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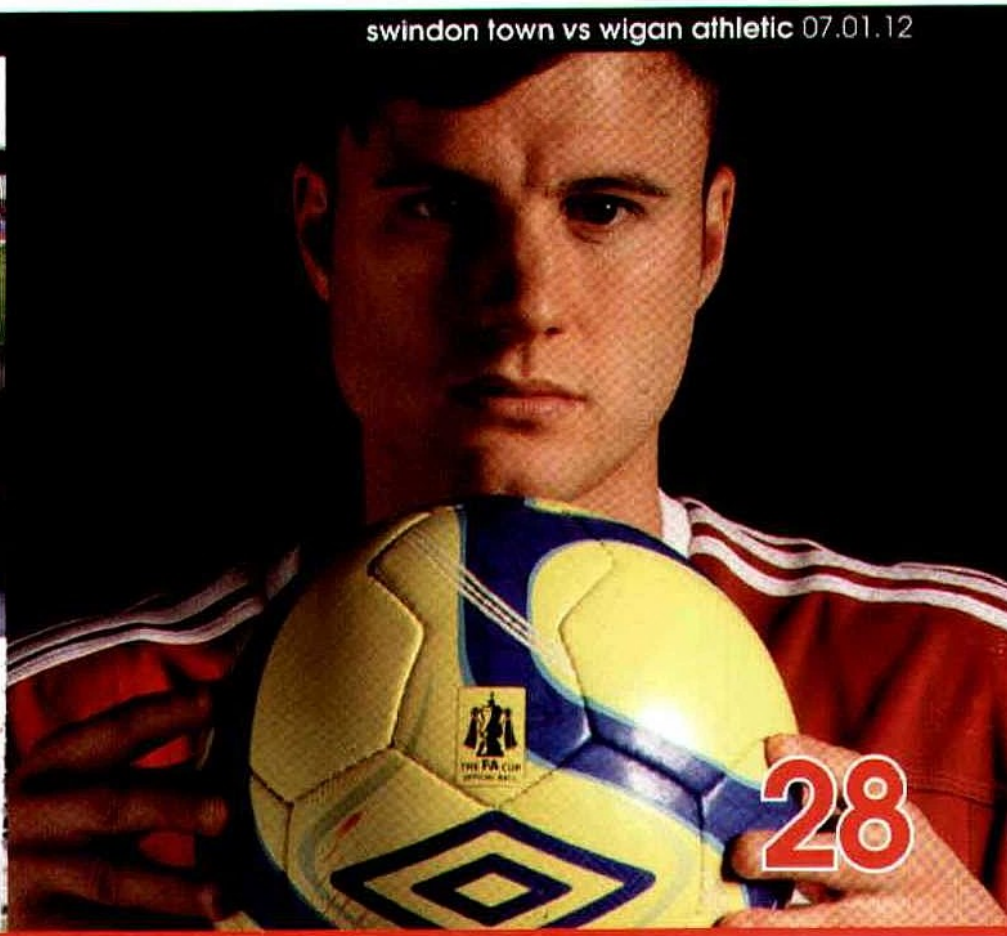
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di canio

- the manager -

AFTER a busy few weeks of football in League 2 today we find ourselves in the third round of the FA Cup against Premier League opposition. Today will be a good test for us, but also hopefully a great day for Swindon Town FC.

I told the players this week to keep dreaming, but keep their feet on the ground. Anything could happen because they are three leagues above us and an established Premier League team. What we have to do is make a solid start and give our best. The game is a challenge for my players to improve their knowledge and to achieve their limits.

The tie shouldn't be a worry for Wigan in most senses because they are coming to a League 2 side. Against Sunderland they created a lot of chances but once they went behind it was difficult to come back. If they come here and play with the system I think they will – then we have a chance of doing something against them. This week we have prepared for the game and we will try and play our football like we normally do. We have quality in the side and the likes of Ritchie, Ferry and Caddis are all in good form and can cause some damage to any team on a good

day. There is great enthusiasm in our side at the moment and the players are ready for the challenge.

Roberto Martinez is a good manager and it will be good to test myself against him and his team. He is a good man too and that counts for a lot these days. It will be a great honour for me because whilst the players

an FA Cup game in January and not just for an end of season celebration. The stadium should be full of passion and full of fans. We can all allow ourselves to dream because it is the FA Cup.

If we can go through today it will be amazing. If we draw then we know what's going on, but if we lose it's not the end of the

"The stadium should be full of passion and full of fans. We can all allow ourselves to dream because it is the FA Cup."

are the protagonists, it is an opportunity to line-up alongside him on the touchline and see how the afternoon goes. Once the game kicks off it will be eleven against eleven and I will help my players to do their best.

The County Ground will be full this afternoon and it will be amazing to see so many of our fans. It is a great moment because we have sold out for

world but we must give a good account of ourselves.

Our priority remains success in League 2 and we have done well so far this season, but there is more to come as we go into the second half of the season.

I hope today is a special day for the club, the players, my technical staff and for our amazing supporters.

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Paul

caddis

- the captain -

WE know it will be a tough assignment this afternoon against Wigan because we are playing a Premier League side. We will respect them but at the same time we go in as the underdogs and anything is possible in the FA Cup.

THEY have quality in their side, I know 'Gaz' (Caldwell) and Shaun Maloney pretty well from my time at Celtic. They are both great lads and I played and trained alongside them for a few seasons. 'Gaz' is a great centre-half and very comfortable on the ball too. If Shaun plays he might be lining up against me out wide so it should make for an interesting afternoon!

The FA Cup is a fantastic competition and going into the game as underdogs isn't something we are used to, although we have managed wins against higher-division opposition in the last two rounds of the competition. It doesn't matter who we face in terms of football philosophy; we will keep trying to play the game in the right way and that means getting the ball down and give it our best.

It has been a busy few weeks and the last two games have seen us get a couple of decent results to bounce back from the disappointment at Torquay.

At Northampton we battled back well with a couple of good finishes from Al Connell and Alan McCormack who scored a wonder-goal. Al and Si came on at half-time and changed the game so all credit to them and the rest of the lads who played their part.

On Monday we played our first game of 2012 which was

of our own fans, as my previous two this season had been on the road.

The club has been busy all week in the build-up to today's game and tickets have been flying out with a sell-out crowd expected. I know quite a few of the lads have friends and family coming down so there has definitely been a buzz

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of course here at home against AFC Wimbledon. It was the third time we had faced them this season so it was good to come away with the result we wanted. We went in 0-0 at the break and then I managed to score the free-kick to take the lead before Alan Connell got his second goal in three days to secure the victory. From a personal point of view it was nice to score in front

around the place ahead of the game. It will be great to have all the stands open and with a full stadium of Swindon fans there should be a tremendous atmosphere. The fans' support all season has been great but we're looking forward to playing in front of an even bigger crowd and we will do everything we can to try and get a positive result.

paul caddis - the captain
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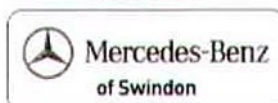
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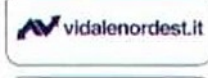


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- county ground news - forward focus

NEW signing Paul Benson hopes his experience can help the Robins secure promotion from League Two at the first attempt.



THE 32-year old frontman became Paolo Di Canio's first addition of the January transfer window and having helped Dagenham & Redbridge out of the division, Benson is hoping to call upon his experience to help Town to success.

"There were a few clubs interested but I made it clear to my previous club and my agent that Swindon Town was where I wanted to be and now hopefully I can repay Paolo and the club for

their faith in me," he said.

"My League Two experience will hopefully contribute towards the club and team. The promotion experience I have is something which I will try to pass on to other players who may not have it."

Benson is hoping to make his mark in the cup too, with the Robins still fighting on two fronts and a quick return to Wembley is a distinct possibility for the striker.

"I am available for both the

FA Cup and Johnstone's Paint Trophy so hopefully I will be able to play some sort of part in those competitions. With the possibility of reaching Wembley in the JPT and playing a Premier League side in the FA Cup it's a great time to join.

"This year has already started so much better for me than last year. I'm hoping to put 2011 behind me and I am really looking forward to getting my Swindon career up and running."

news in brief



FA Youth Cup

Town's Under 18's will take on Manchester City in the FA Youth Cup on Tuesday 17th January with a 7pm kick-off at The County Ground.



Sell-Out

The fixture with Shrewsbury Town will now take place on Tuesday 21st February 2012. Remember to keep your FA Cup stub for a discounted ticket!



Timlin leaves Town

On Thursday evening midfielder Michael Timlin completed a permanent switch to Southend United, signing an 18-month deal at Roots Hall.

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down to business

HOSPITALITY sold-out well in advance of today's game with the Chairman's Suite, Members' Suite and Sponsor's Suite all full as well as a hospitality offering in Bar71 for the visit of Wigan Athletic to STFC...

Hospitality at home!

THE next availability for hospitality for a League 2 game is when Town take on Macclesfield Town at the end of the month, with the game taking place on Saturday 21st January.

Sponsor's Suite packages for the Macclesfield game are available priced at just £40 for existing Adult Season Ticket holders to include a three-course meal, half and full-time refreshments and a man of the match visit to the suite after the game.

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Adult £25, Junior £10

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Adult £45, Junior £20

STFC Sponsors Evening

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Each player sponsor is entitled to two complimentary places to the evening with additional guest places available at £25 per person including VAT.

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The evening will include:

- Each shirt sponsor presented with a signed shirt from their sponsored player
- Two-course meal with refreshments
- Question and answer session with Paolo Di Canio and his squad

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Richard Terry

RICHARD Terry is celebrating his 36th birthday in the Sponsor's Suite with his family today! He has been a lifelong Swindon supporter, first going to the illustrious County Ground in 1985 to watch the Robins take on Chester in a 4-4 thriller! His first appearance in a Town programme was back in 1986, when he was a mascot!

Today's treat has been organised by his girlfriend who thought he would love the chance to watch some great football and to eat lots of birthday cake!



Debbie Cooper

DEBBIE is celebrating her 50th birthday with her husband (Steve) and two daughters (Toni and Skye) in the Sponsor's Suite today. She has supported Town since her first game, a 4-1 win over Wimbledon in 1980. Her favourite player is currently Paul Caddis with Charlie Henry being her favourite player of all time.

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the red carpet

IT was a hospitality sell-out at the last home game against AFC Wimbledon with three points coming Town's way. Today it's the FA Cup with a place in round four at stake for the Robins...

