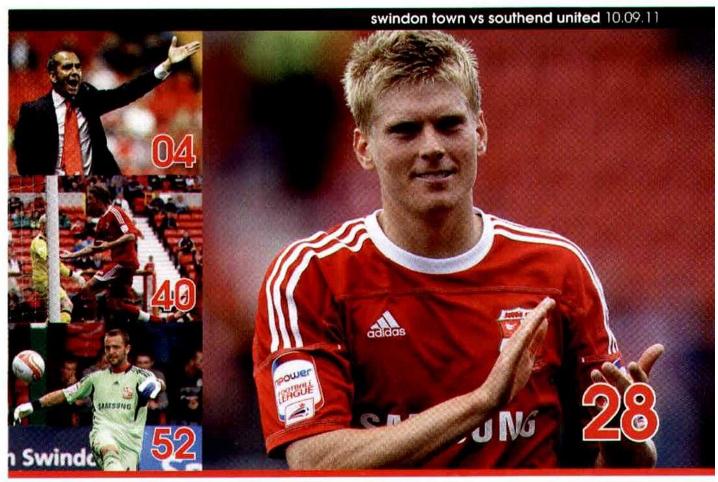


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di canio

- the manager -

VICTORY last weekend was ours thanks to a superb effort from the players who have been working so hard on the training ground. The challenge now is to put together back to back wins.

LAST weekend's win was a great performance and it was pleasing to earn another three points. We were behind twice in the game but the players showed amazing character to come back. The players showed a lot of positive signs and they were united as a group, which was great to see.

There were several positive performances last weekend. Aden Flint was awarded the Player of the Month award before kick-off but I have spoken to him and told him not to switch off. He is only young and if he does switch off then he may take a step backwards. We know that he can become a much better player and he is a hard worker who knows what needs to be done.

After the Rotherham game I watched the game again on DVD alongside my technical staff because there are several areas that we know we can improve upon. Late in the night we began watching a DVD of Southend United because we wanted to move straight onto the next

game. We gave the players a few days off, but as coaching staff we work all the time.

Mattia Lanzano came into the side against Rotherham and there was a lot of pressure on him in the game. He settled down and looked comfortable as the game went on. He is very much part of the team and he did well last weekend. He is a guality player and there is

the time and it was great to see him out on the field.

We will be without Alberto Comazzi this afternoon but we will be able to call upon the experience of Joe Devera. Alberto's sending off was disappointing and I was not happy at the end of the game. There was a very bad tackle on Mehdi Kerrouche in the second

"The players showed a lot of positive signs and they were united as a group, which was great to see."

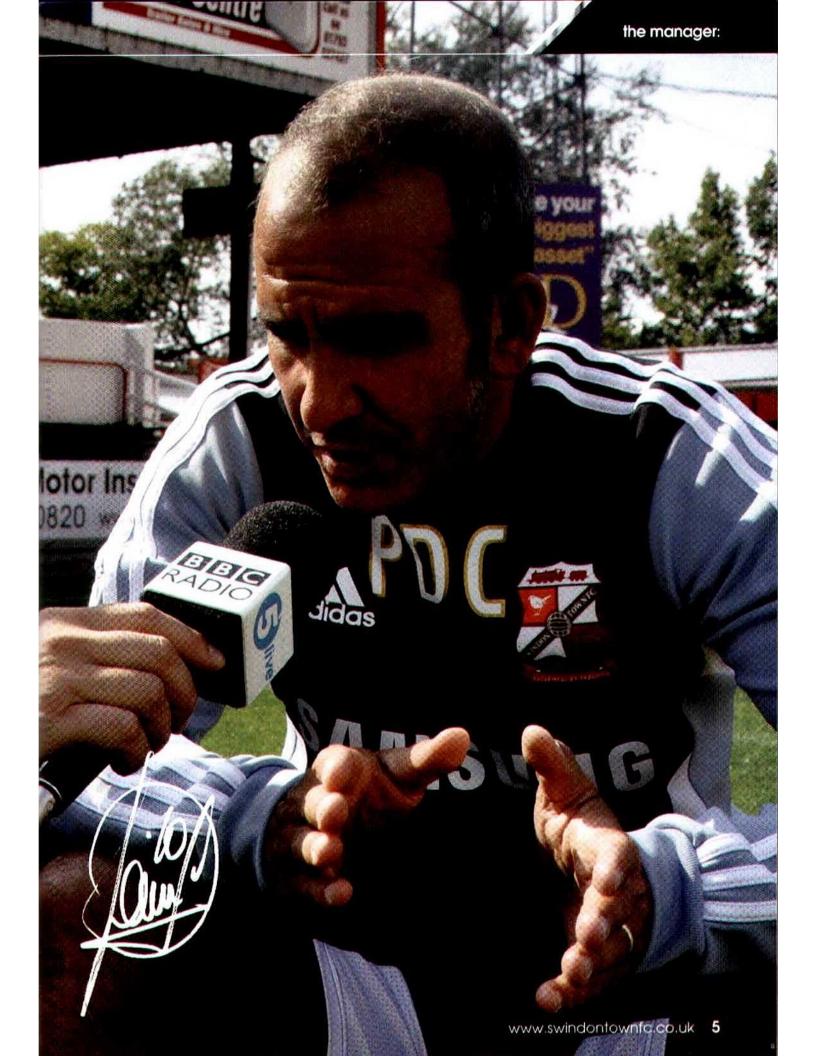
more to come from him.

Another new introduction to the side against Rotherham was Alessandro Cibocchi. It wasn't easy for him to come into the side in an important game but he did his job well. He started on the left wing and then moved in at centreback when we were without Alberto Comazzi. Alessandro didn't get much match action in pre-season but he is improving all.

half and their player received only a yellow, but I don't want to talk anymore about what has happened in the past.

Today's game against Southend United will be a real test for my players. We need to concentrate fully throughout the game and cut out mistakes from our play. Today, being the next game for my team, is the most important fixture of the season.

paolo di canio - the manager



risser

- the captain -

THE win over Rotherham United seven days ago has given everyone a lift. If we can make it back to back victories with a win over Southend United today then we will be in a good position going into two away games.

LAST weekend we were hosts to league leaders. Rotherham United. It was a big game in front of the Sky Sports cameras which added a special note on top of what was already going to be a very crucial game for us. We went into the match knowing that we had to turn the tide of results around. When the lads came out of the dressing room you could immediately see that three points was very much the aim of the day.

We started the game well and managed to force our play onto Rotherham. The first goal came against the run of play due to a lack of concentration. The ball should have been cleared but although we were playing better than Rotherham, we soon found ourselves a goal behind. We didn't get frustrated by this and we got the game back to one all pretty soon after conceding. The same scenario then came up again as we conceded another sloppy goal, but through a determined attitude we got back into the game.

Alan Connell deserves a special mention for his efforts last weekend. He scored with his first touch having come off the bench to make the score 2-2. Afterwards we pressed on again and deservedly scored a third goal - Alan's second of the day.

The past few weeks haven't brought a good return in terms good. There was a reserve game against Newport on Tuesday but between the medical staff and I, we felt that playing would have aggravated my thigh injury because it wasn't 100% ready to be 'put to the test'. I didn't play in that game but I don't think it will be too long before I get back into match action.

Today we take on Southend

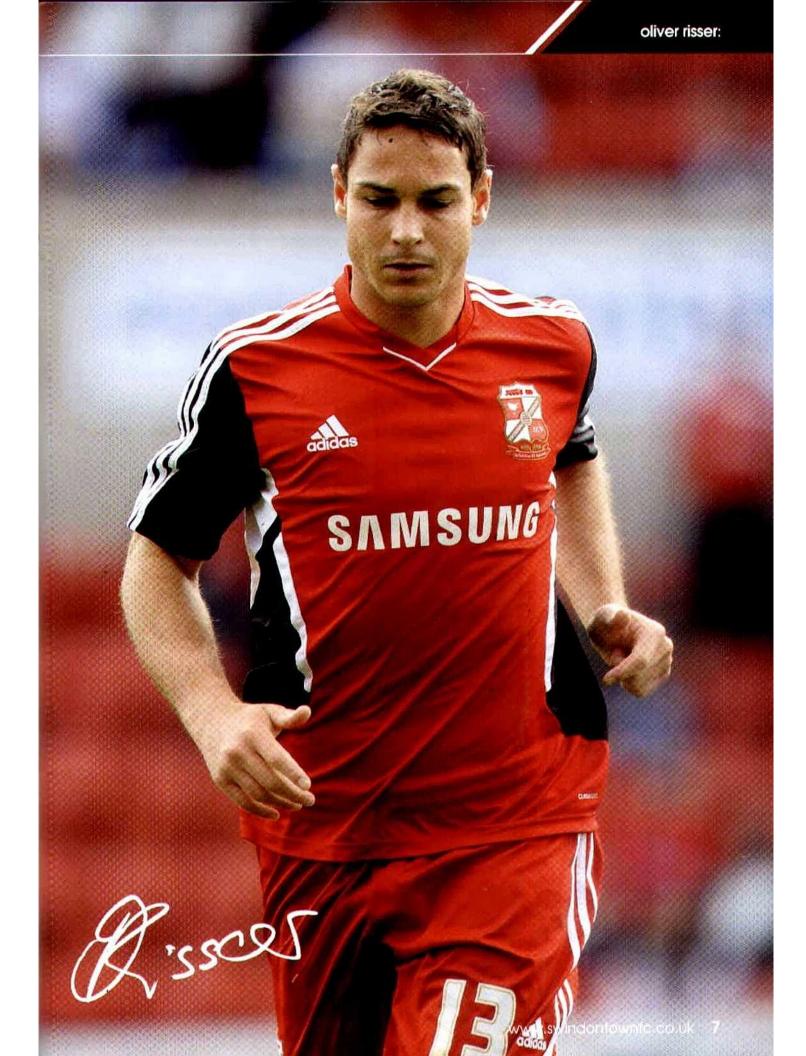
"Winning the game against Rotherham meant that our hard work finally brought a return. The lads never give up."

of points but the performances have largely been positive. Winning the game against Rotherham meant that our hard work finally brought a return. The lads never give up and you could see that last Saturday with such a determined and resolute display.

On Monday I returned to training and joined in with the rest of the lads and felt pretty United which will be another important game for us. Two wins in a row would be fantastic and it would not only have an effect on the league table, but it would also give a real boost to the confidence of the players. The next two games are on the road at Crawley and Burton, so we need to set ourselves up with another three points at home today.

oliver risser - the captain

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the smart lottery



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A total of 2,012 tickets for the lottery are now on sale priced at £10 each with winner of the draw being able to drive away a brand new smart car.

The lottery offers greats odds with a 2,012-1 chance of winning the top prize or an even better chance if you purchase more tickets! The maximum number of tickets which can be purchased by any individual is 50. The lottery is open to anyone over the age of 16.

Additional prizes will be available and these include a Samsung widescreen television and Season Tickets at Swindon Town FC for the 2012/13 season.

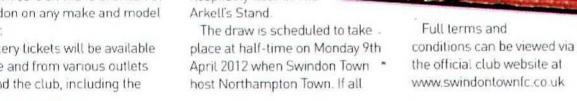
Each lottery ticket purchased will also entitle the ticket holder to redeem 50% off MOTs at smart of Swindon on any make and model of car.

Lottery tickets will be available online and from various outlets around the club, including the

tickets are sold ahead of that date then the draw could be made earlier than scheduled.

