at Swindon Town FC and that is the reason why the coaching staff and players work so hard on the training ground.



Preparation for the Saturday match starts immediately after the previous game and finishes as the whistle blows on matchday. Alleviating the stress of travelling on the day of an away game is one way to prepare correctly, as sitting stationary on a bus for long periods can result in muscle stiffness and back pain. This can reduce performance and increase the chance of injury. Travelling the day before if more than a two-hour coach trip is required also means that pre-match meals can be eaten approximately three hours before the game thereby allowing the nutrients to be effectively absorbed by the body. This results in increased energy levels and endurance. Without an overnight stay, the departure time from the player's homes and then from the stadium on the Saturday morning would have to be very early.

Here is how the team prepared for Saturday's away fixture at Leeds Utd:

FRIDAY - 10.30AM: Players arrived at The County ground for brunch, which consisted of scrambled eggs, beans and toast.

11AM: Depart The County ground on the team coach. Fruit, cereal snack bars and rolls were on board to keep energy levels high for the players.

2PM: To finish the final preparation on the training pitch, we stopped at Sheffield Wednesday's training ground. The players went through a thorough warm-up to reduce the muscle

stiffness and then onto a small-sided game and set-pieces to finish. Immediately after, recovery drinks high in carbohydrates were consumed by the players before getting back on the team coach bound for Leeds.

5.00PM: Arrive at the team hotel.

7PM: Evening meal, which consisted of foods high in carbohydrates such as example pasta, potatoes and vegetables, protein and fruits. After dinner, players relax in their rooms or get a massage from the club masseurs Steve Irvine or Mark Webb.

SATURDAY - 7AM - 9AM:

Although relaxing the evening before, the body still burns carbohydrates; breakfast (toasts, cereals, fruits, yoghurt) for the players is taken during this period just to top up the required nutrients. After breakfast the players have time to relax in their rooms. Dick (Club Physiotherapist), Steve Irvine (masseur) and myself head off to Elland Road to set up the playing kit ready for the game.

11.30AM: Players meet up in the hotel reception for a 15 minute walk to stretch their legs.

11.45AM: Players sit down for their pre-match meal, which again consist mainly of foods high in carbohydrates.

1.30PM: Arrive at Elland Road for the game. Available to the players are high energy drinks, gels, fruit and snacks like oat biscuits which are all high in carbohydrates. Players can relax listening to their music or get a rub from the masseur.

2.10PM: Head out for the pre-match warm-up.

2.40PM: Head back into the dressing room for last-minute instruction from the management team again taking on board energy drinks.

3PM: Kick-off - Leeds United vs Swindon Town

4.45PM: Final Whistle. Preparation starts for the next game. Players are given high carbohydrate and protein drinks to replace the nutrients lost during the game. Players have five-minute ice baths to help reduce any soft tissue damage and the removal of any waste products like lactate which are produced during high intensity activity.



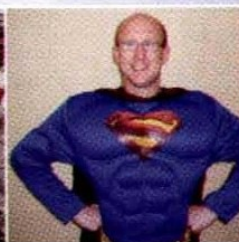


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Youth Team Round-up

Swindon Town will be aiming to hit the magical 100% figure this season for Framework achievement, according to Head of Youth Paul Bodin.



Town have fallen short of that mark in recent years with retention figures hampering the club's attempts to hit that target, however this time out, Bodin is confident that the youngsters from The County Ground will be there or thereabouts thanks to the club's excellent partnership with New College, as he explained.

"I think that we've always done pretty well with the lads who have stayed at the club for the full two years," said Bodin.

"Sometimes we've not always been able to control circumstances around players being sold on or leaving towards the end of the programme which obviously has a knock on effect when you're talking about frameworks.

"This year I think we'll be a lot closer to that figure with all of the lads well placed to achieve everything as things stand. A major factor in this success has been the close working relationship we have with New College. The likes of Paul Smith and the tutors have been first class and really flexible with us. If we need to move a day here and there it doesn't present a problem and importantly the apprentices have been fully integrated in to the College which is crucial.

"It's good for them to mix with the

other students from a social aspect and it helps them stay in the real world. The last thing I'd want would

be for them to be cocooned away from interaction which benefits their personal development."

Bodin is also pleased by the way things have been going out on the park. Champions of the Youth Alliance South West Division last season, Town once again top the table

this time out and Bodin believes his current crop could go on to be home-grown stars of the future, adding: "We've got good results in terms of the ratio of lads that go on to earn pro deals and since I've been here we've consistently churned out players who have featured in the first team.

"This year the likes of Matt Barnes, Billy

Bodin and Will Evans have all done extremely well to be on the cusp of the first team but we've got a number of other youngsters here who can play



MATT BARNES



BILLY BODIN



PAUL BODIN

which is shown by how we're doing in the league.

"While my job is focussed on player development I think it is helped by the fact that we're at the top of the league because it adds to the confidence of players that I'm working with."

UNDER 18 FIXTURES 2009/10

15-Aug-09	Bristol Rovers	1-2
29-Aug-09	Hereford United (A)	1-7
05-Sep-09	Oxford United (H) Cup 1	2-2
12-Sep-09	Cheltenham T. (A) Cup 2	2-3
19-Sep-09	Hereford Utd (A) Cup 3	0-6
26-Sep-09	Bournemouth (H) Cup 4	1-0
10-Oct-09	Exeter City (H)	2-1
17-Oct-09	Cheltenham Town (A)	2-0
24-Oct-09	Oxford United (A)	1-5
31-Oct-09	Yeovil Town (H)	3-1
03-Nov-09	Yeovil Town (H) FAYC	6-0
07-Nov-09	Gills (H) PALC (loss 4-3 pens)	3-3
14-Nov-09	Torquay United (H)	2-0
18-Nov-09	Leyton Orient (H) FAYC	1-2
21-Nov-09	AFC Bournemouth (H)	5-0
04-Dec-09	Plymouth Argyle (H)	2-0
12-Dec-09	Swansea City (H)	2-0
06-Feb-10	Hereford United (H)	4-1
13-Feb-10	Exeter City	0-4
27-Feb-10	Cheltenham Town (H)	5-0
06-Mar-10	Yeovil Town (A)	0-5
13-Mar-10	Oxford United (H)	1-3
27-Mar-10	AFC Bournemouth (A)	3-2
03-Apr-10	Bristol Rovers (A)	-
10-Apr-10	Plymouth Argyle (A)	-
17-Apr-10	Swansea City (A)	-
24-Apr-10	Torquay United (A)	-

