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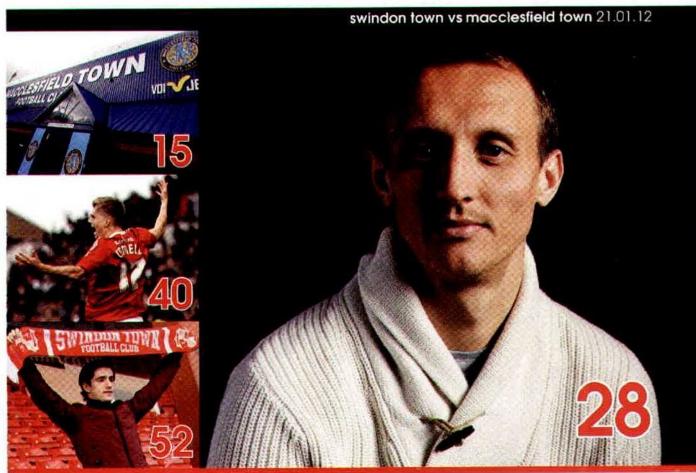


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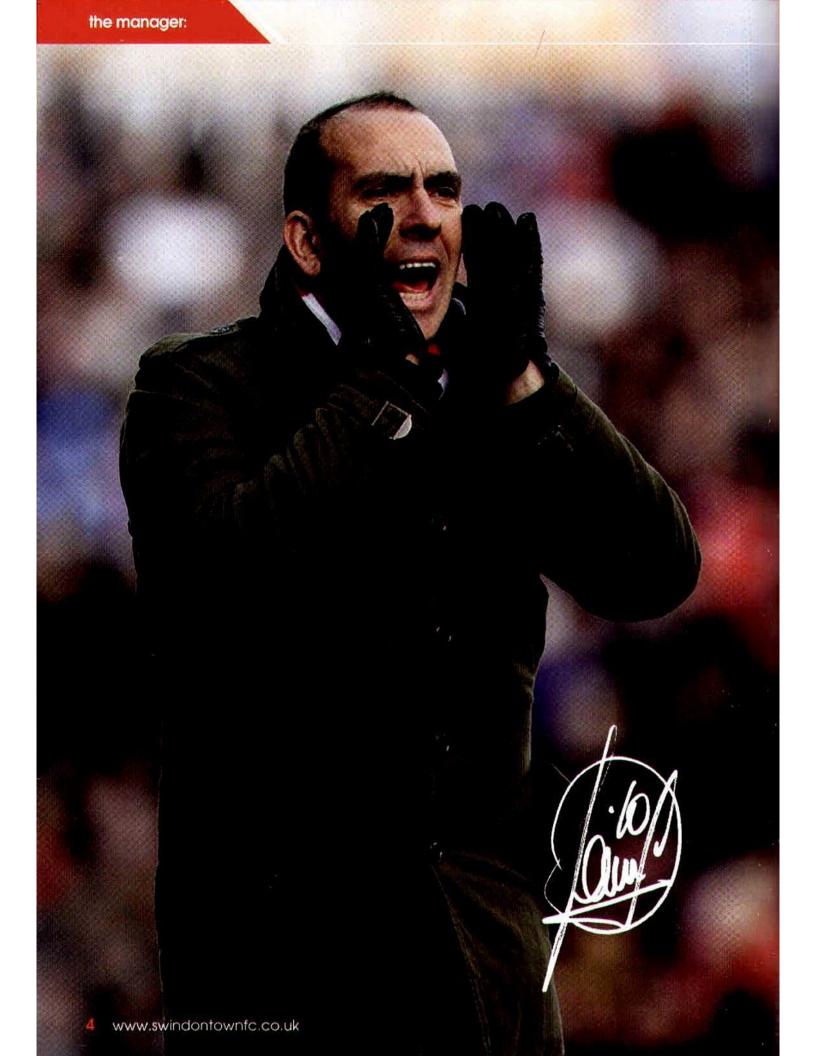
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di canio

- the manager -

TODAY we welcome Macclesfield Town to The County Ground and it is good to be back at home after a busy few weeks including two away games and some new signings in the January transfer window.

ON Tuesday of this week we signed Luke Rooney from Gillingham and he is a very exciting addition to our squad. Luke is a player who we have been looking at for a while and he impressed me when Gillingham played at The County Ground in October. He has a lot of quality and a lot of technical ability. He has enormous potential and if he can add discipline to his game then he could be a key player for us. His ability can help our forward players to receive more quality balls and he strikes the ball very well too. He can use both feet and we are looking forward _. to getting him integrated into the Swindon squad.

Seven days ago we managed a victory at Rotherham United and I was pleased with the battling qualities we showed in what proved to be a tough afternoon. I was delighted to get the three points and the players deserve a lot of credit for what they have done recently. Against Rotherham we came under

quite a bit of pressure but we came through and we deserved the win.

Defensively we will be without Alan McCormack again today as he completes his two-game suspension. Joe Devera came into the side last weekend at Rotherham and alongside Aden Flint, he did well. Joe did his job at Rotherham and the defensive lot of hard work and he knows the league so will be a real asset for us as we have many important games to come.

Macclesfield are a side who we must not underestimate and I have made that clear to the players this week at training. The players are in good spirits and we are in a good moment but we must not get carried

"He has enormous potential and if he can add discipline to his game then he could be a key player for us."

line did well and challenged their opponents.

Speaking of the win at Rotherham, I was very pleased with the performance of Paul Benson. He was fantastic all game on what was his first full match for Swindon. He did well against AFC Wimbledon when he came off the bench and scored the goal against Wigan too. Last Salurday he gave us a

away and lose our focus. -

After walching the game from the stands last weekend, it will be good to be back on the bench and at pitch level today with my technical staff. Thank you for your support so far this season and let's have another three points this afternoon. We must stay strong and keep our standards high to try and achieve automatic promotion.

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- the captain -

TRAINING has been nice and bright this week and the lads have really kept their focus ahead of another important game this afternoon. With plenty of midweek games ahead, we have made the most of a full week at training.

LAST weekend we scored a couple of good goals and came away from Rotherham with all three points. It was a tough afternoon but the lads battled well and we came away with the win we wanted. To be fair to Rotherham they came out in the second half and got a goal to get back into the game. They gave it a real go from then on in but we defended resolutely. As the old saying goes, it was a game of two halves but we did what we had to do.

Matty Ritchie got himself back amongst the goals last Saturday and hopefully there's more to come from him on that front. He has been doing well but a few of the lads caught him earlier this week singing 'I'm forever blowing bubbles' after training. Unbelievable.

I could and possibly should have got on the scoresheet last weekend. Si Ferry passed the ball inside to me and I took it on a bit but the 'keeper pulled off a decent save and it didn't come off. I have got a couple

this season and am enjoying the way things have been going on that front.

There was another new face at training earlier this week following Luke Rooney's arrival at the club. He played against us back in October and is a skilful player. He did really well on the night and has settled in well already. In training he has

us but we will go there and give it everything, backed by another big away following I am sure.

Today we face Macclesfield and we can cast our minds back to our meeting at their place back in late September. The game didn't go well for us that night and they won the game 2-0 so we know they are capable of pulling out a result.

Tits an away draw for us and a tough one for us out we will go there and give it everything, backed by another big away following I am sure."

shown that he is a direct player and wants to take people on and get balls into the box. We have been missing that sort of directness and I am sure he will add something to the squad.

Since we last played we now know our opponents in the FA Cup after Leicester City got past Nottingham Forest in the replay on Tuesday night. It's an away draw for us and a tough one for They have had a busy few weeks with their FA Cup involvement but hopefully we can get revenge against them with three points this afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who made the trip to Rotherham last weekend on what was a very cold afternoon. Hopefully we can get another victory today ahead of returning back to the FA Cup next weekend.

paul caddis - the captain

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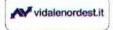














































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- county ground news -



the foxes await



SWINDON Town will take on Leicester City in seven days time at The King Power Stadium in the FA Cup with Budweiser fourth round.



TICKETS have been selling well for the game with the Robins allocated up to 5,000 tickets for the game which will take place at The King Power Stadium. Swindon last played at Leicester in February 2009 with an opener from Simon Cox cancelled out by a late strike from Andy King in a 1-1 draw.

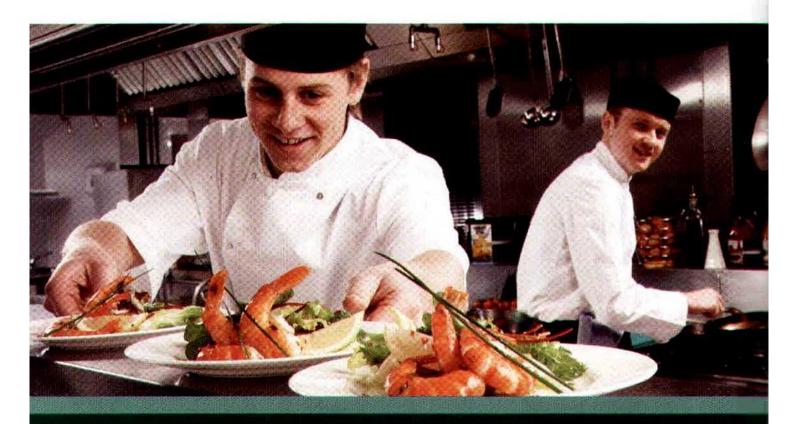
Manager Paolo Di Canio is expecting a tough encounter, but knows his side have the potential to earn a place in the next stage of the competition. He said: "It is an exciting draw for us and we are looking forward to it.