The Stratton Bank, known as The Adkins Family Stand for the past two seasons, has now been named The smart of Swindon Stand' as part of the new partnership with Mercedes of Swindon located at Greenbridge Retail Park.

STFC Club Shop. STFC Box Office and throughout the hospitality floor in The







Clarke moves out

Town striker Leon Clarke has sealed a 93-day loan move to League One side Chesterfield.

See Swindontownfc.co.uk for more.



Home Park bound

Town's Commercial team are running an Executive Coach Trip to Plymouth Argyle on Saturday 22nd October. See page 11 for details.



Ticket deals!

There are some fantastic ticket offers available for forthcoming Swindon

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down to business



SWINDON Town fans wishing to travel to the League 2 clash at Plymouth Argyle in style are being offered the chance to do so with an executive coach running from The County Ground...

Plymouth Executive Trip

PRICES have now been confirmed for the executive trip to the League 2 encounter at Plymouth Argyle on Saturday 22nd October 2011

Packages will include three-course meal, matchday programme, tearnsheet, executive seating, return travel from The County Ground and a matchday host just some of the benefits.

Packages are now on sale and are available at £69.50 including VAT. Email adam@swindontownfc. co.uk to book your place(s). Please note a minimum of 39 places will need to be purchased for the trip to go ahead.

Advertising Opportunities

THERE are a few remaining opportunities to purchase ground boards at different locations around the stadium.

Ground boards offer tremendous branding opportunities and they can be seen in local media, on television and online, It's more than just a ground board!

One billboard is available immediately which is a 3m x 6m board which is sold on a 12-month contract. The board is

> located at the back of the FastPlant Ltd Town End and is one of the best spots there is, with the main car park utilized by a broad range of people and businesses. Contact Kay Wainwright

for more information.

The Smart Lottery

TODAY sees the launch of the Smart Lottery in partnership with Smart of Swindon.

The Stratton Bank has now been renamed 'The Smart of Swindon Stand' and some of you will have seen a promotional Smart car the prize - outside the stadium . as you made your way to the ground today.

A total of 2012 tickets will be on sale priced at £10 each with the main prize a brand new Smart Car courtesy of Smart of Swindon! Other fantastic prizes will also be available including 50% off MOTs at Smart of Swindon.

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Happy Birthday

LAURA COLSELL

is celebrating her 16th birthday in the Sponsor's Suite today, Laura usually sits in the Don Rogers Stand and her favourite



Town player is Callum Kennedy.

online and from various outlets.

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Happy 65th birthday to PETER MORTLEY from all the family. Peter joins us in the Sponsor's Suite today has been an avid Swindon Town fan since his early teens.

Peter has now been a Season Ticket holder for around 7 years and goes to every match.

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the red carpet



THE Carlina Cup second round saw Southampton the visitors to The County Ground with a full line-up of sponsors in Town for the game. Thanks go to Brakes, Natwest and Bishops Printers for their support...

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MAN of the Match Aden Flint is presented with his award by Chris Thompson from main Match Sponsors Brakes.



MASCOTS for the night join the team captains, officials and sponsors for a pre-match photo on the half-way line ahead of kick-off against the Saints.



NATWEST were Matchball Sponsors with Andy Buss stepping up to receive a signed matchball from Man of the Match Aden Flint.



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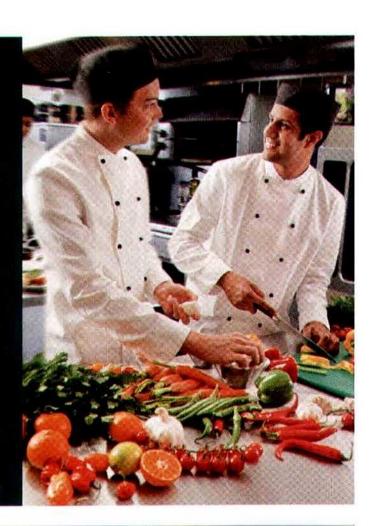
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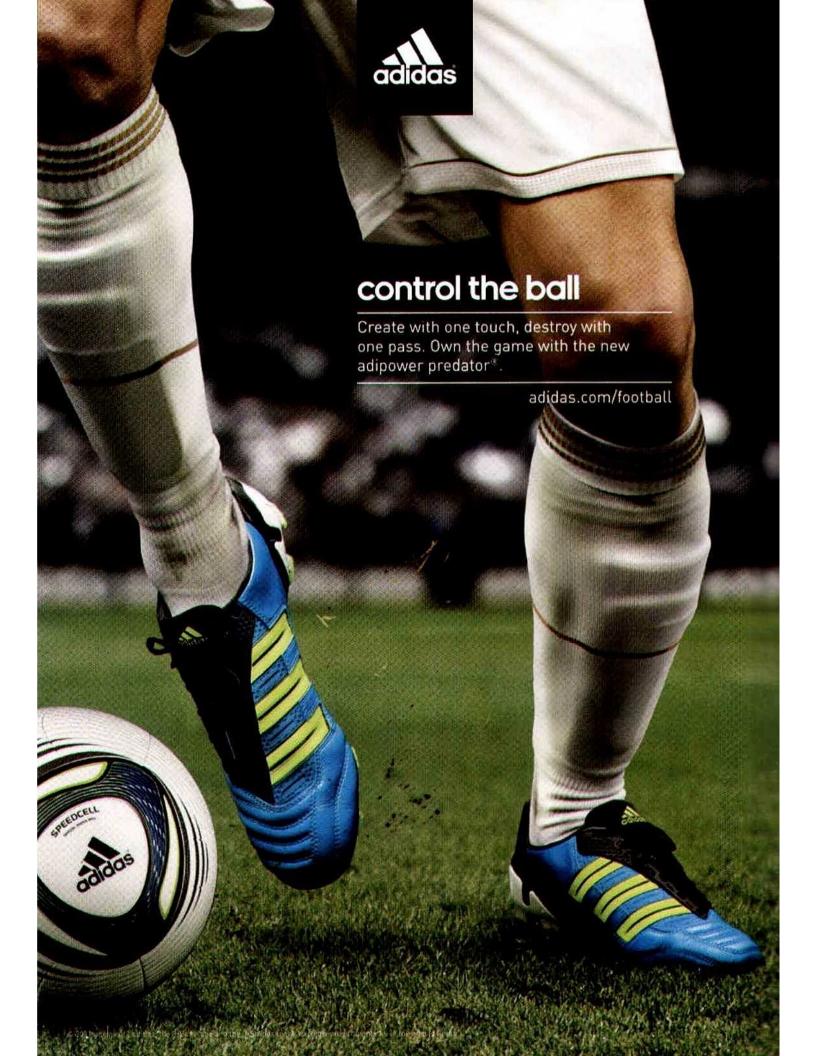
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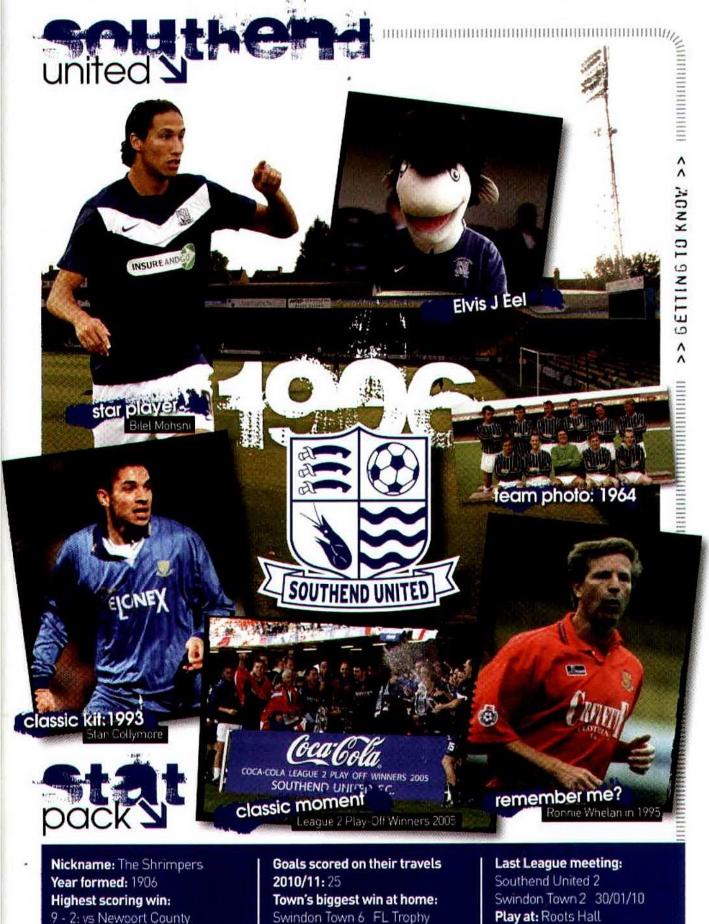
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Glenn Morris

27-year old goalkeeper who spent nine years with Levton Orient before making the switch to Roots Hall in the summer of 2010.







Sean Clohessy

Experienced 24-year old defender who began his career with Gillingham and arrived at Southend after two spells with Salisbury City.



Former Millwall and Brentford defender who joined Southend in 2010 on a free transfer and he has made a goalscoring start this season.

Chris Barker

Hugely experienced defender who has made over 400 league. appearances, serving Cardiff City, Colchester United and Plymouth.

Luke Prosser

The defender began his career at Port Vale and is closing in on 100 league appearances after joining Southend in the summer

















THE BACK

Ryan Leanard

Previously with Weston Super Mare, the defender impressed during a trial spell with the Blues in pre-season, scoring three times.

Anthony Grant

The midfielder has come through the ranks at Roots Hall and has become an integral part of the Blues side.

Kane Ferdinand

Carne through the youth ranks and made his professional debut in January 2011, and since then has been an integral part of the squad.

Ryan Hall

Hall's first season at Southend was one to: remember notching up nine goals and finishing with the most assists in the League with sixteen.

















Bilel Mohsni

Mohsni has quickly established himself as a fans' lavounte after a storming first year at Roots Hall after impressing on trial in 2010.

Blair Sturrock

HITHIUH HIT

Scottish born Sturrock has been signed by his Dad, Paul, four times most recently at Southend where Sturrock has extended his contract.

















Harry Crawford...

AFTER making his first appearance for Southend as a late substitute against Walsall in March 2010, Crawford has become a highly-rated Republic of Ireland Under-19 international. The Irishman made 24 appearances for Southend last term and the midfielder scored twice in the home win over Hereford United in March. He is yet to feature this term although was an unused substitute in last weekend's home encounter with Northampton Town.





Graham Coughlan... ANOTHER player who Sturrock has worked with before, experienced defender Coughlan has recently signed a two-year contract extension in a player/ coach role at Roots Hall. He spent a loan spell with Swindon during the 1996/97 season, appearing three times for the Robins.

Barry Corr...

26-YEAR OLD striker who will be wellknown to Town fans after a two-year spell at The County Ground after joining on loan from Sheffield Wednesday in March 2007. Corr joined Southend in the summer of 2010 and has an impressive scoring record with the Blues, with 18 goals in 32 starts to his name. The frontman is yet to feature at The County Ground after suffering a knee injury at the end of last season, but

would relish an appearance against his





former club.

Jemal Johnson...

AMERICAN winger with vast experience in the English game, Johnson joined Southend on a 12-month contract after spending half a season in Bulgaria with Lokomotiv Sofia. He has also played for Wolves and MK Dons as well as loan stints with Preston, Darlington, Leeds, Stockport and Port Vale.

