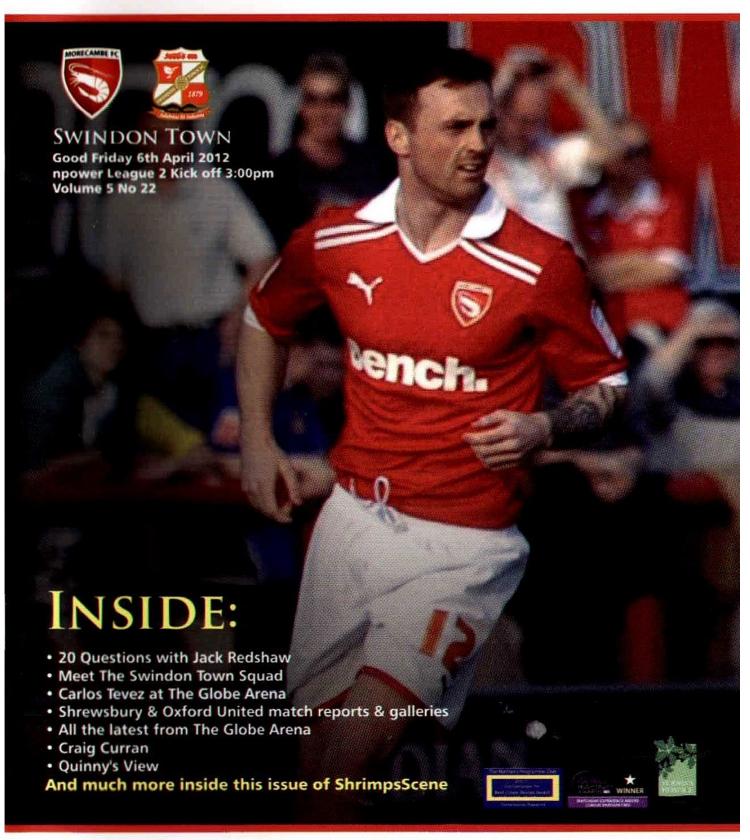
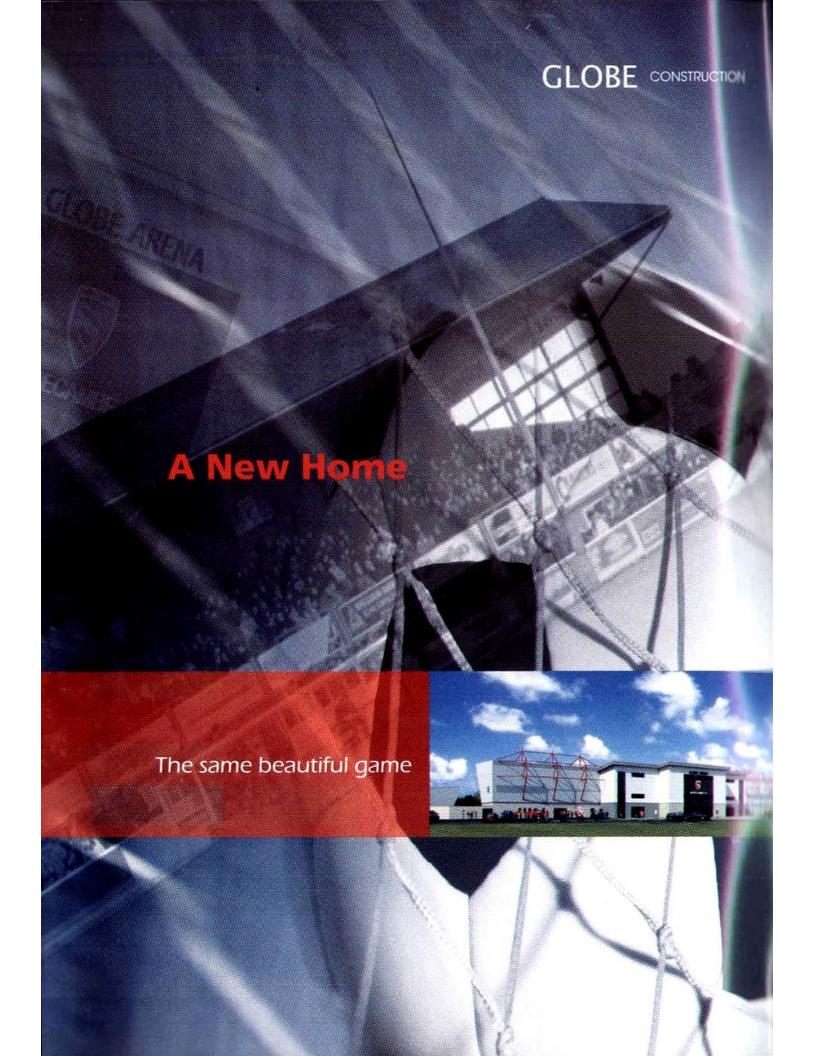
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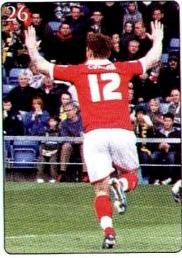
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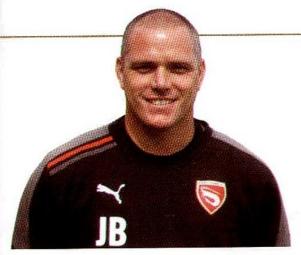
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the mark and no it didn't include an Andy Parrish hat trick I think I could retire comfortably if that came in!! On the day a Northampton win was marked at 12/1 with Northampton Northampton half time and full time at 11/2.

But already John has come a cropper at the Gillingham game when The Shrimps ran out 2-1 winners and John didn't have time to cover the bet so there were a number of happy smiley faces that afternoon. I think one Mick Brown certainly had a beaming face. If you want to

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JIM BENTLEY

Good afternoon, and can I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and I hope to see a big crowd this afternoon. Looking back to last Saturday against Shrewsbury, it was another frustrating afternoon, against another top side. We certainly played some great football in that first half, and overall we weren't too far away, but once again we have to capitalise when we get the chances and put the ball away when we get the chance. The disappointment was that it was another home defeat, and it would be great to break that jinx this afternoon against the top side in the League. Swindon have been an improved side since we played them back in December, where we were told they were the best side they had played. However, as on a number of other occasions, we have come away with nothing. This afternoon though, is an opportunity to put that right. A big crowd should make for a great occasion, in addition to the fun day that you have organised today. It should be a fantastic atmosphere and don't forget there are events on after the game as well. I must also ask you try and tell as many of your friends about the reduced admission for the Port Vale game too next Saturday.

Last Saturday was yet another great away day, and a comprehensive performance from the lads but of course we won't be getting carried away with that. The season doesn't end with thoughts of relative safety from relegation or the satisfaction of a mid table finish. We want to score goals and win games of football and whilst some people will think that we're a mid table side, I can tell you that we have a great bunch who will work hard to get us more points. Their work rate, dedication, the way they carried out instructions last Saturday was superb and our set plays were tremendous. Baz only has a couple of saves late on but they

were crucial too. So all round it was a great performance.

The pitch was in great nick last weekend and I thought we knocked it around well and with Craig Curran scoring early it set us on our way. Their goal was a blip, and the only negative of the afternoon. We were professional to keep going and maybe score another after Stew Drummond put us ahead. Craig Curran has shown what a good player he will be if we can get him for next year, he has a great work ethic, great in the dressing room, he is full of running, has great control and I thought he was brilliant throughout the game and as I said took his goal really well. Craig is a lad I know well having done a course with him and I know he will fit in well with our squad. Overall though they all played their part and hopefully that will give us confidence coming into today's game

I'm pleased with our points tally but the home form has been disappointing for whatever reasons you can think of. If we could have had turned three or four poor results into wins then we would have been up there and were not far away from being a top seven side. I've said all season it's a fine line and with a bit more luck we could have been up there. But we have to look to next season and build the momentum starting with this game this afternoon. As I said we want to do well and with some of the remaining games we will have a say in the promotion race. It's important that we look to take maximum points from the remaining games if we can.

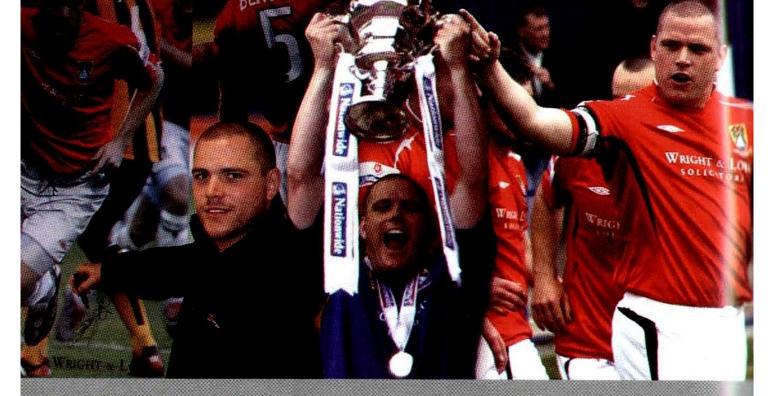
We have six games left this season and as I said, I want us to finish with a flourish and I am working hard towards getting as much of the squad together for next season as soon as possible. I know there will be a lot of players available at the end of the season but I want us to have as much of our squad in place as soon as we can to give us that continuity we need. I am a big admirer of Andy Fleming and think he is a player with a big future ahead of him. He will be here for another twelve months.

We have also been in talks with Andy Parrish, who is another will have here next season. Andy has signed a new two year deal with the club, and I'm very pleased to tell you that, and I'm sure all shrimps supporters will be pleased with that news too. Andy has grown as a player with the club and is another young player who has come a long way with us and will continue to improve.

Finally, I would like to draw all of our fans and supporters attention to the 'Know the Score' Bowel Cancer Campaign that will be taking place from 7th-9th April 2012. The campaign is being promoted by the Bobby Moore Fund, The Adam Stansfield Foundation, Beating Bowel Cancer, Bowel Cancer UK and founding charity of 'Know the Score' The Mr Brightside Project who have come together to promote awareness of the key symptoms of Bowel Cancer. Today I am pleased to wear the 'Bowel Cancer Star of Hope' badge and to support their awareness campaign alongside the League Managers Association. Bowel cancer can affect men and women of both ages but it is most common in the over 50s. It is very important that we are all aware of the symptoms and for more information I encourage you all to visit www.knowthescore.org.uk

Enjoy the football today

Jim



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BOARDROOM VIEW

WHERE NEXT & HOW?

I often like to reflect on where we are now, where we came from and how we did it. It helps me see where we should be heading next and how we do it.

Morecambe FC has climbed up the various non-league divisions and leagues through its history. Never relegated. Only either surviving or promoted. The promotions have been well spaced, giving time for natural growth as a club and business.

So far so good. When promoted to the Conference, some feared that we would never see the 1,000 paying customers we needed on a regular basis to survive the expenses of a national league. Roughly 10 years later we were looking at 2,000 on our way to the Football League. It wasn't overnight. The local population hadn't changed either. It was steady progress with what we

Since moving to the Globe Arena we have a business income as well. Overall, the success of all teams is greatly influenced by financial strength. As a Board that is our responsibility. In my view, it depends upon:

- strong support through the turnstiles;
- · strong business performances;
- responsibly sticking to a football budget we can afford.

On the business front, I am confident we have the most popular, the nicest and the most successful function venue for miles around. The artificial pitches are full every night. Conferences

are growing, but I can't help feeling that a Premier Inn or such-like on the premises would be a great advantage (as would a Lancaster Bye Pass and a link from it to the corner of Westcliffe Drive and Westgate making Regent Road the entrance to Morecambe).

On the turnstile income issue, we need further steady growth. This needs to be a mixture of both adults and children. The voungsters are, of course, our future. But we need to look outside Morecambe too, into Lancaster, up to Kendal and out into the Lune Valley areas. Our Community Sports team continues to do excellent work to stimulate growth in all of these areas as well as delivering benefit from the Football Club back into the district. This goodwill is priceless and cannot be replicated by any other part of the Club. Anybody living in the town will know that the Community Sports programme (formerly "Football In The Community") has been a major driver in fan growth over the last 10 years.

We can all bring someone along to the match every so often, but what makes an occasional visitor stick as a regular fan? It takes time but personally, I think they need to feel:

- well entertained at a good price;
- that they belong to the Club, and the Club to them;
- · pride in the Club and its

players;

· pride in their fellow supporters.

So, where next and how? My targets for Morecambe FC remain as League survival, steady responsible growth, having community involvement on as many levels as possible and supporters, players and staff to be proud of.

The fact that we are in such a comfortable position in the league right now is a great achievement for Jim and his team in his first year in charge. In what will be my last programme notes this year, I would like to extend my congratulations to Jim and gratitude to you all for your loyal and good humoured support through the season so far.

Please keep us proud, spread the word and enjoy the match today.





SEAN O'CONNOR

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone here at The Globe Arena at what I hope is a warm sunny Good Friday afternoon and don't forget The Easter Bunny doesn't arrive till Sunday, so no sneaking any chocolate eggs today. Its fish Friday today so this is Christie the Cat's favourite day to watch football!!