"Leicester have a lot of quality and being two leagues above us, they are a good side. They have three or four players who are key for them but if we play to the standards we have set over the last few months, then we can cause them problems. It should be a great experience for everyone."

Town have been allocated an initial 3,500 allocation, which could rise to a total of just over 5,000 if required. Tickets should be purchased in advance of the game and the STFC Box Office is open after the full-time whistle today when tickets will go on general sale with a maximum of four tickets per person."







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for automatic promotion and all eyes on Paolo Di Canio and his team – now is the perfect time to get more involved with Swindon Town Football Club.

STFC Quiz Night

THE ever-popular quiz nights continue at The County Ground with the next evening taking place on Thursday 9th February in the Legends Lounge.

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Glenn. Now they are back today,

Lizzie Watton

hoping to meet Paolo!

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the red carpet



TOWN'S big FA. Cup day with Wigan Athletic was an enjoyable one for all supporters, but the afternoon was made extra special for those who enjoyed corporate hospitality. Here are the presentation pictures...

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MATCH Sponsors Intel are seen presenting Man of the Match Callum Kennedy with champagne following FA Cup victory over Wigan Athletic.



THE lucky mascots for the Third Round tie were Nic Thompson and Peter Stone who were both treated to a photo with Callum Kennedy.



TRAK Employment Solutions Ltd were Matchball Sponsors for the Wigan fixture and can be seen receiving an FA Cup matchball signed by the squad.



MATCH Sponsors Intel and the mascots savor the atmosphere as they line-up for a pre-match photo in front of a sell-out County Ground crowd.

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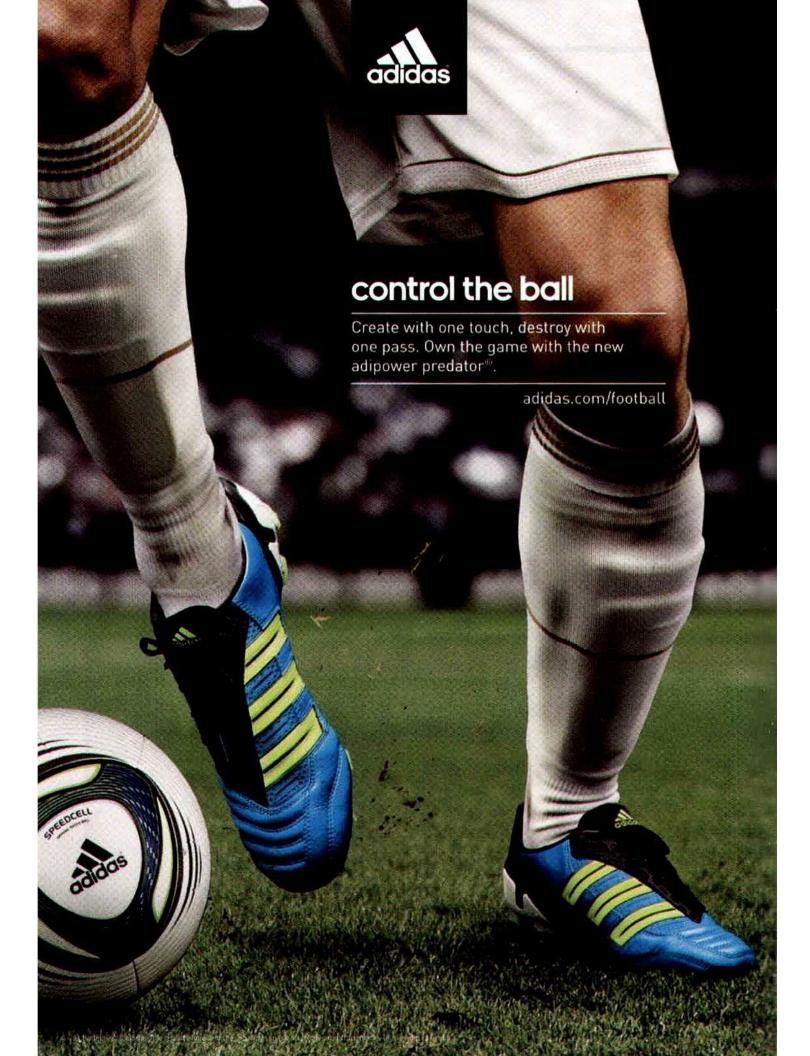
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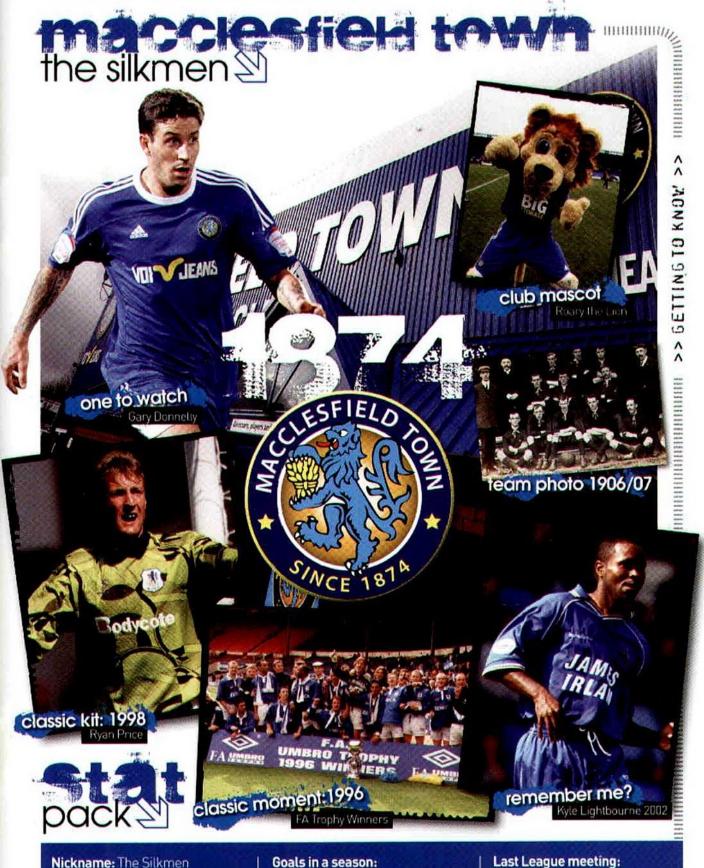
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Jose Veiga

The Cape Verde international, 35, is a regular in between the sticks and impressed against the Town at Moss Rose earlier this season.



IN



Jon Bateson

Gary Simpson's first signing last summer, arriving from Accrington Stanley for whom he . played 12 times last season.





Nat Brown

Joined the club on an initial one month loan from Wrexham in November 2008 before a permanent switch the following year.





Shaun Brisley

Another product of the increasingly successful youth set-up at the Moss Rose, joined the first team two months shy of his eighteenth birthday in 2008.



Carl Tremarco

Another recruit from Wrexham, the defender began his career at Tranmere Rovers, for whom he made his debut in the FA Cup in 2003.



ATTHE BACK >

Tony Diagne

The 21-year old is approaching 50 league appearances and joined Macclesfield after being released by Nottingham Forest.





Arnaud Mendy

The French midfielder arrived and impressed in pre-season training in the summer of 2011 following his release from Derby County.





Sam Wedgbury

The 22-year old is a defensive midfielder who signed for the Silkmen last summer following his release from Sheffield



Man of the match against Bolton three weeks ago, the 23-year old joined on a free transfer from Crewe in the summer of 2009.

Colin Daniel







Matt Hamshaw

The Rotherham-born 30year old began his career at Sheffield Wednesday and has been a regular for the Silkmen so far. this term, scoring twice.





George Donnelly

The 23-year old scored against Swindon in the reverse fixture back in September, one of five goals he has netted so far this term.











Elliot Hewitt...

THE Silkmen moved quickly to sign up the right-back on a two year deal at the Moss Rose despite the youngster still having a further 12 months to run on his youth scholarship. At just 16 years and 342 days he became the youngest player ever to feature for the Silkmen in the Football League, impressing management and fans alike with his performances both in the youth team and reserves where he was a regular last season before his elevation to the first team for the final game of the 2010/11 campaign.





Paul Morgan...

33-YEAR OLD Morgan signed a one-year extension on his contract last summer with his experience vital both on and off the field given the number of young players on the books at the Moss Rose. However injury was to strike again, eventually returning to training at the end of October.

Waide Fairhurst...

A long time target of the Silkmen and joined the club in the summer of 2011 on a two-year deal. The striker still had a year to run on his contract at Doncaster Rovers, but with limited opportunities in the first team since making his debut back in 2008, the striker spent much of last season out on loan at first Southend and then latterly at Hereford United.





Michael Thomas...

YET another product of the Moss Rose Centre of Excellence, Thomas was called into the first team squad for the trip to Burton Albion in late September 2009 after impressing for the youth team. He came on for the last ten minutes of the game at the Pirelli Stadium in a central midfield role, something he was to repeat the following weekend in the win at Darlington. Equally at home in the centre of the defence, he is strong in the tackle and good in the air.

Mills on the move

MACCLESFIELD Town new signing Ben Mills made his debut in last weekend's defeat at Torquay United.

