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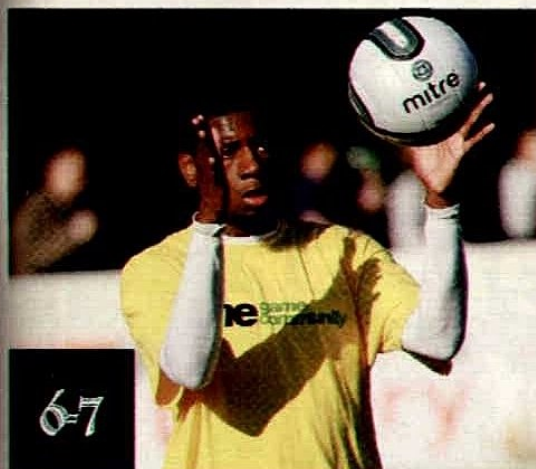
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Charlton v Carlisle
Chesterfield v Hartlepool
Exeter v Rochdale
Huddersfield v Preston
Leyton Orient v Sheffield Utd
MK Dons v Scunthorpe
Notts County v Brentford
Oldham v Wycombe
Sheffield Wed v Colchester
Stevenage v Yeovil
Tranmere v Walsall

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Today

Aston Villa v West Brom
Bolton v Sunderland
Liverpool v Norwich 5.30pm
Newcastle v Wigan
Wolverhampton v Swansea 12.45pm

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Stoke 1.30pm
Blackburn v Tottenham
Fulham v Everton 1.30pm
Man Utd v Man City 1.30pm
QPR v Chelsea 4.00pm

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Today

Blackpool v Nott'm Forest
Cardiff v Barnsley
Coventry v Burnley
Hull v Watford
Ipswich v Crystal Palace
Leicester v Millwall
Middlesbrough v Derby
Peterborough v Leeds 12.00pm
Portsmouth v Doncaster
Reading v Southampton 5.20pm

Tomorrow

Bristol City v Birmingham

NPOWER LEAGUE ONE

Today

Bournemouth v Bury
Charlton v Carlisle
Chesterfield v Hartlepool
Exeter v Rochdale
Huddersfield v Preston
Leyton Orient v Sheffield Utd
MK Dons v Scunthorpe
Notts County v Brentford
Oldham v Wycombe
Sheffield Wed v Colchester
Stevenage v Yeovil
Tranmere v Walsall

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**LET'S
KICK
OUT OF
FOOTBALL**

RACISM

Carl Fletcher



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Paolo di Canio, his players, and the staff, officials, and, of course, the supporters of Swindon Town to Home Park.

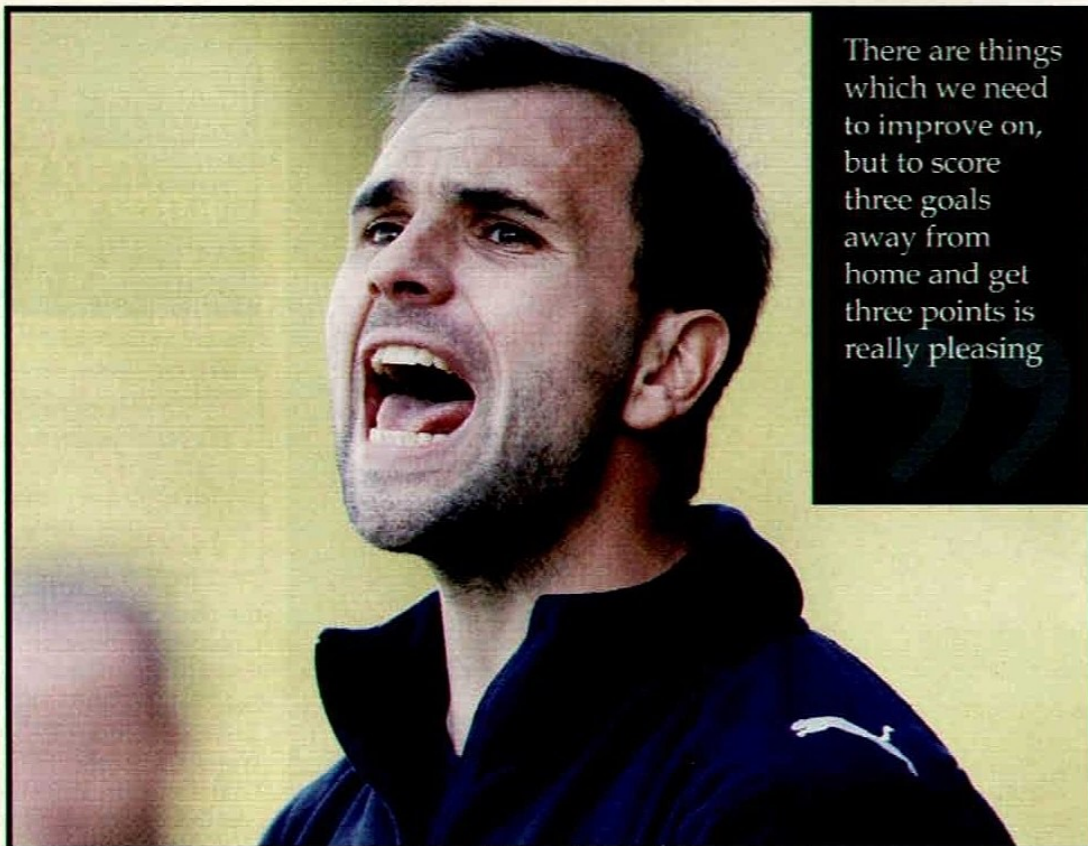
I would also like to pass on the condolences of everyone at Home Park to Paolo on the recent passing of his father.

At Argyle, we have recently suffered a loss of our own with the sudden death of one of our two chaplains, John Rowland.

Along with the Chairman, I attended a memorial service at John's church - St Luke's in Buckfastleigh - this week which celebrated his life. It really put things in perspective.

John was nearly as passionate about Argyle as he was about his calling and touched the lives of many people, not least of all the lads who had come to know him. Our thoughts are with his widow, Penny, his family and his friends.

I know John would have been delighted with the spirit shown by the lads at Dagenham on



There are things which we need to improve on, but to score three goals away from home and get three points is really pleasing

Saturday, as we all were.

They worked their socks off, as they have done since I came into the job. They deserved the three points just for their effort alone.

There were a lot of positives from the game on Saturday. Obviously, there are things which we need to improve on, but to score three goals away from home and get three points is really pleasing.

We started well and we had bit of a dodgy second-half, but we were delighted to get the win. We were pleased, for the

players and the staff, and everyone on the bench, that they got something out of their hard work.

We are all on a learning curve: the players, and myself and Ro on the sideline. As long as you learn from things, and you do not keep on making the same mistakes, then you are improving.

We have got players who are in only their first season playing competitive football, and Ro and I have had only four games in charge. We are learning all the time.

We were disappointed not to get three points in our last home game against Accrington but we learnt some things from that draw, and I am sure that helped us bounce back at Dagenham.

We really want to do well for everyone, including the fans, because they deserve it, as well. We will keep plugging away, trying to do well for ourselves and everyone at Plymouth Argyle.

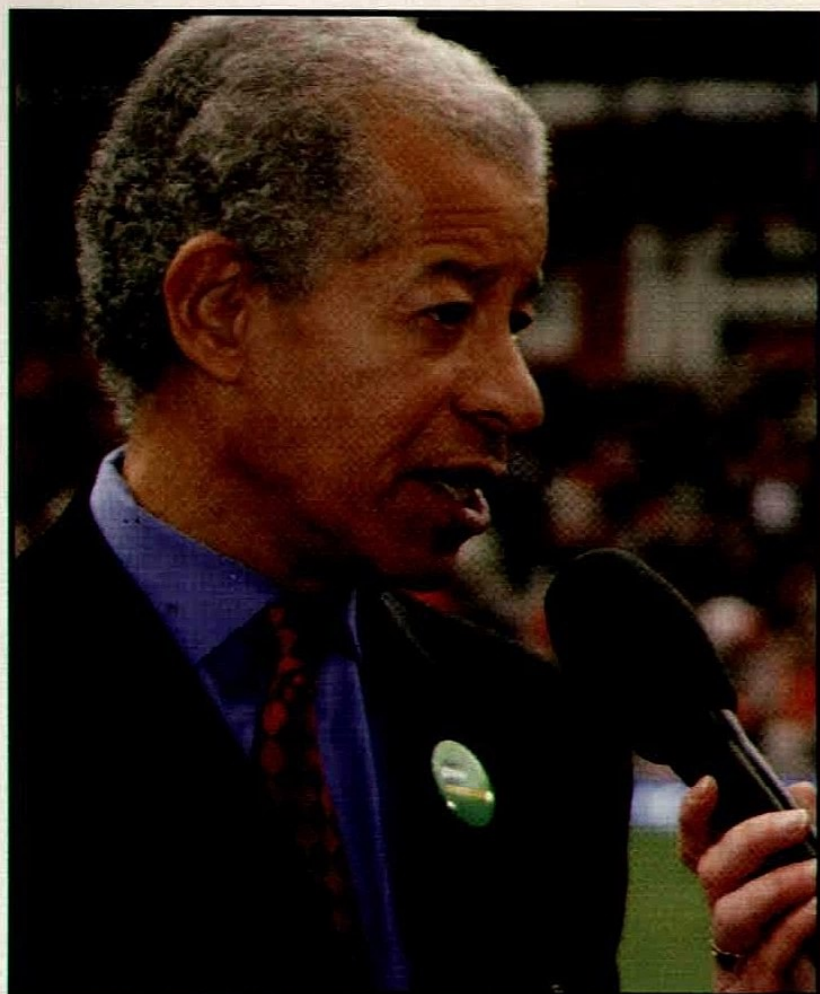
Today's match is our Kick It Out One Game, One Community Week of Action game - our opportunity to

join with the whole football world in preaching the message of equality and inclusion.

As a club, and as players who are role models in their community and beyond, we support and respect fellow professionals and lovers of the Beautiful Game from all backgrounds, creeds and faiths.

Thank you for your support.

Kick it Out: One Game



**LET'S
KICK
OUT OF
FOOTBALL** **RACISM**

Plymouth Argyle operates a zero-tolerance policy on discrimination of any kind - to report discrimination in at Home Park, please contact the club freephone 0800 169 9414

Kick It Out's One Game, One Community weeks of action are here, with a renewed call from football's equality and inclusion campaign for supporters everywhere to report discrimination heard, or seen in stadia.

"Some of the worst excesses of abuse, where players, fans, even managers and coaches, were abused, harassed and attacked based on colour, race and religion, are now thankfully a thing of the past," said Lord Herman Ouseley, the campaign's Chair.

"But pockets of unacceptable behaviour still exist. It's the duty of everyone within the game to flag this up where and when it happens."

Throughout the 18-day period, extended this season by a week

to accommodate all home fixtures, professional clubs will be making their contribution by holding match-day activities at their dedicated One Game, One Community day of action.

At grass roots and amateur level, a number of thought leadership seminars, football tournaments and fan and community-led activity will take place.

Notable link ups include those with

the Black and Asian Coaches Association, the Gay Football Supporters Network, and the Muslim Women's Sport Foundation in a continued attempt to engage with and provide support to as many communities and groups as possible.

One marquee event will see former world champion boxer Barry McGuigan join Kick It Out for its Faith in Football conference at Birmingham City's St Andrews Stadium on Thursday.

With the dust settled but ramifications still being felt from the August riots, a number of fixtures having fallen victim to the troubles, the weeks of action is a period where a real opportunity to stitch a sense of

community back into the game lies.

The final word goes to Ouseley. He said: "It's under the banner One Game, One Community which we tackle bigotry, intolerance and anti-social behaviour and its presence in our game.

"If something or someone is damaging your experience of football, share it with the appropriate governing body, club, or contact Kick It Out where details will be taken and acted upon."

For more information on the One Game, One Community weeks of action, events taking place and how you can get involved visit www.kickitout.org or email info@kickitout.org

One Community

one game community
www.kickitout.org

A lot of work has been done to challenge discrimination and harassment at all levels of football, from the grass roots through to the Premier League.

Despite this, fans, ethnic minority communities and players are still discriminated against, particularly at the grass roots level, where abuse is common in amateur football across parks nationwide at the weekend.

Many fans, players, clubs and leagues have adopted a policy of zero tolerance. One incident is an incident too many.

Always report abuse to the appropriate authority immediately when it occurs, either to a nearby steward, the police or, in amateur football, the referee. Always remember

the police have a responsibility to act on all reports they receive, regardless of where it takes place. For example, if you are assaulted whilst playing in a Sunday league game, the police can be called.

if you contact Kick It Out, they will take every complaint seriously.

The campaign's role is to then raise the complaint with the club or governing body concerned and monitor the issue to ensure appropriate action is taken.

All complainants have the choice as to



whether they wish their report to be dealt with in confidence.

Contact details are taken so Kick It Out can report back on how the club/governing body has responded to the complaint, or in case the campaign

requires any further information.

If you have chosen to make a confidential report, your contact details will not be passed on.

To ask further questions, please email info@kickitout.org.

HISTORY

Kick It Out is football's equality and inclusion campaign.

The brand name of the campaign - Let's Kick Racism Out of Football - was established in 1993 and Kick It Out established as a body in 1997.

Kick It Out works throughout the football, educational and community sectors to challenge discrimination, encourage inclusive practices and work for positive change.

The campaign is supported and funded by the game's governing bodies, including founding body the Professional Footballers Association, the Premier League and the Football Association.

Internationally, Kick It Out plays a leading role in the Football Against Racism in Europe network and has been cited as an example of good practice by the European governing body UEFA; the world governing body FIFA; the Council of Europe; the European Commission; European parliamentarians; and the British Council.

Central to Kick It Out's strategy is the development of partnerships that bring together footballing organisations with communities to work in partnership on problems of exclusion and discrimination.

At a national level, the coming together of representative groups in the game with Kick It Out allows the campaign to raise issues from communities directly with those at the highest level of the football industry.

At a local level, Kick It Out works to bring

together appropriate groupings in the different areas of our work. For example, in working to eradicate the problem of discrimination in the amateur game partnerships of ethnic minority football clubs, local authorities, County FAs and local leagues are formed.



Similarly, in redressing the problems of discrimination within the professional game - partnerships between the club, local community groups, supporters representatives and local authorities are developed in order to ensure that the expertise to deliver plans of



action is available. Those who have been historically excluded from the game have a key role to play through the involvement of community groups.

Many of the key successes of the Kick It Out campaign, if not all, are as a result of dynamic partnerships.

Match Action...

