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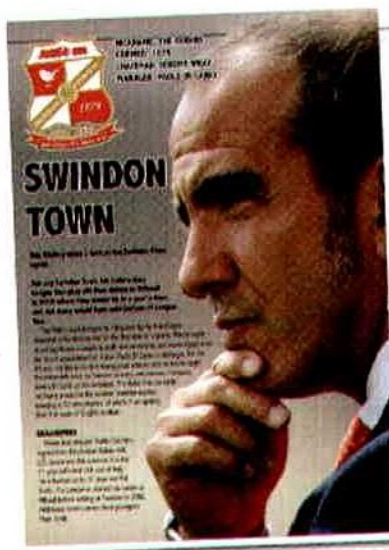
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## TONIGHT'S MASCOTS



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AGE: 10 TODAY!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
FAVOURITE PLAYER:  
COLE SKUSE



**HAMISH BARCLAY**  
AGE: 12  
FAVOURITE PLAYER:  
NICKY MAYNARD

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**AIDEN PRITCHARD**  
AGE: 12  
FAVOURITE PLAYER:  
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**Good evening and a warm welcome to Ashton Gate for our first evening fixture of the season.**

I would like to welcome Paolo Di Canio, his staff, players and everyone associated with Swindon Town here this evening.

I think everyone knows and realises that tonight's Carling Cup game is important for a number of reasons.

First, the club hasn't had a good cup run for a number of years, so this is our first chance to put that right. From a player's and staff point of view it is always nice to have a good cup run and from the club's point of view, the financial gains of a cup run are very important.

On top of all that we have to bounce back from the disappointment of the weekend's opening day defeat to Ipswich Town.

It is good to have a home game tonight as it gives us the chance to get back to winning ways. We must learn from Saturday's game and move on, and that is what we aim to do tonight.

Looking back at Saturday's game we were all very disappointed with the result. The manner of the defeat was a hard one to accept because for long periods of the game there were two equal teams on the pitch.

We were disappointed with the three goals we conceded as we felt Ipswich didn't have to play that well to score against us.

There was a lot of encouraging signs though; we had a lot of possession in dangerous areas but on the day we didn't produce the quality and final ball to test their goalkeeper enough.

When we analysed the stats and the chances in the game, it showed that Ipswich had five chances and scored three and we had the ball in dangerous areas over 20 times, so we were disappointed with our final third play.

We have picked the bones out if it, analysed it fully and hopefully we can put it right tonight. Everyone must stay positive; it is only one game and we have 45 more league games to achieve our target.

For tonight's game we have lost Albert Adomah, Neil Kilkenny and Kalifa Cisse, who have all been called up for international duty. It is great we have players being called up for international duty as it shows the quality of players we have in our squad.

The timing is not ideal though, especially when you have an important cup game. I would never stop any player playing for their country as it is a great honour for the player and the club, but it does restrict your team selection.

We are looking forward to tonight's game; it will be a tough test, with Swindon having a good opening day win on Saturday.

There is a lot of publicity surrounding Swindon at the moment with Paolo taking over and I am sure they will be looking for a decent cup run themselves.

It is important you get behind us this evening but it is also important we produce winning football that you enjoy and like to see.

*Phil Moll*







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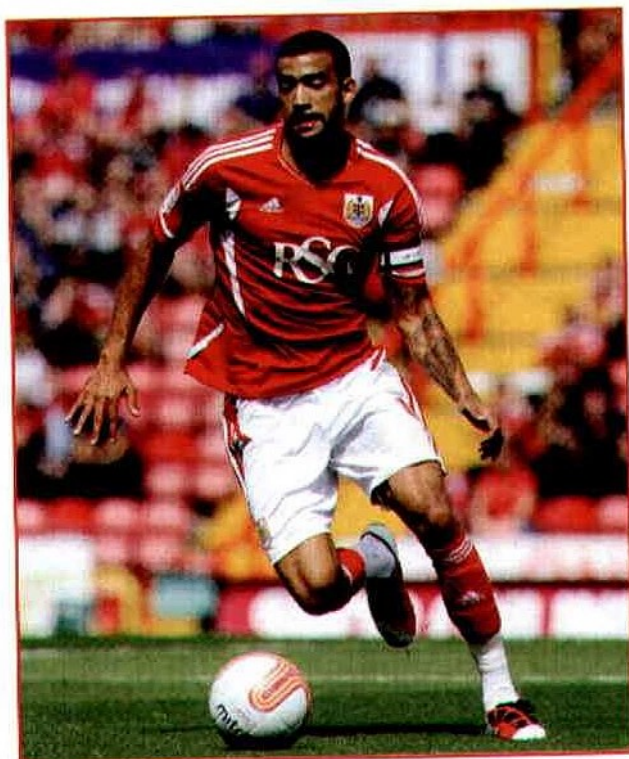
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# IT'S DOWN TO US - LIAM



**Liam Fontaine says it's down to the players to put things right on the night.**

The defender skippered the side in Saturday's season opening 3-0 home reverse against Ipswich Town at Ashton Gate.