Torquay Unite The 22year old completed a switch from non-league

transfer fee.

from
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Nantwich
Town last
week and despite
moving to the Moss Rose for an
undisclosed five-figure fee, the
6ft 2in striker says manager Gary
Simpson has told him not to feel
any burden that comes with a

"He's been brilliant, he hasn't put any pressure on me," Mills told BBC Radio Manchester.
"I don't see any reason why I can't come in and do myself proud and be a success. He's very straight talking, he says it how it is which is brilliant for me. "He says don't do anything different as we've wanted you to come in from what you've been doing before, so I've got to stick to the game-plan and stick to my strengths."

replay at the reebok

MACCLESFIELD Town were in action in the FA Cup on Tuesday night with a third round replay against Premier

against Premie League side Bolton Wanderers at The Reebok Stadium. The game ended in a



2-B defeat for the Silkmen with Kevin Davies, netting his first goal since September, with a second seating the win from Martin Petrov. A crowd of 9,466 included Town assistant manager Fabrizio Piccareta, who was at the game on a scouting mission.

GARY Simpson took over at Moss Rose on a caretaker basis following the untimely death of Keith Alexander in March 2010. He was given the job on a permanent basis after five wins and two draws in his first nine games in charge, a run which helped secure the Silkmen's League Two safety.

As a player Simpson started his career as a manager at Stoke City but unable to force his way into the first team, moved to Boston United where he played over 160 times for the Pilgrims during his five season spell at York Street. He skippered the team in the 1985 FA Trophy final, before leaving to join Stafford Rangers, Weymouth and Altrincham.

Having first met Keith Alexander whilst both were players at Boston United, Simpson acted as Alexander's assistant manager at Ilkeston Town, Northwich Victoria, Lincoln City and Peterborough United before arriving at the Moss Rose towards the end of the 2007/08 season.

Simpson's ability to spot non-league stars, macclesfield town which had previously given opportunities to the likes of Craig Mackail-Smith and George Boyd. was once again evident ahead of last season as Macclesfield finished in a respectable 15th place in League Two. This was achieved despite the tragic loss of midfielder Richard Butcher and having one of the lowest playing budgets in the division.

Rewarded with an extended contract in the summer, his side recently held Bolton Wanderers to a 2-2 draw at Moss Rose in the FA Cup third round.



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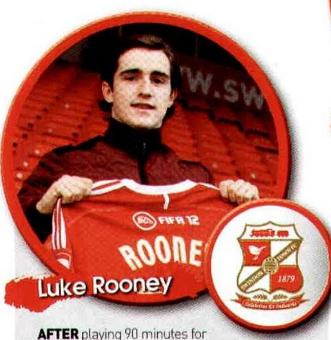
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TOWN are back in action at The County Ground after a busy week on and off the pitch for Paolo Di Canio and his squad, with a new addition set to add to the competition for places...



Gillingham at The County Ground at the end of October, new signing Luke Rooney is looking forward to running out for the first time in a Town shirt.

Rooney, 21, signed a two-and-a-hatf-year deal with the Robins on Tuesday evening and arrives at Swindon having made 20 appearances already this term. However, having switched League 2 sides – he is hoping to become something of a crowd favourite with his new club.

"I'm not what you'd call a safe player," he smiled.

I like to get the fans on their feet with a few skills and take players on.

"Looking on from the outside, you can see the lads here have done tremendously well so far this season and hopefully I can add something different and help the team to automatic promotion."



GOALKEEPER Wes

Foderingham insists the Robins are 'focused and ready' ahead of what is going to be a demanding second half of the season for Town.

Foderingham secured a permanent switch to The County Ground earlier this month and made his 18th appearance of the campaign in last weekend's win at Rotherham United in League 2.

The Town squad were afforded a rare two-day break from training following the win at The Don Valley Stadium, with Foderingham summing up the mood in the Swindon set-up.

"We have prepared properly and I know all the lads are feeling refreshed after a little break after the game at Rotherham last weekend. Macclesfield will come here and try and play their game but we know what to expect. They took Bolton to a replay in the FA Cup and we will not underestimate them at all."

FANS' FACEBOOK MATCH PREDICTIONS:

Martin Costello: 4-1 to the Town with a brace each from Paul Benson and Alan Connell.

Michael Turner: Swindon to walk it 4-0! Benson Ritchie and two from Connell.

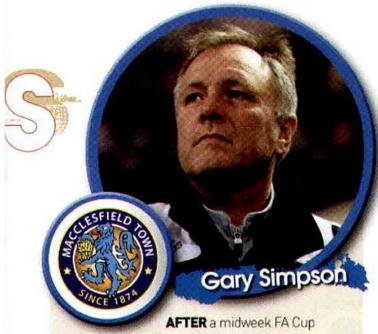
Benjamin Wills: Nice and comfortable 4-0 win for the boys in red today. Come on Town!

Paul Morrison: 3-0, Benson, Ferry and Connell.



Referee: Robert Lewis

About today's match referee: Today's man in the middle has taken charge of Town once already this season which was at Burton Albion back in September. His latest fixture was Birmingham City's win over Ipswich Town on Wednesday 11th January.



defeat at Bolton Wanderers, Macclesfield Town manager Gary Simpson is looking for his side to take confidence from their encounters with top-flight opponents.

The Silkmen held Owen Coyle's men to a 2-2 draw at Moss Rose before defeat in the replay at The Reebok Stadium on Tuesday night. With League 2 now back on the agenda, Simpson believes his squad must remain positive.

"Hopefully the lads will take some confidence from the games we had with Bolton," he said. "It shows how far we have come as a club.

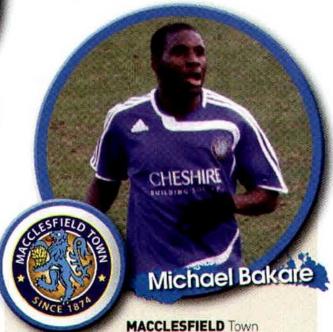
"19 times out of 20 against a top flight club you'd expect them to really give you a beating, but the players deserve a lot of credit for the way they have performed and if they can take that into the League, the results should start to improve."

Marcus Gardner: I honestly feet we will score six without reply, so 6-0! Flint, Connell (2), Benson, Rooney and an own goal!

Christopher Bailey: 3 -1 Swindon, De Vita, Connell & Benson, they will get a late consolation goal. Rooney to come on to make his debut around the hour mark

Emma STFC Goodall: 3-1 Town, Connell [2] and Ritchie. Any winning score will do though as my boy is mascot!

MACCLESFIELD Town were 2-0 winners over Swindon in the reverse fixture at Moss Rose in September. but after a midweek cup clash at Bolton, it's back to the league for Gary Simpson and his squad...



made another January transfer window move on Thursday with the addition of Chelmsford striker Michael Bakare.

The frontman, who was on non-contract forms with the Silkmen's FA Cup second round opponents, made his Moss Rose debut in the 3-0 Reserve win over Oldham Athletic and impressed showing promising pace out wide and up front.

Bakare began his career at left-back but moved into left midfield before playing the majority of the season to date as a forward. He joined Chelmsford in October from Bishop's Stortford, where he scored 11 goals in 15 appearances.

He is expected to be available for this afternoon's encounter at The County Ground to boost manager Gary Simpson's selection options.

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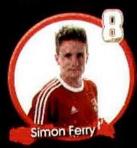








































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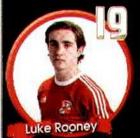
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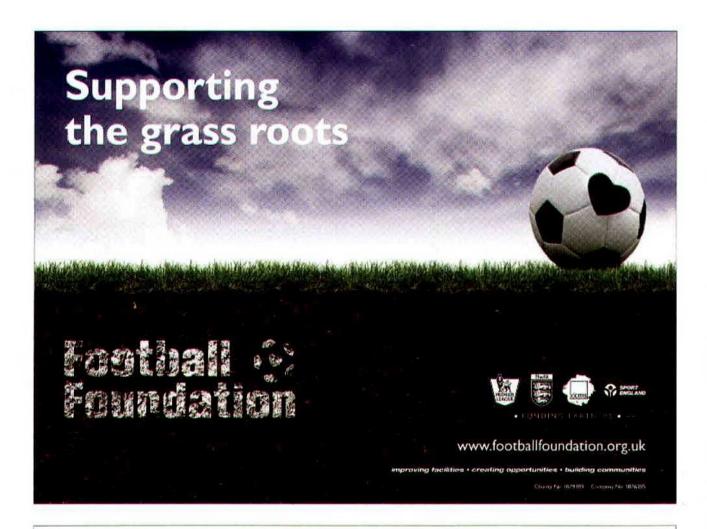
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behind bars

- chris abrook -

1993 is a memorable year for Town fans following promotion to the Premier League, but it was also the year Chris Abrook began behind bars at STFC...



Joining Town...

I have been with the club since 1993. I applied for a job at Allied Dunbar and got down to the last two but the manager there told me there was a role going at the football club and I managed to get the job; that was 19 years ago! It is a thoroughly enjoyable role and a varied one. No day is ever the same and my role includes looking after the bars and hospitality areas, private parties and other bookings in the function rooms - such as 18th or 21st birthday parties or wedding celebrations. This season has been one of the busiest ever for function bookings, which have increased ever since the takeover of the club and the stadium was given a bit of a facelift.

Managing change...

Since I joined in '93 I have worked with a host of first team managers. Steve McMahon got on well with the staff but I This season has been one of the busiest ever for function bookings, which have increased ever since the takeover."

know he wasn't so popular with supporters! John Gorman was a nice bloke too and Andy King was always funny to have around the place. Even during the dark days of administration he'd come up with something amusing to lift the spirits. There have been a lot of players come and go too and it's nice when they come back to the club and say 'hello'. Steve Cowe was a good friend of mine when he was here and so it was good to catch up when he came back recently. Andy

Nicholas stayed at my house for a few months when he first came down. Paul Bodin was here as a player when I started and he's now on the coaching staff.

When Saturday Comes...

