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We kept a clean sheet and created chances but now we must get going at home..

Town began the League One season with a 0-0 draw at Hartlepool United on Saturday afternoon. With back to back home games, Paolo Di Canio has challenged his players to continue their progress at The County Ground.







On League One...

ALL the games we will play this season will be tough. There will be many different types of challenges, systems and players to come up against. It is obvious that the first ten or 12 games will give us an indicator of what we can do this season. We cannot predict the future at this moment. We did well in League Two last season and have brought in seven players, but we will have to prove ourselves in this division. Anything can happen because there is a busy schedule with two games per week but we have to keep making progress.

Today is our first home game inside five days before we take on MK Dons at The County Ground this weekend. We have to take things step by step and not get ahead of ourselves. Fans may make predictions, but if we were all fans then we would predict we would finish the season with 130 points! I must remain responsible and make sure the players keep their intensity and desire at a high level. This game is unpredictable, even if we have much more value in our squad than many clubs in our league.

On tonight's opposition...



LAST season we faced Crawley home and away in the league but tonight we will face a different looking team with a new manager. They will present us with a different sort of test to the one we faced last season. They have made a good start to the new season with a win on penalties against Millwall in the Capital One Cup and then a 3-0 victory over Scunthorpe United at the weekend. However, this is a game at The County Ground and it is harder for teams when they come here and we are all looking forward to it.

On the cup draws...

AWAY from the league we have two big cup games coming up. It will be exciting for me to lead Swindon Town against a Premier League team on their own ground. It will be a bonus for us to play against a high level team in a big stadium for our fans. The draw in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy first round will see us come up against our local rivals again. The trophy is our real FA Cup and we want to go to Wembley again and achieve success.

On Town support...

THANK you to all of you who made the very long journey and travelled to Hartlepool on Saturday. You were fantastic and made a lot of noise during the game. We always give 100% and you did the same at Victoria Park. It is obvious that we want to make something different again this year and hopefully there will be a big atmosphere this evening as League One football returns to The County Ground. Three points would be a great way to start at home.

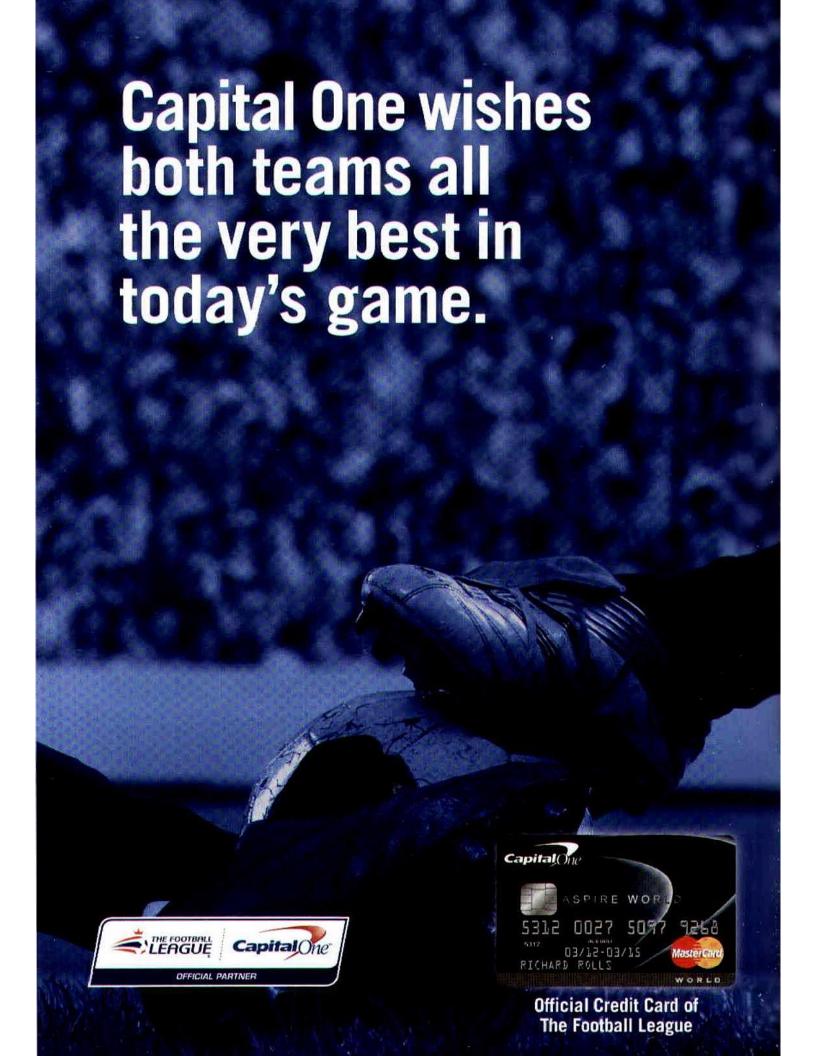
In reflection...



WE arrive at tonight's game after a 0-0 draw at Hartlepool United on Saturday afternoon. I wasn't disappointed with the performance, but after such a magnificent game against Brighton & Hove Albion in the Capital One Cup

the previous week, it was difficult to go to Hartlepool with full batteries. I was happy to confirm our solidity at Hartlepool because we kept a clean sheet and created chances ourselves so we will not complain too much. Over the last two games we have conceded no goals and scored three and that's a good record to have. There were positives to take from our pre-season displays and we did well against Brighton, so it was good to see the side put in a determined display up at Hartlepool to kick-off the league season.





Alan McCormack...

Welcome to The County Ground for this our opening home League One fixture of the new 2012/13 season...

AFTER a disappointing display at Hartlepool on Saturday we are looking to make amends with a home win tonight.

We did create a few chances on Saturday and they could have won us the game but our whole performance wasn't what we know we can produce. It didn't feel like a point gained away from home, it honestly didn't. We looked at a lot of Hartlepool's play before the game in the week leading up to it and studied them closely on DVD. We saw things and found things that we could exploit but we didn't really do any of it against them. It was definitely a bad moment and the Gaffer had words with us in the dressing room after the game.

Tonight's game comes against a Crawley side that had a big win at the weekend and they have some money behind them. Fortunately for us they are coming to our place and we have to perform in front of our own crowd. On Saturday we seemed sluggish and our performance has to be one hundred times better than it was at Victoria Park at the weekend. We weren't on our game on Saturday and hopefully tonight will be different altogether.

Crawley are a side that we should know all about having played them last season in League Two. We did well against them last term but they, like us, have brought in quite a few new players over the summer period to strengthen their squad. We try and play a little differently than we did last year and I am sure they have made changes as well in their play too. Last season we

got the better of them twice and we went on to win the league. Crawley started very strongly last season but that has to be our motivation because they will come to The County Ground and try and beat us at our own place. We have already played at home in the Capital One Cup where we beat Brighton & Hove Albion 3-0 and we need to keep that rolling with another victory this evening to get our league season up and running.

This weekend we are back at The County Ground against MK Dons and that's going to be another big test for us. If we can win this evening then we will go into that game in good spirits. The month of August will be a key one for us and we want to make the best of it. There will be times when we don't play well but we have to keep our hunger and discipline. On Saturday we didn't play well, but hopefully we can look back on it as a point gained following a good set of results: at home.



Above: Leading the troops

There will be times when we don't play well but we have to keep our hunger and discipline.

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In The News...

The last week has been a busy one for the club in cup competitions with the Robins now set for two eagerly-anticipated away days...

Town set for Stoke ...



SWINDON Town will travel to Stoke City in seven days time in the second round of the Capital One Cup.

The tie is Town's reward for an impressive 3-0 home victory over Brighton & Hove Albion a week ago with Alan Navarro scoring twice against his former club.