29th March 2010

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Swindon Town	16	12	0	4	50	15	+35	36
Bristol Rovers	14	10	1	3	39	19	+20	31
Oxford United	18	9	2	7	42	32	+10	29
Bournemouth	16	9	2	5	36	33	+3	29
Torquay United	15	9	0	6	30	22	+8	27
Swansea City	15	8	2	5	24	18	+6	26
Cheltenham T.	16	7	3	6	24	25	-1	24
Exeter City	14	5	0	9	25	37	-12	15
Plymouth A.	12	4	2	6	21	26	-5	14
Yeovil Town	17	4	0	13	26	49	-23	12
Hereford Utd	17	1	2	14	13	54	-41	5

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Football in the Community: Out and about

Tuesday will see the start of our Easter Holiday courses which will see two week-long courses take place, based at St. Joseph's School.



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The new format will see the courses extended from three to four days and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for some good weather. We are anticipating both courses to sell-out, although to check for late availability or dates for future courses please call the **Football in the Community Office** on 01793 421303.

GLADIATOR CHALLENGE

On Saturday 27th March Swindon Town Football in the Community and the new residents of Wichelstowe got together for a morning of 'Gladiators' and football!



Children aged from four years old and upwards were placed in teams for gladiators and participated in a number of different activities which were fun, physical and football related! After gladiators the young people were divided into age groups for a football tournament.

The toddlers, who were too small to fully engage in the actual activities, played with footballs on the grass and joined in with the general excitement! At the end of the event there were prizes for the winning team and football stickers all round.

Lots of members of the community got involved. Taylor-Wimpey provided a large green space and local residents organised a raffle. Prizes included a

signed ball donated by Swindon Town FITC and a Swindon Town signed shirt donated by a Wichelstowe resident to subsidise the cost of the event. Members of the community served hot and cold drinks for spectators and participants whilst mums,

dads and other local people came along to support and chat to their neighbours.

Reverend Ali Boulton who, on behalf of the StoweAway Community Group, organised the event with Shane Hewlett from STFC FITC, was delighted with the whole event. She is hoping that this will be the start of a number of different community football events in Wichelstowe.

EVERY PLAYER COUNTS

Friday 26th March 2010 saw the final week before Easter for the Adult Ability Counts Friday football session, delivered under the Every Player Counts scheme.

The hour-long session, which has been running for the past four years, takes part at Croft Sports Centre every Friday morning at 10.00am.

The players, from several different adult resource centres, were treated to the Trust's new inflatable target net where they practised their shooting skills before battling it out in small-sided games. At the end of the session all of the players received a medal for all their hard work and effort through the past 11 weeks.

The sessions kick-off again after Easter on Friday 23rd April 2010. If any players are interested in joining please call **Adam Greaney** on 01793 421303.



Course Schedule

Link Centre (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	4.30-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	9-11yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs

Oasis (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-7yrs

Highworth (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	7-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	9-11yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	4-5yrs
	5.00-6.00	6-7yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

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

Stratton

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

Marlborough

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

Ridgeway

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

Cricklade

Friday:	5.30-6.30	5-8yrs
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Croft (Swindon Borough)

Saturday:	9.00-10.00	7-8yrs
	10.00-11.00	4-6yrs

Dorcan (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
	5.45-6.30	4-5yrs
Tuesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Thursday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Friday:	5.00-6.00	5-6yrs
	6.00-7.00	6-7yrs

Girls Development Programme

Commonweal School

Monday:	3.15-4.15	11-14yrs
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Haydon Wick Primary

Monday:	3.30-4.20	8-11yrs
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Stratton (Grange Drive)

Tuesday:	4.30-5.30	5-11yrs
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Stratton (Grange Drive)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	6-12yrs
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St Catherine Primary School

Friday:	1.45-2.35	8-11yrs
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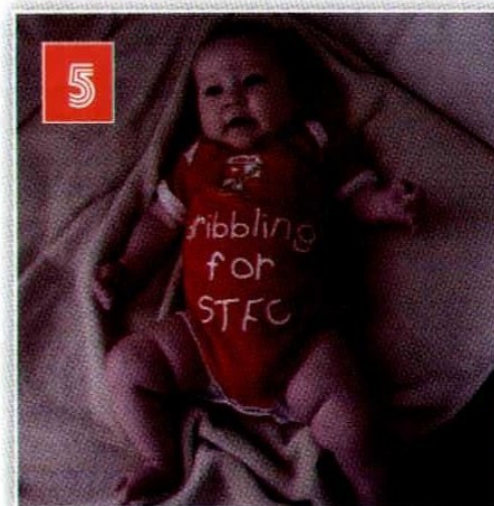
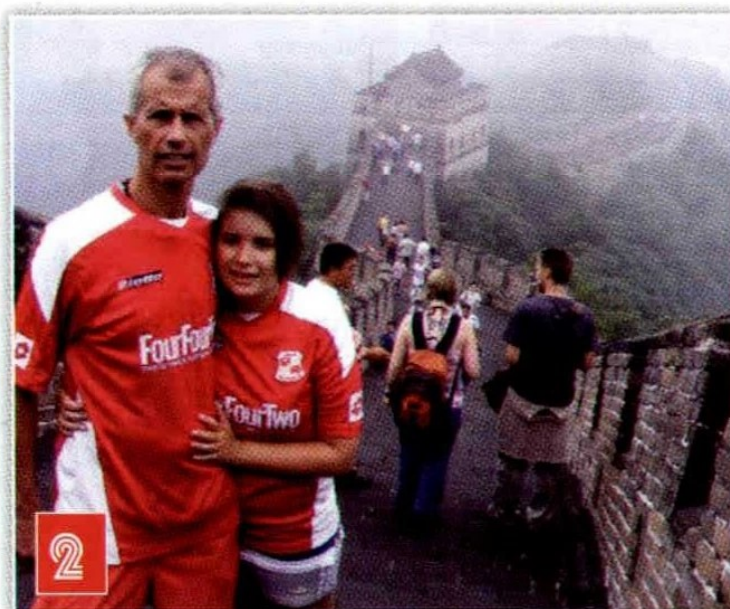
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1 Collared! - Olly and Alfie Barker attended their first Swindon game against Stockport County recently where they had a chance encounter with the boss!