Just three days on, back on home soil, the former Fulham defender is hoping cup action against local rivals Swindon Town will bring a morale-boosting result.

"It's up to us to turn it around and put things right," Liam said. "No one is going to get carried away following one bad result in a 46-game season.

"The cup game brings a different mentality. We want a victory to give everyone confidence and I believe we have the players in the dressing room to do it."

He added: "It was an honour to find out I would be skippering the side with Louis (Carey) on the bench but it wasn't the result I or the club wanted.

"We let in three sloppy goals. We had some chances but the closest we came was Nicky's one that hit the keeper."

## CORPORATE GOLF DAY

**There are still spaces left for teams wishing to enter City's annual Corporate Golf Day.**

The annual event takes place on Tuesday, October 4th at Kendleshire Golf Club, Coalpit Heath.

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## TONIGHT'S FLAG BEARERS

**Welcome to tonight's flag bearers who are from Taunton North Robins.**

Newly-reformed Taunton North Robins have close links to Taunton Academy and were previously known as Blackbrook YFC.

The club as a whole boast more than 200 boys and girl and runs teams aged from under -7s to under -16s and are always looking for new players for more information email Neil Rogers : [Neilbuck66@live.co.uk](mailto:Neilbuck66@live.co.uk)

The under 7s recently won the Bristol City and Somerset tournaments winning every game played .







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**MANAGER: PAOLO DI CANIO**

# SWINDON TOWN

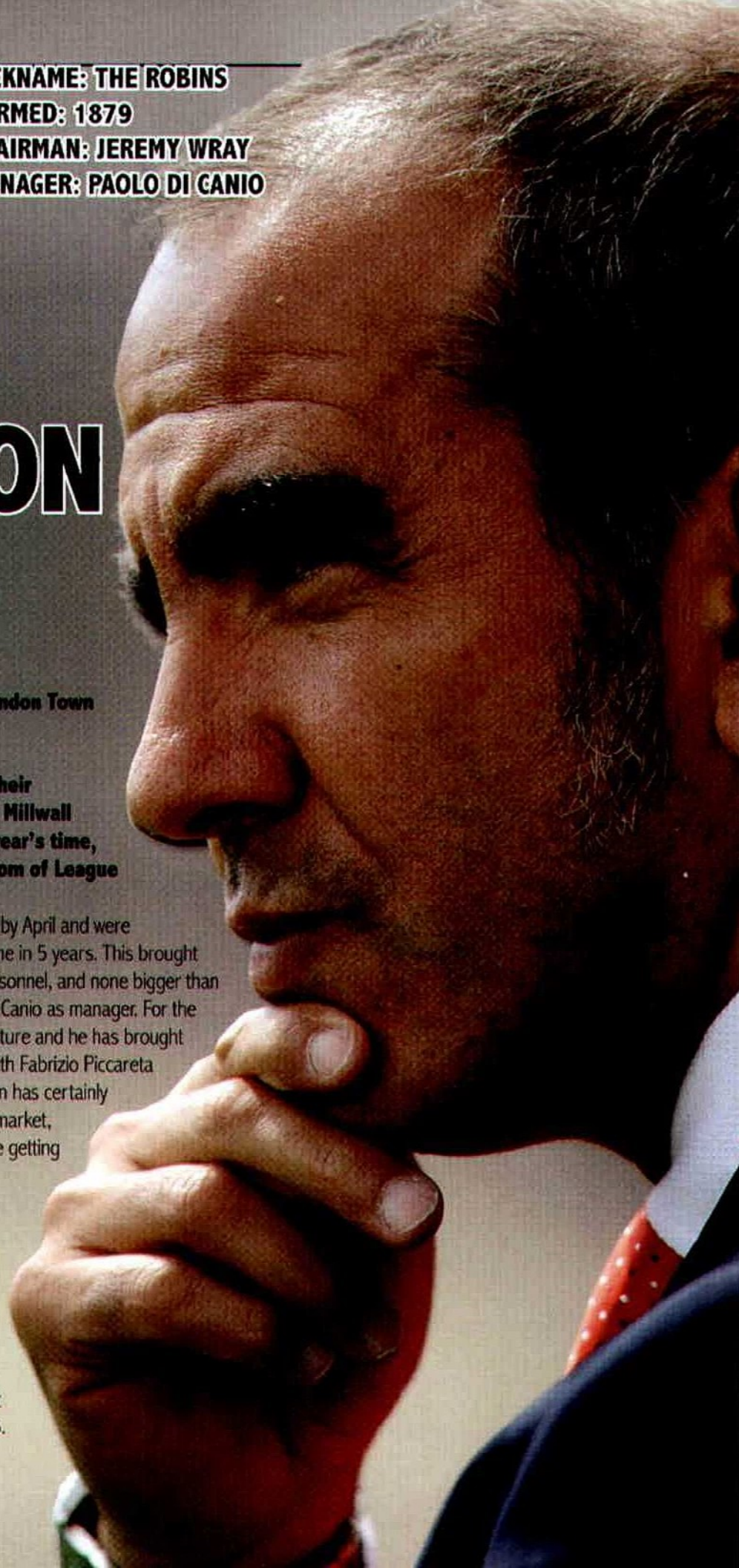
**Dan Studley takes a look at the Swindon Town squad.**