The game will be the first meeting between the two sides since 2002. On that particular trip to the north-west. Stoke ran out 2-0 winners. Town also had the honour of being the Potters' opponents in the first league game played at The Britannia Stadium. Goals from Wayne Allison and Chris Hay spoiling the home supporters' party as the Town won 2-1. The tie will be the first League Cup meeting between the two sides since



Flying the flag...



sponsorship of the FastPlant Town End has been renewed for a further year with the Swindon-based hire company extending their support of the club. The new agreement has seen new and improved branding on the back of the stand, with the re-introduction of a club flag which is now flying high!

1979: goals from Alan Mayes and Ray McHale gave the Town the win in the 3rd round replay at The County Ground. Town's current kit manager Roger Jones played in goal for the Potters on that day.

The fixture comes after Arsenal visit The Britannia Stadium on Sunday 26th August while for the Town, the trip to the Potteries is sandwiched between a home game with MK Dons and a return trip to the north-west the following Sunday when they go to Preston North End.

Johnstone's Paint Trophy draw...

swindon Town will play local rivals Oxford United in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, Southern Section. After reaching the final last season, Town will kick off the new Johnstone's Paint Trophy campaign with a trip to the Kassam Stadium. The game will be played on Wednesday 5th September, 7.45pm kick-off. See Swindontownfc.co.uk, Twitter via Official_STFC and Facebook for ticket details.



The rest of the Southern Section draw is listed below:

Oxford Utd v Swindon

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Exeter v Aldershot
Southend v AFC Wimbledon
Dag & Red v Stevenage
Northampton v MK Dons
Crawley Town v Gillingham

Golden Gloves...

SWINDON Town's Wes Foderingham has won the Football League Precision Goalkeeping Golden Glove Award for April. Foderingham's five clean sheets from six games in April helped Swindon clinch the League 2 Championship and automatic promotion to League 1. The run of clean sheets saw Swindon win five of their last eight games. Foderingham, who claims the monthly award for the first time, said; "April was a great month for us and this award tops it off. "This is a fantastic new award for goalkeepers and I am delighted to have won it for April." For further information on Precision Goalkeeping visit - www.precisiontraining.uk.com



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MK Dons Hospitality...



TOWN are back in action on Saturday afternoon with MK Dons the visitors to The County Ground. There are hospitality packages still available for the game in both the Sponsor's Suite and Members' Suite.

Prices for Adults are £70 for the Sponsor's Suite which includes a three-course meal, matchday programme, padded seat in the executive area, teamsheet and refreshments. Prices for the Members' Suite are £50 for Adults and includes one-course meal, matchday programme, teamsheet, reserved seat in the overflow area and refreshments.

Sponsorship Opportunities...

MAIN Match Sponsorship packages for all home League One games have now sold-out! Thank you to all those who have sponsored a Town game for the new season.

The Matchball Sponsorship package for the MK Dons game this Saturday is available priced at £500 for a minimum of four people. Please see the list on the right hand page for details of other sponsorship opportunities or call a member of the STFC commercial team via the details to the left. Matchball Sponsorship packages across the season are available from £500 with programme sponsorship packages available from £450.



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Capital One guests...



TUESDAY'S home game against Brighton & Hove Albion was Town's first game in the League Cup following the Capital One Cup sponsorship agreement.

A number of Football League officials were at The County Ground to see the game. including Head of Partnerships, Stuart Morgan, and Partnerships Manager Sarah-Jane Vanstone.

Accompanying the Football League party were three delegates from Capital One who were given a full tour of the stadium by STFC Chief Executive Nick Watkins. In an email to the club on Wednesday morning. Courtney Mangone - Director of Brand Marketing for Capital One - commented: "I had a great time - it was wonderful to see the Capital One Cup signage, PA mentions, matchday programme, VIP/hospitality, and the press interview backdrops.

"Nick's tour of the venue was spectacular and helped us understand and appreciate the history and culture of Swindon Town.

"Handing over the matchball to the referee on the half-way line and meeting Paolo Di Canio topped off the perfect event!"

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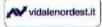












































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Man of the Match vs Brighton & Hove Albion



Alan Navarro

FORMER Brighton & Hove Albion midfielder Alan Navarro had a night to remember against his former club Brighton & Hove Albion seven days ago. The midfielder scored twice before paying a visit to The Sponsor's Suite after the game to receive his man of the match award as well as handing out several commemorative gifts.



MATCH Sponsors CIA Fire & Security Ltd enjoyed their night out with the Town and gave MOTM Alan Navarro a warm reception on his visit to the suite after the game as he received his champagne.

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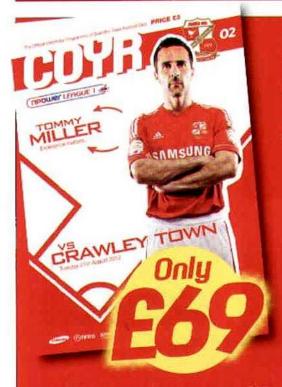
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Board Report...

Chairman Jeremy Wray looks back on what has been a busy summer of transfer activity for the Robins, who began the season at Hartlepool United...

I'M writing these notes the day after the 0-0 draw at Hartlepool United which saw STFC make a return to League One football.

Looking back on the game, you realise that a point away from home wasn't a bad result and whilst we could have got more out of it, a point was probably fair. Hartlepool are seasoned League One performers and there will be plenty of games like that on the road. Hooked at the teamsheet before kick-off at Victoria Park and when you compare it to the first game of last season then it looks a lot stronger. That's what is required for League One but it fills you with confidence that it's going to be a good year.

The journey up to Hartlepool was one of the longest we will make all season and a sincere thank you to each and every one of the 461 Swindon supporters who attended the game. I would like to say a particular 'hello' to the Swindon fans travelling in the minibus that I drove passed who decided to comment on my driving with one of those friendly hand gestures before realising it was me! They quickly turned into an apologetic smile and a wave. That was an amusing moment, but it's good to have the football season and the away days that go with it back on the agenda.

When you go to a club like Hartlepool it's quite a reality check for fans and players to realise that Swindon is a pretty big club, even in League One. I mentioned to Nick Watkins at the game that it makes you realise how well things are done at Swindon in so many areas and that's with no disrespect to Hartlepool because they are

working on much smaller budgets. It shows just how far we have come in a few years.

I watched the Football League show on Saturday evening and Swindon have been labelled one of the favourites for success this season. That's due to people recognising the success that Paolo and the team had last season and they expect us to be pushing on again this season. For the majority of clubs I would think that Swindon will be regarded as quite a big fixture. It's a tag we had to get used to last season and whilst there are bigger clubs in League One, everyone will be up for it which will make the division so competitive. There is so much to play for this season and I believe that we are one of six of seven teams with a realistic chance of promotion.

As we approach the first home league game of the season, I am more excited about this season than I have ever been. The squad is as strong as we have ever had it. Over previous years we have had some exceptional individuals but not quite the team to go with it. We have a lot of strength in depth at the right kind of level and that's encouraging. There's no secret that we intend to bring in one or two more players before the end of the transfer window. Watch this space.

Enjoy the game and once again thanks for all your support as we embark on what we hope will be another successful season for Swindon Town Football Club.



Above: On location at Victoria Park.

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Town and Crawley have had plenty to talk about in recent seasons and tonight's league clash will be an important marker for both...

Crawley Town

Billy Clarke...



SIGNED for the club from Blackpool in January 2012. He started his career at loswich Town in 2005 and emost signed for Swindon in the summer of 2009 but opted for a move to Biocomfeld Road.

Nicky Adams...



CAPABLE of plays wide or in central michies. Adams signed for the Reds in June 2012 and leaving Rochdale. He started his career at Bury where he made appearances before a startog to Leicester Co.

Last five...



Formation... **4-5-1**





JOINED Crawley in June 2012 on a two-year contract from Walsall. Started his career with Birmingham City, in the Premier League. He has also played for Walford and ban's with Stockport and Shrewsbury.

