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Good evening and welcome to this evening's npower League 2 encounter with Swindon Town who are making only their second ever visit to the Moss Rose.

As a football club we are always looking at ways to improve attendances. For our last home game we had run a special offer with our friends at the Macclesfield Express. And whilst we were hoping that a few more would have taken up the 'Buy One Get One Free' incentive, those that did were treated to a cracking game of football and even more pleasing, three points for the Silkmen.

The crowd that day also topped the two thousand mark for the first time this season. In comparison to a lot of other clubs that may sound insignificant, but for everyone here at Macclesfield Town hopefully it is a sign we are moving in the right direction.

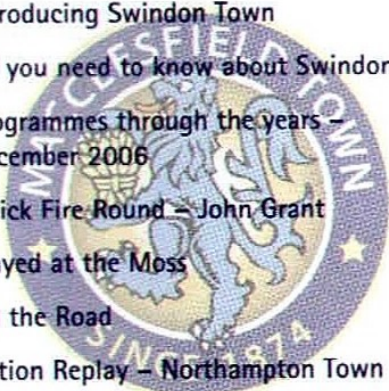
Tonight's game is hopefully another small step. The easiest thing would be to do nothing. But having experimented with a Friday night game last season against Accrington, we thought it was something worth repeating. It won't appeal to everyone of course but the feedback we got back in April was enough to suggest we look at this again. Any comments or suggestions are of course most welcome.

Gary certainly has got the team playing some attractive football and if you are making your first visit to the Moss Rose for some time, we hope you enjoy the game and more importantly we get the chance to welcome you back here again sometime soon.



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Manager's Report

with Gary Simpson

It seems strange to be saying this on a Friday, but welcome along to the Moss Rose for this evening's encounter with Swindon Town who many expect to be pushing for promotion come the end of the season.

I say strange as Friday isn't a regular day on the footballing calendar as you know. As a club we experimented last year against Accrington and by and large the feedback was positive. So when the Chairman asked if I was happy to look at a couple of games again this season, as the manager I didn't have a problem with that.

We'll of course prepare for the game in exactly the same thorough way as we would for a Saturday match and if it encourages a few more people to attend the game then that has to be a good thing.

Hopefully our last couple of home performances will have also persuaded a few more fans to return as well. I thought our display, particularly in the second half against Northampton was spot on. We played some good football, didn't let our heads drop when the goals weren't going in, and eventually got our reward.

The same couldn't really be said of the long trip south to Plymouth last Saturday. First up can I say a big thank you to the fans that also made the journey to support us! It's a long way especially when you lose. It was always going to be a tough day. Argyle's troubles are well documented and we were always going to be positioned as the villains of the piece on the day.

The new manager had certainly got them up for the game and their players worked hard and stuck to the task. To some extent we did the same but we gifted them two silly goals from set pieces and you just can't do that if you want to win games of football.

I spoke after the game about learning how to win games. That may sound an obvious thing to say but it is worth stressing. There is no point in being the best side, playing the better football and coming home with nothing. Every side in every game will have their moments of pressure. That's inevitable. But when they do it's about weathering the storm. At the moment, particularly away from home,

that's something we are struggling to do. And that was the case against Plymouth.

If I look at the Morecambe side we played the other week, well I reckon they would have probably come away from a game like Plymouth with at least a point. They've five or six keys players in the side in their thirties. That experience counts for a lot.

By contrast we have a lot of lads in their early twenties, some even younger. They are learning their trade and part of that development includes working on their communication during games. We're not the most vocal of sides and that's something we've spoken about in training this week. We shouldn't be afraid to open our gobbs to put it bluntly!

As long as it's constructive I don't have a problem with that. So I suppose what I am saying is we are looking for more leaders out there to get us through those pressure periods in games.

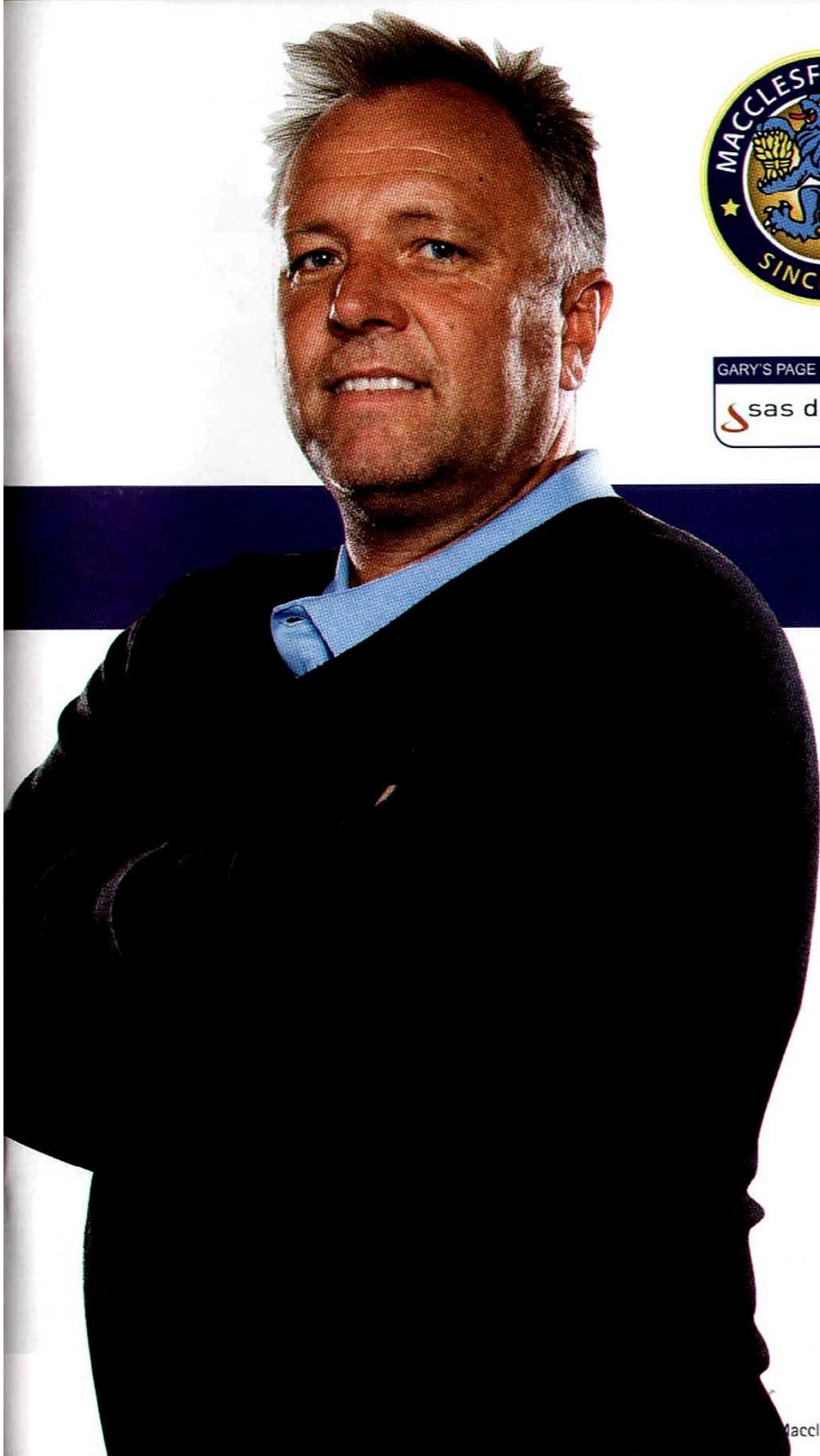
And a greater level of consistency of course! As a manager it's frustrating to come away from Home Park knowing we haven't performed to anywhere near the level we had done seven days earlier. But that is part and parcel of having such a young squad and the key thing is to continue to support each other and work hard.

The games against Wimbledon and Northampton should act as a good reminder of what this talented young squad is capable of achieving. We just need to see more of it both home and away if we are to have any aspirations of a top half finish this season.


That's the challenge and as I always say it is made that much easier with your support.

Enjoy the game and hopefully a win this evening will set up the weekend nicely for everyone.

Gary



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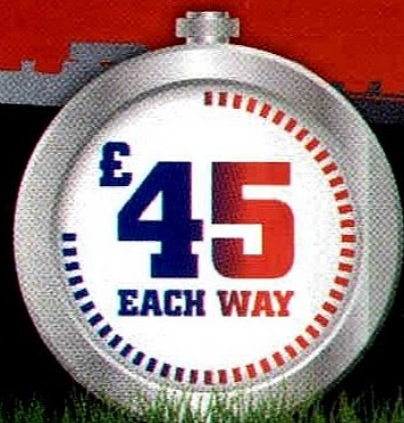
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Good evening and welcome to the Moss Rose for a rare Friday evening npower League Two fixture against Paolo Di Canio's Swindon Town.

Many of you will remember that we experimented with Friday evening football against Accrington Stanley at the end of last season and were rewarded with a well attended, attractive game that was thoroughly enjoyed by many. It made sense therefore to give it another try and I'm delighted that our visitors from Wiltshire, making only their second visit to Moss Rose, agreed to the switch.

The Accrington game was played on a beautiful spring evening and as I write these notes on Monday the weather forecast suggests that we might just do better today with the sunniest and warmest spell since April in prospect. So I hope by the time you read this you'll be looking forward to a pleasant Indian summer evening with a game to match.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 70 or so stalwart Silkmen fans who made the marathon trip to Plymouth last Saturday to witness what was ultimately a difficult day for us. Plymouth's problems have been immense this year and they came as close as any in recent years to liquidation. But with a new manager on the touchline, a prospective new owner in the stand with home fans bolstered by presence of the Fans United movement it was no surprise the team on the field had a spring in their step. In the end our young team weren't at their best and were undone by a couple of set pieces and despite putting the Argyle defence under pressure for the last third of the game, we became the first team to come

away from Home Park without a point this season; one to put behind us then with a good display this evening.

Our form at Moss Rose to date has been pretty solid and less than two weeks ago folk were excited by the way we put Northampton Town to the sword with an excellent display of attacking football. You can be sure that Gary and the squad will be working to build on that performance rather than dwelling on the Plymouth defeat. But it won't be easy this evening. Paolo has assembled a talented squad and last Saturday's thumping win over Barnet suggests that they are learning to live with the realities of League Two football. A good contest is in prospect.

Finally let me introduce you to the new mosaic mural that now graces the formally blighted Silkmen Terrace exterior. A community project involving the club, Cheshire Peaks and Plains, Macclesfield High School and many others the mosaic, designed by Adepfi Mill-based artist Debra Tracey depicts the history of the Silkmen in Bayeux Tapestry style. It's absolutely brilliant and will help us to make an area of the stadium that was previously an eyesore well worth a visit. It's another small demonstration of our pride in our great little club. Do take the opportunity to see and enjoy it.

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Mike

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The Silkmen have been drawn at home to Witton Albion in the Cheshire Senior Cup after the demise of the Cheshire Premier Cup following Stockport's relegation from the Football League.

The League and non-League clubs have now been rejoined in the same competition, giving the Silkmen the chance to win the trophy for the 22nd time. The last of these record 21 wins came in 2000 as the Silkmen beat Altrincham in the final.

The match is scheduled to take place in W/C 7th November, and www.mtfc.co.uk will have confirmation of the final match date and ticket information as soon as it becomes available.

NEW ARCHIVE SITE LAUNCHED



For the first time the club has an archive web site bringing together a significant amount of player and match information in one place at www.silkmenarchives.org.uk

There is an alphabetical list of players going back to 1930, with profiles for the majority together with many photographs. Many interesting facts are recorded such

as - discover who usually played in his glasses, the player who was sent off by the referee to have a protruding nail in one his boots knocked back in and double hat-trick scorers.

55 years of match detail is listed, including teams, scorers and attendances together with most results going back to 1946. There is a breakdown of appearances and goals season by season, as well as a Head to Head list for the Northern Premier League, Conference and Football League, achievements, including hat-tricks, top ten appearances and scorers, an overview and more.

The project was the brainchild of Geoff Knights with help from Chris Pugsley, Geoff Findlow, Peter Hilton, Trevor Goodey, Michael Hughes and by no means least, to Mike Scott who has worked extremely hard building the web site.

The site will continue to develop and the club is grateful to Life Vice-president Geoff Knights for sponsoring the on-going annual operating and the initial development software costs.