**Dagenham &
Redbridge** 2

Doe 58, Nurse 69

ARGYLE 3

Lecointe 20, Hourihane 52, Walton pen 90

npower League 2

Victoria Road

Saturday, October 15, 3pm

Referee: Chris Sarginson

Attendance: 2,025 (447 away) 22.1%



**DAGENHAM &
REDBRIDGE**
(4-4-2):

30 CHRIS LEWINGTON
19 ABU OGOGO
4 SCOTT DOE
6 MARK ARBER (C)
3 DAMIEN McCRORY
33 PETER GAIN
18 OLIVER LEE
(15 DAMIAN SCANNELL 70)
16 KEVIN MAHER
11 GAVIN TOMLIN
23 BRIAN WOODALL
(38 TROY HEWITT 90)
9 JON NURSE

**SUBSTITUTES
NOT USED**

1 JAMES SHEA (GK)
5 RICHARD ROSE
24 BILLY BINGHAM

BOOKED
WOODALL 87

SENT OFF
McCRORY 90



**PLYMOUTH
ARGYLE**
(4-4-2):

23 JAKE COLE
2 DURRELL BERRY
6 CURTIS NELSON
19 BEN GIBSON
3 ROBBIE WILLIAMS
21 WILL ATKINSON
8 SIMON WALTON (C)
20 CONOR HOURIHANE
13 LADJIE SOUKOUNA
11 WARREN FEENEY
(24 ISAAC VASELL 84)
27 MATT LECOINTE

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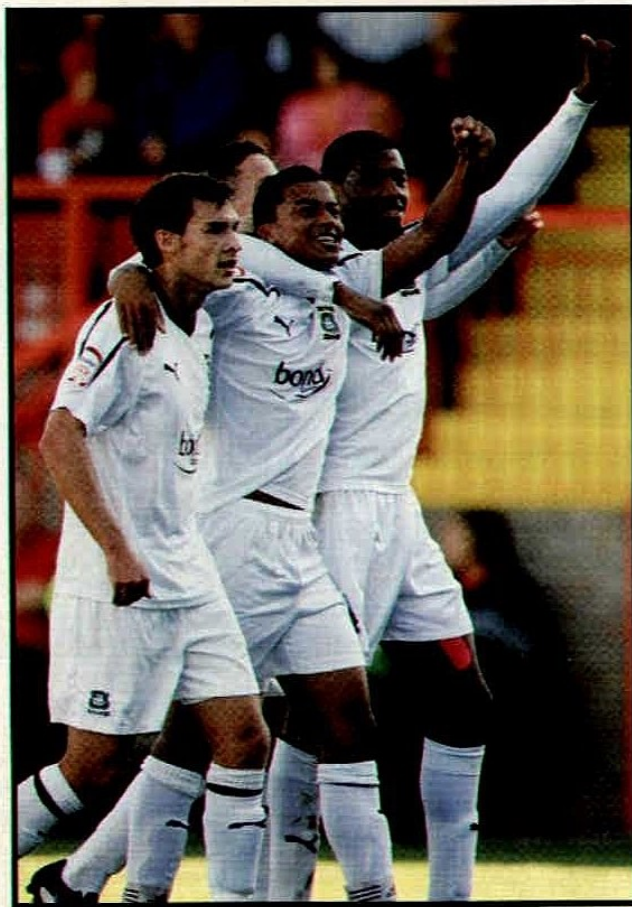
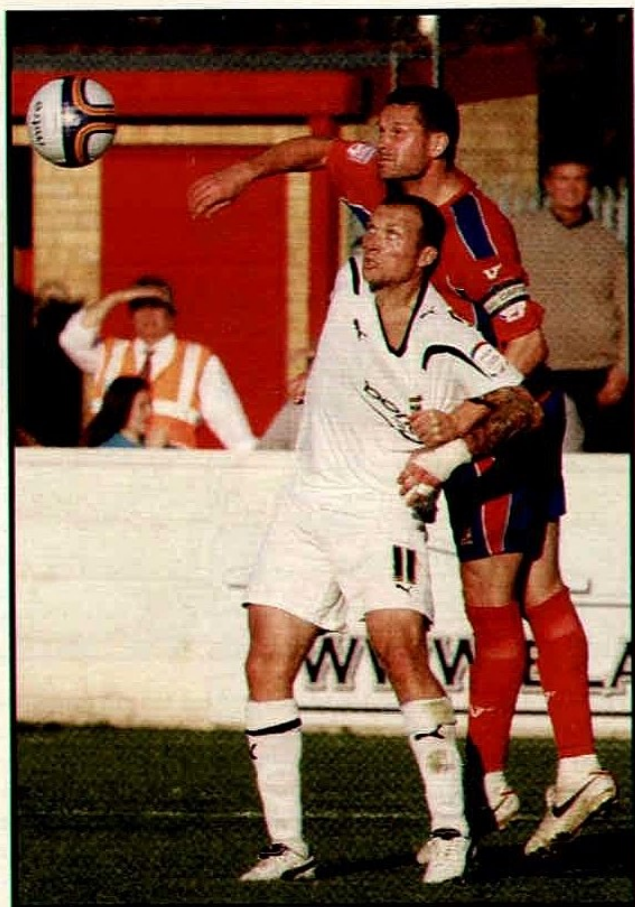
1 ROMAIN LARRIEU (GK)
4 CARL FLETCHER
15 LUKE YOUNG
22 JAMIE GRIFFITHS

BOOKED
WILLIAMS 66

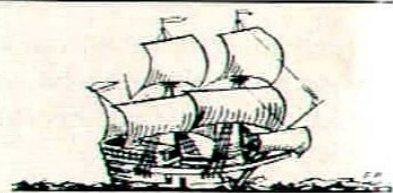


"When we win, we win as a team; when we lose, we lose as a team, and this was for everybody: the staff; the players who were on the bench; the players who weren't on the bench; the physio; the kit man; the fans. Everybody won that game today."

SIMON WALTON



Obituary



JOHN ROWLAND (1947-2011)

John and I were appointed Argyle chaplains towards the end of last season. We began our work together of building relationships, getting to know people, establishing a place for ourselves within the club community where we could be of use - whether for a chat, a prayer, advice or just a friendly face that you can trust.



John Rowland, right, with fellow chaplain Arthur Goode and Romain

You may have seen us walking round the ground before home games. We may even have stopped for a chat, in which case you will undoubtedly remember John Rowland.

John died suddenly on October 5. He was at the annual conference of sports chaplains run by SCORE. As far as he is concerned, he had a great couple of days doing something that he loved; he played a game of football (Sports Chaplains North v South); and then went to meet Jesus. You can't get better than that.

However, we who only knew John for a relatively short time are feeling

an immense loss at his going; how much more so his wife Penny and his two grown-up sons Matthew and Ben, and all their family. We remember them at this time with great sympathy, and also the church he was vicar of, St Luke's Buckfastleigh.

John knew his football and played to a good standard in his earlier days. Even now he couldn't resist a kick when the ball rolled his way, and his knowledge of the game was encyclopaedic. He managed to keep his opinions and theories well tamed, but his outburst at referees was as vocal as it was shocking at times!

But what I most remember John for

was his warmth, his love of people and his interest in their lives. He wasn't playing a part - he really cared, and people sensed that.

At our last home game, the players wanted to wear the black armbands and the club wanted to mark their grief and honour John in some way. It was too soon - we needed to be sure that his family and his church all knew before we did anything properly - so we are celebrating John's life and marking his passing today.

But it is a measure of the man that so many in the club were so deeply saddened by John's untimely death, and, to be honest, Saturdays are

not going to quite the same without him.

It was a Greek philosopher with a strange name who said that the only constant in this universe is change, and nowhere is this more intensely felt than at a football club.

What marks a Christian is that they choose to make this unpredictable journey of life in the company of the one who never changes, who was there at the beginning and is there waiting for us at the end.

It is into His hands that we now commit our friend and pastor John (and, John, if by some freaky way you actually find that you can impact football fortunes

from your little cloud, could you sort us out a prolific goalscorer and a big, ugly central defender or two to see us through to the end of the season?)

*Arthur Goode,
Chaplain,
Plymouth Argyle*

PLAYERS from both sides will be wearing black armbands this afternoon.

The Argyle squad will be remembering club chaplain John Rowland, while the Swindon players will be paying their respects to the late father of manager Paolo di Canio, Ignazio.

News



SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WITH PINK SOCK TAPE!

premier sock tape

Premier Sock Tape have teamed up with Cancer Research UK for October to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we are getting behind them.

PST - the UK's number one supplier of sports tape to footballers - has produced a limited edition pink sock tape, the month's associated colours, and a number of

Argyle players are wearing today it to support the cause.

PST's Managing Director Steve Barratt is behind the pink tape. He was also the man responsible for

bringing the snood onto Planet Football.

He said: "It's a charity and an illness that has significance to me and I was very keen for us to contribute.

"Football is the perfect platform to help raise awareness, because of its mass appeal. We're hoping to utilise our relationships with clubs and players to

do just that for a good cause".

A percentage of every roll sold in the shops will go to Cancer Research UK.

The limited edition pink tape costs £3 per roll. Go to www.premiersocktape.co.uk for more information, or go to www.prodirectsoccer.com to buy the tape.

APOLOGIES

Our list of Plymouth Argyle 125 Founder Members Club, published in the last edition of the Pilgrim, contained three omissions of which we have been made aware.

Apologies, then, to John Kimber, who watches games from the Mayflower seating; Susan Jones, who sits in the Mayflower Grandstand east; and Curtis Winters, who is a Devonport Ender.

Thank you all for your loyal and valued support.



MARGERY SHORTT

MARGERY Shortt, wife of former Argyle goalkeeper Bill Shortt (deceased), sadly passed away at Evergreen Residential Home last Saturday, aged 91.

Bill made 374 appearances for the Pilgrims between 1945-56, and was capped 12 times for Wales. He played for Tavistock after retiring from League football, and then became landlord of The Golden Hind,

Manadon, where he pulled pints for 26 years. Bill died in September 2004, a month short of his 84th birthday.

Margery's funeral service will take place at St Matthew's Church, Elburton, on Tuesday at noon, followed by Drake Memorial Park at 1pm.

For further information, please contact Bill's granddaughter Vanessa on 404037.



Match Action...

ARGYLE 2

Walton pen 27 Soukouna 45

Accrington Stanley 2

Long 55 Amond 67

npower League 2

Home Park

Saturday, October 8, 3pm

Referee: David Coote

Attendance: 8,013 (103 away, 1.3%)



**PLYMOUTH
ARGYLE**
(4-1-4-1):

23 JAKE COLE
2 DURRELL BERRY
6 CURTIS NELSON
5 SIMON KING
3 ROBBIE WILLIAMS
8 SIMON WALTON (C)
7 LUKE DALEY
13 LADJIE SOUKOUNA
(22 JAMIE GRIFFITHS 72)
20 CONOR HOURIHANE
21 WILL ATKINSON
27 MATT LECOINTE

**SUBSTITUTES
NOT USED**

1 ROMAIN LARRIEU (GK)
10 TOM HITCHCOCK
15 LUKE YOUNG
19 BEN GIBSON

BOOKED

BERRY 52
ATKINSON 54
KING 62



**ACCRINGTON
STANLEY**
(4-2-3-1):

1 SEAN MURDOCH
12 PETER MURPHY
17 KEVIN LONG
4 SEAN HESSEY
14 KEVIN McINTYRE
6 ANDREW PROCTER (C)
11 LUKE JOYCE
9 KURTIS GUTHRIE
10 IAN CRANEY
21 WES FLETCHER
(8 CHARLIE BARNETT
HALF-TIME)
23 PADRAIG AMOND

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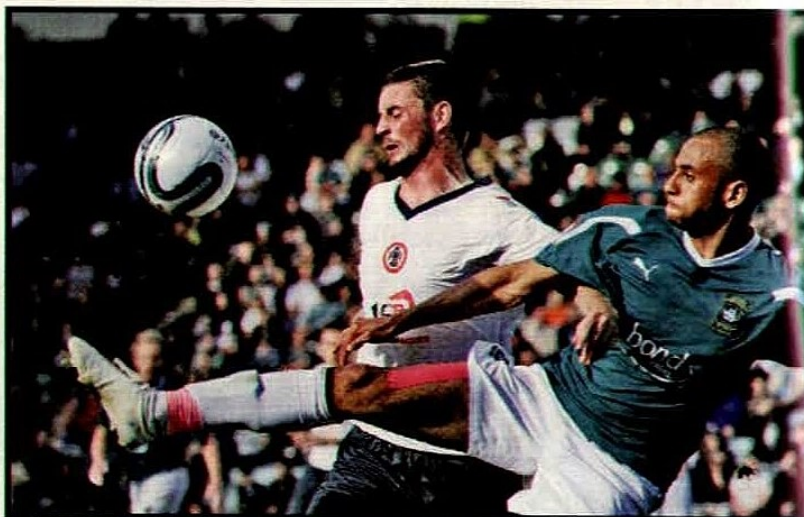
2 DANNY COID
7 CRAIG LINDFIELD
15 ALAN BURTON
25 IAN DUNBAVIN (GK)

BOOKED

MURPHY 32

SENT-OFF

HESSEY 26



"It's a point at home, but we're disappointed it's not three. Credit to Accrington - they came out in the second half and gave us a lot of problems. At the end, we were probably lucky to get the point."

CARL FLETCHER

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News...



THE GOOD, THE MAD AND THE UGLY

Those of us who know Jock Morrison always knew he had a story to tell - the real question was whether he would survive to relate it.

He has lived to tell the tale, although, reading *The Good, The Mad And The Ugly - The Andy Morrison Story* leaves you wondering quite how he managed it: if the alcohol or violence did not get him, the black dogs in which suicide was contemplated as the ultimate escape from his demons surely seemed certain to.

Jock Morrison - he never has been and never will be 'Andy' to the Green Army - was part Joey Barton, part Gazza, part Wayne Rooney, and not the nice parts, either.

His promoters call his book "the remarkable autobiography of the most troubled footballer of modern times" and, when you read it, you will be hard pressed to argue that the puff is hyperbole.

The demons entered Jock's troubled soul after an incident while a youngster at Argyle, which he fesses up for the first time and which was the catalyst for

years of problems that are all catalogued in painfully frank detail.

"I've said it as it was," said Jock, who nowadays combines corporate work at one of his former clubs, Manchester City with assisting old mate Andy Preece at Northwich Victoria. "It's all in there.

"There's a lot of darkness but I've done a lot of soul searching in my life so it's not a complete surprise to me how I acted and why."

Let us not lose sight of the fact that in between the bar-room and the court-room, there was also a half-decent footballer who was also called Jock Morrison.

He gave 133 wholly committed and passionate performances for Argyle, starting with a barnstorming debut as a 17-year-old at Aston Villa in 1988, earning respect from the Green Army who forgive his foolishness and remember him only with affection.

He later took his cult status to Blackpool, Huddersfield and Manchester City. Joe Royle, who signed him for the current Premier League leaders, called him his "warrior" who "dragged us kicking and screaming out of Division Two" by way of a dramatic play-off final win against Tony Pulis's Gillingham.

Despite bad times in Plymouth, Jock retains a huge affection for the Greens

"It's sad to see where the club is now," he said, "but they are where they are, they've got to come together, sort out their problems and go again.

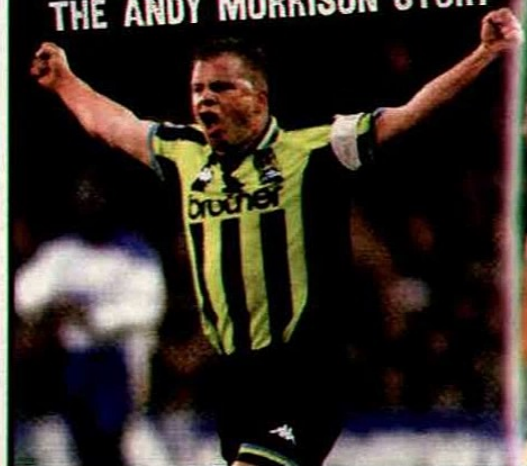
"They say 'the lower you go, the more you can bounce', and Argyle are as low as they can go - bottom of the league."

If anyone knows about going to the depths and bouncing back, it is Jock Morrison.

The Good, The Mad And The Ugly - The Andy Morrison Story (rrp: £16.99) is published by Fort Publishing Ltd, and is available from all good bookstores, or direct from Booksource Ltd (0845 370 0067).

Andy Morrison

THE GOOD, THE MAD AND THE UGLY THE ANDY MORRISON STORY



ANDY MORRISON GIVEAWAY

We have three copies of *The Good, The Mad And The Ugly - The Andy Morrison Story* to give away to three members of the Green Army.

To be in with a chance of winning one, simply answer the following question:

"Which manager signed Jock Morrison for Manchester City?"

and email the answer to us at argyle@pafc.co.uk, putting 'Jock Comp' in the subject header, by 9am on Monday, November 7

We'll select three winners at random from all the correct answers.



BEST LOO-SERS COMPETITION

Spending a penny at Home Park might soon be a much better experience if Argyle can scoop a £100,000 washroom windfall.

The Green Army can turn that dream into reality by voting in The Best Loo-sers competition. All you need to do is visit www.bestloosers.co.uk and back us when voting kicks-off on November 1.

Clubs have been working hard to clean-up football's image and

they need hygienic, efficient loos that not only conserve water and energy but provide a safe, comfortable environment for families and the disabled.

The other clubs in the play-offs are: Aldershot, Barrow, Barnsley, Bradford City, Ebbsfleet Utd,

Exeter City, Oldham Athletic, Scunthorpe Utd, Sheffield Utd, and Tranmere Rovers.

Whichever club emerges victorious will also get £1,000 to award to a grass roots team of their choice for a washroom makeover.

The competition is the inspiration of Plumb Center, which has more than 490 branches in the UK. It has joined forces with leading companies: Cisterniser,

Cubicle Systems, Twyford Bathrooms and Franke Sissons.

These companies have a lot of experience in delivering stadia fit for the 21 century; including Twickenham; the Aviva Stadium in Dublin; and the b2net stadium in Chesterfield.

Paul Bradshaw, from Plumb Center, said: 'Football is a national obsession and we are really excited about this

competition and the difference it will make.

'Argyle might be a click away from securing state-of-the-art washrooms so I would urge supporters, their family and friends to get voting.'

To locate your nearest branch, visit www.plumbcenter.co.uk, call 0870 1622557, or download the Plumb and Parts Center iPhone Apps from the App store.

A MISSION FOR BOND

WHEN Mike and Julie Harrison, from Egguckland, had the task of decorating their son Matt's room there was only one option - the Green Army.