Timlin ruled out

MIDFIELDER Michael Timlin will have to watch today's clash from the stands with a clause in the loan agreement

between Town and Southend meaning he cannot lineup against his parent club.



Easton on Par

FORMER Town and Southend midfielder Crarg Easton has signed for Dunfermline Athletic

until January 2012 Tris worked put well with the Gaffer coming in - it's a new challenge and I am looking



Head to Head

forward to it," he said.

THERE have been 111 meetings between Swindon Town and

Southend United Town have the upper hand with 47 victories and there have been 25 draws.



All change

THERE are just three players still in the Swindon squad from

the last meeting between the two sides at The County Ground, played in August 2009. Phil Smith, Simon



Ferry and Callum Kennedy make up the trio.

Paul Sturrock the gaffer 3

STURROCK'S first managerial post came with success after he guided St. Johnstone in his native Scotland to promotion in 1996-97. A two-year spell at Dundee United followed however it was at Plymouth Argyle where Sturrock is best known.

He managed to guide the Pilgrims to the Third Division
Title before leaving Home Park the following campaign with the Second Division all but wrapped up. After these achievements he was named the manager of Argyle's Team of the Century.

After a five-month spell at Southampton in the Premier League, he guided Sheffield Wednesday to the Championship after winning the play-offs. After a slow start to the season Sturrock left for Swindon in 2006, where he led the League Two outfit to promotion.

Sturrock returned to Plymouth as Manager for 15 months before taking over a business support role at Home Park until April 2010.

Sturrock took over the helm at Southend United in the summer of 2010 and assembled a squad with 17 new players which nearly made a late surge for the play-offs before eventually finishing 13th.



swindon town... Manager - 2007 dundee united remember when... Scotland in 1982

Name: Paul Whitehead Sturrock

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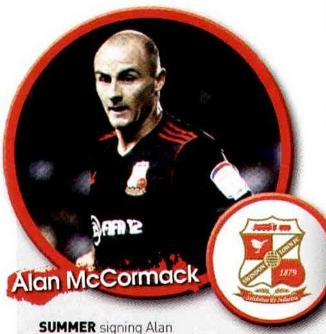
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SWINDON will be looking to register back to back victories for the first time this season with a win over Southend United this afternoon. Here are the views of two key members of the Town side...



McCormack is settling into life at The County Ground, After an all-action display in last weekend's win over Rotherham United. the midfielder is set to line-up against one of his former clubs this time around.

McCormack made over 150 appearances for the Blues, but knows the importance of a victory against Paul Sturrock's men.

"I was at Southend for quite a while and it's a family club, much like Swindon. I enjoyed my time there overall although things have changed quite a bit since I was there," said McCormack.

"The challenge for us is to go on a long unbeaten run. If we can set ourselves up well going into the Christmas period then that will make other teams stand up and take notice of us."



De Vita returned to the starting line-up to play a slightly different role against Rotherham United last weekend.

The former Blackburn Rovers frontman started against the Millers on the left hand side of midfield and was pleased to play his part in the win.

"It wasn't a role I have played too much but it was something different and I was pleased to get another start.

"The lads played really well and although we went behind, the spirit on show was fantastic and we created a lot of chances."

He continued: "The challenge now is to make it back to back wins against Southend and if we can put in another good, spirited performance then hopefully we can get another three points."

YOUR FACEBOOK COMMENTS:

Mark Fry: Southend have started off the season quite brightly but I think Swindon can add another defeat to the Southend 'loss' column with a 2-1 win, with goals from Connell & Ritchie for Town & Mohsni for The Shrimpers.

Neil Bob Crampton Stevens: 2-1 Swindon, Harris to put Southend ahead, Ritchie to equalise, Connell to score the



Referee: Dean Mohareb

About today's referee: Today's match referee Dean Mohareb has taken charge of four League Two fixtures so far this term. His most recent appointment was the 0-0 draw between Bristol Royers and Hereford United



Town shirt Blair Sturrock is expecting a tough test against his former club this afternoon.

The 30-year old frontman knows all about life at The County Ground and was a part of the promotion winning squad of 2006/07. Now in Southend colours, he has played twice so far this term and is expected to lead the line again today.

"I enjoyed it at Swindon and it was a good time because we won promotion," said Sturrock, speaking to the media in the build-up to his return to SN1.

"It will also be a difficult one because they're a good team. They will be in good spirits after beating Rotherham but we played well against Northampton, despite drawing, and will need to do so again on Saturday. It should be an interesting afternoon."

winner for the 2nd game in a row.

Luke 'Stfc' Lovegrove: 2-2, Ritchie to score first, Sturruck second and third, then Connell scores the last goal to equalise.

Callum Doak: 2-1 Town, two goals for Connell.

Mick Collin: Show the league we've come alive by putting five past the Shrimpers. 5-0 to the Town.

Paul Philpott: 3-1 Town Richie, Connell and Kerrouche.

of County Ground links with two former Town regulars amongst their squad and with Paul Sturrock at the helm, the Blues will be keen to snatch an away day victory...



Mohsni has urged his side to move on following last weekend's setback against Northampton Town.

The Blues were two goals up against Gary.

The Blues were two goals up against Gary Johnson's visitors, but two second half goals left the home side with one point rather than three, much to Mohsni's disappointment.

"We have to prove that last weekend against Northampton was a blip," he said. "We want to go to Swindon and get a result to keep the good run going. We were 2-0 up and conceded two goals late on but we didn't play for the entire 90 minutes."

The Tunisian also has a keen eye for goal as he showed with an impressive effort last weekend which was his second strike of the season. He said: "I was pleased with my goal and it was just a case of taking a chance and having a go!"



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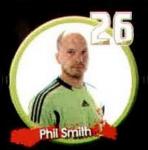
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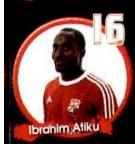
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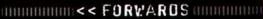


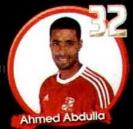
















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in the youth office - paul bodin -

IT has been a busy start to the season for Under 18's manager Paul Bodin. Here, the 46-year old discusses the start to the season for Town's youngsters, returning to international duty...

It has been an indifferent start to the season for the youth team.

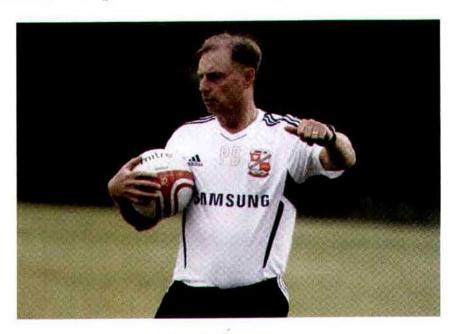
The season opener was at Bournemouth where we produced a good performance with a 3-2 win. There was then the disappointment of a home defeat to Bristol Rovers before bouncing back with a 3-0 victory at Yeovil. This was followed by a loss at Exeter City prior to last weekend's good win at home to Cheltenham Town.

The FA Youth Cup campaign is just around the corner.

The extra preliminary rounds have already started with some of our local non-league teams already competing for a place in the first round. This gives the youth coaching staff a chance take a look at more games and to see some of the opposition we may come up against.

These are exciting times for two of our current scholars who have received international call-ups.

Aaron Oakley has stepped up to Wales Under-19 football and he played twice for them against Bulgaria recently, with one win and one defeat. Aaron is a central defender who joined the club aged 14 and he has progressed through the ranks and he continues to develop well. Congratulations also to our first year goalkeeper, Conor Thompson, who was recently



Part of the development for young players is to continue to play Sompetitive games ar Billy and Will have take up this opportunity.

called up by Northern Ireland Under-17's. He played in their 1-0 win over Switzerland.

The first team squad features a number of players who have come through the youth system.

This is something that we are very proud of and we will continue to work hard at finding the next

group of talented young players who we hope can go on and represent Swindon Town Football Club. Part of the development for young players is to continue to play competitive games and Billy and Will have taken up this opportunity. They are both currently at League 2 clubs and are gaining valuable game time experience.

I recently received an email inviting me to play in the Legends of England and Wales charity match to raise money for the John Hartson foundation.

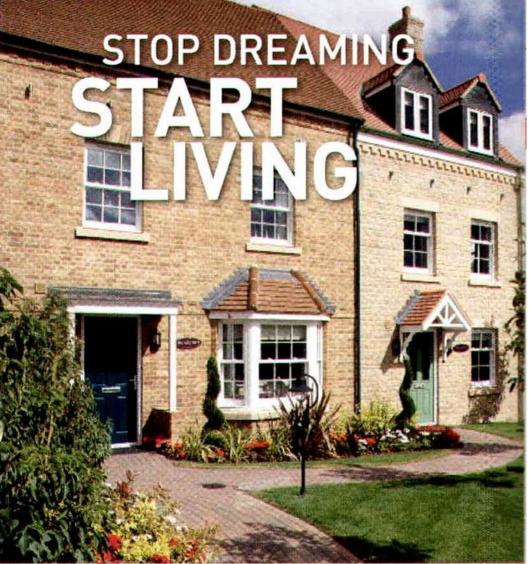
I don't put my boots on too often to play, but it was a great opportunity to meet up with old teammates, have a bit of fun and to help raise the awareness and lots of money for John's charity.



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- chris wise -

I'M sure most of you are now au fait with the concept of social networking site Twitter, even if you don't personally use It...

FOR those blessed with the fortune of not knowing what on earth I'm talking about, allow me to briefly explain.

Twitter is a medium accessible via the internet by which those most inclined can post their thoughts, ideas, pictures, or frankly, whatever tickles their fancy, via an instant message obtainable to all.

People then choose who they want to 'follow' and that allows the receiver to benefit from the pearls of wisdom of whoever they want, whenever they want in the form of 140 characters. I think that just about covers it.

This craze has become ludicrously popular in the past 18 months - born out of the obsession with celebrity culture that has engulfed the country in recent years.

I'm technically a 'tweeter'. I use the BBC Wiltshire Twitter page to update people on our latest Swindon Town stories, However the instantaneous nature of the product is slowly sucking the life out of good old-fashioned sports journalism.

I was discussing the subject with a number of my peers this week just to see whether I was alone in my rather forthright feelings



towards the matter. It seems not.

Long gone are the days when you could only switch on your radio or pick up your local newspaper to find out the latest on Town. If truth be told, you are still far better off doing this but the clamour for speculation, rumour and counter-rumour all packaged up in a flip-lid parcel is greater." than you may think.

Many arque, and perhaps justifiably, that it supplements its fellow mediums. How else could you publicise your own capabilities or product with such simple, instant accuracy? Others suggest it brings those on the 'outside' closer to the fortunate few in the media's spotlight. It's almost as if we can all live in one happy online environment only a few megabytes and a keypad away from actually being friends with our one-time idols.