RESERVE TEAM UPDATE



If it is goals you are after then get yourself down to the next Reserve Team game! So far this season their three Central League games have produced eighteen goals. The latest came on Wednesday in an exciting 3-3 draw with Wrexham.

Tom Fisher and youth team striker Jordan Trinci-Lyne with two were on target for the Silkmen who showed great character to get back on level terms three times.

With Waide Fairhurst also getting 45 minutes under his belt it was a useful run out for the Blues and appreciated by assistant manager Glyn Chamberlain.

"The lads worked their socks off today and its great we've scored three times in each game. Clearly we need to tighten up at the back but it was a good game to watch nonetheless."

The Reserves are next in action when they travel to Preston (Wed 12th Oct) before entertaining Tranmere at the Moss Rose (Wed 9th Nov). Both games kick-off at 2pm.



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A bit of a rollercoaster ride is how the local paper described events at the County Ground since the arrival of the irrepressible Paulo Di Canio.

The 42 year old arrived at the club in the summer to take up his first coaching role in England since retiring from the game back in 2008 after a career that included spells with Lazio, Juventus, Napoli and AC Milan and of course West Ham United.

As a player he was certainly not shy in coming forward. He famously, if that's the right words pushed over referee Paul Alcock in a fit of pique whilst at Sheffield Wednesday but showed the other side of his character when choosing not to shoot when Everton keeping Paul Gerrard was down injured, something which earned him the Fifa Fair Play Award back in 2001.

The one thing that links both is a passion for the game and that's something he is undoubtedly looking to instil in the club after what can only be described as a season to forget last year. The Robins never really recovered from their play-off final defeat against Millwall the previous May.

Having departed with the services of long time boss Danny Wilson in March, the experienced Paul Hart was given the task of resurrecting the Robins' flagging fortunes. But to no avail and the club return to the League's basement after four seasons in League One.

The season is barely two months old but already Di Canio has been in the national headlines on more than one occasion. But it's matters on the field that concerns him most. After an opening day win over Crewe Alexandra four successive defeats in August had raised some concerns. But as many wins in September suggests that Di Canio is quickly learning his trade and fashioned together a squad that is certainly capable of achieving the aim of promotion next May.

This was perhaps best highlighted by the Robins' 3-0 demolition

of much fancied Crawley Town, and whilst they were not able to follow that up with a win in their next game at Burton, hopes were again raised last Saturday thanks to a comprehensive 4-0 thumping of Barnet in front of their own fans.

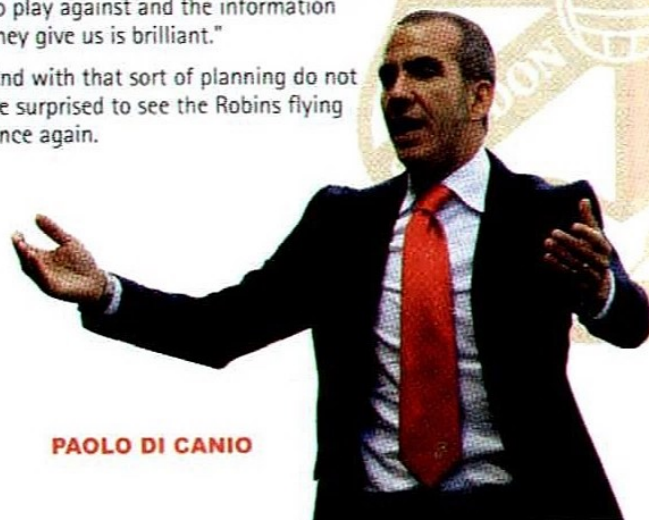
Speaking after the game the manager had these words to say:

"I didn't have any doubts about my team. To win 4-0 is a fantastic result but obviously we deserved it because we played very well today. Matt Ritchie is at different level - his delivery is a different class and the way he worked off the ball was crucial."

Ritchie is indeed seen as a key cog in the Robins' wheel and the former Portsmouth man was full of praise for his new gaffer.

"He knows everything about everyone - it's brilliant. Their keeper had a knock during the week and the manager said before hand that his left side was weak. I saw a little gap and squeezed it into the corner. Obviously little things like that pay off. The manager and the coaching staff study every player we are going to play against and the information they give us is brilliant."

And with that sort of planning do not be surprised to see the Robins flying once again.



PAOLO DI CANIO

SWINDON TOWN

The Robins made it four league wins in five last Saturday as they put four past a struggling Barnet side without reply. Matt Ritchie helped himself to two of those goals and here is a look at the players who took to the field at the County Ground.



PHIL SMITH

Goalkeeper Smith joined Town in July 2006 from Crawley and was named fans Player of the Season in May 2007. In and out of the side over the years as he battled for the first team slot first with Peter Brezovan and later David Lucas, he was still heavily involved with the side's Wembley visit in 2010 with a string of saves in the Semi Final against Charlton. He was the regular started for the Robins last season and looks to be the man in possession of the berth this season with eight appearances already.

CALLUM KENNEDY

The youngster made a surprise debut in Swindon's 4-1 win over Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in September 2007. After being taken on the club's pre-season tour to Austria in 2008, Kennedy was handed a chance to impress in pre-season with games against Cardiff City and Plymouth Argyle. A pelvic injury kept him out of much of the 2009/10 season but after loan spells at Gillingham and Rotherham United during Season 2010/2011, Kennedy returned to The County Ground as first-choice left-back for Season 2011/12.



JOE DEVERA

Devera became Paolo Di Canio's first signing as Town boss in June 2011, linking up with the Robins after an established spell with Barnet where he made 177 appearances during a six-year spell, and was named the club's Player of the Year in 2008 and 2011 after coming through the youth ranks at the club.



ALBERTO COMAZZI

Experienced defender Alberto Comazzi signed a two-year deal at The County Ground in July following lengthy talks with the club. The 32-year old progressed through the youth team ranks at AC Milan before spending time with the likes of Como, Monza and Verona. Comazzi spent last season at Spezia, before arriving in Wiltshire for his first spell in English football with Town.

PAUL CADDIS

Caddis signed from Celtic along with Simon Ferry in August 2010. Predominantly a right sided defender, the club captain can play in many different positions. After coming through the



youth ranks at Celtic, he made 25 appearances for the Bhoys in 2009/2010, including starts in the Champions League. Almost ever-present last season, he was voted Fans' Away Player of the Year and took over the captain's armband in August 2011.

SIMON FERRY

Along with Paul Caddis, Simon Ferry made the permanent switch from Celtic in August 2010 after having made 42 appearances in his first season with the club whilst on loan from the Scottish giants as the Robins reached the League One play-offs. It was his first taste of professional football after he was sidelined for nearly two years with a serious ankle injury at Celtic. Made 25 appearances for the club last season, but has regained his place as a regular starter this year.



JONATHAN SMITH

Swindon Town secured the signing of York City midfielder Smith in June 2011. The former Forest Green Rovers man - where he scored 15



times in just over 100 appearances in midfield - joined the Robins for an undisclosed fee. The 24-year-old was highly-rated during his time with the Minstermen, and the former Morecambe trainee will be hoping of making an impression in League 2.

ALAN CONNELL

Swindon Town clinched the signing of Grimsby Town striker Connell for an undisclosed six-figure sum in July 2011. Connell arrived at Blundell Park from Bournemouth in July 2010 and scored 25 league goals for the Mariners last term - finishing the campaign with 29 in all competitions. A popular player in two spells at Dean Court, the former Ipswich trainee has won promotion to League 1 on three separate occasions and enjoyed prolific spells with Torquay United and Hereford United. He scored his first Town goals with a brace from the bench in the televised 3-2 home win over Rotherham United in early September.



RAFFAELE DE VITA

Italian striker De Vita joined the Robins in June 2011, joining Town

after a three year spell in Scotland with Livingston. De Vita joined Blackburn Rovers aged 15 and came up through the youth and reserve team ranks at Ewood Park. Despite a hat-trick in a reserve team game against Wigan Athletic, first team opportunities never surfaced and the frontman opted to leave the Premier League side. In July 2008 he moved into Scotland to join Livingston where he spent three seasons. Last term he made 31 appearances, scoring 11 goals.



MEHDI KERROUCHE

Algerian striker Mehdi Kerrouche became Paolo Di Canio's eighth signing of the summer when he joined from United Arab Emirates side Al-Oruba. Kerrouche scored 12 goals in 18 games for the UAE Second Division outfit last year, and has been prolific in front of goal for Swindon so far this season with five goals from eight appearances - three of which came from the bench.



ONE TO WATCH

MATT RITCHIE

After two separate loan spells whilst at Portsmouth, Matt Ritchie signed permanently with Swindon Town in January 2011 having also played for Notts County during the 'Sven' era. The skillful wide man made his full debut for the club in the 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round win over Torquay United at The County Ground, before going on to make 34 appearances during the rest of the season, scoring 12 times and leading the way in the assists column. A bustling attacking midfielder, the 22-year-old was voted Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts in 2010/11 and is often used to deliver the ball from set pieces.



OFF THE SUBS' BENCH

ADEN FLINT

Flint joined Town from Blue Square North side Alfreton Town in January 2011 after having attracted interest from the likes of Colchester United, Derby County and Luton Town with his performances for Alfreton. The defender, who has also received two international caps at England 'C' level and was thrust straight into the starting line-up on the opening day of the 2011/12 season, being named man of the match in the 3-0 win over Crewe Alexandra. Replaced Comazzi in the win over Barnet.



LUKAS MAGERA

Town signed Czech Republic international striker Lukas Magera in August from Politehnica Timișoara in the Romanian Second Division. The 6'4 striker has also been with Banik Ostrava, where he has played most of his football since coming through the youth ranks with the club, and played for his country against Scotland in a UEFA Euro 2012 Qualifier in October. Came off the bench for De Vita last weekend.

AHMED ABDULLAH

Joined Swindon on loan from West Ham on the final day of the transfer window this summer. The midfielder has featured five times for the club so far, with four coming from the bench, including last weekend's appearance when he replaced Jon Smith.



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To gauge the mood of the Robins' faithful, we caught up Swindon fan Jon Watton who has been a regular at the County Ground for the last eleven years.

Tell us a little bit about yourself? How long have you supported Swindon etc.

I have followed STFC since moving to the town from Wolverhampton back in 2000. For the last three seasons I have been an executive guest in the member's suite and have travelled to many away games in this time also.

What were your thoughts on how the team performed last season?

It came as a bit of a shock to the system. It was a real big fall from grace as we'd gotten to the play-off final the year before that, so relegation was the last thing on our minds. So a mixture of being extremely disappointed and disgruntled as towards the end it just seemed like a vicious circle we couldn't get out of.

What was your initial reaction to the appointment of Paulo Di Canio?

There's always rumours flying about the place but this one seemed a bit far fetched. However I was delighted when it was confirmed. It has brought a real buzz to the football club and the disappointment of the previous twelve months were forgotten and replaced by excitement and optimism.

Which of the new additions do you think has made the biggest impression since joining the club in pre-season?

Mehdi Kerrouche has very quickly become a fans' favourite and his two goals against Crawley Town sealed a hard earned victory following long periods of us being under pressure. So I would probably have to say him. But there seems to be a lot of potential in the squad and we're looking forward to the remainder of the season which is more can be said for most parts last year.

How do you think Di Canio has done overall?

It is very difficult to judge after only 10 league matches. He's a 50/50 win to loss ratio so I suppose you could say the jury is still out. However this is a steep learning curve and we are improving all of the time. I am convinced come the end of the season Paulo will have succeeded.

It has been a mixed start to the season, especially with home and away form (very similar to ours); do you feel that it is just a case of it taking a while for the team to gel?

It is very early days with lots of new players and I still don't think we know yet what our best side is as each game seems to bring with it more changes to the line up / formation. I do believe however we are now nearing the point where we do and the fact we have taken 12 out of the last 15 available points against strong opposition bodes well.

What are the fans' expectations for the current campaign?

As I said we're optimistic so at the very least a Play-off place. Personally I believe if we are in the top eight at the turn of the year we will be promoted as Champions.

Who do you think will be your main player this season?

It is very difficult to name a main player as this is most certainly a team game needing the everyone to perform to obtain the right results. Phil Smith and Paul Caddis definitely deserve a mention though. However in my opinion the three players whom stand out as being very influential the Robins are Aden Flint, Simon Ferry and Matt Ritchie.

Finally, who are your tips for promotion, play-offs and relegation?

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SWINDON

Swindon is located in the county of Wiltshire midway between Reading and Bristol on the M4 corridor.