Before we move on to the proceedings I must tell you that on Saturday 14th April we have cheap tickets available to watch The Shrimps at The Globe Arena v Port Vale and if you turn to the middle pages you will see details of the prices. Listen out on The Bay 96.9fm for regular updates on the news this week concerning that match. It would be great to see this place busy and cheer on the lads.

Both sides this afternoon have something in common. despite there not being too many contests between them, and that is they have both sat at the top of the league this season. Swindon are there at the moment and now look likely to win this league at Paolo De Canio's first attempt at management. Jim Bentley's team sat at the top of League Two last September, and whilst they now sit mid table it is still a fantastic achievement in his first season too. Swindon have played at the top flight and there is real



expectation on their part for De Canio to succeed.

Both managers are passionate about football and wanting to win every game. For many of us De Canio's career has been played out in full view of the cameras, you only have to watch all the great highlight son youtube including that marvellous goal of the season for West Ham United. Jim Bentley's is one of a rise from non league as an established player into a great young manager. The duel between these two managers and their preparations, should be fascinating this afternoon. I'm sure our Jim will pat De Canio for catching that ball at Goodison whilst keeper Gerrard needed attention!!

TALES FROM THE KASSAM

I'm writing these notes after yet another long journey on the road reporting for The Bay 96.9fm, thrilled by the win, and it really was a great game to report on for my first time at The

Kassam Stadium. It is a three sided stadium with Championship credentials, a Vue Cinema, a sports bar and and restaurant with pub nearby too, so all adding to a great match day experience for U's fans and the car park was full when my car load arrived at 100pm. 7023 was the match day attendance(89 from Morecambe) and they witnessed the away team dominate the match from start t finish with some great play from Morecambe and two well executed goals from Craig Curran and Stewart Drummond.

A word for Craig who made an excellent debut and looked a great addition to Jim's squad and with performances like that each match I for one would love to see Craig here next season. Stew Drummond rewrote the stats again with his 31st Football League goal which is a record for the club and nearing the 70 mark with career goals for Morecambe!! It's always a good sign when three opposition press tell you that you were the best team and shake your hand and that's exactly what happened. I've no doubt that whilst Chris Wilder was obviously laying into his troops post match he will have admired some of our play that afternoon. Just to glow even further did you know that only Cardiff City have lost fewer games(3) on the road in the

football league this season.

So there we have it a season of two halves with the away from and performances showing playoff potential but the frustration of the home results. One fan posted on the internet this week that if you turned four of our home defeats into wins then we would be battling it out in the playoffs with the likes of Oxford United and this game today would be huge. I think it still is because we still have points to pick up and see how high we can finish in Jim's first season.

I must mention one funny incident from Saturday which I can't ever remember seeing happen but reminded me of those days at school when someone was sick and someone would come in with a bucket of sand to pour over it before the clean up operation. It wasn't lost on Freez and Swidz on Morecambe Player!!. Well at the start of the second half before a ball was kicked Chris McCready was sick on the pitch and before anyone could kick a ball the referee indicated to the ground staff that it needed clearing up. Two guys with a spade and a wheelbarrow trudged onto the pitch asked the ref where it was and then in real comedy character routine too an eternity to first lay the sand and then shovel in to the home crowd slow handclapping!!. Cries of "Barrow Barrow", as they passed The Shrimps faithful were a comedy highlight too. I just hope someone has youtubed that clip!!

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Keeping with the positives and it was great to read that Andrew Fleming has signed for another twelve months. Flemo showed his worth with some great performances in particular before his recent injury and in particular at Crawley where he played really well and again another piece of bad luck to add to that injury list



this season. But I think a fit Flemmo next season will add to Jim's armoury. Funny to think, that Flemmo reached greater notoriety with Parky, on the Late Kick Off show. What was 55 divided by 11 again lads? More good news in that fans favourite Andy Parrish has signed a new two year deal which will keep the average age and IQ of the squad down(only joking lads!!) Andy once again has been in great form whether in the centre of defence right back(where i think he will make the place his own) and left back as he did where he made his league debut with Bury at The Kassam Stadium. His dad was only saying that he didn't know how Andy was going to make the repayments on the new BMW(only joking Graham!!) I can tell you the fiesta passed it's 100k mot!!

TEVEZ AT THE GLOBE

If any of you made it down to The Globe Arena in time last week to watch the young guns against Manchester city you will have witnessed the appearance of Argentinian International Carlos Tevez, who played for 70 minutes. Now many will be saying, why went we given any notice? Well it wasn't for the love of trying from The Bay, The

Visitor, Radio Lancashire and the club trying to contact Manchester city all day. So the 324 who made it witnessed a real treat, and I think it will be a game for Chris Kettings to remember too with some fine saves. Although I did notice Craig Curran get the prized number 10 shirt off Carlos as he left the pitch. There is a full report and gallery inside today's match programme. You can also watch the two minute highlight video on the official Manchester city website. More from Stewart Drummond on that game inside as well.

FINALLY

This is our third ever match against The Robins and so far we have been beaten twice so let's hope it is third time lucky and that we can create a fantastic atmosphere to cheer the lads on this afternoon. Swindon should have brought a great following this afternoon and I'm sure they will make their presence felt and that to will add to making this day a great occasion. So get behind your team and have a great afternoon.

Enjoy the match Sean





Jack Redshaw

Position striker

First football attended

Manchester United v Middlesbrough not sure what year and I think it was 2-2

Team supported as a boy **Manchester United** First team played in

Biggest influence Family and friends

Swinton Boys

Why Morecambe? Great club going places

Sum up Morecambe FC in one sentence **Great Club going** places!!!

Joker in the dressing room Kev Ellison

Best mate at Morecambe not made one yet!!

Nickname The Little Mexican

If not a footballer? Not a clue

Are footballers in higher leagues paid too much? NO

Which rule would you change? Referees linesmen the offside rule the lot!!!

Who's best player played with? **Carlos Tevez**

Who's the best player played against? **Gerard Pique**

Where do you see yourself in five years Hopefully in a higher division

What do you think of twitter and other media sites? useless

Do you read shrimps voices? No

What are your thoughts on the season so far? Difficult as i've only been here a short time but enjoying my time here

Hopes for this season? Playoffs are a big ask but still doable





DEREK QUINN



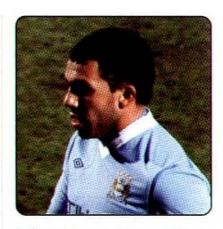
One of the biggest events in football this week is the 90th birthday of Sir Tom Finney.

Naturally I never saw Sir Tom play but it is clear from everyone who did that he is one of the best players to ever play in this country. We often throw the term "legend" around all too easily but it is fitting that we use that term for Sir Tom.

I have had the privilege to have been in his company on several occasions and he is an absolute pleasure to be with and such an unassuming individual that you cannot help but feel he is a special person. He signs autographs for everyone and talks about football to all and sundry and has time for everybody he comes across. He played the game at a time when it was honest and full of hard working, committed players and I wonder just what he would think of modern players such as those at his club Preston who

allegedly handed their opponents Sheffield Wednesday their full team before the game last week or Newcastle's James Perch who helped get Pepe Reina sent off on Sunday when he went down holding his face as if he had been hammered when he hadn't really been touched. The way Perch acted is something that really riles me and although Reina should not have put himself in that situation it was a shame that Perch, and others, feel that they have to act that way to get a fellow professional sent off. Didier Drogba did something similar against Napoli recently and I think the authorities now need to take action. For me if they banned a player for three games for feigning injury or trying to get someone sent off it would stop overnight and also set the right example. I can almost guarantee that kids up and down the country on a Sunday afternoon will follow what they see on TV and they will follow suit. Players need to recognise that they are role models for young kids and should appreciate that.

There was a huge buzz around the Globe last week when Carlos Tevez appeared here for Man City Reserves. It is a huge shame that we could not have publicised him playing

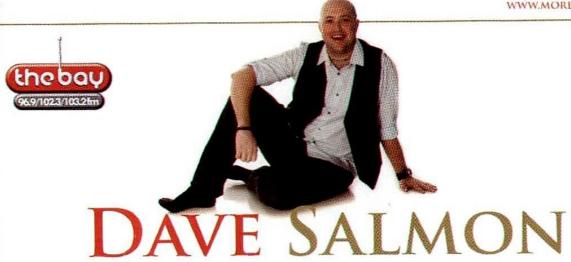


before the game because City, as is their right, did not give us the team during the day when we asked.

As it was we used the power of social media to facebook and tweet the news as soon as we could and that worked pretty well but I am sure we would have had a couple of thousand here if we could have pushed it during the day.

I thought our young lads did really well against a team that also included Owen Hargreaves and other players who City feel have a big future and to see them so excited after the game was fantastic. Tevez wasn't really up for talking to anyone behind the scenes, or smiling for that matter, but Hargreaves was a perfect gent and spoke to the lads at length and I am sure it was a night they will long remember.

Enjoy the game. Derek Quinn



Diving in football is becoming more and more commonplace in the game, and something must be done to stamp it out.

For example, Andy Carroll's shameful, ridiculous, Nonsensical dive while clean through against Newcastle last week. It was a bit like a cantering pit pony getting it's hind leg caught in a cattle grid. Why, when he had an empty net, did he decide to fall over, we'll never know.

For me, a straight red would sort things out. A three game ban if you're caught. As the rules stand, it's almost worth risking a yellow,

knowing what potentially the advantage could be if you get away with it. And it's filtering down to park football as well. Just last week, I was walking my dog past a junior game in my local park, and witnesses a huge dive by a player who couldn't have been more than about 12 years old. This must be stopped.

I hate the flailing of the

ITEM RECALL



Our Andy Carroll figure has been recalled for the following reasons:

- Item goes to pieces in the box
- Left foot is faulty
- Barn door and banjo were not included
- Item crumbles under weight of price tag
- Right foot is faulty
- Far cheaper, superior substitutes available
- Parts may be swallowed by gullible Scousers

arms. The contorting of the face into a grotesque mask of pain and suffering. The rolling around on the pitch in agony to the point where you're wondering if there's a priest on hand to administer last rites. The miraculous recovery as a player suddenly resumes running at full speed and moving around as if nothing had happened.

You've all seen players do this, and you've either been disgusted with their blatant cheating to the point where you question your love for a sport that rewards world-class athletes for behaving like total wimps, or impressed with their ingenuity and determination to do whatever it takes to help their teams win.

Unfortunately, diving is, and always will be, a part of the game. It is too easy for a player to fall to the pitch in hopes of drawing a game-changing freekick or penalty, and the reward is too great. Indeed, some players have come under fire

for not diving enough.

Dives can change the course of a match, especially if it leads to a penalty or a sending off. I hate it.

Anyway, have a great Easter. Enjoy this little Andy Carroll gem I came across on the internet this week.

Enjoy the game today, Dave Salmon.

NPOWER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Championship - Rickie Lambert (Southampton) League 1 - Jordan Rhodes (Huddersfield Town) League 2 - Matt Ritchie (Swindon Town)

NPOWER FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Wither Tatte (Cristel Palece

CONTRIBUTION TO LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Graham Turner (Shrewsbury Town)

MITRE GOAL OF THE YEAR

Peter Whittingnam (Cardiff City)

FOOTBALL MANAGER OUTSTANDING MANAGERIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Gus Poyet (Brighton & Hove Albion)

NPOWER FAN OF THE YEAR

Sue Pollard (Plymouth Argyle) hampionship - Paady Cronesberry (Middlesbrough) League 1 - Lynn Nonn

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Championship - Gael Bigirimana (Coventry City) League 1 - Jordan Cousins (Charlton Athletic) League 2 - Nick Powell (Crewe Alexandra)

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eague 1 Huddersheld Town

BLUEFIN SPORT UNSUNG HERO

Paul Bradley (Preston North End)
Highly Commended:
Norman Rimmington (Barnsley)
Warwick Rimmer (Tranmere Rovers)

COCA-COLA COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Rotteerham United (North East)
Regional Winners:
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Notts County (Mildands)

PFA PLAYER IN THE COMMUNITY

Tamika Mkandawire (Millwall)

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Match Fixing

With recent cases of matchfixing in Turkey, Italy, China and Spain, it's tempting to think of it as a modern curse. In fact, it's as old as the hills and isn't always driven by shady fareastern gangsters.

Manchester United v Liverpool (1915)

Bitter rivals? Not on Good Friday of 1915 they weren't. In fact, Liverpool couldn't have been more co-operative. With United battling relegation and Liverpool in mid-table, bookies were offering 7-1 on a 2-0 win for the home side. And with the war threatening to shut down the league, thus ending the players' wages, it proved a temptation too far. Led by United and former 'Pool player Jackie Sheldon, seven players from both sides decided to carve up the game.

Throughout the match, Liverpool's performance was marked by a peculiar lack of commitment, even down to the penalty they blazed over the bar. There was also an odd incident where Liverpool players remonstrated furiously with team-mate Fred Pagnam for taking a shot at goal. It later transpired that Pagnam refused to take part and threatened to ruin the bet – he would eventually testify against his team-mates in court. All seven were banned for life, but the bans were lifted in 1919 in recognition of the men's service in the War.