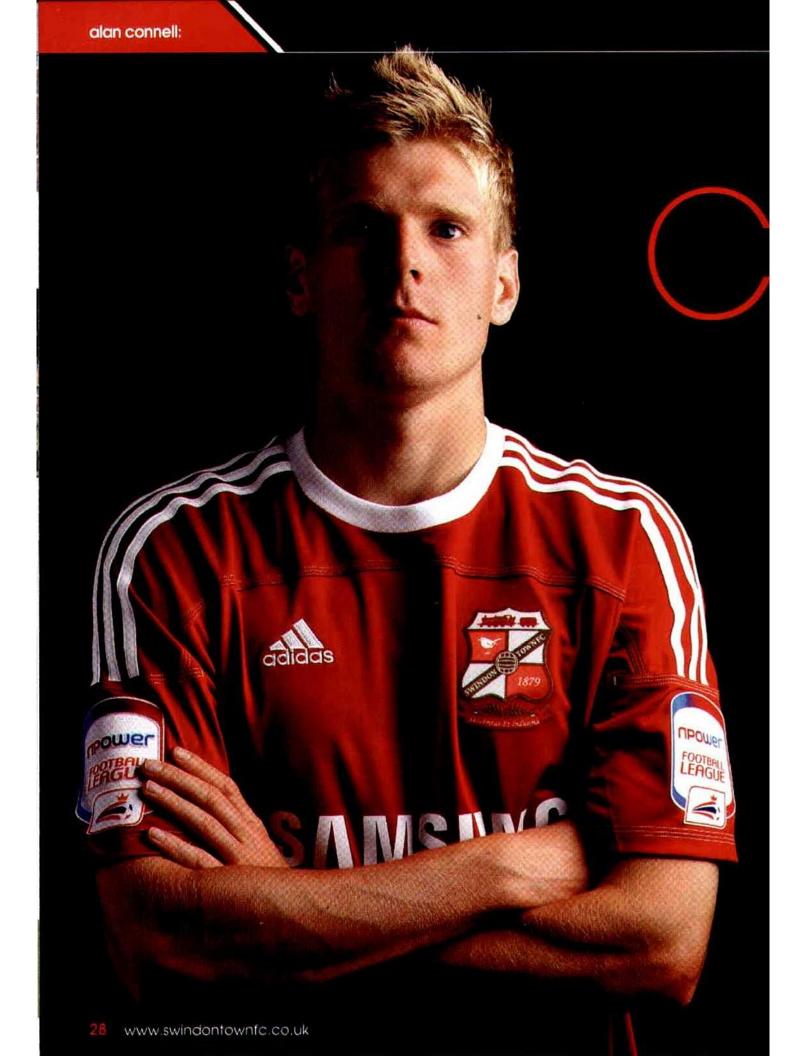
We shouldn't be afraid of change and the benefits of social media are evident. However, the burning desire for sports news on demand is in serious danger of hammering the quality out of journalism and filling the freshly-created hole with mere substance.

There is no sign that users of sites such as Twitter and Facebook are on the decline; quite the opposite. There's always the danger that it could, eventually, have a detrimental effect on local sports news sources. Cases such as this really do prove that we need you as much as you need us.

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"To make such an immediate impact was a bit surreal, but it's given me a huge amount of confidence."

Introducing Alan Connell, the man who was a terrace favourite even before his winning double last weekend...

ALAN Connell pulls his socks to his knees as the fourth official raises the digi-board above his head. The blonde striker is preparing to come on as a substitute at Dagenham when, suddenly, there's a huge cheer from the away end to his left. The travelling Swindon fans rise to their feet and begin to chant Connell's name.

One fan turns to another, bemused, and asks: "Why the good reception? He hasn't done anything for us yet?"

Connell, it transpires, was just as confused. "It was strange, because the fans hadn't seen a lot of me!" he laughs. Yet it's fair to say the former Tottenham, Bournemouth and Grimsby striker has been something of a phenomenon. Arriving on the back of his best season as a professional having scored 29 goals for the Mariners, in 2010/11, he is still to complete a full 90 minutes in a competitive match in Swindon red. He's come off the bench in every league game and been substituted in the two cup games he's started. A slow start,

perhaps, but you get the sense that last week was a defining period for the 28-year-old.

First, he impressed his manager with a professional response to being replaced after just 31 minutes of play in the home defeat against Southampton on the Wednesday. Then, three days later, he not only scored with his first touch after coming on against league leaders Rotherham with 22 minutes left, he also scored the winner to help secure a valuable three points in what had been an eventful week at the club.

During his cameo appearances Connell has shown good attacking instincts, an ability to hold the ball up and bring others into play and, against Dagenham, the ability to lift the team as well as the crowd. Off the pitch Connell appears a model professional. He talks eloquently and thoughtfully, while his Twitter feed is refreshing for the fans that follow him. Engaging and insightful, it's fair to say there's substance to the popularity, as we found out when catching up with Alan a few days after his two-goal salvo.

Words: Nick Judd Pictures:

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Talk us through your Rotherham experience...

When you're on the bench you obviously try and come on and make an impact, so the first few seconds against Rotherham couldn't really have gone any better for me. To make such an immediate impact was a bit surreal, but it's given me a huge amount of confidence. I've always believed in my ability to put chances away and luckily the deliveries from Matt Ritchie on the day enabled me to show that. In the end it was a massive three points for the team, which is the most important thing.

Were you given any specific instructions before you came on?

The gaffer has to take credit for timing my substitution to perfection. I've come on a couple of times now and sometimes he's given me specific instructions, but on this occasion he just told me where I was supposed to be on set pieces. It obviously worked, so he has to take some of the plaudits.

Is it hard to adapt to the pace of the game as a substitute?

A lot of players say this, but it's true. Sometimes you feel more tired as a sub because it's difficult to get your breathing going or keep up with the pace of the game. You have to be alert when you're on the bench in case you come on. I try and watch the game and see what's going on, but it can be hard when you come into a losing situation. Quite often the opposition will put men behind the ball, which makes them more difficult to break down. I think Rotherham was different because I felt we were in the ascendancy, we seemed the most likely to score. The manager decided to freshen it up and it was up to me to try and show I'm good enough to be in his team and score goals. I just pulled away from my



defender and I was lucky that I had the quality of delivery to make the most of it.

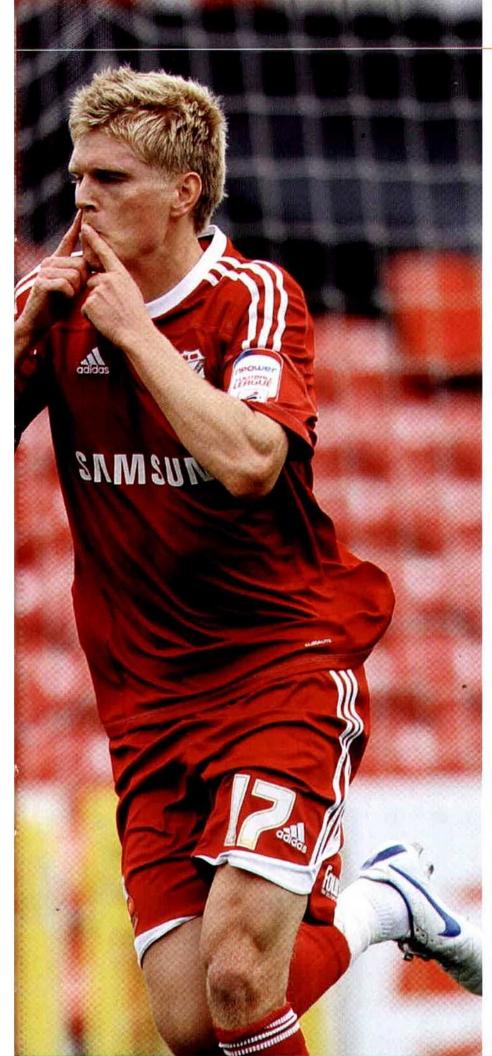
Sum up how you've felt during the start of the season.

It has been a frustrating season for me. I came off quite early against Southampton, but you have to get on with it. I sat back and supported my team in what was a big game. You have to accept the decision. It's tough to take and it can knock your confidence, but you have to believe in yourself. My teammates have helped me, and after the Southampton game the manager made a point of telling. me he respected my reaction. He was pleased because he wants a united group. He wants us to be together and he believes that some players can do a job in different games.

It's been a strange period for me. I had a good season last year and started -and finished - virtually every game. I'd obviously like to play more because I feel fit and strong, but it's a long season and I'm sure I'll take my chances when they come.

Which should be on a regular basis if Matt Ritchie's crossing is anything to go by...





Matt is an excellent player who has played at a higher level for most of his career. He's doing what a lot of left-footed players are doing in modern football, which is playing on the right and cutting in on his favourite foot. His quality of crossing is very good. I just want to be on the pitch to try and make the most of them. We all joked after the game Saturday and said to him, 'look what happens when you don't shoot and cross instead! I expect him to create and score a lot of goals this season.

You've been something of a fans' favourite even before your brace last weekend!

It's great to have the lans' support. I've got a soft spot for them as well because I've had a lot of nice comments from people. I really appreciate all the support they've given me - I really am grateful. I just hope my teammates and I can give them a lot of happy moments over the course of the season.

Without having settled on a regular front two yet, is it difficult getting to know each player's strengths and weaknesses?

In training you get to know what every player can do, so while the strikers might not have built up a regular partnership yet we all know what we can do. When I came on during the game on Saturday I knew exactly what Mehdi's strengths and weaknesses are. We're intelligent enough to work with whomever we play with, that's what we try and achieve in training. Hopefully the work we put in will come to fruition.

Do you feel your benefitting from Paolo's experiences as a striker?

Paglo is hard on the forwards. He knows more than anyone what can lead to success and he wants us to do the same things. There's no complacency from anyone of us and we have to be on the ball

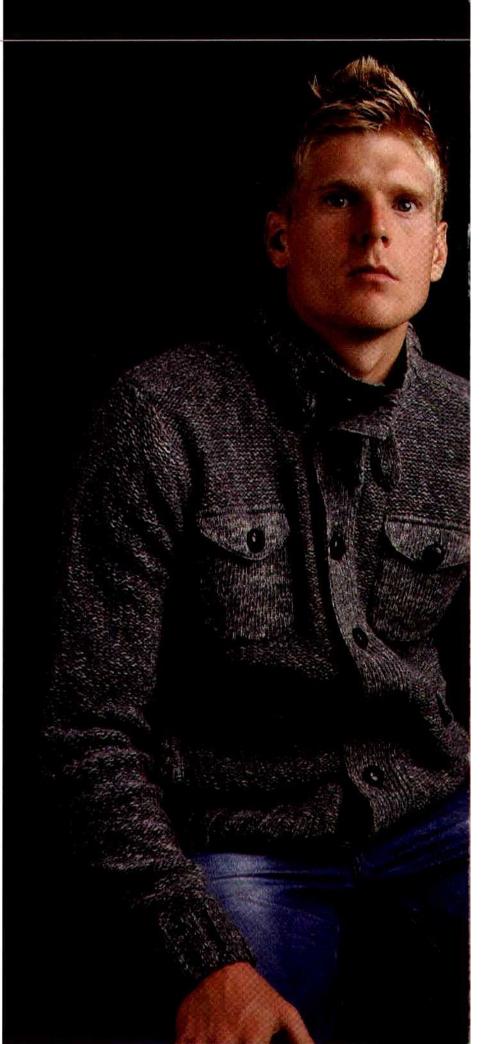
physically and mentally every day. If he suggests something about what might work for you as a striker then you have to take notice - simply because of how he was as a player. in his career. Hove the fact that he wants us to work as partnerships, with one striker dropping short and another going long behind. That means we should never be flat and makes it difficult for the defenders. He has emphasized that point from day one and to be honest that is my ideal situation.