Give or take, we reckon it's about 81 miles east of London and 147 from the Moss Rose. Unless you get lost on the Magic Roundabout, a collection of five mini traffic islands that was voted the fifth scariest road junction in the UK back in 2009.



Here's ten things you might or might not know about the town!

- 1 - Swindon's 'Oasis Leisure Centre' is a live music venue and when Manchester band The Inspiral Carpets were playing there with a roadie by the name of Noel Gallagher. His brother Liam saw the name on a gig poster, and thought it might be a good name for a band.
- 2 - After a competition in 2009, Swindon is now 'twinning' with Disney World in Florida - the first time The Magic Kingdom has been twinned with somewhere in the real world.
- 3 - It is unknown if there are plans to rebrand the Teacups ride in a Swindon theme and name it after one of the town's other claims to fame, The Magic Roundabout.
- 4 - If you are feeling a little bit dizzy after a trip around the Magic Roundabout, why not drive in a really straight line for a while? The A419 which runs from near Swindon to Cirencester is partly the Roman Road 'Ermin Street'
- 5 - Speeding is, of course, against the law, but if you drift a bit above the limit, don't panic. Swindon abolished Speed Cameras in 2009.

- 6 - From Speed Cameras to TV Cameras - Swindon Viewpoint was an early experiment in cable TV. The channel lasted from 1973 to 2000 when it was bought by NTL and closed down.

- 7 - As with Bristol, Isambard Kingdom Brunel plays a large part in the history of the town, choosing it as the site for the Great Western Railway's Railway Works.



- 8 - Because trains would usually stop for 10 mins to change locomotives it became the first railway refreshment rooms. And a million jokes about British Rail sarnies were born.
- 9 - If railway food does make you ill, then don't worry. Swindon also sowed the seeds for the NHS. Railway workers paid a small amount from their wages into a healthcare fund for themselves and their families from 1871. It was later used as a blueprint for the NHS.

- 10 - Unknown if he had a dry, curling sandwich, but Sherlock Holmes stopped for lunch in Swindon in one short story - The Boscombe Valley Mystery. It began a tradition of detective work in the town as The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time and Jasper Fford's 'Thursday Next' novels are set in the town.



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Mike Summerbee

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles one of Swindon Town's finest-ever players



Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town.

A son of former Preston and Barrow wing-half George Summerbee, he was born in Preston and moved to Cheltenham as a youngster when his father became

Cheltenham Town's manager. Mike was the first wave of young players introduced by Bert Head at Swindon and made his League debut in the Robins' 2-0 victory at home to Bournemouth three months before turning professional in March 1960.

Summerbee scored his first League goal in Swindon's 4-3 win at home to Colchester United the following month and missed just one match in 1960-61. He formed an exciting right wing partnership with Ernie Hunt and was a key figure as Swindon won promotion for the first time in their history in 1962-63. Other young stars who played for Swindon during this period included Cliff Jackson, Don Rogers, John Trollope and Bobby Woodruff.

Mike featured prominently as Swindon stormed to the top of the Second Division in the opening weeks of the 1963-64 campaign and began to attract the attention of bigger clubs. Summerbee was Swindon's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1964-65, netting 39 goals in 218 League games for the Robins before moving to Manchester City for £31,000 in August 1965.

Joe Mercer's first signing for City, the manager had played alongside Summerbee's father in Aldershot's star-studded wartime team and followed young Mike's progress. Mike was ever-present in City's 1965-66 Second Division title triumph and starred as they won the League Championship in 1967-68, the FA Cup in 1968-69 and League Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup in 1969-70. He missed the latter final through injury but was awarded a special winner's medal.

Summerbee made his full England debut in the 1-1 draw with Scotland in January 1968 that confirmed Sir Alf Ramsey's team as the winners of their European Nations Cup group and

winners of the Home Championship. He kept his place for England's 1-0 victory over Spain at Wembley in the European Nations Cup quarter-final first-leg and scored his only international goal in the 1-1 draw against Switzerland in November 1971.

A fashionable dresser in the 'Swinging Sixties' Mike was part-owner of a boutique with George Best. He was a League Cup finalist again in 1974 and played over 300 games in the top-flight before moving to Burnley for £25,000 in August 1975, then had a spell with Blackpool before becoming Stockport County's player-manager.

Mike was a colourful character and a genuine personality as well as a player with skill in abundance. He retired from the game to concentrate on his business activities, including a bespoke shirt making company, combining these with a successful career as an after-dinner speaker and also appearing alongside Pele in the film 'Escape to Victory'. His son Nicky followed in his footsteps, playing for both Swindon and Manchester City.



MIKE CELEBRATES WITH JOE MERCER



ACTION FROM THE COUNTY GROUND - FEB 1964

Swindon Town career summary:

	League	Cup	Total
1959-60	15 (1)		15 (1)
1960-61	45 (8)	6	51 (8)
1961-62	43 (4)	5	48 (4)
1962-63	37 (6)	6	43 (6)
1963-64	37 (7)	7 (1)	44 (8)
1964-65	41 (13)	2	43 (13)
Total	218 (39)	26 (1)	244 (40)

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Swindon Town 'Classic Campaigns'.

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962/63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge.



They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1969/70

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969/70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14 match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final: Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don



1979/80

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Swindon had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Alan Mayes scored twice in an early 4-0 win over Brentford. They defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1, Wimbledon 2-1 and Arsenal 4-3 in the League Cup before losing 4-3 to Wolves in the semi-finals. Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes formed an exciting partnership as



Swindon gained four successive wins, then trounced Bury 8-0. They took Spurs to an FA Cup fourth round replay but finished mid-table despite signing David Peach and Glenn Cockerill.

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986/87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

1989/90

Swindon Town won the 1989/90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Kerslake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.



1992/93

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992/93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross MacLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley final.



1993/94

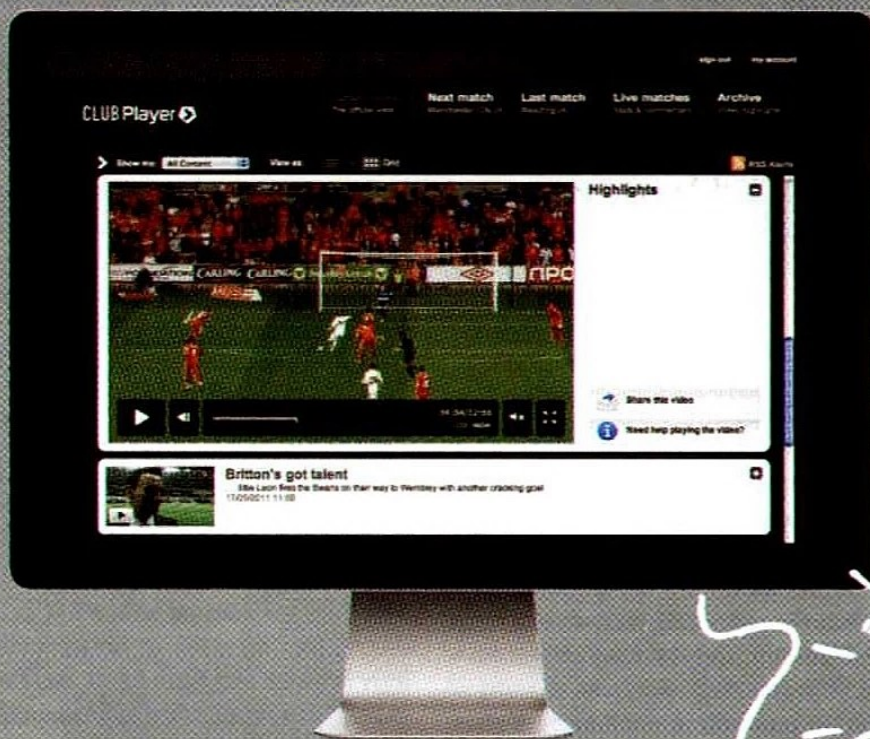
Assistant-boss John Gorman replaced Glenn Hoddle in charge as Swindon Town prepared for the 1993/94 Premiership campaign. New signings included Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Andy Mutch, Luc Nijholt and Adrian Whitbread, with Swindon starting with a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United. They drew 0-0 at Norwich but despite signing Terry Fenwick and Keith Scott, were already facing relegation by the time they managed their first win 1-0 at home to QPR in November. Swindon completed the double over QPR and also beat Southampton, Spurs and Coventry as well as drawing against Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

1995/96

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.



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WHISPER it quietly but are we finally seeing unruly footballers behaviour brought to book by the people they really listen to – their managers.

It's only early days but in the last fortnight there have been three examples of players who have been sent off all being admonished by their bosses. The refreshing approach might not last long but I'm enjoying it while it does. Don't get me wrong, I've never been afraid to stick the boot into officials from the terraces or Press Box but they have a thankless task these days.

With commonsense seemingly outlawed and cameramen at every angle, they are easy targets, so it's been great to see big decisions backed up on the sidelines – and publically.

First MK Dons boss Karl Robinson berated centre-back Gary MacKenzie after he was sent off for an apparent headbutt on Huddersfield's Alan Lee. Rookie boss Robinson left his centre-back in no doubt what he thought:

"It was a disgrace what he did, he knows that, I won't condone it," said Robinson.

"He has been punished internally and he's accepted it like a man. It's not acceptable in the game and it's not acceptable in society."

Huddersfield defender Jamie McCombe followed MacKenzie's madness a week later.

Winning 2-0 at home to rock-bottom Leyton Orient with just five minutes left, McCombe lost the plot and saw red for an off the ball incident. Boss Lee Clark wasn't happy at the time but after the O's scored twice to deny the Terriers a crucial win he was positively raging at the final whistle – and made it clear who with.

"When you have indiscipline in your group that's what happens. He has killed us. He will be fined the maximum and I think 100 per cent he will struggle to get his place back in the team now," said Clark.

"It was stupid, he said the lad grabbed him and he just threw him over but you cannot raise your hands, you have to be better than that. Their lad was right to go down because Jamie has just thrown him to the ground.

"You can't do that, the rugby was last night. It's not right. I'm very frustrated and angry. I've just told him that might be him out of the team for a long time now."

QPR boss and qualified referee Neil Warnock was next up and left Sky viewers in no doubt what he thought of new full-back Armand Traore after his sending-off in the 1-1 draw with Aston Villa. Traore picked up a second yellow card for a ridiculous lunge on Marc Albrighton and headed towards the tunnel – where he found Warnock waiting.

Now I'm no great lip reader but the words we can print included, in no particular order were: 'you're, stupid, team-mates and down.' And Warnock pulled no punches once he faced the press as well.

"I just thought he was a disgrace," he said Warnock. "I will fine him as much as I possibly can. I just think he was a bit thick and naive. I said to him 'when we're playing at Fulham next week what are you going to be doing?'"

Let's hope these wise words have been taken in at Old Trafford, the Emirates and Anfield. Somehow I think it might be a while before they are!

by Craig Chisnall, deputy editor



Programmes

The football programme is as much part of the match day experience as the game itself, and over time has changed beyond all recognition.

A five minute read for some, a treasured memento for others as they look to maintain their collection.

They also help conjure up great memories and over the course of this season, with the help of Macc fan Matt Davies we will be taking a look back at a selection of Silkmen programmes over the years.

Having only visited the Moss Rose on one previous occasion, the choice of this evening's featured programme was not that hard. So we go back to Christmas 2006.

ON THAT DAY

Diminutive comedian Charlie Drake, famous for his "Hello, my darlings" catchphrase passed away aged 81 on this day, the same one that saw the following top flight football results.