Argentina v Peru (1978)

Needing to beat Peru at least 4-0 to see off Brazil and advance to the final, the host nation were up 2-0 at half-time. Peru - who had one of the best defences in the competition then mysteriously fell apart, conceding four more goals to give the Argies a 6-0 win. Nothing was ever proved, but the YouTube footage is, well, dubious. Peru's keeper Ramon Quiroga (who was born in Argentina) makes no attempt to save any of the shots, while the number of defenders in the box is usually around two - and they are standing about with hands on hips.

Then there was the fact that Argentinean authorities delayed the kick-off until after Brazil's game for 'security' reasons. FIFA took no action, until....

West Germany v Austria (1982) Variously called the 'Anschluss' (link-up), 'Nichtangriffspakt von Gijón' (Non-aggression pact of Gijón) and the Schande von Gijón (Shame of Gijón), Germany v Austria was a World Cup match so obviously fixed that it would force the rules to be changed forever.

The match was the last game in Group 2 with Algeria havinh beaten Chile 3-2 the day before. By the time they kicked off, Germany and Austria knew that a 1-0 win for the Germans would put both of them through at Algeria's expense.

What followed was a craven carve-up. Germany scored after ten minutes and for the remainder of the match, both sides passed the ball around in their own half, refusing to tackle or attack whilst jeers and whistles rained from the stands Furious Algerians waved bank notes at the players, while the Austrian commentator downed tools and urged viewers to switch off their TVs. Although the result stood, FIFA decreed that the final group games should thereafter kick off at the same time.

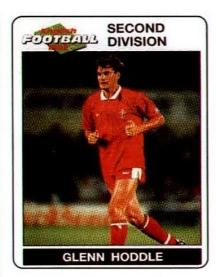
By Chris Dunlavy

SWINDON TOWN A POTTED HISTORY... 1990 ONWARDS

Swindon Town won promotion to the Premier League during the 1992-93 season, the only time the club has played in the top level of English football. Swindon was the second team to win promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs, beating Leicester City. This proved to be Swindon's only ever season in the top flight to date, in which they conceded 100 goals. However, based on all results during their time in the Premier League and Football League up to 2010-11, Swindon are ranked as the alltime 49th most successful English football club domestically.

Ardiles remained in charge until March 1991, when he departed to Newcastle United and was succeeded by new player-manager Glenn Hoddle. Swindon progressed well during the 1991-92 season, Hoddle's first full season as manager, and just missed out on the Second Division play-offs, having briefly led the table in the autumn. A year later they beat Leicester City 4-3 in the new Division One playoff final to achieve promotion to the FA Premier League bringing top-division football to the club for the first time.

Hoddle moved to Chelsea before the 1993–94 Premier League season began, and was replaced by assistant John Gorman, but Swindon never adjusted to the pace of Premier League football. They were relegated after recording only five wins and conceding 100



goals — the latter record yet to be broken - and have never returned to the top flight. One of the few successes of the season was a 2-2 draw against champions Manchester United in the league. following year, Swindon were relegated for the second consecutive time and slipped into Division Two. Gorman had been sacked as manager in November 1994, and although his successor, player-manager Steve McMahon, was unable to avoid relegation he did take Swindon to the semi-finals of the League Cup. McMahon then succeeded in getting Swindon back into Division One on his first attempt, winning the Division Two championship in 1996.

McMahon remained as manager until September 1998, when he left by mutual consent after Swindon had lost 5 of the 9 opening games of the 1998–99 season. The club then went through five managers in five years (Andy King was appointed twice), during which time they were again relegated into Division Two. The highlight of the next few seasons was a 5th-place finish in 2003–04 as financial troubles persisted. A first-round loss to Brighton on penalties meant Swindon extended their stay in the 3rd tier, now renamed League One.

The club has been beset by financial difficulties throughout its recent history, having been placed into administration twice and also twice fought off winding-up orders from Her Majesty's Customs and Excise over unpaid tax-bills. The board currently have to make yearly payments of £100,000 to creditors (2% of the yearly turnover), and only managed to begin the 2006–07 season after sourcing £500,000 to pay for players' wages.

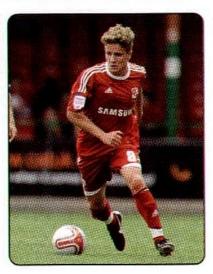
In 2006, caretaker manager (and former player) Iffy Onuora was unable to save Swindon from relegation to League Two] meaning they became the first ever former Premier League team to be relegated to the lowest Football League division. Dennis Wise agreed to become the new Swindon Town manager in May 2006 following the relegation, with Gustavo Poyet joining the coaching staff. After a good start to the season, the pair moved to Leeds United in October, Veteran defender Adrian Williams and Barry Hunter took temporary charge until Paul Sturrock was

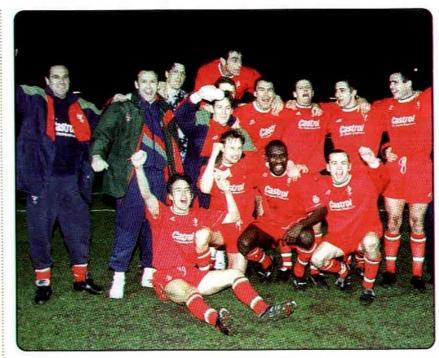
appointed on 7 November.
Sturrock guided Swindon to promotion back to League One in his first season with the club, earning the third automatic promotion place in a 1–1 draw with Walsall in the last game of the 2006–07 season.

In 2008 Swindon Town was taken over by a consortium, fronted by local businessman Andrew Fitton, with plans to clear all club debts by the end of the 2007/08 season. Paul Sturrock having departed for Plymouth Argyle, the consortium appointed Sturrockrecommended Maurice Malpas manager, and Swindon finished their first season back in League One in 13th, helped by 15-goal signing Simon Cox. However, the 2008-09 campaign started badly and Malpas was sacked on 14 November 2008, with David Byrne taking over temporarily.

Danny Wilson was unveiled as the new manager on 26 December 2008. Wilson helped maintain Swindon's League One status and finished in 15th position, though only 4 points from the relegation zone, in his first season in charge.

The 2009–10 would prove a vast improvement, despite the sale of League One top-scorer Simon Cox. The club maintained a play-off position going into the new year, and were at one point in second place with automatic





promotion in their own hands. However, a slight slip in form towards the end of the season saw Swindon finish 5th, entering the play-offs against Charlton Athletic. Swindon won the tie on penalties and went on to play in the Football League One play-offs final against Millwall at Wembley for a place in the Football League Championship. However, they lost 1–0 in what was their 1st defeat in 4 appearances at Wembley.

After losing the final Swindon lost their top scorer Billy Paynter who joined Leeds United on a free transfer, and sold club captain Gordon Greer. Still, many bookmakers had Swindon as one of the favourites for promotion to the nPower Championship going into the 2010-11 season. Inconsistent form left Swindon in mid-table for much of the season; however, a 4-2 win at Charlton Athletic in January left fans hoping for a late-season surge. Instead, top-scorer Charlie Austin was sold to Burnley FC and the team did not win again for 19 matches. When Danny Wilson resigned on 2 March, Paul Hart was brought in but failed to save the Robins, and on 25 April

2011 Swindon were relegated to Npower League 2 after losing 3—1 to Sheffield Wednesday FC. Paul Hart was replaced for the last two games of the season by former player and current reserve and youth team coach Paul Bodin.

Soon after the season ended, the board revealed that high-profile former player Paolo Di Canio would take his first management position at the club. After losing seven of his first thirteen games in charge, Swindon went on an fifteenmatch unbeaten run which put them into promotion contention by the mid-point of the 2011–12 season.

After a defeat on Boxing Day to Torquay United, Swindon broke a club record by winning ten consecutive league games, and by March they were well clear of the chasing pack at the top of League Two. Moreover, they have had success in both the FA Cup, by beating Premiership side Wigan Athletic, and latterly in the Johnstones Paint Trophy where they are due to play at Wembley in the Final against Chesterfield on Sunday 25 March.

Panolo Swindon Advertible Carnio

De Canio is an Italian former professional footballer and current manager of League Two side Swindon Town. Di Canio made over 500 league appearances and scored over 100 league goals as a player.

As a player, Di Canio played in Serie A for Lazio, Juventus, Napoli and Milan, before playing in the Scottish Premier League for Celtic and the English Premier League for Sheffield Wednesday, West Ham United and Charlton Athletic. His playing career contained several controversial incidents including his push on referee Paul Alcock in 1998, for which he received an eleven match ban, and his self-proclaimed allegiance to Fascismo. He was also SPFA Players' Player of the Year in 1997, West Ham United player of the season and a winner of the BBC's Goal of the Season in 2000 and of a FIFA Fair Play Award in 2001. After his seasons in the Premier League he returned to Italy where he played for Lazio, Ternana and Cisco Roma before retiring in 2008. He played for the Italy U-21 team but not for Italy despite his goal scoring record. In 2011 Di Canio entered football management in England with Swindon Town.

In 1996 he joined Celtic in Scotland, and his successful season in Glasgow (scoring 15 goals in 37 appearances) saw him make a move to the English Premiership as he joined Sheffield Wednesday for a sum of around £4.2 million. Whilst in Sheffield, Di Canio was the club's leading goal scorer for the 1997–98 season with 14 goals and he became a favourite of the fans.

In England, Di Canio is infamous for an incident on the pitch in September 1998, when he pushed referee Paul Alcock to the ground after being sent off while playing for Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal at Hillsborough, which resulted in an extended ban of 11 matches[3] and him being fined £10,000.

In January 1999, Di Canio

signed for West Ham United for £1.7 million and helped them to achieve a high league position (5th) and qualify for the UEFA Cup through the Intertoto Cup. He was also the OPTA player of the season 1998 99. He scored the BBC Goal of the Season in March 2000 with a volley against Wimbledon, which is still considered among the best goals in Premiership history and was named as the Premiership's goal of the decade in a December 2009 Sky Sports News viewers' poll, scoring 30% of votes. In this season he was also voted Hammer of the Year by the club's fans.

In 2001, he won the FIFA Fair
Play Award. The previous December,
in a match against Everton, in a
noteworthy display of
sportsmanship, Di Canio shunned a
goal scoring opportunity and
caught the ball from a cross instead
as the Everton goalkeeper Paul
Gerrard was lying injured on the
ground after he twisted his knee
attempting a clearance on the edge
of the box. FIFA described the act as
"a special act of good
sportsmanship."
Sir Alex Ferguson tried to sign him

for Manchester United halfway through the 2001-02 season, but his attempts were unsuccessful and Di Canio would remain in East London for another season and a half.

He remained a key figure at West Ham until 2003 when, with the Hammers struggling at the bottom of the league, he had a very public row with manager Glenn Roeder and was dropped from the first team. However, he returned at the end of the season (after Roeder, stricken by a brain tumour, was replaced by Trevor Brooking) and scored a winner against Chelsea in the penultimate game of the season that looked to have preserved West Ham's Premiership status. However, it proved to be irrelevant and they were relegated on the final day of the season after a 2-2 draw away to Birmingham City, where he scored

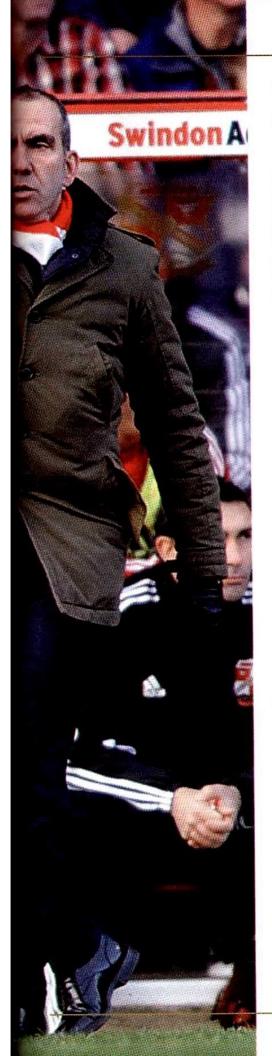
an 89th minute equaliser. He was released on a free transfer and after turning down Leeds United[citation needed] he signed a contract with Charlton Athletic for the start of 2003–04.

Whilst at The Valley he helped the club secure its highest league finish since the 1950s. However, he only scored four goals for the Addicks, all of them from the penalty spot (one of them scored from a rebound).

Di Canio has a UEFA Pro Licence for coaching. On 20 May 2011 Di Canio was appointed manager of Swindon Town, following the club's relegation to League Two. Di Canio began his career as a manager with a emphatic 3–0 win over Crewe on the 6 August 2011. On 30 August 2011, Di Canio was involved in a pitch-side altercation with Swindon striker Leon Clarke, after their defeat in the League Cup to Southampton. In January 2012, Swindon caused a FA Cup shock by defeating Premier League opposition, Wigan Athletic, 2–1.

Di Canio stated that he believed his players deserved to have their names put on the stadium and dedicated the victory to his father, who died late in 2011. He was sent to the stands later in the month in a league game against Macclesfield Town for vociferously venting his frustration at his side not being awarded a free-kick. Swindon won the match 1-0 and with over half the season gone were fighting for promotion to League One. Under Di Canio, Swindon reached the 2012 Football League Trophy Final, where they were defeated 2-0 by Chesterfield

Di Canio has several tattoos including, on his right biceps, the Latin word "DUX", meaning "leader", or Il Duce in Italian, an antonomasia for Benito Mussolini. He also has a West Ham United tattoo on his left upper arm. Di Canio has stated that he will get a Swindon tattoo if he guides them to win the League in his first season in charge.







