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Division 3 Champions - 1984/85

Division 3(N) Champions - 1928/29

FA Cup Winners - 1911 (1st holders of present trophy which was made in Bradford)

Promotion from Division 1 as Runners-Up - 1998/99

Promotion from Division 2 via Wembley Play-Offs - 1995/96

Promotion from Division 4 - 1968/69, 1976/77, 1981/82

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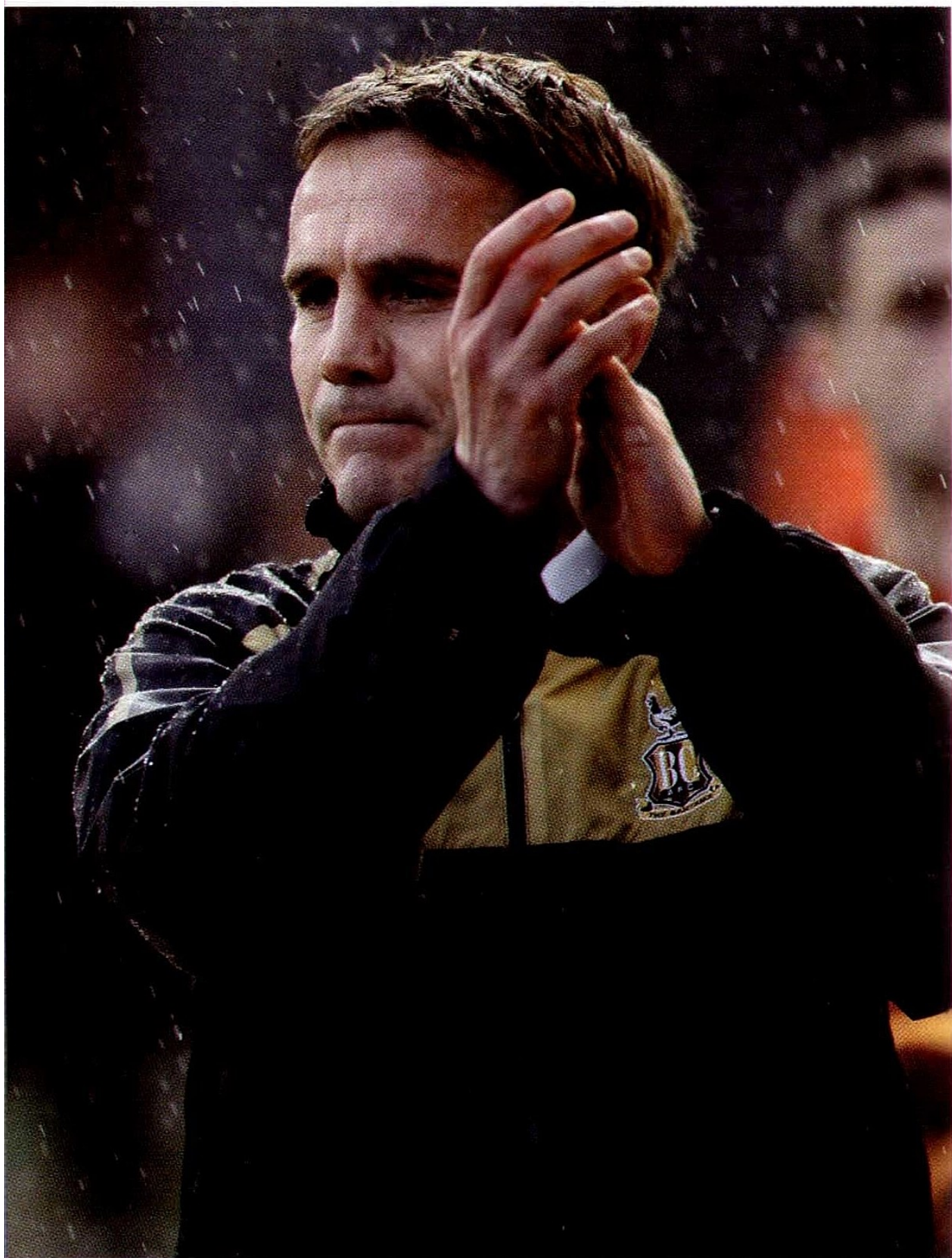
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Good afternoon to all of our supporters for our final match of the season today with Swindon Town.

As usual, I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Swindon manager Paolo Di Canio, his players and staff, plus Swindon's travelling supporters.

I must congratulate Paolo and his side for their championship-winning season this year - getting promotion is always a great achievement.

Swindon deserve all the accolades they have received this season and we wish them all the best in League 1 next season.

Coming into this last game of the season today, it is really mission accomplished for us.

We maintained our league status for next season a few weeks back now and it is now time to put the wheels in motion for the new campaign.

I had a board meeting with both chairmen just over a week ago now where I outlined what I thought we needed to get the club challenging again next year.

Firstly, a competitive budget is obviously going to be key.

Both chairmen are doing their very best to ensure that we have that, but the amount of revenue the club can make through Season Ticket sales and sponsorship/executive packages this summer is going to be crucial as well.

Along with the chairmen's backing, that extra income for the football club will really help us to go into the market this summer and build a competitive squad.

I really hope that as many of our supporters as possible will show their undoubted loyalty to the football club once again this summer by purchasing a Season Ticket.

I totally understand that there have been some tough times for the football club recently, but with everyone's help - including the supporters' - we really can get the club moving in the right direction again.

A healthy number of supporters buying a Season Ticket this summer will make a big difference to our chances for next season.

The second point that I outlined in the board meeting was how crucial it will be for us to utilise our budget for next season to its very maximum.

There are many different factors that can help us to do this.

The coaching staff and medical team here at the football club have been first class this season and I would like to thank them for that. Obviously my aim is to keep this team together for next season and I believe we are close to finalising this as we speak.

As you may have read in the media in recent weeks and months, we are also working hard on improving our training facilities and the standard of pitches that we train on for next season.

Having the right facilities in place is crucial for us to ensure we get the very best out of the squad we will have in place, both in the development of our

young players and in getting the right intensity into our training sessions.

I can now also confirm that the board have given me the green light to book a pre-season trip for the squad to Ireland.

Like the training pitches, such a trip away is another important factor as it helps to the lads to bond together as group.

This is especially important when you consider the new faces that undoubtedly will be in the squad come the summer.

All these aspects, along with others, added together will go towards helping us get the very most we can from the playing budget we will have available.

We know it's not just about getting a budget and thinking that it will take care of itself, it's all about getting the planning and the structures in place to make the budget go as far as possible.

I'd also like to use my last programme notes of the season to give a special mention to Graham Duckworth, our kit man, who is walking from Lincoln City to the ground today to raise money for the Bradford Burns Unit.

Along with his son, Daniel, plus City supporters Andrea Brown, Charlotte Usher, Sean Nash and Lenny 'The City Gent', Graham plans to complete his walk by 2:00pm this afternoon.

I hope Graham and his group all make it back in one piece, and I'm sure you'll give them all a great reception when they arrive this afternoon.

It just leaves me now, on behalf of all the staff and the players, to thank all of our fans for their fantastic support you've given us this season.

We are going to be working really hard in the summer to give you a team which you can be proud of next season.

Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again in July.

Enjoy the match today.

Phil Parkinson



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Birthday Message

Happy 40th Birthday **Kirstie Kenningham** Love Russ XXXX



Bradford City Player of the Year Awards

Consistent defender **Luke Oliver** has capped off a near-flawless season of on-field performances by being named as the Bantams' Player of the Year for the 2011/2012 season.

Oliver fought off competition from **Kyel Reid** and **Nahki Wells** to pick up the coveted Telegraph & Argus-sponsored trophy in front of a packed McCall Suite at the Coral Windows Stadium this Tuesday evening.

To make the evening even more special for the defender, Oliver was also named the Players' Player of the Year - an award decided by Phil Parkinson's squad themselves.

In fact, Oliver won six honours in total on the night :

- Telegraph & Argus Bradford City Player of the Year
 - Players' Player of the Year
 - Friends of Bradford City Player of the Year
 - Shipley Bantams Supporters Club Player of the Year
 - White Abbey Branch Supporters Club Player of the Year
 - Skipton Bantams Supporters Club Player of the Year
- Other awards went to the following:

James Hanson - Top Scorer Award

Kyel Reid - Telegraph & Argus' Most Consistent Player of the Year

Adam Baker - Youth Team's Player of the Year

Kyel Reid - Bradford City Supporters Trust Under 25's Player of the Year



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Phil Parkinson

Played 40 Won 11 Drawn 12 Lost 17
For 48 Against 52
Av Pts/game 1.12
Biggest Win(s) Barnet 0 Bradford 4
(28/02/2012). Biggest Loss(es)
Rotherham 3 Bradford 0 (02/01/2012).

Paolo Di Canio

Played 45 Won 29 Drawn 5 Lost 11
For 75 Against 32
Av Pts/game 2.04
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 5 Port Vale 0
(28/04/2012). Biggest Loss(es)
Gillingham 3 Swindon 1 (21/04/2012).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...1 Phil Parkinson.....0 Paolo Di Canio.....0
Draws ...1 Goals 0 Goals 0

Player with the most... shots

James

Hanson 72

shots on target

James

Hanson 36

shots off target

James

Hanson 36

assists

Kyel

Reid 10

crosses

Kyel

Reid 95

fouls

James

Hanson 69

free-kicks-won

Kyel

Reid 65



Player with the most... shots

Matt

Ritchie 89

shots on target

Matt

Ritchie 45

shots off target

Matt

Ritchie 44

assists

Matt

Ritchie 14

crosses

Matt

Ritchie 58

fouls

Jonathan

Smith 44

free-kicks-won

Matt

Ritchie 61

GAMES SINCE

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|
| 1 | a win | 0 |
| 0 | a home win | 0 |
| 1 | an away win | 2 |
| 0 | a defeat | 1 |
| 2 | a home defeat | 25 |
| 0 | an away defeat | 0 |
| 7 | a score draw | 24 |
| 29 | a no score draw | 7 |
| 0 | conceding a goal | 1 |
| 0 | scoring a goal | 0 |
| 0 | conceding > 1 | 1 |
| 2 | scoring > 1 | 0 |
| 1 | keeping a clean sheet | 0 |
| 3 | failing to score | 7 |
| 1 | back to back wins | 3 |
| 5 | back to back defeats | 1 |
| 1 | gaining a point | 0 |
| 0 | losing a point | 1 |
| 2 | win by > one | 0 |
| 0 | loss by > one | 1 |

SHARP SHOOTERS

| Bradford | FL Cup | Tot | Swindon | FL Cup | Tot |
|--------------|--------|-----|---------|--------|-----|
| James Hanson | 13 | 1 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
| Nahki Wells | 10 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 1 |
| Craig Fagan | 7 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 1 |

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...27 Bradford wins.....9 Swindon wins.....9
Draws9 Goals 38 (1.4 per game) Goals 40 (1.5 per game)
0-0's.....1 Times failed to score 5 Times failed to score 5

Biggest League win at Bradford for each team:

14/11/1998 Bradford 3-0 Swindon

03/01/2005 & 01/10/1958 Bradford 1-2 Swindon

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LEAGUE STATS



| | | |
|----|---------------|----|
| 18 | Position | 1 |
| 45 | Played | 45 |
| 12 | Won | 29 |
| 13 | Drawn | 5 |
| 20 | Lost | 11 |
| 54 | Goals For | 75 |
| 59 | Goals Against | 32 |
| 49 | Points | 92 |



Record Against Top Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|----|------|----|---|---|------|
| 7 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 1 |

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|----|---|---|------|
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 1 |

Record When Scoring First

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|----|---|---|------|
| 9 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Record When Conceding First

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| 3 | 7 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 13 |

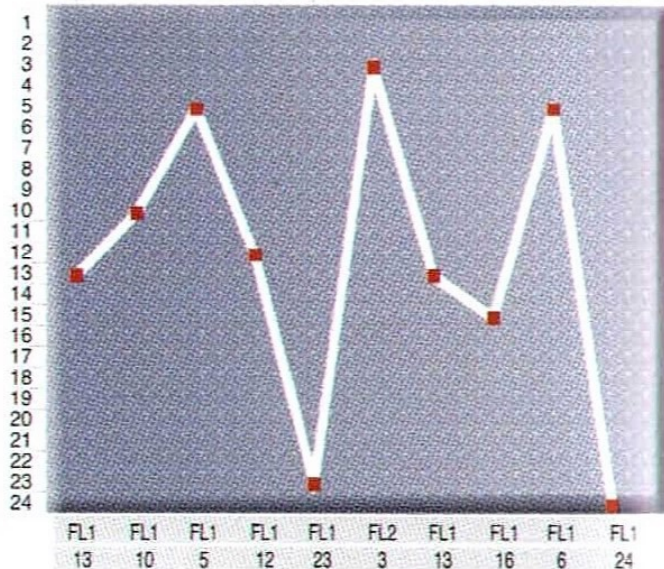
Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[3], 2-0[1], 2-1[3], 3-0[1],
3-1[2], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[9],
0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[4], 1-3[3], 2-3[2],
Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[7], 2-2[4]

Wins: 1-0[6], 2-0[10], 2-1[4], 3-0[4],
3-2[1], 4-0[2], 4-1[1], 5-0[1], Losses:
0-1[3], 0-2[4], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], Draws:
0-0[2], 1-1[2], 3-3[1]

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

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



*up to and including 29/04/2012

the manager **Paolo Di Canio**

Badge of Honour

by Colin Benson

Last August in The Times preview for this season the prediction for Swindon Town was that they would finish 13th on the basis that "Di Canio's fledgeling managerial ability will be tested."

Eight months on in the East End of London the buzz around Upton Park from some disgruntled West Ham fans not happy with the Hammers style of play is for the fiery Italian to be installed as Sam Allardyce's successor.

A rookie manager he may well have been but Paolo Di Canio has come up trumps forging together a Swindon team that has combined quality with success.

There is no doubt that the Italian's arrival in Wiltshire has been good for Swindon and for League Two.

Paolo is unquestionably a contradiction in terms. He won a FIFA Fair Play award three years after shoving referee Alcock to the floor while playing for Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal. That landed him with a lengthy ban and when he failed to return from Italy Wednesday, who had paid Glasgow Celtic £3million for him in 1997, moved him on to West Ham for £1.7m.

Hammers' boss Harry Redknapp was thought to be taking a big risk by signing the often volatile Italian but the gamble paid off

handsomely. At Upton Park his skills verged on genius. He scored 47 goals in 114(4) PL appearances some of them classics such as the one against Arsenal when he flicked the ball over Martin Keown before clipping it into the net from 15-yards. There was an FA Cup winner at Old Trafford; a sensational cushioned volley against Wimbledon that ended the 'Goal of the Season' contest right there.

The East End dubbed him the "Roman Emperor" and Paolo, now a cult figure, turned from sinner to saint in the eyes of the world when in the dying embers of a 1-1 draw at Everton he was on the end of Sinclair's cross in front of goal. But with goalkeeper Paul Gerrard lying injured he caught the ball instead of volleying it into the empty net for what would have been the winner.