Arsenal 6-2 Blackburn Rovers
Aston Villa 0-3 Man Utd
Fulham 0-0 West Ham Utd
Liverpool 2-0 Watford
Man City 0-2 Bolton Wanderers
Middlesbrough 2-0 Charlton Athletic
Newcastle Utd 3-1 Spurs
Portsmouth 3-1 Sheffield Utd
Reading 0-2 Everton
Wigan Athletic 2-3 Chelsea

THE MATCH:

Macclesfield Town vs Swindon Town

THE DATE

23rd December 2006

THE PROGRAMME

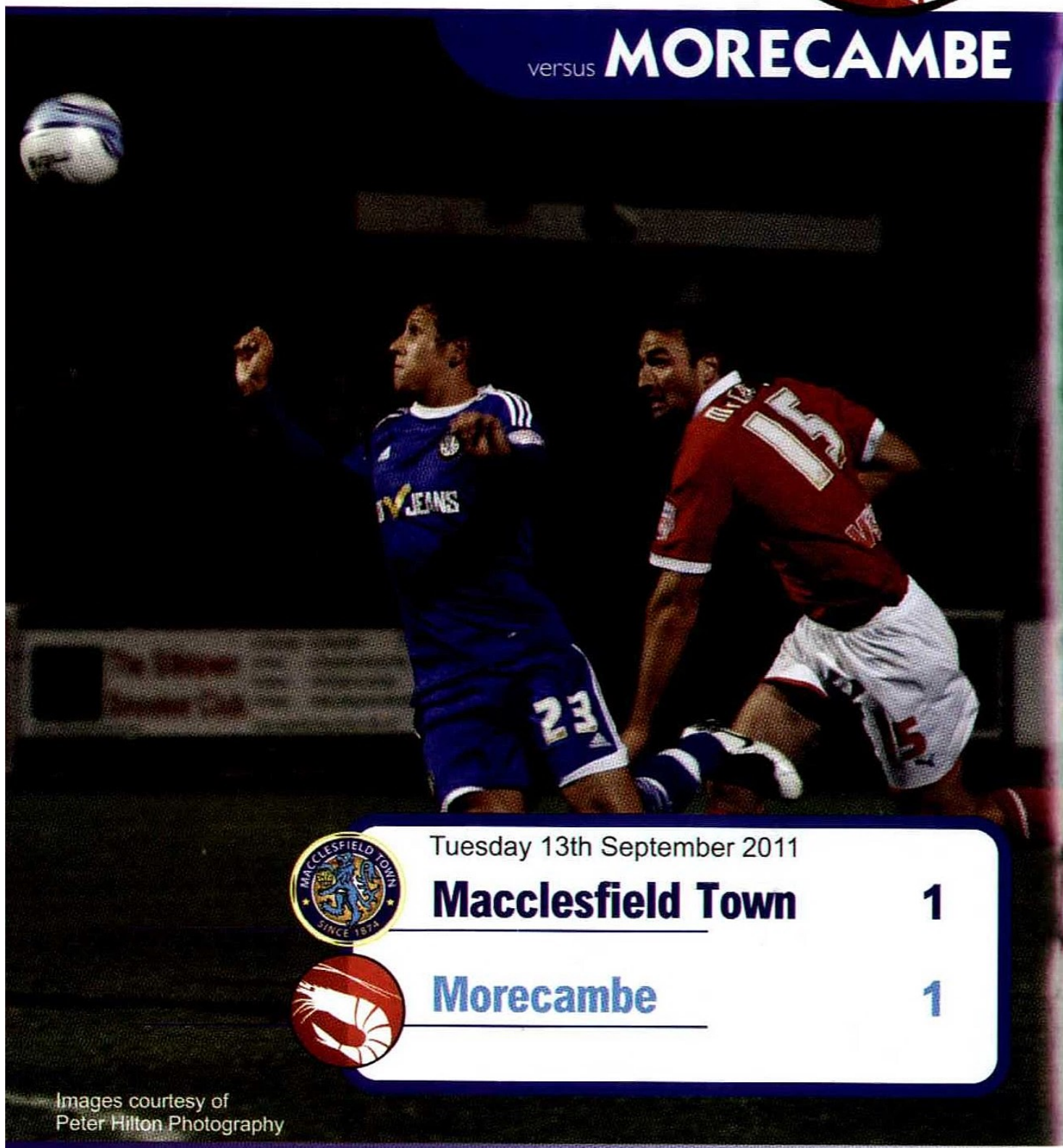
The 48 pages would have set you back £2.00 and the designers were clearly in festive mood having decked the Blues Review headline in snow and hung a bauble from the crossbar featured on the front cover wishing all the readers a Merry Christmas.



Action Replay



versus **MORECAMBE**



Tuesday 13th September 2011

Macclesfield Town

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Morecambe

1

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Match Report



Macclesfield earned their first point in three games against top of the table Morecambe with Ben Tomlinson scoring the quickest ever goal at the Moss Rose.

The striker's low drive after just seven seconds caught the Shrimps cold but Danny Carlton didn't take long to level with his sixth of the campaign.

The visitors came into the game on the back of a brilliant 6-0 victory over fellow high-fliers Crawley but were shell shocked as Tomlinson charged forwards from kick-off and let fly from 20 yards, finding the bottom corner with great accuracy.

Morecambe equalised soon after when Lawrence Wilson's free kick was blocked by the wall but fell into the path of Carlton who fired past Jose Veiga at his near post.

Former Silkman Izak Reid's free kick was headed clear by Shaun Brisley in a dangerous position as the game became very stop-start. Looking eager to impress against his former employers Reid squandered a good chance on 33 minutes when he ran at the Macc backline and shot straight at Veiga when he had team mates unmarked on either side.

In the 37th minute Macc were given a helping hand by the referee when he blocked a Morecambe pass and Sam Wedgbury was able to counter. After he found Tremarco the full-back fed the ball across to George Donnelly and a deflection on his fierce shot almost wrong-footed Roche who did well to save with his legs.

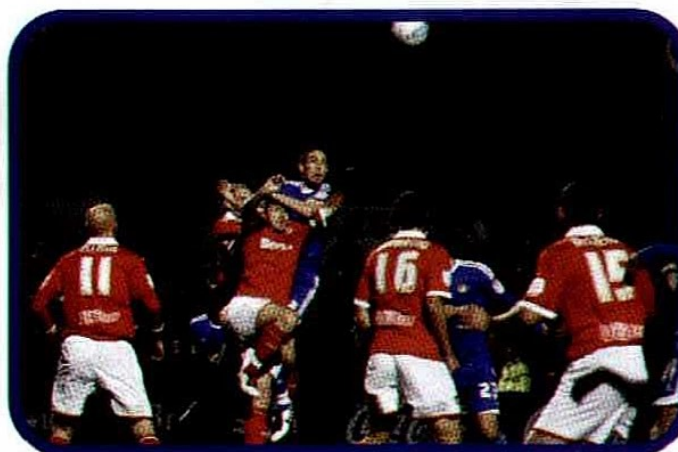
Just before the interval an altercation between Silkmen skipper Nat Brown and Morecambe's Jason Price earned them both bookings and it was fortunate that the half time whistle came not long after as words continued to be exchanged.

Tomlinson almost started the second half as he had the first, going on the attack from the off and inside the first minute of the restart he beat Nick Fenton in the box and drilled in a low ball which was cleared before Colin Daniel could get there.

At the other end Wilson played a one-two with Carlton and his dangerous cross had to be hacked over his own bar by Brown. Brisley headed Wedgbury's corner over for Macc but there were few chances as the majority of the game became a midfield battle with neither side able to put together much with the ball.

The best chance to win the game came on 83 minutes when Will Haining's long throw was cleared back out to him and the near post flick to his cross from the left looked to be going in before Carlton also got his head on it but somehow headed wide from less than six yards.

With two minutes to go Tomlinson brilliantly controlled Wedgbury's chipped ball down the right, flicking the ball inside onto his left foot but curled his shot too close to Roche who parried it clear.



MATCH STATS

	SILKMEN	SHRIMPS
Possession	49%	51%
Attempts on target	4	3
Attempts off target	2	4
Corners	5	7
Fouls	12	7

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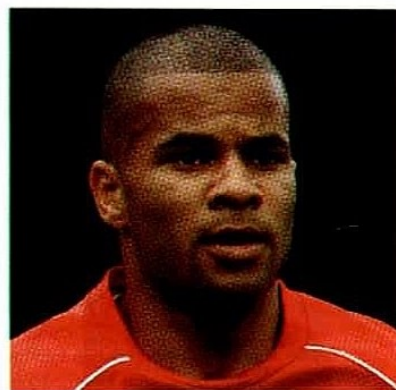
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JOHN GRANT



Family/ Girlfriend:

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Where do you call 'Home':

I grew up and still live in Manchester.

Team Supported as a Boy:

Surprisingly given where I'm from... Liverpool. John Barnes was my hero.

Best Mate in Football:

Lewis Chalmers. He played a big part in bringing me to Macclesfield. I'm good friends with Chris Byrne too who I am sure the fans can remember. I'm going to try and get him to a game.

Best Goal Scored:

It is probably one of the goals in my first hat trick, against Salisbury. A nice chip over the keeper

Who is the team joker?

A few other lads have said the same, it's got to be Sam Wedgbury.

Who do you room with on away trips?

My good mate Lewis Chalmers

One Rule You Would Change?

Having to go off the pitch for treatment after an injury is always annoying.

Who do you fancy for the Premier League this season?

Painful for me to say as a Liverpool fan, but Man United are probably going to make it 20 and then take great joy in reminding everyone.

If you weren't a Footballer what would you be?

It would be probably something in the community. I think I'd still be involved in the game, so probably youth work, or coaching kids.

Have you got a bogey team?

Not really, no! There's no one I think I've ever been particularly off form or unlucky against.

Who has been your toughest opponent?

I came up against Sol Campbell in the Carling Cup when I was with Crewe. We lost 3-1 and it was a very tough experience. Incredibly strong and great positioning

Do you have any superstitions?

Erm.... No.. I don't think I have to be honest.

How many tattoos do you have?

No.. Sorry.. None of those either!



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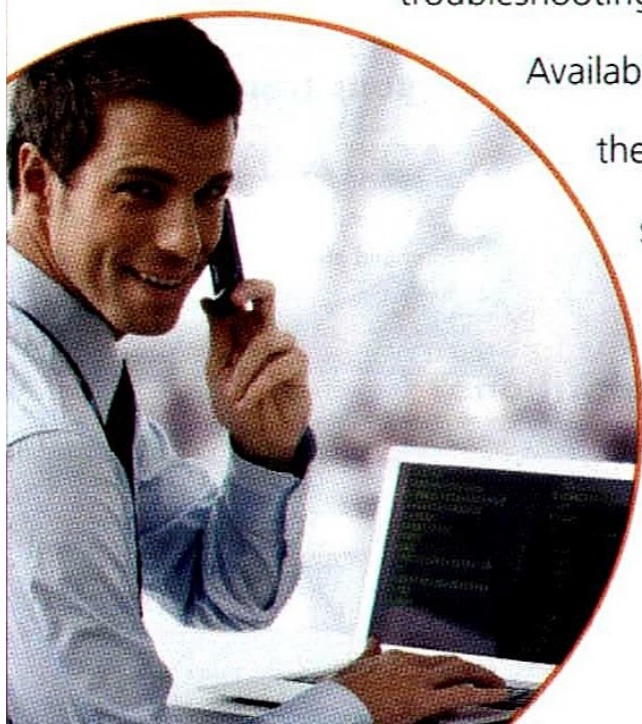
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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Gary Simpson

Played 60 Won 18 Drawn 16 Lost 26
For 73 Against 88

Av Pts/game 1.17

Biggest Win(s) Won 4-0 on 2 occasions

Biggest Loss(es) Macclesfield 0
Stevenage 4 (26/03/2011).