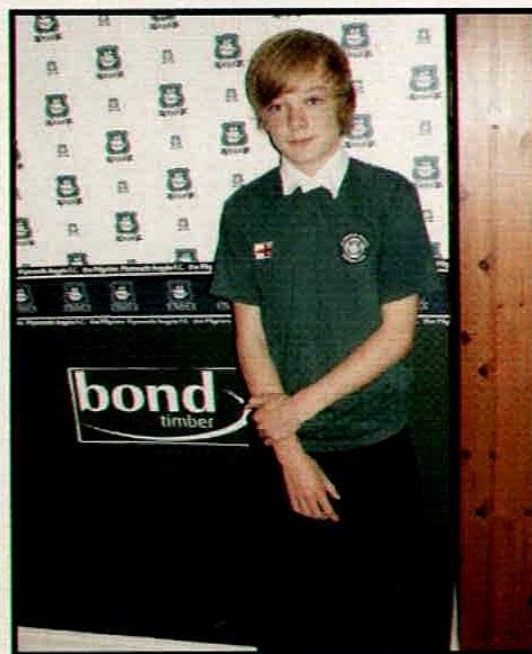
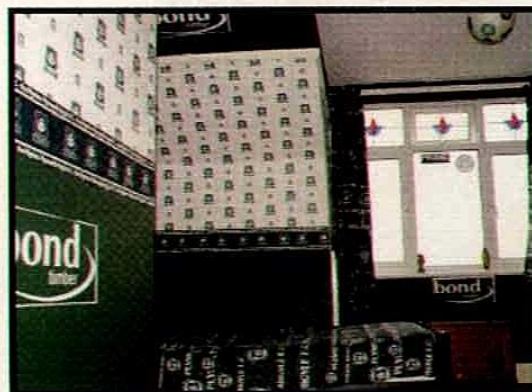
were hand delivered the next day by Andy Pearce and the room was complete.

Matt is 13 and a season- ticket holder in Block 4 and is well

known for losing his voice on a Saturday afternoon at Home Park. He also plays for Activate Under-14s and his favourite Argyle player is Warren Feeney.

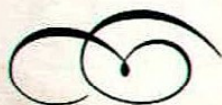
As the project progressed, it became obvious that there was one important item missing - the new shirt sponsors logo.

A quick email to the Bond Timber team, requesting some help, met with an instant response: a selection of the Bond Timber logos





Swindon Town 2011-12



Simon Ferry



When Paolo Di Canio first walked through the doors at the County Ground in the summer, the last outcome most expected from this season was a mid-table finish. That might be where Swindon lie today, but it has hardly been a dull passage to mediocrity.

In truth, 'mediocrity' is a bit harsh. Swindon are 11th in the table and only three points off the play-offs. But it is fair to say that Di Canio will not settle for that at the end of the season, and that it has been anything but uneventful up to this point – even if his team have not yet lived up to expectations.

Today's opponents have already been branded "the Di Canio Circus" by Crawley Town boss Steve Evans. Paolo's response was to reveal he did not know who Evans was, before beating his team 3-0 on their own patch. Now that Crawley are top of the league and have an otherwise unblemished home

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Crawley Town | 13 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 28 |
| Southend | 13 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 20 |
| Oxford Utd | 13 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 23 |
| Cheltenham | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 20 |
| Shrewsbury | 13 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 23 |
| AFC Wimbledon | 13 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 23 |
| Morecambe | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 22 |
| Port Vale | 13 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 22 |
| Gillingham | 13 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| Burton Albion | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 20 |
| SWINDON | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 19 |
| Macclesfield | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 18 |
| Rotherham | 13 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 16 | -1 | 18 |
| Bristol Rovers | 13 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 13 | -3 | 18 |
| Crewe | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 9 | -2 | 16 |
| Torquay | 13 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | -3 | 15 |
| Northampton | 13 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 11 | -4 | 15 |
| Accrington Stanley | 13 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 8 | -5 | 15 |
| Aldershot | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | -3 | 14 |
| Dagenham & Red | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 8 | -6 | 13 |
| Barnet | 13 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 16 | -10 | 12 |
| Bradford | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 13 | -6 | 10 |
| Hereford | 13 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 | -15 | 10 |
| ARGYLE | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 14 | -15 | 8 |

The good, the bad, the ugly



2011-12 so far...

THE LAST EIGHT GAMES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NLD2 V SOUTHEND (H)

W 2-0 SMITH, KERROUCHE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NLD2 V CRAWLEY TOWN (A)

W 3-0 CONNELL, KERROUCHE 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NLD2 V BURTON (A)

L 0-2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NLD2 V BARNET (H)

W 4-0 DE VITA, RITCHIE 2, KERROUCHE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NLD2 V MACCLESFIELD (A)

L 0-2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

JPT V EXETER (A)

W 2-1 JERVIS 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

NLD2 V HEREFORD (H)

D 3-3 DE VITA, KERROUCHE, FERRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

NLD2 V ACCRINGTON (A)

W 2-0 JERVIS, MONTANO



record, that victory looks more and more like Swindon's best of the season.

Another infamous quote from the West Ham legend was when he encouraged his players to dive after star man Matt Ritchie was robbed of a blatant penalty, seemingly for staying on his feet, when tripped in an away game at Macclesfield. Di Canio also accused Oxford United

captain James Constable of being a Swindon fan, before the striker scored both goals in a bad-tempered derby win for the U's at the County Ground back in August.

But the incident that hogged most headlines came in the shape of a pitch-side altercation with his own player, striker Leon Clarke, after a Carling Cup tie against Southampton. Both

Di Canio and Clarke had to be restrained, and the striker was immediately sent packing.

On the pitch, Swindon have only drawn one of 16 league and cup matches, suggesting a very much all or nothing style of play. Their record in the league reads six wins, six defeats, and it is this lack of consistency that is preventing the Robins from making

a significant impact at the top end of the division.

Not that the team is short on talent. Ritchie is one of the stand-out players at this level, while fellow midfielder Simon Ferry and striker Mehdi Kerrouche are also accomplished performers. Colombian hitman Cristian Montano, a loan signing from West Ham and one of 19 players in

the current squad brought in by Di Canio, has already scored goals for Notts County in League One this season and should prove a real asset to Swindon after scoring on his debut in victory at Accrington last weekend.

Mark Perrow



Welcome to the Robins



Swindon Town

News...

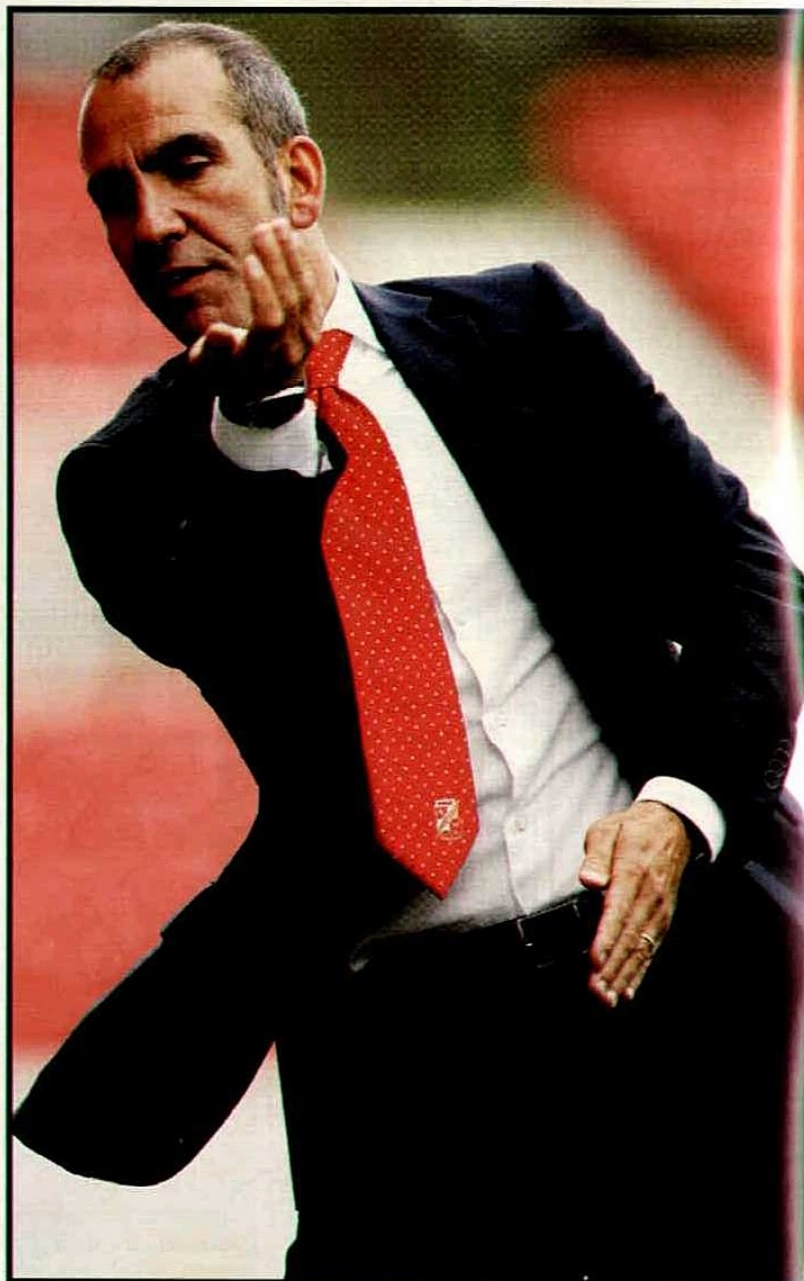
Paolo Di Canio

SWINDON TOWN'S SEASON - AT LEAST AS FAR AS HEADLINES GO - HAS BEEN DOMINATED THUS FAR BY THEIR HIGH PROFILE MANAGER. PAOLO DI CANIO'S ARRIVAL AT THE COUNTY GROUND HAS TRIGGERED A WHIRLWIND OF MEDIA INTEREST, IN PARTICULAR AFTER A HIGH PROFILE BUST-UP WITH FORMER ON-LOAN PILGRIM LEON CLARKE.

The Robins, who were the only team to be relegated below us last season, had a dreadful start to the season. Although they won 3-0 at home to Crewe on the opening day, they lost their next four games to Cheltenham, Dagenham, Oxford and Shrewsbury respectively.

SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE PICKED UP CONSIDERABLY. THEY CURRENTLY LIE 11TH IN THE TABLE, THREE POINTS OUTSIDE OF THE PLAY-OFF POSITIONS. THEIR LAST FIXTURE WAS AT ACCINGTON STANLEY, WHERE THEY WON 2-0 THANKS TO GOALS FROM JERVIS AND MONTANO.

Swindon have shared their goals around the team thus far. Algerian summer signing Mehdi Kerrouche has notched six times, while former Portsmouth winger Matt Ritchie has found the net on five occasions. Jake Jervis, recently loaned from Birmingham, has also scored three goals from three starts, including a brace in the JP Trophy against Exeter.



Swindon Town



Mark Perrow's five things you should know about Swindon Town manager...

Paolo Di Canio

1 An immensely talented player, Di Canio enjoyed a 23-year career as a temperamental striker famed as much for his unpredictable personality as his spectacular goals. He played in his native Italy for Lazio (twice), Juventus, Napoli and AC Milan; and on these shores for Celtic, Sheffield Wednesday, Charlton and, most notably, West Ham. But for all his brilliance, Di Canio was never selected by his country at any level.

2 His finest moment in the claret and blue came against Wimbledon the following month, when Di Canio famously met Trevor Sinclair's crossfield pass with a perfectly timed scissor kick in mid air. It was voted goal of the season, and is still considered one of the greatest in Premier League history.

3 Di Canio showed his softer side later that year against Everton at Goodison Park. With opposing goalkeeper Paul Gerrard prostrate on the turf and the goal at his mercy, Di Canio declined the opportunity to win the game in the final minute by catching the ball for Gerrard to receive treatment. He won the 2001 FIFA Fair Play award for the gesture.

4 Fiercely loyal to West Ham, the club he calls his "second home", Di Canio once turned down an offer from Manchester United to stay at Upton Park, where he now has a lounge named in his honour. Di Canio has said in the past it would be a dream to return as manager in the future.

5 Di Canio was appointed Swindon manager in August 2011 following the departure of Paul Hart. His first game in charge was an emphatic 3-0 win over Crewe on opening day of the npower League 2 season. Since becoming manager, he has brought 19 players to the County Ground.

History

FOUNDED: 1879
NICKNAME: THE ROBINS
BEST LEAGUE POSITION:
 PREMIER LEAGUE 22ND, 1993-94
BEST FA CUP
PERFORMANCE: SEMI-FINAL,
 1909-10, 1911-12
BEST LEAGUE CUP
PERFORMANCE: WINNERS,
 1968-69

FA CHARITY SHEILD:
 RUNNERS-UP, 1911 (MANCHESTER UNITED WON THIS MATCH 8-4 AND SOME OF THE CHARITY MONEY WENT TO SURVIVORS OF THE TITANIC SINKING)
HIGHEST WIN: 10-1 V FARNHAM BREWERIES, 1925-26
WORST DEFEAT: 10-1 V MANCHESTER CITY, 1930

Last season

NPOWER LEAGUE 1: 24TH (RELEGATED), 41 POINTS,
FA CUP: 2ND ROUND
 REPLAY, LOST 3-2 TO CRAWLEY TOWN (A)

CARLING CUP: 1ST ROUND, LOST 2-1 TO LEYTON ORIENT (H)
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY: 3RD ROUND, DREW 1-1 WITH BRENTFORD (H) (LOST 4-2 ON PENS)

5 facts about Swindon

with Rob McNichol

1 Swindon is best known - let's face it - for the Magic Roundabout. It's basically five roundabouts in one. In 2004, Sandra Wiggins, of Chippenham, drove onto it when trying to visit her sister Betty, and is still there. Experts say she is expected to break down late this year. In every sense of the phrase.

2 Pixie-faced songstress Billie Piper was born in Swindon. She famously married shy, retiring, radio DJ Christopher Evans. Evans once bought her a Ferrari despite the fact that she could not drive. He also bought her a hamster. Billie, though, decided to ditch the needy, furry, ginger rodent. She also got rid of the hamster.

3 Also born in Swindon was former Page 3 girl Melinda Messenger. Gorgeous Melinda, 40, gave up modelling to pursue a career in television. Not wanting to write blurb for football programmes all my life, I have written to her to ask for her help in getting into TV. To her credit, she has agreed to show me a couple of pointers.

4 There is an urban legend that Liam Gallagher named Oasis after seeing Swindon's Oasis pool on an Inspiral Carpets poster. Unusually, he carried on the rules of the pool into the make-up of the band. He insisted a lifeguard be present at every album recording and the band's eventual split came after Liam chastised Noel for running, bombing and heavy petting.

5 Swindon has more broadband internet users than any other place in the country, with roughly 65% of the populace hooked up to the information super highway. I know this is true because I found it on the internet where everything is 100% true. Swindon is also home to Barack Obama, it's the European City of Culture, and will host the 2032 Olympics.



Past Masters

FAMOUS GAFFERS Paolo's predecessors

THE ARRIVAL OF PAOLO DI CANIO AS SWINDON'S NEW MANAGER MAY HAVE SPARKED A MEDIA FRENZY OVER THE SUMMER, BUT THE SIGHT OF A FAMOUS FACE IN THE HOME DUG-OUT AT THE COUNTY GROUND IS NOTHING NEW FOR TOWN FANS.

Tottenham legend and 1961 Double winner Dave Mackay started the trend when he was appointed Swindon player-manager in 1971, before going on to lead Derby County to the First Division title.

Skip to 1984, and former Manchester United favourite Lou Macari guided Town to back-to-back promotions from the Fourth Division to the Second before departing for West Ham.

Macari's successor at Swindon was likeable Argentinian World Cup winner Ossie Ardiles. He finished off Macari's good work by winning the

Second Division play-offs in 1990, seemingly completing a remarkable five-year rise through all four leagues, only for the "promotion" to be blocked following revelations over illegal payments made to players.

Future England manager Glenn Hoddle, a former team-mate of Ardiles at Spurs, was next to take the reins, leading the Robins to that previously elusive top flight berth. He also had a significant impact as a player, opening the scoring against Leicester City in a thrilling play-off final at Wembley – the final hurdle en route to the Premier League.

Among those to bridge the gap between the supreme talents of Messrs Hoddle and Di Canio include former England internationals Steve McMahon, Colin Todd and Dennis Wise, who was assisted by long time Chelsea team-mate and current Brighton boss Gus Poyet.

Ex-Liverpool manager Roy Evans, credited with nurturing the talents of Jamie Redknapp, Steve McManaman, Robbie Fowler and Michael Owen, also had a brief crack at it, while Paul Sturrock led today's opponents to promotion from this level in 2007 between two notoriously contrasting spells in charge of Argyle.



CLUB LEGEND Don Rodgers

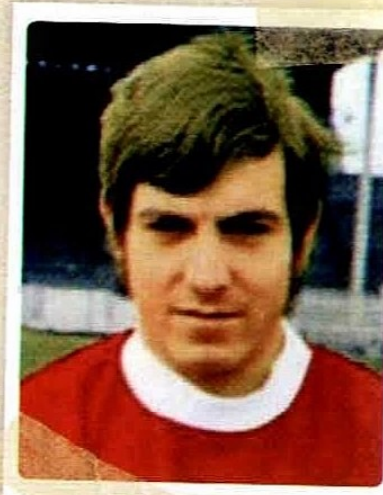
PROBABLY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PLAYER IN SWINDON'S HISTORY, DON ROGERS IS A LEGEND IN THE EYES OF TOWN FANS FOR HIS ROLE IN SECURING THE CLUB'S SOLITARY MAJOR HONOUR.