Paolo retired in 2008 from a playing career which embraced Ternana, Lazio, Juventus (UEFA Cup winner), Napoli and AC Milan in Italy and Charlton and having acquired coaching badges and a UEFA Pro Licence, he opened his managerial account with a 3-0 home win over Crewe.

The secret he revealed was psychology: "In

the warm-up I went out to check the players' faces and their body language, and the way they treated warm-up, to be ready for the kick-off. This is crucial. We are not top class level, but even Pep Guardiola looks at Lionel Messi and will say 'hey come on or I will push you out'."

Di Canio wants to play the Barcelona way and was frustrated by our tactics in the goalless draw our 10-men forced in October. "They think there is a football pitch in the sky," he lamented but then as Barcelona found against Chelsea there is more than one way of playing this game.

He pledged to honour the title win with a tattoo of the club crest. "I'll keep my promise. For me promises are more important than a contract," he says

The enigma that is Di Canio remains bitter sweet. He

once said: "In life I always wanted confrontation, to have a challenge," and he's certainly not changed. Sent off for the third time this season he retorted: "They can send me off every week I don't care - we will still win the league. I don't want to stop the way I am," and he certainly hasn't.





Swindon Town



Hail the npower League Two champions who a year following relegation from League One return there in style. Di Canio's side were promoted a fortnight ago despite a second defeat in five days - losing 3-1 at Gillingham - and last week sealed the Championship title with a thumping 5-0 victory over Port Vale.

Swindon have proved themselves as the best team in this Division yet by the end of August 'The Robins' prospects of flying straight back to the League One nest looked highly questionable.

Under new boss Paolo Di Canio they kicked off the campaign in splendid fashion beating Crewe 3-0 but apart from defeating Bristol City 1-0 in the Carling Cup the opening month brought little reward with defeats at Cheltenham, Dagenham and Shrewsbury as well as home to Oxford in the derby clash that Di Canio rated more passionate than those in Rome and Milan.

Southampton too had knocked Town out of the Carling Cup with a 3-1 win at the County Ground and Di Canio's management technique was beginning to come under fire after a much publicised bust up with striker Leon Clarke.

But three straight wins, at home to Rotherham then Southend and away at Crawley turned things around. Crawley boss Steve Evans had dubbed Swindon "the Di Canio circus," but it was Evans who was left looking the clown as goals from Connell and Kerrouche (2) ripped into the Crawley net without reply!

Dissatisfied following a 2-0 defeat at Macclesfield and a 3-3 home draw with Hereford Di Canio bravely re-shaped his team for the trip to Accrington and it paid dividends. Fielding all four of his recent signings, two of whom Jake Jervis and Christian Montano (on loan from West Ham), scored in a deserved 2-0 victory, there were also debuts for Wes Foderingham and Liam Ridehalgh at Livingstone Road. Di Canio explained: "A manager has to be strong about his decisions. I played four players who have only just joined us because I wanted to bring in a fresh energy."

It surely worked for Swindon had embarked on an undefeated run of 12 league and cup games eight of which were won and by the end of December they were fifth in the table with 40 points from 23 games.

Paolo had found himself fighting to keep Matt Ritchie when in November Bournemouth tried to take the midfielder on loan offering to pay £250,000 for his transfer in January. But their request was rejected Di Canio explaining: "Ritchie is a top player. Are they ready to give £2 million? This is my price."

Super Swindon booked their place in the fourth round of the FA Cup by coming from behind to tip Premier Wigan out 2-1 with goals from Connell and new recruit Paul Benson but their Cup adventure ended at Leicester where the Championship side won 2-0.

This nonetheless was only a blip for the Robins were in full flight in

the league and the 3-0 demolition of Crawley in the first fixture in February took them to within a point of the top spot. This was achieved two games later after wins at Hereford and home to Shrewsbury.

Two tap-ins from substitute Alan Connell was enough to clinch a 2-1 win over promotion chasing Shrewsbury and this was followed with successive 2-0 home victories over Accrington Stanley and Burton Albion.

The triumph over the Brewers etched another milestone in Swindon's history for that Tuesday night the team had set a Club record of 10 successive League victories beating the Club's previous best by two.

The winning sequence came to grief in the derby clash at Oxford where the U's completed the 'double' over their Wiltshire rivals with a 2-0 win. But Swindon were to bounce back chalking up seven wins and a draw from their next nine games.

In eight of these matches the Robins maintained clean-sheets embracing a run of six successive shut-outs commencing with the 2-0 defeat of Torquay United at the County Ground on March 20, (a result that sent Swindon seven points clear of the second placed Gulls and with a game in hand), culminating with a 1-0 home win over Plymouth on April 14.

Sandwiched between this amazing run was the disappointment of a 2-0 loss to Chesterfield in the JPT final at Wembley, but this did not derail the charge towards League One as they reeled off four straight wins in April without conceding a goal; away at Barnet 2-0 and Morecambe 1-0 and home to Northampton 1-0 and Plymouth 1-0.

With the championship trophy waiting to be claimed Town suffered back-to-back defeats for the first time since August going down 2-1 at Aldershot and 3-1 at Gillingham. Nonetheless, results elsewhere confirmed Swindon's promotion and last Saturday's 5-0 defeat of Port Vale crowned them as Champions!

WESLEY FODERINGHAM -*Goalkeeper*

An England Youth international, Wes celebrated his FL debut with a clean sheet at Accrington in October after arriving on loan from Crystal Palace before signing in January. According to Di Canio; "he has the reactions of a cat. We have a goalkeeper who keeps his concentration and has played a big part for us." Wes, who was 21 in January, was on the books of Fulham in 2009-10 and joined Crystal Palace a year later without getting the opportunity to play in the first team at either club. But he has really proved himself at Swindon and saved a penalty in the 1-0 defeat of Cheltenham.

PHILIP SMITH - *Goalkeeper*

Phil was between the posts for the 3-1 defeat at Gillingham a fortnight ago. A trainee at Millwall he made five League appearances for the Lions in 1998-99 but was released at the end of that season and dropped down to the non-League circuit with Folkestone Invicta, Dover Athletic, Margate and Crawley Town. Swindon signed him on a free in July 2006 and he made his bow in the Robins eleven in a Carling Cup defeat to Brentford that August. Phil has now made over 100 League appearances for the Club his best season being 2006-07 when he was POY.

PAUL CADDIS - *Defender*

Swindon's influential skipper has been hampered by injuries of late a troublesome ankle problem being the latest inconvenience. Signed alongside fellow Celtic youth team graduate Simon Ferry in August 2010 having made 3(14) SPL appearances for the Bhoys and played Champions League football following his debut from the bench in a 1-0 win at Falkirk (27-1-08). Paul made his Football League bow in

a 2-2 draw at Hartlepool (14-8-10) and contributed one goal in a 3-2 defeat at Bournemouth (1-2-11) in 36(2) League outings last season. Essentially a rightback he has also featured at centreback and in midfield and has contributed four League goals this season two of them pens.

JOE DEVERA - *Defender*

Equally at home at rightback or centreback Joe was Di Canio's first signing last June joining the Robins after six seasons with the Bees of Barnet. Barnet's POY in 2008 and 2011, Joe made 171(6) League appearances for Barnet scoring one goal, a last-minute equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Cheltenham (19-2-11). He has already matched that for Swindon with the second strike in the 4-0 defeat of Dagenham in March.

ADEN FLINT - *Central Defender*

A solid and dependable defender Aden arrived at Swindon from Blue Square North Alfreton Town (capped twice by England 'C') in mid-January 2011 and made his



League entry in a 1-1 home draw with Rochdale (5-2-11). However, did not establish himself in the team until this season having made a MOM performance in the 3-0 home win over Crewe on the opening day of the season in which he scored the equaliser in the 4-1 FA Cup defeat of Huddersfield in November.

ALAN MCCORMACK - *Central Defender*

Paul Benson and McCormack were team mates at Charlton and the striker admitted: "Before I joined Swindon you could have knocked me down with a feather when I saw boss Paolo Di Canio had moved Mac to centre-back. I never imagined him as anything other than a midfielder. He is not the tallest and can't be expected to win aerial battles against big opponents. But his anticipation and experience really is something else." Alan had spent nine seasons as a midfielder with Preston, Southend, where he was the heart of the engine room, and Charlton as well as loans with Leyton Orient and Motherwell making over 200 League appearances. A vocal presence his thunderous tackling and determination to win are qualities Di Canio much admires.

JAMES 'JAY' McEVELEY - *Defender*

Signed on loan from Barnsley in March the former Blackburn Rovers trainee gained UEFA experience and was on loans with Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich prior to a £600,000 move to Derby County in January 2007. Jay has a story to tell for playing as a wide midfielder for the Rams he fractured a cheekbone at Middlesbrough in October 2009. In the course of a routine operation to repair the damage his heart stopped beating for two minutes and he regained consciousness

in intensive care. He went back into the team at centreback and finished the season as leftback where he currently operates for Swindon. Made 15(2) League appearances for the Tykes last season. A Liverpoolian Jay played for the England U-21's (3) and attained three full caps for Scotland in 2007-08 on a grandparent qualification.

MATT RITCHIE - *Forward*

A tricky winger Matt, the scorer of seven goals by Christmas (now extended to 11), was described by his manager as "fantastic, one of the best players in this league. He is at a different level - his delivery is different class and the way he works off the ball is crucial." The 22-year-old winger insists he is loving life under Di Canio claiming "he's shown a lot of faith in me." Matt was with Portsmouth from the age of six but was released by Steve Cotterill, as Pompey's financial problems began to bite, having made two PL appearances on the leftwing in a goalless game at Wigan (14-4-10) and from the bench in the following game at home to Aston Villa. Matt made his League debut on loan with Dagenham the previous season scoring 11 goals (including one here in a 1-1 draw) in 36(1) League appearances having made his entry from the bench v Rotherham (27-9-08). Matt also had a successful loan at Notts County in September 2009.

SIMON FERRY - *Midfield*

Now in his third season with Swindon the former Celtic youngster made his League debut in a 2-1 home win over Southend (29-8-09). He started all 40 League appearances that season scoring twice and last season added 18(3) League games to his CV. Simon, a central midfield workhorse, has scored this season in the 3-3 draw



Matt Ritchie

with Hereford and v Huddersfield in the FA Cup.

OLIVER RISSE - *Midfield*

A powerful defensive midfielder Oliver made a scoring debut for the Robins in the 3-0 defeat of Crewe on the opening day of the season and has also found the net in the 2-0 victories over Torquay and Barnet. The 30-year-old Namibian international has plied

his trade in Norway, Germany and Greece.

JONATHAN SMITH - *Midfield*

Di Canio was not surprised when the former Forest Green midfielder, signed from York City last summer, came off the bench and scored from 30-yards to set Swindon on their way to a 2-0 home win over Southend (9-9-11). Jon said: "The boss saw me playing for York on

Paul Benson

An Absolute Warrior

Hot shot Paul Benson has contributed 12 goals since his arrival from Charlton Athletic in a swap deal that took Leon Clarke the other way in January.

It was Benson who blasted Dagenham & Redbridge to the Conference title in 2006-07, winning the 'Golden Boot' award with 28 goals. However, having played more than his part in helping the Daggers qualify for promotion to the League for the very first time in their history he was not to enjoy fully the fruits of his endeavours suffering an injury plagued baptism in his first League campaign.

Paul lined up for the Daggers historical entry into the League at Stockport on August 11, 2007, but then made but two cameo roles from the bench in the next 10 games as he struggled to overcome a knee injury.

He claimed his first League goal when making the first of those two sub appearances in a 1-0 home win over Lincoln City (1-9-07) but alas, his troubles were far from over for besides a nagging knee injury Paul lost two of his teeth in a Boxing Day game at Barnet, after which he cracked a leg bone in training. All this limited him to just 19 League starts and six goals in his first ever season at this level.

Nonetheless Paul's contribution, which included a goal against us in our 4-1 win at Dagenham in November 2007, again proved significant when in the last game of that season he smashed home the penalty in the 2-0 home win over Mansfield that secured the Club's League status.

Signed from White Ensign, in May 2005, Paul was to top the Daggers score-

sheet for four consecutive seasons and in 2009-10 he netted 22 goals, including four in the Daggers 5-0 defeat of Shrewsbury, further adding to his tally in the regular campaigns by scoring three times in the play-off semi-finals against Morecambe and once in the 3-2 final victory over Rotherham at Wembley.

Forty goals in 95(5) League appearances for Dagenham persuaded Charlton Athletic to splash out on him and Paul registered his 50th career League goal in the Addicks 2-2 draw at Bristol Rovers (23-4-11). He made just one sub appearance for the Londoners this season to return figures of 10 goals in 28(5) League appearances in Charlton colours.

Now 32, Paul, a trainee accountant, added to his figures with Swindon's winner against Premier Wigan Athletic in the third round of the FA Cup, and summed up another glorious achievement by insisting: "With the buzz around here and the infectious enthusiasm of the manager, I reckon I've got three or four more years left in League football.

"You won't see many 35-yard pile-drivers from me. Getting in the box is my game," and it is a game that has enthralled manager Paolo Di Canio who says: "He's an absolute warrior, he runs his socks off."

With five goals in five games Paul was acclaimed the League Two Player of the Month for February, a month in which he claimed his 100th senior goal in the 2-0 defeat of Burton Albion (28-2-12).

Of course we know to our cost the goal poaching skills that Paul possesses for he has scored three times in five appearances for Dagenham against us.

YouTube in the summer and asked me to sign. There was no difference in the money but I jumped at the chance of making my mark in League football." Di Canio says: "He's a very good player who likes to get forward."

LEE HOLMES - Midfield

The scheming fleet-footed left-winger made 19 appearances for City when on loan here from Derby in 2006. Currently on loan from Southampton, who he joined in July 2008, Lee's goal beat Northampton last month. He has also played for Walsall on loan

ALAN CONNELL - Striker

Alan came off the bench to knock Rotherham off top spot with two goals - the first within 34-seconds of his introduction - in Swindon's 3-2 victory on September 3. He then revealed: "My mate rang on Friday saying he was thinking of betting on me to score. I said not to bother. I didn't think I'd even be playing. In two earlier games I'd been subbed twice within half-an-hour." A junior at Ipswich Alan came into senior football with Bournemouth and went on to play with Torquay, Hereford and Brentford before rejoining the Cherries in 2008. Alan, who scored seven goals in 22 games for Torquay, has hit the net 12 times for Swindon this season.

Also in the Squad:

Goalkeepers: Mattia Lanzano, Mark Scott.

Defenders: Alessandro Cibocchi, Callum Kennedy, Nathan Thompson.

Midfield: Lee Cox, Etienne Esajas, Luke Rooney, Lander Gabilondo.