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SIMON Ferry was named the Sponsors' man of the match and is seen here collecting his champagne from Consult Hyperion representatives.



BEESELYS Tools were Matchball Sponsors and Simon Howard is seen receiving a signed matchball from Simon Ferry after the game.



PROGRAMME Sponsors TE Connectivity enjoyed their day with Candice Thomas part of the group shown receiving a signed programme.



HAVE your cake and eat it! Birthday boy Andrew Watts is handed a birthday cake in the suite after the game by Town midfielder Simon Ferry.

executive guests

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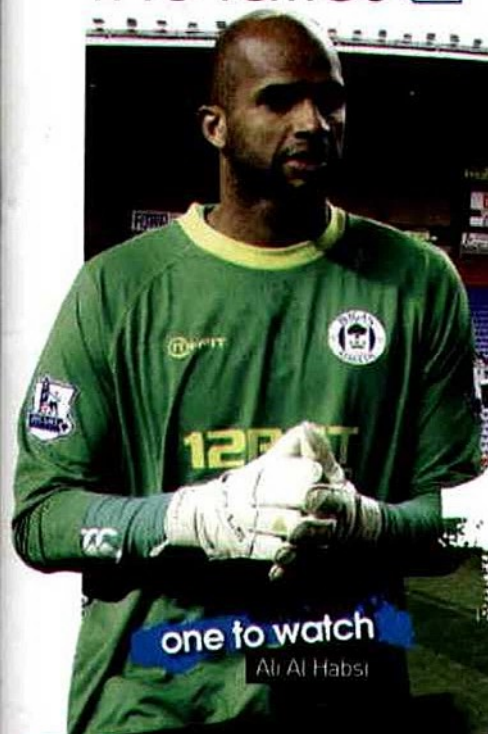
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Ali Al Habsi



club mascot
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Kevin Langley



previous encounter
28th December 2002



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Alan McLoughlin in 2000

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Nickname: The Latics
Year formed: 1932
Best cup win:
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24/11/1934, FA Cup R1

Goals in a season:
Graeme Jones: 31, 1996/97 Div 3
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Wigan Athletic 1 (25/01/03)
Play at: The DW Stadium
Ground capacity: 25,133



likely line up

Ali Al Habsi

The 6'5 goalkeeper, 30, is an Omani international who made his 21st appearance of the campaign against Sunderland on Tuesday.



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>> IN GOAL >>

the essentials

Ronnie Stam

A £2 million recruit from Dutch side FC Twente in the summer of 2010, 27-year old Stam has been regularly involved this season.

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Steve Gohouri

The 30-year old Ivory Coast international was sent off on his first game of the season against Spurs and has made nine appearances this term.

02



Antolin Alcaraz

The centreback featured against Brazil for Paraguay in the Copa America last summer and joined the Latics shortly after for his first spell in England.

03



Maynor Figueroa

A Honduran international, the defender signed for Wigan on a permanent basis in December 2008 after a successful loan stint.

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>> AT THE BACK >>

Jordi Gomez

The former Espanyol winger spent a successful spell working with Martinez on loan at Swansea, before signing for Wigan Athletic in 2009.

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James McCarthy

The midfielder signed for the Latics in a £1.1 million switch from Hamilton in 2006 and has made 16 appearances this campaign.

04



Ben Watson

The 26-year old has now passed 250 league appearances, most of those made during an established stay with Crystal Palace.

08



Victor Moses

21-year old Moses joined the Latics from Crystal Palace for £2.5 million in 2010 and came off the bench on Tuesday evening.

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>> IN MIDFIELD >>

Franco Di Santo

A £3 million signing for Chelsea in 2008, he made just eight league appearances off the bench before a move to Wigan two years later.

09



Hugo Rodallega

The Columbian, who joined Wigan for £4.5 million in 2008, scored his first goal of the season against Sunderland on Tuesday night.

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>> UP FRONT >>



Wigan Athletic the latics

Conor Sammon...

THE Striker joined Latics on deadline day January 2011. The Latics managed to persuade him to join the club from Kilmarnock where he was the second leading scorer in the SPL. His senior career began at the University College of Dublin before a brief spell at Derry City. After a short trial with Kilmarnock, he made the switch to Scotland in July 2008. Before his move to Wigan, his record in the SPL in the 2010/11 season was prolific with 18 goals in 27 games.



Gary Caldwell...

JOINED Wigan Athletic in January 2010 on a four-and-a-half year deal from Glasgow Celtic. The Stirling-born centre-half started his career as a trainee at Newcastle United, and after a number of loan spells joined Scottish outfit Hibernian in 2004. Caldwell spent two-and-a-half years at Easter Park before moving to boyhood club Glasgow Celtic in 2006.

Mohamed Diame...

THE 24-year old French midfielder joined the club in August 2009 from Spanish outfit Rayo Vallecano along with team-mate Antonio Amaya. His signature was confirmed just hours before making his debut at home against Manchester United, in which he made an impressive performance. An athletic, strong and tactically astute central-midfielder, Diame had been courted by the likes of Barcelona, Real Madrid and Arsenal before the Latics decided to make the move and secure his services. He has made 82 league starts for the Latics so far, scoring four times.



Emmerson Boyce...

THE 28-year old defender followed Fitz Hall from Crystal Palace in the summer of 2006 to sign a four-year contract. Primarily a right-back, the Aylesbury-born defender can also play in the centre or right side of the back four. He began his career with Luton Town before signing for the Eagles in 2004.

Played for both

THE last transfer between the two clubs saw Gareth Whalley join the Robins from Wigan back in 2005, whilst the likes of Paul Mitchell (loan), Andy Mutch, Alan McLoughlin, Peter Thorne and former Town boss Danny Wilson are amongst those to have played for the Latics and represented Swindon.



Head to Head

THERE have been a total of ten games between Swindon Town and Wigan Athletic with the Robins victorious in three of those encounters. The last of those came in January 2003 with goals from Danny Invincible and Andy Gurney securing the Division Two win.



It's a sell-out!

TODAY'S FA Cup clash is a sell-out for home supporters with just over 14,000 expected at The County Ground to see the Robins take on the Latics. The FA prize fund will pay out £67,500 to the winners of today's tie with a place in round four of the world's oldest cup competition the reward for the winners. See page 25 of this programme to see Town's recent record in the competition and a look at when Fulham visited SN1!





roberto martínez

the gaffer

MARTÍNEZ realised his ambition of becoming manager of Wigan Athletic in June 2009.

Born in Balaguer, Catalonia, Martínez began his playing career at his home-town club CF Balaguer in the Spanish Third Division before moving to Real Zaragoza in La Liga where he made his senior debut.

He was offered the chance to move to England by Chairman, Dave Whelan and he signed on a free transfer on 25 July 1995, joining fellow Spaniards Jesús Seba and Isidro Díaz. Martínez spent six seasons at Wigan, making 180 appearances for the club scoring 23 goals.

Released on a free transfer by Steve Bruce, Martínez signed for Scottish club Motherwell in July 2001 but made only eight appearances, plus eight more as substitute, before moving back to England to join Walsall on a free transfer in August 2002. He then had spells with Swansea City and Chester City before becoming Swansea manager in February 2007. In total he won 63 out of 126 games in charge of the Swans before returning to The DW Stadium to take over as manager.

Martínez could have taken an opportunity to leave Wigan in the summer of 2011 but instead elected to stay and continue the work he has started at the DW Stadium.



as a manager...

Swansea City - 2008



swansea city

As a player - 2005



remember when...

Wigan in 1997

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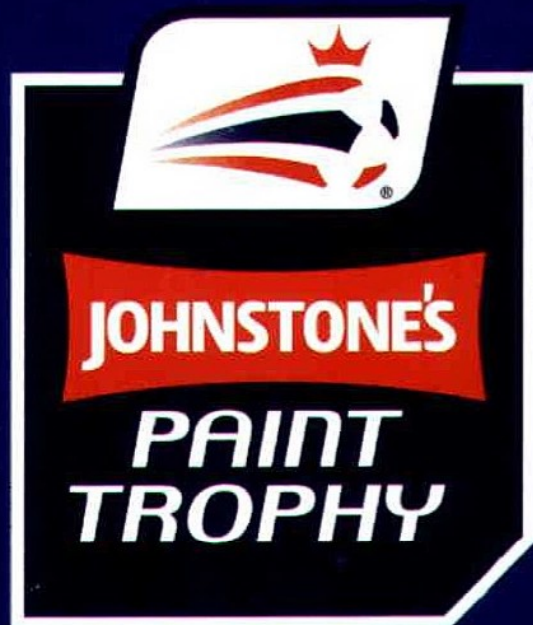
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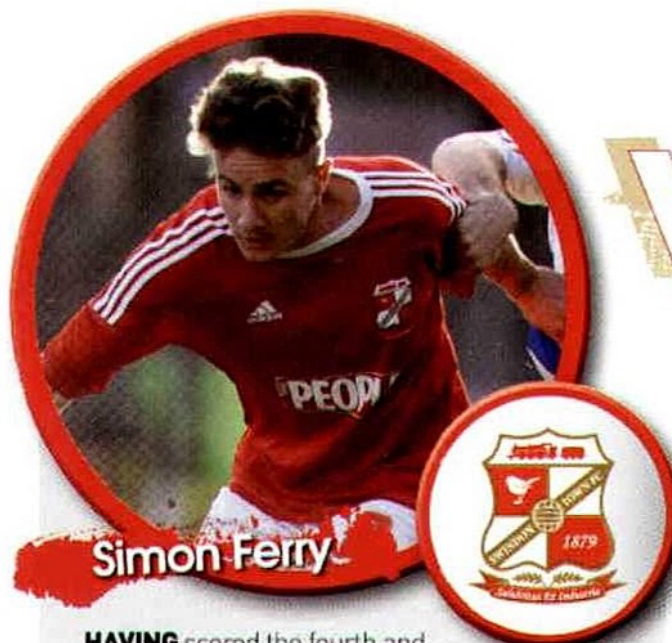
Aden Flint

A year after making the switch into the Football League from Alfreton Town, defender Aden Flint is looking forward to the prospect of lining up against Premier League opposition this afternoon.

The 22-year old has made 25 appearances for the Robins this term and has formed an impressive defensive partnership alongside Alan McCormack. After back to back wins against Northampton Town and AFC Wimbledon, the FA Cup now offers the Robins a different type of test.