Rogers struck twice in extra time of the 1969 League Cup Final to secure a scarcely believable triumph for the Third Division Robins against overwhelming favourites Arsenal.

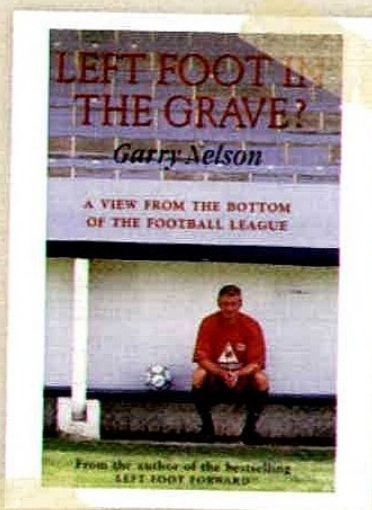
It might be easy just to remember Rogers for that day alone, but his contribution to Swindon Town extended far beyond 120 minutes at Wembley. He lies fifth on the all-time appearance list with 490, and with 181 goals he is Swindon's highest post-war goalscorer.

Argyle fans old enough to remember will recall Rogers and co. parading the League Cup trophy at Home Park. In their first game since defeating Bertie Mee's stars, Town were beaten 2-1 by two Mike Bickle goals in front of 20,776 fans.

Over 40 years on from his finest hour, Rogers is still revered by the club he served with such distinction. The south stand at the County Ground was recently renamed in his honour and he was voted into an all-time Swindon XI by a local newspaper.



The Robins



GREEN ROBIN

Garry Nelson

ARGYLE'S ANSWER TO DON ROGERS ON THE LEFT-WING CAME FROM SWINDON EIGHT YEARS AFTER ROGERS DEPARTED, GOING ON TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN OUR TEAM OF THE CENTURY.

Garry Nelson was only at Home Park for two seasons, but his contribution was sufficient to cement his place as Argyle's greatest left-winger since the second world war in the eyes of the Green Army.

Signed from today's opponents in 1985, his impact for the Pilgrims was immediate, as Nelson hit 14 goals in his debut season to help fire Argyle to promotion to the Second Division.

In 1986-87, he contributed towards a seventh place finish in the second tier - still Argyle's best since 1962 - but unexpectedly requested a transfer at the end of the season, joining Brighton for £80,000 after an impressive return of 22 goals in 88 appearances for the Greens.

Despite racking up over 600 Football League appearances for seven different clubs, Nelson is perhaps best known for writing two best-selling books, 'Left Foot Forward' and 'Left Foot in the Grave', both written in diary form about life as a professional footballer.

On the Pitch...

HOME PARK
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2011
NPOWER LEAGUE 1

Argyle 1

Fallon 10

Swindon 0

ARGYLE (4-4-2): 1 Romain Larrieu; 3 Bondz N'Gala, 35 Curtis Nelson, 36 Stephane Zubar, 29 Jim Paterson; 19 Yala Bolasie, 4 Carl Fletcher (capt), 11 Kari Arnason (2 Karl Duguid half-time), 15 Onismor Bhasera; 16 Joe Mason, 14 Rory Fallon.
Booked: Fletcher 49, Zubar 81.

SWINDON TOWN (4-5-1): 12 Phil Smith; 6 Paul Caddis, 2 Scott Cuthbert, 5 Andy Frampton, 3 Michael Rose; 22 Matt Ritchie (24 Elliot Benyon 86), 10 David Prutton, 4 Jonathan Douglas (capt), 11 Michael Timlin (20 Thomas Dossevi 73), 7 Jon-Paul McGovern (18 Alan O'Brien 76); 27 Mike Grella.
Booked: Rose 12.
Referee: Phil Crossley.
Attendance: 8,830 (271 away)

NOV 6 2010@HOME PARK
ARGYLE 0
SWINDON TOWN 4
FA CUP, FIRST ROUND

SEP 28 2010@COUNTY GROUND
SWINDON TOWN 2
ARGYLE 3
NPOWER LEAGUE 1

MAR 13 2004@HOME PARK
ARGYLE 2
SWINDON TOWN 1
NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO

DEC 13 2003@COUNTY GROUND
SWINDON TOWN 2
ARGYLE 3
NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO

APR 23 2003@COUNTY GROUND
SWINDON TOWN 2
ARGYLE 0
NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO

Since last...

| | WIN | DRAW | DEFEAT |
|------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| HOME | 7 MTHS | 8 YRS 10 MTHS | 11 MTHS |
| AWAY | 1 YR 1 MTH | 20 YRS 9 MNTHS | 8 YRS 6 MNTHS |

Argyle v Swindon

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| HOME | 51 | 33 | 12 | 6 | 101 | 50 |
| AWAY | 48 | 12 | 8 | 28 | 51 | 90 |
| BOTH | 99 | 45 | 20 | 34 | 152 | 140 |

Our best & worst v Swindon at Home Park

BEST - 1930 - 5-0

WORST - 1991 - 0-4

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Leading by example

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading post-war Swindon Town captains

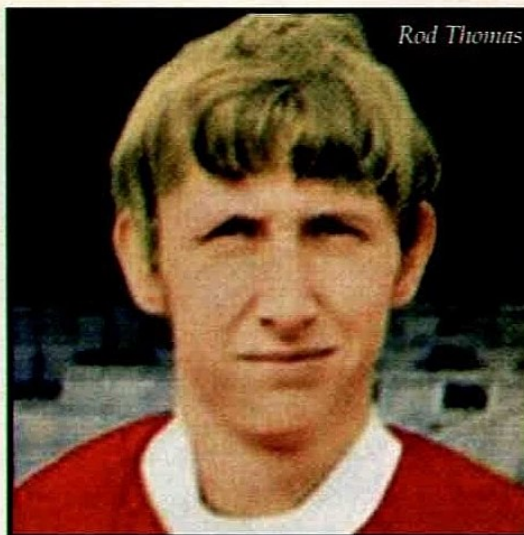
MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving favourite Maurice Owen captained Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Initially with hometown Abingdon, the centre-forward turned professional at the County Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his league debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was leading marksman on six occasions and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round. Later playing in a defensive role, he scored 150 goals in 555

league outings for the Robins before retiring in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

STAN HARLAND

Central defender Stan Harland captained Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup Double triumph. He had spells with Burnley, New Brighton, Everton and Bradford City before joining Carlisle United in June 1964. Ever-present in their 1964-65 Third Division title campaign, he moved to the County Ground



Rod Thomas

in August 1966. Also skipping Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success, he netted six goals in 237 league games prior to joining Birmingham City in December 1971 and captained them to promotion that season. He was later Yeovil Town's player-boss and died in Yeovil in September 2001.

Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977, then had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his league debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup Double campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 league games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and

March 1983. Later youth-team boss, he was awarded an MBE.

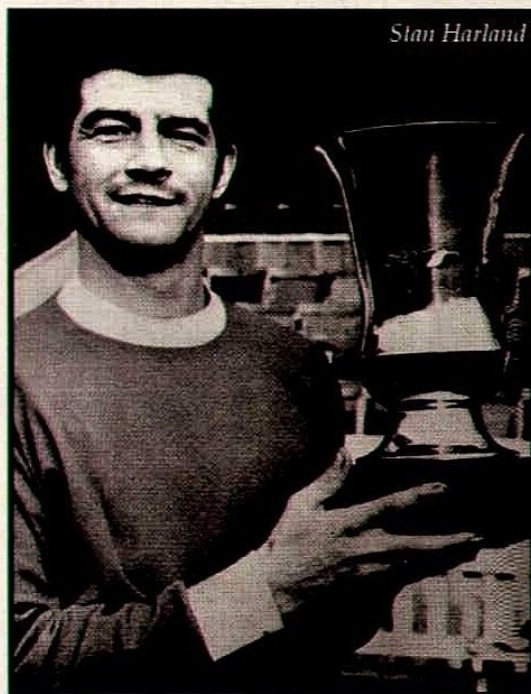
ANDY ROWLAND

Versatile England Youth striker Andy Rowland skipped Swindon Town's record-breaking 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with hometown Derby County, he moved to Bury in August 1974 and was leading marksman in three successive seasons. He was ever-present in 1975-76 and helped them progress to the League Cup fifth round in 1977-78. Reunited with Bobby Smith at the County Ground in September 1978, he was top scorer as Swindon were League Cup semi-finalists in 1979-80. He netted 80 goals in 287 league games prior to joining Swindon's coaching staff and served the Robins for 22 years.

COLIN

CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He was also an important figure as they won promotion in



Stan Harland

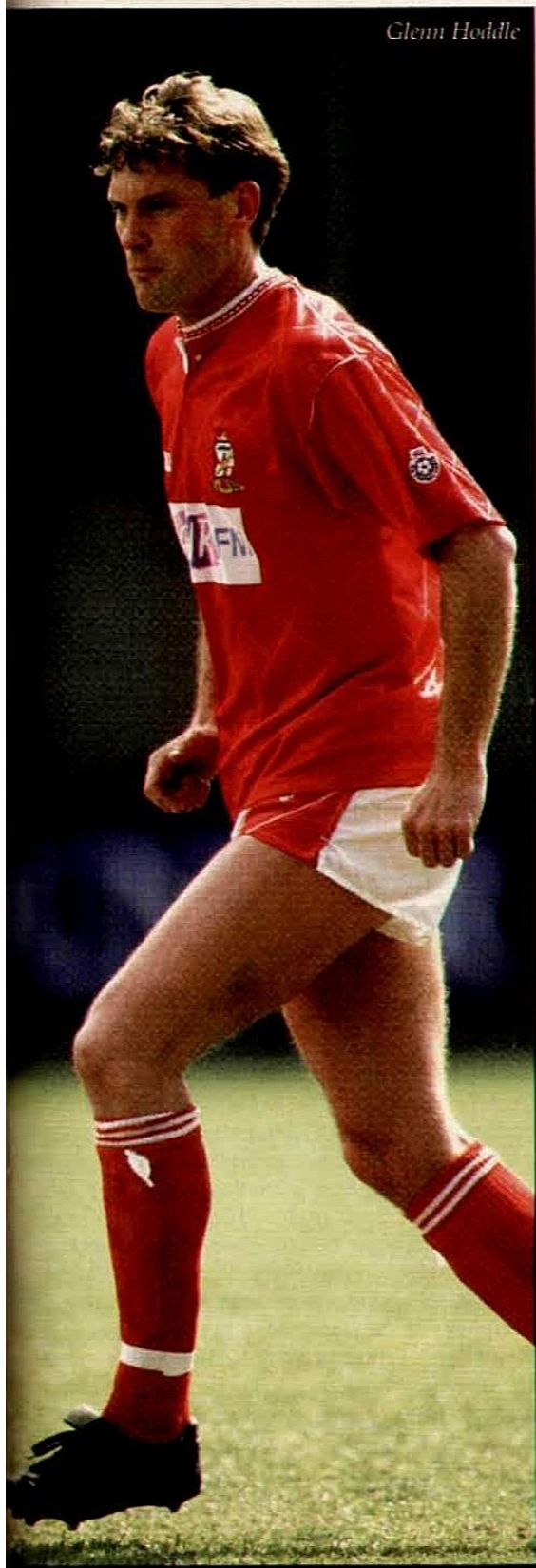
ROD THOMAS

Welsh international right-back Rod Thomas was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup Double success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 league games before following Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League

Swindon Town



Glenn Hoddle



1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including their 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 league games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian.

GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle led Swindon Town to First Division play-off final glory in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 league games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second

Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as they won promotion to the Premiership in 1992-93. He was their Player of the Year three times and netted 30 goals in 212 league games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98. He has since coached at Exeter and Torquay.

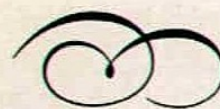
MATT HEWLETT

Ex-England Youth midfielder Matt Hewlett skippered Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Bristol City in August 1993, he made his league debut in that month's 3-2 defeat at home to Sheffield Wednesday and was an influential figure as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97, then won promotion in 1997-98. He had a loan spell at Burnley before moving to the County Ground in July 2000 and netted six goals in 179 league outings for Swindon prior to joining Torquay United in July 2005

but recurring injury problems curtailed his career in February 2007.

GORDON GREER

Scotland B international central defender Gordon Greer captained Swindon Town to the League One play-off final in 2009-10. Initially with Port Glasgow, he joined Clyde in June 2000 and moved to Blackburn Rovers for £200,000 in May 2001. He returned to Scottish football with Kilmarnock in August 2003, then joined Doncaster Rovers in July 2007. Featuring in their 2007-08 promotion campaign, he moved to Swindon initially on loan in January 2009. He joined them on a permanent basis in July 2009 and partnered Scott Cuthbert in the heart of their defence but missed the play-off final at Wembley due to suspension.





The Robins

Goalkeepers



35 WES FODERINGHAM

Goalkeeper, age 20
Jan 14, 1991/1/0
ON LOAN FROM CRYSTAL PALACE

Rookie 'keeper Foderingham marked his Football League debut with a clean sheet in last weekend's 2-0 victory for Swindon at Accrington. Signed only the day before the game, the Crystal Palace youngster went straight into Paulo Di Canio's starting line-up, with the Italian having to act on a goalkeeping crisis at the 11th hour due to injuries to Phil Smith and Mattia Lanzano. A former England under-19 international, Foderingham came through the ranks at Fulham before signing for Crystal Palace. He is still yet to make his debut for the Eagles, but did gain valuable first-team experience on loan at Histon in the Conference towards the end of last season.

1 Mattia Lanzano
Jul 4, 1990/6(1)/0

26 Phil Smith
Dec 14, 1979/9/0

30 Leigh Bedwell
Jan 8, 1994/0/0



7 PAUL CADDIS

Defender, age 23
Apr 19, 1988/16/0

3 Callum Kennedy
Jan 6, 1989/13/1

4 Aden Flint
Jul 11, 1989/9(1)/1

5 Joe Devera
Feb 6, 1987/12/0

6 Alberto Comazzi
Apr 16, 1979/5/0

15 Nathan Thompson
Apr 22, 1991/1(2)/0

27 Alessandro Cibocchi
Sep 18, 1982/2(3)/0

36 Liam Ridehalgh
Apr 20, 1991/1(2)/0

ON LOAN FROM
HUDDERSFIELD
TOWN

A consistent performer for the Robins last term despite relegation, Caddis is one of only two ever-presents so far this season - an even greater compliment due to Paolo Di Canio's tendency to chop and change his line-up. Only Caddis and star man Matt Ritchie have survived the manager's rotation policy, and the former Scotland under-21 international has already been rewarded for his performances with the Swindon captaincy. Signed from Celtic last year, where he was never a regular starter, Caddis made the same move as midfielder Simon Ferry, who has also impressed Town fans since moving south of the border. Also capable of playing as a winger, Caddis tends to feature at right-back for today's opponents.

Defenders

The Squad

Compiled by
Mark Perrow



Midfielders



10 MATT RITCHIE
Midfielder, age 22
Sep 10, 1989/16/5

Arguably the best player in League Two, Swindon did remarkably well to hang on to Ritchie following relegation last season. Only the prolific Charlie Austin, now of Burnley, scored more goals for the Robins than Ritchie last season, and the winger has five to his name already this time around. A natural with the ball at his feet and deceptively strong in the air despite his diminutive stature, Ritchie has previously played in the Premier League for hometown club Portsmouth, where his professional career began. He made his name in the Football League on loan at Dagenham & Redbridge with 12 goals in 41 appearances, joining Swindon in 2010. He has spent the majority of his burgeoning career as a left-winger, but has been even more influential this season from the right flank.

8 Simon Ferry
Jan 11, 1988/11(3)/1
11 Etienne Esajas
Nov 4, 1984/2(3)/0
12 Alan McCormack
Jan 10, 1984/10(4)/0
13 Oliver Risser
Sep 17, 1980/4(2)/1
16 Ibrahim Atiku
May 20, 1983/0/0
20 Abdul Said
Feb 22, 1993/0/0
21 Lander Gabilondo
Apr 30, 1987/4(1)/0
24 Jonathan Smith
Oct 17, 1986/11(1)/1
32 Ahmed Abdulla
Nov 12, 1991/2(5)/0
ON LOAN FROM
WEST HAM UNITED

14 Jordan Pavett
Dec 16, 1991/0/0
17 Alan Connell
Feb 5, 1983/7(6)/3
23 Raffaele De Vita
Sep 23, 1987/13(1)/3
28 Miles Storey
Jan 4, 1994/0(3)/0
29 Lukas Magera
Jan 17, 1983/2(5)/0
33 Jake Jarvis
Sep 17, 1991/3(1)/3
ON LOAN FROM
BIRMINGHAM CITY
34 Cristian Montano
Dec 11, 1991/1/1
ON LOAN FROM
WEST HAM UNITED



39 MEHDI KERROUCHE
Forward, age 26
Oct 11, 1985/7(4)/6

A powerful presence up front with bags of talent, Algerian striker Kerrouche has already established himself as a crowd favourite at the County Ground. A stop-start career has taken him to France, Belgium, Algeria, Portugal and most recently UAE, with his impressive scoring record as plain to see as his inability to settle at one club. Swindon's top scorer, Kerrouche has started less than half of their games this season, and missed last weekend's 2-0 victory at Accrington due to a family bereavement. With fellow forwards Jake Jarvis and Cristian Montano both on the scoresheet - the latter on his debut - there are no guarantees that Kerrouche will feature this afternoon. However, a return of six goals in seven starts speaks for itself, and his outstanding ability really stands out at this level.