Strikers: John Bostock (on loan from Tottenham), Ronan Murray (on loan from Ipswich), Mehdi Kerrouche (Algerian striker had scored 8 goals by mid-Nov), Raffaele De Vita.



board of directors

JULIAN RHODES, MARK LAWN (Joint-Chairmen) **DAVID BALDWIN** (Director of Operations)



ALAN BIGGIN
(Company Secretary)

Alan is a partner in Chartered Accountants Bostocks Boyce Welch, a company who have had links with the club for over 80 years. The successful 1927/28 3rd Division North Championship team were bunkrolled by Tom Paton and was co-founder of Bostocks Boyce Welch.



STEVE LONGBOTTOM

Steve is Managing Director and shareholder of KTS Wire Ltd, a manufacturer of shaped steel wire. Former Chairman of UK Steel, he represented the UK Steel in Europe, he also led the UK Wire rationalisation which included discussions with the OFT. Steve has chaired several Government DTT Conferences.



ROGER OWEN
(Commercial Director)

Former Morrison supermarkets property chief Roger Owen is Bradford City's Commercial Director and uses his extensive business experience to generate extra income and business savings. Following retirement from Morrisons Roger is now pursuing other business interests.



GRAHAM JONES

Graham is operations director of MPL, Wakefield, the umbrella company of Safe & Secure, Wakefield Lock & Key Centre and AAJ Locksmiths.



ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON:
STEVE BOLLEN

Steve first became involved with the club in 1992, not long after he was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Bradford Royal Infirmary. In addition to attending to Bradford City players, Steve's list of patients boasts names from top Premiership players to hundreds of others from the world of football and sport.



ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:
JAMES FERGUSON

James is involved as a partner in an accountancy business, commercial finance and a SAS led Security Company.



GLENN ACKROYD

"Glenn is a life long supporter and he originally joined the Board in 2008. He owns a number of property businesses, including; National Property Group and AQuickSale.com estate agency."



ADRIAN LEE

Adrian is MD of United Carpets, wood floors and beds in Shipley. He has been in the flooring business for 15 years. Adrian's other business interests include a portfolio of property that he owns and manages. He is also launching an internet gaming site.



DENNIS & JEAN MATTHEWMAN

Dennis and Jean have supported Bradford City since they became involved in assisting the club following the terrible tragedy in 1985. Dennis was formerly a director of Hays group plc and is Chairman of Innova Films plc.



MARK RICHARDSON

Mark is Financial Director of SP Insurance who specialise in commercial and niche insurance. SP are based here at Valley Parade. He has been a supporter of Bradford City for over 40 years.



NORRIE RICHARDS

Norrie has owned and run businesses in Bradford for the last 30 years, at present he is the MD of ASE/AUTOGATE automatic gate and barrier specialists. Other business interest includes ASE/PROPERTY.com building and property development.



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SIMON HARTLEY

Simon is a Director of Richdon Management Consulting Ltd and is associated with Transformed Driveways Ltd. He has been a City supporter for nearly 40 years.



KEITH PETTY

Keith Petty is managing director of BIST a Bingley based IT reseller, the business is now into its 9th year and goes from strength to strength although a nationwide company its roots are firmly in Bradford.



CLUB AMBASSADORS

OMAR KHAN

Well known Bradford entrepreneur and restaurateur Omar Khan has taken up the post of Club Ambassador with the goal to integrate more supporters from different backgrounds. Omar plans to work closely with local primary schools and Asian businesses - and he is confident of making an impact in an area that City have struggled to tap into over the years.



MALCOLM SCOTT

Malcolm was first involved with Bradford City in 1978 and in 1985 became one of the original Associate Directors to join the club. For many years he covered all Bradford City games for BBC Radio Leeds and was reporting on the game with Lincoln City on that fateful day in 1985.



MIKE SMITH

Mike took early retirement in 2004 having spent 33 years in the motor trade. He now runs his own business as a Professional Toastmaster and MC specialising in weddings, dinners, business and charity events.



HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT:

JACK TORDOFF MBE

A former Chairman of Bradford City Football Club, Jack Tordoff founded JCT600, one of the premier car dealerships in the country and was awarded the MBE in the 2008 New Year's Honours List. A self-made millionaire, Mr Tordoff started from humble beginnings as an assistant mechanic at his father's small firm. He transformed the business into a multi-million pound car empire with more than 30 dealerships.

david baldwin

Good afternoon and I would like to welcome everyone to the Coral Windows Stadium.

Firstly big congratulations goes out to Swindon Town football club and all connected to the football club. We know how hard it is to bounce back out of this league, therefore to do it at the first time of asking is an achievement they should be deservedly proud of.

Well what a season, one I am sure all of us will be happy to see the back of, however there are positives to take out of it. The emergence of new young talent breaking into the first team is always a positive.

Looking forward discussions are ongoing with the manager in relation to the playing budget for next year. But in reality the figure cannot be confirmed until we are clear on the number of season tickets and flexi-card tickets sold. With the deadline fast approaching I would encourage all to take up what is a fantastic offer. I understand people's frustrations this season; however the only way we are going to get out of this league is if we stick together.

We are also working to improve the training facilities further in the close season and are close to signing a new licence agreement with Woodhouse Grove School in relation to Elm Tree Farm, which is a pocket of land close to Apperley

Bridge in order to introduce to further football two training pitches. Also the schools 3G floodlight pitch should be starting construction shortly and intends on being ready for when the bad weather returns.

A must also say a big thank you to the "Friends of Bradford City" for not just putting on an excellent player of the year evening with over 300 in attendance but also the donation through fundraising of £8000 towards the cost of a new minibus which we are actively sourcing now ready for pre season.

With regards to Pre Season a number of fixtures are being negotiated as we speak, however I am in a position to confirm our final friendly fixture on the 11th August 2012 here at the Coral Windows Stadium against Barnsley.

It leaves me finally to say a big thank you to everyone for their continued support in these difficult times and may I thank you in advance for the observance of the one minutes silence today in remembrance of all those that were effected by the events of May 11th 1985 as well as those that we have lost during the season. Gone but never forgotten.

David Baldwin

steve longbottom

We are remembering today both the victims of the fire and all supporters whom have passed away, one such supporter of over 40 years standing and whom recently passed away on the 18th April 2012 was Peter Midgley.

Peter who I new personally, attended City matches both home and away with his wife Jillian and his grandchildren will be missed, and our condolences go to his wife, family and friends at this sad time.

Steve Longbottom



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Reported by:
Luke Gallagher

NO THRILLER AS CITY EDGE OUT SILKMEN, TO GUARANTEE SURVIVAL

Saturday 21 April 2012 **Attendance:** 10,106 (258 visitors)

The visitors get the game underway here at VP. Nahki Wells is sent racing through on goal in the 2nd minute of play, but Jose Veiga is on hand to brilliantly thwart the Bermudan and the following effort from Kyel Reid. Matt Hamshaw and Ben Mills are linking up well for Brian Horton's men in the early stages and this is shown when Hamshaw finds the latter with neat passes in the final third.

Macclesfield have started fairly brightly in their quest for vital points to aid their survival bid, and it takes a good piece of defending from Ricky Ravenhill to halt the pace and trickery of Marcus Marshall in the bantams area. Moments later, the visitors should've certainly gone one goal to the good. Lewis Chalmers catapults a throw in into the box, the resulting knock down falls into the path of Ben Mills who lashes over from only a couple of yards out. Kyel Reid is starting the game well on the left flank and on this occasion he delivers a cross that can't be properly dealt with by Macc and the loose ball is hammered a yard or two wide by Ritchie Jones.

Guy Branston is having an impressive spell in a claret and amber shirt at the moment, and he shows a good piece of strength to win the ball back after Ravenhill's pass was intercepted. Matt Hamshaw then produces another accurate pass

to find Marshall in the City area, but Marshall, however can't get a shot away due to sturdy defending from City. The home faithful then cry for a backpass decision after Marshall half brings a deep Ramsden cross under control, the ball then finds its way into the arms of Veiga. Nothing given on this occasion by G.Ward, the man in charge. Just moments before the half time break Colin Daniel is an inch or so away from giving his side the lead, he is sent chasing a long punt forward before getting a yard or so on two City defenders. Fortunately for City, his shot is unable to find the net.

It is City who are out of the traps quickest at the start of the second half, and Kyel Reid produces some good wing play getting past Arnaud Mendy, and cleverly getting away from Hamshaw. The bantams following then feel aggrieved by a questionable refereeing decision. Nahki Wells looked to have been fouled by Mendy, play went on and then the referee gave a free kick Macclesfield's way after Ravenhill had made minimal contact with Mendy. Arnaud Mendy is then booked for hacking down Wells by the corner flag, and the following freekick from Craig Fagan is nodded downwards towards goal by James Hanson, before Mills gets his legs in a tangle and ends up giving City the lead himself.

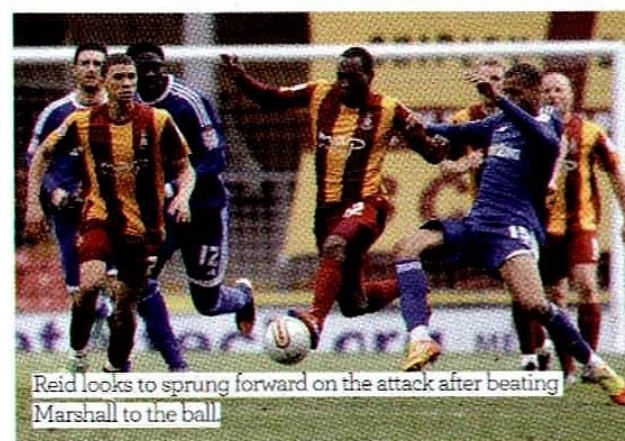
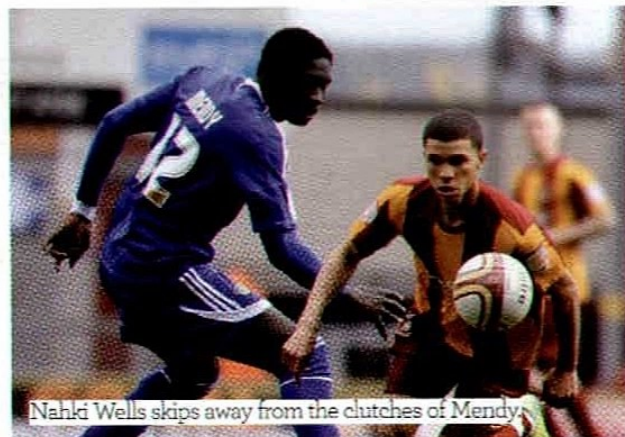
Macclesfield can't really afford

to lose this afternoon at VP and Brian Horton does his best to solve their problems by bringing on two strikers; Ben Tomlinson and Matt Smith. Wells is gaining confidence as the game grows on and he has two attempts in the space of a minute, the first is smashed just wide after a lay off from a freekick, and the second is hammered narrowly wide after a long positive drive from the Bermudan. Nat Brown's loose header is almost criminal when Hanson nods the loose ball into the path of Wells who scuffs his shot straight at Veiga.

It is Deane Smalley who eventually replaces Wells, and he himself is instantly involved in two good pieces of play. The first, he has a header on goal which forces Veiga into a smart save, and the second he plays a neat one two with Ricky Ravenhill, but again Veiga is on hand to thwart the effort, this time from the boot of Ravenhill.

Late on and as expected, Macclesfield are throwing everything but the kitchen sink at City in their bid for a late equaliser, but a bundle of crosses from Matt Hamshaw can't quite force any clear cut chances for the desperate visitors.

Full Time and City have edged out their relegation threatened opponents in a fairly drab encounter, to guarantee that they will be spending the 2012/13 season in League 2.



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looking back...

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to The Coral Windows Stadium for the last time this season. This afternoon we welcome everyone connected with Swindon Town. We must congratulate Paolo Di Canio and his players for securing promotion back to League One and clinching the Championship at the same time following their 5-0 victory over Port Vale last week. Let's hope we have a party atmosphere this afternoon.

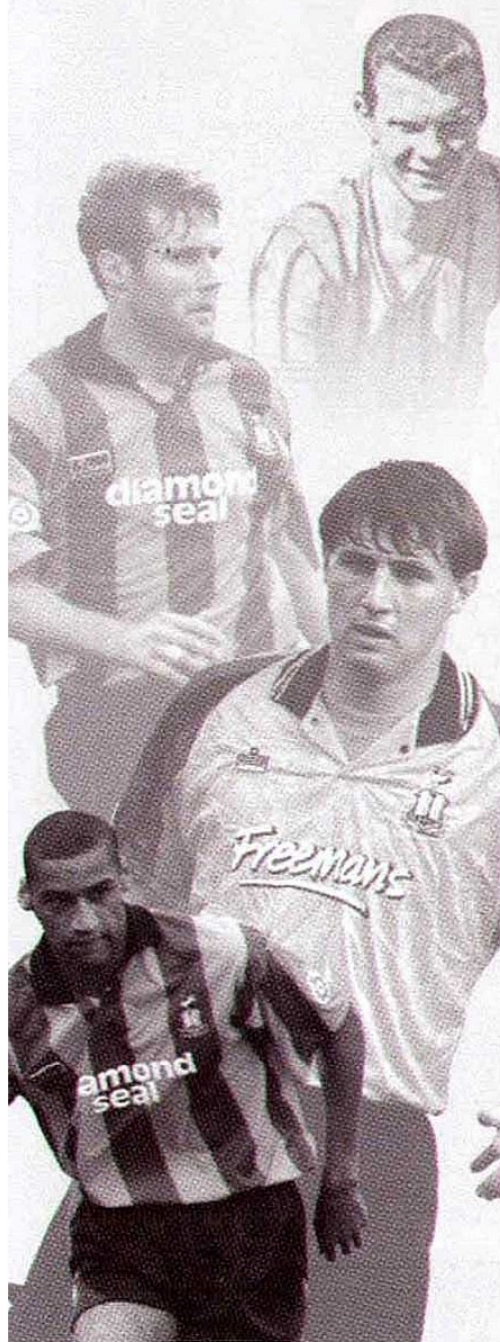
afternoon.

David Layne was born in Sheffield in 1939 but joined second division Rotherham United as a junior. He made his debut in September 1957 at Stoke City in a match Rotherham lost 4-1, nevertheless the young centre forward made a goalscoring debut. For whatever reason David lost his place immediately, and didn't feature again until the final game of the season when Rotherham lost 3-1 at Fulham, but guess who

"It is fifty years ago this season that David Layne broke Johnny McCole's seasonal goal scoring record, by netting thirty four times in the league and two more in the F A Cup."