He said: "It's a massive game and all the lads are really looking forward to it. There is a different feel to the match given it's an FA Cup tie against top-flight opposition – but we will just play our game."

"The FA Cup is a great competition and lower-league sides dream of playing against Premier League teams. This is our chance."



Simon Ferry

HAVING scored the fourth and final goal in round one against Huddersfield Town, Simon Ferry is eager to play his part in another FA Cup special this afternoon.

Ferry notched his second of the campaign against the Terriers and having overcome Colchester United in round two – the Robins now face a match-up with Premier League opponents.

Ferry commented: "The Huddersfield game was a great performance against a very good team. Hopefully we can do something against Wigan and it is a chance to test ourselves against top players."

"Wigan are a side who work hard for each other off the ball not just when they are in possession."

"Victor Moses is a very good player and Hugo Roddella is a top striker. I know Gaz (Caldwell) from my time at Celtic and also James McCarthy who was at Hamilton."

FANS' FACEBOOK MATCH PREDICTIONS:

Luke Hodgson: Town to win with Connell getting a brace, wishful thinking maybe!

Chris Maisey: 1-1 after 90 minutes. Connell to get on the scoresheet again.

Melissa Healy: 1-0 Town to win. I have faith that we can beat Wigan. I said it as soon as I saw who we were playing.

Lisa Horton: Swindon 3 Wigan 2. Good luck Swindon!



Referee: Peter Walton

About today's match referee: A former semi-professional player, Walton is an experienced official, having been a fixture in the professional game since the 1998/99 season. He worked his way up to the Premier League, debuting in the top flight during Wolves' 4-3 win over Leicester in October 2003.

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**Roberto Martinez****WIGAN** boss Roberto Martinez

remained positive after their midweek Premier League defeat to Sunderland, a game which saw Hugo Rodallega net his first goal of the season. The frontman has now made 89 league starts for the Latics following his £4.5 million move from Necaxa in December 2008. He was in the starting line-up for Tuesday night's clash with Sunderland - a game in which he scored his opening goal of the campaign. It was a strike which Roberto Martinez believed could have been the platform for a comeback against the Black Cats.

Martinez said: "It's always great to see Hugo scoring goals; that's his first of the season and it's important he gets that confidence back."

"He was starting to have a big say in the game at that point, but from their next attack Sunderland stretched their lead and we couldn't respond."

WIGAN Athletic arrive in Wiltshire this afternoon on the back of a 4-1 defeat in the Premier League and are eager to get back to winning ways against lower league opponents today...

**Conor Sammon****WIGAN** Athletic frontman

Conor Sammon believes today's

FA Cup tie could serve as a double-header, by wiping the Sunderland defeat from their minds and boost the team's confidence. The Irish forward anticipates changes in the line-up for the Latics' game at The County Ground, which could signal fresh competition within the squad.

"We've got an FA Cup game coming up next and a chance for other players to come in and try to make a difference," said Sammon.

"It'll be a big opportunity for some players who have perhaps been frustrated in recent weeks to have not featured in the team."

"Callum McManaman for example has been doing extremely well at Blackpool, we've all been following his progress and it'll be great to have him back for the rest of the season."

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Dave Darling: 1-1 Saturday, but we will lose 2-1 in the replay, but will have done the fans, Paolo Di Canio and the club proud!

Jordan Everden: 1-0 Town! Ritchie to score first with lots of second half pressure, but we can hold out.

Liam STFC McGuire: 2-1 Town. Benson and Ritchie to score. Man United away in the next round. COYR!

Douglas Stephen Pearce: Swindon to win 3-0.

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Simon Barrow

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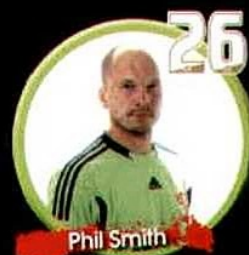
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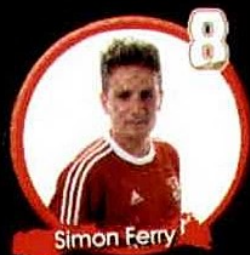
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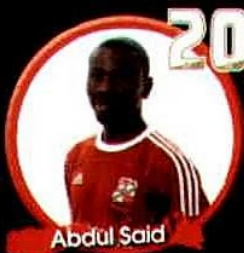
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Saturday 3rd December
Colchester United 0 Swindon Town 1

THE LAST TEN...

05.01.02 - FA Cup 3rd Round
Manchester City 2 Swindon Town 0

08.12.02 - FA Cup 2nd Round
Oxford United 1 Swindon Town 0

08.11.03 - FA Cup 2nd Round
Wycombe Wanderers 4 Swindon Town 1

15.12.04 - FA Cup 2nd Round (Replay)
Notts County 2 Swindon Town 0

16.11.05 - FA Cup 1st Round (Replay)
Boston United 4 Swindon Town 1

06.01.07 - FA Cup 3rd Round
Crystal Palace 2 Swindon Town 1

22.01.08 - FA Cup 3rd Round (Replay)
Barnet 1 Swindon Town 1
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08.11.08 - FA Cup 1st Round
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02.01.09 - FA Cup 3rd Round
Fulham 1 Swindon Town 0

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Fulham v Swindon Town
Fulham's Rodney Marsh (r) scores his team's first goal as Swindon Town's Kenny Stroud (l) watches on.



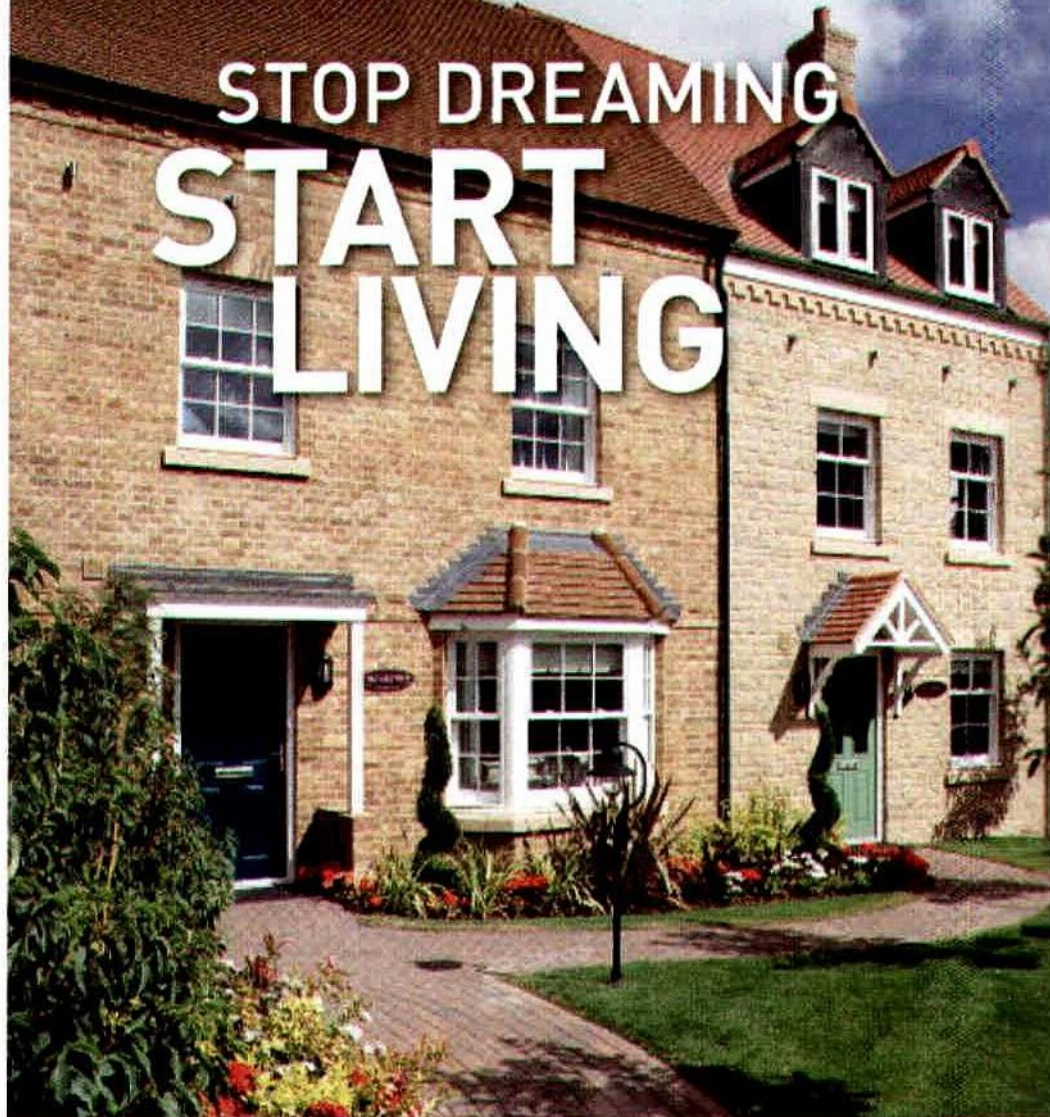


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In truth, it'll be tough for Swindon to get a result this afternoon. There has been a growing swell of belief from fans this week in the lead up to the match that they can cause an old-fashioned Cup upset. I see no reason to disagree but I'd far rather trade a famous win today for three more victories in the league this month. Still, no reason why we can't have both...



jonathan Smith

"I'm looking forward to it because the nature of a cup game can make for a more exciting atmosphere."

THE FA Cup has been kind to Jonathan Smith in recent seasons. The midfielder has reached the third round with both Forest Green Rovers and York City and this year he's looking to go one better...

What was your reaction when Swindon Town and Wigan Athletic were pulled out during the draw last month to ensure today's home tie?

I was pretty excited, to be honest. Obviously it's good to get a home draw and to get a Premier League team as well, you can't really ask for any more. Wigan have a lot of quality players including a number of internationals, so we know it's going to be a very hard game. * There's no doubt we'll have to be at our absolute best to win and get a result. I've been taking a bit more of an interest in watching them on Match of the Day and they've got some very good attacking players. It's going to be very difficult, but we think we're capable of winning.

The support the team has received has been great, what part can the fans play today?

With it being a cup tie as well the crowd will get behind us, which could help. Our fans have been good all season but this

will be a big home crowd. If we can play to our best it should make for a good atmosphere, which could help us get the win. We've enjoyed good followings home and away this season, but hopefully this will be one to really enjoy. I'm looking forward to it because the nature of a cup game can make for a more exciting atmosphere.