Saturday's are more often than not the busiest day of the week. Take a home game for example, where I will be in work for around 8.30am and won't finish until the early hours of Sunday if there are parties going on in the function rooms. Home matches are demanding from a bar point of view, both in the Legends Lounge and in the Hospitality Suites. Over the last few years the Legends Lounge has come on a lot and we now get a lot of positive feedback from supporters.

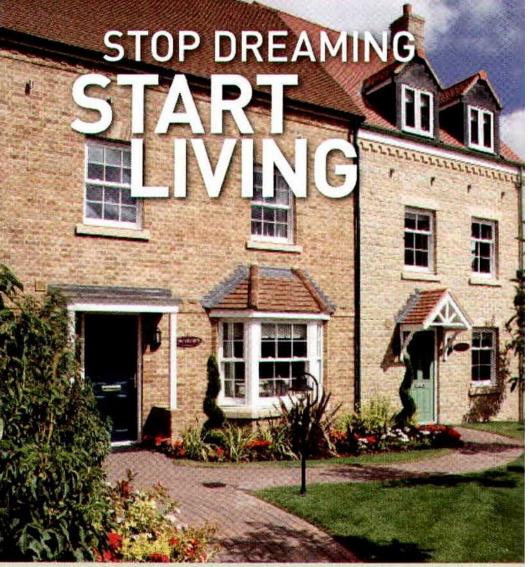
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- chris wise -

WHEN this enthralling season comes to a close, I'm convinced we'll look back at the past seven days as one of the most paignant in the campaign.

IT started last weekend with the victory at Rotherham. It wasn't Swindon's best performance of the season but it could be one of their biggest wins. There were only three points between the teams going into the clash but promotion aspirations aside, the greater achievement was winning what was the club's fifth game in a hectic 14-day period.

The amount of matches on the horizon for Town are as worrying as they are exciting. Apart from the clear buildup to FA Cup Fourth Round weekend, Swindon have to cope with a game every Tuesday and Saturday for three straight weeks following. Throw an FA Cup replay into the equation as well and suddenly the fixture list is looking stretched to its full capabilities. Obviously the ideal scenario is progression in both the FA Cup and the JPT but that would mean even more changes to a jam-packed schedule.

It makes this week's permanent signing of Luke Rooney and the prospect of more to come imperative to Town's season. I've heard people talking positively about the implication Rooney's departure will have on his former club. I'do



buy into that theory to an extent as Gillingham are hoping for promotion too but we should be focussing on his potential impact at this club rather than any trail of destruction he may leave in their wake.

Rooney is one of the most impressive players I've seen at The County Ground this season. He looked lively and capable of causing chaos when Swindon played Gillingham in October last year. Meanwhile, the talk of Constable's arrival has certainly stirred the pot somewhat. Any player that makes the short trip down the A420 is always going

to split supporters. Some would welcome him with open arms, others may need some gentle persuasion before coming round to the idea. Either way, it's a sign that manager Paolo Di Canio must carry a convincing swagger to attempt to nab players from your 'nearest and dearest'.

Such is the lure possessed by the Italian that I'm sure we haven't seen the last of the activity from the club in this transfer window. January was always going to be a pivotal month and, at present, the pendulum is swinging firmly in Swindon's direction.

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"I was gutted when the move didn't go through in November, but the experience helped make my eventual decision a lot easier."

PAUL Benson scores goals. Lots of them. Now, following his move to Swindon Town from Charlton Athletic, Paolo Di Canio is hoping his new man can help fire the Robins into the top three... and beyond.

Paul, you've been at Swindon Town for three weeks now – how would you assess your time at the club so far?

I feel really settled already and part of the side. All I need now is my family to come and join me and I'll be pretty happy. I've been lucky during previous moves in that I haven't had to relocate too much. This is my first real big move in terms of relocating my family and I thought it would be more hassle than it has. By the time we get to February I'll be in my new place with the family. My partner and our little girl have been up during the weekends. This gave us time to look at houses in the area. We've been impressed with the town and we like it here, so hopefully it'll be a good couple of years for me. I'm looking forward to it.

It feels like you've been here longer as a result of the proposed loan move last year. Does it feel that way to you?

In a way, yes. I came and

trained here for a couple of days last year and that helped me when I finally did make the move. I knew the lads and the training I did last year helped me get to know everyone's name. I didn't have to deal with that when I signed in January. I was gutted when the move didn't go through in November, but the experience helped make my eventual decision a lot easier.

Paolo Di Canio was keen to snap you up early in January. Did his continued interest affect your decision to come here?

You feel more confident when a manager wants to bring you into a club. When I was at Charlton the manager [Phil Parkinson] who signed me got the sack and it didn't work out for me when the new one came in. I feel that has changed now coming here and from my point of view, to conclude the deal on January 1, you can't get any quicker than that. I'm delighted to be on board and join a team doing so well.

Nick Jud

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Was it an easy decision to join? What were your first impressions?

I'm very close to 'Macca' [Alan McCormack] and he made me aware of Swindon's interest about three months before Christmas. which gave me a lot of time to think about whether the move was what I wanted. I just want to play football and I wasn't getting those opportunities at Charlton. Charlton is a great club and I could easily have stayed there and not done anything. Or I could try and be part of a side that is looking to win promotion from League Two. I believe 99 percent of players want to feel part of a side and so it was an easy decision. I can make a bigger impact here than at Charlton, so that was my thought process.

Talking of Alan McCormack, did you have to do a double take when you watched the side and found him patrolling the back line and not the midfield?

I kind of knew he was playing in centre half. I saw him play there against Southend in the JPT and he'd been telling me for a while that was where he was playing. I had to go and see it with my own eyes! I was surprised how well he did because there was no inkling he could do that job; he had always played in midfield at Charlton. I was pleasantly surprised by how well him and 'Flinty' did at the back and it's looking like a great partnership.

Does it make life easier signing for a team winning games?

I joined a couple of days after the great result at Northampton and you could really sense the confidence among the management team and players – it was really flowing through the whole club. This is a good club to join and for me I feel very fortunate

to be part of a team doing so well. We're on a good run and thankfully that has continued since I've joined. I think I've fitted in seamlessly and the lads seem to have taken to me, so I feel very lucky.

In some ways I almost feel a bit embarrassed coming in to such a successful team, though. They've battled well for half a season and put everything on the line to get to where they are. The FA Cup was a perfect example. The lads had battled through two very tough rounds, Huddersfield and Colchester, to get the chance to face Wigan. I come on for 45 minutes, get in the way of a shot and I'm on the front of the newspapers! I felt really embarrassed by that because the players that had got the club that far were the ones who deserved all the credit, not me. It's great to join a club doing so well, but at the moment I feel a bit embarrassed because I've not been a part of that success. I just want to get my head down and try and make a positive effect in the second half of the season in terms of what everyone wants to achieve here.

You mentioned the centre-back pairing earlier... a consistent strike partnership has been the one thing missing from the side this season. Has the manager talked to you about that at all?

I've had a few chats with the boss but he's not really talked about the specifics of who's playing with who. He talks to me about where I need to be in certain areas of the pitch during the game to fit into how he wants the team to play, but we haven't talked about who he wants me to play with. We have a few options at the club. I think it's good that he rotates the players. I also think that a settled front two can work wonders for a side





but whatever he's been doing this season, it has been working. It has kept everyone on their toes and as long as the team wins it doesn't matter who plays.

You've played with Matt Ritchie before and you've seen the wide options we have. You must be licking your lips at the potential service you'll be getting...

You're right, I played with Matty at Dagenham and so I knew all about the quality he had. I scored a lot of goals thanks to his crosses. Raffa [De Vita] in training has a great cross on him and don't lorget Callum Kennedy and 'Cads' [Paul Caddis] who can deliver quality balls from deep positions. I almost scored from one of Cads' crosses at Rotherham, so there is quality on both sides and I thrive on service like that.

Have you been happy with the way you've played in your first few games?

I could have had two or three goals to my name already. I feel I should have scored on my debut against Wimbledon, but I'm getting there. I haven't played football for a long time and the Rotherham game was my first 90 minutes since the last match of last season. It's going to take a bit of time for me to get match fit and I'm a little way off that. In saying that, I'm always confident of getting into good positions so it's up to me to finish them off. I've worked hard after training on my finishing to help me get back on track and with the players we have in the side I'm confident I'll get in plenty of scoring positions.

Is it hard getting back that match fitness?

I've done a lot of work with Claudio [Donatelli] and I feel I'm getting fitter all the time. I think there's more to come from me when I get fitter because I do like to get about the pitch. That's part of my game – buzzing about and getting all over the pitch. I reckon I'm a couple of weeks away from that level but it will come with playing matches. You can run and do sprints all you like in training but matches are what sharpen your game.

Luckily there are loads of games coming up!