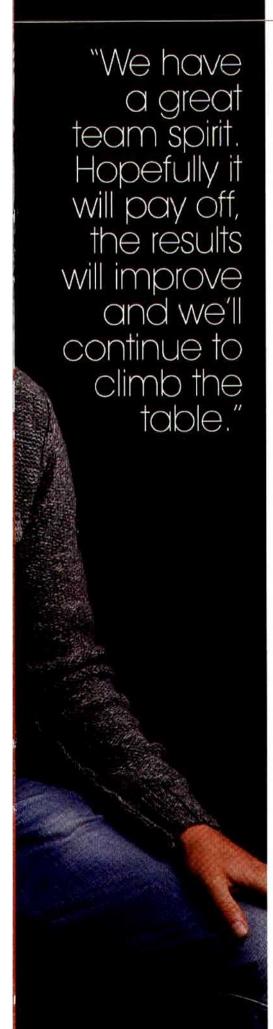
From the outside the national press seem obsessed with Paolo. What do you make of it?

I was asked to do an interview after the Rotherham game with a guy from a national newspaper. He didn't seem bothered about the game; he was more interested about the boss. That's not the manager's fault. He can't stop people writing about him and fitming him. He has a high profile because he's had a good career and he's a flamboyant character. But if you notice... when he does talk, he always mentions his players, he's always praising us. As far as I'm concerned he's not craving any attention, he doesn't need to. He always makes sure we get the accolades when we win. We respect what he's done in the game and we respect him now because he's our manager. He knows that if we win as a team it reflects well on him, so hopefully we can all enjoy some success together.

The celebration following Matt Ritchie's goal suggested that despite the events in the week preceding the Rotherham game, there is a good team spirit?

I've enjoyed a couple of promotions in my career and every time we had a good team spirit. Each squad was united. When it's like that you quite often pick up points you don't deserve, and





that's important. That's what the manager is trying to encourage here and it was like that from the moment I joined. We've had a lot of new signings but we all know each other quite well now, not just in the team but also around the whole club. I hope the supporters realise we're giving our all and we're all in it together.

We've heard a lot about the tough training regime, so just how hard is it?

I didn't go to Italy, but I'm told the training was very, very difficult. The heat made a lot of the lads feel wiped out on their feet. When I joined we had double sessions most days, one would be running, which was difficult, the other would be with balls. It was very intense. The fitness coach has a plan he works to. The week might taper off towards a game, but we still train very hard with the ball. We also do a lot of work on team shape in certain situations. Yeah, it's tough, but we're not complaining. We all enjoy each other's company and as long as we get results that's all that matters. All we can do is give 100 per cent every day.

Training is always lively. When the manager joins in he hates to lose! He still has great quality. • Every session requires you to be 100 per cent focused physically and mentally, but it's also enjoyable. We have a great team spirit. Hopefully it will pay off, the results will improve and we'll continue to climb the table.

You must have come up against Aden Flint in training, has anyone managed to win a header at his expense yet?

No-one's managed to jump that high! He's a tall man, a manmountain. My only chance is to try and nip between his legs! He's had a great start to the season. He's been dominant for us and don't forget, he's only very young himself. He's still learning the game, but I'm sure he'll want to continue his form as the season progresses.

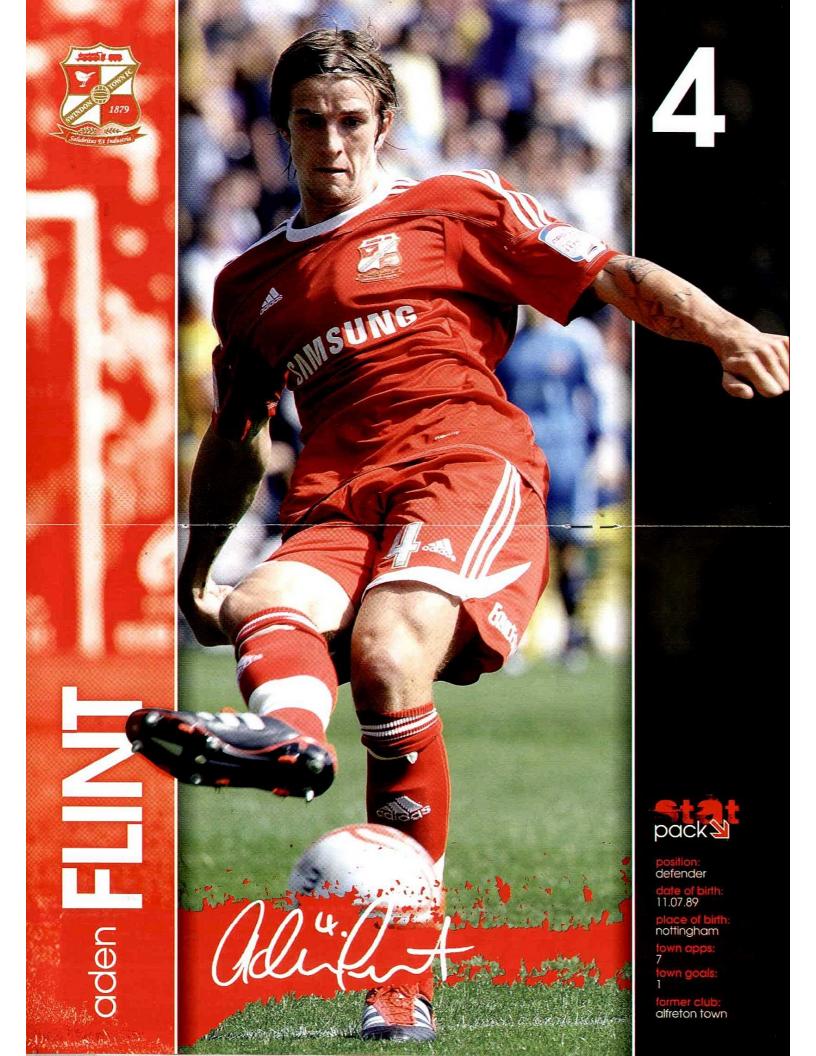
The two of you are on Twitter... What do you think about footballers on the social networking site?

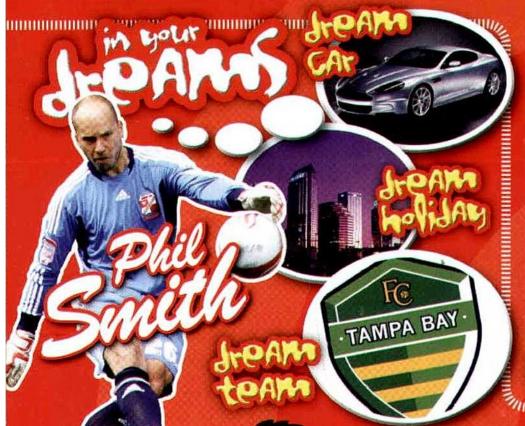
Lipined Twitter in the summer. I love it. I've got a few followers and I mainly talk about football. It's a good way to keep in touch with friends, but also supporters. I get asked a lot of guestions and I try and reply to all of them if I can. Obviously as a professional footballer you have to be sensible about what you write, but it's a great way to interact. I follow other people, just like people follow me, so I try and get involved as much as I can. I've had some great messages of support on there, so I just hope everyone continues to be nice! To do that we need to keep winning football matches.

I find Joey Barton quite interesting, Robbie Savage too, and I follow all the ones that give you football news. My favourite TV programme is Entourage, so I follow all the actors from that. I can't get enough of it! Twitter's so diverse. Talking of Entourage, my favourite character is Johnny Drama, which is what I call Lee Peacock. I still keep in contact with Lee, but I swear he's a character double with 'Drama'! They come out with all the same comments.

Some consider Peacock royalty at STFC! Talking of royalty, tell us about the time you met the Queen...

I met her when I was playing for Bournemouth. This must have been about 2005? For some reason she was in town and even more randomly she was at the football club! She nodded and said hello when she walked past; she was very polite. Random!







Who is the Town star?

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I signed a two-year professional deal in the summer of 2009...

My younger brother, Louis, is a first year scholar at The County Ground...

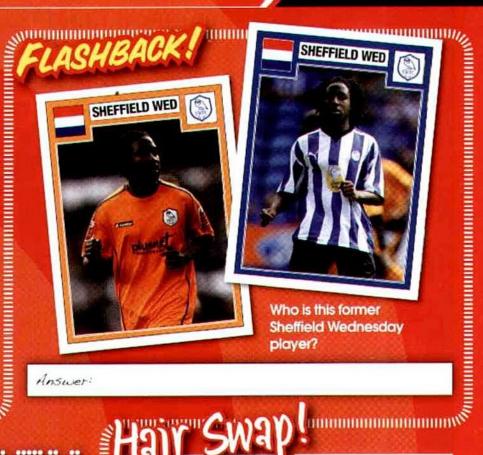


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- 08 Ferry (Abdulla 59)
- 10 Ritchie
- 21 McCormack
- 24 De Vita (Cibocchi 75)
- 09 Magera (Connell 68)

Di Canio Comment:

"IT was a great team effort. We won the

game with a tremendous work ethic and

17 Kerrouche

Substitutes

- 26 P Smith
- 27 Clbocchi 24 J Smith
- 32 Abdulla 17 Connell



even when we went behind, the lads stayed focussed and knew their jobs. The win was for the players because they have worked so hard in recent weeks. There were a lot of positives to take from the game but the important thing now is to make it back to back wins against Southend.

Rotherham United

- 01 Logan
- 03 Newey
- 05 Cresswell
- 24 Raynes
- 04 Harrison
- 07 Evans (Williams 62) 11 Schofield
- 12 Marshall
- 15 Bradley (Taylor 80)
- 09 Revell
- 23 Grabban (Tonge 76)

Substitutes

- 21 Warrington
- 02 Tonge
- 08 Taylor
- 10 Williams
- 20 Holroyd

Scott Comment:

"AT 2-1 up we had a strong shout for a penalty and if we'd scored from that I think we would have won the game. Danny Schofield dived in and got himself sent off, and then we didn't mark at a set piece for their second goal, and from there we were on the back foot. We didn't play well and made a lot of poor decisions defensively to put ourselves under pressure."







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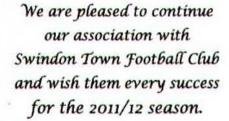






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SWINDON Town hit four goals for the third successive game to demolish Southend United in an impressive County Ground display, which also saw an appearance from a future Town superstar.



Swindon Town 4 Southend United 1

17 November 1962 Attn: 10,296

WITH experienced winger Arnold Darcy ruled out with a thigh injury, a youngster - at just 17 years and 23 days - was handed his league debut by Town boss Bert Head. His name was Don Rogers.

The lad from Somerset soon settled in, starting a four man move in the tenth minute that led to Jack Smith scoring with a glancing header.

Smith had already opened his account three minutes earlier.

when he raced on to a John
Trollope through ball. As visiting
keeper Harry Threadgold
dashed from his line, the
Swindon striker chipped the ball
over him into the net.

Town added a third goal on the hour when Bobby Woodruff set up a chance for Mike Summerbee. The future England international evaded a challenge before calmly stroking home.

Southend were then presented with a goal, when Mike Beesley took advantage of a wayward back-pass from Terry Wollen.

But the result was never in doubt after Town found the target yet again with two minutes of normal time remaining, Cliff Jackson cheekily netting with a back heel from a corner.

Swindon had now hit four goals for the third successive game, taking them to sixth place in the table and on their way to a first ever promotion.

SWINDON TOWN

Turner, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff, Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Jackson, Roders

SOUTHEND UNITED:

Threadgold, Costello, Anderson, Bentley, Watson, Bradoury, Woodley, Jones, Beesley, McNeill, McKinven.