I am thrilled to be able welcome another former City superstar back to Valley Parade. It is fifty years ago this season that David Layne broke Johnny McCole's seasonal goal scoring record, by netting thirty four times in the league and two more in the F A Cup. The total of 34 league goals has never been broken, and, to be honest as things stand you can't see it being broken anytime soon. David Layne was one of my all time heroes in the game and I am sure there are plenty of other like minded City fans in the stadium today. All things being equal we will be able to introduce David to the fans at some stage this

scored the Millers goal. So David's first season saw him score two goals in two appearances. He played in the opening game of the 1958-59 campaign away at Bristol City, the home side won 6-1 and again David suffered. He was back in the team for the home derby against Barnsley. Although Rotherham won 3-0 there were no goals for Layne. David played spasmodically that season with his best run being four games. He ended up with nine appearances and two goals, the goals came in back to back matches at Derby and at home to Bristol Rovers. After eleven appearances and four goals, David left Millmoor



to join Swindon Town then a third division side and he had his first taste of Bradford. He made his Swindon debut against Queens Park Rangers on the opening day of the 1959-60 season, Swindon lost 2-0. In his second home appearance Bradford City were the visitors to the County ground and ended up losing 5-3, again there were no goals for David Layne. He broke his duck in the following game, a 3-0 victory at Barnsley, and he scored five goals in the next four games, he ended the season with twenty goals in twenty seven appearances, this included back to back hat tricks against Shrewsbury at home in a 4-2 win, and away at Southend in a 3-1 win.

The 1960-61 season began with David out of the side coming in after four games. He had two spells in the side and scored eight goals in fourteen games including a hat trick against Bristol City. His final game for Swindon came in a 1-1 draw at Halifax Town on December 17th 1960, within days he had completed an £8,000 transfer to third division rivals Bradford City. He made his Valley Parade debut on Boxing Day in a goalless draw against Hull City. Swindon were in lower mid table whilst City were in the relegation places fourth from bottom. After three false starts the new centre forward opened his scoring account with both City goals in a 2-2 draw at Bury. City might have had the best centre forward in the division, but we struggled elsewhere and we remained in the relegation places for the rest of the season apart from two very short spells. On Easter Monday 1961 David actually finished the game in goal due to an injury to regular keeper Mitchell Downie who was injured just after David had headed an equaliser, the ten men of City held out for a draw. Sadly City were relegated at the end of the season to Division Four. New manager Bob Brocklebank brought in a couple of new half backs in



Mike Smith and Stan Harland and after a really slow start which saw them sixth from bottom of the table at New Year, the goals scored by David Layne propelled City to the periphery of the promotion places and only a 5-3 defeat in the penultimate game of the season at Workington, prevented City from clinching an amazing promotion. City scored ninety four goals that year with thirty four alone coming from David Layne. He terrorised defences and scored three hat tricks against Crewe and Gillingham at home and away at Carlisle who eventually pipped City for promotion. He scored eleven times in the final seven games as City tried everything to get over the promotion line. David's scoring exploits added up to forty six goals for Bradford City in sixty nine league and cup games. With a goal scoring ratio as that it was inevitable that someone should come in for our own goal scoring machine. Sheffield Wednesday were the team who took Mr Layne on and parted with a substantial cheque of about £22,000 to do so.

Once at Hillsborough there was no change for David, he scored twenty nine league goals in his first



season at Hillsborough, in Division One as well and scored his first league goals at Leicester against Gordon Banks. David scored one hat trick against Manchester City and also managed eight braces. The 1963-64 season went in a similar vein as David rattled in another twenty three league goals including a hat trick at Ipswich Town of all places. He also represented Sheffield Wednesday in the Inter Cities Fairs Cup that season and managed a hat trick in a 4-1 win over DOS Utrecht. He scored 128 goals in 191 league games at a ratio of a goal every 1.4 games, to put this in perspective, the most prolific goal scorer in English football at the time, Jimmy Greaves was scoring at a ratio of a goal every 1.2 games. Please make David most welcome.

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Hand Of God

By Rev. Paul Deo - Chaplain, Pastoral Support

More than the final game...

So, we've reached the final game of the season. As it turned out there were no nasty shocks for us, and Phil, Steve and the boys have done enough for us to be safe for this season and put us in a healthy position to build for next season. There wasn't even much of a shock at the Player of the Year Awards night last week, as it came close to a complete clean sweep by Luke Oliver – well done, Luke! Today's visitors, Swindon Town, have done brilliantly under Paulo Di Canio and congratulations must go to them for already securing the League Two title as Champions. All the best to you all as you go up into League One, Paulo.

The end of a season kicks up all kinds of things for us footy fans, and not least for us here at Valley Parade. There will be many of you, I'm sure, for whom today with it being the final home game, can't help but think back to previous final home games; games when Valley Parade has been full of celebration, and others when the atmosphere has been less than happy.

In football terms this day represents the end of a season long campaign which began with every intention and hope of us pushing for promotion. It turned out to be somewhat more of a struggle than we'd all hoped, and along the way there were a few casualties in terms of jobs. Change happens, and we have to prepare to say 'goodbye' to one or two players as the season ends. But here at Bradford City we have learned



the hard way that there are things and situations in life that totally overshadow how well (or otherwise) our football team has done on the field, or whether any particular player (or even the manager) has managed to keep their job.

Those who come to our Club, fans, managers, coaches, players, board members, sponsors, whoever, enter into a very special culture, because Bradford City FC has its own special history. It's a history that, especially at the end of a season, prompts us to recall the events of May 1985. Since that day, everyone involved with Bradford City has had to acknowledge that we have here a club with a particular past, a particular history, a particular culture and a particular outlook which has been shaped by those events. So when we

proudly say, "We are Bradford City," we say it in the context of all we have celebrated AND all we have been through as a Club together over the years.

We ARE Bradford City, and we all want to be part of a successful Club, winning games and, hopefully, pushing for promotion next season. But if that doesn't happen, when we set it in front of the backdrop of our particular history, we'll see that it's not quite as important as we first thought it was.

I expect to see a good few of you on Friday morning in Centenary Square as we reflect on what has made the BCFC story all that it is.

But for today, enjoy the game and we'll see you next season!

Paul



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ricky ravenhill

Good afternoon to all of our supporters for today's final game of the season with Swindon Town here at the Coral Windows Stadium.

Obviously I'm taking this slot in the programme over from Michael Flynn following his departure from the football club last week.

It's a shame when you see teammates leave but that's football for you - everyone knows what can happen this time of year.

It's part and parcel of being a footballer when people move onto different things. I am sure Michael will get himself sorted elsewhere.

As I do with Craig Fagan, Chris Mitchell and everyone else who has left the club in the last few months, I wish Michael nothing but the best for the future.

It was a massive honour for me when I was first chosen as the captain by the gaffer a few months back, especially given the fact that I hadn't been at the club that long.

As long I am still asked by the manager to do it, I'll continue to enjoy the role and give it my best.

Looking ahead to today's game, there may not be much riding on the game on paper but we'll still be going into this afternoon desperate to put in a good performance.

We want to try and win today's game to prove that we can beat the side that have quite rightly finished on top of the pile.

Swindon are deserved champions but we want to finish our season on a high by trying to get the better of them.

There will be no sense of the lads taking their foot off the gas today -

we are only going out on the pitch to win the game.

If we do that, we can then all enjoy the end of the season stuff after the match and leave everyone on a high going into the summer.

I suppose it's at this time of year - with today being the final game of the season - that you naturally look back a bit and think about the games gone by.

There have obviously been games this season where you look back and have regrets - games where we should have won, games where we weren't good enough on the day.

On the whole though, I think our lack of consistency has cost us the chance of a decent season.

That side of our game has let us down a bit this season and it is something we have to look to improve for next season.

On our day we can truly be more than a match for any side in League 2. We have proven we can compete with and beat some of the best sides in this division.

We've done the double over Southend United and Torquay United - two teams who can get automatic promotion today.

We've also beaten the likes of Shrewsbury Town, Crewe Alexandra and Oxford United - three teams who have been in the promotion picture as well this season.

If you look at last Saturday's match with Cheltenham Town though, I think Steve Parkin hit the

nail on the head when he said that the game probably summed up our season.

We started the game like a train against a side looking to secure their Play-Off place that day, could have been three goals up at half-time, but the second half obviously wasn't good enough.

We were looking over our shoulders a bit towards the end to make sure we didn't concede anymore in a game where we were looking good at half time.

It's all about consistency for next season. We need to find a good level of performance - something which we have found on a number of occasions this season - but this time stick with it. Concentrate on reaching those levels week, week out.

When you are on top and take the lead in a game, your aim has to be to finish things off and secure the win.

Even when you aren't quite at your best, you still have to shut the game down and not concede goals.

We have to come back for next season with a clear focus that we are going to start at a good level and maintain it for the rest of the season.

We want to hit the ground running next season and make sure we get off to a flyer, competing from the off and not having to play catch up.

Enjoy the game today.

Ricky Ravenhill

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Park Life

by Simon
Parker

THE NINE-MONTH MARATHON HAS REACHED ITS FINAL BEND.

What began here against Aldershot at the start of August ends with the visit of the newly-crowned League Two champions.

Congratulations to Swindon and their larger-than-life manager Paolo Di Canio. As well as enjoying amazing success in his first year on the sidelines, the Italian has also brought some welcome publicity to a division that is often ignored by the national media.

For City, it has been another term of turmoil with changes of manager, staff and players.

They go into this afternoon's final game in the same 18th spot where they finished last season.

The team that will step out today is very different to the one that kicked it all off. But that's the nature of football, especially when a new boss comes in.

Phil Parkinson has started to put his own foundations in place. Now we will watch with interest how the building plans shape up during the summer ahead of his first pre-season at the helm.

For those of us with the good fortune to watch football for a living, the off-season is always a bit strange.

Finding a story every day during the quietest periods is a challenge.



But I'm sure there will be plenty of activity to keep the back page filled.

And there is the big press-box event of the summer to look forward to - the unofficial eating challenge between myself and the Bantams Banter food monster Tom!

The date is still to be confirmed but it promises to get messy...

I must also take this opportunity to say goodbye to Derm Tanner, the doyen of the City media and a fellow regular down at the training ground.

Watching and commentating at matches was only part of his job following the Bantams. I spent most of my time with Derm hanging around car parks and corridors waiting for

interviews with various managers and players.

He was always good company during those long drawn-out hours of nothingness and did a decent line in impressions of the gaffer at the time. And his Geoffrey Richmond, complete with suitable facial expression, was bang on.

I know he'll be back at Valley Parade on occasions to do games. But I'm sure Derm's got more sense than to hang around the training facilities just for the sake of it.

So good luck Mr T - and that means more mince pies for the rest of us at Apperley Bridge this Christmas!

SHARP SHOOTERS

| Player | Team | Lge | Cup | Ttl |
|-------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Izale McLeod | Barnet | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| Lewis Grabban | Rotherham | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| Jack Midson | AFC Wimbledon | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| Matthew Tubbs | Bournemouth | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| Tyrone Barnett | Peterborough | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Matt Harrold | Bristol Rvs | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Adebayo Akinfenwa | Northampton | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Adam Le Fondre | Reading | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Kevin Ellison | Morecambe | 15 | 1 | 16 |

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

| Ground | Home Team | M | Gls | G/Mt |
|----------------------|---------------|----|-----|------|
| Cherry Red Records | Wimbledon | 22 | 75 | 3.41 |
| Sixfields Stadium | Northampton | 23 | 73 | 3.17 |
| KRBS Priestfield | Gillingham | 22 | 69 | 3.14 |
| Broadfield Stadium | Crawley Tn | 23 | 72 | 3.13 |
| Fraser Eagle Stadium | Accrington S | 22 | 66 | 3.00 |
| Underhill Stadium | Barnet | 23 | 68 | 2.96 |
| Memorial Stadium | Bristol Rvs | 23 | 66 | 2.87 |
| L.B Barking & Dag | Dag & Red | 22 | 62 | 2.82 |
| Alexandra Stadium | Crewe | 22 | 62 | 2.82 |
| Vale Park | Port Vale | 22 | 61 | 2.77 |
| Coral Windows | Bradford | 22 | 61 | 2.77 |
| Edgar Street | Hereford | 22 | 59 | 2.68 |
| Globe Arena | Morecambe | 23 | 60 | 2.61 |
| The Kassam Stadium | Oxford Utd | 23 | 60 | 2.61 |
| Plainmoor | Torquay | 23 | 59 | 2.57 |
| County Ground | Swindon | 23 | 57 | 2.48 |
| Pirelli Stadium | Burton Albion | 22 | 53 | 2.41 |
| Roots Hall | Southend | 22 | 52 | 2.36 |
| Don Valley Stadium | Rotherham | 22 | 51 | 2.32 |
| Moss Rose Ground | Macclesfield | 23 | 51 | 2.22 |
| Greenhous Meadow | Shrewsbury | 23 | 49 | 2.13 |
| Whaddon Road Grnd | Cheltenham | 23 | 48 | 2.09 |
| Home Park | Plymouth | 22 | 46 | 2.09 |
| The EBB Stadium | Aldershot | 23 | 45 | 1.96 |

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 315 Crawley Town. **shots off target** 332 Crawley Town. **corners** 314 Dag & Red. **hit woodwork** 44 Swindon. **offsides** 146 Shrewsbury. **fouls** 542 Bradford. **yellow cards** 81 Plymouth. **red cards** 8 Accrington Stanley.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 109 Nick Powell (Crewe). **Shots on target** 59 Izale McLeod (Barnet). **Shots off target** 65 Nick Powell (Crewe). **Assists** 19 Ryan Hall (Southend). **Crosses** 175 Ryan Hall (Southend). **Offsides** 79 Izale McLeod (Barnet). **Fouls** 86 Adebayo Akinfenwa (Northampton). **Free-kicks won** 85 Anthony Griffith (Port Vale).

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2011/12 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 1427

RIGHT FOOT 773 goals



LEFT FOOT 346 goals



HEADERS 267 goals



Own goals 33 (2.3%), Other body part 8 (0.8%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Will Evans (Macclesfield vs Hereford) 0:06

By a substitute after coming on

Jeff Goulding (Accrington Stanley vs Cheltenham) 0:31

DISCIPLINARY



2.9 cards per match

0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Jonathan Smith (Barnet vs Swindon) 0:21

By a substitute after coming on

Sanchez Watt (Burton Albion vs Crawley Tn) 1:07

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 2646

Offsides 2427

Corners 5899

Shots Off Target 5730

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

2 3 8

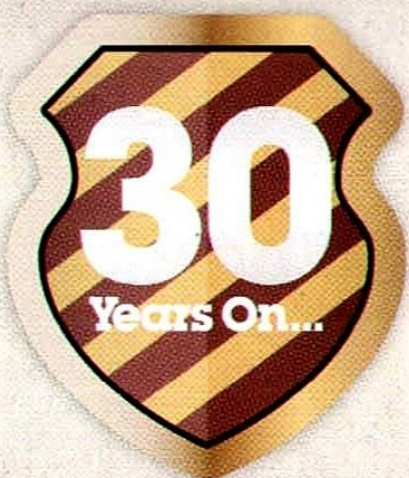
In the npower Football League Two this season there have been 5810 shots on target, goals constitute 24.6% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 462 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Plymouth 28). There have been 149 penalties awarded this season and of those 118 have been scored (a success rate of 79.2%).