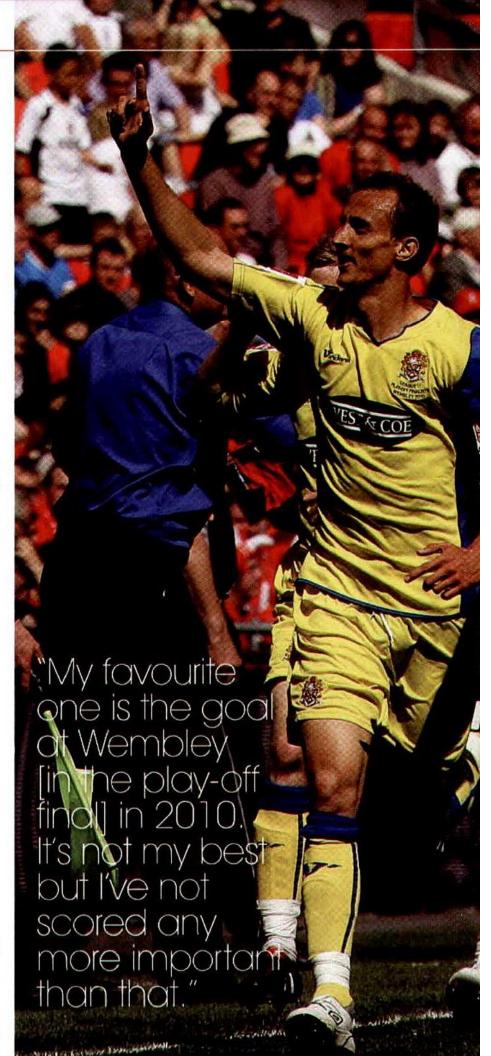
If you're successful you'll play more games, so it's a positive thing. If you want to be the best you have to play a lot of matches and that's what makes a successful side. That's how I see it. I think the fact we have so many games coming up is a sign that we're doing something right. We're one game from Wembley, in the fourth round of the FA Cup and fourth in the league; you can't grumble with that.

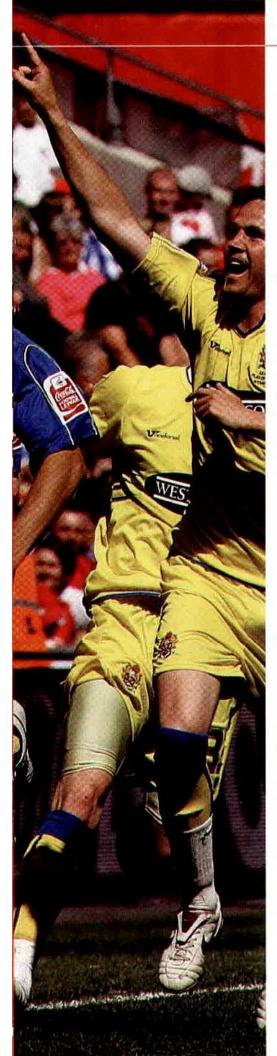
All the games are big now, aren't they?

The JPT second leg will be a massive game and one all the lads will be looking forward to. I'm fortunate enough to have played at Wembley so I know how special it will be if we get there. There'll be no motivation needed when that game comes around. Then we play Barnet again in the league and that's arguably the bigger of the two matches. The league must be our priority so it's a big one. When you're doing well big games come every week and we've got the right mentality to deal with that.

Is it hard to focus when there are so many big games looming?

It's a cliché but you have to try and win the next game. Every week the next match becomes the biggest of the season. The best thing you can





do is aim to finish top of the league. If you fall short of that the likelihood is you'll finish second or third. If you aim to finish in the play-offs and fall short you've got nothing to fall back on. We just have to go into every game looking to win and keep moving on to the next one.

Macclesfield beat us earlier in the season. Are you expecting another tough afternoon?

Fremember playing Macclesfield when I was last in League Two and they were a combative side. They were well organised under Keith Alexander but I imagine they probably play a bit different now. In fact I saw them play against Chelmsford in the FA Cup and they tried to play a bit more as opposed to getting the ball forward quickly. You've got to expect them to come and look for a draw and nullify our threat. We've got to have a good tempo and get on top of our game and get at them from the first whistle.

Having been promoted from this league before do you see the same qualities in this team as the Dagenham side that went up in 2010?

Yeah, I do. It is a mentality thing. When you get to March it's all about what's in your head as opposed to how good you are. A lot of it will come down to how much you want it. At Dagenham we had that in abundance and I see that here. The team spirit is really good and that will be a factor. You want players who have got your back and who will work for 90 minutes. It's a good side here with a lot of ability. With hard work and determination we can be successful. We'll certainly give it a good go.

Have you enjoyed working with the manager here so far?

He's got a character about him that is really infectious. He's so passionate and that makes you want to run that extra yard and play for him. With him behind us we all want to win every game and to be fair to him he's done a great job in what is his first go at management. He's built a squad that wants to work for each other and that's no mean feat.

We're assuming your goal against Wigan isn't your best. What is your favourite?

My favourite one is the goal at Wembley [in the play-off final] in 2010. It's not my best but I've not scored any more important than that. Scoring at the home of football in such a big game for Dagenham in terms of their history and supporters. Funnily enough the Wigan goal did run it close. It was my first goal here so I was relieved to get up and running. It was a great atmosphere and it was the first time I've enjoyed an upset in the cup. I normally go out in the first round, so to be part of a team that put out a Premier League team is nice to have on the CV. It was definitely the luckiest goal I've ever scored!

You're from a family of Southend fans, so presumably your perfect-case scenario is for Swindon to win the league and the Shrimpers finish second?

Funnily enough I was talking about this with my Dad when he came down for my little girl's birthday the other day. He was saying: 'do as well as you can but not as well as Southend!' I would definitely be happy if we both went up automatically. Obviously I'd like to win the title so to finish first would be awesome, but automatic promotion is what we're after.







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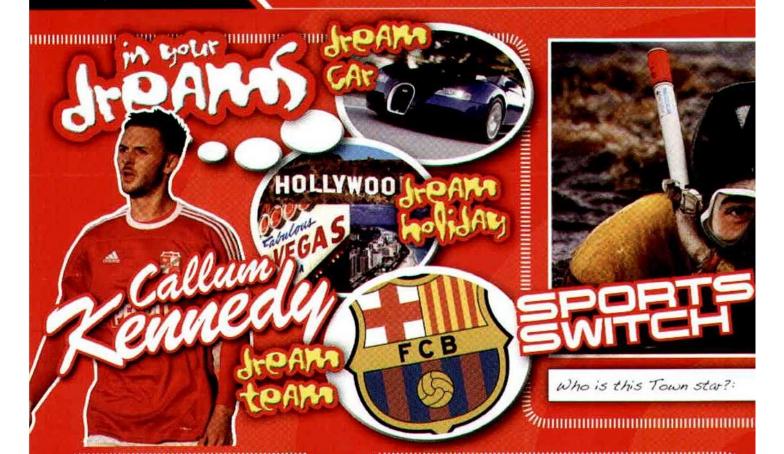
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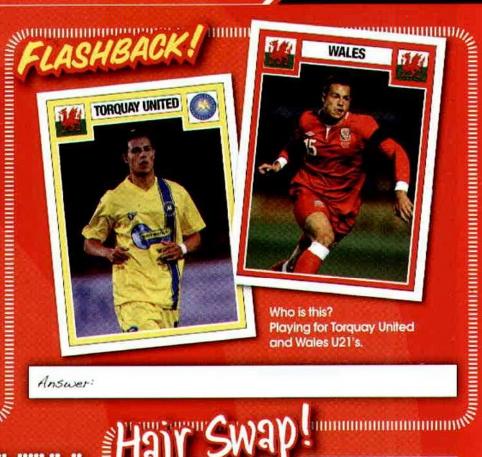
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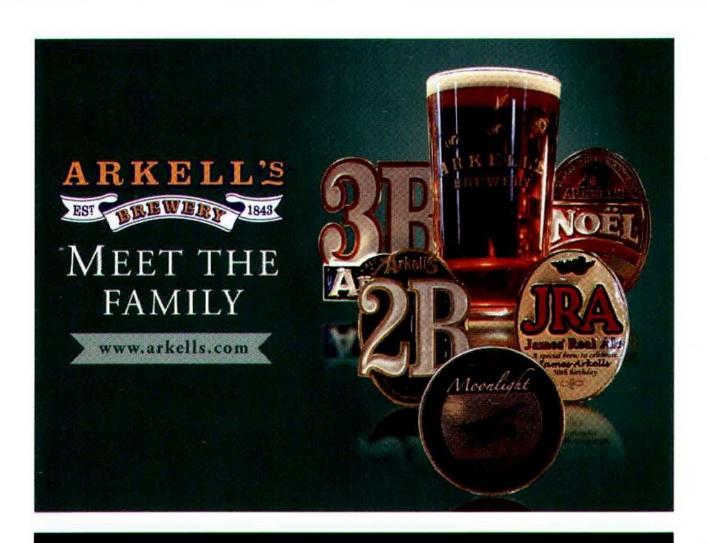


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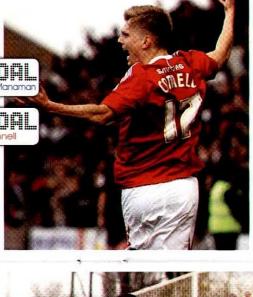
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Di Canio Comment:

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Martinez Comment:

"IT is important to see how the youngsters are developing. I felt we did many good things.

The winning goal was clearly offside. It is a day for Swindon Town, we congratulate them.

"My only regret is I should have made 14 changes [from their last game]."