Paolo Di Canio

Played 10 Won 5 Drawn 0 Lost 5 For
17 Against 10

Av Pts/game 1.50

Biggest Win(s) Swindon 4 Barnet 0

(24/09/2011). Biggest Loss(es) Burton
Albion 2 Swindon 0 (17/09/2011).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...0 Gary Simpson.....0 Paolo Di Canio.....0
Goals 0 Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Ben
Tomlinson 21

shots on target

Ben
Tomlinson 15

shots off target

Tony
Diagne 8

assists

Emile
Sinclair 1

crosses

Sam
Wedgbury 9

fouls

Ross
Draper 17

free-kicks-won

Ross
Draper 19

tackles

Vinny
Mukendi



Player with the most...

shots

Matt
Ritchie 29

shots on target

Matt
Ritchie 15

shots off target

Matt
Ritchie 14

assists

Matt
Ritchie 3

crosses

Callum
Kennedy 27

fouls

Raffaele
De Vita 17

free-kicks-won

Paul
Caddis 17

tackles

Ahmed
Abdulla

GAMES SINCE

1	a win	0
0	a home win	0
4	an away win	1
0	a defeat	1
4	a home defeat	3
0	an away defeat	0
2	a score draw	18
7	a no score draw	21
0	conceding a goal	1
1	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	1
1	scoring > 1	0
5	keeping a clean sheet	0
0	failing to score	1
25	back to back wins	2
3	back to back defeats	5
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
1	win by > one	0
0	loss by > one	1

SHARP SHOOTERS

Macclesfield	FL Cup	Tot	Swindon	FL Cup	Tot
Ben Tomlinson	5	0	5	5	0
Tony Diagne	2	0	2	4	1
Arnaud Mendy	1	0	1	3	0

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....2 Macclesfield wins.....1 Swindon wins.....1
Goals 2 (1.0 per game) Goals 3 (1.5 per game)
0-0's.....0 Times failed to score 1 Times failed to score 0

Biggest League win at Macclesfield for each team:

23/12/2006 Macclesfield 2-1 Swindon

No wins for Swindon

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LEAGUE STATS



18	Position	10
10	Played	10
3	Won	5
2	Drawn	0
5	Lost	5
12	Goals For	17
12	Goals Against	10
11	Points	15



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	2	1	11	3	0	3	3

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	0	4	18	2	0	2	17

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	0	16	4	0	1	15

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	5	21	1	0	4	8

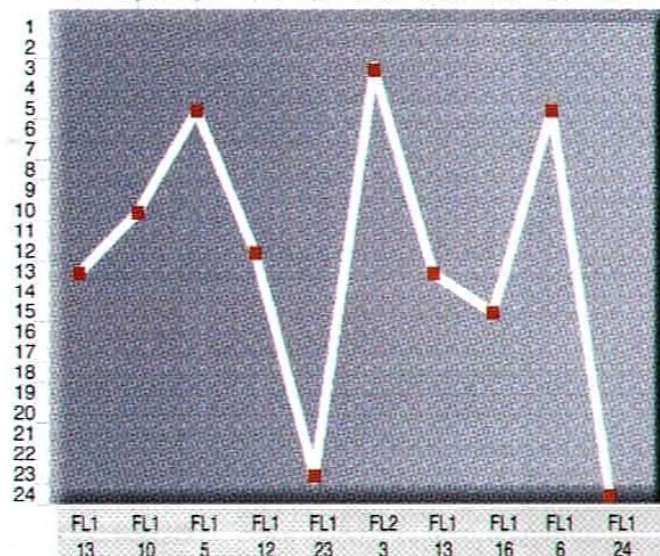
Match Scores

Wins: 3-1[1], 4-0[2], Losses: 0-1[1],
0-2[3], 0-3[1], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[1]

Wins: 2-0[1], 3-0[2], 3-2[1], 4-0[1],
Losses: 0-1[2], 0-2[1], 1-2[2],
Draws: None,

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09 09/10 10/11



*up to and including 25/09/2011

A Numbers Game

Continuing our numerical rundown of squad numbers, in this evening's issue of Blues Review we have reached the number six.

FOR THE SILKMEN

Steve Payne may only have been the club's number six in an injury ravaged spell between 2003 and 2005, but it was his first spell with the club which put him firmly in the 'legendary' category.



STEVE PAYNE

Signing from Huddersfield on loan in September 1994 and making his debut in a 1-1 draw at Stevenage, Payne instantly became a crucial part of the Silkmen's defence which would go on to win two Conference titles, an FA Trophy and promotion to the Second Division.

His initial three month loan spell proved impressive enough to see Sammy McIlroy making it a permanent arrangement in December of the same year. The Silkmen won the Conference that season earning Payne the first of his medal haul with the Silkmen, but arguably his finest moment in a Macclesfield shirt came the next season when he scored the opener for the Silkmen at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final.

More glory was to follow as the Silkmen stormed to a second Conference win, with another memorable Steve Payne moment seeing him play most of the 5-1 win at Southport in goals after the horrific injury to Ryan Price. Payne unfortunately missed the final day 4-1 win at Kettering to seal promotion with appendicitis as the fans on the pitch chanted his name.

Another year and another promotion followed as Payne, who would also captain the Silkmen, helped the club achieve the incredible home record of Played 23 W19 D4 L0 en route to the Second Division.

This would be his final season with the Silkmen as the club were unable to hold on to their lofty position. Towards the end of the campaign, Steve - pushed up front for a game - scored twice against

Chesterfield which saw the Derbyshire club sign him the following summer.

Payne rejoined the Silkmen after five years at Saltergate and played 13 matches at the end of the 2003/4 season. Arriving at the club as squad number '24', he was given the number six shirt for the following year. But sadly he picked up a serious injury in pre-season which kept him out of action for and as unable to play for the club again before his release in April 2005.

OTHERS INCLUDE

Since Steve Payne, only two players have worn the number six for the Silkmen before Paul Morgan first pulled it on. Martin Bullock joined the club in 2005 and played almost 100 times or the club before departing for Wycombe in 2007. Luke Dimech spent the 2007/8 season at the Moss Rose before he was replaced by Paul Morgan.

Before this, the shirt had been worn by amongst others Gregor Rioch, Dave Ridler, Ben Abbey and Steve Macauley

FOR SWINDON

Shaun Taylor was listed amongst a Swindon Town Legends XI by readers of the club's local paper during the 2009/10 season and fits our criteria of wearing the squad number six in their only season in the top flight. During this campaign, Taylor was an ever present for the club after playing a crucial role in their promotion the previous year. In total he remained with the Robins for five years playing an incredible 260 games for the club in that time.



SHAUN TAYLOR

CURRENT INCUMBENTS

Paul Morgan has been wearing the number for the Silkmen since his



signing, initially on loan from Bury, back in 2008. Now one of the longest serving players at the club, Morgs has played almost 120 matches for the club in all competitions.

For Swindon, experienced Italian defender Alberto Comazzi wears 'sei' in this season's squad. Formerly of AC Milan where he made first-team appearances and counting Lazio, Monza, Verona and Spezia amongst his former clubs, he was brought to England by Paulo Di Canio in the summer. He has played three times this season before a red card against Rotherham.

SIX OF THE BEST

The most famous six in English football can only be the man who captained the country to it's only World Cup, in 66. As well as 108 caps for his country (a figure reached without the string of five-minute cameos that gifted the record to David Beckham) Moore played close to 600 games for West Ham before moving on to Fulham for another 150 appearances before a move to America, and then Denmark. The number '6' was retired by West Ham in his honour.



BOBBY MOORE

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Izale McLeod	Barnet	7	1	8
Justin Richards	Burton Albion	7	1	8
Marvin Morgan	Shrewsbury	4	3	7
Danny Carlton	Morecambe	6	1	7
Tyrone Barnett	Crawley Town	6	0	6
Lewis Grabban	Rotherham	6	0	6
Shaun Miller	Crewe	5	1	6
Jack Midson	AFC Wimbledon	6	0	6
Emile Sinclair	Peterborough	3	3	6

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Vale Park	Port Vale	5	24	4.80
Plainmoor	Torquay	5	21	4.20
Cherry Red Records	Wimbledon	5	20	4.00
Broadfield Stadium	Crawley Tn	5	17	3.40
County Ground	Swindon	5	17	3.40
Coral Windows	Bradford	5	17	3.40
Edgar Street	Hereford	5	17	3.40
Don Valley Stadium	Rotherham	5	16	3.20
Globe Arena	Morecambe	5	16	3.20
Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	5	16	3.20
Greenhous Meadow	Shrewsbury	5	13	2.60
Home Park	Plymouth	5	12	2.40
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	5	12	2.40
The Kassam Stadium	Oxford Utd	5	12	2.40
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	5	11	2.20
Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	5	11	2.20
KRBS Priestfield Stad	Gillingham	5	11	2.20
Pirelli Stadium	Burton Albion	5	10	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	5	10	2.00
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	5	10	2.00
L.B. Barking & Dag Stad	Dag & Red	5	9	1.80
Roots Hall	Southend	5	9	1.80
Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	5	8	1.60
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	5	6	1.20

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 72 Gillingham. shots off target 88 Crawley Town. corners 93 Dag & Red. hit woodwork 6 Swindon. offsides 38 Southend. fouls 120 Oxford Utd. yellow cards 23 Southend. red cards 3 Plymouth.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 30 Marvin Morgan (Shrewsbury). Shots on target 16 Danny Carlton (Morecambe). Shots off target 19 Marvin Morgan (Shrewsbury). Assists 6 Danny Schofield (Rotherham). Crosses 45 Lionel Ainsworth (Shrewsbury). Offsides 21 Justin Richards (Burton Albion). Fouls 25 Adebayo Akinfenwa (Northampton). Free-kicks won 27 Anthony Grant (Southend).

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2011/12 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 325

RIGHT FOOT 169 goals



LEFT FOOT 82 goals



HEADERS 69 goals



Own goals 3 (0.9%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Ben Tomlinson (Macclesfield vs Morecambe) 0:03

By a substitute after coming on

Alan Connell (Swindon vs Rotherham) 0:43

DISCIPLINARY



3.2 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Jamie Stuart (Wimbledon vs Bristol Rov) 6:40

By a substitute after coming on

Tommy Fraser (Rotherham vs Barnet) 1:36

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 591

Offsides 613

Corners 1301

Shots Off Target 1360

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

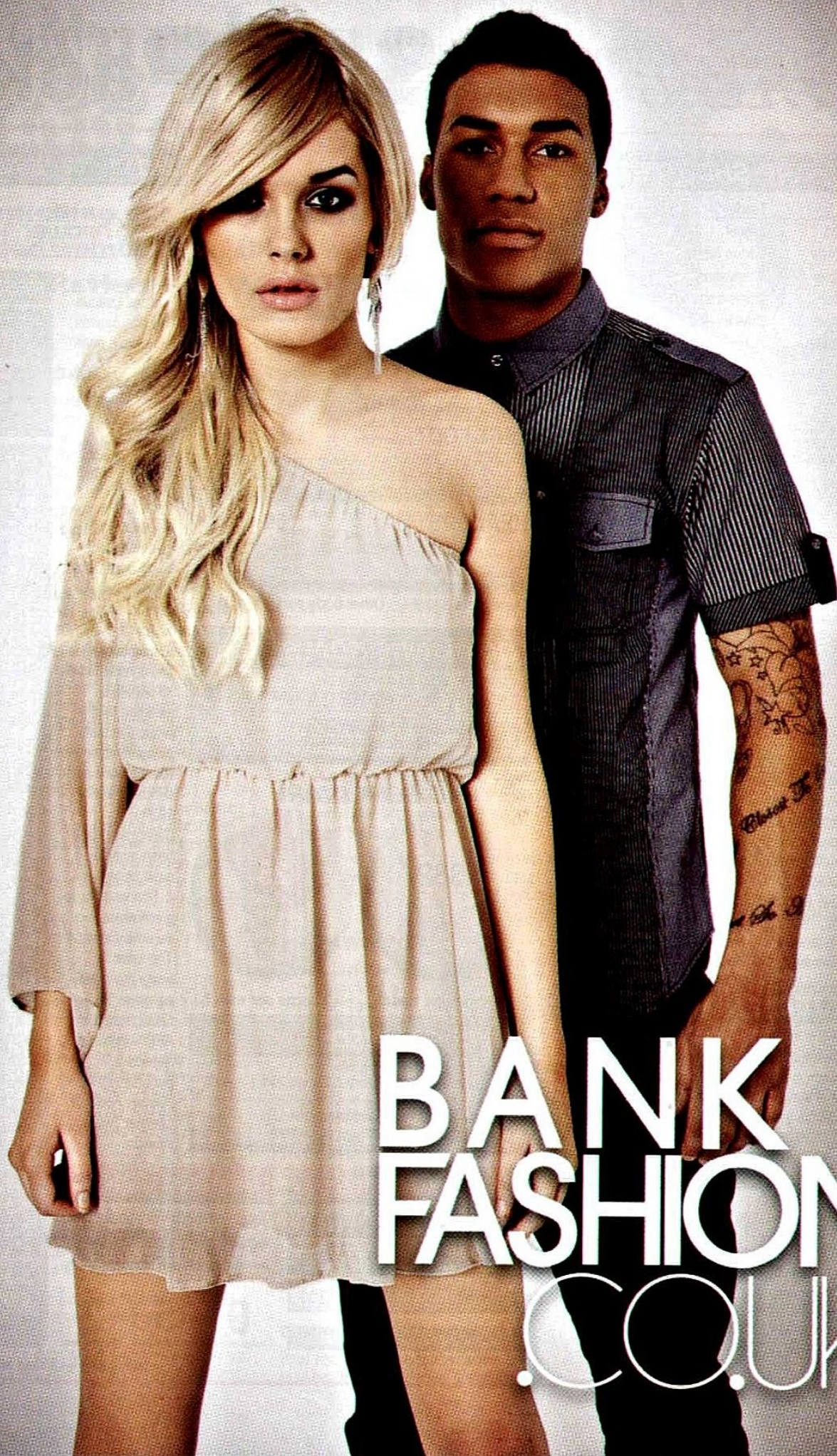
Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 5 2

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	6
0-1	11
0-2	7
0-3	3
0-4	2
0-5	-
1-0	11
1-1	14
1-2	9
1-3	2
1-4	1
1-5	-
1-6	1
2-0	11
2-1	5
2-2	8
2-3	5
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	5
3-1	8
3-2	3
3-3	1
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	2
4-1	3
4-2	1
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
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6-0	1



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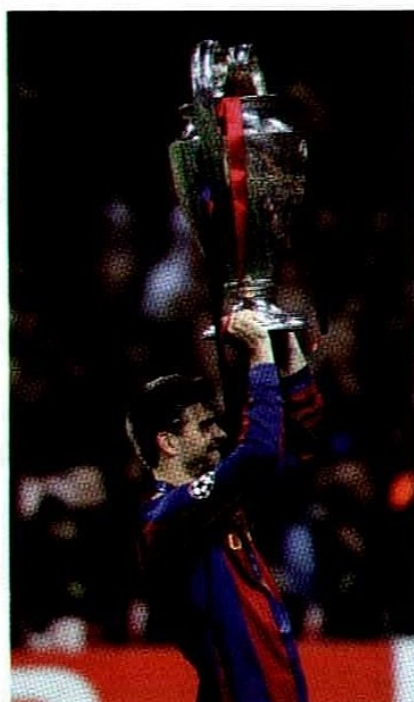
Played at the Moss

Few players can claim to have the title 'best in the world' for their position. But that is often the accolade given to this week's featured player, central defender Gerard Pique.