2 The Wall - Town fan Claire Pasternakiewicz sent in this picture taken with her Father, Mark, during a trip to the Great Wall of China last summer.

3 Marching in - Town fan Declan Harris was amongst the 2,000 plus Swindon fans at Southampton to

witness The Robins earn a fine away win.

4 Soller Robin - Swindon supporter Richard Sandwell is pictured here spreading the good word of STFC during a summer break to Soller in Spain last year.

5 Rockin' and Rolling - Don Rogers Stand Season Ticket Holder Peter Hennell sent in this photo of his Granddaughter celebrating Town's recent win at Southampton!

Email your snaps showing your colours to: editor@swindontownfc.co.uk

The STFC Supporters Club

Welcome to The County Ground for what is another very important game in this League One season.

So often this period is always busy with a number of games over a very short space of time and often it determines the final direction in which the season is heading. Thankfully this season we are in the shake-up at the top of the league, but for our visitors today, they have other matters on their minds.

Our win at Hartlepool United last Saturday took the Pounds for Points scheme up to £3,884 and if that fund reaches £5,000 by the end of the season, you can be pretty certain that we will be well in with a shout for second spot in the league – a situation that has grown from a dream a short while ago to more than a possibility.

As mentioned previously our members travelling to Hartlepool to support the team last week with SAS travel had their travel costs subsidised by the Supporters Club by the sum of £7. With annual adult membership of the Supporters Club running at just £5 per season, even if that was the only one of the benefits used this season, it still equates to a 40% return on the membership fee paid.

We are putting together the end of season newsletter and this should be with you shortly. As is normal at this time of the season, the newsletter will contain voting forms for the player



of the season and also full details of the end of season dinner which is to be held on Tuesday 4th May at The County Ground.

The presentation dinner is always popular and is open to non members of the Supporters Club as well of course as those on our membership. The cost is £20 for the three-course meal. Please call 01865 820499 if you are not a member and require details. That night might be one of real celebration, so it would be great to see as many of you there as is possible to fit in.

Finally, one further insert with the newsletter will be one book of draw tickets which we hope members will be able to sell for the traditional end of season mega-draw which will take place at the Brentford match. With a guaranteed first prize of £1,000 and other fantastic prizes, including a Season Ticket for 2010/11, your support will be very much appreciated.

When did we last play two consecutive homes matches on a Monday? I hope to see you next week for the televised game against Exeter City.

Roger.

50/50 Half-Time Draw

vs **Norwich City**

NAME	TICKET	WINS
1. C. Sollis of Swindon	1184	£444
2. I. Barratt of Swindon	337	£50



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2008/2009 Participants	£
Kevin Legg Ltd	5
Jeremy Wray	5
Mike McQueen	3
Andy Whitaker	3
Peter Cuss	2.50
Anonymous	2.50
David Barry	2
Maurice Heritage	1.50
Robert Stephenson	1.50
Jerry Walsh	1
David Johnson	1
Mike Dew	1
Chris & Maureen Kirkland	1
Iris Higgs	1
Olive & Michael Spearman	1
Simon Bayliss	1
Miss Joan Griffiths	1
David Toddington	1
Toni Cox	1
Paul Bartlett	1
Paul Spearman	1
Jim & Wendy Murray	1
Lloyd & Fiona Russell	1
Kim Young	1
Chris Tanner	1
The Fox Inn Denchworth	1
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	1
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	1
George & Brenda Chadwick	1
Rose & Mike Jones	1
Honor Fraser	1
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MATCHDAY EXTRAS



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A big thank you to all of our matchday sponsors who joined us in the Sponsor's Suite for the very entertaining clash against Norwich.

What an exciting climax to the game, and a great goal from Captain Marvel Gordon Greer.

The main Match Sponsors were **DPDS, Les Durrant** and guests joined us but there was divided loyalty amongst their ranks. However, I think all concerned were happy with a point! All of the party certainly enjoyed the hospitality, and Les is seen below being presented with his signed shirt by Man of the Match **Danny Ward**.

Also caught on camera was Match Ball Sponsor **Tom Wiltshire** from **Bowerhill Machine Tools**, Tom Wiltshire is a third generation Swindon Town Supporter, and was a representing the company on behalf of his Father, Dave who was unable to make the game. Dave has sponsored several matches throughout the course of this season, so thank you for your continued support. And, last but by no means least the camera captures **Will Pitt & Glyn Howell** from our Programme Sponsors **Stainless Steel Supplies LTD** who also had a great time in the Sponsor's Suite. They are both seen here receiving a signed framed commemorative programme cover from Danny.



Birthday Memories →



Mike Jeffries also joined us for the Norwich game, and celebrated his birthday in style with an STFC birthday package in the sponsor's suite, where he really enjoyed his time and day out with us! Mike has since sent us a thank you card, to say 'a very big thank you for a wonderful day last week, the best 60th birthday present ever. Thank you for all your hard work & making my day so great, regards to all Mike.' Mike is pictured here holding his fabulous Swindon Town cake.

Today's Mascot

Katya Helliker



Age: 9, it is her 10th birthday on 9th April so this is a very special present for her!
Likes: Playing piano, violin and watching Swindon play!