You've reached the third round on two occasions but never the fourth. Will it be a case of third time lucky?

The FA Cup has been a lucky competition for me. I've reached the third round every time I've taken part, so it has produced some good times! But to beat a Premier League team, with Swindon, would be the biggest achievement so far. We're looking to win the game and try and go as far as we can in the competition. You always see teams from lower leagues go a long way, sometimes even the quarter-finals, so why not us?

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After today's cup encounter there is the first of two legs of the JPT final against Barnet followed by a number of key league games. Do you see this as a defining month in our season?

The league is our main priority. That is our main objective and so consistency in the league is important. If we can do well in the cups as well it'll be a bonus. The manager won't let us take our focus away from the main job, but when the cup games come we'll be focused on those. We obviously have a huge chance of playing at Wembley and only a small number of the squad have done that before. It's a stage any player wants to play on.

Our last win at The County Ground in 2011 came against your former employers, Morecambe. Did you enjoy getting one over some of your old team-mates?

I was pleased we got the win, particularly after what happened a week earlier at Bristol Rovers. We all let ourselves down in that game and it was crucial we got a win under our belts. Whoever we played [when we played Morecambe] would have taken a bit of a backlash from the Rovers game!

For me personally, yes, it was nice to get the win. I have a lot to thank Morecambe for in terms of the opportunities they gave me at the start of my career. But it was nice to beat them.

Do you see the criticism that followed the draw against Bristol Rovers as a sign of progress? Everyone seemed so disappointed with what was a draw against our local rivals, which could be seen as a point gained.

Possibly. I think from the lads' point of view we just felt we didn't play as well as we could have done or had been doing in the run up to that game. The manager knows what we're capable of and he wants us to play to our potential every week, not just the odd match. On the day we were lucky to get the draw, so it might have been a good point in the end.

Is it hard to play at a high standard every week?

I think the thing for the gaffer is that if you can't play at that level every week then you're out of the team. He's hard on us but very fair. If you play well you stay in the side but if you're quality level drops you're out, and that's the way it should be. It's simple. He doesn't make excuses for any player.

You're a regular in the team now compared to earlier in the season. What's changed?

It's positive for me to be playing every week at this level. I'm lucky to be playing with some very good players, but I know that if I don't play to my best someone else will take my place. That means

"If you play well you stay in the side but if you're quality level drops you're out, and that's the way it should be."





that I've got to work as hard as I possibly can to make sure I impress the manager and keep my place.

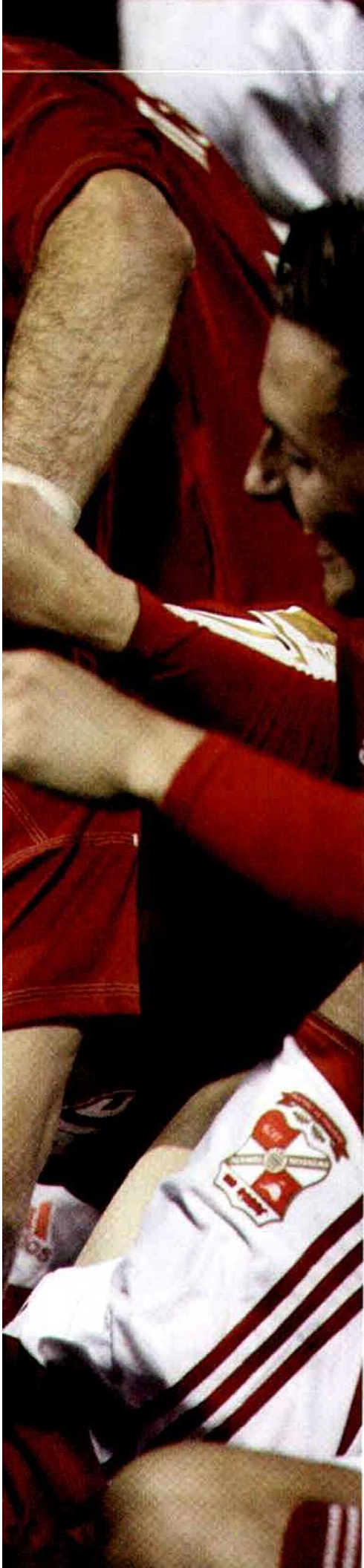
You seem to have forged a decent working relationship with Simon Ferry...

He's a top midfielder with great quality. People see him as a character off the field but he works really hard on the pitch, particularly in training. He's been one of the best players this season and I'm not surprised given the quality he has. You've seen what sort of damage he can do all over the pitch as well as going forward. It's a pleasure to play with him. He brings the best out of me and I think we work very hard for each other. It's a good partnership. Whoever has played in the centre has done well this season, but obviously I would like to stay there as long as I can.

You were one of the manager's first signings, what do you remember about the move?

"Whoever I'm playing against, whether it's a Wigan player or anyone else, I just want to win the battle and do my bit for the team."





As soon as I was given the opportunity to come here I was desperate to sign, desperate. I was eager to not only test myself at this level but to come to a big team like Swindon. York City was a good opportunity for me, but Swindon are on another level. There were other Football League teams interested in me last season but they were smaller teams who were struggling. Swindon have got a big stadium, get big crowds and they have the ambition to match – it's the sort of challenge I've worked hard to get to.

In an earlier interview this season you said it took time adapting to League Two. Do you feel like a League Two player now?

There's more to come from me, but I'm pleased to be playing regularly, for a decent team and under a good manager. I've got to keep working hard. I'm hungry to succeed, which is why I came down here.

You certainly haven't struggled with the fitness regime and in some games you appear to cover every blade of grass. Has fitness always come naturally?

Yes, I've always been naturally fit but I'm not afraid of hard work. I've always done extra training to try and get ahead, so I'm not afraid to push myself. I always do whatever I can to try and gain something extra on the pitch. When I was playing in the Conference I felt that extra something could be the difference to making the step up. Working hard doesn't bother me at all.

And you love getting stuck in!

Sometimes I'm guilty of the odd rash challenge [laughs]! Once you're out on the pitch there are one-to-one battles all over the pitch that you want to win for the team. I want to win the ball. I never go out to hurt anyone; I just try and win the ball back. In the Conference there were some big players but I never felt intimidated. Whoever I'm playing against, whether it's a Wigan player or anyone else, I just want to win the battle and do my bit for the team. No-one scares me.

You say there's more to come... can you elaborate? What areas of your game do you feel need strengthening?

There are definitely things I can improve on. Sometimes my passing could be better and I need to be better on the ball. Everyone wants to get on the scoresheet as well, but to be honest I'm just happy playing in the team every week. Playing with such good players, the chances in front of goal will come. My game plan is just to keep my head down, work hard and hopefully certain areas will automatically improve.

We're at the halfway stage of the campaign. Which team or players have impressed you?

No-one has stood out. Gillingham were a good team and I think they'll be up there, but I honestly haven't seen anyone who I think is as strong as we are. We have a big, strong squad. There is good depth to it and you've got two players in every position. Not just two players, but players of equal ability meaning there is competition for places everywhere.



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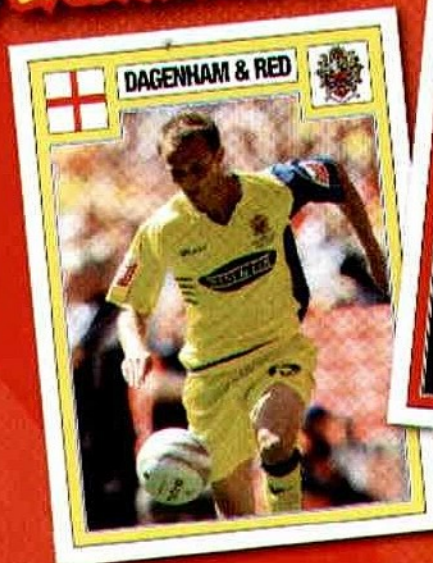
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03 Corker
04 Crowe (Kaziboni 71)
05 Tozer
14 Johnson
28 Langmead
07 Davies (McKoy 46)
17 Jacobs
02 Young
08 Robinson (Akinfenwa 71)
09 Berahino

Substitutes

26 Hall
11 Holt
19 Kaziboni
22 McKoy
10 Akinfenwa

Boothroyd Comment:

"EVERYONE'S going to point fingers at Paolo and that's fine. He's apologised to me and I accept his apology. I think sometimes the passion in the game gets to all of us. I think the goals we conceded were very avoidable. It will certainly be a different team that plays against Shrewsbury."

Swindon Town

35 Foderlingham
03 Kennedy
05 Devera (Flint 74)
07 Coddiss
10 Ritchie
12 McCormack
13 Risser
24 Smith (Ferry 55)
23 De Vita
29 Magera (Connell 46)
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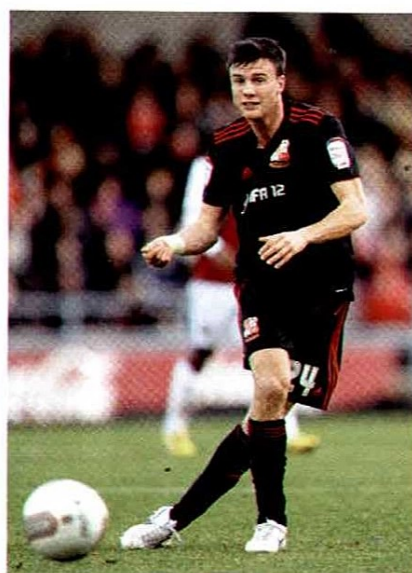
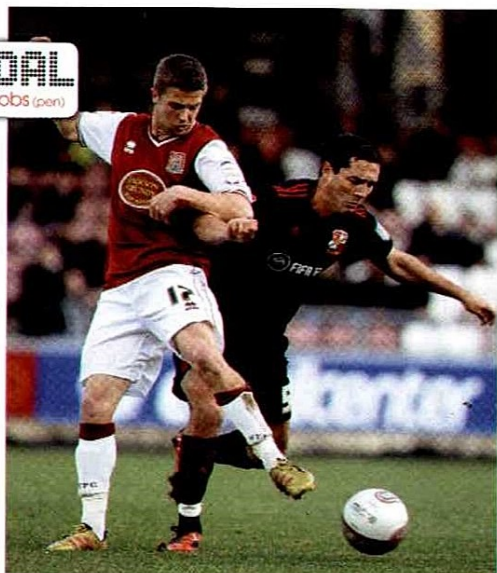
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08 Ferry
21 Gabillondo
17 Connell