Forwards

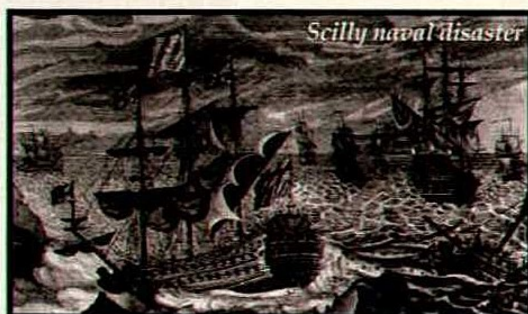
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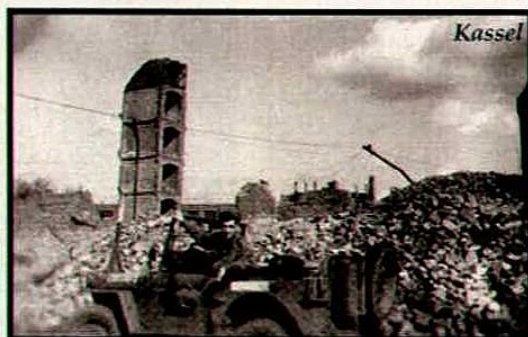
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In the news

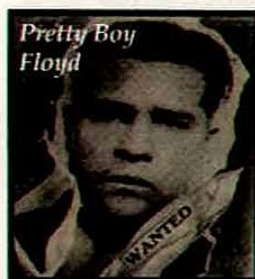
1707 - Scilly naval disaster: four British Royal Navy ships ran aground near the Isles of Scilly because of faulty navigation. Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell and thousands of sailors drowned.



1797 - 1,000m (3,200ft) above Paris, Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first recorded parachute jump.



1877 - The Blantyre mining disaster in Scotland killed 207 miners.



1943 - World War II: in the second firestorm raid on Germany, the Royal Air Force conducted an air raid on the town of Kassel, killing 10,000 and rendering 150,000 homeless.

announces that American reconnaissance planes have discovered Soviet nuclear weapons in Cuba, and that he has ordered a naval "quarantine" of the Communist nation.

1934 - In East Liverpool, Ohio, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents shot and killed notorious bank robber Pretty Boy Floyd.

1962 - Cuban Missile Crisis: US President John F Kennedy, after internal counsel from Dwight D Eisenhower,

1999 - Maurice Papon, an official in the Vichy France government during World War II, is jailed for crimes against humanity.

Notable Birthdays

Darran Rowbotham



Born: Cardiff, 1966

Darran was born in Cardiff but came through the youth ranks at Argyle, making his debut in December 1985. Darran - often misspelt as Darren, even in home programmes made occasional up-front appearances over four seasons before moving to Exeter City, where he enjoyed a prolific spell in City's 1989-90 Fourth Division Championship winning team. He scored 58 goals in 142 games at St James' Park before a serious knee injury kept him out of football for a year. A peripatetic career then followed with spells at Torquay (joining the list of players to have played for all three Devon clubs), Birmingham City, Mansfield Town (loan), Hereford United (loan), Crewe Alexandra and Shrewsbury Town before returning to Exeter on loan in 1996. A permanent move then followed with a return of 37 goals in 118 games. A brief loan spell at Leyton Orient in 1999 was Rowbotham's last move before seeing out his career with Weymouth. Brother Jason also played for Argyle.

Kevin Nancekivell

Born: Barnstaple, 1971



Kevin was a highly successful non-league goalscorer and FA Vase winner with Tiverton Town who was given a chance at Argyle at the age of 28. He made just a handful of substitute appearances for the club before being loaned back to Tiverton Town, who he re-joined permanently when released by Argyle after one season. Before and after his time at Home Park his main career has famously been farming. He has since played for Bradworthy and has helped coach the Argyle youth teams.

Matches

October 22, 1904
Argyle 1 Southampton 0
 Southern League

October 22, 1938
Bradford Park Avenue 2 Argyle 2
 Division 2

October 22, 1973
Rochdale 1 Argyle 3
 Division Three

October 22, 1988
Chelsea 5 Argyle 0
 Division 2

October 22, 1991
Argyle 4 Millwall 0
 Zenith Data Systems Cup, second round

October 22, 1994
Stockport County 2 Argyle 4
 Endsleigh Division Two

At 16 years and 257 days, James Dungey became the youngest goalkeeper - and third-youngest player - to play for the Pilgrims when he came on as a sub in a 4-2 Second Division win at Stockport County. Plymouth-born Dungey, who made another 16 appearances, was called upon after regular custodian Alan Nichols was sent off for a second bookable offence.



James Dungey

October 22, 2002
Chester City 1 Argyle 2
 LDV Vans Trophy, First Round

October 22, 2003
Sheffield Wednesday 1 Argyle 3
 Nationwide Division Two

Two headed goals from David Friio and a Paul Wotton penalty gave Argyle a 3-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday that took them to the top of the Second Division.

The win culminated an extraordinary 11 days that saw the Pilgrims achieve four victories, score 18 goals, accumulate nine points and progress in the LDV Vans Trophy at the expense of Bristol City.

We have played 20 games played on October 22, winning 60% of them.

Paul Wotton



Did you Know?

The Jidai Matsuri Festival of the Ages is a traditional Japanese festival held on October 22 annually in Kyoto, Japan. It is one of Kyoto's renowned three great festivals, with the other two being the Aoi Matsuri, held annually on May 15, and the Gion Matsuri, which is held annually from 17 to July 24. It is a festival enjoyed by people of all ages, participating in its historical re-enactment parade dressed in authentic costumes representing various periods, and characters in Japanese feudal history.

Thanks, as ever, to
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11 Warren Feeney



What?

Warren Feeney

What is the one thing you could not live without and why?

I couldn't live without my phone. I've lost it a few times and it's an absolute panic, but I've managed to save all the numbers on my computer.

What have you done that no one would guess you'd done, to look at you?

I got done for drink-driving, something I'm absolutely ashamed of, but it was a massive learn for me. I wouldn't advise anyone to do it.

What is your favourite song of the moment?

I like a bit of Bruce Springsteen. 'Raining on a Sunny Day' is my favourite.

What do you wish you had more time for?

I love spending time with my kids. I've got four - six, five, three and 18 months - and they help bring you around and take your mind off football things.

What is on your bedside table?

An alarm clock. I'm usually good with time but I like to look at the time during the night because I'm not a great sleeper.

What part of the day do you most enjoy?

After training. You like to put it in during training and then, obviously, you need your time to rest. I like to see the kids, too.

What is your most treasured possession?

My golf clubs. They go everywhere with me. I love my golf. I don't have a handicap.

What was your favourite childhood television program?

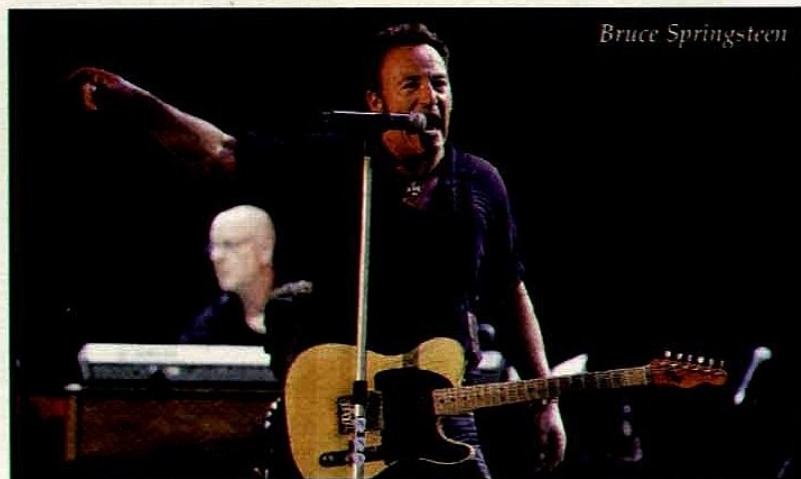
Portland Bill. I used to like the wee man in the boat. I know all the kids' programmes these days inside out.

What is your favourite alcoholic drink?

I'm off it now, and I like Guinness, but I'll say a glass of red wine. There's a time and a place for a drink and it's easy to go out and get carried away.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

When I was at Leeds, David Batty said to me 'I won the League on lager and chips'.



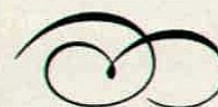
Bruce Springsteen



Portland Bill



David Batty



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Argyle 12

Today's Mascots

Beth Morgan, 9

From: Braunton
School: Kingsacre Primary
Favourite out-of-school activity: Athletics and playing with pets
Favourite TV: Blue Peter, Mr Bean, Dr Who
Favourite music: Katy Perry, Tinie Tempah
Favourite Argyle player: Carl Fletcher
Beth thinks the score today will be 3-1 to Argyle



Happy Birthday

Agnieszka Lewis

Happy birthday to Agnieszka Lewis, who will be 27 on October 29. Despite her husband being a Torquay fan - some people are beyond help! - Agnieszka chose Argyle and is a very passionate member of the Green Army, in her first year as a season-ticket holder. With love from family and friends. Enjoy your away game at Cheltenham!



Don Herring

Congratulations to Don Herring on your 80th birthday (on Friday Oct 28)!!

Don has been an avid supporter of Argyle, visiting games at Home Park for 65 years (since he was just 15 years old!)

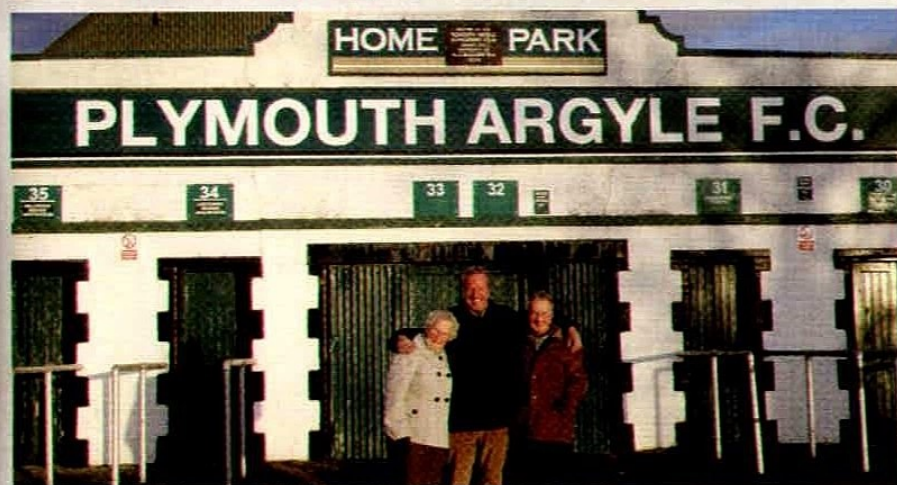
Born in Launceston, Cornwall, he has lived happily in Plymouth with his wife Jean since they married in 1955 and they have now lived in their Peverell house (just a walk from Home Park) for 47 years.

Wife Jean, their twin daughters Julie and Glenda (who live in Dorset) and brother Kevin (also an avid fan who is also here today) all wish him a wonderful 80th birthday and a happy Argyle season! (His season ticket for 2011-12 was a present too!)

"Dad is so proud of Argyle, and, indeed, the city of Plymouth, that it would be great to acknowledge his support as a fan and to celebrate his 80th year with other fans too!" says Julie.

Congratulations Dad, we love you loads, - you're the best!

Much love,
Julie, Glenda and Kevin xxx
(and Mum, too!! xx)



19 Ben
Gibson



If and When?

Ben Gibson

When was the last time you were lied to?

When Walts told me I could go into the physios' room wearing my boots without getting fined. About five minutes ago.

If you knew you had only two weeks to live, how would you spend those two weeks?

Abroad with my family, I think.

If you could meet anyone in the world dead or alive who would it be and what would say to them?

It would have to David Beckham, and I don't know whether I would be able to get my words out. Just ask him what it was like for him growing up, being a player - as many questions as I could have in the time.

If you suddenly found yourself turned into a woman, how would you spend your day?

Probably looking in the mirror.

If you were a t-shirt, what colour would you be? Why?

Pink. I always wear it. It's my favourite colour.

When was the last time you tweeted?

I don't have Twitter. It gets too many people into too much trouble.

If you were an animal, what would you be?

A lion. King.

If you could be a superhero, what would you want your superpower to be?

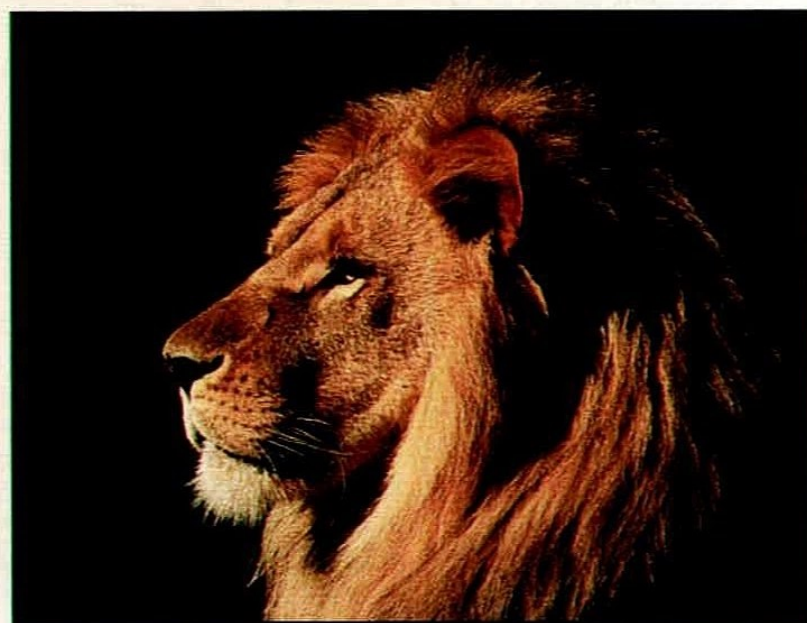
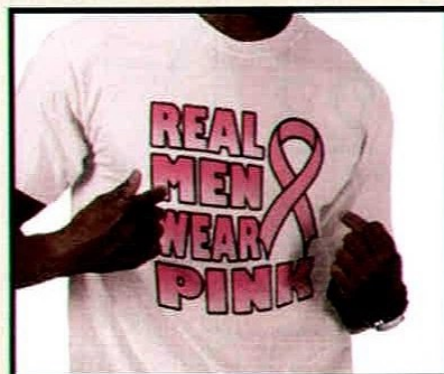
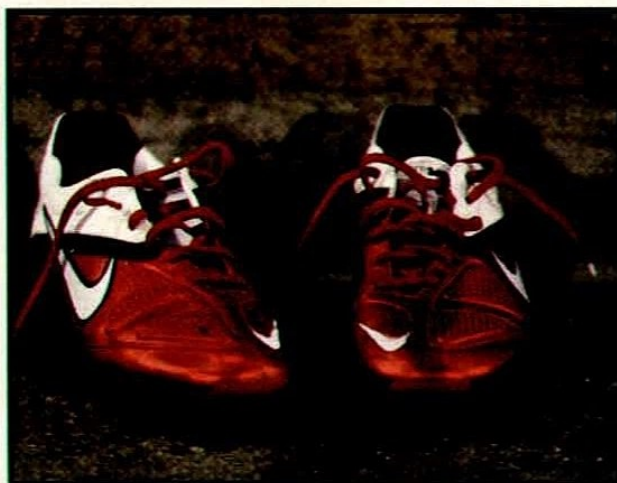
Being invisible so you could go into different rooms and hear about what people are saying about you.

When was the last time you passed out?

Never.

If you could choose one aspect of your looks to improve, what would it be and why?

My six-pack could do with being a bit more taut, I think.