**Ask any Swindon Town fan before their League One play-off final defeat to Millwall in 2010 where they would be in a year's time, and not many would have said bottom of League Two.**

The Robins had slumped to relegation by April and were demoted to the bottom tier for the first time in 5 years. This brought about significant changes in staff and personnel, and none bigger than the shock appointment of Italian Paolo Di Canio as manager. For the 43 year old this is his first managerial venture and he has brought the Italian influence to Swindon already, with Fabrizio Piccareta joining Di Canio as his assistant. The Italian has certainly not hung around in the summer transfer market, bringing in 12 new players, of which 7 are getting their first taste of English football.

## **GOALKEEPERS**

Italian shot stopper Mattia Lanzano signed from 4th division Italian club U.S. Gavorrano this summer. It is the 21 year old's first club out of Italy. He is backed up by 31 year old Phil Smith. The Londoner started his career at Millwall before settling at Swindon in 2006. Additional covers comes from youngster Mark Scott.





## DEFENDERS

City fans will be familiar with the name of Kevin Amankwaah. The right back spent the first 5 years of his career at Ashton Gate, playing 54 times. The Londoner has since gone onto Yeovil Town and Swansea City, before signing for Swindon in June 2008. Another summer signing was that of Joe Devera.

The 24 year old has spent his entire career previous at Barnet, playing 177 times for The Bee's. Italian Alberto Comazzi is another player Di Canio has brought from his home nation this summer.

The 32 year old has played 2 Serie A matches for AC Milan and this is also his first club outside of Italy. Alessandro Cibocchi signed from Third Division Italian club Portogruaro this summer.

The experienced defender has played for 10 Italian club's in his career and this is also his first foreign club. Scotsman Paul Caddis signed from Celtic in 2010 for a free transfer.

The U21 International played 21 times for Celtic and has 2 brothers who also play in the Scottish League's. Defensive cover comes from youngsters Nathan Thompson, Will Evans, Callum Kennedy and Aden Flint.

## MIDFIELDERS

Defensive Midfielder Oliver Risser signed for Swindon after a short trial this summer. Shortly after signing, he was named club captain by Di Canio. Risser has had vast experience throughout Europe playing top flight football in Germany, Finland and Norway.

The 30 year old has also played for his home nation Namibia 40 times. Dutchman Etienne Esajas is another summer signing joining from Dutch Second Division club Helmond Sport. The 26 year old has previously played for Sheffield Wednesday. Alan McCormack signed for Swindon in July from Charlton Athletic after spells at Preston and Southend.

Ghanian Ibrahim Atiku signed from Greek outfit Ethnikos Piraeus this summer. The 28 year old was set to sign for Manchester United at 17, after impressing for Ghana Under-17's, but the deal fell through as Atiku could not obtain a work permit. 21 year old left winger Matt Ritchie signed for Swindon this summer after several successful loan spells.

John Smith also signed for Swindon over the summer from York City. Smith will be familiar with the west country after spending 3 seasons at Forest Green Rovers, playing 107 times. Irishmen Michael Timlin signed for Swindon in 2008 after impressing in 2 successive loan spells. The midfield is backed up by youngsters Matt Clark and Simon Ferry.

## STRIKERS

Experienced 28 year old Alan Connell signed from Grimsby Town this summer. Connell has vast Football League experience with Brentford, Bournemouth, Hereford and Torquay United. Italian Raffaele De Vita also signed this summer from Livingston.

The 23 year old has played 67 times for Livingston, scoring 21 goals. Algerian Mehdi Kerrouche signed from Arabian club Al-Oruba this summer. The 25 year old has played for numerous French clubs and this is also his first English club. Cover comes from the trio of youngsters Miles Storey, Jordan Pavett and Welshman Billy Bodin.