Di Canio Comment:

"THIS victory is amazing. I am very happy for the players. I told them during the week you don't have to love me, you have to follow me (and) you will win. In the first half I saw a really positive attitude and told them to remain calm as we were the better side. Today is a very, very good day but I was at risk for a heart attack."

match action:

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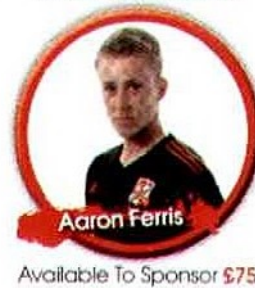
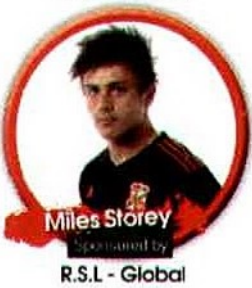
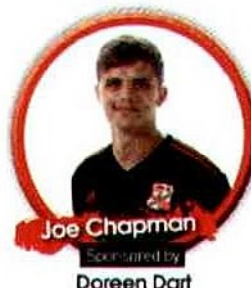
Date	Team	-	RES
Sat Aug 6	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	W3-2
Sat Aug 13	Bristol Rovers	H	L1-5
Sat Aug 20	Yeovil Town	A	W3-0
Sat Aug 27	Exeter City	A	L1-3
Sat Sep 3	Cheltenham Town	H	W3-1
Sat Sep 17	Swansea City	A	W2-0
Sat Oct 1	Oxford United	H	D1-1
Sat Oct 15	Cheltenham Town (CUP)	A	W3-2
Sat Oct 22	Oxford United (CUP)	H	W3-2
Sat Oct 29	Hereford United (CUP)	H	W7-0
Tue Nov 1	Newport County (FAYC)	H	W2-0
Sat Nov 5	AFC Bournemouth (CUP)	A	W2-1
Sat Nov 15	AFC Bournemouth (FAYC)	A	W3-1
Sat Dec 3	Stevenage (CUP 2)	H	L0-1
Tue Dec 6	Plymouth Argyle	H	L2-3
Mon Dec 12	Birmingham City (FAYC)	H	W3-2
Sat Jan 7	Hereford United	H	
Sat Jan 14	Exeter City	H	
Tue Jan 17	Manchester City (FAYC)	H	7pm
Sat Jan 28	Cheltenham Town	A	
Sat Feb 4	Swansea City	H	
Sat Feb 11	Oxford United	A	
Sat Feb 25	Torquay United	H	
Sat Mar 3	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sat Mar 24	Hereford United	A	
Sat Mar 31	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	
Sat Apr 14	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat Apr 21	Yeovil Town	H	
-	Torquay United	A	TBC

Appearances

		2011/12 SEASON		
		LGE	CUP	GLS
1	Leigh Bedwell	5	6	-
2	Joe Chapman	8	7	1
3	Chris Sim	8	8	1
4	Eddie Stevens	8	6(1)	4
5	Harry Grant	8	6(1)	1
6	Ben Whitehead	6	6(2)	6
7	Miles Storey	7	6(2)	10
8	Aaron Oakley	7	8	3
9	Louis Thompson	7(1)	6(1)	2
10	Aaron Ferris	5(1)	4(3)	1
11	Mark Francis	2(6)	2(4)	1
12	Jake Simpson	3(3)	4(3)	-
13	Conor Thompson	3	2	-
14	Alex Ferguson	4(4)	6(1)	-
15	Connor Waldon	2(5)	3(5)	7
16	Luke Murden	5(1)	8	1

Youth Alliance Table 2011/12

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Bristol Rovers	8	6	1	1	+12	19
Plymouth Argyle	9	5	2	2	+8	17
Exeter City	8	4	4	0	+12	16
AFC Bournemouth	9	4	2	3	+3	14
Swansea City	8	4	2	2	+2	14
Swindon Town	8	4	1	3	+1	13
Cheltenham Town	10	4	1	5	+1	13
Oxford United	9	3	4	2	+1	13
Torquay United	8	2	1	5	-5	7
Yeovil Town	8	1	2	5	-5	5
Hereford United	9	0	0	9	-30	0



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- classic encounters -

coyne chips in with winner

SWINDON Town were 3-2 winners at Wigan back in May 1987 with Peter Coyne netting the winner in what was a classic encounter.



**Wigan Athletic 2
Swindon Town 3**
14 May 1987
Attn: 6,718

HAVING finished in third place in Division 3, one place and two points ahead of Wigan, Town travelled to Springfield Park on a Thursday evening for the first leg of the first ever League play-offs.

Swindon made four changes from the side that had lost 3-2 there seven weeks earlier, including left-sided midfielder Steve Berry who was making only his second appearance for the club. But there was no change in how Town started. In the previous game Bobby Campbell had given Wigan a third-minute lead and this time it was his strike partner Chris Thompson, who was allowed space and time to crack a 20 yard drive past Fraser Digby.

The hosts doubled their advantage with only 15 minutes gone when, from a Barry Knowles

free-kick, the ball squirmed from Digby's grasp for David Lowe to prod home.

A fine save by Digby from Paul Jewell just three minutes after the break prevented a third goal. But that proved to be the turning point, with Town denying Wigan any further chances.

However, it took until the 72nd minute for big Dave Bamber to pull a goal back, tapping home when the keeper could only parry

Jimmy Quinn's shot.

Quinn put Town level eight minutes later, heading in a Berry free-kick via a post and the comeback was complete with two minutes remaining. Mark Jones crossed from the right for Peter Coyne to send a looping header into the far corner.

WIGAN:

Tunks, Butler, Knowles, Hamilton, Cribley, Beesley, Lowe, Thompson, Campbell, Jewell, Griffiths (Hilouch)

SWINDON TOWN:

Digby, Hockaday, King, Jones, Parkin, Calderwood, Bamber, Kamara, Quinn, Coyne, Berry.

Sub not used: Ramsey



On This Day

**Saturday 8th
January 1977**

SWINDON drew 3-3 at Fulham in an entertaining FA Cup tie at Craven Cottage in the era of Fulham's ageing stars. The game proves a Swindon landmark, though, as it sees the final appearance of Don Rogers in a Town shirt in a competitive game as he comes off the bench to replace Colin Prophet.

**Saturday 8th
January 1983**

SWINDON

enjoyed a merry romp into round four of the FA Cup as they demolished Aldershot 7-0 at the County Ground. Two players score hat-tricks, with Howard Pritchard

netting both first-half goals. He grabbed his third in stoppage time. In between that, Andy Rowland scored three times in 16 second-half minutes, with Paul Batty the odd man out. It's the only time since World War II that two Swindon players have scored a hat-trick in the same match. The FA Cup run ended in the next round though, with a 3-1 defeat at Second Division Burnley.



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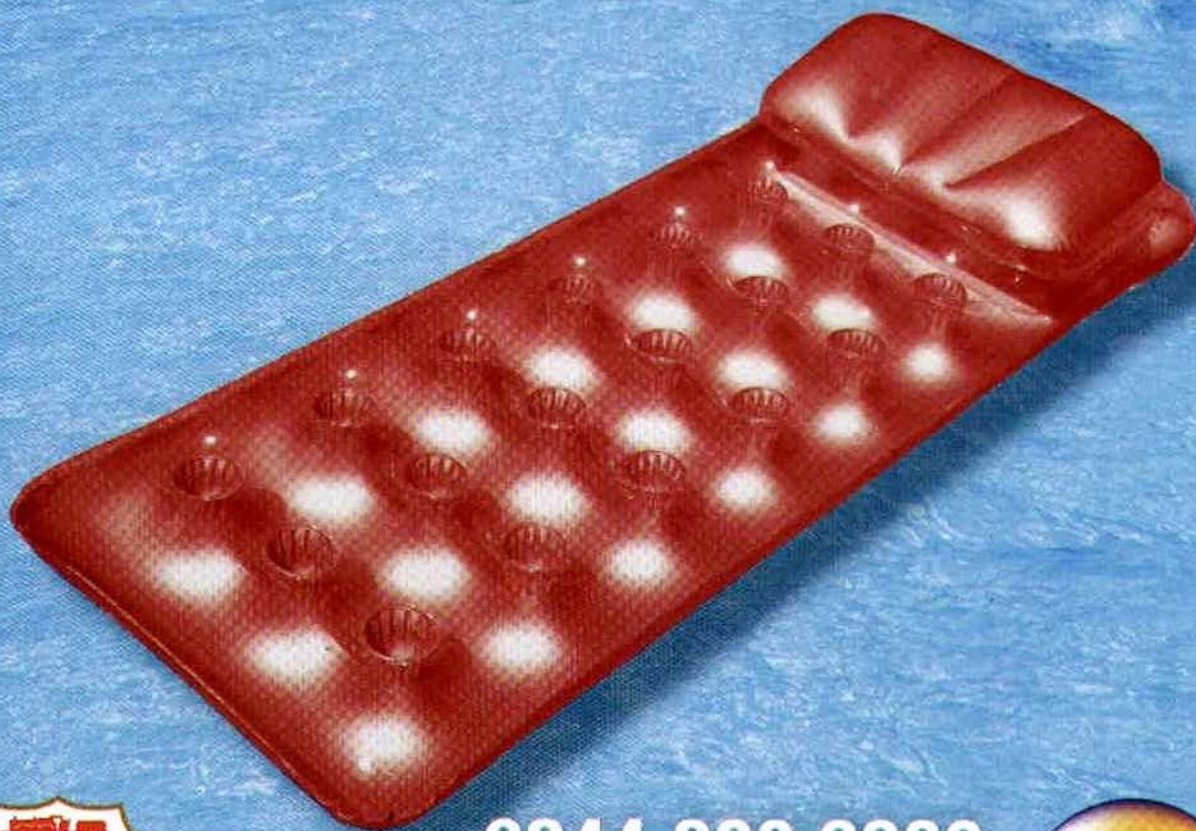
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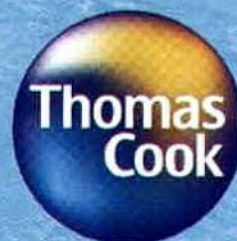
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TODAY we are proud to have Intel sponsor this prestigious FA Cup third round tie against Premier League opponents Wigan Athletic.

This sponsorship is part of our arrangement with Intel and we would once again like to say a big thank you to Darren Howell for his help over the past few months. Hopefully everyone visiting from Intel will enjoy a memorable Swindon victory today!