Gillingham have been awarded most penalties - 14. Northampton have given most penalties away 13. The team to score the most penalties is Gillingham 12. Crewe missed 4 penalties in the npower Football League Two this season.

RESULTS

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

| | |
|-----|----|
| 0-0 | 34 |
| 0-1 | 40 |
| 0-2 | 26 |
| 0-3 | 10 |
| 0-4 | 6 |
| 0-5 | 1 |
| 1-0 | 67 |
| 1-1 | 68 |
| 1-2 | 44 |
| 1-3 | 10 |
| 1-4 | 4 |
| 1-5 | - |
| 1-6 | 1 |
| 2-0 | 45 |
| 2-1 | 40 |
| 2-2 | 30 |
| 2-3 | 13 |
| 2-4 | - |
| 2-5 | 5 |
| 2-7 | 1 |
| 3-0 | 21 |
| 3-1 | 22 |
| 3-2 | 14 |
| 3-3 | 4 |
| 3-4 | 2 |
| 3-5 | - |
| 3-6 | 1 |
| 4-0 | 9 |
| 4-1 | 10 |
| 4-2 | 3 |
| 4-3 | 2 |
| 4-4 | - |
| 4-5 | - |
| 5-0 | 1 |
| 5-1 | 2 |
| 5-2 | 1 |
| 5-3 | - |
| 5-4 | 1 |
| 5-5 | - |
| 6-0 | 1 |
| 7-1 | 1 |



Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** recalls Bradford City's 1981-82 promotion campaign



Match 45 – 8th May 1982 –
Attendance 9,768

BRADFORD CITY 2
AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2

Bradford City clinched promotion with this exciting draw at home to AFC Bournemouth. The visitors stunned City by taking the lead after four minutes when, following Steve Carter's corner, Andy Crawford scored from ten yards. Roy McFarland's side equalised on 29 minutes when Ian Leigh's weak kick fell to Bobby Campbell who curled the ball past the stranded keeper. Barry Gallagher's free-kick hit the post early in the second half but Cherries regained the lead on 63 minutes when Howard Goddard tapped in Crawford's centre. City drew level in the 88th minute when Cooke headed on Neil Ramsbottom's goal kick for Campbell to score from 30 yards.

CITY: Neil Ramsbottom, Cec

Podd, Garry Watson (Mark Ellis), Mike Lester, Joe Cooke, Peter Jackson, Barry Gallagher, Dave Staniforth, Bobby Campbell, David McNiven, Les Chapman.

Match 46 – 15th May 1982 –
Attendance 3,107

MANSFIELD TOWN 0
BRADFORD CITY 2

Bradford City finished second in the Fourth Division after their 12th away win of the season, combined with Wigan's defeat at Aldershot. Mansfield began well and forced three corners in the first five minutes, then Joe Cooke did well to block a fierce shot from Brian Thomson. They were made to pay for their first-half misses when City took the lead on 44 minutes. Rod Arnold's goal kick went straight to David McNiven who took the ball forward before coolly chipping it over the head of the stranded goalkeeper. City doubled their advantage after 63 minutes when Arnold failed to hold Bobby Campbell's header and Peter Jackson followed up to score.

CITY: Neil Ramsbottom, Cec Podd, Garry Watson, Les Chapman, Joe Cooke, Peter Jackson, Barry Gallagher, Dave Staniforth, Bobby

Campbell, David McNiven, Mark Ellis.

No 1 single:
Ebony and Ivory
– Paul McCartney
with Stevie
Wonder
No 1 movie:
Private Lessons



MANAGER PROFILE
ROY MCFARLAND

Ex-England international central defender Roy McFarland managed Bradford City to promotion in 1981-82. He featured in Tranmere Rovers' 1966-67 promotion success and joined Derby County in August 1967, starring as Brian Clough's side won the Second Division title in 1968-69 and League Championship in 1971-72, missing their 1974-75 success through injury. Moving to Bradford City as player-boss in May 1981, he scored once in 40 League games before rejoining Derby as assistant-boss in November 1982, having two spells as manager. He was later in charge of Bolton Wanderers, Cambridge United, Torquay United, Chesterfield and Burton Albion.



leading by example

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

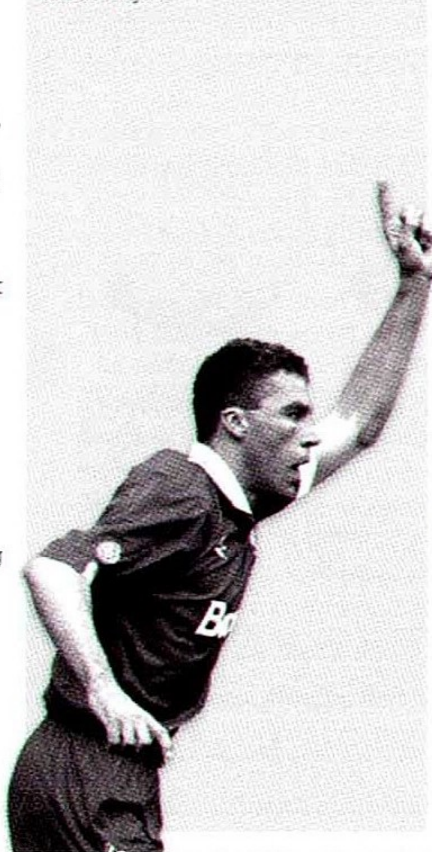
MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving favourite Maurice Owen captained Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Initially with hometown Abingdon, the centre-forward turned professional at the County Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his League debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was leading marksman on six occasions and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round. Later playing in a defensive role, he scored 150 goals in 555 League outings for the Robins before retiring in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

STAN HARLAND

Central defender Stan Harland captained Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. He had spells

Shaun Taylor



with Burnley, New Brighton, Everton and Bradford City before joining Carlisle United in June 1964. Ever-present in their 1964-65 Third Division title campaign, he moved to the County Ground in August 1966. Also skipping Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success, he netted six goals in 237 League games prior to joining Birmingham City in December 1971 and captained them to promotion that season. He was later Yeovil Town's player-boss and died in Yeovil in September 2001.

ROD THOMAS

Welsh international right-back Rod Thomas was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-

Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games before following Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977, then had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later youth-team boss, he was awarded an MBE.

ANDY ROWLAND

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

COLIN CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He was also an important figure as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including their 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian.

GLENN HODDLE

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

SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July

1991, he was ever-present as they won promotion to the Premiership in 1992-93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98. He has since coached at Exeter and Torquay.

MATT HEWLETT

Ex-England Youth midfielder Matt Hewlett skippered Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Bristol City in August 1993, he made his League debut in that month's 3-2 defeat at home to Sheffield Wednesday and was an influential figure as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97, then won promotion in 1997-98. He had a loan spell at Burnley before moving to the County Ground in July 2000 and netted six goals in 179 League outings for Swindon prior to joining Torquay United in July 2005 but recurring injury problems curtailed his career in February 2007.

GORDON GREER

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

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| Pos | Name | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Swindon Town | 45 | 29 | 5 | 11 | 75 | 32 | 43 | 88 |
| 2 | Shrewsbury | 45 | 26 | 10 | 9 | 65 | 38 | 27 | 88 |
| 3 | Crawley Town | 45 | 22 | 15 | 8 | 75 | 54 | 21 | 81 |
| 4 | Torquay United | 45 | 23 | 12 | 10 | 61 | 47 | 14 | 81 |
| 5 | Southend | 45 | 24 | 8 | 13 | 75 | 48 | 27 | 80 |
| 6 | Cheltenham | 45 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 64 | 49 | 15 | 74 |
| 7 | Crewe | 45 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 65 | 57 | 8 | 71 |
| 8 | Oxford United | 45 | 17 | 17 | 11 | 59 | 45 | 14 | 68 |
| 9 | Gillingham | 45 | 19 | 10 | 16 | 77 | 62 | 15 | 67 |
| 10 | Rotherham | 45 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 66 | 60 | 6 | 66 |
| 11 | Aldershot Town | 45 | 19 | 8 | 18 | 52 | 50 | 2 | 65 |
| 12 | Bristol Rovers | 45 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 60 | 66 | -6 | 57 |
| 13 | Accrington | 45 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 65 | -11 | 57 |
| 14 | Morecambe | 45 | 14 | 14 | 17 | 63 | 55 | 8 | 56 |
| 15 | Port Vale | 45 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 65 | 60 | 5 | 58 |
| 16 | Burton | 45 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 53 | 79 | -26 | 54 |
| 17 | AFC Wimbledon | 45 | 14 | 9 | 22 | 59 | 77 | -18 | 54 |
| 18 | Bradford City | 45 | 12 | 13 | 20 | 54 | 59 | -5 | 49 |
| 19 | Northampton | 45 | 12 | 11 | 22 | 53 | 78 | -25 | 47 |
| 20 | Dagenham & R | 45 | 13 | 8 | 24 | 45 | 72 | -27 | 42 |
| 21 | Plymouth | 45 | 10 | 16 | 19 | 46 | 62 | -16 | 46 |
| 22 | Barnet | 45 | 11 | 10 | 24 | 50 | 78 | -28 | 43 |
| 23 | Hereford | 45 | 9 | 14 | 22 | 47 | 68 | -21 | 41 |
| 24 | Macclesfield | 45 | 8 | 13 | 24 | 39 | 62 | -23 | 37 |

First Team Goals & Appearances

| Player | League | | Cup | | Total | | Cards | |
|-------------------|--------|----|-----|----|-------|----|-------|---|
| | App | Gl | App | Gl | App | Gl | Y | R |
| Jon McLaughlin | 22 | | 5 | | 27 | | 3 | 1 |
| Simon Ramsden | 16 | | 3 | | 19 | | | |
| Luca O'Brien | 9 | | 4 | | 13 | | 1 | |
| Michael Flynn | 30 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 36 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| Gary Brannan | 16 | 1 | 3 | | 19 | 1 | 2 | |
| Luca Oliver | 38 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 42 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Mark Stewart | 12 | | 3 | | 15 | | 2 | |
| Richie Jones | 31 | 1 | 6 | | 37 | 1 | 4 | |
| James Hanson | 38 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 45 | 14 | 3 | |
| Ross Hannah | 16 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 24 | 3 | | |
| Jack Compton | 13 | | 7 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 1 | |
| Steve Williams | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | | |
| Dean Overson | | | | | | | | |
| Chris Mitchell | 10 | 1 | 6 | | 16 | 1 | 1 | |
| Patrick Lacey | | | | | | | | |
| Luca Dean | 1 | | 3 | | 4 | | | |
| Niall Rodney | 5 | | 1 | | 6 | | 2 | |
| Andrew Burns | | | | | | | | |
| Nahin Wells | 32 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 37 | 12 | 4 | |
| Lee Bullock | 19 | | 1 | | 20 | | 4 | |
| David Syers | 17 | 2 | | | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Liam Moore | 17 | | 5 | | 22 | | 3 | |
| Scott Brown | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Bryan | 8 | | | | 8 | | | |
| Dominic Rowe | | | | | | | | |
| Robbie Threlfall | 17 | | 4 | | 21 | | 1 | |
| Darren Stephenson | | | | | | | | |
| Adam Robinson | | | | | | | | |
| Karl Reid | 36 | 4 | 3 | | 39 | 4 | 8 | |
| Terry Dixon | | | | | | | | |
| Matt Duke | 18 | | 1 | | 19 | | | |
| Jamie Devitt | 7 | 1 | 2 | | 9 | 1 | 1 | |
| Mamel Seip | 23 | 1 | 4 | | 27 | 1 | 3 | |
| Andrew Davies | 25 | 2 | 3 | | 28 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Craig Fagan | 32 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 36 | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Ricky Ravenhill | 25 | 1 | 2 | | 27 | 1 | 8 | |
| Charlie Taylor | 3 | | 1 | | 4 | | | |
| Rob Kozluk | 16 | | | | 16 | | 3 | 1 |
| Andy Howarth | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Desne Smalley | 13 | | | | 13 | | 2 | |
| Will Atkinson | 10 | 1 | | | 10 | 1 | | |
| Matthew Fry | 6 | | | | 6 | | 2 | |
| Jamie Amerson | | | | | | | | |
| Chris Daynall | 7 | 1 | | | 7 | 1 | | |
| Tom Costello | | | | | | | | |
| Chris Anderson | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Walter Thomas | 4 | | | | 4 | | | |
| David Platt | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Adam Wood | 4 | | | | 4 | | | |