School: St Dominic's Priory, Stone, in Staffordshire
Favourite Player: David Lucas

Birthday Celebrations in the Sponsor's Suite



Happy 70th Birthday to **Geoff Hawkes** who is celebrating in the Sponsor's Suite today with his children and grandchildren. We hope you have

a great day with us!

Happy Birthday!

Adam Pryor will be six-years old today and will be watching Swindon play for the first time.

Why not celebrate your birthday or special day in style? The Sponsor's Suite is the perfect venue for a day to remember with family and friends. Some of the benefits include, executive tickets, two-course meal, stadium tour and a unique Swindon Town birthday cake. **Call 0844 880 1094**

Fans of the future

A big welcome to Mike Morrissey & FC Chippenham Youth. Formed in 1974, the club offers football for all ages from under six to adults.



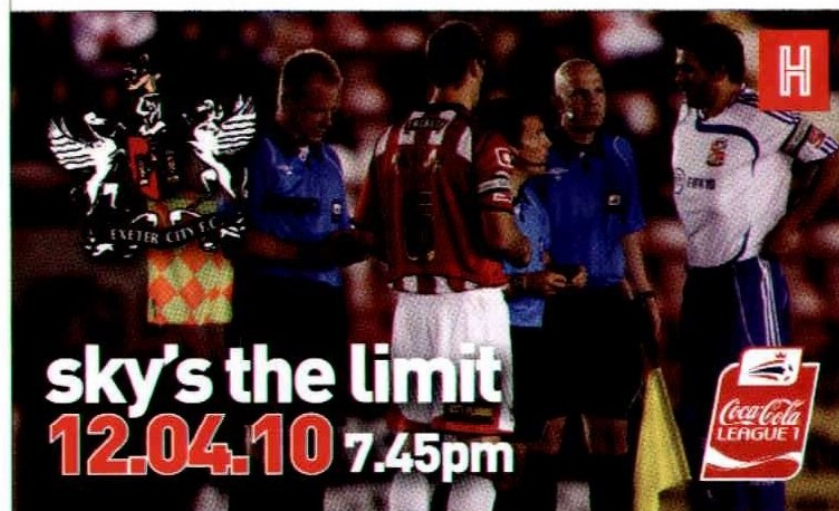
APR 10TH - APR 24TH

dates for the diary:



united front
10.04.10 3pm

Swindon Town are on the road again this weekend with Colchester United lying in wait at The Weston Homes Community Stadium. The U's are in the thick of the play-offs at present and will be eager to make the most of home advantage this weekend. Town were edged out in the corresponding fixture last term, with Danny Wilson ultimately guiding his side to safety at the end of the campaign. This season's outcome could be so, so different.



sky's the limit
12.04.10 7.45pm

Swindon Town make their television debut for the campaign on Monday 12th April with Exeter City visiting The County Ground for a live TV date. Swindon have already faced The Grecians twice this term and have enjoyed the meetings with Paul Tisdale's men. Barry Corr scored a treble on a recent reserve team encounter at SN1 and he will be looking to impress once again with his Exeter side gunning for League One survival.



SATURDAY 10TH APRIL 3PM

vs Colchester United (Away)

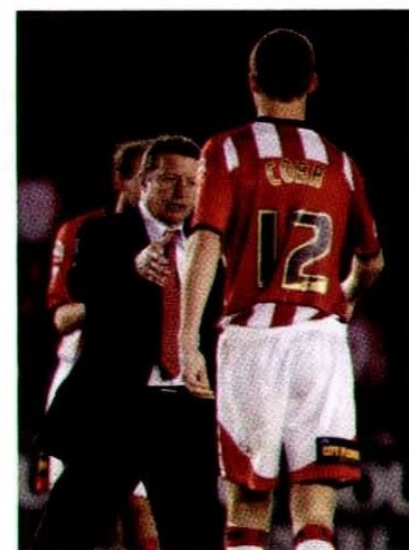


Tickets:

Adult:	£18
S/Cit 060	£13
Y/Adult 21 & Under	£12
Junior 16 & Under	£10
Junior 11 & Under	£5
Junior 7 & Under	£3
Ambulant disabled - prices as above with a FREE helper	
Wheelchair Adult	£18
Wheelchair Concs	£13
Please phone Colchester on 0845 437 9089 to book. Both with FREE helper	

SAS Travel:

Departs The County Ground: 9.15am
Adults: £20, Juniors: £18



MONDAY 12TH APRIL 7.45PM

vs Exeter City (Home)



Tickets: See Ticket details



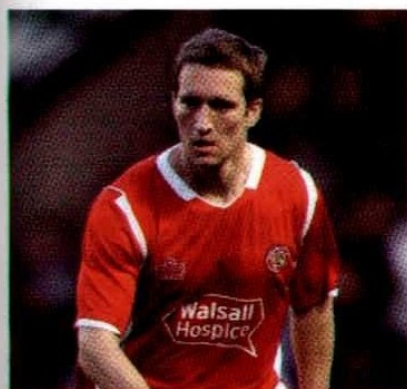
STFC Box Office: 0871 223 2300



saddle up
17.04.10 3pm



'Get ready for the rollercoaster ride,' said Town boss Danny Wilson in a recent interview with STFC Player, the club's official online TV service. By the time Walsall arrive in Wiltshire the promotion and play-off places could be somewhat clearer with just weeks of the campaign left to run. Make sure you are in attendance to witness what could prove to be one of the key dates in the League One run-in.



SATURDAY 17TH APRIL 3PM

vs Walsall (Home)



Tickets: See Ticket details



SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 3PM

vs Wycombe Wanderers (Away)



Tickets: TBC

SAS Travel:

Departs The County Ground: 11.45am
Adults: £11, Juniors: £9



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Adults	£22.00
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Junior	£9.00
Under 10's	FREE**
Family (1 Adt, 2 Jun)	£35*
Family (2 Adt, 3 Jun)	£45*
Disabled	£15.00

C&D TOWN END ****

	Matchday
Adults	£16.00
SnrCit/Student	£12.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 10's	FREE**
Disabled	£12.00

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on the day of the fixture. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will be issued 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 tickets are available on matchdays. Please purchase in advance.

** Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult, and need to be registered (once only) at the Box Office, with proof of age.

**** Please note juniors must be accompanied by an adult in the Town End.

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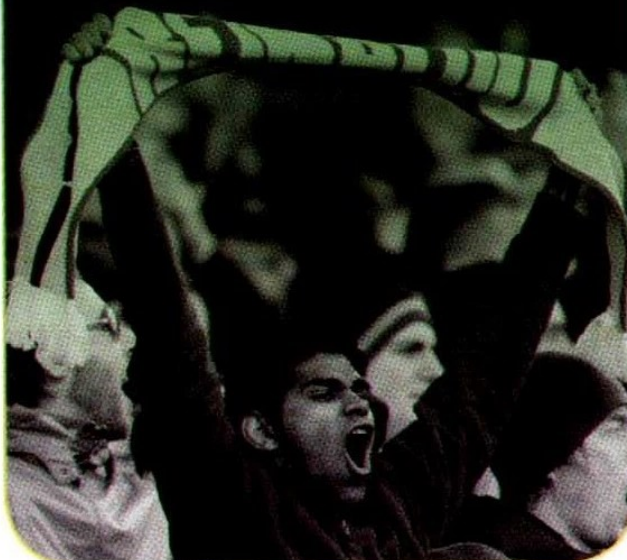
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Round-Up:

There is a busy League One fixture schedule this afternoon with promotion contenders **Millwall** and **Leeds United** both in action away from home.

Millwall travel to play-off hopefuls **Colchester United** whilst **Simon Grayson's Leeds** face the trip to take on **Yeovil Town** at Huish Park. **Gillingham** host **Southend United** in what should be a keenly-contested fixture whilst **Walsall** host **Wycombe Wanderers**.



Brentford take on **Exeter City** at Griffin Park whilst **Norwich City** will be eyeing up another three points as they host **Stockport County**, heavy losers at **Millwall** last weekend, at Carrow Road.

Brighton & Hove Albion make the long trip to the other end

of the country to take on relegation-threatened **Hartlepool United** with **Bristol Rovers** also in action, hosting **MK Dons**.

Southampton, who won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last weekend against **Carlisle United** at Wembley, entertain **Leyton Orient**. The Cumbrians are back in the capital - taking on **Charlton Athletic** at The Valley.

LEAGUE ONE RESULTS

TOTAL GOALS: 1207

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		Brentford	Brighton & Hove Albion	Bristol Rovers	Carlisle United	Charlton Athletic	Colchester United	Exeter City	Gillingham	Hartlepool United	Huddersfield Town	Leeds United	Leyton Orient	MK Dons	Millwall	Norwich City	Oldham Athletic	Southampton	Southend United	Stockport County	Swindon Town	Tranmere Rovers	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Yeovil Town
Brentford	H A	0-0 0-3	1-3 3-1	3-1 0-2	1-1 0-2	1-0 3-3	0-3 0-3	4-0 1-0	- 0-0	0-0 1-1	1-0 1-2	3-3 1-0	2-2 1-0	2-1 0-1	2-2 1-1	1-1 1-4	1-1 2-0	1-1 3-1	2-1 1-0	2-0 1-0	2-3 1-0	- 0-1	1-1 1-2	1-1 0-1	- 0-2
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LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2009/10

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Norwich	38	25	7	6	78	38	82	+40
Leeds	38	20	11	7	62	33	71	+29
Millwall	38	20	11	7	63	35	71	+28
Swindon	38	19	13	6	58	45	70	+13
Charlton	38	18	14	6	64	45	68	+19
Colchester	38	18	11	9	56	41	65	+15
Huddersfield	38	17	11	10	64	46	62	+18
Bristol R	38	18	4	16	53	53	58	0
MK Dons	38	17	6	15	55	56	57	-1
Southampton	37	17	12	8	67	38	53	+29
Brentford	37	12	14	11	44	44	50	0
Carlisle	38	12	12	14	51	54	48	-3
Brighton	38	12	11	15	48	52	47	-4
Walsall	38	12	11	15	45	52	47	-7
Yeovil	38	11	11	16	46	52	44	-6
Leyton Orient	38	10	11	17	44	54	41	-10
Gillingham	38	9	13	16	39	50	40	-11
Exeter	38	9	13	16	40	53	40	-13
Oldham	37	10	10	17	32	46	40	-14
Hartlepool	38	10	9	19	46	59	39	-13
Tranmere	37	10	8	19	31	59	38	-28
Southend	38	9	10	19	44	58	37	-14
Wycombe	38	6	14	18	41	66	32	-25
Stockport	38	5	9	24	31	73	24	-42

STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES

	2009/10 SEASON			STFC		CAREER		
	LE	CUP	GLS	APP	GLS	APP	GLS	
1 Lucas	33	4	0	37	0	306(71)	0	
2 Cuthbert	33	6	3	39	3	75(2)	4	
3 Sheehan	15	2	0	17	0	87(6)	5	
4 Douglas	35	4	0	41	0	244(24)	16	
5 Pericard	2(9)	0	0	2(9)	0	138(67)	26	
6 Greer	35(1)	7	1	41(1)	2	224(14)	9	
7 McGovern	37	7	2	109(12)	7	240(46)	22	
8 Easton	1(8)	2(1)	0	35(19)	8	368(80)	37	
9 Nouble	2	0	0	2	0	9(6)	0	
10 Timlin	6(12)	3(2)	0	80(24)	4	114(26)	5	
12 Smith	5(1)	3	0	87(1)	0	197(1)	0	
14 Morrison	8(1)	1	1	31(2)	2	31(4)	2	
15 Amankwaah	33	7	3	68(5)	5	215(42)	11	
17 Kennedy	4(4)	2(1)	0	10(4)	0	10(6)	0	
18 O'Brien	3(5)	1(1)	0	3(6)	0	28(48)	1	
19 Jean-Francois	24(6)	4	0	30(9)	0	30(9)	0	
20 Paynter	29(5)	6	22	106(21)	44	271(64)	86	
21 Darby	4	0	0	4	0	6(4)	0	
22 Macklin	1(8)	1(1)	0	2(12)	0	2(12)	0	
23 Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24 Ward	16(4)	1	5	17(4)	5	17(6)	5	
25 Marshall	1(4)	1(1)	0	2(19)	0	2(19)	0	
26 Jesionkowski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28 Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
29 Hammonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30 Ferry	33	3	2	36	2	36	2	
32 Austin	22(3)	12(1)	16	22(5)	16	22(5)	16	
- Ritchie	0(4)	0	0	0(4)	0	52(10)	1	
- Alcotree	0	0	0	82(2)	3	26(126)	15	
- Obadeyi	9(3)	2	2	11(3)	2	11(6)	2	
- Revell	7(2)	2	2	9(2)	2	125(73)	30	
- McNamee	14(3)	4(1)	2	69(19)	4	119(81)	7	
- Casal	0	0	0	5(1)	0	5(1)	0	
- Hutchinson	6(4)	4(1)	1	10(5)	1	11(19)	2	
- Peacock	1(4)	1(3)	0	113(25)	22	473(99)	138	

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FIXTURES RESULTS 2009/10

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
Sat Aug 8	Gillingham	A	0-5	6,852	788	22 G Horwood
Tue Aug 11	Milton Keynes Dons CC1	A	4-1	4,812	531	→ R Booth
Sat Aug 15	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	0-0	6,692	533	21 G Ward
Tue Aug 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H	1-0	11,007	2,995	13 S Cook
Sat Aug 22	Oldham Athletic	A	2-2	4,229	246	12 M Haywood
Tue Aug 25	Wolverhampton Wanderers CC2	A	0-0 4-5 pen	11,416	1,280	X K Hill
Sat Aug 29	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	2-1	6,417	407	8 M Russell
Sat Sep 5	Yeovil Town	A	1-0	4,807	1,069	6 J Singh
Sat Sep 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-1	6,621	275	5 K Evans
Sat Sep 19	Walsall	A	1-1	4,148	735	7 D Webb
Sat Sep 26	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-1	6,929	421	7 A Hall
Tue Sep 29	Exeter City	A	1-1	5,337	609	8 K Stroud
Sat Oct 3	Brentford	A	3-2	6,471	1,244	6 O Langford
Tue Oct 6	Exeter City JPT2	A	1-1 3-4 pen	2,006	189	→ R East
Sat Oct 10	MILLWALL	H	1-1	7,222	552	7 K Wright
Sat Oct 17	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	0-2	7,096	160	7 T Kettle
Sat Oct 24	Norwich City	A	0-1	24,959	819	11 G Hegley
Sat Oct 31	Tranmere Rovers	A	4-1	5,811	251	8 A Bates
Sat Nov 7	WOKING FA CUP 1	H	1-0	4,805	756	→ F Graham
Tue Nov 10	NORWICH CITY JPT AQF	H	0-0 3-5 pen	4,978	848	X G Horwood
Sat Nov 21	Carlisle United	A	1-0	4,339	203	9 C Webster
Tue Nov 24	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	2-1	6,630	434	7 A Penn
Sat Nov 28	Wrexham FA CUP 2	A	1-0	3,011	426	→ G Salisbury
Sat Dec 5	LEYTON ORIENT	H	3-2	6,815	447	6 G Sutton
Sat Dec 12	Bristol Rovers	A	0-3	7,613	1,231	9 P Walton
Sat Dec 19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	2-1	7,068	664	6 J Moss
Sat Dec 26	Charlton Athletic	A	2-2	17,977	867	7 P Miller
Mon Dec 28	YEOVIL TOWN	H	3-1	8,509	638	6 K Stroud
Sat Jan 2	Fulham FA CUP 3	A	0-1	19,623	5,996	X A Taylor
Sat Jan 16	GILLINGHAM	H	3-1	6,773	439	6 S Tanner
Tue Jan 19	Stockport County	A	1-0	3,281	213	5 G Salisbury
Tue Jan 26	LEEDS UNITED	H	3-0	14,508	3,336	5 P Gibbs
Sat Jan 30	Southend United	A	2-2	6,669	523	5 P Phillips
Sat Feb 6	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	1-1	9,552	1,073	6 A Hall
Tue Feb 9	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	4-2	6,183	132	5 D Deadman
Sat Feb 13	Huddersfield Town	A	2-2	14,610	443	5 S Rushton
Sat Feb 20	CARLISLE UNITED	H	2-0	7,704	297	5 D Sheldrake
Tue Feb 23	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	4-1	7,063	83	5 R East
Sat Feb 27	Leyton Orient	A	0-0	4,574	983	5 C Pawson
Sat Mar 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	0-4	10,341	1,432	5 P Taylor
Tue Mar 9	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-2	8,764	929	6 J Linnings
Sat Mar 13	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-0	6,946	333	6 G Hegley
Tue Mar 16	Southampton	A	1-0	20,752	2,046	4 K Hill
Sat Mar 20	NORWICH CITY	H	1-1	11,972	2,826	4 S Mathies
Sat Mar 27	Hartlepool United	A	1-0	3,536	269	4 S J Bratt
Sat Apr 3	Leeds United	A	3pm			
Mon Apr 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3pm			
Sat Apr 10	Colchester United	A	3pm			
Mon Apr 12	EXETER CITY	H	7.45pm			
Sat Apr 17	WALSALL	H	3pm			
Sat Apr 24	Wycombe Wanderers	A	3pm			
Sat May 1	BRENTFORD	H	3pm			
Sat May 8	Millwall	A	3pm			