The player began his career at Barca but left destined for England, and in particular, Manchester United in the summer of 2004.

That season, United had opted to run two reserve sides. Having signed as a youngster in the summer Pique was involved in both their Premier League Reserve and the Pontins League side, and he arrived at the Moss Rose for a Pontins League Cup match in September

The Silkmen took the lead early on in the game, just seven minutes in. Adam Smart whipped in a low cross which evaded Neil Ross and Tommy (Cousin of John – and Wayne) Rooney before finding Iraqi



international Jassim Swadi at the far post who side footed home. But Madds Timm and David Jones scored for United in the first half before Ramon Calliste hit a third (following up a Guiseppi Rossi strike saved by Tim Deasy) for the game to finish 3-1.

Pique made his senior debut only a month later as United beat Crewe in the League Cup. He went on to play a total of 30 matches for the club either side of a loan at Zaragoza, and won both the Premier League and Champions League with them in 2007/8 before a move back to his boyhood club of Barcelona in 2008.

He was immediately a regular for the side in the centre of defence and has added to his medal haul with three La Liga titles, two more Champion's League wins and the small matter of lifting the 2010 World Cup.

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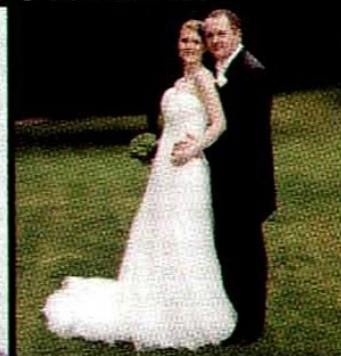
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YOUTH TEAM NEWS

Clean sheet and win for youngsters

The Silkmen Youth Team returned to winning ways last Saturday picking up all three points in their home game with Rochdale.

Macclesfield Town 1 - 0 Rochdale

The Silkmen jumped a couple of places to 10th in the North West Youth Alliance after their win at the weekend. Paul Lewis, who arrived at the club in the summer having previously been at Everton, was on hand to score the only goal of the game with 20 minutes left to play of the Youth Team's first home game at Witton Albion.



Having seen his side ship four goals the previous weekend at Shrewsbury boss John Askey had asked his young charges for a reaction and it was fair to say he was pleased by their response.

"The lads worked really hard in training last week," commented John. "Rochdale are always a tough team to beat. But we worked hard. Closed them down and stuck to the task when it would have been easy to settle for the point."

"And it was a fitting goal to win any game. I think we must have strung together a least a dozen passes and Paul finished off well."

Witton Albion to host selected home games

Last Saturday's game was the first of several home games to be played at Witton Albion over the remainder of the current season.

The decision is aimed at protecting the Moss Rose surface and a decision one John Askey was happy to support.

"It was a little weird playing a home game at Witton," explained John. "But the surface is really good and credit to the lads for adapting to the change in circumstances."

"Most of our games will still be played at the Moss Rose but hopefully this extra bit of respite will allow Gary and the team to continue to play the style of football we have seen this season."

Latest Results

Accrington Stanley 2 - 3 Carlisle United
Blackpool 5 - 3 Morecambe
Bury 1 - 4 Preston North End
Oldham Athletic 2 - 0 Burnley

This Coming Weekend's Fixtures

Carlisle United v Bury
Morecambe v Macclesfield Town
Oldham Athletic v Blackpool
Preston North End v Accrington Stanley
Rochdale v Burnley
Shrewsbury Town v Tranmere Rovers
Walsall v Stockport County
Wigan Athletic v Wrexham

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH- WEST FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/2012

AUGUST 2011

		H	A
Sat 13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2 - 0
Sat 20	Wrexham	A	1 - 1

SEPTEMBER 2011

		H	A
Sat 3	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1 - 1
Sat 10	Walsall	A	0 - 2
Sat 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	1 - 4
Sat 24	ROCHDALE	H	1 - 0

OCTOBER 2011

		H	A
Sat 1	PORT VALE	H	
Sat 8	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	
Sat 29	Stockport County	A	

NOVEMBER 2011

		H	A
Sat 5	HULL CITY (YA Cup R1)*	H	
Sat 12	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	
Sat 19	Port Vale	A	

DECEMBER 2011

		H	A
Sat 3	YA Cup R2*		
Sat 10	Wigan Athletic	A	
Sat 17	WALSALL*	H	

JANUARY 2012

		H	A
Sat 7	Tranmere Rovers	A	
Sat 21	YA Cup R3		
Sat 28	Bury	A	

FEBRUARY 2012

		H	A
Sat 4	WREXHAM*	H	
Sat 18	YA Cup R4		
Sat 25	Preston North End (Ko 10.30am)	A	

MARCH 2012

		H	A
Sat 3	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H	
Sat 10	Blackpool	A	
Sat 17	OLDHAM ATHLETIC*	H	
Sat 31	Carlisle United	A	

APRIL 2012

		H	A
Sat 7	BURNLEY*	H	
Sat 21	Morecambe	A	

Kick-off 11am unless otherwise indicated

* Played at Witton Albion

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North West Conference Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Preston North End	5	3	1	1	11	6	+5	10
2 Carlisle United	7	5	0	2	19	9	10	15
3 Walsall	5	5	0	0	12	2	10	15
4 Bury	6	4	0	2	16	13	3	12
5 Oldham Athletic	6	3	2	1	11	5	6	11
6 Tranmere Rovers	6	3	0	3	11	9	2	9
7 Port Vale	5	3	0	2	10	8	2	9
8 Burnley	6	3	0	3	13	12	1	9
9 Rochdale	7	2	2	3	10	12	-2	8
10 Macclesfield Town	6	2	2	2	6	8	-2	8
11 Stockport County	5	2	1	2	9	14	-5	7
12 Blackpool	8	2	1	5	15	21	-6	7
13 Shrewsbury Town	5	2	0	3	9	9	0	6
14 Wrexham	5	1	1	3	5	9	-4	4
15 Wigan Athletic	5	1	0	4	8	12	-4	3
16 Morecambe	6	1	0	5	8	25	-17	3
17 Accrington Stanley	5	0	2	3	8	11	-3	2

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ROARY'S ROAR



Welcome along to our first taste of Friday Night Football here at the Moss Rose this season.

Usually at this time of the season, with the leaves starting to fall from the trees, I am starting to think about growing my fur in readiness of the winter. But after the week we have just had I am not sure about that. Twenty five degrees at the end of September – what's that all about!

I imagine it must have been tough sat in the classroom staring out at the blue skies. Still at least you have got all the weekend to enjoy it as I understand its set fair for at least another couple of days.

And wouldn't it be great to start the weekend off with a win. So give the lads a big roar!

Roary

ROARY'S TEASERS

To help take your mind off the warm weather I have had another go at settling you some tricky teasers to test your powers of observation.

Who Am I?

I've had a bit of a problem with my camera just lately. I need some help with identifying the Premier League player picture opposite who made the headlines this week. Can you work out who it is?

Wordsearch

In the box I've hidden ten words vaguely associated with this evening's game.

ROBINS
PAULO
SWINDON
WILTSHIRE
OFFSIDE
REFEREE
CORNER
FRIDAY
LIGHTS
WEEKEND

They can be either read up or down, diagonally and even the wrong way round. Can you find them?

Find Roary

I've also hidden myself on three pages of today's programme. Can you spot where I am?

Enjoy the game
Roary

R	E	D	I	S	F	F	O	S	X
W	R	C	T	O	N	S	N	E	L
E	S	O	A	D	F	P	O	E	P
E	T	R	B	E	R	T	D	R	O
K	H	N	S	I	F	N	N	E	R
E	G	E	T	R	N	O	I	F	E
N	I	R	I	G	E	S	W	E	Y
D	L	D	G	O	A	L	S	R	G
E	A	O	L	U	A	P	E	A	R
Y	W	I	L	T	S	H	I	R	E



Find Roary
I was hidden on pages 40, 41 & 42
Can you spot me?

Spot the Difference
1. Addon logo missing off Ben
2. Match missing from referee's
3. No puns logo on paper
4. No white marks top left of
5. Don't miss above the 1 on
6. Player (the right) is missing
7. Right finger

ROARY'S SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Here's a picture taking during last Saturday's trip to Plymouth. The sneaky programme editor has made six changes to the picture at the bottom. Can you spot what they are? Answers at the bottom of page 40.

– Happy hunting



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JOHN GRANT



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AWAY SHIRT

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FORWARD

DOB: 9/8/81 (Manchester)

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ARNAUD MENDY



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AWAY SHIRT

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Scott

AWAY SHIRT

Geoff and Jessie
Scott

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Clubs: Stockport County

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Andy & Sean Worth

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HOME SHIRT

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AWAY SHIRT

AVAILABLE

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DOB: 30/12/1992

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Clubs: From Trainee

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ON THE ROAD

Player

More and more Macc fans are now tuning in to Silkmen Player for live match day commentaries both home and away.

But who are the people behind the voices who keep us all informed when we cannot get to a game. Well to give you a little insight we followed them on their way to Plymouth last Saturday.

Not the result we were all hoping for and by no means a walk in the park as we joined them at the ungodly hour of 6 o'clock in the morning as their journey begins!

So without further ado it's over to Alastair Pattrick who kindly sent us this diary of the day.

6:10am

Banish any thoughts of a Saturday morning lie-in, it's time for a near six hundred mile round trip to Plymouth. Time to drag myself out of bed and head to the station.



7:27am

Meet up with Oliver McLaughlin for a quick breakfast at Piccadilly station. Tiredness is in evidence as "who's idea was this?" is the general feeling at this hour. Time to hop onto the first train of the day

7:48am

The third and final member of the day's commentary team in the form of Richard (my Dad) joins us at Macclesfield station.



8:00am

Now that everyone's woken up a bit talk turns to this afternoon's game. Generally the feeling seems to be despite Plymouth's abysmal start to the season there is a slight concern

the effect of a new manager may be the boost they need.

A run through some of the notes we've made for the game, mainly getting to know the Plymouth side. With four goals so far it's not difficult to remember their top scorers.



8:12am

A change at Birmingham New Street and have a brief chat with a Cheltenham fan. Then it's time for a bit of a nap to save some energy for the game!

11:45am

Still no sightings of any Macc fans but there are a few Pilgrims milling around as we pull into Exeter



12:45pm

At last! Finally pull into Plymouth station. Time to wander on up to the ground, a task that takes us up the hill and through the park, and also the distance seems to be a little concerning for getting back in time for our return train after the game!

1:10pm

Arrive at Home Park, slightly strange as it is hidden behind a collection of buildings but we manage to locate it and spot the first few Macclesfield fans.