Plymouth Argyle

Manager:
Carl Fletcher

Green Shirts and
White Knickers

- 1 Romain Larrieu (GK)
- 2 Durrell Berry
- 3 Robbie Williams
- 4 Carl Fletcher
- 5 Simon King
- 6 Curtis Nelson
- 7 Luke Daley
- 8 Simon Walton
- 11 Warren Feeney
- 12 Green Army
- 13 Ladji Soukouna
- 14 Onismor Bhasera
- 15 Luke Young
- 16 Jamie Richards
- 17 Jared Sims
- 18 Jordan Copp
- 19 Ben Gibson
- 20 Conor Hourihane
- 21 Will Atkinson
- 22 Jamie Griffiths
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- 50 Michelle Edwards

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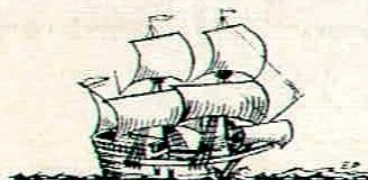
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REFEREE: MR K WOOLMER

ASSISTANTS: MESSERS A HENDLEY, P REES

FOURTH OFFICIAL: MR B HUXTABLE



EAMS

LAST LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE



Swindon Town

Manager:
Paulo Di Canio

Red Shirts and
Red Knickers

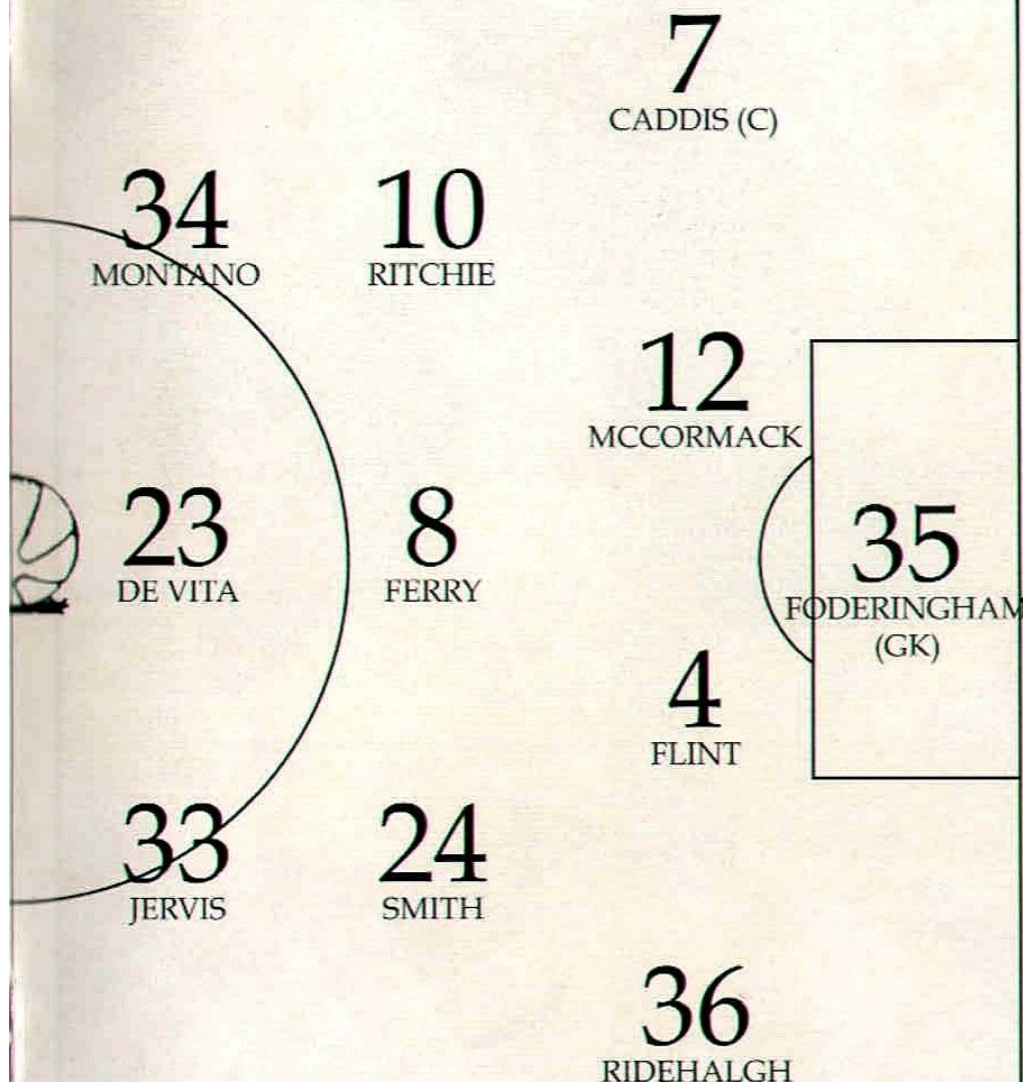
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- 3 Callum Kennedy
- 4 Aden Flint
- 5 Joe Devera
- 6 Alberto Comazzi
- 7 Paul Caddis
- 8 Simon Ferry
- 10 Matt Ritchie
- 11 Etienne Esajas
- 12 Alan McCormack
- 13 Oliver Risser
- 14 Jordan Pavett
- 15 Nathan Thompson
- 16 Ibrahim Atiku
- 17 Alan Connell
- 20 Abdul Said
- 21 Lander Gabilondo
- 23 Raffaele De Vita
- 24 Jonathan Smith
- 26 Phil Smith (GK)
- 27 Alessandro Cibocchi
- 28 Miles Storey
- 29 Lukas Magera
- 30 Leigh Bedwell (GK)
- 32 Ahmed Abdulla
- 33 Jake Jervis
- 34 Cristian Montano
- 35 Wes Foderingham (GK)
- 36 Liam Ridehalgh
- 39 Mehdi Kerrouche

TODAY'S SCORERS:



SUBSTITUTES:

BOOKINGS:



Today's Foundation 50 squad member is Michelle Edwards. Michelle 36, has been a member of the Argyle Foundation since it started and is a season-ticket holder in Block 14 of the Lyndhurst, where she sits with her dad and son Leon. She has supported Argyle for around 20 years and, she admits: "Anyone that knows me would say I'm Argyle crazy." Michelle said: "I think it is amazing how everyone involved with Argyle has worked so hard to keep it going. I have told all my friends who support Argyle to buy today's programme, so, if they have, 'thank you'. "I have got one thing left to say - 'Green Army'."

20 Conor Hourihane



How and Where?

Conor Hourihane

How full is your refrigerator? What would I find in it right now?

I'm in a hotel, so I don't have a fridge. I've got a mini-bar which is full of alcohol.

How spontaneous are you?

I'm easy going, so, if someone suggests going out for a meal or something, I'll do that. But I won't do anything stupid. I'm a sensible lad.

How would you cope if you got caught short on the field?

I'd hold on until half-time or the end of the game. I wouldn't feign injury.

How do you pass the time when you're bored?

Hang out with Ben Gibson and Jake, so not the best! No, they're alright. Maybe we'll go to town, go to the cinema, whatever.

How come round pizzas come in square boxes?

You'd have to ask the packaging people - I don't have a clue.

How would you react if a mate asked you to kiss a random woman for £500?

£500? No problem!

Where were you born?

Cork.

How often do you go to the cinema?

Probably once a week. I like most films - action, comedy.

How much can you bench press?

I haven't done that in a long time but when I was back at Ipswich, I did 95lbs, which isn't too bad.

Where is your favourite place?

Cork. Home, sweet home!





The Argyle Football Club

Episodes 1886-1903

by and from the research
of Roger Walters



EPISODE SEVEN - ARGYLE STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

This is one of 23 episodes that covers the previously untold, and unknown, history of the Argyle Football Club. They were the amateur predecessor that gave life to the professional League Plymouth Argyle FC. The research took more than 30 years to unfold the full story. These episodes are a concise abridged version of the complete detailed history that can be seen on the Greens On Screen website www.greenonscreen.co.uk in the History section. The 1886-1903 period is covered in Chapters 1 to 10.

Argyle endured the 1891-92 season, thanks to Victor Prout and Charlie Bawden, with the life-blood given by ex-pupils, including Prout, of a small, little-known, private school, Cheveley Hall, in Seymour Road, Mannamead.

Though late reforming, Argyle found a 'home' ground at Saltram Park, Marsh Mills. Their entry was accepted into the Devon Cup, which, for the first time, was being decided on a league basis. There were only five clubs in the Senior Cup, all Plymouth based. The Cup started well for Argyle with a hard-earned and exciting 4-2 victory over Plymouth FC, but six weeks later the return was lost 12-2.

After such a heavy defeat, Argyle were unable to raise a team for the next match. The Western Independent, on Saturday, January 16, 1892 reported that the vigour first shown by Argyle had all but gone and: "From all accounts, the club is in a moribund condition, and the withdrawal

of some of the best players is threatened. We...fear the Argyle is on its last legs".

The predicted demise did not materialise as Argyle rallied and kept going. Spirits lifted following a 2-1 victory over Brunswick and an encouraging 3-3 draw against Plymouth United. Argyle did not play two of their eight cup matches but were not the bottom club. As Plymouth FC were unavailable, they were crowned Cup winners of the incomplete table.

Argyle survived and formed for the 1892-93 season. A shortage of registered players stopped them participating in the Devon Senior Cup.

At the beginning of the season, a newspaper article on the history of Argyle says: "The club was formed in 1886, but how the formation came about no one seems to know". This was only six years later!

Argyle began the season with a run of six defeats and no 'home' ground. Morale dived, players



Former Argyle FC home ground 100 years later, Hartley Pleasure Gardens, circa 1992.

failed to turn up to play, and substitutes, if available, took their places. In 22 match line-ups for the 1892-93 season, Argyle listed more than 60 players.

A number of the non-member substitute players were members of the St James-the-Less club. One of them was 22-year-old Clarence Newby Spooner. In the coming years, he would turn the Argyle Football Club into the professional club of today.

Argyle's first victory did not come until Saturday, December 3, 1892, 5-2 against Cheveley Hall. Soon after, Argyle acquired a new 'home', the exclusive use of the Hartley Pleasure Gardens.

Its close proximity to Mannamead School gave Argyle the valuable assistance of its best players and with their help, on Saturday, December 17, 1892, Argyle defeated St James-the-Less 4-0 in the first match on the new 'home' ground.

A revitalised Argyle rejoined the Devon FA, registering just 13 players, four of whom were promptly called up into the Devon County squad to meet the Old Plymothians on Christmas Eve. Devon, who lost 3-1, fielded two Argyle players in the match, Victor Prout and schoolboy Michael Cloutte. Argyle made a Boxing Day excursion to Torquay, where they played for the first time at Plainmoor,

against Torquay YMCA, winning 6-5.

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, Devon met Cornwall at South Devon Place. The now buoyant Argyle had four players called up in the same match: Charlie Bawden, Reginald Lowther, Frederick Roe, and Frank Conry.

Though Devon lost 2-1, the four Argyle players retained their places and Victor Prout returned to make it five Argyle players in the next Devon fixture. The season should have ended on a high for Argyle, but the same old problems resurfaced in March 1893 and the club ended the season prematurely, not fulfilling fixtures.

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OCTOBER 22, 1886

Wy October 22, 1886, Argyle FC had their first couple of games under their belts and were starting to get into the swing of things.

The FA Cup first round was also going on, but not all fixtures were being played at the same time.

The 16-year-old competition saw games being staged all through the month, with replays at the end of October and on November 13, when some second-round matches were also taking place.

Confusing? So were some of the scores, with matches deemed 'walkover', 'bye' or simply 'void'. There were also teams for Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland in the competition, and Glasgow Rangers made it all the way to the semi-finals.

With their strong ties to Launceston and their first match being played at the college there, the first Argyle side would have used the Great Western Railway to travel to and fro. Once in Plymouth city centre, maybe a post-match meal would have

been called for and Cousins' Hotel and Buffet was the place to go. It was situated opposite the original Theatre Royal where Messrs Clayton and Cecil's company was performing 'The Magistrate'.

What else was going on in Plymouth on this day in 1886? Well, on the Promenade Pier there was skating, and there were steamboats from the Barbican to Mount Batten, Turnchapel, Cattedown and Oreston every half-hour.

You had better have taken your brolly if you were out in the evening 125 years ago. Westerly and north-westerly winds were forecast, as was rain, and it would have been pretty choppy out in Plymouth Sound.

If you were stood on the Hoe, looking out to the Sound, you would have just been able to see the Eddystone



Smeaton's Tower before it was relocated to the Hoe

Lighthouse, reachable via steamer from Millbay Pier.

And what of Smeaton's Tower? It had been standing tall and proud since 1882 after being brought from the Eddystone Rock brick by brick. Condemned in 1877, a new one was built because it was noticed that heavy waves made the whole thing shake!

Elsewhere in the news, there was a new product on the market called Millbay Soap

which was sun-dried and entirely free of smell. In Fore Street, Devonport, they were having a sale on perambulators and there were still a few left if you whipped down there quick-smart on your penny-farthing.

Or how about buying some Lockyers Hair Restoring Tonic if you were a little short on top? I guess that one never went global.

Also in the news - a plumber by the name of James Avery

brutally assaulted Thomas Corin, the landlord of the Galatea Inn, who was awarded £21 in damages.

The Mercury Newspaper was offering 'advice to others broken in rest by baby suffering the pain of cutting teeth'. All that was needed was a bottle of Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup and the little cherub would awake as bright as a button ñ but it does not say if this was in the middle of the night or not!

Youth of Today

Argyle Youth

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Yeovil Town Youth

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Coach Kevin Hodges was pleased with the contribution made by our under-16 schoolboys as we made an encouraging start to our Football League Youth Alliance Cup campaign at Haye Road three Wednesdays ago.

After surviving a first-minute fright when Yeovil left winger Lloyd Matthews sent an 18-yard shot thudding against our goal-post, striker Matt Lecointe – making only his third under-18 appearance of the season – confidently converted a penalty two minutes later after fellow striker Sam Gallagher had been tripped.

Midfielder Jared Sims, with a rasping shot just over the bar, and Lecointe, twice, with a powerful drive and a header, went close to increasing our lead before, on 36 minutes, the latter netted his second spot kick, after he had himself been fouled.

Although Matthews reduced the arrears



Jared Sims

seven minutes after the break, we regained our two-goal advantage just four minutes later, Sims scoring with a 15-yard drive, after midfielder Tyler Harvey had created the opening with a neat, clipped pass.

Midfielder River Allen went close with a long-range shot that

was deflected away for a corner before Gallagher picked up the ball on the edge of the Glovers' penalty area, side-stepped his marker, and fired a left-footed drive into the net to complete the scoring with six minutes left.

Argyle:
Christian Walton;
Dan Hart,

Buckland Athletic

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Argyle

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Jed Harper-Penman was on target when a young Argyle XI held reigning Carlsberg South West Peninsula Premier Division champions Buckland Athletic to a draw in a friendly at their Homer Heath ground in Newton Abbot.

Coach Kevin Hodges used a squad of apprentices and schoolboys bolstered by just two young professionals in Luke Young, 18, and Jamie Richards, 17, plus a trialist striker.

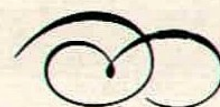
Speedy right-winger Harper-Penman struck on 24 minutes when, after roaming into the middle, he latched onto a measured pass from midfielder Jordan Copp to net with a clinical 20-yard drive to open the scoring.

Our youngsters would have won the game if they had not gifted their opponents a soft equalizer 24 minutes into the second half, when a mix-up over a short free-kick on the edge of our own penalty area presented the Bucks' Gary Fisher the chance to poach an opportunist equalizer.

Argyle:

Christian Walton;
James Bradley (Dan Hart 86),
Jamie Richards,
Jordan Pearce,
Ben Clarvis (Ben Purrington 81);
Jared Sims (River Allen 86),
Luke Young (Andrew Elcock 86)
Jordan Copp;
Jed Harper-Penman,
A Trialist (Sam Gallagher 69),
Tyler Harvey.
Sub (not used):
Ryan Walton.

Jordan Pearce,
Ben Purrington,
Ben Clarvis (Kieran Jewell 77);
Jared Sims,
River Allen,
Tyler Harvey (Toby Gostling 77),
Jed Harper-Penman,
Matt Lecointe (Solomon Wheatley 77),
Sam Gallagher.
Substitutes (not used):
Ryan Moorhouse,
Ryan Walton.



Football League Youth Alliance Cup

Our youngsters have made an encouraging start to their five first-round group games in the Football League Youth Alliance Cup – notching a win, a draw, and a loss in our opening three games.

We met local rivals Exeter City at Haye Road this morning in our fourth group game, and complete the programme in that section of the competition with a trip to Seale Hayne College in Newton Abbot to play Torquay United in another derby next Saturday (11am).

We need to finish in the top three of the six clubs in our group to qualify to go into the knock-out stages in round two.

Meanwhile, our run of good fortune in the draws for the high-profile FA Youth Cup has come to an end – after six consecutive home ties, we have been drawn to play away against AFC Bournemouth in the first round proper of this season's under-18 version of the FA Cup.