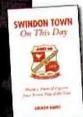
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Saturday 10th September 1963

swindon faced what might be their stiffest test yet in Division Two as relegated Manchester City visited the County Ground. More than 28,000 crammed into the County Ground to see City well beaten, as goats from Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Jack Smith gave Bert Head's side a 3-0 win to set a club record of six straight league wins to begin a season.

Wednesday 10th September 1969

SWINDON faced Roma in the second leg of the newly inaugurated Anglo Italian League Cup Winners Cup, trailing 2-1 from the first leg. The Italians cracked inside the first ten minutes when Arthur Horsfield converted a John Smith cross. Horsfield was on target again with 20 minutes to go, this time taking advantage of good play from Peter Noble. A Don Rogers run and shot made it 3-0 and with the Italians dispirited, Horsfield completed a hat-trick. It finished Swindon 4 AS Roma 0 and was an interesting English encounter for Roma midfielder, Fabio Capello.



Buy the book!

ON This Day by Andrew Hawes is full of facts and figures and is available online via www. swindontownbooks.co.uk

- community news -



come on england



ENGLAND Ladies will play at The County Ground later this month and Town fans are being offered the chance to see the team in action with tickets available for **just £1** for Season Ticket holders...



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See England at The County Ground!

ENGLAND Ladies take on Slovenia in their UEFA Women's Euro 2013 qualifier at The County Ground on Thursday 22nd September.

Tickets for the England v Slovenia game (kick-off 7.30pm) are priced £5 for Adults and £2.50 for Concessions (U7s go free) and can be purchased by calling the ticket hotline on 0871 876 1993.

Powell believes she has picked the right squad to get their Euro qualifying campaign off to a positive start.

"Every coach would always like more depth, be it at club or international level, but I'm really pleased that we've got a good blend in the squad and have had for a while now," she said. "There are a few players in this squad who weren't at the World Cup and they've all done well recently and all deserve their call-up.

"We've got some information on both Serbia and Slovenia that we can work with and I think our previous experiences will help us in that double-header. Hopefully we can start off on the right foot.".

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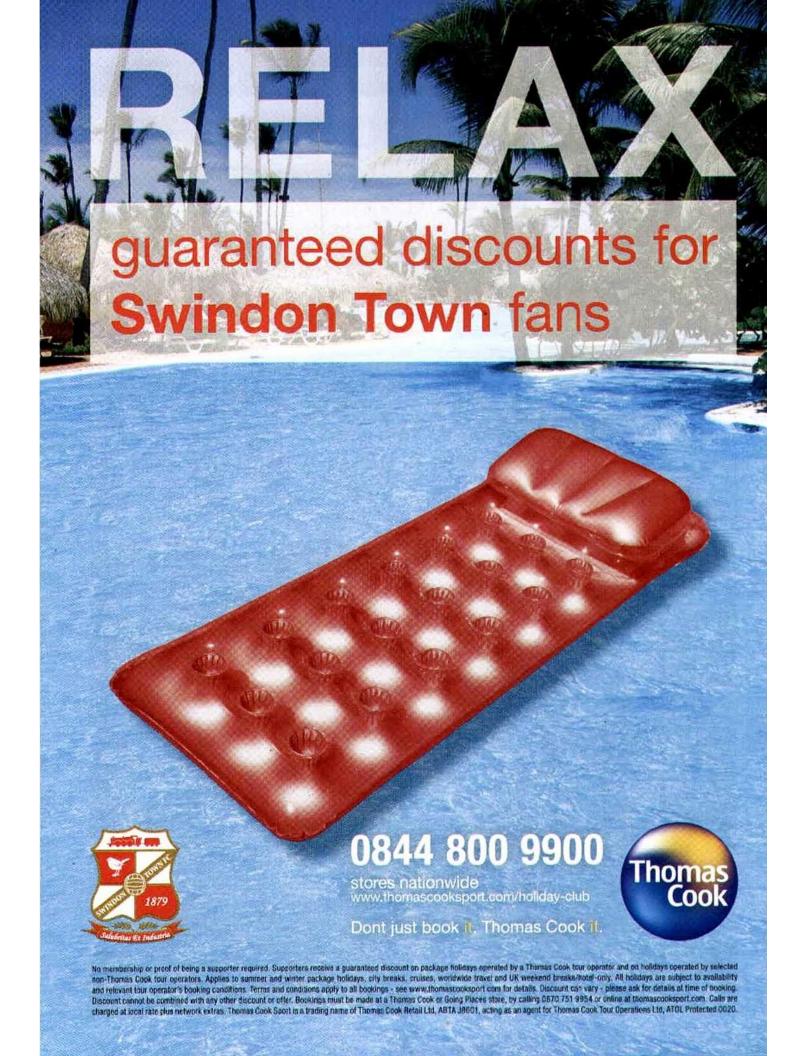
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intel onboard



SWINDON Town's Football in the Community Trust has announced a new sponsorship deal with IT giants Intel.

THE two parties have agreed a two-year deal which will see Intel replace local recruitment company Pertemps as main sponsor.

With offices based in Swindon, Intel have previously been involved with Swindon Town Football Club. having been the first sponsors of what is now the Don Rogers Stand after its initial construction in 1994.

And now the company are to put their name to the entire FITC Trust programme, which includes flagship initiatives such as the Tiny Tots and Mini Soccer sessions, Development Centres, Engagement Weeks and various Social Inclusion and Education Projects.

The deal came about after a number of Intel staff helped give the official FITC website a facelift as part of the company's staff volunteering scheme, and were impressed with what the trust had to offer its local community.

Darren Howell of Intel Involved





UK said: "We were approached to see if there was an opportunity for Intel to support the work which goes on at the Football in the Community Trust.

"As a company, Intel places a great emphasis on being a valuable part of any community in which it operates, and in light of the aims and initiatives being run, the apportunity to become

the Trust's main sponsor here in Swindon is one we were very happy to embrace.

"Over the next two years, we look forward to seeing the Trust continue to grow and achieve success with its schemes to increase access to sports and educational programmes for the local community."

This announcement precedes what is sure to be another fantastic season of events for the trust, including the launch of the brand new Girls Centre for Football Excellence in October.

Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust Manager Jon Holloway was delighted to have secured Intel's support, commenting: "This is fantastic news for our Community Trust, and we are very proud to have Intel as our new main sponsor.















Beversbrook Centre:

A new STFC Development Centre will be running at Beversbrook in Calne from Wednesday 28th September for children aged five to 11 years. Call 01793 617718 for more information.



Football Excellence:

The STFC Girls Centre for Football Excellence will be running trials on Saturday 1st October, Please visit swindontownic.co.uk and click on 'team' then 'Girls COE' for application forms.



Tiny Tots:

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Greatest moment of my life...

Signing my first professional football contract with Barnet when I was 19 years old. I had been playing non-league football before I joined Barnet on trial and then turned pro.

Rank the following four professions in order of a preferred alternative career...

4th Bobsleigh

2nd Darts

1st Poker player

3rd Ice hockey

Reason...

Poker is a fun way to relax and I enjoy a game, so a trip to vegas is enjoyable every so often! I have been a few times and always had a great time – with a bit of luck here and there.

Best restaurant you have ever been to...

I went to a place in Bangkok with my girlfriend. It was a fantastic restaurant right on top of a skyscraper; it was on top of the Banyan Tree Hotel.

Which Town player would you put forward to be on the next series of 'The Bachelor'...?

There are a few lads I would say, but they're not bachelors so don't want to get them into trouble. With that in mind, I'll say Aden Flint.

Favourite music...

I like a bit of rock all the way through to house music. My favourite artist at the moment is Eminem.

If your house was on fire (and all family/pets are safe!) what would you save first?









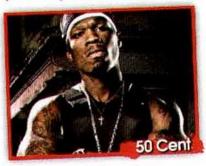
Reason...

There are quite a few items that I have, that have been in the family for a long time, such as a painting that my Nan did.



A MUG SHOT A

Who is the most famous person you have met?



50 Cent. I met him when I was in America out at a restaurant. I saw him and introduced myself and said 'hello'. I didn't get a picture with him because I didn't want to get on the wrong side of him!

Best and worst dress sense in the Town squad...

'Cibo' for the worst dressed because of his shell-suits. He also has a t-shirt that looks like he's wearing a newspaper! He has some pretty dodgy jeans too. The best dressed would have to be Michael Timlin. I know he's at Southend now but he always made a great effort.



anzano

- ready for action -

AFTER signing a two-year deal with the Robins in the summer, if Italian gcalkeeper Mattia Lanzano was looking for a calm introduction to life in League 2 then he certainly didn't get it...

THE Italian rookie made his Football League debut in last weekend's home clash with Rotherham United in a game which, for the neutral, had it all; five goals, two red cards and played out in front of a national television audience with the game screened live on Sky Sports.

Lanzano began the game in front of the empty Stratton Bank stand and the facial injuries sustained by his opposite number, Conrad Logan, probably did little to quell any pre-match nerves for Town's summer recruit from USD Gavorrana 1930.

"I was very nervous before the game," smiles the 20-year old.
"I had never played in front of so many people and I knew my family were watching the game back in Italy too.

"The result made me very happy and the atmosphere in the stadium was beautiful. In Italy you don't find such an atmosphere, there it is very difficult to find so many people at football games in the lower leagues."

Having penned a two-year deal with the Robins in July, Lanzano was quickly thrust into the middle of Town's pre-season training where he soon struck up a good

working relationship with Phil Smith. Lanzano credits Smith with helping him settle into life in England with a myriad of hints and tips being passed on during hours on the training ground.

"I have a fantastic rapport with Phil Smith," Lanzano continues. "He has experience in the league and he has played lots of games. I can see that from With a second win of the season secured against top of the table Rotherham United last weekend, the stopper is now hoping to back that up with a third three point return of the season against visiting Southend.

"I was very happy to play against Rotherham because it was my first game for Swindon and we won against a top side in the

"I had never played in front of so many people and I knew my family were watching the game back in Italy too."