1:15pm

Collect our press tickets and enter the ground. Despite the financial turmoil Plymouth staff are very friendly and welcoming. They may not have the facilities – an empty weights room serves as the press room and there's no microwave to heat up the pasties (though the

lack of temperature doesn't dampen Oliver's enthusiasm for them) – but we are well looked after.



1:45pm

Make our way up to the press box. There are a wide variety of facilities in the grounds of league two. Today we are in a fairly cramped area

perched at the very back of the stand. The ground is largely deserted at the moment and we look out onto a sea of empty wooden fold-down seats – the redevelopment of the ground as a potential 2018 world cup venue didn't extend to this side of the ground but it has a certain old-school charm.

2:00pm

Set up the commentary kit and test the ISDN line. Everything seems to be in working order, audio coming through clear – this year's new equipment is a fantastic improvement on our skype based setup from last season.

2:10pm

Fans begin filtering into the ground. It's not just Plymouth and Macclesfield fans though – this afternoon is a 'Fans Reunited' day for Argyle. A whole host of clubs are represented by fans from across the country, turning out to show solidarity with the crisis hit club.

2:20pm

In addition to a change of management there is talk of a takeover being completed – the potential buyer James Brent is interviewed by local press to our right. The feeling among some of the Plymouth fans we speak to seems to be a little unwilling to be too excited having had a few too many false promises on the takeover front.



2:25pm

Team sheets arrive. Exchange formations with the home media – Macc are going for an unchanged line-up, looking to keep two up front seems to be a good move.

2:45pm

The crowd and atmosphere is building. A large band of Brighton fans have congregated in the home end and there is a real positive buzz as the announcer lists all the clubs who have fans at the game to loud applause. The sparse bunch of Macclesfield fans away to our right will be hoping to see the party spoiled.

2:55pm

We go live just before the players enter the pitch. Time to get the commentary underway, hoping the low roof in front of us won't obscure too many high balls on the far side of the pitch

3:10pm

First few emails in from listeners, including one from China. The Silkmen defence looks uncharacteristically shaky, the errors suggest that the occasion may be getting to them



3:22pm

Warren Feeney ends a two year goal drought to head the home side in front. Analysis in the press box is very easy – terrible marking! Things are going according to the script for Plymouth and Macclesfield need to settle.

3:50pm

Half time is here and Macc still trail. Not a terrible performance but hardly inspiring. Plenty of time to change it round still in the second half we hope

4:05pm

Second half gets underway and we are back online.

4:13pm

There is no more joy in this half for Macclesfield. Plymouth double their advantage via a Williams free kick. Initially it looks like the ball didn't cross the line but as it was swiftly followed up and put into the back of the net the debate is academic.

Carl Fletcher's side appear to be galvanised by the atmosphere and Macc struggle to get into the game. As Argyle sat back in the final stages of the game there was a chance to apply some pressure yet they are powerless to stop Plymouth's first clean sheet and win of the season.

4:55pm

Full time and a two nil defeat. Time to summarise the game, pack up the kit, and then indulge in a light jog to the station!

5:23pm

Onto the train with plenty of time in the end, but this small positive seems to do little to allay the disappointment. The first portion of the trip is spent discussing where things went wrong. The long journeys feel a lot longer with performances like this – it also makes commentating a tougher job!

Plenty of Plymouth fans on the train in good spirits as well they might be. They certainly did not look like a side that would gain only one point from their next nine games. The atmosphere around our table is a subdued and there's a chance for another snooze.

8:57pm

Manage to squeeze a change of trains into a one minute window at Birmingham, thus shaving an hour off the journey. Possibly the highlight of the day.

10:39pm

Arrive back in Manchester, the journey at an end, enough time left in the evening to head out to drown our sorrows after a very disappointing afternoon. Still commentating is usually a very enjoyable task, and for every Plymouth there could be a Hereford. Off to Aldershot in two weeks time – a shorter trip at a mere 217 miles.....

Thanks to Alastair and the team and a big thumbs up to our home commentary team of Ray Bamford and his son Kieran.





BLOGGER

By Matt Brown

Do you remember the first time?

I saw a floodlit football pitch for the first time 17 years ago last Tuesday. Floodlit grass isn't the same as sunlit grass. The contrast between the illuminated pitch and the dark outside world has a focusing effect. The 90 minutes seem more detailed when the lights are on.

Tuesday 20th September 1994. Macclesfield Town vs Southport in the GM Vauxhall Conference. I was 8 years old, and it was the first time I visited the Moss Rose.

I can still remember shuffling through the turnstile behind my dad, into the London Road side of the ground. The pitch was unbelievably bright, and huge, far bigger than I'd expected. The two squads were warming up, Macclesfield in blue, just nameless men to me at that point. I had no idea of their names, and had never heard of anyone who played for Macclesfield Town.

The only football I'd seen had been on TV. Manchester United with Eric Cantona, Ian Wright at Arsenal, the superstars that kids imitated in the playground kick around.

Nobody knew it then, but those nameless Macclesfield players were already on their way to becoming legendary. Farrelly, Shepherd, Bimson, Payne, Howarth, Sorvel, Tobin, McDonald, Wood, Power, Lyons. Nine games played so far that season; won 3, drawn 4, lost 2. The biggest legend of them all, Sir John Askey, wasn't playing that night, but I didn't care. I'd never heard of him.

We sat in the Main Stand. We'd be there for the next three years, until moving to the Star Lane End at the start of the 1997/98 season. We're still there now.

Up in the main stand sat pensioners wrapped in blankets, grey, white and still. Watch football long enough and you turn to stone. The whole place smelled of tobacco and the voices around me sounded like shovelled gravel. I'd stepped in to the adult world for the first time, where things weren't censored for

young ears. Everything unsuitable was launched out there into the glow of the floodlights, to echo amongst the shouts of the players. Men cursed and swore and bellowed things that didn't even sound like words from the shadows of the terraces.

I can't remember anything about the game itself, other than the final score, and the goalscorers. Macclesfield Town 3-0 Southport, Wood, Power and McDonald, all goals scored in the second half if my memory is correct.

I enjoyed it, enough to want to come back. Televised football would never be as enjoyable again. The atmosphere, the chanting, the feeling of wanting and willing the team to win and witnessing the outcome, all that was much better live. I became aware –

although I didn't realise it until much later – that TV doesn't show you the whole game. It only shows the ball. There's far more to football, and attending a match is the only way to see all of it.

Certain things stand out from my first few games as a Macclesfield Town fan. A month later, Macclesfield Town vs Yeovil Town, a ponytailed Yeovil player went down injured and some comedian on the London Road terrace shouted "call for Vidal Sassoon!"

I can still hear, in my head, the sickening thud of the tackle from a Bishop Auckland defender

that shattered George Shepherd's leg, and wiped his name from the Silkmen team sheet forever.

On Boxing Day that year, Steve Wood scored a goal direct from a corner. I can't remember seeing that happen since.

Seventeen years later, and by now I've seen us lose more than we've won, but it's still as good as ever.

If you're under the Moss Rose floodlights for the first time this evening, whether you're 8 years old or 58 years old, then I would say this to you:

It can be hard work, supporting a football team.

But it's much better than staying at home.



Action Replay



versus **NORTHAMPTON TOWN**



Saturday 17th September 2011

Macclesfield Town

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Northampton Town

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Match Report



Macclesfield picked up their first victory in three games with a Ben Tomlinson brace and Colin Daniel's first of the campaign home pointless.

Marlon Jackson cancelled out Tomlinson's opener moments before half time but a great second half performance gave Macc a well deserved three points with the former Worksoop striker firing in his fifth of the season before late substitute Daniel wrapped up the win.

The visitors looked to have the upper hand during the opening exchanges with Kelvin Langmead and then John Johnson firing in dangerous low crosses which were just cleared to safety. At the other end the Silkmen spurned a glorious chance of their own when Elliott Hewitt flashed the ball across the six yard box and with the goal at his mercy George Donnelly failed to turn the ball in.

By the midway point of the half the home side had got into a good passing rhythm and started to really take the game to the Cobblers. Ross Draper saw his 20 yard drive blocked by a defender and Tony Diagne's ambitious 30 yard effort was well held by visiting keeper Sam Walker.

However Walker was to blame on 36 minutes when his poor clearance from a back pass flew straight to Tomlinson who controlled well and took the ball inside before firing a low drive back into the bottom corner to give Macc the lead. The half looked to be petering out before Northampton drew level out of the blue when Lewis Young was allowed space on the right to pull the ball back to Jackson and although he seemed to scuff his side-footed effort it rolled agonizingly out of Jose Veiga's reach and into the bottom corner for his first Cobblers goal.

The second half began slowly and it took until the hour mark before it came to life with the Silkmen forcing Northampton back into their penalty area for long periods with a string of chances.

The Silkmen were becoming increasingly frustrated as there always seemed to be a yellow shirt in the way of their goal-bound strikes although still had to be wary at the back - Michael Jacobs calling Veiga into action to stop his low 20 yard effort after the keeper had been a spectator since half time.

They finally got the breakthrough their play deserved with six minutes left on the clock when Hewitt's ball in from the right was behind Donnelly but Tomlinson adjusted his position to expertly fire first time past Walker.

Gary Simpson immediately brought on Daniel to replace Hamshaw and the former Crewe man took just two touches to guarantee Northampton would be heading home defeated. With the visitors pushing men forward in search of another equaliser Macc were able to counter attack with three against two to play Daniel through on goal and after taking a touch to control he slid the ball under the keeper with his right foot for his first of the season.

MATCH STATS

	SILKMEN	COBBLERS
Possession	52%	48%
Attempts on target	12	5
Attempts off target	5	4
Corners	7	4
Fouls	6	8

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Morecambe	10	2	1	2	11	5	4	1	0	10	3	13	20
2 Shrewsbury	10	4	1	0	10	3	2	1	2	5	6	6	20
3 Southend	10	3	1	1	6	3	3	0	2	9	8	4	19
4 Crawley Town	10	4	0	1	12	5	2	1	2	7	12	2	19
5 Rotherham	10	3	1	1	9	7	2	2	1	12	9	5	18
6 Gillingham	10	3	1	1	8	3	2	1	2	10	8	7	17
7 AFC Wimbledon	10	2	1	2	10	10	3	1	1	7	6	1	17
8 Oxford Utd	10	1	4	0	7	5	3	0	2	6	5	3	16
9 Burton Albion	10	3	2	0	7	3	1	2	2	7	9	2	16
10 Swindon	10	4	0	1	13	4	1	0	4	4	6	7	15
11 Port Vale	10	2	1	2	13	11	2	2	1	9	6	5	15
12 Bristol Rovers	10	2	1	2	4	4	2	2	1	9	10	-1	15
13 Torquay	10	1	3	1	11	10	2	2	1	4	4	1	14
14 Cheltenham	10	3	1	1	7	3	1	1	3	6	10	0	14
15 Aldershot	10	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	1	6	4	0	14
16 Crewe	10	2	1	2	9	7	2	0	3	3	6	-1	13
17 Northampton	10	1	2	2	4	6	2	1	2	8	7	-1	12
18 Macclesfield	10	2	2	1	8	3	1	0	4	4	9	0	11
19 Accrington Stanley	10	2	1	2	5	6	0	4	1	3	6	-4	11
20 Dag & Red	10	1	1	3	3	6	2	0	3	4	6	-5	10
21 Barnet	10	1	2	2	5	7	1	1	3	6	13	-9	9
22 Bradford	10	1	1	3	8	9	0	2	3	5	9	-5	6
23 Hereford	10	1	0	4	2	15	0	3	2	2	5	-16	6
24 Plymouth	10	1	0	4	3	9	0	1	4	2	10	-14	4

Attendances

	High	Low	Average
Bradford City	10255	9594	9946
Swindon Town	12113	6304	8159
Oxford United	8043	6102	6762
Bristol Rovers	8427	5065	6257
Plymouth	6015	5018	5731
Shrewsbury	6421	5050	5548
Port Vale	5889	4615	5085
Port Vale	5889	4615	5085
Gillingham	5360	4619	4969
Southend	5105	4598	4857
AFC Wimbledon	4629	3860	4280
Northampton	4621	4016	4212
Crewe	6613	3142	4058
Rotherham	4484	3286	3697
Burton	3608	2246	3041
Aldershot Town	4110	2236	3033
Crawley Town	3693	2389	2914
Cheltenham	4402	2035	2865
Torquay United	3142	2018	2491
Morecambe	4025	1833	2473
Barnet	2812	1849	2353
Dagenham & R	2904	1728	2125
Hereford	2045	1599	1797
Macclesfield	2033	1527	1774
Accrington	2652	1362	1698