Claude Davis...



AN experienced defender with more than 60 caps for Jamaics, joned Reds in September 2011. Released by Crystal Palace at the end of the previous season. The first current Grawley player to play, international football.

Kyle McFa

TPOWERLEAGUE 1

Paul Jones...



THE 25-year-old joined the Reds in May 2012 from Championship club Peterborough United, where he was a virtual ever present last season, making 37 League and cup appearances. Began his pareer with Leyton Orient.

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The gaffer ...

37-YEAR OLD Richie Barker was appointed the club's manager in August 2012, signing a two-year contract after leaving Bury. He moved into management in July 2010 when he was appointed Head of Youth and reserve-team boss at Bury but in the two years since then he has earned a reputation as one of the best young forward-thinking managers in the Football League.

Form guide...

LIKE Swindon, Crawley played their first competitive game of the 2012/13 season seven days ago in the Capital One Cup. They also lined up against Championship opposition, holding Millwall to a 2-2 draw before winning 4-1 on penalties at The New Den. Hope Akpan opened the scoring with Nicky Adams netting in the second half.

Last match stats...

Crawley Town 3
 Scunthorpe United 0











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Gary Alexander...



A proven goalscorer throughout his career, joined the Reds in March on loan before a summer permanent move from Brentford. He scored seven goels in 37 league appearances for Swindon after signing in 2000.



Josh Simpson...



ARRIVED at Crawey during the 2011 January transfer window after a transfer from Peterborough. He left Posh during the summer for a loan spell with Southend before signing at The Broadfield.

Dannie Bulman...



A combative central midfielder, Bulman sealed a permanent return for a second spell in December 2010 at the end of a loan spell. He made 127 appearances after arriving from Stevenage in 2006 before joining Oxford.

Норе Акрап...



SIGNED in June 2011 from Premier League Everton. He made his competitive debut for the Toffees in a Europa League tie and was on loan with Championship outfit Hull City at the end of the 2010-11 pampaign.

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AFTER making one appearance for Sheffield United, 23-year-old McFadzean dropped into non-league with Affraton Item where he also won England 'C' recognition. Signed for Crawey in August 2010.

Mark Connolly...



THE defender joined the club having been released by Bolton Wanderers at the end of the 2011/12 season. Began his career with Wolves in 2006 before a £1m move to The Reebook Stadium three years later.

Off the bench...

FORMER Dutch marine Michel Kuipers, who was awarded a testimonial by Brighton & Hove Albion against Reading last month, will provide back up in goal and was on the bench for last week's cup tie. Sergio Torres and former Bristol City frontman John Akinde offer options going forward whilst former Brentford and Crystal Palace midfielder David Hunt offers experience in midfield.

On the match...

CRAWLEY Town opened their League One campaign with a 3-0 home victory over Scunthorpe United on Saturday afternoon. The Iron, who included former Town left-back Callum Kennedy in their line-up, were no match for the Reds who saw a brace from Gary Alexander and a late goal from new loan signing Jonathan Forte secure the win ahead of what could be a key clash this evening.



In The Spotlight...

Crawley go into the new 2012/13 season with new manager Richie Barker looking to make a bright start and here are some of the Red Devils' key players...

Defender - Kyle McFadzean



AFTER signing for Crawley
Town in the summer of 2010 he
formed an impressive partnership
with Pablo Mills in central defence.
He was the subject of much
interest from Football League
clubs during the January 2011
transfer window but stayed on to
play a key role as the club won
promotion to the Football League.
Last season his consistent

performances earned him a place in the PFA tearn of the year for League Two as he established himself in the promotion-winning team, playing either in central defence or occasionally in midfield. He is now approaching 100 appearances for the club and the 25-year old will be hoping for another impressive season as Crawley join the third tier.

2011/12 Goals: 4

2011/12 Goals: 3

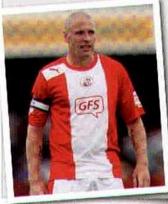
Midfielder - Sergio Torres

TORRES paid his own way over from Argentina to try and pursue a career in English football and after two seasons in non-league got his big break when Wycombe Wanderers signed him in 2005. He subsequently moved to Peterborough for £150,000 and played in their Championship side before dropping into the Conference when he joined Reds

in August 2010. He earned his place in Crawley Town folklore with the injury-time goal which knocked Derby County out in the third round of the FA Cup in January 2011. He was a regular in both promotion-winning campaigns, operating either on the right-hand side or in central midfield. Last season he made 46 appearances and scored four goals.



Striker - Gary Alexander



A proven goalscorer throughout his career, the frontman joined the Reds in March on loan until the end of last season before making the move permanent in the summer. His previous clubs include West Ham United, where he was a trainee, Exeter City, Swindon, Hull City, Leyton Orient and Millwall, for whom he scored a spectacular goal in the League

1 play-off final in 2009. He joined Brentford a year later and was the Bees' top scorer with 14 goals when he made the switch to The Broadfield Stadium. He has averaged a goal every three games during his career and has made more than 500 League and Cup appearances. He scored twice in Saturday's 3-0 home win over Scunthorpe United.

2011/12 Goals: 21

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Club Connections...

There have only been four previous meetings between tonight's teams, two of which came last season in League 2 as the Robins went on to win the league title...

Crawley 1 Swindon 1... Friday 26th November 2010

A freezing night at The Broadfield Stadium saw the ESPN cameras on hand to capture the action from this FA Cup second round tie. Charlie Austin put the visitors in front just after the hour before former Salisbury City frontman Matt Tubbs equalised to secure a replay at The County Ground. Michael Rose, David Prutton, Vincent Pericard and former Crawley stopper Phil Smith were amongst the starters.

Swindon 2 Crawley 3...
Tuesday 7th December 2010

THE replay went ahead despite the arctic conditions gripping The County Ground. Ben Smith put the visitors ahead on 16 minutes before a quick reply from Jon-Paul McGovern and Charlie Austin's strike just before half-time put the Robins in front. A red card for Jonathan Douglas just after the break handed the visitors the advantage with an own goal and an extra-time goal from Smith, his second of the game, putting Crawley through.

Crawley O Swindon 3... Tuesday 13th September 2011

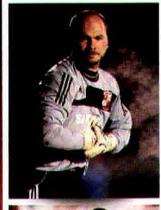
THE new season barely a month old, Town boss Paolo Di Canio saw his new-look side make light work of the hosts with some superb finishing seeing the Robins cruise to three points. Alan Connell capitalized on the early Swindon pressure to open the scoring before a second half brace from Mehdi Kerrouche sent the visiting supporters into raptures.

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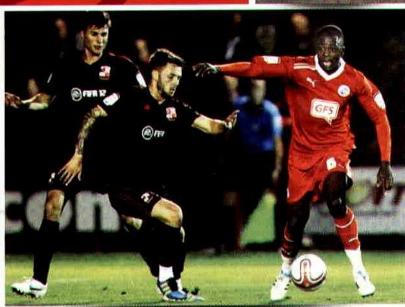
Tuesday 14th February 2012
THE return match at The County
Ground saw another dominant display

from Di Canio's side who showed no mercy on Valentine's Day. Luke Rooney opened the scoring with a neat finish before Billy Bodin and Paul Benson scored to finish off a comprehensive victory with the Robins well on their way to League 2 success.

Pictured top to bottom: Phil Smith (26.11.10) Charlie Austin (26.11.10) Callum Kennedy (13.09.11) Luke Rooney (14.02.12)







"Paolo Di Canio saw his new-look side make light work of the hosts with some superb finishing."



Matching Up...

Tonight's goalkeepers both had starring roles in the Capital One Cup seven days ago. Here's a closer look at the duo ahead of this meeting...



Career so far...