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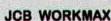
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Sat Aug 13	Bristol Rovers	H	L1-5
Sat Aug 20	Yeovil Town	A	W3-0
Sat Aug 27	Exeter City	A	L1-3
Sat Sep 3	Cheltenham Town	Н	W3-1
Sat Sep 17	Swansea City	A	W2-0
Sat Oct 1	Oxford United	Н	D1-1
Sat Oct 15	Cheltenham Town (CUP)	A	W3-2
Sat Oct 22	Oxford United (CUP)	Н	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	LO-1
Tue Dec 6	Plymouth Argyle	H	L2-3
Mon Dec 12	Birmingham City (FAYC)	Н	W3-2
Sat Jan 7	Hereford United	H	W2-1
Tue Jan 17	Manchester City (FAYC)	H	1.1-4
Sat Jan 21	Torquay United	A	
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	Н	
	Exeter City	H	TBC

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6.	Ben Whitehead	7	7(2)	6
7.	Miles Storey	7(1)	7(2)	11
8.	Aaron Oakley	8	9	3
9.	Louis Thompson	7(1)	7(1)	2
10.	Agron Ferris	6(1)	4(3)	1
11.	Mark Francis	3(6)	2(5)	1
12.	Jake Simpson	4(3)	4(4)	
13.	Conor Thompson	4	2	-
14.	Alex Ferguson	4(5)	7(1)	
15.	Connor Woldon	3(5)	3(6)	7
16.	Luke Murden	6(1)	9	2
17.	Lee Marshall	(1)	-	

Youth Alliance Table 2011/12

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Swansea City	10	5	3	2	+3	18
Plymouth Argyle	9	5	2	2	+8	17
Exeter City	9	4	4	1	+11	16
Swindon Town	9	5	1	3	+2	16
Chelfenham Town	11	5	1	5	+2	16
Oxford United	10	3	4	3	0	13
Torquay United	9	2	1	6	-6	7
Yeavil Town	9	1	2	6	-8	5
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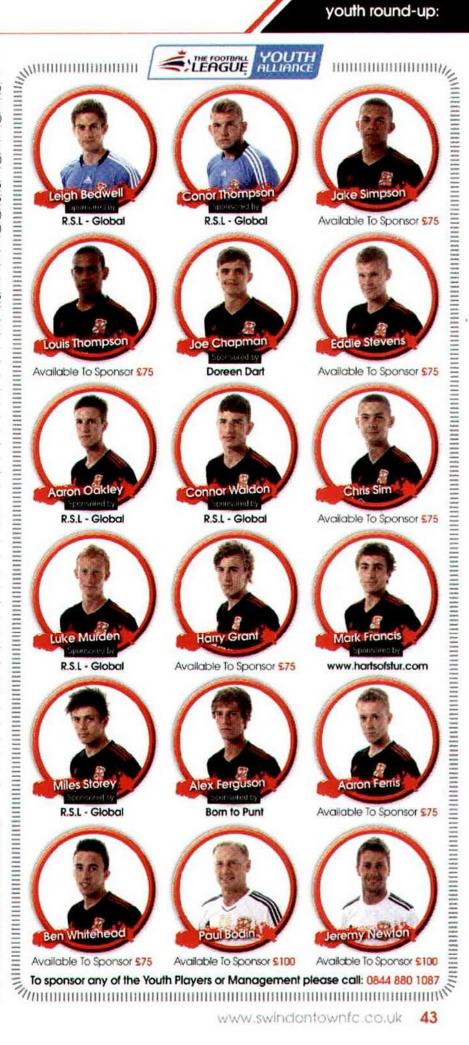




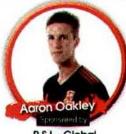


































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doubling up for the town

THERE is no shortage of links between the two clubs, with two former Swindon youth products later assisting Macclesfield - and no less than four former Town loanees...



MARK Dempsey and Colin Heath (pictured right) both arrived in Wiltshire on loan from Old Trafford, Dempsey was 'borrowed' by player-boss Lou

Macart early in 1985. He dropped out of the Football League for the first time when he joined Macclesfield in 1991. Heath spent four and a half months at The County Ground in 2005, moving to Moss Rose during the following summer.

Kyle Lightbourne was loaned from Stoke in January 2001 but featured just twice for Town and had reached Macclesfield by the July. The last loanee was Jon Beswetherick whose stay in 2002/03 was restricted to three appearances when he was red-carded at Chellenham Town. A loan spell at Moss Rose followed before he returned to the south west with Bristol Rovers in July 2004.

Mark Gardiner arrived at

Macclesfield in October 1995, almost 14 years after first signing for Town at the age of 14. His 11 goals helped them to reach the Fourth Round of the Youth Cup in

1984/85, but he netted only one in the League. Ashan Holgate was even younger - just 11 - when he first signed for Swindon, but he made just three senior starts for the club. His loan switch to Moss.

Rose at the end of January 2007 was his third temporary move away from The County Ground.

CHESHIRE

Paul Ince joined Town as player-coach in August 2006 but was at The County Ground only six weeks before being appointed boss at Macclesfield on 23 October. And the former England international was registered again as a player three months later.

Fola Onibuje (pictured top left) spent six months at Swindon in 2006, scoring twice in 16 appearances before joining Wycombe. He spent a similar period at Moss Rose in 2008.

On This Day

Saturday 21st January 1961



BERT Head's Swindon side scored a comfortable 4-0 win over Bury in Division Three, with two goals each at the County Ground

for Cliff Jackson and Mike Summerbee.

The side included just two players who weren't brought up through the Swindon system or picked up from local non-league sides as youngsters.

They are Arnold Darcy and Fred Jones. The side in full-Burton, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruff, Darcy, Hunt, Summerbee, Jackson and Jones.



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

- community news -



tc abbey meads



TODAY we welcome FC Abbey Meads who are here after taking up our fantastic Fans of the Future ticket initiative...

half-term ground tours:

GET access to all areas of the club on this unique tour of The County Ground, the home of Swindon Town Football Club.

On a tour of The County Ground you will get the chance to see behind the scenes at SN1 - right from Paolo Di Canio's seat in the home dugout, into the Boardroom and through to the home team changing room.

The one-and-a-half hour tour also incorporates visits to the hospitality areas, the trophy room, media room, boot room and much, much more. There will be plenty of opportunities to take photographs along the way and learn about the history of Swindon Town Football Club.

Tour rates and how to book

Adults - £8 Juniors (Unders 16's) - £4 Senior Citizens (Over 65's) - £5

Bookings now being taken for tours on: Monday 13th February at 11am and Friday 17th February at 11am. Bookings operate on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 15 people per tour.

Please call Steven Weller to book on 0844 880 1113 or email steven@swindontownfc.co.uk

Our visitors said...

"We would like to say thank you again for the tour around the club. We had a very enjoyable morning," Michelle Lane

"The tour was informative and provided a real behind the scenes insight." Alastair Sloan



FC Abbey Meads U7s

THE scheme allows junior football teams or groups to attend League 2 matches here at The County Ground for heavily reduced prices. If you would like to attend a match with your team or group then contact the club on the details below.

FCAM are a local youth football team in the North of Swindon who have been running now for some time.

They are now a 'Charter standard' accredited club with age groups ranging from 6 through to 18.

At Under 7s level they now have a full squad of 14 enthusiastic players who enjoy fun and structured football.

At FCAM they aim to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for the youngsters to develop.

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Best goal of my career...

Against Southampton for Gillingham on my first league start. It was great to play at St. Mary's and about half an hour into the game I managed to lob Kelvin Davis. It's a goal that I am very proud of. I scored against Exeter on my league debut and that was a dream come true.



Who are your footballing heroes?...

1st Eric Cantona

Paul Gascoigne

Lionel Messi

Paul Scholes

Reason...

Cantona is the reason that I support Manchester united so he has to be at the top. Scholes is a legend and Gascoigne was so entertaining to watch.



What makes you angry?...

Bad manners, I just don't have time for people without a bit of courtesy!



Footballers have a lot of spare time on their hands, so what TV shows do you watch?...

Entourage and The Soprano's. I don't watch too much TV as I prefer watching DVD's.



Favourite film star?...

Robert De Niro or Joe Pesci - they are both great actors and have had great careers.



Which papers or magazines do you read?









Reason...

There are some great articles in FourFourTwo and the 'One to Watch' section is up there with the best of them.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

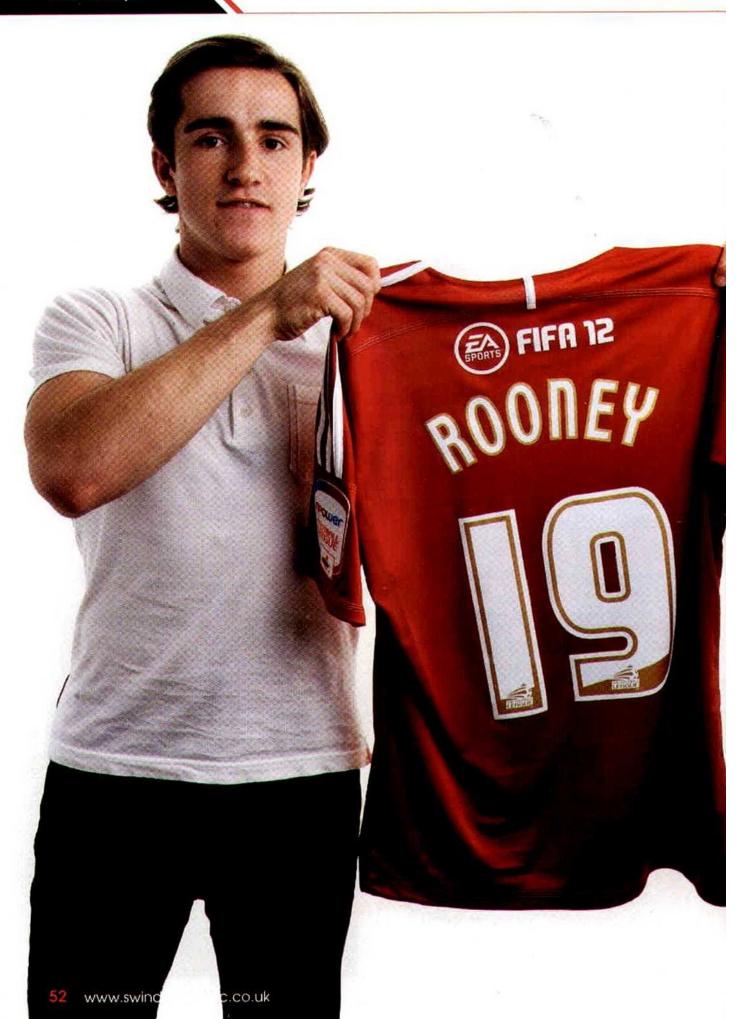


Most of them have been footballers. I met Bobby Charlton and Geoff Hurst at upton Park when I was on the books there when I was a kid, it was as part of a day out to see West Ham against manchester united.