Girls' Centre for Football Excellence

A tournament took place on Thursday 22nd December which involved Swindon Town, Northampton Town, Reading and Charlton Athletic amongst the clubs to take part. The age of the girls ranged from under 11 through to under 16 and it was a fine morning's football entertainment. This week the girls returned to their training up at the excellent facilities at Croft in

Old Town and we are proud to see them all donning the famous red and white kit.

npower Football League Girls' Cup

NEXT week STFC Football in the Community will be hosting the Under 13 npower Football League Girls' Cup for the South-West region. Teams will be travelling to Stanley Park in Chippenham where the winning team will go through to meet the regional winners in the Southern finals.

Swindon Town will be represented by Kingsdown School as Swindon Town Football in the Community and we would like to wish them every success on Wednesday 11th January when the tournament takes place. A report from the day will appear in the next programme.



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Best goal of my career...

The best goal I have scored was for Dagenham against Chesterfield. I took the ball down on my chest, swivelled and volleyed it into the top corner! My favourite goal was at Wembley, because of the occasion.



Away from training and games, how do you relax?...

1st Watching films **2nd** Listening to music
4th Time with family **3rd** Cooking!

Reason...

I like to spend time just chilling really and like to watch quite a few films, so being at home with my feet up is top of the list.



If you hadn't made it as a footballer...

I would be an accountant. I part-qualified when I left Southend United as a youth team player and did that for a few years.



Which team do you support and why...

I was a Season Ticket holder at West Ham and all my Mum's family are West Ham fans too. My Dad is a massive Southend fan so I had to chop and change between the two sides in terms of who I went to watch.



Favourite film...

Probably Scarface. Al Pacino is my favourite actor and that's one of his best films.

Favourite football stadiums played at...



Reason...

Playing at Wembley is the pinnacle of every player's career and it was great to play and score there for Dagenham. The other stadiums in my list are all great grounds to play at.

MUG SHOT

What are your nicknames?



'The Giraffe'

'Benno' is the obvious one. At Dagenham they used to call me 'the swan' or 'the giraffe' because of my neck! 'Baby chick' was the other one there.

Christmas has just been and gone, what was your best and worst present?

I always get bodywash and stuff like that from my girlfriend's family so that's not the best. My missus got me a nice jumper and I was happy with that so that's going down as my best present. I don't ask for much.



Body Wash!

swindon town hall of Fame

FOUR additional Swindon Town legends will be inducted into the STFC Hall of Fame before kick-off this afternoon with Town Chairman Jeremy Wray presenting ties to the following County Ground heroes...

ANDY ROWLAND was one of a number of players that Bobby Smith brought to The County Ground from Bury. His playing career at Swindon stretched from 1978 to 1986 and saw him play 345 times and score 98 goals. In the 1979/80 season he formed a formidable striking partnership with Alan Mayes, finishing as the club's top scorer with 20 goals in the league and a further 11 in cup runs. He remained Town's leading goal scorer in the following two seasons - ending as the eighth highest goalscorer in the club's history. He brought down the curtain on his playing career in a season which saw Swindon finish as Fourth Division Champions. Following his retirement he was immediately taken onto the coaching staff in which capacity he continued to serve the club for a further ten years.

ARNOLD DARCY was Bert Head's second signing for Swindon Town and he joined from Wigan Athletic. Between 1956 and 1964 he made 238 appearances and scored 32 goals. In the 1957/58 Season, he missed just four games as Swindon climbed to fourth position, having finished in the bottom two positions in Division Two South the previous

two seasons, thus ensuring Swindon's membership of the national Third Division. In 1962/63 he made 26 appearances and scored five goals. The value with which he was regarded is shown by the fact that with the emergence of Don Rogers, efforts were made to accommodate him in the team at outside right and inside forward but Achilles tendon problems (the result of frequent attempts to halt his skilful runs!) saw him leave league football to join Cheltenham Town before retiring from the game.

SAM BURTON worked as a Bevin Boy for his National Service and returned to his native Swindon where his form for Ferndale Youth centre and in the Wiltshire County team won him recognition from Swindon Town. He signed for Town in 1943 although he was not able to take up a full-time contract until the spring of 1948 when his National Service was completed. A one-club man, his career was to stretch from 1945 to 1962 during which time he made 509 appearances - making him fifth in the ranking for most appearances for Swindon Town. He was ever-present in the 1954/55 Season and again in 1957/58 when Swindon finished fourth in Division Three

South thus earning a place in the national Third Division. Injury several times cost him his place but he always stayed to win it back until his retirement at the age of 36 following a neck injury. His total of 463 league appearances is more than any other goalkeeper has ever made for Swindon Town.

GEORGE HUDSON signed for Swindon from Portsmouth in September 1948. His 15-stone physique made him a pillar of the Swindon defence throughout the 1950's and earned him the nickname 'Garth' after a Daily Mirror cartoon figure. During a Swindon career which stretched from 1948 to 1959 he made 427 appearances making him eighth in the ranking of most appearances for Swindon. He was ever-present in no fewer than five seasons having one run of 160 consecutive appearances. The season's in which he was ever-present including the 1957/58 season when Swindon finished fourth in Division Three South thus earning a place in the national Third Division. Famed for his powerful heading it was ironic that a broken bone in the neck sustained when heading a ball brought an end to his career and forced his retirement in February 1960 at the age of 37.

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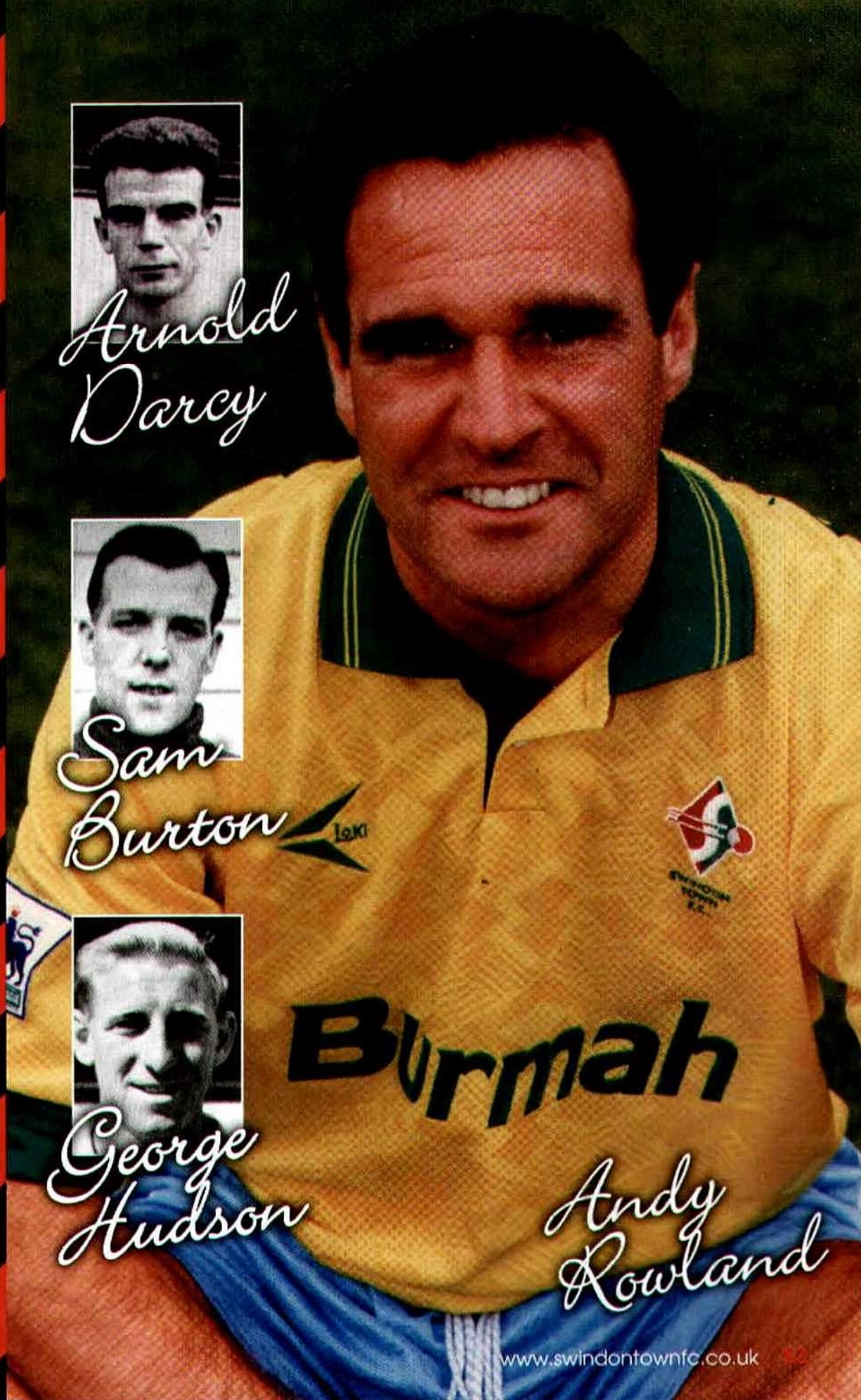
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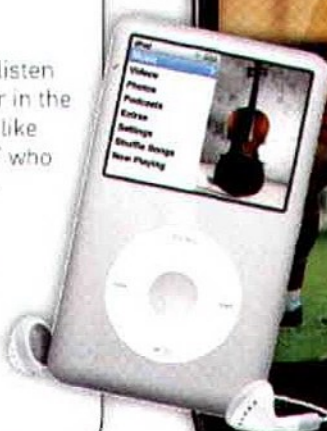
text me...

My brother - Jon - texts me a lot and his texts are usually quite funny. He moved over to join me in England last year and he's my best friend too.



my music...

Most of the music I listen to is classical but for in the build-up to games I like to listen to 'La Fuga' who are a Spanish band.



best app...

'What's App' is the application that I use most on my phone, but I also use Twitter and Facebook which is good for passing the time on away trips!



tweet me...

I haven't been on Twitter too long but it's important for me. I follow quite a few people, but Xavi Alonso is probably the best person that I follow.



call me...

This week I had a call from a very famous television station back in Spain to speak about the FA Cup. It was nice to have interest from them and we also spoke about Swindon and my time here so far.



in the diary...

Siesta time! I usually sleep for thirty or forty minutes after training and I also have English lessons a few days a week. My brother plays football for Fairford Town so I go and watch them sometimes too.