AFTER starting his career at Fulham, Foderingham played a number of games for non-league Bromley and Histon before signing for Crystal Palace. Sent out on loan to Swindon in October 2011, he signed a permanent deal at The County Ground in January 2012.



HE He joined the Town on loan in October 2011 and made his debut at Accrington Stanley. Established himself as number one choice before signing a two-and-a-half year deal. He broke Fraser Digby's record of nine consecutive home games without conceding a goal.

Did you know...

ASTONISHINGLY, Foderingham only conceded one goal at home in the league all season, keeping 16 clean sheets out of a possible 17. Shrewsbury's Matt Richards was the only player to put the ball past Foderingham in a league game at The County Ground.

2012/13 Season...

PAOLO Di Canio's first choice for the campaign after the departures of Mattia Lanzano, and Phil Smith, he played a part in all of Town's pre-season fixtures and kept a clean sheet in Town's 3-0 Capital One Cup win over Brighton.



JONES started his career at Leyton Orient before joining Exeter City, then in the Conference. He played in both Conference Play-Off finals for the Grecians before securing a move to Peterborough United in January 2011. Jones moved to Crawley in the summer of 2012.

2011/12 Season...

A virtual ever-present for Peterborough United in the 2011/12 season, Jones made 35 appearances in the Championship and two appearances in the League Cup. He also played in the 7-1 early season win over Ipswich Town at London Road almost a year ago to the day.

Did you know...

PLAYING in the 2007 Conference Play-Off final for Exeter City at Wembley, Jones became the first goalkeeper to save a penalty at the new stadium, denying Morecambe's Wayne Curtis from the spot in front of 40,043. Jones now has over 200 league starts to his name.

2012/13 Season...

JONES made his competitive debut for Reds against Millwall in the first round of the Capital One Cup. The 'keeper was Crawley's hero, saving two penalties in their shoot-out win at The New Den to earn a home tie with Bolton.





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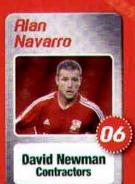




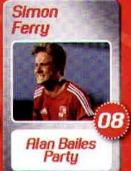




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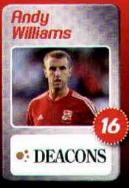


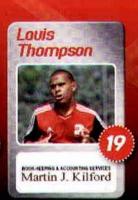


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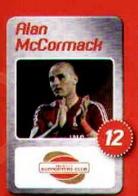




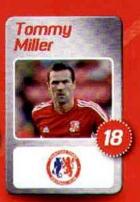


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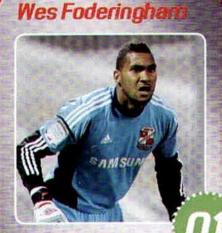
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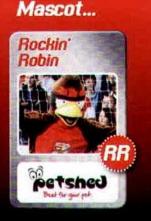




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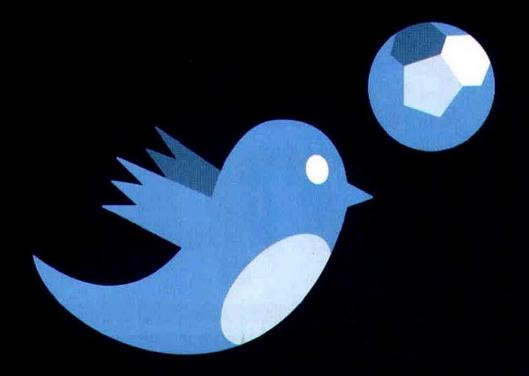
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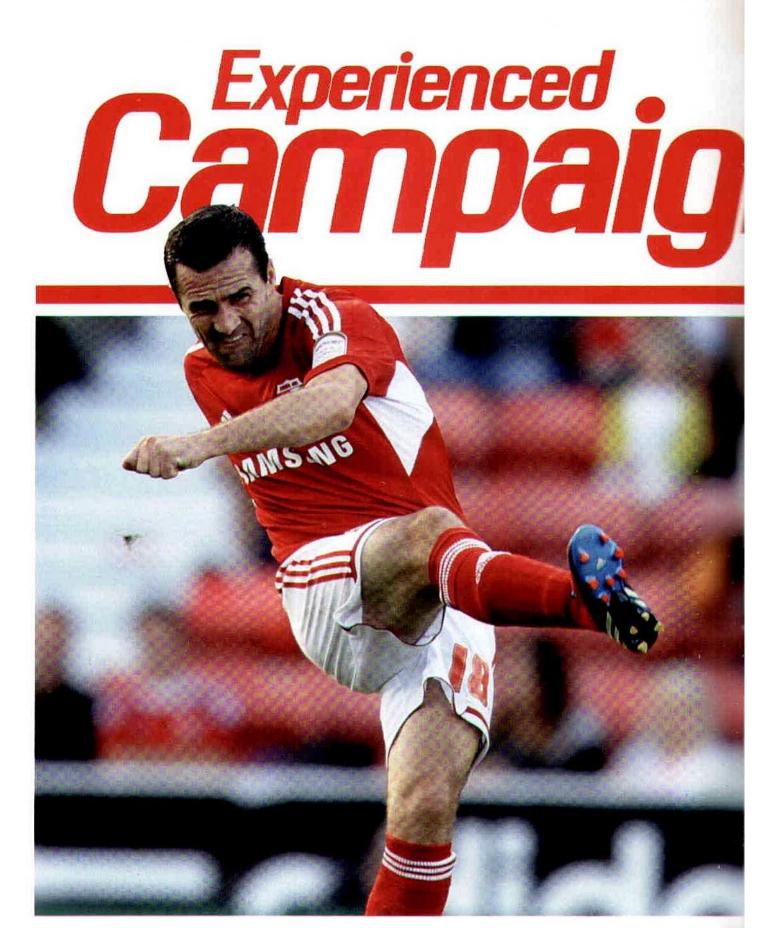
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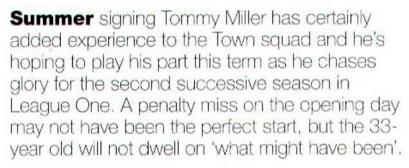






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'YOU just get a sense something special is happening here in Wiltshire,' remarked Sky Sports' commentator Bill Leslie as the Town players made their way from the field to great applause following the 3-0

demolition of Brighton & Hove Albion seven days ago.

Town impressed in front of the cameras and are hoping to continue that trend this season with promotion the target. If Town are to achieve their second successive promotion then Tommy Miller, one of Paolo Di Canio's seven summer signings, has just the kind of football CV that could help the Robins lift more silverware come the end of the campaign.

A vastly experienced midfielder, Miller put pen to paper on a

one-year deal at SN1 following his release from Championship newcomers Huddersfield Town. With League One experience on Paolo Di Canio's summer shopping list, the Italian added over 1,000 league appearances to the squad with the arrival of Miller, Alan Navarro and Gary Roberts.

Miller's experience has been garnered through drive and determination. Knocked back as a 15-year old youth teamer at Ipswich Town, the County Durham born midfielder went on to join Hartlepool and endured the good, the bad and the ugly with the Victoria Park club.

"Hartlepool gave me my first chance in football and I have good memories of my time there but it helped give me a solid grounding. I played with some good players such as Peter

Beardsley, who was my hero when I was growing up.

"There were hard times too as we nearly got relegated to the Conference one year which would have resulted in people at the club losing their jobs. That was pressure."

Miller continued his good form at Ipswich going on to make 117 appearances and scoring 29 goals during a four-year spell, including 15 goals in the 2004/05 season which saw the Tractorboys lose out on promotion via an unsuccessful play-off campaign. At the end of the 2004/05 season he left Ipswich signing a two-year

A successful season last term with promotion-winning Huddersfield Town saw the midfielder in demand once again with former club Hartlepool United amongst those keen to secure his signature following his release from what is now The John Smith Stadium. Since signing a one-year contract with the Robins in late June, the 33-year old has settled into Swindon well and is hoping to put his experience to good use this term.