You have talked about scoring on your debut for Gillingham, but how are you feeling ahead of your debut for Swindon?

very excited - it was great to get into training with the lads on Wednesday morning. I can't wait to get out there and make my debut for Swindon and hopefully it will go well.





rooney - joins town -

NEW signing Luke Rooney is hoping to help the Robins 'finish the job' with promotion to League 1 at the first time of asking.

THE 21-year old has agreed a two-and-a-half year deal with Town and was presented to the media at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon. Rooney, who began his career as a youngster at West Ham United, spoke of his delight at sealing a longawaited move to The County Ground.

He said: "The manager was a big part of me signing here and he made it clear how much he wanted to add me to the squad.

"I had a long chat with him when I came down and we spoke about a lot of things. He told me what he expects from his players and the one thing that shone through was how much he wants success. I want to be a part of what's going on here.

"The lads have made a cracking start to the season and of course the aim now is to get into the top three and stay there."

Rooney impressed for Gillingham on their visit to The County Ground on Tuesday 25th October, a performance which caught the eye of the Town boss. The game ended in a 2-0 win for the Robins but Rooney remembers the encounter well.

"I felt I had a decent enough game on the night," he said,

recalling a 90-minute display at SN1. "The manager then followed up his interest from that game and I am delighted to have got everything sorted now.

"A few seasons ago I was an unused sub here at Swindon for Gillingham, so when Gillingham came here in October it was great to get out there and play.

"I like the ground here and it's a bit old school, but I like that. You

the 2011/12 campaign and he is looking forward to restarting his season - with promotion at the end of it.

"League 1 is the aim this season and hopefully I can help the team to achieve that aim. All the players, staff and fans want promotion and this time next year we all want to be in League 1."

Town's new number 19 is also hoping to get the Town

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get a feeling of history around the place with so many images around the tunnel and there have been some great, great players that have played for Swindon over the years.

"The atmosphere here when I played back in October was pretty loud and the fans certainly played their part from a Swindon point of view. The pitch looks slick too and I can't wait to get out there in a Swindon shirt."

Rooney arrives at The County Ground having been a regular for his former club for the majority of faithful on their feet with some entertaining displays. The 21-year old describes his attacking game as 'unpredictable' and is looking forward to getting his Town trickery underway.

"I certainly like to have an impact on the game and take players on. I'd like to think I can add a bit of flair to the team and every player wants to impress the fans and hopefully I can do that here for Swindon. It's an exciting time to be coming to the club and I am sure there are good times ahead."



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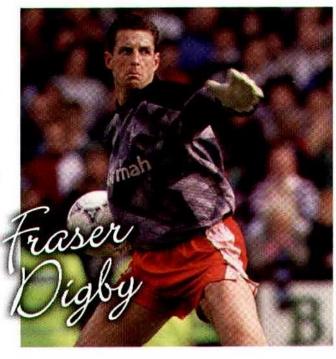
WINNING at Wembley is a special moment for any footballer and today's Hall of Fame inductees have played - and won - at the home of football in Swindon Town colours. The duo had a big part to play in the 1993 final too...

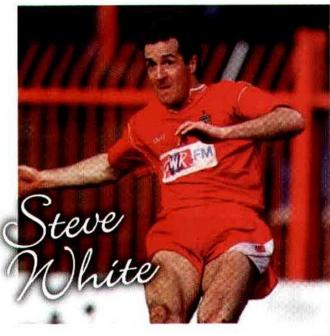
FRASER DIGBY was signed for Swindon from Manchester United by Lou Macari in December 1986 after two loan periods. He was to go on to make 505 appearances for Swindon, the second highest number by any Swindon Town 'keeper, in a career which stretched from 1986 to 1998.

In his first season he made 44 appearances in the campaign that saw Swindon win promotion to Division Two. He was ever present in the 1988/89 season and the next season he kept a clean sheet in the play-off win against Sunderland. He remained between the sticks two seasons later when Town defeated Leicester City in the play-off final to reach the Premier League. During his time at Swindon he won England international recognition with five Under 21 caps. He was voted Swindon's Footballer of the Year on three occasions in 1987, 1997 and 1998. After his playing days came to an end, he returned to SN1 as goalkeeper coach and worked in the Commercial Department.

STEVE WHITE was signed by Lou Macari from Bristol Rovers when financial problems made him available at a knockdown price. From 1986 to 1994 he made 312 appearances for Swindon including 60 as a substitute. In his first season he scored 15 goals in just 29 appearances capping it by scoring both goals in the victory over Gillingham in the play-off final decider. During season 1989-90 he scored goals in both play-off semi-finals to add to 18 in the league campaign and helped Swindon to win promotion to Division One via the play offs. Although this promotion was taken away by the Football League, in 1992/93 he was again at Wembley winning a vital penalty against Leicester City.

One of only seven men to score one-hundred goals for Swindon, his 111 goals make him the sixth highest scorer in the history of the club.





darren buzza

IT is with great sadness that Vicki, Craig, Christine, Frank, Ann, David and family announce the loss of Darren.

Darren was a huge Swindon Town fan and he was a Season Ticket

holder for many years.

Watching Swindon Town was a great passion of his. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends x



birthday wishes!



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happy birthday!

HAPPY

Birthday wishes to Mick Donald who celebrated his 60th birthday on Sunday 15th January. He is a long-standing Town fan and is seen here on



his birthday out in Spain!

gareth hall

HAPPY Birthday wishes to Gareth Hall Inp relation to the Town defender of the same name!) who will celebrate his 40th birthday today by watching his beloved Town side in action against Macclesfield. Enjoy your day from all the family.



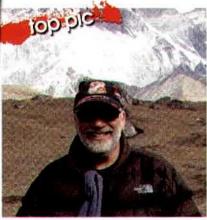
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Andrew French, an ex-pat now living in Brunei, is an avid Town supporter and recently completed a trek in the Himalayas – including a 5545m peak overlooking Base Camp, Everest!



Ashlea Harris, 10, pictured following Town on the road at The Don Valley Stadium seven days ago.



12-year old Town fanatic **Declan Harris** managed a picture with Fenners and Bianca during the filming of 'Take it like a fan' on Monday 2nd January 2012.



Town Chairman Jeremy Wray sent in this snap of him alongside two notable Rotherham fans, Barry Elliott and Paul Elliott, better known as the Chuckle Brothers! To you, to me...



Continuing with the mountainous theme this week, here is Town fan **David James** who last year climbed Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Evelina Children's Hospital.



Logan John Harris became a Swindon fan at just three days old and celebrated his 1st Birthday on the 11th Jan 2012 and is counting down the days to his first match!

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supporters club

TUESDAY night saw the STFC Supporters Club again sponsor a FA Youth Cup match, this time a fourth round tie against top side Manchester City.

Half time draw

THE Wigan game saw us sell more tickets on a matchday than at any other match in 13 years. The average prize payout during this season has now reached £531 which is a new record in itself.

Thank you to everyone that participated. The lucky winners on the day, a sell-out draw, were...

- 1. C Liston Ticket number 1001 won £810
- 2. R Terry Ticket number 911 won £90

FA Youth Cup

AS fans are aware one of our principle fundraising objectives is to support youth development. With this in mind we were delighted to once again be Match Sponsors for the Manchester City game on Tuesday.



City included Alex Henshall in their side who was of course a part of the STFC Centre of Excellence prior to a move north. Alex played his part in a 4-1 win for the visitors, but it was a spirited display from the Robins with defender Chris Sim named man of the match by the Supporters Club.

Pounds for Points

THE victory at Rotherham United last weekend took the fund to £2,093 which means the fundraising effort has now surpassed last season's total already! If you would like to join the scheme then please contact Mavis Knight via mavis@ swindontownsupportersclub.com.

Bingoal

THE full updated list is here:

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Christmas Quizzes

THE prize winners from our free to enter Supporters Club quizzes were:

Hospitality: S. Dean, R. Sykes, P. Spearman & H. Newman. Mascot packages: Y. Page, M. Dew, H. Newman, F. Large.

David Talbot

DAVID is a Swindon Town fan but lives in the Macclesfield area and organised a collection at the reverse fixture back in September to raise funds for Prospect House with a sum of £257 raised. David is in The Sponsor's Suite today as a thank you from STFC for his fundraising efforts and he will be accompanied by his friend, David Walker, who celebrated his 80th birthday on 2nd January. Enjoy your day!



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First football match memory?



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Matt Ritchie

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Ryan Muskett Matt Ritchie

Which player do you base your game on?



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Matt Ritchie

I try to model my game on Matty Taylor, he's a hard working player with a good left foot. I like to think I could be the same.



Mike Stfc Seabourne ▶ Matt Ritchie

Your double against Rotherham was pretty impressive to say the least, but what was your favourite goal, both in a Town shirt, and outright?



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Matt Ritchie

My best goal for Swindon is probably the one against Gillingham this season. Other than that I scored a similar goal for Dagenham against Notts County which was pretty good.



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James Nicholls ▶ Matt Ritchie

What is the hardest part of being a professional footballer?