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happy 80th birthday!

HAPPY Birthday to Town fan **Henry Howard** who will be 80 years old on Tuesday 10th January. Born in Swindon, Henry has supported the club for over 70 years and was first brought to games by his Dad - **Henry Howard senior** - who is seen here celebrating his own 80th birthday with the Town squad in the early 80's!



birthday wishes!



MANY happy returns to **Lucas Haworth** who will be eight-years old on Sunday. Lucas celebrated his big day by being mascot at Monday's home win over AFC Wimbledon.

the big 50!

BIRTHDAY wishes also to Football in the Community manager Clive Maguire who celebrates the big 50!



get well soon

BEST wishes for a full recovery to club photographer Lawrence Smith from everyone involved at The CG.



- send us -

your snaps

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Committed Town fan **Thomas Starr**, aged five, donned his Swindon kit for the Christmas Day Swim 2011 in Jersey. Well done Thomas!



Frankie Hale, the winner of an STFC Christmas hamper at the Morecambe game, is pictured here alongside **Grandad Watts**, for whom she is a carer.



Town fan **Matthew Coulthard** poses with his array of Swindon Town related Christmas gifts on Christmas Day.



Calvin Hothi will be keeping warm at today's FA Cup tie with Wigan Athletic thanks to a pair of STFC gloves he received at Christmas.



Town fan **Andrew Williams** puts his feet up in the Inter Milan dressing room during a recent visit to the San Siro.



Happy Birthday to **Michael Fletcher** (pictured left) who is a life-long Town fan and is 70 years young today!

- the swindon town - supporters club

THE last home game with AFC Wimbledon paid out a bumper half-time draw prize and another big pay-out should be in the offing today!

Membership

FOLLOWING the introduction of our brochure promoting the STFC Supporters Club activities, the STFC Supporters Club are making a special offer available to anyone who joins as a new member before the end of January.

Those joining by 31st January will be entered into a lucky free draw to win one of two places in a special hospitality package for the last home game of the season. The game is against Port Vale and hopefully there will be a reason to celebrate! Please pick up one of the brochures from the away travel office or visit our website at www.swindontownsupportersclub.com to find out more.

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Half time draw

THE top prize from Monday's Bank Holiday game against



AFC Wimbledon is still unclaimed. Please check your tickets! The winning numbers were...

- 1. Shane Coombes** Ticket number 1303 won £475
- 2. J Vane** Ticket number 788 won £50

FA Youth Cup

THE Supporters Club, having sponsored the last round against Birmingham City, will be sponsoring the FA Youth Cup match against Manchester City and awarding the man of the match award. We wish the team every success in what is bound to be a difficult task in reaching the next stage of the competition.

Bingoal

AN update of numbers in this free Members' competition to win £200 is as follows:

45, 63, 77, 20, 71, 25, 84, 39, 69, 81, 38, 48, 28, 82, 85, 11, 22, 65, 18, 35, 7, 40, 79, 58, 80, 90, 49, 68, 36, 76, 87, 73, 52, 59, 37, 27, 67.

Newsletter

HOPEFULLY all Members have received their end of year newsletter by now. Entries for the free competitions should have been handed in ahead of today's game to give you a chance of winning one of the terrific prizes on offer. The winners will be added to our website, soon after today and also included in the next matchday programme.



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Luke Hodgson ▶ Wes Foderingham

What is your ambition/aim for life and do you have any other passion as well as football?



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Wes Foderingham

My ambition would be to play in the Premier League like every professional footballer does. If I wasn't into football I'd quite like to do something in the music industry, Michael Bolton is my biggest influence!



Nick STFC Lewis ▶ Wes Foderingham

What do you feel made you choose Swindon over say, a higher division club?



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Wes Foderingham

The chance to play first team football was important. I've enjoyed my time here and we've got a good squad so it was an easy decision.



Richard White ▶ Wes Foderingham

Who you room with on away games and who would you least like to share with?



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Wes Foderingham

Normally Phil Smith or Leigh Bedwell depending on who has travelled. The person that I would least like to share with would be Aden Flint because he snores like a wild boar.



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Andrew Stfc Lincoln ▶ Wes Foderingham

Do you miss Jake Jervis and his lifts? Now you have to get taxis everywhere!



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Wes Foderingham

Ha! Yeah I miss him a lot. His lifts were a bonus, but I've got Ronan to help me out now!



Peter Williams ▶ Wes Foderingham

Are you obsessed with Twitter?



Wes Foderingham

It takes up a lot of my time - especially as I have more followers than Flinty!



James Nicholls ▶ Wes Foderingham

Who is your goalkeeping idol?



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Wes Foderingham

Shay Given because I am a Newcastle United fan and he's a quality 'keeper.



Darren Beatson ▶ Wes Foderingham

What is the highlight of your career so far would you say?



Wes Foderingham

Playing at Wembley for the England Under 16's against Spain. I kept a clean sheet in front of 30,000 fans.

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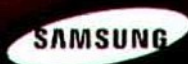


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home & away



next up at home:

Macclesfield Town H



Saturday 21st January, 3pm KO

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Barnet H



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Burton Albion H



Saturday 4th February, 3pm KO

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Crawley Town H



Tuesday 14th February, 7.45pm KO

Match ticket prices as listed below

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Under 10's	FREE*
Disabled	£15.00

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** Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the Fastplant Town End.



next up away:

Barnet A



Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Final (1st Leg) Tue 12th Jan, 7.45pm KO

Prices:

Adult:	£10
S/Cit 060:	£5
Students: (with student card)	£5
Young Adult 16-18:	£5
Junior 15 & Under:	£5

Acc. U14 with JR Membership **FREE**

Wheelchair: **£10** (Please phone Barnet on 020 8449 6325 to book)

Availability: Town have been allocated an initial allocation of 1,500 for this fixture.

SAS Travel: DEPART: County Ground 3.30pm.

FARE: Adults: £13, Juniors: £11 (under 15's).

Supporters Club discount: £1 (when showing Membership card)

Rotherham United A



Saturday 14th January, 3pm KO

Prices:

Adult:	£18
S/Cit 060:	£10
Students: (with NUS card)	£10
Junior 12-16:	£6
Junior 8-11:	£5
Junior Under 8:	£FREE

Wheelchair: **£10** (please phone 08444 140737 to book in advance)

Availability: All pay on the day at Rotherham United.

SAS Travel: DEPART: County Ground 9am.

FARE: Adults: £21, Juniors: £19 (under 15's).

Supporters Club discount: £2 (when showing Membership card)

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Nic Thompson

The mascot package is a gift for Nic's 12th Birthday. He plays in midfield for Purton Youth Under 12's and his favorite Swindon Town player is in-form winger Matt Ritchie.



Peter Stone

Peter Stone
Aged 13, Peter attends Cirencester Deer Park School. His hobbies include watching Swindon Town, helping at school matches where he volunteers as a linesman at home games. His favourite player is Matt Ritchie.

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

SUBSTITUTES >

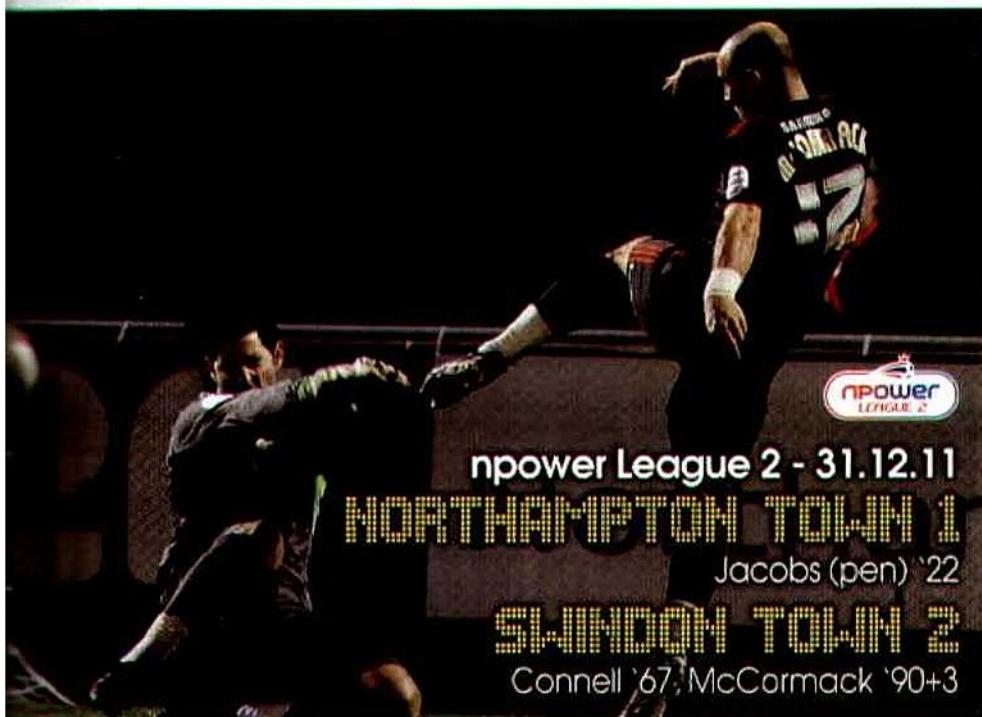
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J Smith	Esajas	Clarke	De Vita	Lanzano	Risser	Gabilondo	Connell	Kerrouche
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J Smith	Gabilondo	Clarke	Connell	Lanzano	Kerrouche 1	Esajas	McCormack	Magera
McCormack	Magera	Kerrouche	De Vita	P Smith	Cibocchi	J Smith	Abdulla	Connell 2
McCormack	De Vita	Kerrouche 1	Connell	P Smith	Esajas	J Smith 1	Abdulla	Storey
J Smith	De Vita	Kerrouche 2	Connell 1	P Smith	Comazzi	Cibocchi	Ferry	Storey
J Smith	De Vita	Kerrouche	Connell	P Smith	Comazzi	Cibocchi	Abdulla	Storey
J Smith	De Vita 1	Kerrouche 1	Connell	Lanzano	Flint	Magera	Abdulla	Storey
McCormack	De Vita	Kerrouche	Magera	Lanzano	Ridehalgh	J Smith	Connell	Jervis
J Smith	Abdulla	Connell	Jervis 2	Bedwell	Thompson	Risser	Magera	Kerrouche
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Pos	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Crawley Town	24	18	50
2	Cheltenham	24	16	49
3	Southend	23	18	46
4	Swindon	24	19	43
5	Shrewsbury	24	11	42
6	Gillingham	24	12	41
7	Burton Albion	24	2	40
8	Oxford Utd	24	9	38
9	Torquay	24	6	38
10	Rotherham	24	5	37
11	Accrington	24	6	36
12	Morecambe	24	11	35
13	Port Vale	24	8	35
14	Macclesfield	24	-3	30
15	Crewe	24	-6	30
16	Aldershot	23	-5	27
17	AFC Wimbledon	24	-16	26
18	Bradford	24	-5	25
19	Bristol Rovers	24	-17	23
20	Barnet	24	-17	23
21	Hereford	24	-16	22
22	Dag & Red	24	-16	21
23	Northampton	24	-20	18
24	Plymouth	24	-20	18