"I am really enjoying life at the moment," he says, speaking two days after making his Town debut against Brighton. "The training has been really good and I am feeling

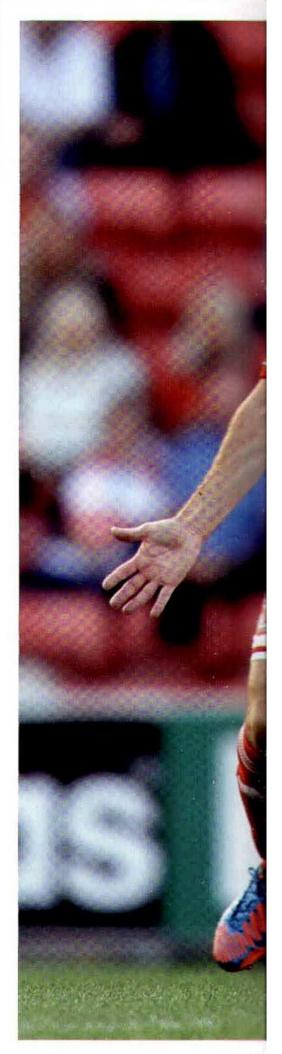
The training has been really good and I am feeling very fit.

contract with Premiership side Sunderland. It would prove to be a difficult season for the Mackems resulting in relegation. Despite starting the first three games of the following season under Niall Quinn, Miller fell out of favour following Roy Keane's appointment. A loan move to Preston North End later that season followed, before departing the Stadium of Light at the end of the 2006/07 season having made 33 appearances and scoring three goals. Millers departure from Sunderland saw a return to Portman Road for his third spell. despite interest from elsewhere, signing a two-year contract.

very fit. There's a good set of lads here too with a good team spirit. Every manager is different but the pre-season in Italy was one of the toughest I have ever had. All you can do is get your head down, work hard and enjoy things.

"Last season I was with Huddersfield in League One and the season before that with Sheffield Wednesday in the same division. I know quite a lot about the league with regards to certain players, individuals and teams."

Whilst Miller's move to The County Ground was a big decision for his family, the veteran was keen to 'be a part of something special' when it came to determining



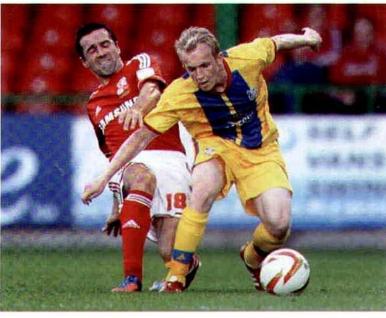


where his future lay a few months ago and had no hesitation in signing up. A north-east native, life off the pitch at SN1 has taken some getting used to.

"There are a lot of roundabouts! In all seriousness I am finding my bearings and it hasn't been too bad at all. It's going well so far and it's the furthest down this way I have moved in my career. At the moment I am getting somewhere sorted to live and things will follow from there in terms of getting my family down here."

Confident displays during pre-season saw Miller as one of the first names on Di Canio's teamsheet for the Capital One Cup tie with Championship side Brighton & Hove Albion last week and the evening could not have panned out better for the midfielder, one of five of the new recruits to start the cup clash.

"Brighton was a great start to the season for us. We had a game plan and it went well

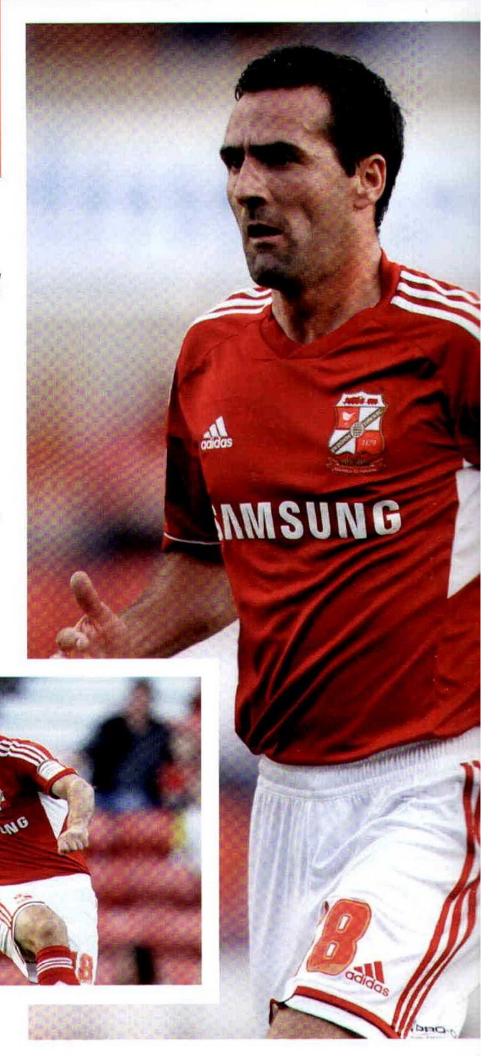


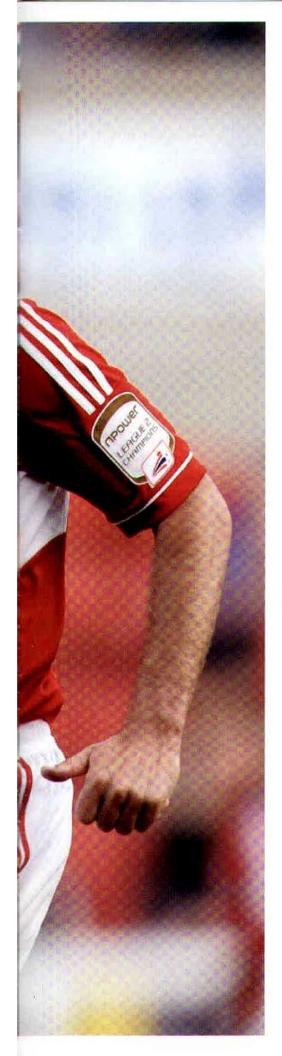
because we knew they would keep the ball and have plenty of possession in the game. In the first half we managed to stille them and in the second period we pushed on and got the crucial first goal. They had a few chances in the opening period but they were mainly long range efforts."

Miller has also praised central midfielder partner Alan Navarro with the Liverpudlian beginning his Town career in dream style against his old employers, which also saw a defensive shut-out.

"I was delighted for 'Nav' to be honest because to get two goals on your home debut in front of the Sky Sports cameras against your old team was brilliant. It was a fantastic start for him and for the club.

"The lads have done really well in terms of the defence too. We have worked hard but must now build on that and continue to defend from the front. The clean sheet against Brighton was





a good way to start but it's all about hard work if we want to be successful."

Town's path to success will not be a simple one though. Despite former League One sides Leeds United, Norwich City, Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday now plying their trade in higher divisions, Miller knows there will be plenty of competition around the higher echelons of League One.

"I think MK Dons will be up there. Obviously when I was at Huddersfield we beat them in the play-off semi-finals last year but they've added to their squad. They have goals in their team and something I have an eye on once I have finished my career.

"I want to get my UEFA 'B' badge completed and move onto the next one. That's not to say I am anywhere ready to give up playing because I still have a good three years left in me. I am going to do some coaching this season with a local club to get some hours in too. It's more a case of being prepared for an opportunity that may arise when I am ready to hang up my boots in playing terms."

Miller knows success in football doesn't come easily. Having spent his formative years in the old Division Three with Hartlepool,

The manager wants it and so do the players so hopefully we can deliver.

like to play good football too.

"Sheffield United will be there or thereabouts and they are a side who have been talked about a lot as a side who could have success this season. It's going to be an interesting campaign but one we can't wait to get going in earnest."