The game will be played at the Seaward Stadium, Dean Court, on Tuesday, November 1 (7pm)

Swansea City Youth 3

Argyle Youth 0

Coach Kevin Hodges felt too many of our players lacked self-discipline in defeat by the Premier League club's youngsters at Sketty Park. We went behind to a fourth-minute goal, scored by Josh Shehan, but then had three strong appeals for penalties turned down when Sam Gallagher, Ben Clarvis and Tyler Harvey all seemed to be fouled, before further goals from James Loveridge and Henry Jones finished us off.

Argyle: Christian Walton; Dan Hart, James Bradley (Aaron Bentley 83), Jordan Pearce, Ben Purrington; River Allen, Andrew Elcock, Tyler Harvey (Solomon Wheatley 70); Jed Harper-Penman (Toby Gostling 78), Sam Gallagher, Ben Clarvis. Substitute (not used): Ryan Walton.

Bristol Rovers Youth 1

Argyle Youth 1



Jed Harper-Penman

Jed Harper-Penman was on target as our youngsters gained a deserved share of the spoils against the unbeaten Football League Youth Alliance South West Conference pace-setters at Friends Life sports ground last Saturday.

Coach Kevin Hodges was without so many first-choice players he named our youngest squad of the campaign – but, belying our inexperience, we launched a series of confident early attacks, in one of which the home 'keeper was forced to block an

angled shot from right-winger Andrew Elcock with his legs.

At the other end, our own stopper, Christian Walton, did well to palm a shot from Shaquille Hunter over the bar.

Neither side created many clear-cut scoring chances until Harper-Penman – unusually, playing as the second striker – broke the deadlock in the 54th minute, running onto a superb through ball from midfielder River Allen to side-foot past the stranded home 'keeper from 12 yards.

The young Pirates staged a spirited late rally, but with apprentice Jordan Pearce and schoolboy Aaron Bentley forming a solid centre back partnership it looked as though we may hold out for a victory – only for our hopes to be shattered just five minutes from time when Lamar Powell grabbed an equalizer.

In the dying seconds, Harper-Penman pulled a low 20-yard effort narrowly wide and left winger Ben Clarvis shot over the bar as we tried in vain to snatch a late winner.

Argyle: Christian Walton; James Bradley, Aaron Bentley, Jordan Pearce, Ben Purrington; Andrew Elcock (Louis Rooney 79), Dan Hart (Toby Gostling 87) River Allen, Ben Clarvis; Sam Gallagher (Solomon Wheatley 87), Jed Harper-Penman.

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That was the year that was 1974-1975

by Peggy Prior
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The 1974-1975 season saw Tony Waiters' Plymouth Argyle storm their way to second place in the Third Division and promotion to the Second. Paul Mariner, the club's Player of the Year, scored 20 goals, while his strike partner and Third Division Player of the Year Billy Rafferty got 23.

Meanwhile, West Ham beat Fulham in the FA Cup final, and two Second Division clubs met in the League Cup final, Aston Villa beating Norwich. Derby County won the First Division championship and Manchester United were top of the Second Division. On the international stage, the British Home International Championship trophy went to England.

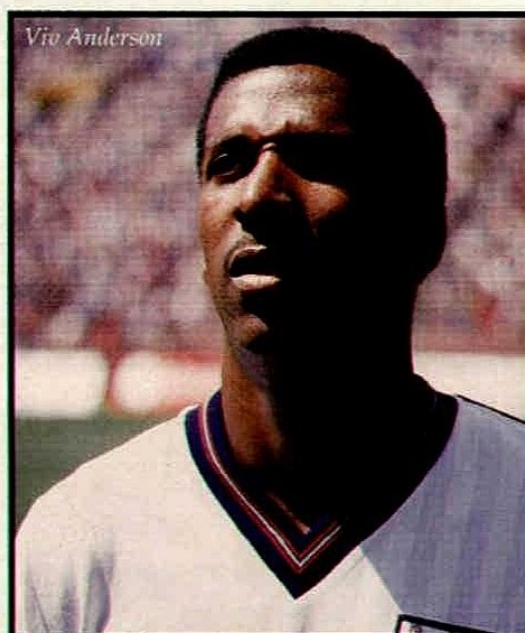
More generally, the 1970s saw football opening up in all sorts of ways.

To begin with, in 1971, the FA finally lifted their ban on the women's game. This ban had its roots in the First World War, when women's teams like that from the Dick Kerr traction works in Preston started playing exhibition matches to raise money for charity. This caused some consternation in the professional game, not least because the women often attracted bigger crowds than the men's game.

In December 1921, the FA unanimously passed a resolution stating that "the game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged", and 'requested' FA affiliated clubs to refuse the use of their facilities for women's matches. In 1922, Argyle were one of a number of clubs to ignore that 'request', hosting a match between an England ladies' side and a French touring team for the second year in a row.

In 1974, another taboo was overturned when, on January 20, Millwall played Fulham at the Den in the first league match played on a Sunday. This was revolutionary stuff: in the 1970s, few shops opened on a Sunday, which, whether for religious reasons or not, was very much a day of rest.

One player who featured in that match recently told the *Guardian*: "It was technically illegal to sell tickets for a game on Sunday at



the time ... Admission was officially free, but you had to buy a programme and then they'd let you into the game. The programme was only available at the turnstiles ..."

Finally, in 1978 Viv Anderson became the first black player to turn out for England. With black people having lived in Britain since the 12th century, with football having been played professionally for over a century, and with the legacy of black players such as Arthur Wharton, of Preston North

End, and Sheffield United, Walter Tull, of West Ham, and Northampton Town, and Argyle's own Jack Leslie, it is amazing that no black player had been selected before then.

Forty years ago, football was played only by men, only on Saturdays and Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, and England was represented only by white players. Within seven years, everything had changed - and for the better.

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Diamond Breezers

Sixty years on, football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks back at our 1951-52 Third Division (South) title-winning campaign

October 13, 1951

Northampton Town 3 Argyle 1

Northampton Town swept to their sixth successive home win against Plymouth Argyle. Jimmy Rae's side dominated the first half and Jack Ansell had a busy time, saving shots from George Dews, Gordon Astall, Maurice Tadman and Neil Dougall. The Cobblers took the lead after 57 minutes when Tommy Fowler crossed for Jack English to head home. English scored again on 69 minutes when he fastened onto a long clearance and shot past the advancing Bill Shortt. Plymouth reduced the arrears in the 75th minute when Jack Chisholm headed his first goal for Argyle but Fred Ramscar netted Northampton's third goal in the dying moments.

ARGYLE: Bill Shortt, Paddy Ratcliffe, Pat Jones, Neil Dougall, Jack Chisholm, Tony McShane, Gordon Astall, George Dews, Maurice Tadman, Peter Rattray, Alex Govan.

ATTENDANCE: 14,661



Jack Chisholm

October 20, 1951

Argyle 3 Reading 2

Plymouth Argyle defeated Reading by the odd goal in five at Home Park. Les Major deputised in goal and George Willis replaced Maurice Tadman in attack. George Dews gave Argyle the lead after five minutes and Plymouth doubled their advantage on 28 minutes when Dews set up Gordon Astall to score with a low shot. Astall fired just wide before netting Argyle's third goal following a dazzling run across field. Reading pulled a goal back on 75 minutes when Ron Blackman headed home a free-kick, then scored another five minutes later when Major fumbled an upfield punt and Blackman had an easy chance. Argyle survived late Reading pressure.



Les Major

ARGYLE: Les Major, Paddy Ratcliffe, Pat Jones, Neil Dougall, Jack Chisholm, Tony McShane, Gordon Astall, George Dews, Peter Rattray, George Willis, Alex Govan.

ATTENDANCE: 18,116

Player profile Gordon Astall

Winger Gordon Astall was capped twice by England after leaving Plymouth Argyle. He served in the Royal Marines prior to turning professional at Home Park in November 1947 and missed just one match in Argyle's 1951-52 Third Division (South)

title triumph, netting 42 goals in 188 league games before being sold to Birmingham City for £14,000 in October 1953. An influential figure as they won the Second Division title in 1954-55, were FA Cup finalists in 1956 and Fairs Cup finalists in 1958, he moved to Torquay United in July 1961. He still lives in Torquay and spent 23 years as a Co-op Insurance agent until retiring in March 1992.



Headlines Elsewhere

Stan Pearson and Jack Rowley scored two goals apiece as Manchester United hammered Aston Villa 5-2 at Villa Park...Jesse Pye grabbed a hat-trick as Wolves trounced Bolton Wanderers 5-1 at Molineux.

Community News

Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust welcome you all back for the new season. Throughout the close season, our work has escalated and seen some great programmes being run for the benefit of the communities in Cornwall and Devon.

Throughout our programme pages this year we will give you the most up to date stories, highlighting the different types

of work we are involved within to help produce fans for the future and retain people's interests in Argyle. Throughout the year you will find our stories in four sections: health, inclusion, participation and education.

If you would like to contact the Community Department to discuss any of our initiatives, please dial 01752 562561, option 4, or e-mail community@pafc.co.uk

ONE GAME, ONE COMMUNITY

This weekend's game against Swindon Town is an important date within the football calendar. Today's game highlights the One Game, One Community weeks of action, highlighting the importance of tackling bigotry, intolerance and anti-social behavior.

Through the Community Trust, we are promoting a more cohesive community that can enjoy football and sports equally and feel together as one.

Within these last few weeks, a school poster competition has been undertaken in which all children have been asked to create a poster on the subject of 'What is Equality?'. This has been distributed to primary schools across Devon and Cornwall with the overall winner receiving match tickets for our next home game against Morecombe.

The closing date for this was yesterday and the winner will be selected by our coaching staff.

Also today, we welcome Plymouth Argyle's Girls Centre of Excellence Under-11s team who are showcasing their talents at half time and showing how football is for everyone regardless of age, gender, religion or culture.





GO ON - SPEND AN HOUR ONLINE AT PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S PILGRIM CENTRE

When: October 31-November 4, 9.30am-4pm Monday-Friday, and 7-9pm Thursday and Friday.

Where: The Pilgrim Centre, Home Park.

What: Free computer help for beginners.

With the clocks going back on next Sunday, everyone in the UK has a spare hour - and you are being urged to spend it online!

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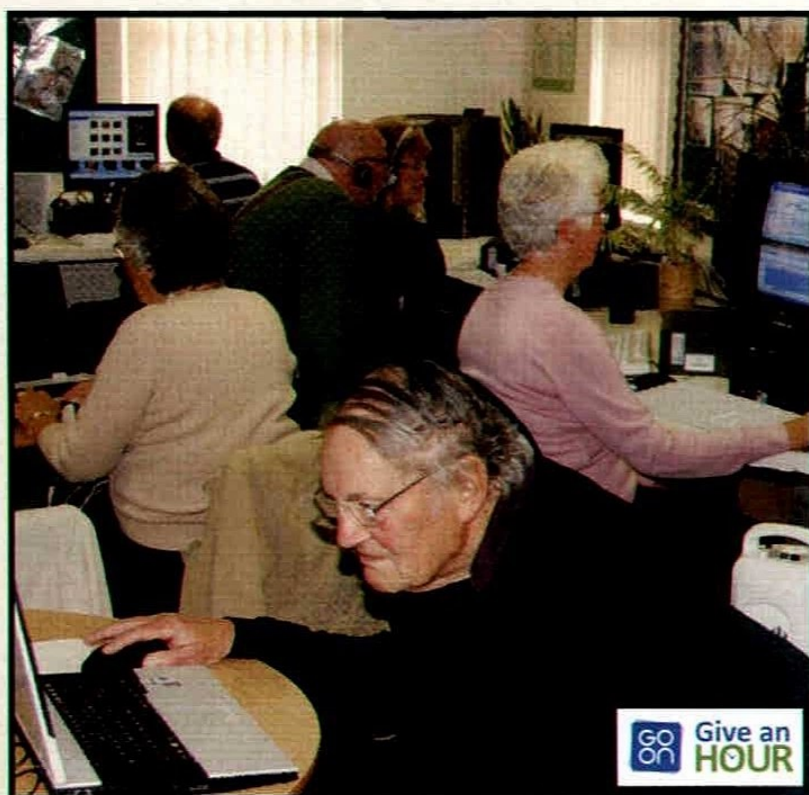
In this Get Online Week - from October 31 to November 4 - there are free events taking place at the Pilgrim Centre at Home Park where you can pop in and spend an hour seeing what the internet could do for you. You'll get a helping hand to get going, and there will

be plenty of other beginners there in exactly the same boat.

The Centre will be open Monday-Friday from 9.30am-4pm and also from 7-9pm on Thursday and Friday.

You are free to ask about anything you want to know on any of the days.

Drop in for an hour or join us for the whole day!



COURSES

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| Monday | October 31 | Cameras and digital photos , how to use the camera, move images from the camera, download or send them . |
| Tuesday | November 1 | Digital film , video cameras, editing, saving, holiday movies |
| Wednesday | November 2 | Communicating with E-mail , setting up accounts, Skype, Facebook |
| Thursday | November 3 | Choosing a new computer , what to ask , how to set it up, maintain it & keep it safe, children's safety |
| Friday | November 4 | On-line , shopping sites, public services, security and being safe |

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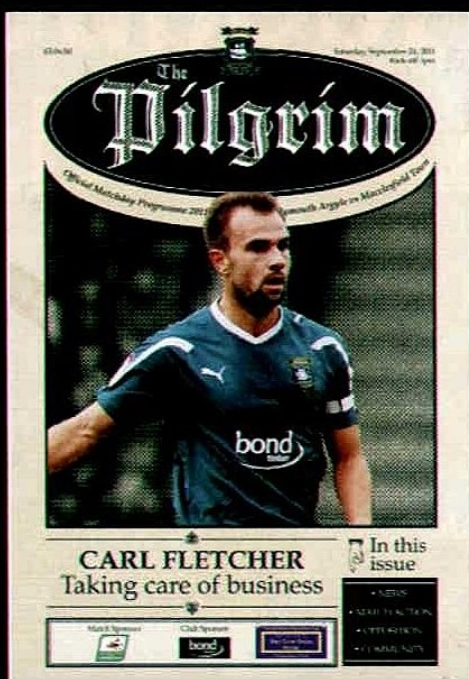
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The team received the award for their sporting behaviour and team spirit throughout last season.

Match-ball Sponsors

Today's Match-ball Sponsors are a party who have got together to help David Thomson celebrate his 30th birthday. David's friend Clive popped into the club to ask

about hospitality for the day; we discussed options, and the group decided to sponsor the match-ball on David's behalf. They have decorated their table with balloons and brought a cake!

You will see David on the pitch before the match, presenting the ball to referee Andy Woolmer, and, afterwards, a signed framed ball will be presented to him by the man of the match.



I am sure this will be a birthday to remember.

Do you have a friend or family member with a birthday? There are many ways to make the day special here at Home Park.

For details of hospitality-package options, contact Elaine on 01752 302204, extension 149, or email elaine.james@pafc.co.uk.



Dr David Thomson, one of three directors of TT&R solutions, is one of the Green Army's most loyal supporters, both home and away. His interest in football started at an early age and he started playing at the Bobby Charlton Juniors Soccer School. His first competitive

football was in a team called Manor Lions, managed by his father Malc. He played in goal, although it was a tough league with many more experienced teams and so he was made sponge boy and suddenly matches were won. His boyhood heroes were Gazza, Kevin Hodges and Steve Cherry. His other interests are trainspotting and birdwatching and he often give lectures on the Parus Major (great tit) and the Lophophanes Cristatus (crested tit). Recently, he got married to a wonderful girl called Zoe, who also recently celebrated her 30th birthday, and they have just bought their own home in Ash Vale, near Guildford.

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The second prize of the Land Rover Experience, which has been donated by Roger Young from Saltash has not yet been claimed. If you are the lucky holder of ticket 04659 make your way to reception to collect your voucher.

Matchday Mascot

The scheduled match-day mascot for our last home game against Accrington Stanley was poorly on the day, so he could not be with us.

Jordan Johnson was enjoying his meal in the Argyle Tribute Lounge with his dad Richard, granddad Ron, and friend Rob as guests of Goodrich, who have shown support for Argyle for many years. Jordan was wearing his Argyle shirt so we approached him to ask if he would like to lead the team out.



Jordan had no hesitation in agreeing, and Richard added that, as it was his 12th birthday, this would make his day even more special!

Jordan had a very busy day, playing for Marine Academy Plymouth Juniors in the morning then coming straight to Home Park in the afternoon.

Many of Jordan's friends were in the crowd, probably wondering why he had not mentioned that he was going to be the mascot!

Man of the Match



Our man of the match for the last home npower League 2 game against Accrington Stanley was midfielder Ladjie Soukouna.

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This season, to celebrate our 125th birthday, Rob McNichol is delving through the correspondence archives to find snapshots of seasons gone by. This week, we go through the letter box to October 1995...

JUST GOOD FRIENDS

Dear Argyle,

It's so pleasing to see our recent upturn in form. After such a dismal start to the season, I feared for us in this bottom division, but, after a couple of wins, I feel we are now heading in the right direction.