THE ONES TO WATCH

4 Aden Flint

Flint joined Town from Blue Square North side Alfreton Town in January 2011, after having been pursued by Danny Wilson for a considerable time.

Flint, 21, had attracted interest from the likes of Colchester United, Derby County and Luton Town with his performances for Alfreton, but chose to move to The County Ground on a two-and-a-half year contract mid-way through the January transfer window.

The defender, who has also received two international caps at England 'C' level, made his debut in the 1-1 draw with Rochdale at The County Ground on February 5th.

He was thrust straight into the starting line-up on the opening day of the 2011/12 season, being named man of the match in the 3-0 win over Crewe Alexandra.

Flint has now secured his place in the starting line-up on a regular basis and scored the equalizer in the FA Cup first round win over Huddersfield Town in November 2011.

He sustained an injury following the home clash with Macclesfield Town on Saturday 21st January, but returned to action at Crewe Alexandra in mid March following weeks of determined rehabilitation.

5 Joe Devera

Devera became Paolo Di Canio's first signing as Town boss in June 2011.

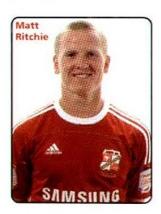
Devera linked up with the Robins after an established spell with Barnet and will hope to use his considerable experience to help Swindon to success.

The 24-year-old, who is of Venezuelan descent, made 177 appearances during a six-year career with the Bees, and was named the club's Player of the Year in 2008 and 2011.

A product of the Barnet youth system, Devera can play at either right-back or centreback, and will add much-needed depth to the Town defensive line.









8 Simon Ferry

Along with Paul Caddis, Simon Ferry made the permanent switch from Celtic in August 2010, penning a threeyear deal.

The midfielder had enjoyed a hugely successful season at SN1 in 2009/2010, making 42 starts and scoring twice in Town's play-off campaign.

Having joined Celtic at the age of 12, Ferry progressed the ranks at Parkhead along with Caddis and former Town teammate Scott Cuthbert, enjoying much success.

However, he was sidelined for nearly two years with a serious ankle injury, and 2009/2010 was his first full season of professional football, a season in which he was agonisingly close to success.

Ferry made 25 appearances during the 2010/11 season and was often a frustrated figure on the substitutes bench, especially during the second half of the campaign.

The 23-year old has already proved to be a major part of the side and scored his second goal of the campaign in the FA Cup win over Huddersfield Town.

9 Paul Benson

Swindon Town completed the signing of Charlton Athletic striker Paul Benson on a twoand-a-half year deal on Sunday 1st January 2012.

Born in Southend-on-Sea,

Benson joined Dagenham & Redbridge in July 2005 after being spotted playing for Essex non-League outfit White Ensign, for whom he scored 96 goals in two seasons.

The six-foot hitman struck 28 times in 2006/07 to help Dagenham & Redbridge win the Conference title, and netted 22 goals the following term, scoring in all three play-off matches as Daggers defeated Rotherham United 3-2 in the League Two play-off final to clinch promotion.

In total, including FA Trophy matches, Benson notched 84 goals in 201 games for John Still's side.

10 Matt Ritchie

After two separate loan spells, Matt Ritchie signed a two-and-a-half year contract at with Town in January 2011.

Ritchie made his full debut for the club in the 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round win over Torquay United at The County Ground, before going on to make 34 appearances during the rest of the season, scoring 12 times.

A bustling attacking midfielder, the 22-year-old was voted Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts in 2010/11.

Ritchie's fine form so far this season was rewarded with the League 2 Player of the Year Award at the 2012 Football League Awards on Sunday 11th March.

13 Oliver Risser

Risser penned a two-year-deal at The County Ground in July 2011, and was named club captain shortly after although he has since been replaced as captain by Paul Caddis.

The 30-year-old is a Namibian international who has played in Norway, Germany and Greece during his career.

A powerful defensive midfielder, Risser can also play as a centre-back.

17 Alan Connell

Swindon Town clinched the signing of Grimsby Town striker Connell for an undisclosed six-figure sum in July 2011.

The 28-year old frontman put pen to paper on a two-year deal at The County Ground.

Connell arrived at Blundell Park from Bournemouth in July 2010 and scored 25 league goals for the Mariners last term - finishing the campaign with 29 in all competitions.

A popular player in two spells at Dean Court, the former lpswich trainee has won promotion to League 1 on three separate occasions and enjoyed prolific spells with Torquay United and Hereford United.

He scored his first Town goals with a brace from the bench in the televised 3-2 home win over Rotherham United in early September.

12 Alan McCormack

McCormack signed a twoyear-deal at The County Ground in July 2011.

Following his release from Charlton Athletic, the Irishman trained with Paolo Di Canio's side for a week before putting pen to paper.

McCormack started his career at Preston North End, before a series of loan moves preceded a switch to Southend United.

He went on to make 130 appearances for the Shrimpers, scoring 15 times during three seasons at the club between 2007 and 2010.

Charlton Athletic secured his services last summer following Southend's relegation to League 2, and McCormack went on to make 24 appearances for the Addicks, scoring once.

McCormack competes with Michael Timlin, Jonathan Smith, Simon Ferry and Oliver Risser for a midfield slot.

27 Alessandro Cibocchi

Paolo Di Canio sealed his tenth signing of the summer with the capture of left-back Cibocchi in July 2011.

The 28-year-old joined Town on their pre-season tour of Italy last week, and did enough to convince Di Canio he was worth a contract.

The Italian has signed a twoyear-deal at The County Ground, and will compete with Callum Kennedy for a first team place this season.

Cibocchi made his first appearance for the Robins in pre-season at Swindon Supermarine.

35 Wes Foderingham

Swindon Town signed Crystal Palace goalkeeper Wes Foderingham on a three-month loan deal on Friday 14th October 2011.

The former England at Under 19 'keeper trained with the Robins on Thursday and has now penned a deal which will see him remain at The County Ground until 14th January 2012.

Foderingham, 20, first came to the attention of Crystal Palace in a pre-season friendly last season against Bromley where he put in an outstanding performance against the Eagles.

He trained with the club throughout pre-season and was signed in August 2010 before returning to Bromley on loan to continue his development as well as a loan spell at Histon.

The young shot stopper came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy but never made a senior appearance during his time at Craven Cottage.

Foderingham enjoyed a prolific start to his Swindon career and didn't concede a goal in his first five games.

24 Jonathan Smith

Swindon Town secured the signing of York City midfielder Smith in June 2011.

The former Forest Green Rovers man joined the Robins for an undisclosed fee, signing a two-year contract at The County Ground.

The 24-year-old was highlyrated during his time with the Minstermen, and will be hoping of making an impression in League 2.













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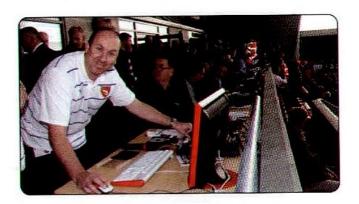
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MARK SWINDLEHURST

This season I have had the privilege to get to more away games than ever before. Looking back I have missed only four so far and two of those were due to holidays. I have seen some great performances and some great victories as well as one or two disappointing results but I can honestly say that my favourite away match this season (so far) was last Saturday at The Kassam Stadium at Oxford.

Everything from the trip down to the welcome home exceeded expectations and if we had managed to snaffle some of the local radio stations chocolate cake at half time, it would have been perfect!

Strangely, Oxford was one of the shorter trips this season and we didn't leave Lancaster until we picked Quinny up (late again) at around 9:50am. Getting down there with very little traffic (Thankyou Mr Cameron) was a breeze and we were there and set up before 1pm. Freez and I decided to go in search of coffee and food, and after a mild flirtation with the tea ladies in the Press room we went for some chips at one of the four catering wagons outside the stadium. Everyone was superbly friendly and we had a bit of banter with some fans and stewards. They were all talking about promotion and playing in League 1. We got our chips and bumped into Jordan Burrows Dad and Grandad and proceeded to dazzle them with our



witty banter (honest). We found out that Jordan gets his footballing skills from his Grandad who played for Millwall, Crystal Palace and Chesterfield. I am sure some statto can look that up and I guess Sean will run an article so I will leave that there for now.

Before the match we were treated to a fashion show from the Bay Buddies (Sean O'Connor and Glen Cooper) sporting their new matching jackets and preparing for the Bay commentary. We all agreed in the press box that a draw would be a great result for us and Posh's mate Timmy Mallett was there to cheer on Oxford along with 6,900 others against the 89 hardy souls from Morecambe who once again made plenty of noise.

The match was a joy to watch and the first five minutes were played at a frenetic pace. We thought it was going to be a goal fest after Craig Curran scored off a Danny Carlton cross and Oxford then went down the other end and scored third time lucky after a double save from Baz. We woke



up after that! At half time we were thinking 'we couldn't could we?' The Oxford press were saying nice things about Andy Parrish and Craig Curran, but they weren't considering defeat. The second half was an absolute treat to watch and Freez and I were out of our seats jumping up and down in the Press Box when Stew ran in and scored a lovely header totally demoralising the hapless Oxford side.

Jimbo was buzzing after the match and we got a great interview with him and Craig Curran for Morecambe Player. Ken McKenna definitely had his tongue in his cheek when he predicted a late run for the play offs!

The journey home was helped by a couple of pints for Glen and I and a stop at Mustapha's for the obligatory kebab. Spirits were high as we looked forward to Paolo Di Canio and his Swindon Town today in front of a bumper crowd. We couldn't could we? Enjoy the match!



SHREWSBURY TOWN

COLLINS 68

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2012 @ GLOBE ARENA, MORECAMBE



MATCH ACTION

Morecambe's

inconsistent home form continued with a narrow defeat at home to promotionchasing Shrewsbury.

After dominating the first period without reward the Shrimps were defeated by James Collins's 13th goal of the season on 68 minutes. Collins picked up an excellent pass from Shrews captain lan Sharps to fire a right foot shot

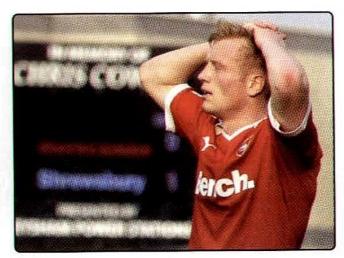
past Morecambe goalkeeper Barry Roche from ten yards out. And it was no more than the visitors deserved as Collins and Nicky Wroe had both had shots saved by Roche before they broke the deadlock as Shrewsbury controlled the second period.

But the Shrews didn't make it easy for themselves, midfielder Jon Taylor being shown a red card 10 minutes from time for an apparent headbutt on Shrimps midfielder Garry Hunter. Jordan Burrow and Hunter both had shots saved by Chris Neal as the Shrimps pushed for an equaliser but it wasn't to be.

Morecambe started the brighter with Izak Reid cutting in from the right inside ten minutes and seeing his 25 shot flash just past Neal's right hand post. The Shrimps then controlled the first period, with Lewis Alessandra their main threat, his best effort coming after 22 minutes, when a long Will Haining pass deceived Shrews left back Matt Richards and the former Oldham man cut inside, only to see his shot well saved by Neal.

Despite the Shrimps controlling the half, Shrewsbury had openings of their own. On-loan Sheffield United midfielder Dave McAllister wasted perhaps their best opening, volleying wide from 15 yards when he should have hit the target.

But Morecambe came closest to breaking the deadlock in the first period, when five minutes before the break, Kevin Ellison was played in by Alessandra and his left foot shot was tipped round the post by a strong right hand from Neal diving low at his near post.



JIM BENTLEY MORECAMBE

"I'm learning all the time. It's massively important that you put the ball away when you get the chance and we had good chances in the first half and perhaps we should be putting one or two away. In the second half they have had a good game but only the goal has been the difference and its harsh. It's a similar situation to the Aldershot game when Madjo has scored and that was the difference in that game. We know



Shrewsbury are a good side and they hung on well, but for us there are positives to take from the game. We had a good first half, we had chances with Burrow and Hunter late on but we couldn't score again they did it at a crucial time and they hung on."

GRAHAM TURNER SHREWSBURY

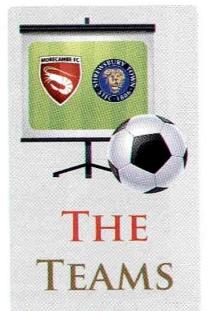
"Well I'm not sure i enjoyed the game but we dug in especially in the first half when Morecambe were bright and put on a good display of passing and some decent shooting positions but I was pleased with the level of performance in the second half.

It was a good finish from Collins and he had one or two more chances but finished well for his goal and I was particularly pleased

considering his hard work recently. He deserved a goal and it was a great assist from Sharpsy and it was a tempting ball for their centre half to head clear so it was a clever move.

We've got the goal and then the keeper has made two good saves as well to keep us with the three points and it's a real confidence booster for him as he did at Swindon and he's done well this afternoon. With regard to the red card well I think it was an innocuous foul but you can't leave your head there, their lad reacts badly but you can't leave your head in the lad's face and you can't do that this these days."