Miller's experience is something he is looking to build on off the pitch too. He has already taken steps on the coaching ladder and is keen to prepare himself as fully as possible for life after his playing career comes to an end, which he confirms remain several years away yet.

"It's still early days for me but coaching and management is playing UEFA Cup football with Ipswich Town and having played in the Premier League with Sunderland, the midfielder is eager to make the 2012/13 campaign one to remember.

"Promotion is the ultimate aim this year," he continues. "Swindon is an ambitious club and they want success. The manager wants it and so do the players so hopefully we can deliver this season."

If it's experience that proves key to Town's promotion drive this term, then they'll have plenty to call upon. After all, you get the feeling that something special is just around the corner.



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Benson 53' Navarro 65' 75'

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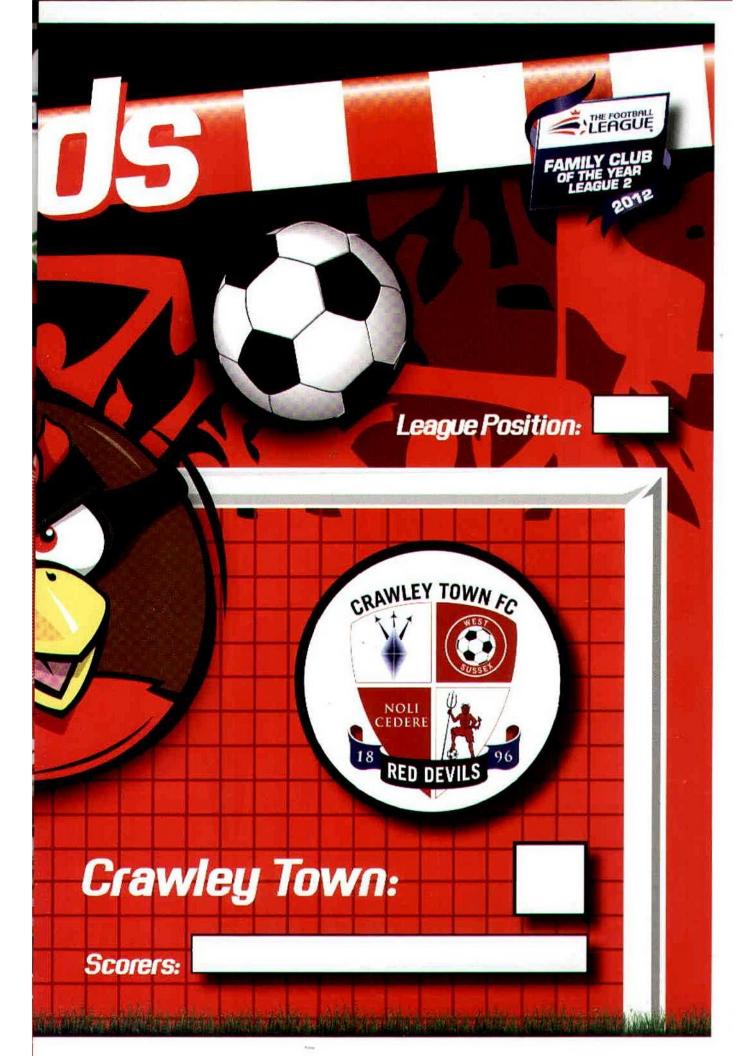
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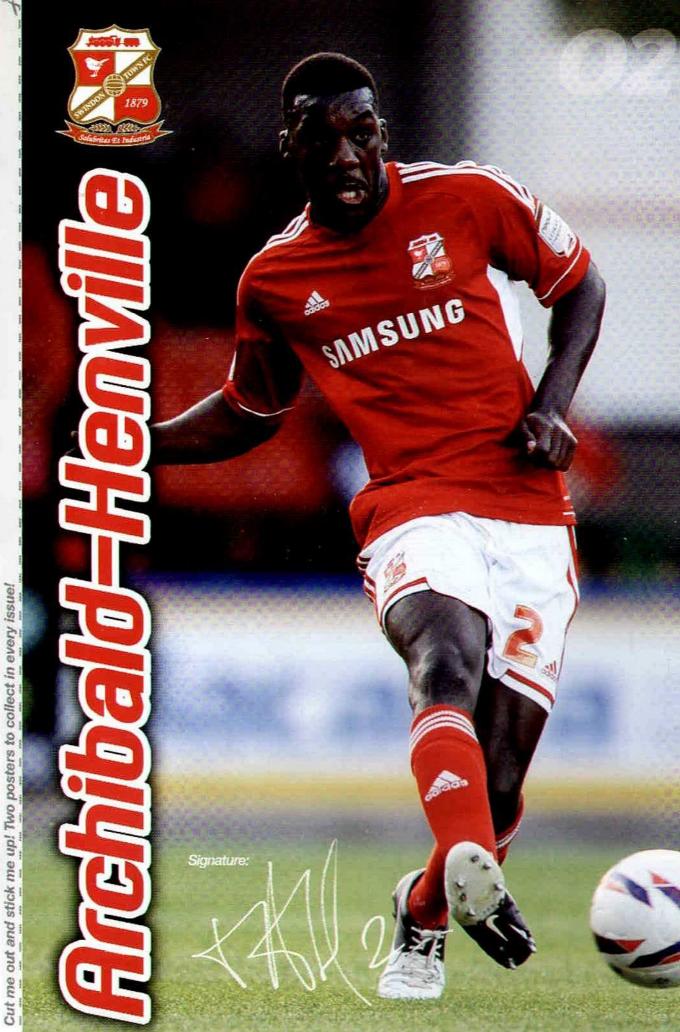
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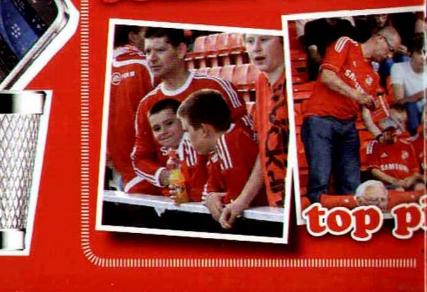
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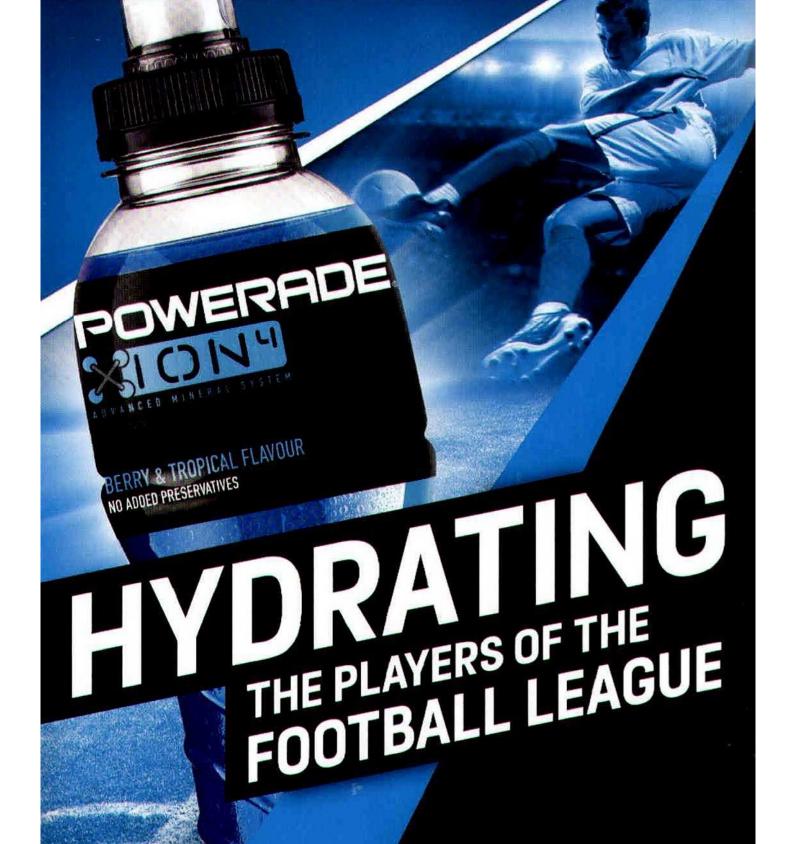




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match analysis...