fixtures & results

| Date | KO | V | Opponent | Comp | Res | Att | Referee |
|-------------|-------|---|------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Sat 6 Aug | 15:00 | H | Aldershot Town | FL2 | 1-2 | 10,205 | M Heywood |
| Tue 9 Aug | 19:45 | A | Leeds United | LGCP | 2-3 | 17,687 | C Webster |
| Sat 13 Aug | 15:00 | A | Oxford United | FL2 | 1-1 | 6,523 | J Adcock |
| Tue 16 Aug | 19:45 | A | Accrington | FL2 | 0-1 | 2,652 | D Mohareb |
| Sat 20 Aug | 15:00 | H | Dagenham & R | FL2 | 0-1 | 9,594 | D Webb |
| Sat 27 Aug | 15:00 | H | Barnet | FL2 | 4-2 | 9,656 | G Sutton |
| Tue 30 Aug | 19:45 | H | Sheffield Wed | JPT | 0-0* | 3,519 | A Bates |
| Sat 3 Sept | 15:00 | A | Morecambe | FL2 | 1-1 | 4,025 | A Haines |
| Sat 10 Sept | 15:00 | H | Bristol Rovers | FL2 | 2-2 | 10,023 | N Miller |
| Tue 13 Sept | 19:45 | A | Port Vale | FL2 | 2-3 | 4,769 | D Whitestone |
| Sat 17 Sept | 15:00 | A | Crawley Town | FL2 | 1-3 | 2,479 | K Stroud |
| Sat 24 Sept | 15:00 | H | AFC Wimbledon | FL2 | 1-2 | 10,255 | M Brown |
| Sat 1 Oct | 15:00 | A | Burton | FL2 | 2-2 | 2,925 | E Ilderton |
| Tue 4 Oct | 19:00 | A | Huddersfield | JPT | 2-2** | 10,489 | P Tierney |
| Sat 8 Oct | 15:00 | H | Torquay United | FL2 | 1-0 | 11,738 | C Boyeson |
| Sat 15 Oct | 15:00 | A | Hereford | FL2 | 0-2 | 2,462 | L Collins |
| Sat 22 Oct | 15:00 | H | Northampton | FL2 | 2-1 | 9,925 | S Rushton |
| Tue 25 Oct | 19:45 | A | Macclesfield | FL2 | 0-1 | 2,373 | R Lewis |
| Sat 29 Oct | 15:00 | A | Swindon Town | FL2 | 0-0 | 7,701 | O Langford |
| Sat 5 Nov | 15:00 | H | Cheltenham | FL2 | 0-1 | 9,645 | C Sarginson |
| Tue 8 Nov | 19:45 | A | Sheffield United | JPT | 1-1*** | 5,692 | M Haywood |
| Sat 12 Nov | 15:00 | H | Rochdale | FAC | 1-0 | 3,579 | D Mohareb |
| Sat 19 Nov | 15:00 | H | Rotherham | FL2 | 2-3 | 10,551 | M Heywood |
| Sat 26 Nov | 15:00 | A | Gillingham | FL2 | 0-0 | 7,074 | I Williamson |
| Sat 3 Dec | 15:00 | H | AFC Wimbledon | FAC2 | 3-1 | 3,432 | N Miller |
| Tue 6 Dec | 19:45 | A | Oldham | JPT (ASF) | 0-2 | 5,697 | C Webster |
| Sat 10 Dec | 15:00 | H | Plymouth | FL2 | 1-1 | 10,143 | B Malone |
| Fri 16 Dec | 19:45 | A | Southend | FL2 | 1-0 | 5,526 | G Scott |
| Mon 26 Dec | 15:00 | H | Crewe | FL2 | 3-0 | 11,060 | P Tierney |
| Sat 31 Dec | 15:00 | H | Shrewsbury | FL2 | 3-1 | 10,567 | D Mohareb |
| Mon 2 Jan | 15:00 | A | Rotherham | FL2 | 0-3 | 5,368 | R Madley |
| Sat 7 Jan | 15:00 | A | Watford | FAC | 2-4 | 8,935 | G Ward |
| Sat 14 Jan | 15:00 | H | Morecambe | FL2 | 2-2 | 10,065 | S Mathieson |
| Sat 21 Jan | 15:00 | H | Burton | FL2 | 1-1 | 9,744 | L Collins |
| Sat 28 Jan | 15:00 | A | Bristol Rovers | FL2 | 1-2 | 6,164 | C Sarginson |
| Tue 14 Feb | 19:45 | H | Port Vale | FL2 | 1-1 | 9,488 | T Harrington |
| Sat 18 Feb | 15:00 | A | Torquay United | FL2 | 2-1 | 2,566 | P Miller |
| Sat 25 Feb | 15:00 | H | Hereford | FL2 | 1-1 | 17,014 | A Haines |
| Tue 28 Feb | 19:45 | A | Barnet | FL2 | 4-0 | 1,507 | R East |
| Sat 3 Mar | 15:00 | A | Dagenham & R | FL2 | 0-1 | 3,041 | J Linington |
| Tue 6 Mar | 19:45 | H | Accrington | FL2 | 1-1 | 9,379 | P Gibbs |
| Sat 10 Mar | 15:00 | H | Oxford United | FL2 | 2-1 | 10,059 | C Webster |
| Tue 13 Mar | 19:45 | A | AFC Wimbledon | FL2 | 1-3 | 4,064 | D Deadman |
| Sat 17 Mar | 15:00 | A | Aldershot Town | FL2 | 0-1 | 2,763 | S Attwell |
| Tue 20 Mar | 19:45 | A | Crewe | FL2 | 0-1 | 3,556 | D Whitestone |
| Sat 24 Mar | 15:00 | H | Gillingham | FL2 | 2-2 | 9,858 | S Mathieson |
| Tue 27 Mar | 19:45 | H | Crawley Town | FL2 | 1-2 | 9,773 | I Williamson |
| Sat 31 Mar | 15:00 | A | Plymouth | FL2 | 0-1 | 6,933 | A D'Urso |
| Fri 6 Apr | 15:00 | H | Southend | FL2 | 2-0 | 10,859 | E Ilderton |
| Mon 9 Apr | 15:00 | A | Shrewsbury | FL2 | 0-1 | 6,272 | D Coote |
| Sat 14 Apr | 15:00 | A | Northampton | FL2 | 3-1 | 5,060 | O Langford |
| Sat 21 Apr | 15:00 | H | Macclesfield | FL2 | 1-0 | 10,106 | G Ward |
| Sat 28 Apr | 15:00 | A | Cheltenham | FL2 | 1-3 | 3,930 | D Drysdale |
| Sat 5 May | 15:00 | H | Swindon Town | FL2 | | | |

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reserves/development squad update

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Central League East Division

Bradford City 2

(Baker 28, 49)

Scunthorpe United 1

(Jennings 86)

Kick Off: 2.00pm at the Coral Windows Stadium

Apprentice striker Adam Baker celebrated his offer of a professional City contract by scoring both goals in the Bantams' Central League East Division victory over Scunthorpe United this Tuesday - their seventh win out of eleven this season.

Baker, who was the only second year scholar to earn himself a deal for next season, netted just before the half hour mark and shortly after half time to give the Bantams a two goal advantage going into the closing stages of the game.

Scunthorpe's Connor Jennings pulled a goal back with only four minutes remaining but City's second string still hung on for victory in their penultimate fixture of the season.

Along with Baker, the Bantams' starting eleven to take on the Iron including three trialists in it - midfielders Connor Sellars and Josh Windass, son of legendary former City striker Dean, plus forward Joe Leesley.

Pros Jamie Annerson and Dominic Rowe were also named in City's line up.

Central League East Division

Monday 30 April 2012

Bradford City 0

Hull City 4

(Clarkson 16, 81 Emerton 71, 90+1)

Kick Off: 2.00pm at the Coral Windows Stadium

City's reserves suffered a comprehensive defeat at their hands of their counterparts from Hull City in their final Central League East Division fixture of the season.

Hull striker Lewis Clarkson, who scored against City in the reverse fixture earlier this month, did most of the damage against the Bantams in their season finale as he netted twice and won a penalty for the Tigers.

Despite seeing his initial penalty strike saved by Bantams' keeper Jamie Annerson, Daniel Emerton still tucked away the rebound before helping himself to another in injury time to complete the scoring.

After featuring in the victory over Scunthorpe United last Tuesday, trialists Josh Windass, son of former City striker Dean, and Joe Leesley were again selected for the Bantams' second string.

Aston Villa defender Richard Bryan - the Bantams' third trialist on show - was another player hoping to impress the watching City management.

Fresh from his appearance on the bench for the first team at Cheltenham Town on Saturday, Adam Baker was, like against Scunthorpe, selected in attack alongside Leesley.

For visitors Hull, along with the familiar face of goalkeeping coach Gary Walsh, who kept goal for the memorable 1998/99 City side that earned promotion to the Premiership, there was also the well-known figure of Kevin Kilbane in their ranks.

Kilbane, a former Everton and Sunderland midfielder, now takes Hull's reserves and named himself amongst the Tigers' substitutes for the fixture.

League Table

| | Pld | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Middlesbrough | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 15 | +17 | 28 |
| Bradford City | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 20 | +4 | 23 |
| Hull City | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 16 | +9 | 17 |
| Hartlepool United | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 18 | +2 | 16 |
| Rotherham United | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 20 | -7 | 14 |
| Gateshead | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 24 | -10 | 13 |
| Scunthorpe United | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 31 | -15 | 10 |

Reserves Team Fixtures 2011-2012

| Date | Opponent | H/A | Kick Off / Res | Venue / Scorers |
|------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Mon Aug 22 | Rotherham United | A | 2-1 | Wells, Dixon |
| Tue Sep 6 | Hartlepool United | H | 4-2 | Devitt, Hannah 3 |
| Mon Oct 10 | Gateshead | A | 2-1 | Rodney, Baker |
| Tue Nov 15 | Middlesbrough | H | 1-2 | Guy |
| Wed Dec 21 | Gateshead | H | 4-1 | Syers, Stewart, Bass, Stephenson |
| Tue Jan 10 | Scunthorpe United | A | 2-0 | Hannah, Stewart |
| Tue Jan 24 | Middlesbrough | A | 2-4 | Stewart, Rowe |
| Wed Mar 7 | Rotherham United | H | 0-0 | |
| Wed Apr 4 | Hartlepool United | A | 2-3 | Henderson, Bass, Baker |
| Wed Apr 11 | Hull City | A | 2-2 | Swaine, Marshall |
| Tue Apr 24 | Scunthorpe United | H | 2-1 | Baker 2 |
| Mon Apr 30 | Hull City | H | 0-4 | |

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you ask...



Rob Kozluk



How special was it for you when you played for the England Under 21's?

Barry Hughton

RK: Playing for England at any level is obviously a massive honour, so to represent the under 21's in a side featuring the likes of Frank Lampard, Kieron Dyer, Emile Heskey and Danny Murphy was clearly very special. To say you've played for England can only make you feel proud.

Being more right-footed, what different challenges does playing at left back pose?

Jack Rekesius

RK: I feel the difference between the right and left side is that I have to concentrate more on the left to ensure I get the basics right. Maybe that means I have to focus purely on doing the basics and not getting forward as much as I do sometimes on the right. I don't mind that though if it means I am doing a job for the team.

You have enjoyed some great moments in your career – what would you say has been the most enjoyable period of your football career so far?

Peter Jones

RK: I made my debut at Anfield as a 19 year old and went on to make some more appearances in the Premiership that season. It's what you set out to do from an early age – to play at the highest level you can.

Who is the biggest joker would you say in the Bantams dressing room?

Peter Nelson

RK: The biggest joker would have to be David Syers – he's a laugh a decade! If he managed to look up from reading his Kindle, I'm sure he's got a joke in him!

What's your favourite moment so far as a city player??

James Thornton

RK: Favourite moment would have to be the Northampton Town fixture (away). Nahki's hat-trick obviously stood out from the game but everyone did their bit to make it an enjoyable journey home.

Do you agree that players should be cautioned for removing their shirt after scoring?

Mart Smith

RK: Ha! This question is from the Sunday league referee – Mart Smith – who booked my ten year old son last week for this offence! So the answer is no – you shouldn't get booked for it! ha! ha!



luke oliver

City's 2011/2012 Player of the Year Luke Oliver admitted he couldn't possibly have envisaged such a successful night for himself when he walked into the Coral Windows Stadium for the club's end of season awards evening.

Including the main title, Oliver amassed an amazing six Player of the Year trophies on a memorable night of award-collecting for the giant defender eleven days ago.

Oliver also won the Players' Player of the Year - an award decided by Phil Parkinson's squad - along with four other Player of the Year awards from various City supporters clubs.

The host of awards was seen by many as just reward for a highly-consistent and competent series of performances over the previous eight months by the centre half.

Looking genuinely humbled by the multiple accolades he had received, Oliver revealed he was honoured to see his performances this season acknowledged by his team-mates and supporters alike.

Oliver said: "I would never honestly have thought that the night would go like that for me. It would obviously have been nice to win just one award, so to get six was brilliant for me.

"I might have to move a few things off the mantelpiece at my house now but I don't mind having to do that!

"All of the awards are special but I was especially delighted to pick up the (main) Player of the Year and the Players' Player of the Year because they both mean so much.

"To get recognition from both the supporters and your team-mates for your performances throughout the season is a real honour.

"The night will certainly go down as a special night for me.

"Looking back at the season, it's a bit of a weird one because as a team we have underachieved and not got to where we want to be.

"But I've been quite happy with my own performances this year and I suppose I've been rewarded with all these awards.

"As a defender, we know that we are mainly there to head it and kick it but it is still nice to get recognised I suppose."

"Obviously there are certain moments from this season that stick out for me.

"The atmosphere at Huddersfield (in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy), for example, was quite memorable.

"To get a goal in that game was special, especially given that it was

right in front of our own fans."

Oliver has gone on record to say that his impressive form this season has been partly down to monthly visits to a sports psychologist.

Cleckheaton-based John Muranka - a Bradford City Season Ticket holder - has been working with Oliver for the past 14 months.

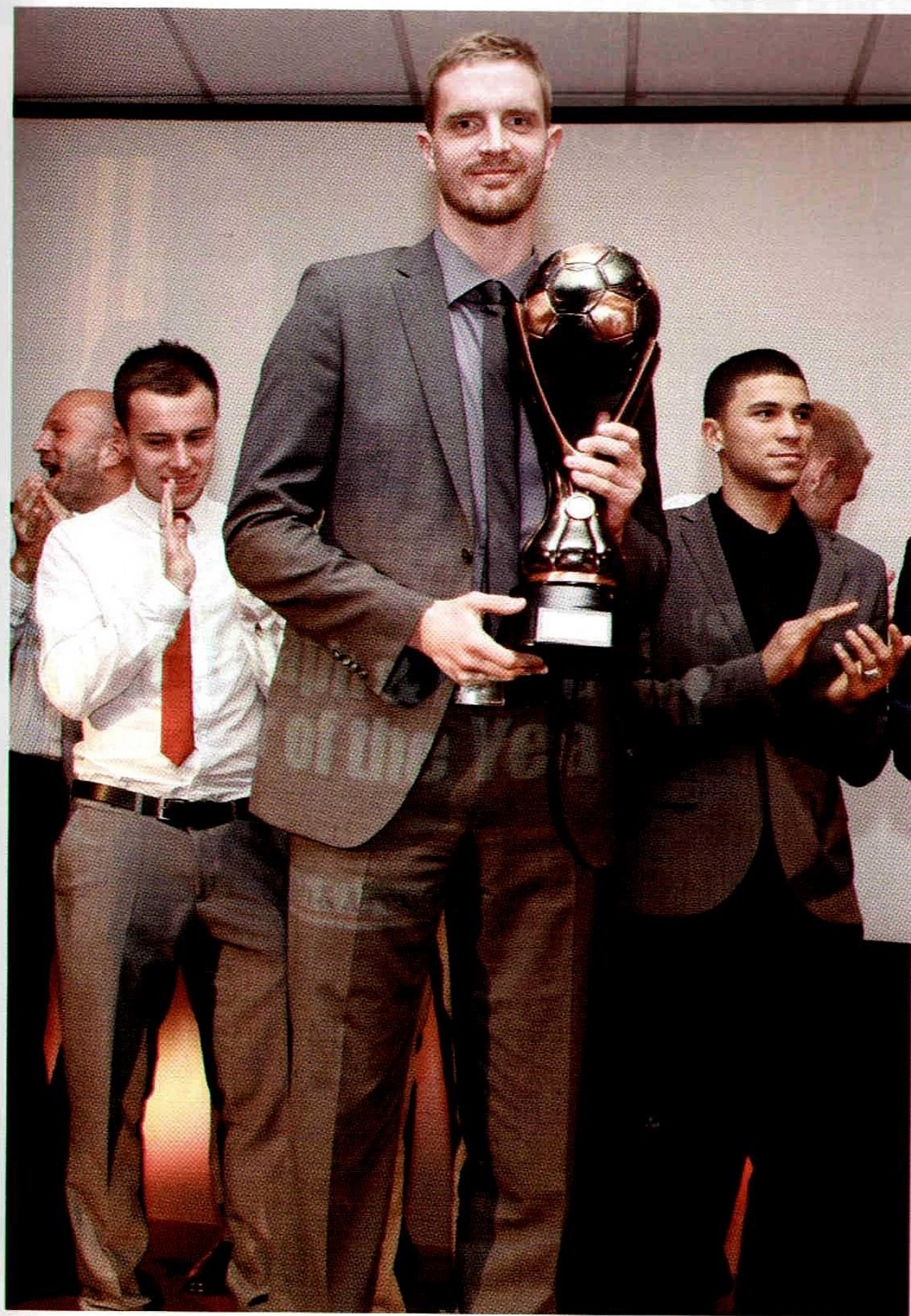
Oliver admits he could see the benefits of the self-help sessions almost straight away.