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Matt Ritchie

It's the best job in the world, there's no hard part.



Reece Holloway ▶ Matt Ritchie

What is your main target for your footballing career?



Matt Ritchie

To play at the highest level possible and be able to look back on a successful career.



Tim Keen ▶ Matt Ritchie

So why did the Southend player call you Stephen?



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Matt Ritchie He was just winding me up!



Elliott Fred ▶ Matt Ritchie

Is Aden Flint as intimidating as he looks?



Matt Ritchie

No not at all, he's a big stroppy giant who is rubbish at taking banter. His trainers are quite intimidating.



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Barnet 1 Swindon Town 1



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Southend United A





Tuesday 31st January, 7.45pm KO

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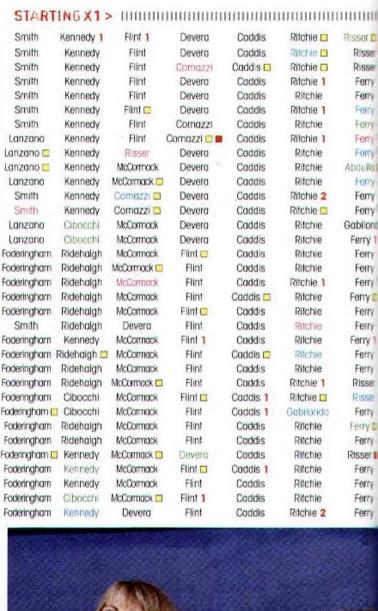
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Sat Sep 3	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	3-2 W	6,304 (216)
Sat Sep 10	SOUTHEND UNITED	Н	2-0 W	6,852 (324)
Tue Sep 13	Crawley Town	A	3-0 W	2,790 (659)
Sat Sep 17	Burton Albion	A	0-2 L	3,320 (1,026)
Sat Sep 24	BARNET	H	4-0 W	7,279 (178)
Fri Sep 30	Macclesfield Town	A	0-2 L	2,301 (532)
Tue Oct 4	Exeter City JPT2	A	2-1 W	2,627 (281)
Sat Oct 8	HEREFORD UNITED	Н	3-3 D	7,456 (209)
Sat Oct 15	Accrington Stanley	A	2-0 W	1,663 (251)
Sat Oct 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-0 W	6,872 (922)
Tue Oct 25	GILLINGHAM	Н	2-0 W	7,787 (400)
Sat Oct 29	BRADFORD CITY	Н	0-0 D	7,800 (261)
Sat Nov 5	Port Vale	A	0-2 W	4,961 (507)
TUE NOV 8	AFC WIMBLEDON JPT AQF	1000	1-1D 3-1p	4,581 (281)
SAT NOV 12	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN FACT		4-1 W	5,728 (363)
Sat Nov 19	A.F.C. Wimbledon	A	1-1 D	4,581 (733)
Sat Nov 26	ALDERSHOT TOWN	Н	2-0 W	
Sat Dec 3	Colchester United FAC2	A	1-0 W	7,526 (369) 3,035 (515)
Tue Dec 6	Southend United JPT ASF	A	2-1 W	Name Continues of the Continues of
				3,981 (334)
Sat Dec 10	Bristo Rovers	A	1-1 D	7,726 (1,329)
Sat Dec 17	MORECAMBE	H	3-0 W	7,116 (72)
Mon Dec 26	Torquay United	A	0-1 L	4,157 (1,033)
Sat Dec 31	Northampton Town	A	2-1 W	5,808 (1,100)
Mon Jan 2	A.F.C. WIMBLEDON	H	2-0 W	8,374 (473)
Sat Jan 7	WIGAN ATHLETIC FAC3	H	2-1 W	13,975 (631)
Tue Jan 10	Barnet JPT AF (1st Leg)	A	1-1 D	3,915 (1,414)
Saf Jan 14	Rotherham United	A	2-1 W	4,236 (511)
Sat Jan 21	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm	
Sat Jan 28	Leicester City FAC4	A	3.00pm	
Tue Jan 31	Southend United	A	7.45pm	
Sat Feb 4	BURTON ALBION	Н	3.00pm	
Tue Feb 7	BARNET JPT AF (2nd Leg)	н	7.45pm	
Sat Feb 11	Barnet	A	3.00pm	
Tue Feb 14	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	7.45pm	
Sat Feb 18	Hereford United	A	3.00pm	
Tue Feb 21	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	7.45pm	
Sat Feb 25	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	Н	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 3	Oxford United	A	12.00pm	
Tue Mar 6	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	41-	7.45pm	
Sat Mar 10	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00pm	
Tue Mar 20	TORQUAY UNITED	H	7.45pm	
Sat Mar 24	Aldershot Town	A	3.00pm	
Sat Mar 31	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00pm	
Fri Apr 6	Morecambe	A	3.00pm	
Mon Apr 9	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 21	Gillingham	A	3.00pm	
Sat Apr 28	PORT VALE	H	3.00pm	
Sat May 5	Brodford City	۸	3 00nm	

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Sat May 5

Today's matchday mascot is **Alex King** who is eight-years old. His favourite Town player is winger Matt Ritchie, who scored both goals in last weekend's league win. Alex attends Hilperton Primary School and is hoping for another win to celebrate today!







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

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POWER LEAGUE 2

Pos	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Southend	25	24	52
2	Chellenham	25	18	52
3	Crawley Town	25	18	51
4	Swindon	25	20	46
5	Shrewsbury	25	13	45
6	Oxford Utd	26	11	41
7	Gillingham	25	10	41
8	Torquay	25	7	41
9	Burton Albion	26	-1	40
10	Accrington	26	5	39
11	Rotherham	25	4	37
12	Morecambe	26	10	36
13	Crewe	26	-4	36
14	Port Vale	26	4	35
15	Macclesfield	25	-4	30
16	AFC Wimbledon	25	-15	29
17	Aldershot	25	-10	27
18	Bristol Rovers	26	-16	27
19	Bradford	25	-5	26
20	Barnet	25	-14	26
21	Hereford	26	-16	25
22	Dag & Red	25	-17	21
23	Plymouth	26	-20	21
24	Northampton	26	-22	21
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1	Lanzano	5(1)	1	-
3	Kennedy	14	4	1
4	Flint	18(2)	8	3
5	Devera	12	3(1)	-
7	Caddis	25	9	3
8	Ferry	20(4)	6(1)	2
9	Benson	1(1)	(1)	1
10	Ritchie	24	9	9
11	Esojas	2(4)	(3)	
12	McCormack	20(2)	6(2)	1
13	Risser	7(6)	4(1)	2
15	Thompson	1(1)	(1)	-
17	Connell	6(13)	7(2)	7
18	Scott	-		-
19	Rooney	-	-	-
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21	Gabilondo	4(5)	6(1)	-
23	De Vita	24	4(2)	6
24	J Smith	18(3)	7	2
26	P Smith	7	3	-
27	Cibacchi	2(7)	3(2)	
28	Storey	(3)	4	-
29	Magera	7(5)	2(4)	1
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	L Clarke	2	2	-
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	Ridehalgh	9(2)	2	

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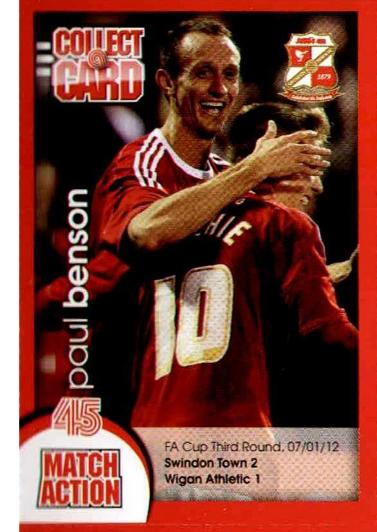
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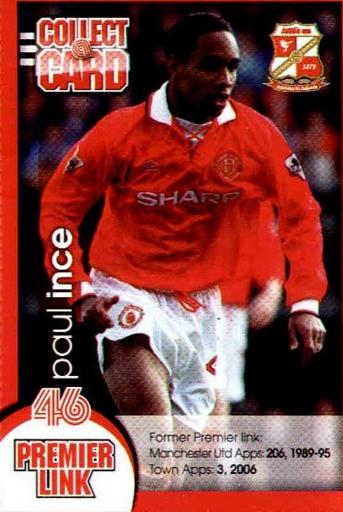


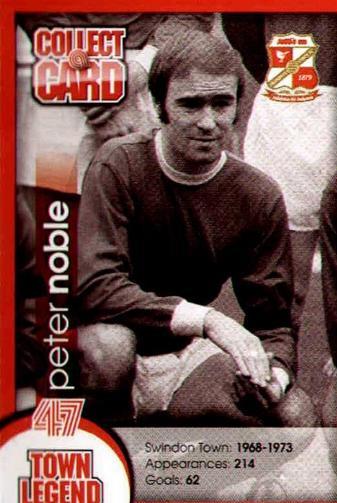
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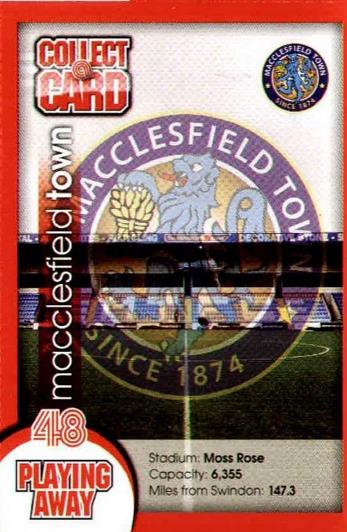














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