Swindon Town produced an impressive display last week as they swept aside Championship side Brighton & Hove Albion 3-0...

THE Robins included five summer signings as full debutants with defenders Jay McEveley and Troy Archibald-Henville joining midfielders Tommy Miller and Alan Navarro in earning starting places in the side with Andy Williams up front. It was a patient start to the game from Town with Brighton enjoying plenty of the ball - just as Paolo Di Canio had predicted in his pre-match press conference. Di Canio's men frustrated the hosts with Wes Foderingham impressing between the sticks with a fine save from Bruno in front of the FastPlant Town End during the

first half. Swindon stepped up their game in the second period with an intricate free-kick routine paying dividends on 53 minutes. Town had spent hours perfecting a range of offensive options during pre-season in Italy and the delight was evident as the players celebrated in front of The Arkell's. A second strike followed just after the hour with good work from Williams setting up Navarro for his first Town goal, against his former club. With fifteen minutes remaining Navarro was on hand to add a deflected third to secure Town a second round encounter at Premier League Stoke City.

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"I was very happy with the way we approached the game against Brighton. We took three or four steps forward and we played with maturity and with intelligence. We scored a fantastic free-kick against Brighton not against a non-league team like in pre-season, with respect. The lads had worked very hard to get it right and it was good to see it come off."

Benson comment...

"THE free-kick was one that we spent hours on during pre-season in Italy. The ball came across to me in the box from Matty's touch and I got on the end of it. It was nice to start the season with a goal, especially in such an important cup game. The free-kick worked well but we may have to stop using it now the whole country saw it on TV!".

[] [] insider

Taking Town fans behind the scenes, the Insider will be on hand to capture the good, the funny and the unseen moments...

Ice, ice, baby...

TOWN'S pre-season tour of Italy meant long hours on the training ground for the squad, with the seven summer signings adjusting to the intense training regime. There were double sessions each day for the players with each session ending with a stint in the infamous ice bath. Defender Troy Archibald-Henville is seen here 'cooling down' after a tough running session!

PG's tips...

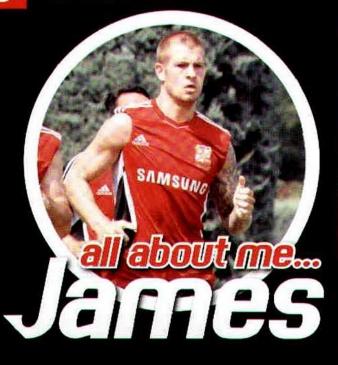
TOWN physic Paul Godfrey found a novel way of getting around the training complex during the tour of Italy. Whilst the players stretched their legs to and from training under the intense Italian sunshine, 'Godders' opted to 'hitch a lift' to and from training thanks to a forgiving member of the Hotel Veronello staff.

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Collins

Summer signing James Collins goes under the spotlight as we find out a little more about the Republic of Ireland U21 international...

Date of birth: 01.12.90 Nickname: 'Collo' Squad Number: 9

Earliest football memory...

THIS would be playing my first
Sunday league game for Maurice
Rangers in Coventry. I played at Under 7
level for my friend's Dads team. I think we won
the game 4-0 and I remember scoring.

Tell us something about you that we don't know...

WHEN I am not training or playing football, I enjoy a spot of golf although I am not particularly good!

Favourite footballer ever...

ALAN Shearer. He played the game in the right way and scored some tremendous goals too. I try and play like him so he's someone I looked closely at when he was playing in the Premier League.







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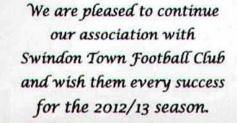
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For those who were at Hartlepcol last weekend the cost of the day out is almost immaterial. It's become a part of your life, like Monday morning blues or Friday fish and chips. And don't we just love putting ourselves through the ringer, venturing so far just to be beaten into submission by wretched luck or disappointing defeat.

When I was nine my Christmas present from my dad was a pair of tickets to see Town play at Everton in the third round of the FA Cup. It was my first away match and I couldn't stop smiling on the five-hour coach trip to Goodison Park. Within two minutes lan Culverhouse had been sent off. Andrey Kanchelskis scored from the spot and we were heading for a fairly ignominious thrashing. I cried. Scrap that, I bawled. Yet by the time my dad and I got home, at 11pm, quickly trying to banish the 3-0 loss from our memories, I had decided that it was a most excellent adventure. I wanted to do it again. And again. And over and over again. Anyone who follows their team the length and breadth of the country must have had a similar experience at some point. I know an Ipswich fan who can count the 9-0 humiliation at Old Trafford as one of his earliest days out with the Tractor Boys, yet he's still a keen

supporter to this day.

Football fans' expenditure and passionate links to their respective clubs defy most logic and just about any kind of common sense. But wouldn't life be boring if we judged everything by those parameters.

At Hartiepool I saw 461 travelling fans who go just about anywhere, in any weather, doing the thing they love to do - whether that means enduring the pain of a last-minute own goal (or a penalty miss) or celebrating the glory of a promotion.

Football is an entertainment industry, sure, but very few sectors of that industry behave in even slightly the same way. Can you imagine, for example, an opera lover taking the Megabus to Macclesfield for a Friday evening soiree only for the female lead to gargle her solos and the supporting cast sit lazily in the corner, quickly forget about the experience and make a concerted effort to follow the same company to their Saturday matinee at Burton?

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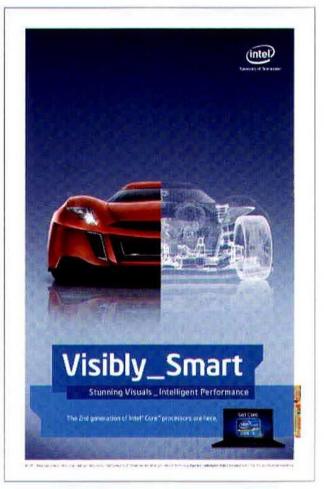
Above: Doing the thing they love to do.

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The 1992/93 season was a memorable one for Swindon Town fans as the club won promotion to the Premier League. Here's how it started...

Words: Dave Wallis

Swindon Town 1 Sunderland O Date: Saturday 18th August 1992

Attendance: 11,094

THE arrival of Sunderland at the County Ground on 15th August 1992 brought the previous season's beaten FA Cup finalists to Wiltshire for the opening game of the Division One campaign, and it was marked by a piece of brilliance by Town's Glenn Hoddle.

Seven minutes into the second half the player/manager launched a 30-yarder into the top corner to register his first Town goal and win the match, against the team managed by future Town backroom boy Malcolm Crosby.

Town's boss said, 'No one was moving, I got closed down, I did a dummy and chanced it.' Skipper Colin Calderwood, demonstrating his awe at the talent of his boss, proclaimed 'That dummy was so good most of Stratton Bank bought it'.

Even Crosby revealed 'I don't think anyone would have got to it

There may have been 45 N matches to go, but we had announced our intent to make a challenge for the top flight.

Over 11,000 came through the turnstiles to witness the early season fun, with every Wiltshire-based fan hoping the season would end in exactly the way it was destined.

Meanwhile, today's opponents Crawley were to finish the season sixth in the Beazer Homes Southern League Premier Division, where top scorer Paul Fishenden was to strike 22 goals.