He added: "It's a bit of a taboo subject in football taking about the mental side but I've definitely felt the positives.

"I went there with the intention of improving the consistency side of my game and it's paid off because that's what people keep complimenting me on.

"You learn not to be troubled by a bad game. You just need to move on to the next one. Seeing John goes hand-in-hand with the training and working with the gaffer on my heading and clearing.

"It helps when I prepare for the next game. I'm not stressing about it but the total opposite and it seems to have helped this season."



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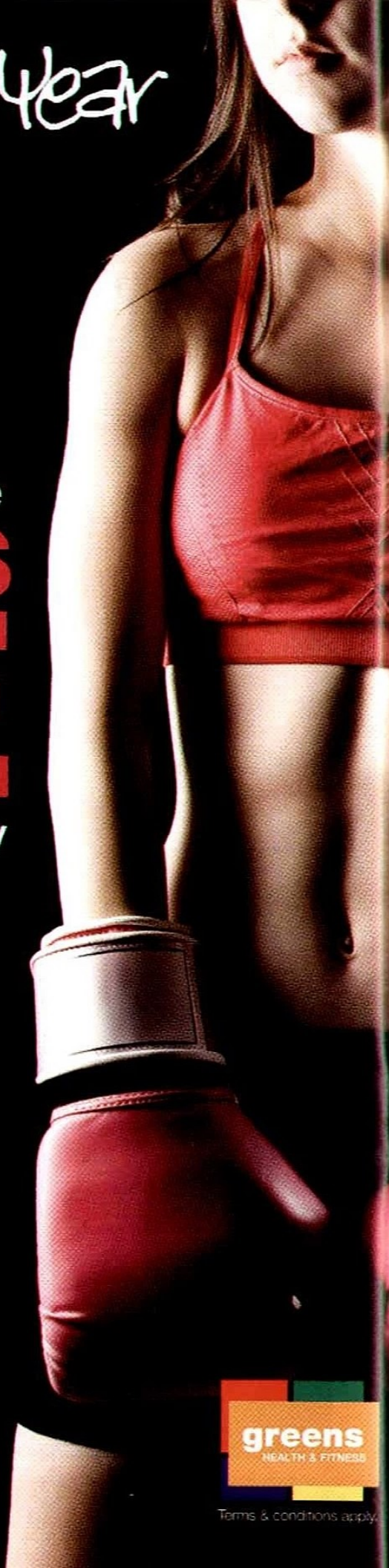
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youth matters

Here we are again, the end of another season.

In all my time at the club this has probably been the strangest ever and as far as stress levels go probably one I don't want repeating.

I never really had a pre-season break last summer as with Dave Wetherall departing I had to recruit somebody to replace him or take on the role of U18 Coach / Manager which was never going to be easy.

Within hours of it being made public my phone never stopped ringing; ironically the first caller was the man I eventually recruited for the role, Steve Thornber.

On top of this I had received a phone call from Mark Lawn to inform me that the club had employed a new person as 'Chief Scout' and he wanted me to meet him ASAP.

This was my first meeting with Archie Christie.

I don't think I ever have in all my years and never probably will again meet anybody like Archie. When I met him in the 1911 club I felt I'd been at the club 10 minutes and him 10 years by the way and loud manner he was ordering food and drinks from the staff he was very loud and confident in his manner.

It was at this meeting that within half an hour I felt one of two things:

1. He was going to be the best thing ever to happen at Bradford City. Or

2. It was going to be a full blooded but short term relationship with plenty of fireworks in between.

Archie's ideas and plans were excellent but they were what should have happened years ago and I remember me and Dave Wetherall highlighting this in a presentation we did to Julian and Peter Taylor a few years earlier.

Development squads 18-21 are massive to any club and so many good footballers get neglected at these ages because their club (s) can't afford to employ the necessary staff but if you do invest in one it must provide results.

Between the ages of 18-21 is a massive time for a player to develop in more ways than one and I firmly believe that we've let a lot of players go that would have been good enough for us.

Let's just use Jake Wright who is now captain of Oxford as a sample example although I could probably name 10.

Another change of Manager! Another relegation battle!

But once again our Youth Department sell a young prospect (George Green) to a premier league club! And get, in my opinion, another big prospect (Adam Baker) through to the first team squad.

I hope Adam gets the right development he needs as I firmly believe looking at some big earning

flops we've had here he is a big prospect for Bradford City Fc and needs the support and trust of his coaches to prove himself.

He's been at this club since he was 10 and his mum and dad are so appreciative of what we have done for him.

We will always produce a player or sell a player from our department because I believe in what we do and with links developing with the American Riasa programme I believe we can get something good going right through to the 18-21 group of players.

I personally have had a very challenging year in lots of ways but I believe that next season you loyal fans that have stuck by this club through thick and thin will get what you deserve and that certainly isn't another relegation battle!

I was born in Bradford and love this club with a passion just like you and I believe Phil (The gaffer) will get us where we should be.

Hope you all have a good summer break and let's all get together for next season and support Phil and his players.

All the very best to the Gaffer, Steve and the lads for today's game.

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Peter Horne

Head of Youth Operations.

Bradford City - Youth Alliance U18 North East

| Date | Opponent | Res | Scorers/K.O. |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Sat Aug 6 | Notts County | 1-3 | Marshall |
| Sat Aug 13 | Scunthorpe United | 2-0 | Baker, Bower |
| Sat Aug 20 | Grimsby Town | 1-1 | Marshall |
| Sat Aug 27 | York City | 2-1 | Bower(2) |
| Sat Sep 3 | Burton Albion | 1-1 | Harrop |
| Sat Sep 17 | Lincoln City | 3-2 | Baker, Bower, Metcalfe |
| Sat Oct 1 | Hartlepool United | 2-5 | Bower(2) |
| Sat Oct 8 | Chesterfield | 0-3 | |
| Sat Oct 15 | Hull City | 2-3 | Bass, Erangey |
| Sat Oct 22 | Darlington | 1-2 | Brown |
| Sat Oct 29 | Rotherham United | 1-2 | Fisher |
| Sat Nov 12 | Doncaster Rovers | 0-2 | |
| Sat Jan 14 | Chesterfield | 2-1 | Erangey, Marshall |
| Sat Jan 28 | Rotherham United | 2-1 | Curtis, Bass |
| Sat Mar 3 | Doncaster Rovers | 0-0 | |
| Sat Mar 10 | Notts County | 1-3 | Boote |
| Sat Mar 17 | Scunthorpe United | 2-3 | Baker, Marie |
| Tue Mar 20 | Lincoln City | 2-2 | Bass, Swain |
| Sat Mar 24 | Hartlepool United | 3-3 | Swain, McBurnie(2) |
| Sat Mar 31 | Grimsby Town | 1-1 | Metcalfe |
| Fri Apr 6 | Hull City | 2-3 | Bass, Boote |
| Sat Apr 14 | York City | 1-2 | Erangey |
| Sat Apr 21 | Burton Albion | 1-2 | Curtis |
| Thur Apr 26 | Darlington | 2-1 | Brown, Erangey |

FA Youth Cup

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|------------|---------------|-----|-------------------|
| Tue Nov 1 | Marine | 3-2 | Bass(2), Marshall |
| Tue Nov 15 | Boston United | 1-2 | Guy |

Youth Alliance Cup

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|-----------|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| Sat Nov 5 | Carlisle United | 1-1 | 7-6 Penalties |
| Sat Dec 3 | Rochdale AFC | 0-2 | |

North East Conference

| | Pld | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Hull City | 24 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 31 | 38 | 61 |
| Doncaster Rovers | 24 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 53 | 27 | 26 | 46 |
| Hartlepool United | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 59 | 38 | 21 | 44 |
| Darlington | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 31 | 25 | 6 | 41 |
| Lincoln City | 24 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 48 | 34 | 14 | 39 |
| Chesterfield | 24 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 43 | 46 | -3 | 33 |
| York City | 24 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 34 | 33 | 1 | 31 |
| Scunthorpe United | 24 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 27 | 33 | -6 | 30 |
| Notts County | 24 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 39 | 55 | -16 | 27 |
| Rotherham United | 24 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 41 | 56 | -15 | 26 |
| Bradford City | 24 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 35 | 47 | -12 | 24 |
| Burton Albion | 24 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 35 | 65 | -30 | 23 |
| Grimsby Town | 24 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 27 | 51 | -24 | 17 |

Well here we are again at the end of another season, it doesn't seem like two minutes ago since we started last pre season. It has been a mixed year on the football side results wise. Development wise we have had an excellent year. During the year we have managed to involve an U14 player, three U15 players and five U16 players within the U18's game programme, all have coped well and no doubt will be a big part of what we are trying to achieve in the youth department at Bradford City.

Congratulations go out to Adam Baker who last week was given his first professional contract.

Unfortunately we had to release the other six second year scholars namely Declan McGivern, Nathan Lawless, Jack Fisher, Tom Marshall, Cole Harrop and Callum Tongue. It was a difficult time as some of the lads have been in the programme since being 9 years old. There were plenty of tears shed but unfortunately in the current financial climate, it doesn't allow us to give these lads a development year, as is what used to happen when the three year scholarship system was in place. My best wishes go out to all these lads in whatever they chose to do in the future.

On a positive note it was good to see Adam Baker involved in the first team squad last week, also travelling with the squad were two first year Apprentices Forayah Bass and Louie Swain. These lads will have gained great experience being around the first team, which hopefully they will now aspire to be part of for next season.

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the youth department not only with decisions being made on the current squad, also the dreaded EPPP document, and on top of that we were hit with an Ofsted inspection at the last minute. The inspection went really well and we came away with an outstanding which is good to know as it shows that we must be doing something right!

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during the season and also to you all for your continued support.

Onwards and Upwards

Steve Thornber

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GROUND REGULATIONS

All tickets sold are subject to the Ground Regulations which are posted in the Stadium section of the website and at points around this stadium.

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Please note that seats in this block are not under cover and are open to the elements.

SUITE UPGRADES

Season Ticket holders can upgrade to use the supporters suites in the co-operative stand and the Bantams Bar in the Kop. There will be a fee of £10 per person for this upgrade, which is only available from the ticket office prior to the day of a game.

INTERNET TICKET SALES

To purchase match or season tickets online, go to www.bcfctalent-sport.co.uk. To sign in existing

members ie season ticket holders, enter your customer or identification number, this is on the rear of your season ticket card. Your password is your postcode without spaces. Once you have accessed the website you will be given the opportunity to change your password. Non members will be required to complete the registration form. Home games and some away games will be available online.

POINTS OF CONTACT

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CHILDREN UNDER TWO

For their own safety, children under the age of two will not be admitted to the stands of The Coral Windows Stadium. All children will only be admitted to the stadium if they are in possession of an appropriate match or season ticket and can occupy their own seat next to a parent or carer. The club is unable to offer any storage facilities on match days for buggies etc.

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What soothing words filtered through the radio waves on Sunday night when I heard that the FA was interviewing Roy Hodgson, their only candidate, for the England managerial seat.

Harry Redknapp was overwhelmingly the popular choice driven by the tabloids that thrive off his chirpy cockney personality. Nonetheless, public images can often be deceptive and my belief, as I stated in this column in the Hereford programme, was that Roy Hodgson was a much more suitable candidate.

Ignore all that clap-trap in the national newspapers implying that the FA has gone for Hodgson because he is the cheaper option with no compensation to pay West Brom. The selection has been made on technical merit.

Hodgson was no great shakes as a player but then neither was Arsene Wenger, Jose Mourinho or Bertie Mee. Having failed to make the Crystal Palace first team Roy played non-League football and at 28 embarked on a coaching career in Sweden with Halmstad.

He won two Swedish titles with them and five with Malmo, the latter after a very brief stint with cash strapped Bristol City in 1982. Two more years in Sweden in charge of Orebro were followed by a move to Switzerland in 1990.

There he continued at club level with Neuchatel Xamax until appointed as the national team coach masterminding Switzerland's arrival in the World Cup Finals of 1994 in the USA. The Swiss qualified by finishing second in European Group 1,



Roy Hodgson ticks all the boxes

a point behind Italy having overcome Portugal, Scotland, Malta and Estonia, winning six and drawing three of their 10 qualifying ties and finishing with a better goal average than the Italians who they defeated 1-0 in Berne.

Switzerland opened the tournament against the USA. It was their first finals match since 1966 and also the first played indoors in the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit. It finished 1-1. Then they pulled off a shock win beating Romania 4-1. It was Switzerland's first win in the finals since 1954! They eventually lost to Spain in Washington.

Roy spent the next two years in charge of Inter Milan reaching the UEFA Cup final in 1997. He then had 16-months as manager of struggling Blackburn Rovers having previously declined the Lancashire club who then embarked on an ill-fated wooing of

Sven Goran Eriksson who went back on an agreement to manage them.

But Rovers were financially forced to let their top players go and after finishing sixth in the Premiership Roy was axed in November 1998 barely two months after being tipped to take over as England manager.

He returned to Inter as caretaker boss then was with Grasshoppers in Switzerland before leading Copenhagen to the Danish championship. He had a brief spell with Udinese in Italy returning to international football in charge of the United Arab Emirates and after 18-months with Viking in Norway he was two years the national team manager of Finland.

In 2007 Hodgson became Fulham's boss steering them away from relegation and into the Europa League final leading to his appointment as manager of Liverpool last summer. Given only six-months before the axe fell Roy's troubles at Anfield have been put into perspective by the team's subsequent performances under King Kenny.

An intelligent man fluent in several languages Roy's subsequent success in charge of West Brom plus an international record of four defeats in 30 qualifying games with Switzerland the UAE and Finland are impressive credentials. He sits on FIFA technical committees and I believe ticks more boxes than Harry for this appointment.

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Please show your support for Graeme Hunter at half-time, who will be doing a lap of honour around the pitch after just completing a 188-mile bike ride from Swindon's County Ground to Valley Parade. Hopefully he's done it in the 18 hours he'd hoped to, after setting off from Swindon at 9pm last night. Graeme's massive efforts are to raise funds for Bradford Disability Football Club. Graeme's son Toby joined the Club a year ago and Graeme says, "quite simply it has changed his life. The staff and parents who are involved in the running of the club deserve massive credit for where the club is now and what they do on a daily basis, this little trek I am doing will hopefully help raise funds for the running of the club so they can continue the great work they do". You can donate at <http://www.justgiving.com/swindontobradfordbikeride>

BRADFORD DISABILITY FC MATCH 6TH MAY

BDFC will be here at Valley Parade tomorrow playing in a match against MENCAP's England team. Kick off is at 11am and admission is free, so come along and support our team and give the lads a cheer.