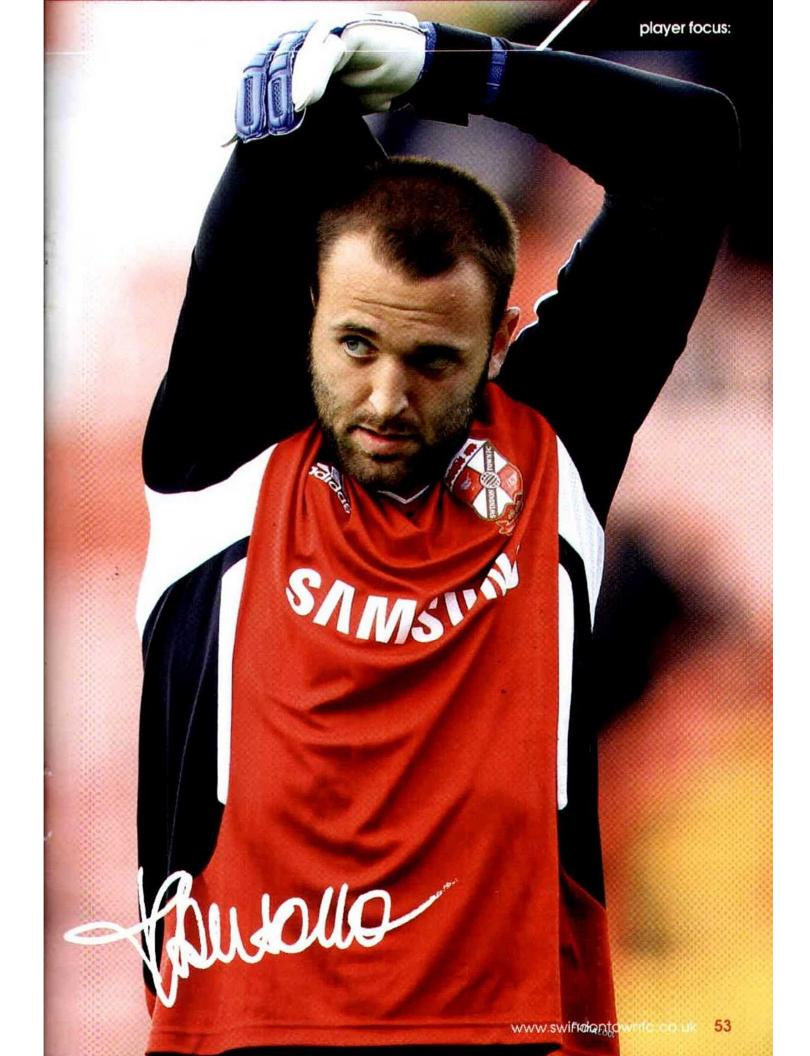
the way he trains and he is a very good goalkeeper. He has helped me a lot.

"Domenico (Doardo) has helped me a lot too. He is Italian so talking with him is no problem. My other teammates speak English very quickly but I will be taking lessons soon so I can improve my own communication!"

Despite a frantic start to his Town career, Lanzano knows there is much more to come in terms of personal performance and that of his new teammates. league, but now we need to win again straight away and be higher in the league."

"We have been training hard and it has been a long week because we haven't had a midweek game. We have concentrated our minds on the Southend game because we know what needs to be done."

He adds: "Hopefully with more games I will become more comfortable - I need to find a rhythm and confidence in my game, which are very important for a goalkeeper."



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facebook me...

I'm not on Facebook and have no plans to join! It doesn't really interest mealthough a few of the lads are on there.

We all know that footballers are pretty attached to their mobiles. So this season we're going to delve a little deeper into the lives of the Town players with Mobile Me'.



text me.

Alan Connell texted me after training on Thursday to tell. me he had just seen Matty Ritchie eat his steering wheel.



best app...

Luse the Sky Sports Score Centre app quite a bit. I support Celtic so use it to go on *after games and see how they've done. as well as catching up on other scores from our division.





my music...

Anything really! Paolo Nutini is a favourite of mine and I've got a few of his albums on my iPod. I also like to

listen to Oasis and the Script.





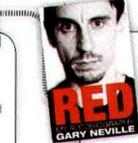
obsession with Twitter at the minute. It just seems vou can become an easy target!



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The last call I got was from Matty Ritchie to tell me he'd just devoured a Big Mac meal on his day off and that he was thinking of eating his pillow

because he was that hungry.



in the diary...

Outside of football Lusually just spend time at home chilling out. I recently

started reading Gary Neville's autobiography so have got into that.



mann







happy birthday

JOHN HARVEY is 50 years old today and is celebrating the occasion in our Sponsor's Suite.



He became a
Swindon Town
Supporter in 1988
when he met his
future wife sarahJane. He has
followed Swindon
ever since
through the highs
and lows. John
is married to

Sarah-Jane and has one daughter called Gemma who is nine-years old. He is currently a serving member of the Armed Forces.

albert young

ALBERT, who made over 130 appearances for Swindon Town between 1946 and 1950, celebrates his 94th birthday tomorrow. He now lives in Chelmsford and is the club's oldest surviving former player.



birthday wishes

Happy 8th Birthday to BETHANY VINCE, with love from Mummy and Mike.



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Town fan **Sandy Munroe** [AKA Nosy Rude Man] enjoyed his summer break to Islantilla on the Costa de la Luz, even packing a copy of the Swindon Advertiser for a holiday picture!



Sam Eatwell had a great time at the Town Open Day and he is pictured here with summer signings Oliver Risser and Ibrahim Atiku.



Must be quackers! Two ducks have been spotted at The County Ground, they are rumored to be associates of former Town defender P King!



DRS Season Ticket holders **Ashlea Harris** [9] and **Declan Harris** [12] proudly showing their Swindon colours on their recent trip to Tunisia.



Dave Johnson took his new Town shirt to Ireland recently and is seen here at the derby between Linfield and Glentoran at Windsor Park.



Members' Suite Season Ticket holder Jon Watton pictured with Jo Sear and the latest addition to the hospitality floor - Balloteddi!

- the swindon town -



supporters club

A warm welcome back to Southend United's Paul Sturrock from everyone at the STFC Supporters Club ahead of today's League 2 meeting.

Half-time draw

SOUTHAMPTON

1. P Rosier [Ramsbury] Ticket number 1150 won £300 2. C Simms (Witney)

Ticket number 279 won £30

ROTHERHAM

1. K Beck [Wootton Bassett] Ticket number 353 won £423

2. P Coombes [Yate] Ticket number 1226 won £45

AGM

THE Supporters Club AGM will take place in The Legends Lounge ahead of Hereford United game on Saturday 8th October.

The meeting will start at 11am and all members, non members and prospective members are welcome. Please note that existing members only may vote on any resolutions in the meeting. Any proposed changes to rules etc. must be with the Secretary at least seven days ahead of the meeting.

Old programmes

BRIAN Fullam advises us that he is looking to dispose of 65 Swindon Town programmes covering the 1989-1994 periods, with most from the 1990/91 season. If anyone is interested in them, please e-mail Brian at brianfullam@btinternet. com for further information.

Pounds for Points

ANOTHER three points last Saturday against Rotherham United doubled the total raised

under this initiative to £261. We had been waiting since the opening day of the season to reach this figure and if anyone wishes to pledge additional funds, do please contact Mavis Knight in person or by email at mavisld swindontownsupportersclub.com

Bingoal

WITH ten goals already this season, the 'Bingoal' scheme is up and running. This free competition for members is worth £200 to the winners.

For further details please visit the 'How to join' section of the Supporters Club website and click on the drop down 'Bingoal' tab.

The numbers members can tick off of their 'Bingoal' card up to and including the Rotherham match are.

45, 63, 77, 20, 71, 25, 84, 39, 69, 81



Roger Bunce

FOR those avid listeners of Steve Wright's afternoon show on Radio 2 you may have heard Roger's choices being broadcast recently.

Amongst his choices were 'Love me Do' by the Beatles and 'Hey Mr Tambourine Man' by The Byrds. You may have heard it here first!



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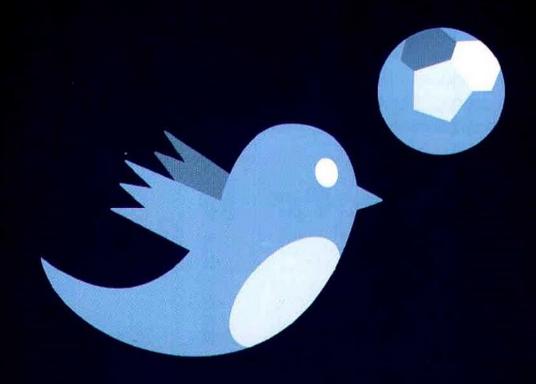
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Nick Blaxhall ▶ Ahmed Abdulla

How are you finding your new surroundings, the gaffer & players at Swindon Town? Best of luck and welcome by the way, bang us in some goals!!!



Ralph Austin > Ahmed Abdulla

Would you dare tackle the gaffer if he had the ball in training?



Swindon Town FC and 12 people like this.



Thanks! Swindon is obviously very different to London as a place and it's been quite a change for me. The club seems great though and although things are a lot quieter in the area, it's football that I am here for



Ahmed Abdulla

I would two foot him if it meant that my team



Jordan O'Brien ▶ Ahmed Abdulla

FIFA or Pro Evo Soccer?



Matthew Aylesbury ▶ Ahmed Abdulla

Was Di Canio a big influence in your decision to come to Swindon?

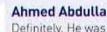


Ahmed Abdulla

FIFA is my favourite and I really enjoy playing it in my'spare time. I'm the best at it!



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Definitely. He was a big influence in my decision because of his ability and what he achieved as a player.



Benjamin Wills > Ahmed Abdulla

Who's your best mate at the club?



Shane Steele ▶ Ahmed Abdulla

What type of midfielder are you attacking or



Ahmed Abdulla

Abdul Said has helped me settle in off the pitch, but at training I'd say Jon Smith.



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Chris Woolston > Ahmed Abdulla

As you were growing up, who was your footballing idol/hero?



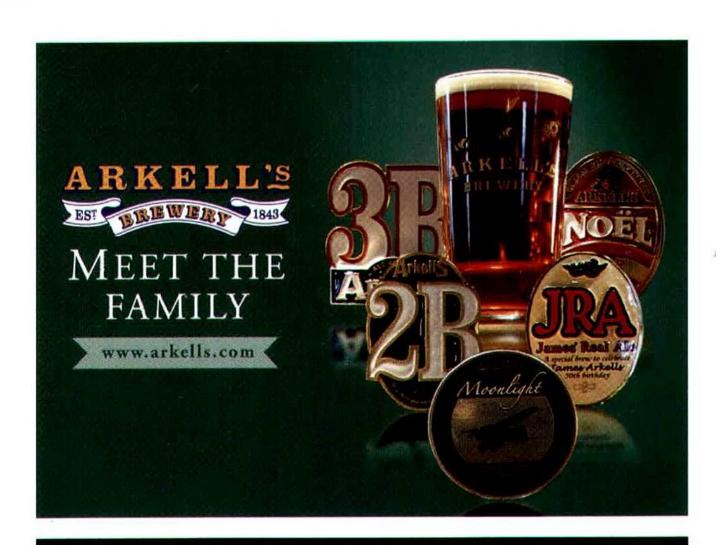
Ahmed Abdulla

I can play both roles because I'd like to think that I am pretty versatile. I started my career at the back when I was a kid and then moved up front, so have moved around!



Ahmed Abdulla

Dennis Bergkamp because of his technical ability and he led a really good lifestyle and was a tremendous professional.







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Crawley Town A





Tuesday 13th September, 7.45pm Ki

Ticket Prices:	Terrace:	Seating
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S/Cit 065:	£13	£15
Junior U16:	£7	£10

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Burton Albion A





Saturday 17th September, 3pm KO

Ticket Prices	s: Terrace:	Seating
Adult:	£14	£15
S/Cit 065:	£12	£14
Student 17-22	2: £12	£14
Junior U16:	£4	£6

Availability: Only pay on the day at Burton. Terrace tickets available on the turnstiles and sealed tickets. at the club shop. The Sun promotion has to be arranged directly with the Burton Albion Ticket Office.