Morecambe: Roche, Fenton, Haining, McCready, Parrish, Reid, Drummond, Hunter, Alessandra (Curran 69), Carlton (Burrow 69), Ellison (Jevons 89). Subs not used: Kettings, McGee

Shrewsbury: Neal, Grandison, Sharps, Cansdell-Sherriff, Richards, Taylor, Wroe, McAllister, Wright, Collins (Morgan 89), Gornell (Jacobson 83). Subs not used: Smith, McAllister, Sawyers

Referee: Mr D Mohareb

OXFORD UNITED MORECAMBE

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SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2012 @ KASSAM STADIUM



MATCH ACTION

Morecambe produced another excellent away performance to take a well earned three points against play off chasing Oxford.

The Shrimps took the lead after just two minutes through on loan Craig Curran who made the most of his first full start with a header from close range.

Danny Carlton produced an excellent right wing cross and Curran scooped low down to head past Ryan Clarke from close range. The lead lasted less than a minute however as the home side hit back almost

immediately. Christian Montano let fly from the edge of the area forcing Barry Roche into a superb save but the ball fell to Scott Rendell who scored at the second time of asking after the Morecambe keeper had blocked his first effort.

Both sides then created chances for a second goal with Roche making another excellent save as he blocked Asa Hall's shot with his legs. Morecambe threatened themselves with Curran seeing a shot from the edge of the box deflected just over for a corner.

Morecambe went on to dominate possession in the second half with Lewis Alessandra and Kevin Ellison both trying their luck from distance before the Shrimps won the three points with a header from Stewart Drummond on 74 minutes. Alessandra provided the delivery from a corner and Drummond nipped ahead of his marker to head past Ryan Clarke.

The home keeper denied Morecambe a third from Gary McDonald's effort on 77 minutes and Roche was called into action for the only time in the second half with a fine late save from Hall.

Jim Bentley made two changes to the side that lost 1-0 against Shrewsbury last week. Izak Reid and Garry Hunter were dropped to the bench with Gary McDonald returning and on loan striker Craig Curran coming in for his full debut.

Former Shrimp Tony Capaldi was on the bench for the U's.



JIM BENTLEY MORECAMBE

It was a great start from us with Craig who is always in and around the box and he has the knack of scoring goals so I was made up for him. After that to go and conceded at that stage was the only negative of the afternoon it wa spoor play by us because you need to make sure that



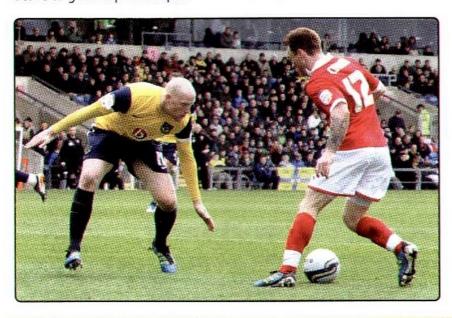
you don't switch off and conceded minutes after scoring. We got a good goal from a set piece in the second half and we've still got that belief that away from home we can give as good as we get.

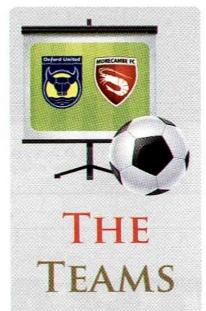
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"It was our worst performance of the season by a long way, we had no energy, no spark and no life. We gave the ball away so cheaply and we made so many bad decisions. We didn't defend well, we didn't pass the ball in midfield and the front three kept giving it away. The subs we



brought on didn't give us any sort of additional spark and it's just a really poor time to produce our worst performance. We looked like a team that thought we could afford a day off and didn't show a real desire to get a top three spot. "





Oxford United: Clarke; Batt, Wright, Davis, Whing; Hall, Leven, Chapman; Montano, Rendell, Morgan. Subs: Tonkin, Constable, Capaldi, Brown, Wilson.

Morecambe: Roche; Haining, Fenton, McCready, Parrish; Ellison, McDonald, Drummond, Alessandra: Carlton, Curran. Subs: Kettings, Burrow, Reid, Hunter, Redshaw.

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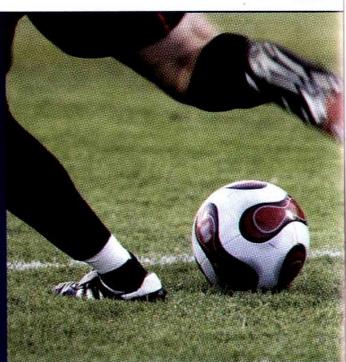


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SPORT RELIEF MILE 2012 **MORECAMBE**

Morecambe FC Community Sports' Extra Time group took part in their own Sport Relief Mile last Friday instead of the regular session at the Globe Arena.

The mile walk took place down Morecambe Promenade from Happy Mount Park. and all participants donated £6 to sport relief raising £90 in the process.

Thank you to those that took part in what was a great morning out and for a good























2011 / 2012 Birthday Party & Mascot Bookings

Morecambe FC Community Sports are now taking bookings for both birthday parties and mascot bookings for season 2011 / 2012.

Places for each fixture are limited and booking is essential to confirm a booking for your chosen fixture.

Below is a breakdown on what you will receive on any of the Community Sports match day bookings



Cost

Birthday Party Booking

Prices start from £185 for a party of 10 children plus 2 adult tickets included.

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Official photographs taken with players and match officials

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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10 child tickets and a football session with the clubs community coaches 2 adult's tickets (as children must be supervised at all times in the main stand)

Official photographs taken with players and match officials.















MORECAMBE RESERVES 1 MANCHESTER CITY 6



Three goals in a commanding opening half an hour by City's Elite Development Squad set the tone for an entertaining game at The Globe Arena last week as Carlos Tevez showed signs of returning to full fitness and form just in time for the Premier League title runin for City.

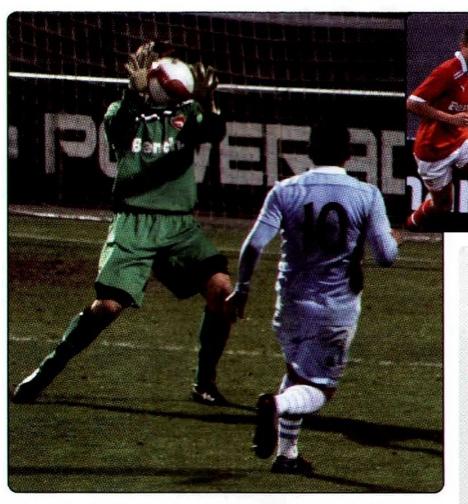
Spanish playmaker Joan Angel Roman opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Tevez was tripped in the area on seven minutes by doyle.

Ten minutes later, some further quick-thinking by the impressive Roman as his swiftly taken corner wrong-footed The Shrimps defence to allow EDS skipper Reece Wabara time to lash home a fine strike to double the visitors' advantage.

The first of several chances for Tevez was thwarted by Chris Kettings in the Morecambe goal who denied the Argentine's firm headed effort with an athletic save, although there is little he could have done to deny the City striker his goal when it did come.

Running on to a throughball, Tevez's cheeky chip from the edge of the box beat the stranded Kettings who could only watch as the ball nestled into his goal for the third time in thirty minutes.

The Shrimps rallied with chances for Joe McGee who hit the top of the net and Sean



Breen produced some good work on the right. They pulled a goal back almost instantly as Craig Curran netted from close range after the Blues failed to deal with a set piece.

Two more good chances fell Tevez's way before the striker became provider on 54 minutes as his well-weighted pass was neatly converted by Omar Elabdellaoui to restore the three-goal cushion. Following a notable showing that could see him in contention for a first team start against Sunderland on Saturday, Tevez received a warm reception from the 300+ crowd inside the Globe Arena. making way for Academy goalmachine Jordi Hiwula on 71 minutes.

City's superior goal difference at the top of Group A received another shot in the arm as Roman stretched his legs down the right and curled a cunning effort past the despairing Kettings for the Blues' fifth with fifteen minutes remaining.

The largely under-worked Eirik Johansen was then called into action with two good saves in quick succession including tipping round the post from Sean Breen from 20 yards out before Morecambe substitute James Short saw his 18 yard effort strike the bar.

There was still time for Roman to complete a fine hat trick and conclude the scoring with his own crafty lob. The win sees City EDS qualify for the knock-out stages of the Central League Cup on goal difference at the top of Group A with Stoke City lying in wait for a semi final showdown.

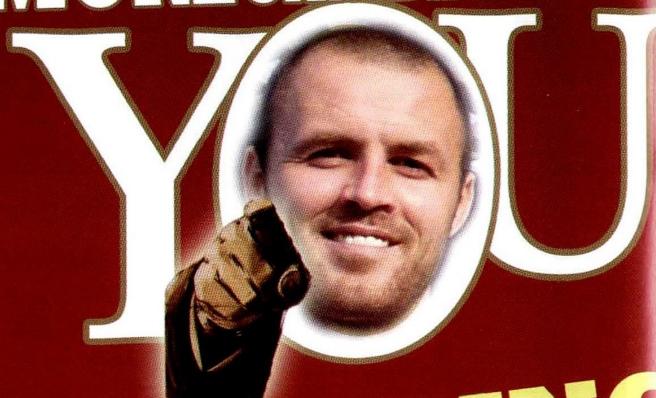
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Morecambe: Kettings, Culshaw, Bannister, Doyle, Cowperthwaite (c), Breen, McGee, Winder, Mwasile, Curran, Redshaw. Subs: Johnson, Short, Joyce, Taylor, Wainwright.

Man City: Johansen, Wabara (C), Helan, Hargreaves, Tse, Meppen-Walter, Benali (F Mancini 83), Evans, Elabdellaoui, Tevez (Hiwula 71), Roman Unused subs: Lawlor (G), Kennedy, Plummer

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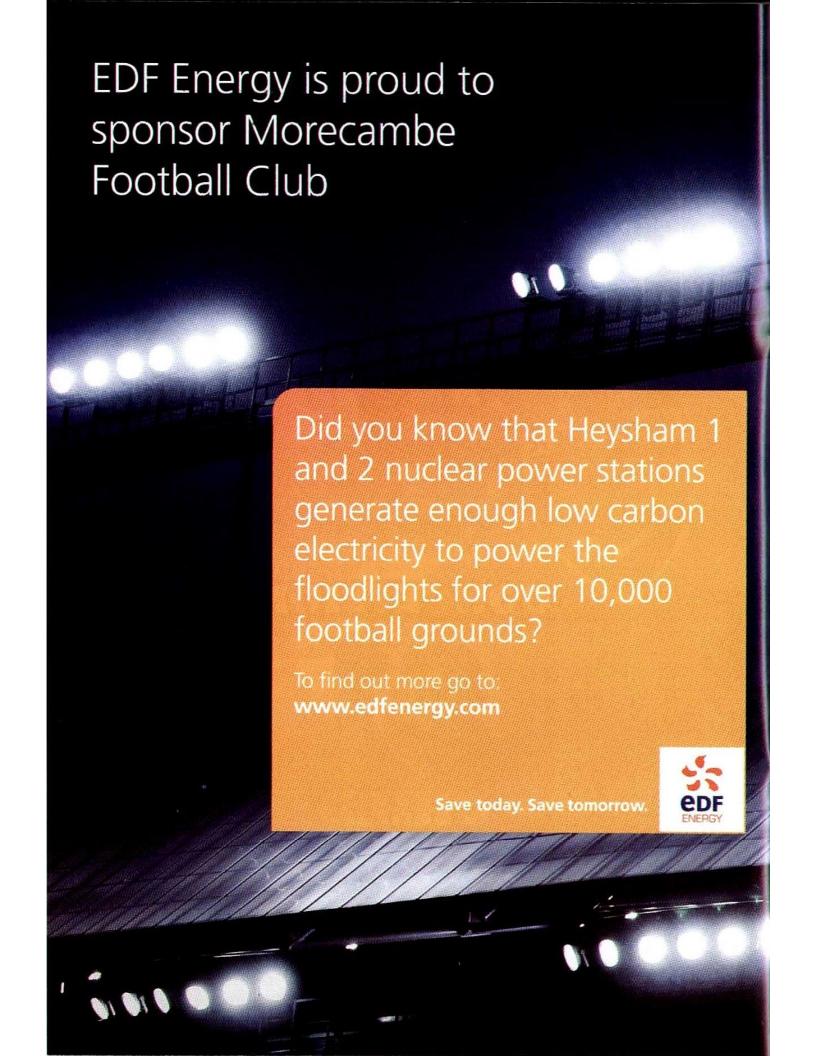
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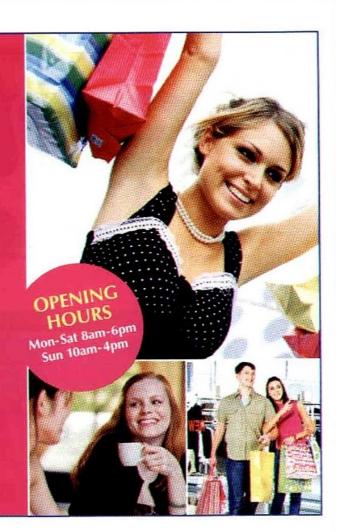
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CLIVE LEE

Did you see the on-field punch up at the end of Bradford's game against Crawley? Not the best advert for the game but it was so fiercely contested it was compelling and marginally more exciting than the match itself. At one point you can clearly see a goalkeeper in the middle having a right old go. Maybe we have here inadvertently discovered a better solution than penalties to settle drawn cup-ties - a punch up in the centre circle.