And you know why that is? We've got the right manager, and we've finally got our act together off the pitch. No football team can go anywhere unless you have a stable foundation backing them. And I think that we certainly have that now.

I'm delighted to have Mr Warnock at our club. He has a great record at places like Notts County and Huddersfield, and I'm sure he'll get us up this term. I think he will one day be a great Premier League manager, and I think his time at Argyle will help to mellow him. You'll never get to the Prem unless you are a calm and collected individual, and the sea air down here will no doubt do the job.

I was privileged enough to be at the game against Torquay and be a guest in the directors lounge. After the game, I saw the manager, Mr Warnock, chatting at

Neil Warnock: Calmness personified



length to the chairman. There is clearly a great relation between the two. They are both big characters, and I can see in their eyes there is a lot of mutual respect. They are sure to get on like a house of fire for a long, long time.

Here's to the future!
Yours,
Roy Towlock
South Brent



IN OTHER WORDS...

Dear Argyle,

May I interest you in another of my fantastic anagrams? I decided to take our manager's name and see what I could find. And you'll never believe it - I found two!

Why has he not managed in the top flight yet? Maybe it's because his name is an anagram of 'I LACK RENOWN'. And did you know he has Scottish heritage? He must do, because another anagram is 'WORE CLAN INK'.

Those are the only anagrams I could find. There is nothing else. Nothing.

All the best,
Gail Tife
Plymouth
(With help this week from my friends
Coleen & Wayne Kerr)



WHATEVER WILL BE

Dear Argyle,

I note that we are only a few weeks away from the first round of the FA Cup. Only a few days away from the

Argyle at Wembley:
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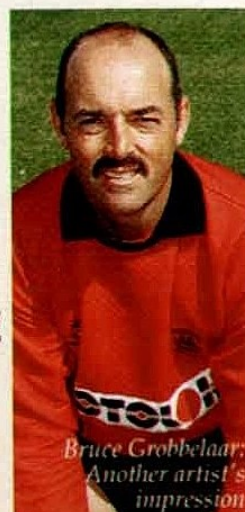
draw. The road to Wembley starts here, right?

Well, actually, it does my head in. Last year, where was our first round glamour tie? Kettering. The mighty Kettering. We got to the third round and had a fun day out at Forest, but it seems rather pointless to me.

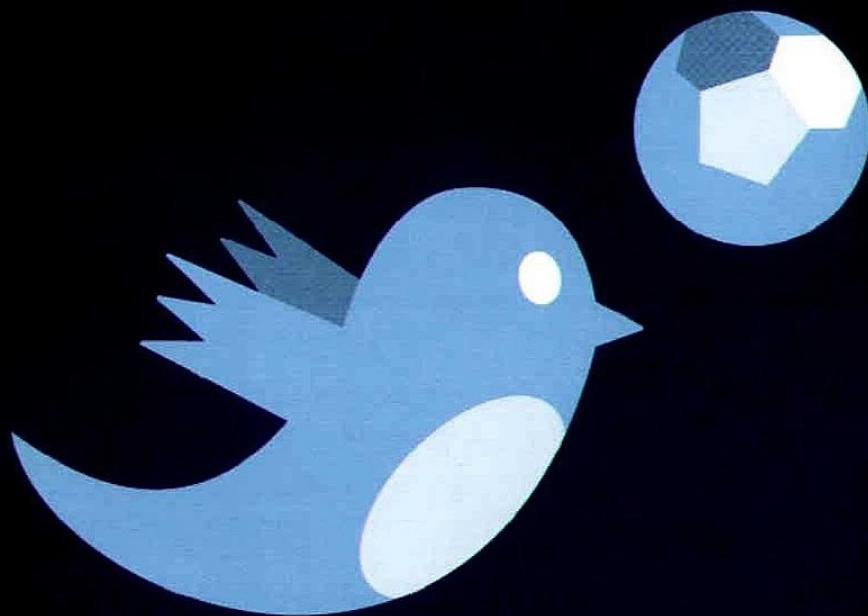
Who the heck cares about getting to Wembley, anyway? Nothing good can ever come of dreaming about Wembley. Can you honestly ever see Plymouth Argyle football club getting to Wembley? I mean, we've been around for 110 years, and we haven't got there. Surely time to stop dreaming.

The day we get to Wembley is the day our Chairman starts wearing a silly hat and we start to sign players like Bruce Grobbelaar. Neither is likely to happen, is it?

Yours,
Keisha
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Bruce Grobbelaar:
Another artist's
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The ground currently consists of three stands: the North 'Manor Hospital' Stand which is divided for use by home and away supporters and has a capacity of 5,026; the East 'Oxford Mail' Stand for home supporters; and the two-tier main South Stand which houses, among other things: a conference centre; the club offices; changing rooms; and a row of 28 glass-fronted executive boxes.

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Keepy Up...



David Norris celebrates scoring for Portsmouth

DAVID NORRIS scored possibly the goal of the weekend in Portsmouth's 2-0 win over **KEITH HILL'S** Barnsley. Having received the ball from a knock down on the edge of the box, Chuck took one touch to control before unleashing a fabulous volley into the bottom right-hand corner.

Welshman **JERMAINE EASTER** scored an injury-time half-volley in Crystal Palace's 2-0 victory against Watford. Easter, who had been on the pitch only seven minutes, reacted first to a defensive mistake to smash home from 20 yards. It was Jamma's second goal of the season.

Former loan signing **LUCAS JUTKIEWICZ** netted the game's only goal in Coventry's 1-0 win over Nottingham Forest. Lucas rose well to head home a perfectly placed cross for his fifth of the season. He could have perhaps made it two soon after, but this time the woodwork kept out his looping effort.



RORY FALLON set up fellow former Pilgrim **KARI ARNASON** to score as Aberdeen beat Dundee United 3-1 at Pittodrie. After just 14 minutes, Fallon's downward header found Iceland international Arnason on hand to scoop the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

Former Player of the Season **KRISZTIÁN TIMÁR** has been training with **PAUL STURROCK'S** Southend United.

Having spent time on trial with Bristol Rovers, the Beast of Budapest has been without a club since July.

BARRY HAYLES missed out on Truro's 7-2 defeat to Gloucester City having been involved in a minor car accident on the way to the game. He was unhurt, but not able to make it to the ground in time to be named in the starting 11. The striker did feature amongst the list of substitutes,

but did not come on to the Whaddon Road pitch.

JAMIE MACKIE made his first ever Premier League start and his first for ten months in QPR's 1-1 draw with Blackburn on Saturday. Afterwards, he told the club's website: "It felt brilliant. I've worked really hard and I was delighted to be back out there with the boys."



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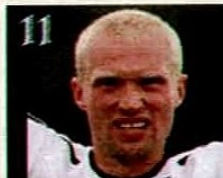
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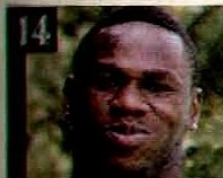
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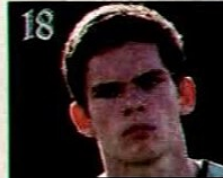
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| TUE 9 | 7.45 | H | MILLWALL | CC | 0-1 | 4,781 (224) | - | SUB | | LM | | RB(c) | RCB | RM | RCM | F | |
| SAT 13 | 3.00 | H | ROTHERHAM | FL2 | 1-4 | 6,015 (232) | 21 | SUB | RB | | RCM(c) | RCB | SUB | RM | LCM | 4,68 | |
| TUE 16 | 7.45 | H | AFC WIMBLEDON | FL2 | 0-2 | 5,900 (423) | 22 | SUB | RB | | | RCB(c) | SUB | F | RCM | F | |
| SAT 20 | 3.00 | A | GILLINGHAM | FL2 | 0-3 | 5,053 (315) | 22 | G(c) | RB | | | LCB | RCB | RM | RCM | SUB | |
| SAT 27 | 3.00 | H | CREWE | FL2 | 0-1 | 5,720 (210) | | G | RB | LB | RCM(c) | | RCB | RM | LCM | 8,85 | |
| TUES 30 | 7.45 | A | EXETER | JPT | 1-1* | 3,940 (330) | - | G | SUB | LM | LCM(c) | | RB | F | RCB | F | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 3 | 3.00 | A | BURTON | FL2 | 1-2 | 3,042 (638) | 24 | SUB | RM | LB | LCM(c) | LCB | RB | F | RCB | F | |
| SAT 10 | 3.00 | H | PORT VALE | FL2 | 0-2 | 5,018 (232) | 24 | G(c) | 5,60 | 1,8 | 8,39 | LCB | RB | RM | RCB | 27,80 | |
| TUE 13 | 7.45 | A | BARNET | FL2 | 0-2 | 1,849 (438) | 24 | G | SUB | 1,8 | DM(c) | | RB | F | RCB | SUB | |
| SAT 17 | 3.00 | A | SOUTHEND | FL2 | 0-2 | 4,984 (370) | 24 | SUB | RB | SUB | DM(c) | LCB | RCB | F | 13,72 | 7,84 | |
| SAT 24 | 3.00 | H | MACCLESFIELD | FL2 | 2-0 | 6,005 (68) | 24 | SUB | RB | 1,8 | | LCB | RCB | RM | DM(c) | SUB | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 1 | 3.00 | A | CRAWLEY TOWN | FL2 | 0-2 | 3,175 (868) | 24 | SUB | RB | LB | | LCB | RCB | RM | DM(c) | 20,65 | |
| SAT 8 | 3.00 | H | ACCRINGTON | FL2 | 2-2 | 8,013 (103) | 24 | SUB | RB | LB | | LCB | RCB | RM | DM(c) | SUB | |
| SAT 15 | 3.00 | A | DAGENHAM & R | FL2 | 3-2 | 2,025 (447) | 24 | SUB | RB | 1,8 | SUB | | RCB | | RCM(c) | | |
| SAT 22 | 3.00 | H | SWINDON TOWN | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 25 | 7.45 | A | OXFORD UNITED | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 29 | 3.00 | A | CHELTENHAM | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 5 | 3.00 | H | MORECAMBE | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 19 | 3.00 | A | TORQUAY UNITED | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 26 | 3.00 | H | NORTHAMPTON | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 10 | 3.00 | A | BRADFORD CITY | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 17 | 3.00 | H | HEREFORD | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON 26 | 12.00 | A | BRISTOL ROVERS | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 31 | 3.00 | A | ALDERSHOT TOWN | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON 2 | 3.00 | H | TORQUAY UNITED | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 7 | 3.00 | A | CREWE | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 14 | 3.00 | H | BURTON | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 21 | 3.00 | H | CRAWLEY TOWN | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 28 | 3.00 | A | PORT VALE | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 | 3.00 | H | SOUTHEND | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 11 | 3.00 | A | MACCLESFIELD | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 14 | 7.45 | H | BARNET | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 18 | 3.00 | A | ACCRINGTON | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 25 | 3.00 | H | DAGENHAM & R | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 3 | 3.00 | H | GILLINGHAM | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 6 | 7.45 | A | AFC WIMBLEDON | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 10 | 3.00 | A | ROTHERHAM | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 17 | 3.00 | H | SHREWSBURY | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 20 | 7.45 | H | BRISTOL ROVERS | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 24 | 3.00 | A | NORTHAMPTON | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 31 | 3.00 | H | BRADFORD CITY | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 7 | 3.00 | A | HEREFORD | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON 9 | 3.00 | H | ALDERSHOT TOWN | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 14 | 3.00 | A | SWINDON TOWN | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 21 | 3.00 | H | OXFORD UNITED | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 28 | 3.00 | A | MORECAMBE | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 5 | 3.00 | H | CHELTENHAM | FL2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*LOST 0-3 ON PENS

G = GOALKEEPER RB = RIGHT-BACK LB = LEFT-BACK RCB = RIGHT CENTRE-BACK LCB = LEFT CENTRE-BACK RM = RIGHT MIDFIELD RCM = RIGHT CENTRE MIDFIELD

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| 1 | LCB | | | | SUB | SUB | LB | LCM | | | G | 10,82 | | | |
| 2 | LCB | | | | F | 13,74 | LB | LCM | | | G | SUB | SUB | SUB | 17,53 |
| 3 | LCB | | | | | SUB | LB | F | LM | | G | | | | SUB |
| 4 | LB | | | | SUB | SUB | LCB | LCM | LM | | G | | | | 10,61 |
| 5 | LM | | SUB | | | SUB | LB | LCM | LM | | SUB | | | | 7,78 |
| 6 | LCB | | SUB | | | SUB | | F | LM | | SUB | | | | 7,64 |
| 7 | LCB | | SUB | | | SUB | LB | RCM | RM | | SUB | | | | SUB |
| 8 | RCM | | SUB | | | | 5,73 | | LM | 2,70 | G | | | | 10,70 |
| 9 | RCM | | | | | | | RCM | LM | SUB | SUB | | | | F |
| 10 | | | SUB | | | | LCB | RCM | LCM | LM | SUB | | | | 7,69 |
| 11 | RCM | | | | | | LB | LCM | RM | LM | G | | | | 22,60 |
| 12 | RCM | | SUB | | | | | LCM | LM | 7,90 | G | | | | SUB |
| 13 | RCM | | SUB | | | | | LCM | LM | 21,80 | G | | | | 5,85 |
| 14 | RCM | | SUB | | | | SUB | LCM | LM | 13,72 | G | | | | F |
| 15 | LM | | SUB | | | | LCB | LCM | RM | SUB | G | 11,84 | | | F |

Extra Time

with Blake Hall from
Rub of the Greens



With our club celebrating its 125 year anniversary this season, I am writing a collection of poetry alluding to our long and proud history.

We have seen many great games over the years, some good, some average and some downright awful – that's the nature of the game. In between some of the more routine matches have been a number of games which are remembered for their moments of downright lunacy! To remind you of just a handful....

A Pilgrim's Trail - Connor Hourihane

I will attempt to link a number of Argyle personalities through the years, but beginning and ending with the same player. This issue's subject is our Irish dynamo, CONOR HOURIHANE.



CILLIAN SHERIDAN
who recently played in Europe for CSKA Sofia, although this can be bettered by



CONOR HOURIHANE
is one of many Ireland U21 internationals that have played for Argyle. Another recent example is



PAUL MARINER
who won the UEFA Cup with Ipswich, the club from which Argyle acquired



PAUL MCGREGOR
who actually managed to score in Europe when he played in the UEFA Cup for Forest for who



ONISMOR BHASERA
are the only two Zimbabweans to have ever played for Argyle. Bhasera, of course, was brought to Argyle by yet another European winner



PETER SHILTON
twice won the European Cup, unlike



BRUCE GROBBELAAR
who managed to win the same competition once with Liverpool. Grobbelaar and

The Hands of Fate

by Blake Hall

In between the games of gloss
And not forgetting some utter dross
Some matches in our history
Have conjured utter mystery!

Let's first go back to '68
To a time of love, when flowers
were great
A trip to Barrow in days of yore
Would go down in football folklore

Barrow: 17 games without defeat
But Argyle refused to be beat
The score nil-nil - 13 minutes to go
A draw would be a good result though

The home side forced a corner kick
What happened next will make
you sick!
The ball was cleared, all well
and good
It landed at a home player's foot

George McLean was the
striker's name
But he was not the man to blame

He took a swipe and bias aside
The ball was definitely going wide

But a jump from one man caused
a deflection
And the ball's goalscoring
interjection
Was credited to the hands of fate
A goal handed to Barrow on a plate

The culprit's name was Robinson
But he wasn't one to score for fun
He didn't jump around with glee
For Robbo was the referee!

36 years later further south
A strange occurrence for Plymouth
The league cup game at Huish Park
Produced a real shot in the dark

The play was stopped, our
player was down
The ball came back from
Yeovil Town
A simple pass played back to us
Was meant to cause minimum fuss

But the ball flew in the Argyle net
And you haven't heard the best
part yet
For Yeovil's reaction said it all
They gifted us an easy goal!

Crawford ran from the centre spot
To the Yeovil goal and had a shot
It trickled in the empty net
A more sporting game you'll
never get

We got knocked out of the
League Cup
We always seem to mess that up
But we didn't back in '81
When Ultravox were number one

We played a match at Chester City
A game that probably wasn't pretty
Two-two in the cup away
And heading for a home replay

Kemp headed the ball across
the goal
The Chester 'keeper was stretched full

A hopeful nod it was at most
But the goalie collided with the post

Concussed he was, but that's not it!
For the collision caused the
goal to split
The woodwork snapped and
the goal net bulged
"I thought I'd scored", Dave
Kemp divulged

The game was stopped - a
major blip
And Argyle had a wasted trip
We drew the rematch -
how plucky
And finally won it third time lucky!

So there's a taste of the
downright strange
Like goals that got scored from
long range
Plus the famous brawl
at Saltergate
JUST NEVER CROSS THE
HANDS OF FATE!!

"I ALWAYS WEAR MY LUCKY PANTS..."



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