WHERE WE SCORED FROM



WHERE THEY SCORED FROM



											SUBS USED
Lucas	Cuthbert (1)	J-Francois	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	Amankwaah	O'Brien (2)	McNamee	Paynter	Macklin (1), Marshall (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	McNamee (1)	McGovern (1)	Macklin	Paynter (2)	Kennedy (1), Marshall (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin (2)	McNamee	McGovern	Macklin (1)	Paynter	Obadeyi (1), O'Brien (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Morrison (1)	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	McNamee (1)	McGovern	Obadeyi (2)	Paynter	Macklin (1), Kennedy (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois (1)	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin (2)	McNamee (3)	McGovern (1)	Obadeyi	Paynter (1)	Kennedy (1), Macklin (2), O'Brien (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Kennedy	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Easton	McNamee (1)	McGovern	Obadeyi (2)	Paynter (3)	Marshall (1), Macklin (2), O'Brien (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert (1)	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (3)	McNamee (2)	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Paynter	Obadeyi (1), O'Brien (2), Timlin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (3)	McNamee (1)	McGovern	Hutchinson (2)	Paynter	Obadeyi (1), Macklin (2), Timlin (3)
Smith	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (3)	Hutchinson (1)	McGovern	Obadeyi (1)	Revell (2)	McNamee (1), Paynter (2), Timlin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois (1)	Cuthbert	Morrison	Douglas	Ferry (2)	McGovern	Obadeyi	Revell (3)	Paynter (1)	Kennedy (1), McNamee (2), Macklin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah (1)	J-Francois (3)	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (1)	McGovern (2)	Obadeyi	Revell	Paynter	Timlin (1), McNamee (2), Kennedy (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah (1)	Kennedy	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McNamee (3)	McGovern	Obadeyi (1)	Paynter (2)	Hutchinson (1), Revell (2), Timlin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Kennedy	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McNamee (2)	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Revell (2)	Macklin (1), Timlin (2), Paynter (3)
Smith	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	McNamee (1)	McGovern	Hutchinson (2)	Revell (1)	Peacock (1), Austin (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Kennedy	Cuthbert (1)	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McNamee (2)	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Revell (3)	Timlin (1), J-Francois (2), Paynter (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Kennedy (1)	Cuthbert	Greer	McGovern	Ferry	McNamee	Obadeyi	Hutchinson (3)	Revell (2)	J-Francois (1), Peacock (2), Paynter (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	McGovern	Ferry	McNamee	Timlin (1)	Obadeyi (2)	Revell (3)	Hutchinson (1), Austin (2), Peacock (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	McGovern	Ferry (1)	McNamee (1)	Timlin (1)	Obadeyi (2)	Paynter (2)	Easton (1), Austin (2), Peacock (3)
Smith	Amankwaah	Kennedy	Cuthbert	Greer	McGovern	Ferry (3)	McNamee (2)	Timlin	Obadeyi (1)	Paynter (1)	Hutchinson (1), Easton (2), Peacock (3)
Smith	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Easton	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Revell (2)	Paynter	Austin (1), McNamee (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McNamee (2)	McGovern	Austin (1)	Paynter	Revell (1), Timlin (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McNamee (2)	McGovern	Austin (1)	Paynter (1)	Revell (1)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer (1)	Douglas (3)	Ferry	Sheehan (2)	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Paynter	Peacock (1), O'Brien (2), Timlin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	Sheehan	McGovern	Austin (2)	Paynter (1)	Ward (1)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois (1)	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (3)	Sheehan	McGovern	Austin (2)	Paynter	O'Brien (1), Ward (2), Macklin (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah (1)	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	O'Brien (2)	McGovern	Austin (1)	Paynter (1)	J-Francois (1), Timlin (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (2)	J-Francois (1)	McGovern	Austin (3)	Paynter (1)	O'Brien (1), Hutchinson (2), Ward (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	O'Brien (1)	McGovern	Austin (2)	Paynter (1)	Ward (1), Peacock (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Hutchinson (1)	Ward (2)	Paynter	Macklin (1), Timlin (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan (1)	Cuthbert (1)	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward	Austin (2)	Paynter (1)	J-Francois (1), Pericard (2), Hutchinson (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward	Austin	Paynter (1)	
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward	Austin (1)	Paynter (2)	Pericard (1)
Smith	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward	Austin (1)	Paynter (1)	Timlin (1)
Lucas	Amankwaah (1)	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward	Austin (1)	Paynter	Macklin (1)
Smith	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern (2)	Ward (1)	Austin (1)	Paynter (2)	Pericard (1), Easton (2), Marshall (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (2)	McGovern	Ward (1)	Austin (1)	Paynter	Pericard (1), Easton (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer (3)	Douglas	Ferry (1)	McGovern	Ward	Austin (1)	Paynter (1)	Easton (1), Pericard (2), Morrison (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah (2)	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Morrison	Douglas	Ferry (1)	McGovern	Ward (1)	Austin (3)	Paynter (2)	Ritchie (1), Easton (2), Pericard (3)
Lucas	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (1)	McGovern	Ward (3)	Austin (2)	Paynter	Easton (1), Pericard (2), Ritchie (3)
Lucas	Amankwaah	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry (2)	McGovern	Ward	Austin (1)	Paynter	Pericard (1), Ritchie (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah (3)	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Morrison (2)	Douglas	Ferry (2)	McGovern	Ward (1)	Pericard (1)	Paynter	Austin (1), Greer (2), J-Francois (3)
Lucas (1)	Darby	Sheehan	Cuthbert	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward (3)	Austin (1)	Pericard (2)	Smith (1), Marshall (2), Easton (3)
Smith	Darby	Sheehan	Cuthbert (1)	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward (3)	Austin (1)	Marshall (2)	J-Francois (1), Ritchie (2), Timlin (3)
Smith	Darby	Sheehan	J-Francois	Greer (1)	Douglas	Easton (2)	McGovern	Ward (3)	Austin (3)	Nouble (1)	Marshall (1), Timlin (2), Pericard (3)
Lucas	Darby	Sheehan	J-Francois	Greer	Douglas	Ferry	McGovern	Ward (3)	Austin (2)	Nouble (1)	Paynter (1), Timlin (2), Easton (3)