SPRING BANK FOOTBALL CAMPS

At Spring Bank we will be holding 3 camps for 5-13 year old boys and girls of all abilities, the camps run from 10am-3pm and cost £33 or £44 or £12 per day:-

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4 days 5-8th June 47b

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3 days 6-8th June 46b

Thornton Grammar School

3 days 6-8th June 48b

Please contact us or go to our website for further details of these and our summer camps.

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FUNDAY 20TH MAY

In the morning, 9.30-12noon, there will be football on the pitch, school teams and local junior teams, this will be followed by Bradford Ladies v Huddersfield Town Ladies and then Manningham All Stars v Eccleshill Utd. The doors will open at

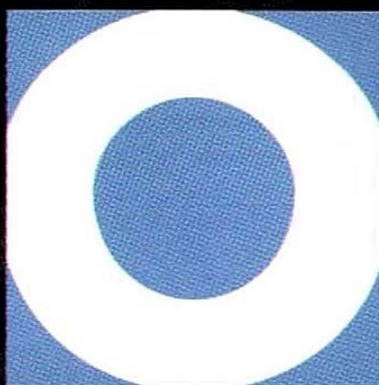
9.30am everybody is welcome to this free day of football at Valley Parade. This event is held with conjunction with the Community Foundation, One in a Million. Bradford Council. WRCFA and Manningham All Stars.

FA CHARITY SHIELD

Many thanks to the FA for their contribution of £2000.00 to our Community Foundation, these funds are generated from general admission ticket income, net of all match expenses, and all profits from the sale of the match day programme, all the clubs competing got 32% of the total match day income. Pictured here is Club Captain, Michael Flynn, presenting the cheque to Ian Ormondroyd.

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Jacob is 9 years old and lives in Clayton Heights. He likes Goalkeeping. His favourite player is Jon McLaughlin.



Ben is 7 years old and lives in Clayton Heights. He likes Football. His favourite player is Michael Flynn.



Ben is 7 years old and lives in Huddersfield. He likes Football & Music. His favourite player is Matt Duke.



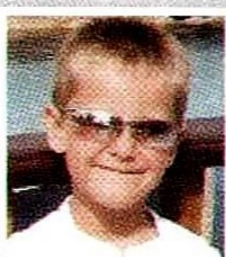
Billy is 5 years old and lives in Baildon. He likes Swimming & Football. His favourite player is Matt Duke.



Thomas is 7 years old and lives in Leeds. He likes Football & Crazy Golf. His favourite player is Simon Ramsden.



Joe is 6 years old and lives in Idle. He likes Football, MMA & Cycling. His favourite player is James Hanson.



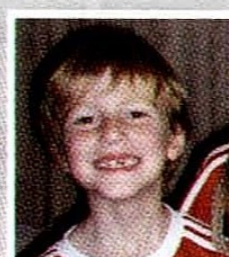
Kyle is 7 years old and lives in Wyke. He likes Football, reading drawing & playing on Xbox. His favourite player is Michael Flynn.



Logan is 7 years old and lives in Bradford. He likes Playing football and watching BCFC. His favourite player is James Hanson.



Emma is 11 years old and lives in Swindon. She likes Freestyle dancing & football. Her favourite player is Simon Ferry & Alan Connell.



Nathan is 7 years old and lives in Swindon. He likes Playing and watching football. His favourite player is Wes Foderingham & Alan Connell.



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Macclesfield Programme - apologies re spelling error in Ben's Surname
Ben Hannan. Ben is 9 years old and lives in Barnoldswick. He likes football & golf. His favourite player is David Syers

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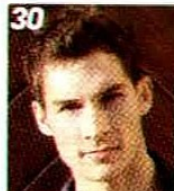


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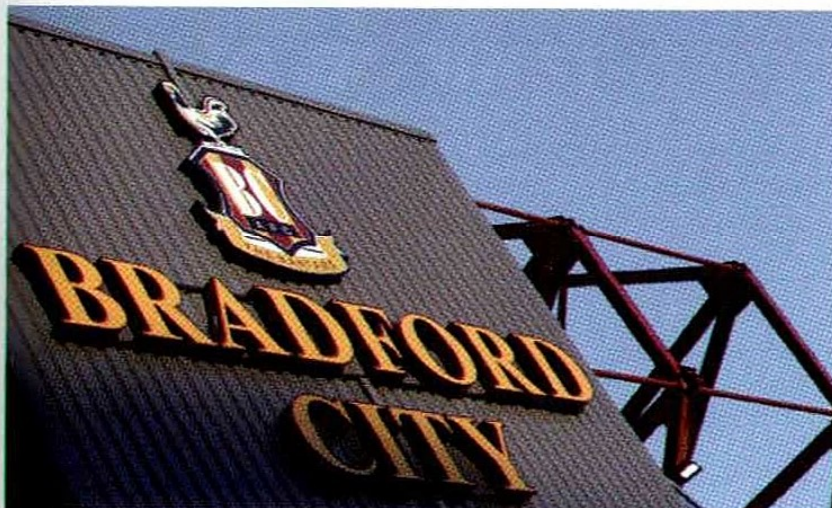


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It is amazing that at the end of every year there is that belief that next time around it will be better. It is what makes football so compelling. Every fan will share the belief that their team is close to achieving something great.

I genuinely believe that Phil Parkinson has the nucleus of a good side for next season. But of course he needs to add the right players in the summer. At least this time he has a head start on some of his predecessors and the building process will continue with a solid foundation and some stability.

There have also been some genuine success stories to emerge from the current campaign and they can form the cornerstone of the side. Kyel Reid and Nakhi Wells have been fantastic, and it is also good to see Simon Ramsden over his injury nightmare.

The home form has also been massively improved under Phil Parkinson. We have become hard to beat at home and that will need to continue into next season if the club is to be successful.

Watching Swindon celebrate their success will bring home what might have been. But hopefully, a year from now we will be taking their place at the top of the League Two table and enjoying our day in the limelight. It is certainly long overdue!

Tim Thornton
& Ian 'Stix' Ormondroyd

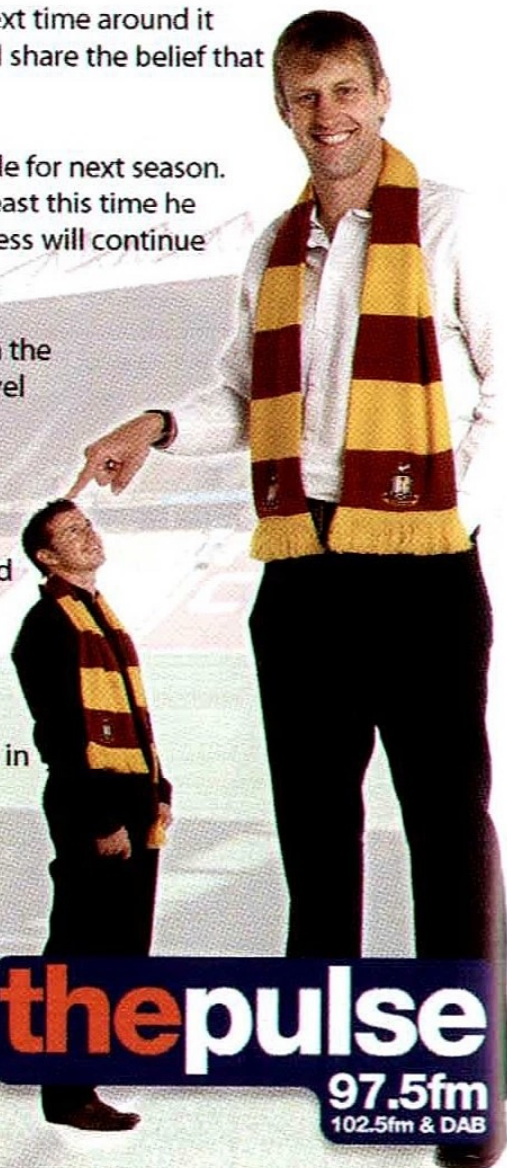
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All emergency announcements will be preceded by a distinctive chime. The announcements may direct spectators in specified areas to evacuate through exit gates to the outside of the ground, or on the pitch.

Club stewards will assist in directing spectators to the safest locations. If requested to vacate a particular area in the ground, spectators should do so as calmly and quickly as possible to assist in a safe and speedy evacuation.

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In addition to complying with the requirements of the FL and FLA, persistent standing obstructs the views of other supporters who have paid good money for tickets or may not be able to stand for long periods. So, please respect the needs of your fellow supporters and sit down to allow them to see the game. Safety stewards will request that spectators remain seated and your full co-operation would be appreciated.

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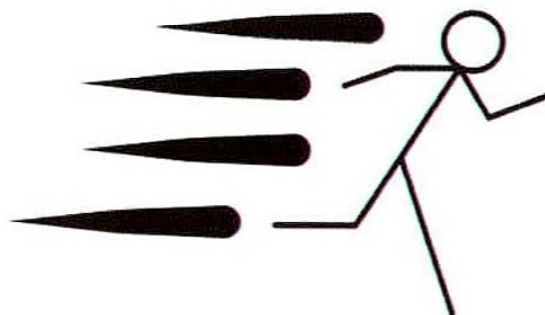
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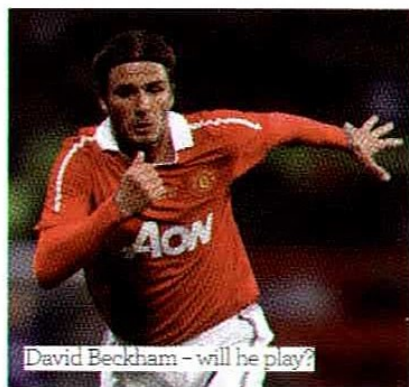
The curtain comes down on another season, a season that once again has left our dreams unfulfilled. However, there is always next year to pin our hopes on and once the dust settles we can be thankful we haven't followed Macclesfield into the Blue Square Premier. Thus we can look forward to 2012-13 renewing old acquaintances with Exeter, Rochdale, Chester and Wycombe with Fleetwood Town presenting a fresh dimension.

The League Two season kicks off on Saturday, August 18, so make a note in your diaries – it is only 15 weeks away. And there is a change to the usual format with the Carling Cup kicking-off prior to the league programme on the previous Tuesday, August 14.

The fixtures will be out in June and before that there is a feast of football in store for the discerning enthusiast with the Champions League final between Bayern Munich and Chelsea; the Euro 2012 championship finals and of course the Olympic Games tournament.

Chelsea and Bayern Munich have only met once before in the quarter finals of 2004-05 when the Blues went through on a 6-5 aggregate win having beaten the Germans 4-2 at Stamford Bridge but lost in Munich 3-2.

Bayern have the advantage of playing this final on home soil where they have lost only once to English opposition. And it wasn't Liverpool, Tottenham or Everton, but Norwich City who claim that honour having won 2-1 with goals from Jeremy Goss and Mark Bowen in a UEFA Cup 2nd round



David Beckham – will he play?

first-leg tie in 1993-94.

The big football event of the summer is of course Euro 2012 and the finals in Poland and the Ukraine are not the ideal place for a new England manager to start his reign.

History and expectations have always pointed to disappointment for the English the best we have ever come being third when we beat Russia 2-0 in a play-off in Rome in the European Championship finals which comprised four finalists in 1968.

The European Championship is arguably harder to win than the World Cup and history shows no solace for England. We did reach the semi-finals on home soil in '96 only to fall in the lottery of a penalty shoot-out with Germany.

England are in Group D of this competition along with France, Sweden and hosts Ukraine the top two teams of which will battle it out with the top two teams from Group C – which consists of Spain, Italy, Republic of Ireland and Croatia – for a place in the semi-finals.

Great Britain finished fourth the

last time the Olympic Games were in London, in 1948, losing 5-3 to Denmark in the third-place play-off.

We have won the Olympic Football title twice; in 1908 in London when the United Kingdom, consisting entirely of Englishmen, beat Denmark in the final at Shepherd's Bush and in 1912 when the UK again beat Denmark in the final in Stockholm. However, we haven't competed since 1960.

GB is in Group A along with Senegal, UAE and Uruguay – winners in 1924 and 1928.

For Your Diary:

Sat May 19 - Champions League Final
Bayern Munich v Chelsea

Euro 2012:

Mon Jun 11 - France v England 17.00
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Fri June 15 - Sweden v England 19.45
Kiev

Tue June 19 - England v Ukraine 17.00
Donetsk

Sat June 23 - Winner Grp C v R/U
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Sun June 24 - Winner Grp D v R/U
Grp C

27/28 June - Semi-finals

Sun July 01 - Final

Olympic Games:

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Substitutes:

2. Keith Lowe for 8 (90), **9.** Darryl Duffy for 14 (90), **20.** Jermaine McGlashan, **23.** Kaid Mohamed for 16 (42), **30.** Steve MacLean

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34. Matt Duke, **2.** Simon Ramsden, **5.** Guy Branston, **6.** Luke Oliver, **8.** Ritchie Jones, **9.** James Hanson, **14.** Ricky Ravenhill (c), **21.** Nahki Wells, **24.** Rob Kozluk, **30.** Will Atkinson, **32.** Kyel Reid

Substitutes:

1. Jon McLaughlin, **11.** Deane Smalley for 30 (77), **19.** Adam Baker, **22.** Lee Bullock for 8 (55), **23.** David Syers for 5 (77)

DISCIPLINARY:

Cheltenham Town

■ Pack (66)

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■ Ravenhill (66), Wells (89)



City substitute Deane Smalley aims to get the better of Cheltenham full back Luke Garbutt out on the Bantams' right flank



Not for the first time throughout the game, Cheltenham keeper Scott P Brown denies Wells with a fine save



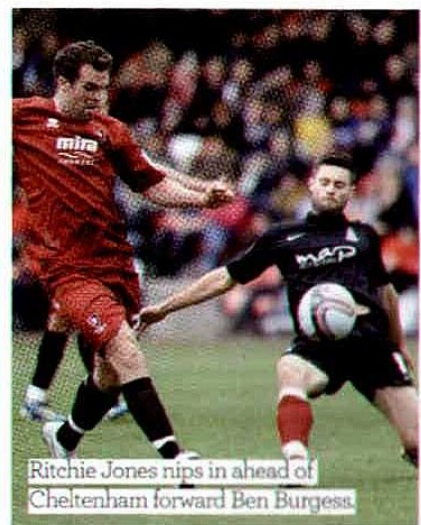
Simon Ramsden and James Hanson go up against Cheltenham defenders Steve Elliott and Alan Bennett as the foursome shape up for a City set-piece



Will Atkinson and James Hanson go to congratulate Nahki Wells on his eighth minute opener.



Luke Oliver looks to dispossess Cheltenham striker Jimmy Spencer.



Ritchie Jones nips in ahead of Cheltenham forward Ben Burgess.



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32 Chris Smith
34 Ronan Murray
35 Wesley Foderingham
37 Louis Thompson
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