Appearances 2011/12 SEASON

	LGE	CUP	GLS
1 Lanzano	5(1)	1	-
3 Kennedy	13	3	1
4 Flint	17(2)	6	2
5 Devera	11	3	-
6 Comazzi	4	1	-
7 Caddis	24	7	3
8 Ferry	19(4)	4(1)	2
9 Benson	(1)	-	-
10 Ritchie	23	7	7
11 Esajas	2(4)	(3)	-
12 McCormack	20(2)	4(2)	1
13 Risser	6(6)	4(1)	2
14 Payell	-	-	-
15 Thompson	1(1)	(1)	-
17 Connell	6(13)	6(1)	6
18 Scott (on loan)	-	-	-
20 Said	-	-	-
21 Gabilondo	4(5)	5(1)	-
23 De Vita	23	3(1)	6
24 J Smith	18(2)	5	2
26 P Smith	7	3	-
27 Cibocchi	2(6)	2(1)	-
28 Storey	(3)	-	-
29 Magera	7(5)	1(3)	1
31 Bodin	3	-	-
34 Murray	2(3)	(2)	2
35 Foderingham	12	3	-
39 Kerrouche	9(4)	2(3)	8
Montano	3(1)	-	1
M Clark	-	-	-
Thomson	1	-	-
Jervis	10(2)	2	5
Evans	-	-	-
Atiku	-	-	-
L Clarke	2	2	-
Abdulla	1(5)	1	-
Ridehalgh	9(2)	2	-



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Zak Kilshaw

Aged 10, Zak's birthday is on Tuesday 10th January. He has been a Season Ticket holder since the Latics were promoted to the Premier League and his favourite players are Victor Moses and Mohammed Diame.

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Di Canio moment in time

Match Details...

Town manager Paolo Di Canio celebrates Alan McCormack's injury-time winner at Northampton Town on Saturday 31st December. The Robins came from behind to take all three points at Sixfields with Alan Connell getting Town back on level terms.

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FA Cup 1st Round, 12/11/11
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Huddersfield Town 1

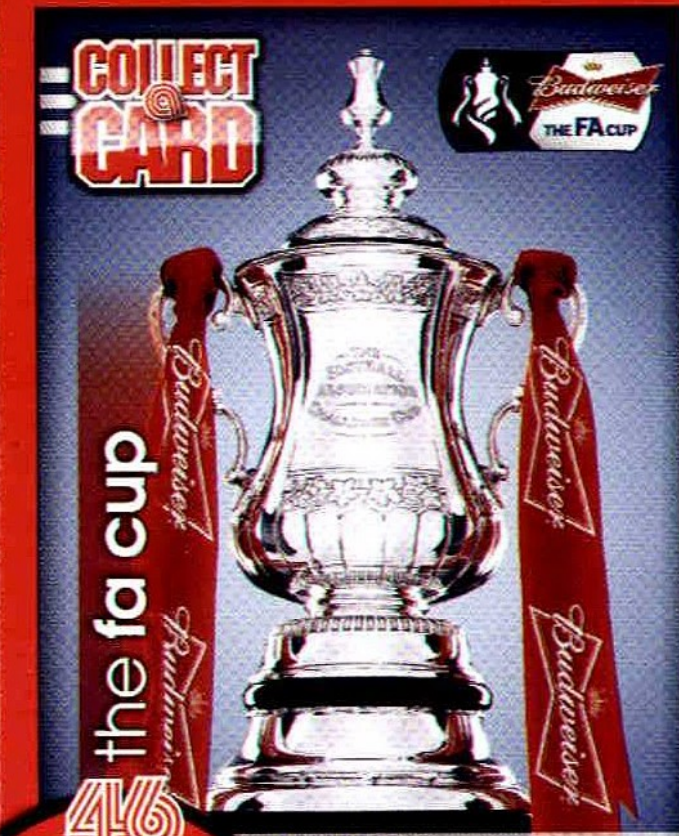
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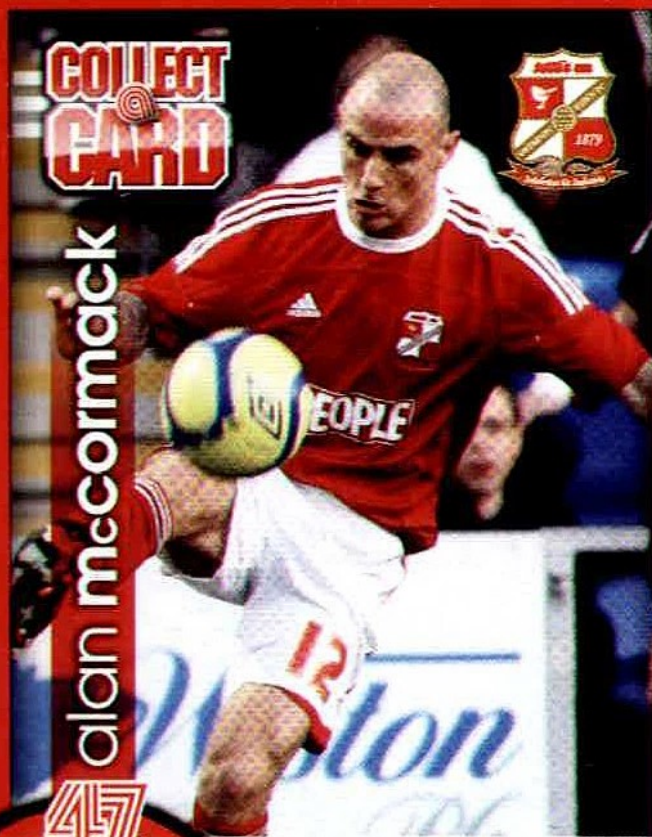
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Colchester United 0
Swindon Town 1

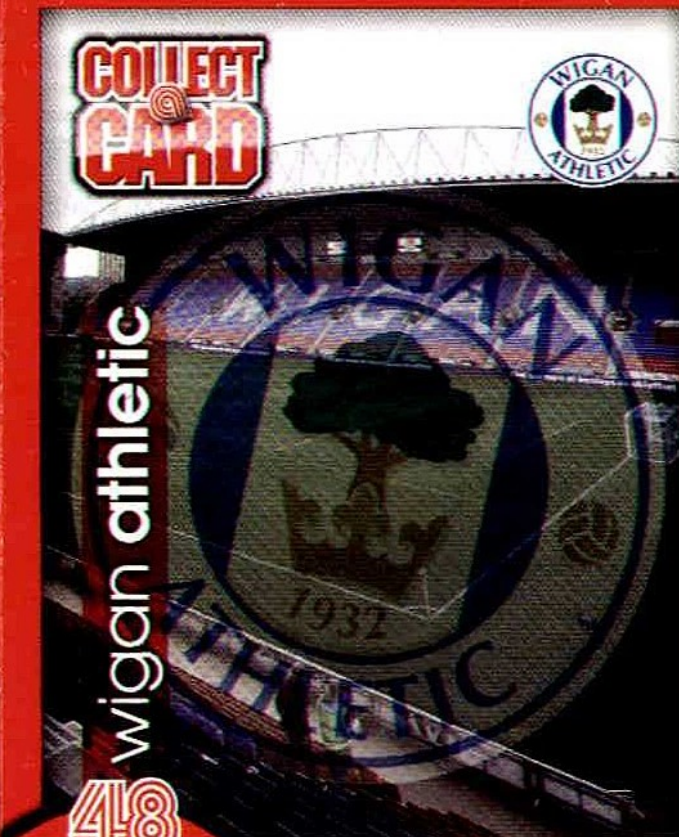
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Miles from Swindon: 165.2



today's teams

manager: Paolo DI CANIO

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|--|----|----------------------|
| | 1 | Mattia LANZANO (GK) |
| | 3 | Callum KENNEDY |
| | 4 | Aden FLINT |
| | 5 | Joe DEVERA |
| | 6 | Alberto COMAZZI |
| | 7 | Paul CADDIS (CAPT) |
| | 8 | Simon FERRY |
| | 9 | Paul BENSON |
| | 10 | Matt RITCHIE |
| | 11 | Etienne ESAJAS |
| | 12 | Alan McCORMACK |
| | 13 | Oliver RISSER |
| | 15 | Nathan THOMPSON |
| | 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) |
| | 31 | Billy BODIN |
| | 34 | Ronan MURRAY |
| | 35 | Wes FODERINGHAM (GK) |
| | 37 | Louis THOMPSON |
| | 39 | Mehdi KERROUCHE |



manager: Roberto MARTINEZ

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|--|----|----------------------|
| | 1 | Chris KIRKLAND (GK) |
| | 2 | Steve GOHOURI |
| | 3 | Antolin ALCARAZ |
| | 4 | James McCARTHY |
| | 5 | Gary CALDWELL (CAPT) |
| | 6 | Hendry THOMAS |
| | 7 | Albert CRUSAT |
| | 8 | Ben WATSON |
| | 9 | Franco DI SANTO |
| | 10 | Shaun MALONEY |
| | 11 | Victor MOSES |
| | 12 | Mike POLLITT (GK) |
| | 13 | Lee NICHOLLS (GK) |
| | 14 | Jordi GOMEZ |
| | 15 | Callum McMANAMAN |
| | 16 | James McARTHUR |
| | 17 | Emmerson BOYCE |
| | 18 | Conor SAMMON |
| | 19 | David JONES |
| | 20 | Hugo RODALLEGA |
| | 21 | Mohamed DIAME |
| | 22 | Patrick VAN AANHOLT |
| | 23 | Ronnie STAM |
| | 24 | Adrian LOPEZ |
| | 26 | Ali AL HABSI (GK) |
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