Unsurprisingly, the FA have charged both clubs with failing to control their players and at the time of writing this article two Crawley players have publicly apologised. I'm not one for gossip but I'd love to know what the scrap was about.

Bradford still have the pressing concern of needing a couple more wins to avoid the ignominy of relegation to the Conference, having been in the Premier League little more than ten years ago. Portsmouth take note.

But the big eye-catcher for me has been the farce at Preston where manager Graham Westley accused some of his players of leaking tactics to last Saturday's opposition, Sheffield Wednesday. North End chairman Peter Ridsdale confirmed his side's line-up and tactics were leaked to Wednesday but insisted the actions were not malicious.



"What Graham said after the game on Saturday was true," Ridsdale told the local rag. "It was almost said in the heat of the moment after the disappointment of a defeat, and it was disappointing that our pre-match preparations were known to the opposition in advance. I'm aware categorically where the information came from, although I don't think it was done maliciously."

Westley did not initially take quite the same view and believes he is working against forces in the dressing room, though he stopped short of naming any of the accused.

"Four players of ours revealed our team to them as a football club. Does it surprise me? When you've got a number of agendas within a club - and I've said since I've been here that that's the case within the playing squad here - this sort of thing happens and it's not the first time that something's happened that's surprised me."

Regardless of whether any leak did take place it's sad to see a club of PNE's tradition reduced almost to a laughing stock.

North End have won just two games under Westley and sit just six points above the League One relegation zone, having been just five points off the play offs when Phil Brown was sacked at the end of last year.

I can't imagine all this nonsense if Graham Alexander and David Unsworth had been given the chance to show what they could do.

Enjoy the match Clive Lee



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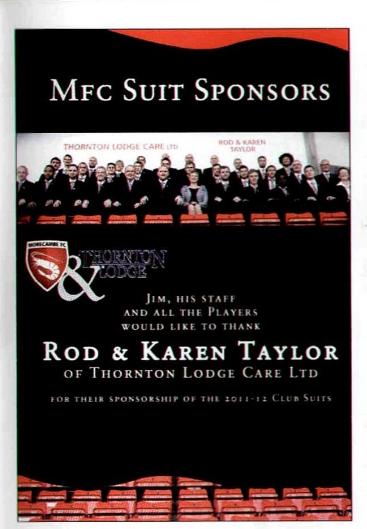
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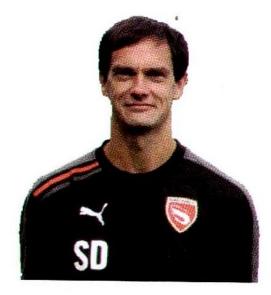












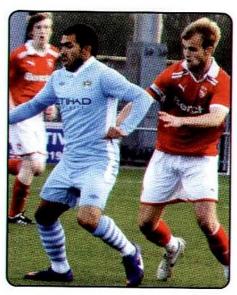
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RESERVE TEAM UPDATE

Our Reserves have been tested on many occasions this season and the last game against a strong Man City side was certainly the biggest one to date. We fielded another young team with recent signing Craig Curran and Jack Redshaw getting some minutes too. It was always going to be a game where we weren't expected to get anything out of and it proved right as we ended up losing 5-1 in the end. However the lads deserve a great deal of credit, creating a host of chances and were definitely worth more than the one goal we got. A mixture of poor finishing and a bit of bad luck in front of goal stopped us from giving the scoreline a more competitive look. I felt once we got over a pretty nervous first 15 minutes we grew into the game and passed it around pretty well at times.

When you consider they had Tevez up front against our two centre halves who are still in the youth team I thought both young lads did really well, together with the rest of the lads they coped with the occasion well and showed promise for the future. The difference between the two sides being the 2 first teamers they called upon were Tevez and Hargreaves so to say we were up against it is an understatement!

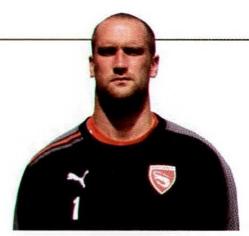


At the end of the day even if some of these lads don't go on to play football professionally they can always say they played against such great players. A good experience for all involved, especially those that got Tevez and Hargreaves shirt's!

First team business carried on as ever and the weeks games seemed to follow the pattern of the season, with us losing a tight game 1-0 at home to Shrewsbury then going away to Oxford and winning 2-1. In the Shrewsbury game we needed to have taken advantage of a strong first half performance where we had a few good chances. Going in 0-0 at half time we felt pretty disappointed with and as was

expected they improved in the second half and took one of only a handful of chances they created to win the game by 1-0. Familiar story to many games, at home especially, where every time we have lost it has been by the odd goal. It's not hard to see that the home form is what has cost the chance of competing for play offs this time round. We definitely feel we aren't far away and are sure that with a bit of development in time for next season we can turnaround the home form. As I say , each game we have lost is by 1goal and it's these fine lines that have cost us this season.

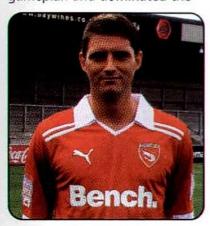
Compare this to our away form and it's remarkable. The win away at Oxford was one of many great away wins this season and again one that I felt we deserved. With the joint best away record with Crawley in the league it is disappointing that we haven't capitalised on this with a half decent home record. However wouldn't football be boring if there wasn't anything to work on! And just like the supporters, we as players and management are never happy with where we are and will be working to improve certain areas in time for the next season to kick of.



BARRY ROCHE

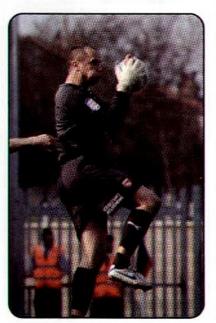
For 45 minutes we were by far the better team in our last home game against Shrewsbury. We played some brilliant football and limited them to absolutely no chances but if You fail to score in Your periods of dominance then the chances are You will pay for Your failure to do so. And unfortunately that proved to be the case. They stepped it up a bit after the break and they were clinical with their only clear cut chance in the whole game.

A week later and we picked up yet another brilliant 3points on the road. And I don't think there was anybody in the stadium who would argue that we didn't deserve it. We were bitterly disappointed to lose our lead so soon after going in front but we stuck to our gameplan and dominated the



game for large periods. Craig came in for his first start and was absolutely brilliant from start to finish. He gave their back four a torrid time and deservedly got on the score sheet. It was nice to see Old Man Drummond bag a goal too. Its been a while since he last chipped in with a goal but we reckon it might have something to do with his new drill sergeant hair cut!!

Two of our front men have departed the club in recent weeks in Jevo and Pricey. Jevo has been a great servant to the Shrimps and he and his little Sergio Aguero haircut will be



missed by all the boys. He has scored some brilliant and important goals over the last few years and is one of the best finishers I have played with. He was a great professional and an absolute pleasure to work with.

Pricey will also definitely be missed by all the boys. He didn't figure as much as perhaps he had hoped but he always put a shift in and was a big player for us in both boxes! JayJay is perhaps one of the funniest guys I have ever come across in the game. There was never a dull moment when he was around and since he's left the boys have recounted numerous tales of his exploits from his time here, all with tears of laughter in their eyes. Unfortunately most of the stories can't be printed so You'll have to take my word for it! Barry Roche



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CRAIG CURRAN

Craig Curran is the latest player to join The Shrimps Squad on loan for the rest of the season form Carlisle and already impressing th shrimps Supporters and his boss Jim Bentley.. Craig made his first appearance for Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 13 January 2007 coming on as an 84th minute substitute in the 3–2 loss to Bristol City.

He scored with his first ever senior touch at Prenton Park against Brighton & Hove Albion on Monday 9 April 2007. The goal was also Craig's first ever senior goal.

On May 5, 2007, Prenton Park was taken by storm as Curran scored 3 times in the first 36 minutes to record his first hat-trick for the club. The feat also broke a record set by Tranmere legend Dixie Dean as the youngest ever player to score a hat-trick in a Rovers' shirt. The record was originally set on the 25 October 1924. He finished his first ever season with 4 goals in 4 appearances, with only 2 of them being starts.

During the early part of the 2007–08 season he has been





used sparingly by manager
Ronnie Moore, being limited to
a handful of starts, although he
has made regular appearances
from the bench. On 10
November 2007 he was sent off
for the first time in his senior
career, during an FA Cup First
Round match away at
Chesterfield. He picked up two
bookings after coming on as a
late substitution, one for dissent
(preventing a free kick being
taken) and the second for a foul
on a Chesterfield player.

Curran is a product of the Youth system at Tranmere and was top scorer for the Reserves in the 2006–2007 season.
Curran grew up in Liverpool and was educated at the Liverpool Blue Coat School.

We caught up with Craig in the post match at Oxford United after a great league debut for The Shrimps....

"I'm enjoying my time here everyone has made me really welcome and I'm going to enjoy the last few weeks of the season and see if we get can get as many points on the board as possible. I enjoyed the game today it's always good to get off the mark. It does build your confidence and hopefully I can keep going.

Today was typical of the way I play that's just the way I play and I'll continue to do that day in day out in training and in games. The goal I took well and it was a good cross in and then the one that went over the bar we had worked on in training and it was close but I was disappointed that one didn't go in. We said if we get one chance it will come off but I just got that last minute bobble which meant I couldn't get the connection I wanted.

The football we're playing is brilliant and like I said I've been impressed with everything since I've come in, the lads, the set up, how welcoming everyone is and how well we train and its good when it pays off on a Saturday as well. From me you will get the same effort and commitment from me whoever the opposition is that's just the way I am so hopefully I can keep scoring till the end of the season."

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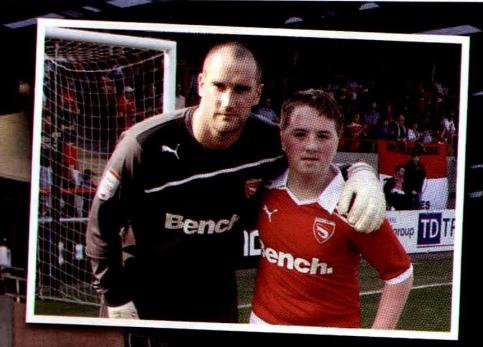




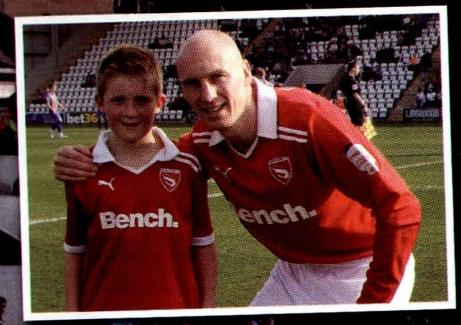
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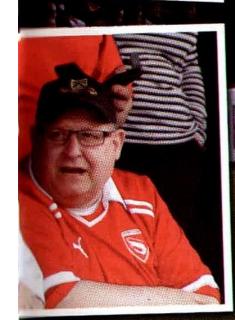




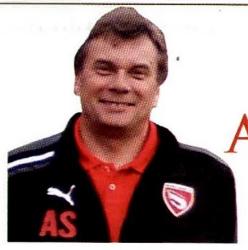












ADRIAN SUNTER UNDER 175

Morecambe under 17's bounce back up to third place Northwich Victoria 2

Northwich Victoria 2 Morecambe FC 3

North West Youth Alliance Premier League 25.03.2012

Morecambe travelled to lowly Northwich Victoria and came up against a very resilient opposition but found the character to come away with a much deserved victory. Morecambe went into 1-0 lead with 10 minutes gone following a flowing move down the right flank when Wainright crossed the ball for Robbie Hunter to meet and finish from 6 yards. Northwich equalized 2 minutes later and went 2-1 into the lead on 20 minutes when they converted a penalty.

Morecambe were being closed down and finding Northwich hard to break down until the 35th minute when a cross from the right was put in to the Northwich penalty area by the impressive Rob Walker, Robbie Hunter latched on to the cross and blasted it into the roof of the net to make it 2-2 which it remained until half time.

The second half started off at a fast pace as Morecambe took the game to Northwich and tried to create chances through the channels and down



the flanks, the opposition were still causing problems with long balls over the Morecambe defence. The competitive spirit and hot sunny conditions spiced up the game which led to Morecambe being awarded a penalty in the 70th minute. Robbie Hunter completed his hat-trick from the spot kick to give Morecambe a 3-2 lead.

Northwich came back at Morecambe and in the 80th minute were awarded a second penalty following a goal mouth scramble from a corner.

Morecambe Goalkeeper Luke Pybis made a superb save diving to his right the ball went back to the Northwich penalty taker who then blasted the rebound over the bar. There were chances at both ends but no more goals, giving the Morecambe young guns a hard

fought win that lifts them on to 30 points and 3rd place in the league with 4 games to play

Team; L.Pybis, L.Selby, R.Walker, W.Bell, M.Knipe, L.Wainright, K.Sloan, S.Houghton, C.Suthers, E.Gate, R.Hunter subs used – L.Finney, K.Ledson, J.Riley, not used

Marine AFC 2 Morecambe FC 4 North West Youth Alliance Premier League 18.03.2012

Morecambe travelled to top of the table Marine and came away with a much deserved victory. Morecambe went 1-0 down after 10 minutes when Marine were awarded and converted a penalty. On 20 minutes Marine went into a 2-0 lead from a super 35 yard shot that went in the top corner of the Morecambe net. In the 30th minute Morecambe missed a penalty which would have halved the deficit.