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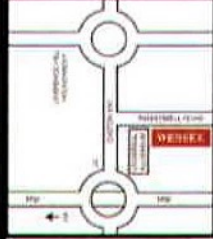
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**As the social media world has developed, blogs – once the reservation of IT geeks and nerds have become more and more prevalent.**

They're now so easy to set up, you can write about whatever you want, you can get them 'out there' far more easily via Twitter, Facebook and the like, and they're a great way of interacting with others, particularly if they blog on similar topics. More on blogs generally will follow in a future programme.

In the football world in particular there has been a real trend towards collaborative working – bloggers from the same, or different clubs working together on joint articles. I did just that back in the early days of summer when the Carling Cup draw was initially made, and got together with Ron, from top Swindon blog [www.thewashbag.com](http://www.thewashbag.com), to compare our recent cup records. I opened with the following:


"It's 23 years since the infamous two-legged semi-final against Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest, when the width of a post denied Alan Walsh a tie-winning goal, but there has been precious little to shout about since then.

Only one progression beyond the second stage in ten years, and five exits in the past six seasons to lower league opposition; Sven Goran Eriksson's Man City the side to disrupt that run in the second round, four seasons ago. Meanwhile Barnet, Cheltenham, Crewe, Carlisle and Southend have left City licking their wounds and missing out on potentially money-spinning ties against Premier League sides in the later rounds".

Ron's contribution was similar, harking back to the occasional recent good memory but generally bemoaning the lack of any real success.

"After the high of reaching the Semi-Final against Bolton Wanderers back in early 1995, Swindon have failed to progress past the 2nd Round 15 times in the past 16 years. That only anomaly being a 3rd Round appearance in 1996/97, culminating in a 2-1 defeat for Steve McMahon's side at Old Trafford.

# ON THE SOCIAL



**WITH PAUL BINNING (@CIDER1977)  
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Despite the many failures we have the memories of going two nil up as a Division Two side against Premier League Champions Blackburn in 1995/96, only to lose 3-2 and exit in the second leg.

Taking another 2-0 lead against a then 'mighty' Leeds United in 2003, only for Leeds to equalise in the dying minutes through a Paul Robinson header and eventually failed on penalties.

For a Club that prides and ultimately built itself on the 1969 League Cup victory over Arsenal, the abject failure of winning even a single tie in the past six years is just becoming even more difficult to put right.

With a new passionate manager in Paolo Di Canio surely this derby provides no better game to galvanise and unite the squad, a squad to contain many new faces. The opportunity to capitalise on this match and an early season cup wins as a springboard to cement our League form is a chance that shouldn't be readily dismissed".

There was more to the article, too much for this space, but a great example of how working together can be more informative and interesting than a single writer, always discussing the same club.

At least one of these West Country clubs can put the record straight tonight and hopefully kick off an improved run of results in England's second cup competition. Let's hope it will be City!

**If you want to interact with other City fans on Twitter, tweet me @cider1977, using the hashtag #bristolcitytwitterfamily. We've got 80+ names already and we'll publish them all in the Portsmouth programme so you can all follow each other.**

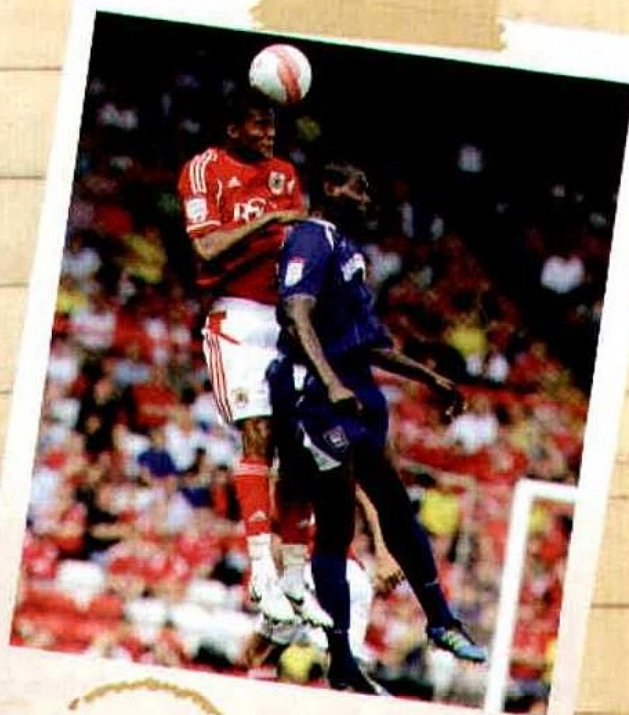
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