HOW WE SCORED

HEADER	LEFT FOOT	RIGHT FOOT	OWN GOAL	FREE KICK	PENALTY
13	10	34	2	1	7

STARTING RECORD 2009/10

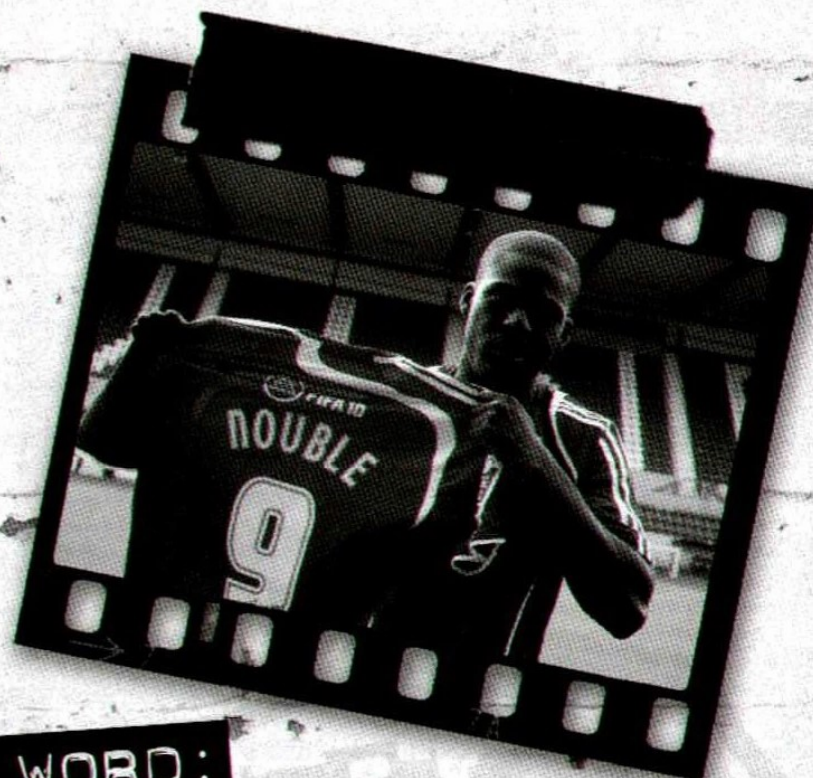
	LGE	CUP
Jon-Paul McGovern	37	7
Gordon Greer	35	7
Jonathan Douglas	35	6
Kevin Amankwaah	33	7
Scott Cuthbert	33	6
David Lucas	33	4
Simon Ferry	33	3

IN THE BOOK 2009/10

	Y	R
Jonathan Douglas	5	1
Simon Ferry	1	1
Lecsinel Jean-Francois	6	-
Gordon Greer	6	-
Michael Timlin	4	-
Kevin Amankwaah	4	-
Alan Sheehan	4	-

PERSONAL FACTFILE:

Name: Frank Nouble
Position: Striker
Star sign: Libra
Shoe Size: 12
Best mate at West Ham:
Carlton Cole
Marmite – love or hate? Hate
Favourite Website: Facebook
Dinner Invite: Ronaldo
Movie: Avatar
Music: Lil Wayne
Tea or Coffee: Tea
Dream Car: Bentley



THE LAST WORD:

with...

Frank Nouble

What were the **LAST** three things you purchased?

An X-Box to keep me entertained in my hotel room, a cinema ticket to go and see 'I Love You Phillip Morris' and a train ticket.

When was the **LAST** time you were lost?

At the moment I am getting lost most days around Swindon, either going back to my hotel or having a look around Town.

When was the **LAST** time you went on public transport?

I am using the train to get back and forth from London at the moment at weekends, but stay in a hotel in Swindon during the week for training and before games.

Who did you make your **LAST** phone call to?

To my Mum, who lives in London. Just to catch up with her and let her know how things are going for me at Swindon and what else is going on.



Tell us about the **LAST** time you scored a penalty?

It was for West Ham reserves last December against Arsenal in a reserve league fixture.

Can you remember the **LAST** time you were sent off?

Yeah, for Chelsea Under 14's. I was back-chatting to the referee and I got sent off for it.

When did you **LAST** score a hat-trick?

It was for West Ham's reserves in a pre-season game.

What's the **LAST** thing you do before a game?

I say a little prayer just before I go out onto the pitch before the start of a game.



Swindon Town vs
Tranmere Rovers 05.04.10

SWINDON TOWN

Danny Wilson

David Lucas	1
Scott Cuthbert	2
Alan Sheehan	3
Jonathan Douglas	4
Vincent Pericard	5
Gordon Greer	6
Jon-Paul McGovern	7
Craig Easton	8
Frank Nouble	9
Michael Timlin	10
Phil Smith	12
Sean Morrison	14
Kevin Amankwaah	15
Callum Kennedy	17
Alan O'Brien	18
Leccsinel Jean-Francois	19
Billy Paynter	20
Stephen Darby	21
Lloyd Macklin	22
Nathan Thompson	23
Danny Ward	24
Mark Marshall	25
Jakub Jesionkowski	26
Mark Scott	28
Kurt Hammonds	29
Simon Ferry	30
Charlie Austin	32

TRANMERE ROVERS

Les Parry

1	Luke Daniels
2	Shaleum Logan
3	Aaron Cresswell
4	Gareth Edds
5	Ian Goodison
6	Paul McLaren
7	Bas Savage
8	Marlon Broomes
9	Ian Thomas-Moore
10	Alan Mahon
11	John Welsh
12	Ash Taylor
13	Joe Collister
14	Terry Gornell
15	Kithson Bain
16	Josh Macauley
17	Tom Baker
18	Chris McCready
19	Charlie Barnett
20	Ryan Fraughan
21	Andy Robinson
22	Andy Coughlin
23	Chris Shuker
24	Zoumana Bakayogo
25	Craig Curran
27	Marvin Sordell
29	Joss Labadie
30	Ben Gordon

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