Morecambe did pull a goal back just before half time as they played some good passing football. Wainwright chipped a curling ball into the inside corner of the net from 15 yards to make it 2-1.

The second half started off at a terrific pace as Morecambe took the game to Marine and closed down the opposition in all areas. In the 55th minute Liam Wainwright cut into the Marine penalty area and lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper to bring the scores level to 2-2.

Morecambe went on the offensive again and went into the lead on the hour, Kieron Britton who had an outstanding game, made a 40 yard overlapping run on the left to receive a ball from Wainright, Britton cut into the Marine penalty area and tucked the ball in to the bottom corner to put Morecambe 3-2 in the lead In the 62nd minute Goalkeeper Jack Cookson made an outstanding full length dive to tip over the bar, and keep Morecambe in front The game was end to end with Marine pushing hard to equalize, but in the 65th minute a superb solo run from Simon Wearing opened up the Marine back line and gave Morecambe a cushion when he finished with a powerful shot into the bottom corner of the net, sealing a memorable 4-2 victory for the young Morecambe side. Team; J.Cookson L.Selby, L.Finney, W.Bell, M.Knipe, L.Wainright, K.Sloan, K.Britton K.Ledson, J.Riley, S.Houghton subs used - S.Wearing, C.Suthers not used L.Pybis, R.Walker

Riley Hat-rick launches

Morecambe's young guns to second half seventh heaven Nantwich Town 1 Morecambe FC 8

North West Youth Alliance Premier League 01.04.2012

Morecambe travelled to lowly Nantwich Town who gave the young Morecambe side a shock when they took the lead after 10 minutes. Nantwich held on to the lead until the 35th minute when Centre defender Kieron Ledson climbed above the Nantwich defence to meet Wainright's in swinging corner and head into the roof of the net to make it 1-1. Morecambe hit the bar and post, had two shots cleared off the line and could not get past the Nantwich goalkeeper for the rest of the first half who kept the scores level at 1-1.

The Nantwich team were giving 100% and Morecambe had to lift their game after the interval to get in front, James Riley responded to the half time team talk with 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the second half, heading one into the top corner of the Nantwich net from a Wainright corner and his second and Morecambe's third when he ran onto a through ball from Sloan shooting powerfully under the diving keeper.

Midfield general Lewis
Finney then scored a terrific top
corner strike from 35 yards to
make it 4-1 in the 60th minute.
Morecambe were now
dominating the game and
playing some excellent football
with James Riley completing his
hat-rick in the 65th minute with
a fine run into the Nantwich
penalty area and firing over the
goalkeeper from an acute angle
to make it 5-1 to Morecambe.

Hard working Christian Suthers got his just reward with Morecambe's 6th goal in the 70th minute when he latched onto a loose ball 18 yards out, firing an unstoppable shot into the bottom corner of the Nantwich net. Lewis Finney capped a fine display when he turned and dribbled past the Nantwich midfielders and scored another quality goal shooting from 35 yards, the ball hit the top corner of the Nantwich net to make it 7-1 after 75 minutes.

Luke Pybis came on for the last 10 minutes and gave a lively energetic performance playing at centre forward and scoring Morecambe's final goal after latching on to a through ball rounding 2 defenders and finishing with a low powerful shot into the Nantwich net to make it 8-1 at the final whistle.

The young Morecambe shrimps stay in joint third place in the league on 33 points, 1 point behind FC United in second place and 8 points behind top of the table Marine with 3 games to play

Team; J.Cookson, C.Doyle, K.Ledson, W.Bell, M.Knipe, L.Wainright, K.Sloan, L.Finney, C.Suthers, K.Britton, J.Riley subs used – L.Pybis, S.Johnson, E.Gate

Congratulations to Sam Houghton

After trialing at Leeds with over 100 schoolboys Sam Houghton has been picked to represent Britain in the fisac games which will be held in Malta this year.

Sam also went last year to Portugal were they got to the final against France and lost out on penalties. Sam was picked to represent Great Britain when all the teams got together in the forum and was asked to be the spokesperson to represent all the athletes.

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JULIAN WILSON A NATIVE PINXTONIAN!

It is not often that somebody you have taught makes it as a professional footballer but there is a possibility that two of my former charges will star for Swindon Town here at the Globe Arena today. Aden Flint starred for my school team in my first teaching post at Pinxton Kirkstead Junior School whilst Lee Holmes who was from the next town along the road in South Normanton, attended Glebe Junior School and played for the Kirkby and District team where I was the assistant manager to the infamous Bob Barker. My next article in the Port Vale programme will tell you all about Lee!

The young Aden from memory was a very quiet boy in the classroom but certainly showed some early talent as a footballer coming off the school playground with the normal bumps and fallings out of a junior school child. Aden attended the above mentioned Kirkstead Junior School in Pinxton where I spent the first five years of my teaching career. Pinxton is on the Derbyshire/ Nottinghamshire, sort of in between Alfreton and Mansfield, Pinxton is a former mining village that had hit hard times due to the closing of the mines and left quite a lot of unemployment in the area that even to this day has not been solved! Even though Pinxton was just in Derbyshire, as a school we played most of our football in Nottinghamshire as part of the Kirkby in Ashfield league. Trips to schools in Kirkby such as Orchard,

Greenwood and Morven Park were not uncommon.

The young Aden received a fantastic education at Kirkstead (well I am biased) under the tutelage of head Mr Reynolds, deputy Mr Wilbraham and teachers, Miss Atkinson, Miss Payne, Miss Eagles, Mrs Rowarth, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs North and my goodself! Young Aden was never in my class as I think I swapped years as he was due to enter the Year 5 class!

The school football team was relatively successful over the years producing a couple of professional players in Jason Burnham (Northampton Town and Ben Marshall (England youth player and Notts County) but perhaps the most famous old boy is the steeplechase jockey Steve Smith-Eccles. Once pupils have left the school it is often hard to place them in a team so I apologise to the now old Aden if I have picked a couple of wrong names in a list of his team mates.

From memory Aden played a few games in the school team a year above himself so obviously had a talent at an early age. Playing with him would have been the likes of Daniel Rymell, Danny Rawlings, Andrew Brewster, Sam Rawson, Joe Riley, Daniel Holmes and district player Carl Smith. Now what happened to all those lads? I don't remember us being champions but we certainly gave everybody a good game. We did however have what Mr Revnolds (head) described as the Pinxton gap. This phenomenon was where the centre halves seem to split in two and allow the oppositions forwards to steam through the middle and have endless shots at the goalkeeper.

Now, who was the school goalkeeper, none other than Aden Flint! As a youngster the young Aden was a terrific goalkeeper. He was a youngster who was hard, a great shot stopper and dived at player's feet and was also good with his feet. So, Mr Di Canio, if your goalkeeper is ever sent off and you have no sub keeper Aden is your man! With this in mind I put him forward for trials at the district team in Year 6. He came to the district trials which that year were held at Mansfield Town who were to offer the team some training sessions. He was more than certain to be selected as one of the squad's two goalkeepers but decided to concentrate on playing for his Saturday/Sunday teams with his mates which I presume was the wonderfully named Pinxton Villa. So that was a loss for the district side. When he transferred from being a goalkeeper to a centre half I don't know but perhaps as a manager I should have played him in that position as it might have solved our Pinxton gap problem. Mind you, he was our best keeper by miles!

Good luck to both Aden and Lee but after today's game! It is certainly different to those early days in and around the school fields of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire!



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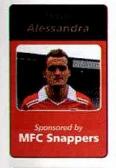
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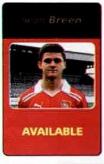


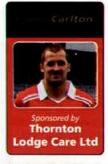
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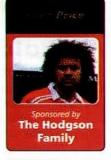
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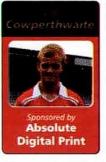
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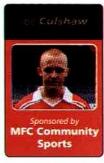


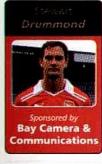




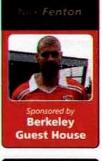


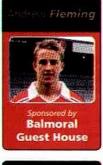




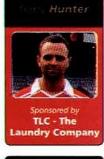




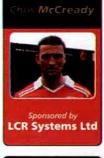








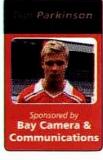




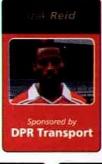










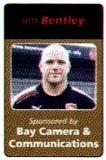




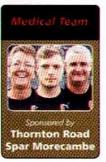


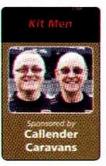














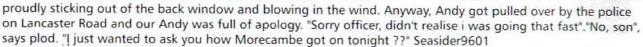
SHRIMPS NEWS

All the latest news straight from the Globe Arena...

Remembering Andy Hollings

Born 8th Feb 1965, died 18th March 2012, aged 47. Andy was taken to his first Morecambe match aged 6 months. Shrimps fans were shocked to hear the news recently and some of them reflected on their times following The Shrimps with Andy....

"I've Just remembered a good tale Andy told me once in JB's Bar. He was driving home from Frickley Athletic on a Tuesday night in our 1994/95 Promotion winning season. Morecambe had just won emphatically 4-1 away at Frickley, and, as I and the rest of our travelling fans trundled homeward on the (full) supporters coach, Andy hotfooted it back to Morecambe in his own car - Morecambe scarf proudly sticking out of the back window and blowing in the wind. Appear



"I once picked Andy up from T's at 2am. He fell asleep instantly in the back of my van and woke up at Watford Gap services on the way to the Nelson Mandela concert at Wembley. A quick fry up and hair of the dog for breakfast. I think from the time I picked him up,till I dropped him off at home the next day was probably the longest he ever went without arguing with anyone; a fantastic weekend and a good friend." J.S

"Was told this news at Accy the other night, if I'm honest I was saddened but not shocked.

Andy was a mate from when I was a lot younger, yes he was always an argumentative so and so but was always sound with me. The last time I saw him, may have been either Cheltenham or Hereford at home, when he had come round to the MBW and we had a chat, but I certanly remember for definite a conversation we had at Port Vale away. I probably wont be able to make his funeral, but I have a lot of fond memories of times gone bye which Andy was a part of. He was a true character, a hard core Morecambe fan and I wish him more peace in the next life than he got in this one and FFS God help ST Peter if he disagrees with Andy's opinion when it comes to opening the gates RIP Andy, take care pal." Mike



Community News

Community Sports are looking for teams to enter their Monday Night 7-a-side league. All games are played on the Astroturf pitches at the Globe Arena. Games are 20 minutes each with rolling subs, so you can register up to 10 players in a squad. If you're interested please phone 01524 412125 for more information!

We'll be running our popular soccer schools again this Easter holiday at the Globe Arena over 2 weeks: Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th April AND Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th April. Boys and girls aged 5 to 16 of all abilities are welcome to attend coaching for just £10 a day. Discounts are available for booking complete weeks, so please contact us on 01524 412125 or drop into the Community Sports block to pick up a booking form.

Parrish Signs For Further Two Years

Morecambe Footbal Club are delighted to bring you the news that Andy Parrish has signed a new two year deal this week which will keep him at Christie Park till 2014. Andy has put in some tremendous performances over the last few years and he's a player Jim Bentley was very pleased to see sign on again.



Manager Jim Bentley said "Andy has signed a new two year deal with the club, and I'm very pleased to tell you that, and I'm sure all shrimps supporters will be pleased with that news too. Andy has grown as a player with the club and is another young player who has come a long way with us and will continue to improve."

SHRIMPS NEWS

All the latest news straight from the Globe Arena...

Fans' Fun Day for Good Friday

Fans' Club and Morecambe FC are pleased to say that we will be having a Fans' Fun day this coming Friday 6th April. The theme for the day is Italian/Mafia Beach Party. Come in whatever makes you look like Paolo Di Canio, bring your flags, balloons and bring the noise. During the game Christie will be handing out Easter Eggs to the little ones and there will be the ever popular half time "Open the Box" as well as another go at the Crossbar Challenge. We will also be looking for the best "Paolo pushes over the ref" impersonation so get practising. After the game from around 6.30 or so (so you can still watch the Man of the Match presentation and talk about the game) we'll be holding a fun quiz (pound per person in each team) with cash prize. So if you think your general knowledge stacks up, your Shrimps trivia is tops or you know your music come along. After the guiz we'll be having a few tunes from a DJ as well as the kind of quality beers and food we've come to expect at the Globe Arena. The banter will be turned to maximum so come and join in the fun.









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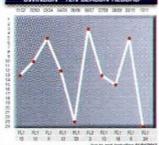




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not sure of the
opposition

Team supported Chesterfield

First team played in Britannia Boys in Sheffield my dad was manager that's why I got a game

Biggest influence My dad who comes to watch me most games

Why Morecambe? It's a very good club and it was a good chance for me to play League Football

Sum up Morecambe in one sentence? A hard working family club

> Joker in pack? Kev Ellison

Best mate at Morecambe? Joe because he's just walked in (into the kit room...ed)

Nickname? Jord

What would you do if not a footballer? Probably at college studying

Are footballers paid too much?
I don't think so if someone is prepared to offer you that kind of money you would be a fool not to take it.