Club by Club Discipline

	F	Y	R	P
Gillingham	120	21	1	2
Oxford United	120	15	1	1
Burton	119	20	3	0
Port Vale	118	22	1	1
Torquay United	118	13	1	0
Swindon Town	115	20	1	1
Plymouth	114	17	3	3
Southend	113	23	1	2
Rotherham	112	7	1	1
Accrington	109	16	3	2
Bradford City	107	9	0	0
Barnet	102	16	0	0
Northampton	100	18	2	1
Shrewsbury	99	16	1	1
Cheltenham	98	16	1	1
AFC Wimbledon	98	14	1	2
Bristol Rovers	97	23	0	3
Hereford	97	16	0	0
Macclesfield	95	13	0	1
Crawley Town	94	16	1	1
Aldershot Town	94	13	1	0
Dagenham & R	89	12	1	1
Morecambe	78	13	0	0
Crewe	66	9	1	1

F = Fouls Committed
Y - Yellow Cards
R = Red Cards
P = Penalties Conceded

Player Statistics

	Current Season		Silkmen Career	
	Appearances	Goals	Appearances	Goals
Jon Bateson	5(0)	0	5(0)	0
Shaun Brisley	12(0)	1	109(8)	7
Nat Brown	12(0)	0	132(3)	14
Lewis Chalmers	8(3)	0	35(12)	2
Steve Collis	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
Jack Cudworth	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
Colin Daniel	1(4)	1	88(15)	14
Greg Daniels	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
Tony Diagne	12(0)	2	31(1)	3
George Donnelly	4(0)	0	4(0)	0
Ross Draper	12(0)	1	78(8)	7
Waide Fairhurst	1(2)	0	1(2)	0
Tom Fisher	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
John Grant	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
Matt Harnshaw	4(5)	0	24(16)	2
Elliott Hewitt	7(1)	0	8(1)	0
Scott Kay	6(3)	0	6(3)	0
Jack Lane	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
Arnaud Mendy	0(4)	1	0(4)	1
Paul Morgan	0(0)	0	111(3)	1
Vinny Mukendi	0(3)	0	18(22)	4
Adam Roberts	0(0)	0	0(2)	0
*Emile Sinclair	6(1)	4	85(18)	18
Michael Thomas	0(0)	0	0(4)	0
Ben Tomlinson	7(3)	5	7(3)	5
Carl Tremarco	11(0)	0	62(8)	0
Jose Veiga	12(0)	0	70(0)	0
Sam Wedgbury	12(0)	0	26(12)	1

*Left club (Subs appearances in brackets)

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Saturday 15th October 2011

OXFORD UNITED



The Silkmen play host to Oxford United in their next home npower League 2 encounter and if the game is anything like the two sides previous encounter at the Moss Rose we are in for a cracker!

Solid First Year Back in League

The Us reclaimed their place in the Football League back in May 2010 after an absence of four years and whilst many harboured hopes of back to back promotions, the Kassam Stadium faithful will have been more than happy with their solid mid-table finish.

The goals of James Constable and Tom Craddock, who scored fifteen apiece, were undoubtedly the major threat upfront and manager Chris Wilder will have been delighted to have kept both at the club over the summer despite interest from other clubs. That joy has been tempered somewhat however by the knee injury to Craddock who is still to return to action.

More of the same

It would certainly appear to be more of the same this season as after ten games of the current campaign United lie in eighth place just two points outside the play-offs and four off top spot.

But whereas their home form was the mainstay of their points tally last season, United have won just once in front of their home fans. The other four games were drawn suggesting they are still a tough side to beat, and that is confirmed by three victories out of five on the road.



Manager looks to experience of Duberry

Defender Michael Duberry joined the club on a two-year deal in the summer having previously played for Scottish Premier League side St

Speaking on the day of the signing U's manager Chris Wilder said: "Michael is an extremely experienced and accomplished defender who has played at the very highest levels of the game. He's a leader, a talker, a safe player and the sort of person we need."

"He fits the bill for us and his

enthusiasm and desire to finish his career on a high is evident," Wilder continued. "He played a full season in the SPL against the likes of Rangers and Celtic and had an outstanding season."

Duberry added: "It's an exciting time for me and Oxford United and it will be a new challenge for me.

"I have spoken to the manager at length and the ambition of the club is exceptional and I want to be part of it. We're looking to push on, do better and move the club forward."

Recent Results

Home - Accrington (D 1-1), Burton (D 2-2), Aldershot (D 1-1), Shrewsbury (W 2-0), Bradford (D 1-1)

Away - Barnet (W 2-0), Dagenham (W 1-0), Crewe (L 3-1), Swindon (W 2-1), Rotherham (L 1-0)

Last Time at the Moss Rose

Possibly one of the games of last season saw the Silkmen come back to claim an unlikely three points after going into the break two goals behind! But a brace from Paul Bolland and a nice finish from Matty Hamshaw completed the remarkable turnaround last October.

SILKMEN STATS

2011/2012



Date	Opponents	Venue	Time	Comp.	Result	Pos.	Att.	(away)
					F-A			
AUGUST								
Sat 6	DAGENHAM & R	H	15:00	FL2	0-1	21st	1566	190
Tue 9	Hull City	A	19:45	CC1	2-0	----	4826	112
Sat 13	Crawley Town	A	15:00	FL2	0-2	22nd	2389	147
Tue 16	Hereford	A	19:45	FL2	4-0	15th	1609	46
Sat 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	15:00	FL2	0-0	15th	1865	479
Wed 24	Bolton Wanderers	A	19:45	CC2	1-2	----	6777	870
Sat 27	AFC WIMBLEDON	H	15:00	FL2	4-0	13th	1881	386
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	Torquay United	A	15:00	FL2	0-3	15th	2307	126
Sat 10	Cheltenham	A	15:00	FL2	0-2	19th	2268	70
Tue 13	MORECAMBE	H	19:45	FL2	1-1	21st	1527	294
Sat 17	NORTHAMPTON	H	15:00	FL2	3-1	17th	2033	388
Sat 24	Plymouth	A	15:00	FL2	0-2	18th	6005	68
Fri 30	SWINDON TOWN	H	19:45	FL2				
OCTOBER								
Wed 5	Crewe Alexandra	A	19:30	JPT2				
Sat 8	Aldershot Town	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 15	OXFORD UNITED	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 22	Crewe	A	15:00	FL2				
Tue 25	BRADFORD CITY	H	19:45	FL2				
Sat 29	SOUTHEND	H	15:00	FL2				
NOVEMBER								
Sat 5	Burton	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 19	ACCRINGTON	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 26	Barnet	A	15:00	FL2				
DECEMBER								
Sat 10	GILLINGHAM	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 17	Shrewsbury	A	15:00	FL2				
Mon 26	ROTHERHAM	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 31	PORT VALE	H	15:00	FL2				
JANUARY								
Mon 2	Accrington	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 7	AFC Wimbledon	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 14	TORQUAY UNITED	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 21	Swindon Town	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 28	CHELTENHAM	H	15:00	FL2				
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	Northampton	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 11	PLYMOUTH	H	15:00	FL2				
Tue 14	Morecambe	A	19:45	FL2				
Sat 18	ALDERSHOT TOWN	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 25	Oxford United	A	15:00	FL2				
MARCH								
Sat 3	Bristol Rovers	A	15:00	FL2				
Tue 6	HEREFORD	H	19:45	FL2				
Sat 10	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 17	Dagenham & R	A	15:00	FL2				
Tue 20	Rotherham	A	19:45	FL2				
Sat 24	BARNET	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 31	Gillingham	A	15:00	FL2				
APRIL								
Fri 6	SHREWSBURY	H	19:45	FL2				
Mon 9	Port Vale	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 14	CREWE	H	15:00	FL2				
Sat 21	Bradford City	A	15:00	FL2				
Sat 28	BURTON	H	15:00	FL2				
MAY								
Sat 5	Southend	A	15:00	FL2				

Veiga	Bateson	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Bateson	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Bateson	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Hewitt	Brown	DIAGNE	Brisley
Veiga	Hewitt	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Hewitt	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Hewitt	Brown	DIAGNE	BRISLEY
Veiga	Bateson	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
Veiga	Bateson	Brown	Diagne	Brisley
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THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Tonight

Southend v Shrewsbury

Tomorrow

AFC Wimbledon v Gillingham
 Accrington Stanley v Aldershot
 Barnet v Northampton
 Bristol Rovers v Cheltenham
 Burton Albion v Bradford
 Crawley Town v Plymouth
 Dag & Red v Crewe
 Hereford v Oxford Utd
 Port Vale v Rotherham
 Torquay v Morecambe

KEY: * = score includes own goal = sent off = Booked CAPS = goalscorers
 SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS are in colour † = won 5-3 on penalties

STARTING ELEVEN

SUBSTITUTES



Key	Draper	Wedgbury	Hamshaw	Fairhurst	Tomlinson
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	SINCLAIR 2	Tomlinson
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	Sinclair	Tomlinson
Tremarco	DRAPER	Wedgbury	Chalmers	Sinclair	Hamshaw
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	Sinclair	Kay
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	SINCLAIR	Kay
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	SINCLAIR	Kay
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	Tomlinson	Kay
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Chalmers	Donnelly	Kay
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	TOMLINSON	Donnelly	Daniel
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	TOMLINSON 2	Donnelly	Hamshaw
Tremarco	Draper	Wedgbury	Tomlinson	Donnelly	Hamshaw

Tremarco	Hewitt	Chalmers	Mendy	Sinclair	
Cudworth	Kay	Hamshaw	Mendy	Thomas	Grant
Hewitt	Kay	Hamshaw	Mendy	Grant	
Bateson	Kay	TOMLINSON 2	Mendy	Grant	
Bateson	Hamshaw	Tomlinson	Mendy	Grant	
Bateson	Hamshaw	Tomlinson	Mendy	Grant	Mukendi
Bateson	Hamshaw	Tomlinson	MENDY	Grant	Mills
Daniel	Hamshaw	Roberts	Mukendi	Grant	
Daniel	Hamshaw	Tomlinson	Mukendi	Grant	
Bateson	Hamshaw	Kay	Chalmers	Grant	
Fairhurst	DANIEL	Kay	Chalmers	Grant	
Fairhurst	Daniel	Kay	Chalmers	Grant	



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THE TEAMS

Friday, 30th September 2011
npower League 2
Kick-Off 7.45pm

MACCLESFIELD TOWN

Manager: Gary Simpson

Squad (from)

1	JOSE VEIGA	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	JON BATESON	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	CARL TREMARCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	SCOTT KAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	NATHANIEL BROWN	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	PAUL MORGAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	LEWIS CHALMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	ROSS DRAPER	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	GEORGE DONNELLY	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	VINNY MUKENDI	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	COLIN DANIEL	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	ARNAUD MENDY	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	JACK CUDWORTH	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	TONY DIAGNE	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	JOHN GRANT	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	SHAUN BRISLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	SAM WEDGBURY	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	WAIDE FAIRHURST	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	TOM FISHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	MATT HAMSHAW	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	STEVE COLLIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	BEN TOMLINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	ELLIOTT HEWITT	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	ADAM ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	ANDREW MILLS	<input type="checkbox"/>

MATCH OFFICIALS

Ref: Steve Rushton

Asst: Bob Roberts

Asst: Nigel Smith

4th: Karl Evans

SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Paolo Di Canio

Squad (from)

1	MATTIA LANZANO	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	CALLUM KENNEDY	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	ADEN FLINT	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	JOE DEVERA	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	ALBERTO COMAZZI	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	PAUL CADDIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	SIMON FERRY	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	MATT RITCHIE	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	ETIENNE ESAJAS	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	ALAN MCCORMACK	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	OLIVER RISSER	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	JORDAN PAVETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	NATHAN THOMPSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	IBRAHIM ATIKU	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	ALAN CONNELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	MARK SCOTT	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	MATT CLARK	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	ABDUL SAID	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	LANDER GABILONDO	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	RAFFAELE DE VITA	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	JONATHAN SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	PHIL SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	ALESSANDRO CIBOCCHI	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	LUKAS MAGERA	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	AHMED ABDULLAV	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	MEHDI KERROUCHEV	<input type="checkbox"/>

NEVER FORGOTTEN



NEXT UP OXFORD UNITED

Saturday, 15th October
Kick-Off 3.00pm
npower League 2



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