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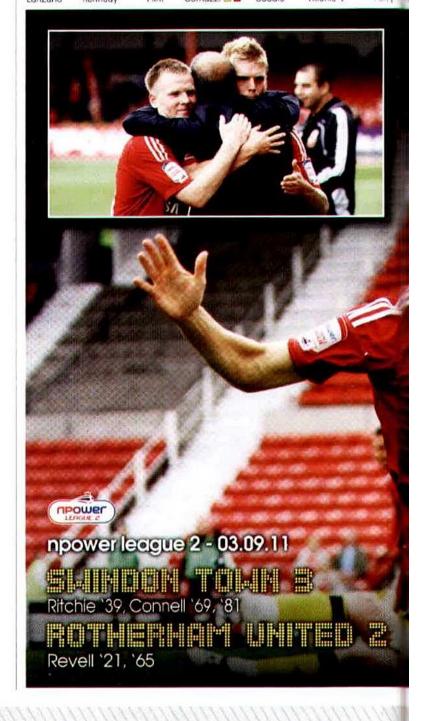




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DATE >	OPPONENTS >		KO>	ATTN>
Sat Aug 6	CREWE ALEXANDRA	Н	3-0 W	8,248 (317)
Sat Aug 13	Chellenham Town	Α	0-1 L	4,402 (1,582)
Tue Aug 16	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	0-1 L	2,063 (484)
Sun Aug 21	OXFORD UNITED	н	1-2 L	12,113 (2,700)
Wed Aug 24	Bristol City CC1	Α	1-0 W	7,708 (1,432)
Sat Aug 27	Shrewsbury Town	A	1-2 L	5,323 (756)
Tue Aug 30	SOUTHAMPTON CC2	н	1-3 L	7,452 (1,663)
Sat Sep 3	ROTHERHAM UNITED	Н	3-2 W	6,304 (216)
Sat Sep 10	SOUTHEND UNITED	н	3.00pm	
Tue Sep 13	Crawley Town	A	7.45pm	
Sat Sep 17	Burton Albion	Α	3.00pm	
Sat Sep 24	BARNET	н	3.00pm	
Fri Sep 30	Macclestield Town	A	7.45pm	
Tue Oct 4	Exeler City JPT2	A	7.15pm	
Sat Oct 8	HEREFORD UNITED	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Oct 15	Accrington Stanley	A	3.00pm	
Sat Oct 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	3.00pm	
Tue Oct 25	GILLINGHAM	Н	7.45pm	
Sat Oct 29	BRADFORD CITY	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Nov 5	Port Vale	A	3.00pm	
Sat Nov 12	F.A. Cup 1			
Sat Nov 19	A.F.C. Wimbledon	A	3.00pm	
Sat Nov 26	ALDERSHOT TOWN	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Dec 10	Bristol Rovers	A	3.00pm	
Sat Dec 17	MORECAMBE	Н	3.00pm	
THE WARD TO SAIN	Torquay United	A	3.00pm	
Sat Dec 31	Northampton Town	A	3.00pm	
Mon Jan 2	A.F.C. WIMBLEDON	н	3.00pm	
Sat Jan 7	SHREWSBURY TOWN	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Jan 14	Rotherham United	A	3.00pm	
Sat Jan 21	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Jan 28	Southend United	A	3.00pm	
Sat Feb 4	BURTON ALBION	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Feb 11	Barne!	Α	3.00pm	
Tue Feb 14	CRAWLEY TOWN	Н	7.45pm	
Sat Feb 18	Hereford United	A	3.00pm	
Sat Feb 25	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	н	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 3	Oxford United	A	12.00pm	
Tue Mar 6	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE		7.45pm	
Sat Mar 10	CHELTENHAM TOWN	н	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00pm	
Tue Mar 20	TORQUAY UNITED	н	7.45pm	
Sat Mar 24	Aldershol Town	A	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 31	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00pm	
Fri Apr 6	Morecambe	A	3.00pm	
Mon Apr 9	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 21	Gillingham	A	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 28	PORT VALE	н	3.00pm	
Sat May 5	Bradford City	A	3.00pm	

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KEY: 1 = Number of goals scored, First substitution, Second substitution, Third substitution

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POWER LEAGUE 2

Pos	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Crawley Town	6	8	13
2	Rotherharn	6	7	13
3	Morecambe	6	7	13
4	Torquay	6	3	11
5	Shrewsbury	6	2	11
6	Gillingham	6	1	10
7	AFC Wimbledon	6	0	10
8	Dag & Red	6	0	10
9	Southend	6	-1	10
10	Cheltenham	6	1	9
11	Burton Albion	6	1	9
12	Port Vale	6	3	8
13	Oxford Utd	6	0	8
14	Bristol Rovers	6	-2	8
15	Accrington St	6	-2	8
16	Macciesfield	6	2	7
17	Aldershot	6	-2	7
18	Swindon	6	0	6
19	Barnet	6	-3	6
20	Crewe	6	-4	6
21	Bradford	6	-1	5
22	Northampton	6	-3	5
23	Hereford	6	.7	5
24	Plymouth	6	-10	1

Appearances		LGE CUP GLS		
1	Lanzano	1		-
3	Kennedy	6	2	1
4	Flint	6	2	1
5	Devera	4	1	
6	Corndzz	2	1	
7	Caddis	6	2	-
8	Ferry	3(2)	2	
9	1. Zarke yan laan		3	
10	Ritchie	6	2	3
11	Esajas	2(2)	(1)	
12	McCarmack	3(2)	(2)	-
13	Risser	3		1
14	Pavett	-	-	-
15	Thompson	1(1)		-
16	Atiku	-		
17	Connell	(5)	2	2
18	Scott	-		
19	M Clark	-		
20	Said		4	
21	Gabillondo	1(1)	2	-
29	Timilah (Sh. lodica	I		
23	De Vita	6	(1)	1
24	J Smith	3	2	
25	Fyons (on loon)			
26	P Smith	5	2	
27	Cibocohi	(1)		
29	Magera	1(1)	(1)	
32	Abdulla	(1)	-	-
31	Bodin (on lean)	3		Andrew Co.
39	Kerrouche	1(2)	(1)	1
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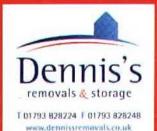




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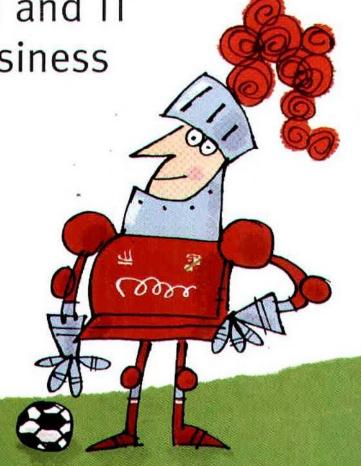
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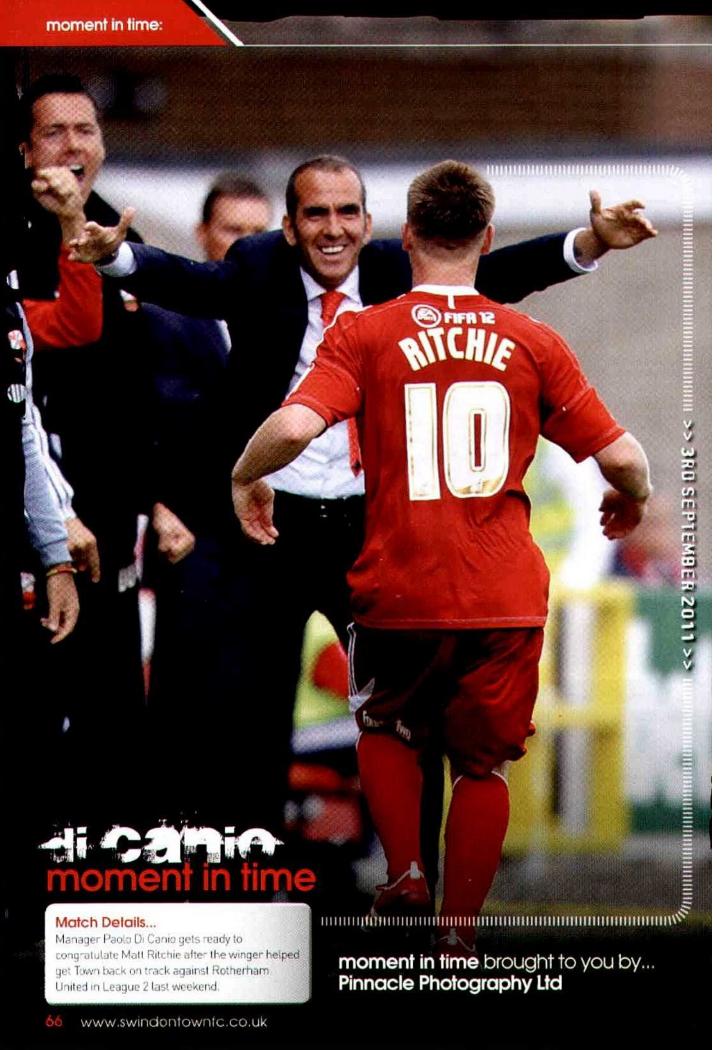
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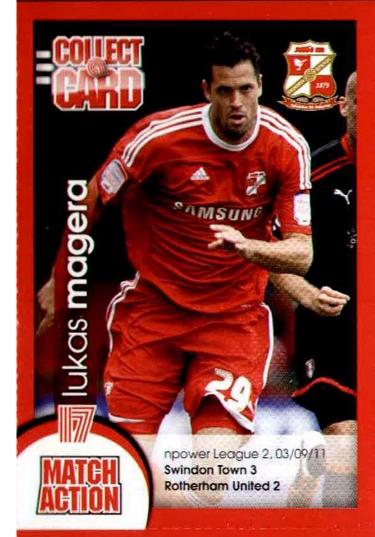




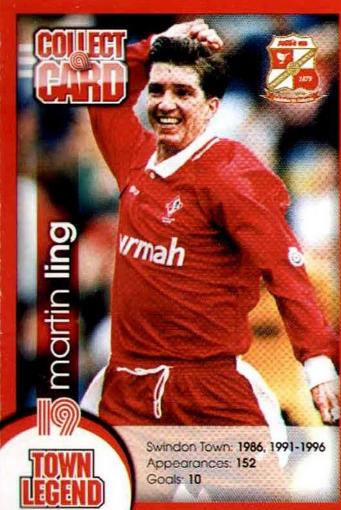


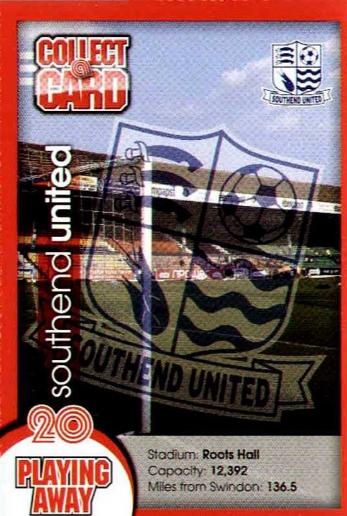














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	Callum KENNEDY
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Joe DEVERA 5 6

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8 Simon FERRY 10 Matt RITCHIE

11 Etienne ESAJAS

12 Alan McCORMACK

13 Oliver RISSER (CAPT)

14 Jordan PAVETT 15 Nathan THOMPSON

16 Ibrahim ATIKU 17 Alan CONNELL

18 Mark SCOTT (GK)

19 Matt CLARK

20 Abdul SAID

21 Lander GABILONDO

23 Raffaele DE VITA 24 Jonathan SMITH

26 Phil SMITH (GK)

27 Alessandro CIBOCCHI

29 Lukas MAGERA

30 Leigh BEDWELL (GK) 32 Ahmed ABDULLA

39 Mehdi KERROUCHE



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10 Barry CORR 11 Lee SAWYER

12 Kane FERDINAND

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17 Daniel BENTLEY

18 Ryan LEONARD

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