Which rule would you change? I'd put the five subs rule back to how it was with seven subs. It gives the young lads more of a chance of being on the bench.

> Best player played with? Jack Lester at Chesterfield

Best player youve played against Probably Billy Sharp in a reserve game Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Hopefully in a higher league with Morecambe

What do you think of social media sites? If theyre used correctly then it's a great way to interact with the fans

Thoughts on season
I've only been here since
January and I think if
we can get some points
and push on its still not
out of the question to
reach the playoffs.

Hopes for this season Playoffs



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SWINDON TOWN 1 MORECAMBE 0



Heart breaker for 'heroes'

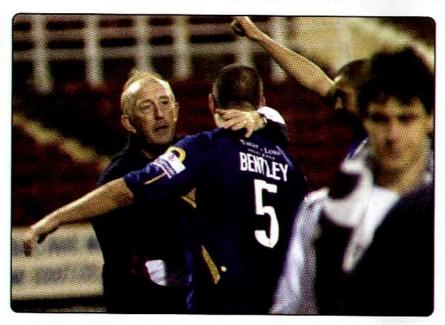
Morecambe boss Sammy McIlroy said he was full of praise for his players after they were cruelly knocked out of the FA Cup at Swindon on Saturday.

McIlroy said he was "devastated for his players" to see his side crash out to a last minute Christian Roberts penalty after dominating the game against a side currently sitting second in League 2.

Said the Shrimps' boss: "My lads were heroes, every one of them and I can't believe they lost the game. They put on a magnificent display and I'm devastated for each and every one of them. They have made me and the Morecambe fans proud and we simply didn't get what we deserved.

"The fact their goalkeeper was man of the match said it all for me."

It was the latest in a long line of last-gasp cup exits over the years but probably the hardest one to swallow. Last season the Shrimps were knocked out of the LDV Vans Trophy in injury time by Bradford City after being by far the better team and who can forget those late hammer blows at Oxford United and Emley?



In the end the game was decided by a penalty after Michael Howard caught Lukas Jutkiewicz in the box right at the death. When Roberts, who wasn't given an inch all afternoon by the superb Jim Bentley and Ged Brannan, sent Steven Drench the wrong way from the spot there was a collective huge sigh of relief from the home fans

The only downside to the day was the fact that the Shrimps could not turn pressure into goals.

"You have to score when you are on top and we didn't do that at the end of the day," said McIlroy. "Their goalkeeper made some great saves and we came close on numerous occasions but we just couldn't

get the goal our play deserved."

If Morecambe can take anything from the game it is the knowledge that performances like this one will mean they will be in the melting point in the promotion hunt at the end of the year.

Their football was excellent throughout and they used the space superbly, dominating in midfield and shackling what was supposedly the best front pairing in Division 2.

The Shrimps may have been the underdogs but they were never overawed and had it not been for Swindon's former Crawley keeper Phil Smith, the Shrimps would have at least been in the hat for Sunday's third round draw.

Smith was forced to make a

string of fine saves in the first half, the best being a full length dive to tip away a superb Adriano Rigoglioso free kick that was heading for the bottom right hand corner.

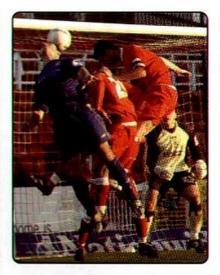
Moments later he then broke the Shrimps' hearts again with a stunning reflex save to punch away a wicked deflection from Curtis Weston that was heading for the goal.

The always dangerous
Rigoglioso came close again on
37 minutes with a well
executed lob from 25 yards
which beat Smith but
unfortunately floated inches
wide of the left hand post.

Rigoglioso, couldn't believe he didn't score.

Moments later the Shrimps were on the attack again as Craig Stanley burst through from midfield but could only lob the ball into Smith's grateful hands instead of find the unmarked Michael Twiss in the six yard box.





After being second best for first half Swindon upped the tempo at the start of the second period and finally tested Steven Drench with a shot from distance on 52 minutes.

Shakes again threatened with a well struck drive that forced the Morecambe keeper into an excellent save on the hour but from there the Morecambe defence dealt admirably with everything Swindon could throw at them.

Sammy McIlroy's side continued to look the more dangerous going forward with Rigoglioso coming desperately close again with a free kick that clipped the outside of the left hand post and Garry Thompson fired just wide after a great run.

The best effort of the second period however fell to Michael Twiss who set off on one of his mazy runs at the heart of the defence before drilling a left foot shot just off target.

With time running out and Swindon looking relieved at the draw they went on to snatch the tie in the most dramatic fashion.

It was a heart breaking moment for everyone involved with Morecambe - and one they simply didn't deserve. Swindon Town are through to the Third Round of the FA Cup after a last-minute penalty gave them a 1-0 win at home to Morecambe.

Although the spot-kick was never a case for debate, the Conference side will feel they deserved a replay after frustrating the hosts for much of the game.

The visitors enjoyed much the better of the first half with Town's Curtis Weston forcing his own goalkeeper into an acrobatic save after his attempted clearance went wayward.

In the second half the League Two side were still struggling to awake from their first-half slumber as the Shrimps continued to monopolise possession.

Robins Manager Paul Sturrock tried to inject some life into his team with three quick-fire substitutions and, with time almost up, it worked – with late replacement Lukas Jutkiewicz being fouled in the area to give the home side a barely-deserved opportunity from the penalty spot.

It was left to Christian Roberts to show the required nerves of steel as he stepped up to send goalkeeper Steven Drench the wrong way.

Afterwards a relieved Town manager Sturrock said: "All day we were second in every department, and we couldn't clear our lines at times. At times, it was a concoction for disaster.

"Thankfully, Phil Smith had a good game and made some good saves."

He added: "I'm hoping for a big draw away from home. I'd like to have a glass of red wine with Fergie - so that one would do me." **ASTRA GTC**

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SHRIMPS NEWS

All the latest news straight from the Globe Arena...

Today's Mascots

Finlay Swindlehurst is 8 years old tomorrow and is celebrating with his friends and family today. Finlay attends Trumacar, plays for Morecambe Hawks and his favourite player is Andy Parrish whose name is on the back of his shirt.



Today's mascot for

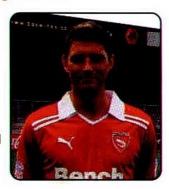
Swindon is Carmen Cox. Carmen was the youngest female to qualify as a referee in Lancashire at the age of 13. Also a long time Manchester City fan and was at Wembley to see their play-off final win against Gillingham in 1999. Carmen dislikes Manchester United so much her husband had to avoid buying her the home strip!

Jevons Departs

Morecambe

Football Club have tonight announced that Phil Jevons has been allowed to leave the club.

The striker has agreed a deal with the Shrimps to cancel his contract early to give him the chance to trial with other



clubs and earn a contract for next season.

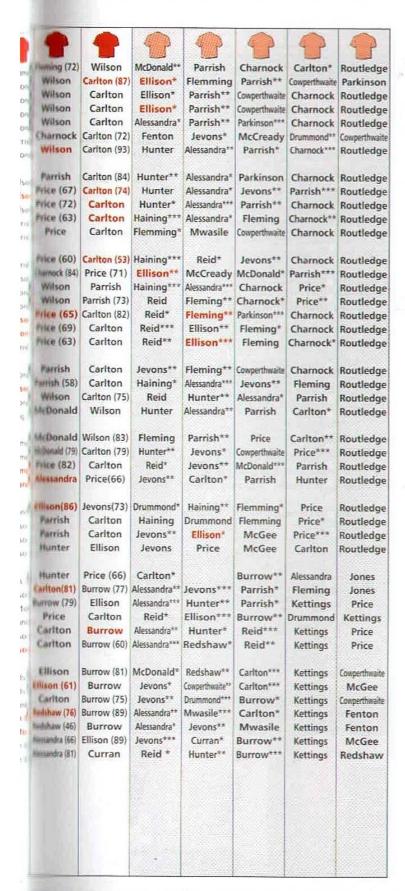
Boss Jim Bentley said: "I told Phil that he would not be in the plans for next season and would not be involved much before the end of this year and this deal will hopefully give him the cPhil is a great lad and has been a terrific professional. He has been a fantastic player for us and scored some vital goals. He really does leave with our best wishes and I hope he gets a deal as soon as possible."hance to get himself sorted with a new club as soon as he can.



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2	Torquay United	40	22	9	9	57	42	15	75
3	Crawley Town	39	20	12	7	67	46	21	72
4	Shrewsbury Town	39	21	9	9	55	35	20	72
5	Southend United	40	21	7	12	68	46	22	70
6	Oxford United	40	17	14	9	55	38	17	65
7	Cheltenham Town	40	19	В	13	55	45	10	65
8	Crewe Alexandra	40	18	8	14	57	53	4	62
9	Gillingham	40	18	7	15	70	56	14	61
10	Aldershot Town	39	17	6	16	42	43	-1	57
11	Rotherham United	40	15	11	14	57	54	3	56
12	Morecambe	40	14	12	14	57	46	11	54
13	Accrington Stanley	40	13	14	13	49	53	-4	53
14	Bristol Rovers	40	13	11	16	46	58	-12	50
15	AFC Wimbledon	40	13	8	19	55	68	-13	47
16	Burton Albion	40	12	11	17	46	65	-19	47
17	Port Vale	39	16	8	15	61	53	8	46
18	Northampton Town	39	11	9	19	50	69	-19	42
19	Dagenham & Red	40	12	5	23	41	67	-26	41
20	Bradford City	40	9	13	18	47	54	-7	40
21	Plymouth Argyle	40	9	13	18	41	57	-16	40
22	Barnet FC	39	10	9	20	44	68	-24	39
23	Macclesfield Town	40	8	12	20	36	53	-17	36
24	Hereford United	40	8	11	21	41	64	-23	35

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Barry Roche	38	-	4		
Nick Fenton	39	3	3	-	
Paul Scott			+		
Jim Bentley		+	+	-	
Will Haining	30(5)	-	3(1)	-	
lzak Reid	22(6)	2	4	-	
Garry Hunter	24(4)	1	4	-	
Lewis Alessandra	22(12)	3	3(1)	-	
Phillip Jevons	14(7)	3	1(2)	-	
Kevin Ellison	25(7)	11	2(2)	1	
Shaun Routledge	-	-		-	
Chris McCready	40		2	-	
Stewart Drummond	35(2)	4	3(1)	-	
Andrew Fleming	11(7)	1	0(1)	-	
Gary McDonald	33(3)	2	3(1)	-	
Laurence Wilson	29	5	6	1	
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Andy Parrish	23(7)	-	2(2)	-	
Sean Breen	-		-	-	
Niall Cowperthwaite	(2)	2	-	-	
Dan Parkinson	(2)		(1)	-	
Kieran Charnock	(4)	-	2	-	
loe McGee		-	-	-	
Danny Carlton	26(8)	6	3	1	
Jason Price	12(3)	2	1	-	
Chris Kettings	2				
Jordan Burrow	8(2)	1	-	-	
Jack Redshaw	2(2)	-	-	-	



THE TEAMS

Squads for The Shrimps clash with Swindon Town this Afternoon...



Manager Jim Bentley

- Barry Roche
- 2 Nick Fenton
- 4 Paul Scott
- 6 Will Haining
- 7 Izak Reid
- 8 Garry Hunter
- 9 Lewis Alessandra
- 11 Kevin Ellison
- 12 Craig Curran
- 14 Jordan Burrow
- 15 Chris McCready
- 16 Stewart Drummond
- 17 Andrew Fleming
- 18 Gary McDonald
- 19 Laurence Wilson
- 20 Joe Mwasile
- 21 Joe Culshaw
- 22 Andy Parrish
- 23 Sean Breen
- 24 Niall Cowperthwaite
- 25 Chris Kettings
- 26 Dan Parkinson
- 27 Jack Redshaw
- 28 Joe McGee
- 29 James Short
- 30 Danny Carlton



Manager Paolo De Canio

- Mattia Lanzano
- 2 Jay McEveley
- 3 Callum Kennedy
- 4 Aden Flint
- Joe Devera
- 7 Paul Caddis
- 8 Simon Ferry
- 9 Paul Benson
- 10 Matt Ritchie
- 11 Etienne Esajas
- 12 Alan McCormack
- 13 Oliver Risser
- 14 John Bostock
- 15 Nathan Thompson
- 16 Lee Cox
- 17 Alan Connell
- 18 Mark Scott
- 19 Luke Rooney
- 21 Lander Gabilondo
- 22 Lee Holmes
- 23 Raffaele De Vita
- 24 Jonathan Smith
- 25 _ Jonathan Tehoue
- 26 Phil Smith
- 27 Alessandro Cibocchi
- 28 Miles Storey
- 30 Leigh Bedwell
- 34 Ronan Murray
- 35 Wesley Foderingham
- 37 Louis Thompson
- 39 Mehdi Kerroucher

MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee

Mr Fred Graham



Assistant Referee Mr Darren Handley and Gordon Johnson



4th Official Mr Simon Clayton

MATCHDAY ANNOUNCERS



Mark Swindlehurst & Steve Middlesbrough

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