Swindon Town:

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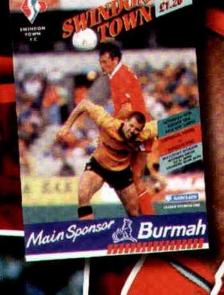
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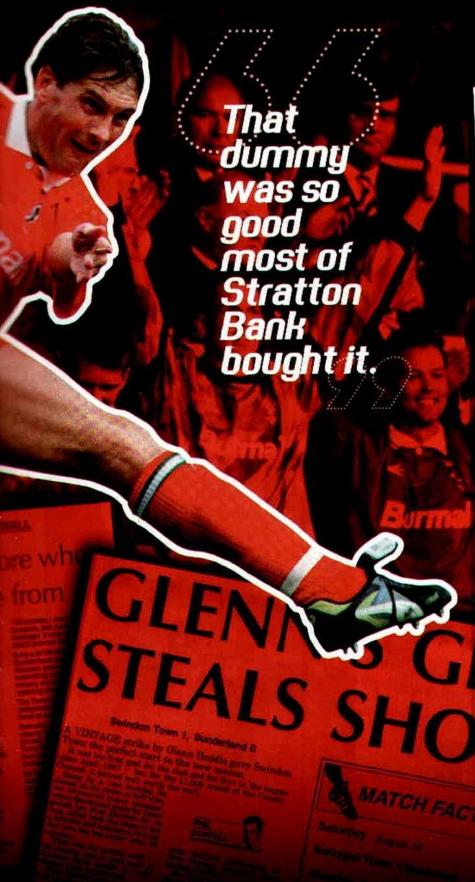
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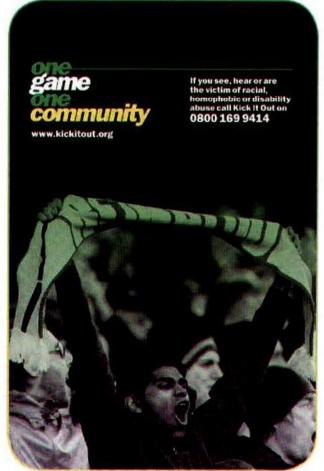
Season Stats: Appearances: 17 Goals: 1

HORLOCK was brought to the club in August 1992 by Glenn Hoddle.

Originally playing at left-back, He made his Town debut in the League Cup second-leg win over Torquay. His first league appearance came four days later as a substitute at Portsmouth. He started his first game and scored his first Town goal, his only goal of the campaign, in the 5-1 win over Notts County. Horlock would go on to make a further 14 appearances that season but played no part in any of the Play-Off games.







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Despite the unpredictability of the weather, the courses have been a huge success and enjoyed by so many up and coming young stars. One of the major things that we have noticed this year is the huge increase in Swindon Town replica shirts, t-shirts and tracksuits which shows just how the club is building its fan base in and out of Swindon.

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MIKE Spearman began work with the Football in the Community Trust some 15 years ago and has over the last five years, acted as Chairman. Mike is a former Chairman at STFC and is Club Patron, where he takes up his matchday duties as host and attends every away match. He is a tremendous ambassador for both STFC and the FITC Trust and we would like to sincerely thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the years.

School in Swindon.

This national initiative is being rolled out to 34 students, boys and girls, from Swindon and the surrounding areas and commences from Tuesday 4th September 2012. The students have enrolled on a two-year Level 3 BTEC Higher Diploma in Sport where they will study and train to compete in the national Futsal League. In addition to this, the students will take their UEFA Level One qualification within the first few weeks which will go some way to helping them towards their sporting education and hopefully future employment within the leisure industry. The students will also gain valuable

coaching experience working on our Soccer Centre and afterschool club coaching sessions.

Kid of the week ...

The FITC Summer Course came to an end with a presentation session at The County Ground with Raffaele De Vita on hand to dish out the traditional awards. The climax of the presentation ceremony was the 'Kid of the Week' Award which was sponsored by our good friends at Intel. The recipient of this award was Adrian Smith of Group 4 whose attitude throughout the week encapsulated what Football in the Community is all about. Well done Adrian!



Above: A deserved course winner



Above: Adrian Smith - Kid of the Week!



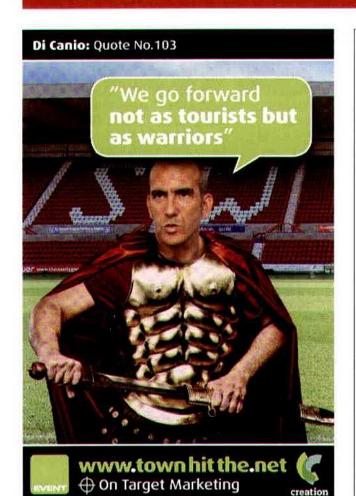


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Paul Bodin ...

The squad returned for pre-season on 2nd July and it has been a tough schedule for them, in terms of training and games...

Pre-season workout...

THE first match was two weeks into the programme which came at home to Newport County finishing in a 1-1 draw. The physical training continued out on the training ground and in the gym as well as a tough few afternoons at Barbury Castle. It's somewhere that I have fond memories of under the Lou Macari regime. They're fond now as I no longer have to do the running. It's a great place for the players to build up their fitness base in terms of strength and conditioning.

On Saturday 21st July there was a game against the English Schools Under 18 side at the training ground which yielded three good goals and a clean sheet. A tough test followed against the Nike Academy up at Loughborough on Tuesday 24th July. The game resulted in a heavy defeat a year ago in the corresponding fixture, but this year we won the game 2-0. We then played against Cardiff City at their Academy training base at Treforest. Again, the players put in a good shift and came away with an impressive 2-1 win. The following Tuesday 31st July we travelled down to Portsmouth, winning 2-1, before the final pre-season fixture at Swansea City at the University. The 6-3 win saw a notable display which set us up well for the start of the new season.

The pre-season schedule ended up with five wins and one draw from six games which was a more than satisfactory build-up to the 2012/13 campaign. With only a small squad, all the lads had plenty of game time and a real positive was that there were no injuries during the build-up programme.

Vs Bristol Royers...

ON Saturday afternoon we went down to a 1-0 defeat at Bristol Rovers. It was a close game with Aaron Ferris going close in the first half whilst Connor Waldon hit the crossbar late on. Rovers scored a penalty with five minutes remaining to seal the points but it was a hardworking performance overall. Both sides played some nice football although we had our chances to take something from the game.



Above: Connor Waldon.



2012/13 U18 Fixtures

Date	Fixture	Res
Sat Aug 11	Torquay United	4-3
Sat Aug 18	Bristol Rovers	0-1
Sat Aug 25	FREE DATE	
Sat Sept 1	FREE DATE	
Sat Sept 8	Exeter City	H
Sat Sept 15	FREE DATE	
Sat Sept 22	Yeovil Town	A
Sat Sept 29	Chatterham Town	A
Sat Oct 6	FREE DATE	
Sat Oct 13	Cheltenham Town Cup	A c
Sat Oct 20	Bournemouth Cup	H
Sat Oct 27	Hereford United Cup	Α
Sat Nov 3	Oxford United Cup	H
Sat Nov 10	FREE DATE	-
Sat Nov 17	Hereford United	H
Sat Nov 24	IN SERVICE	-
Sal Dec 1	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Dec 8	Oxford United	H
Sat Dec 15	FREE DATE	-
Sat Dec 22	FREE DATE	-
Sat Dec 29	FREE DATE	-
Sat Jan 5	FREE DATE	
Sat Jan 12	Yeovil Town	H
Sat Jan 19	CUP	-
Sat Jan 26	Exeter City	A
Sat Feb 2	Hereford United	A
Sat Feb 9	Cheltenham Town	H
Sat Feb 16	FREE DATE	
Sat Feb 23	Oxford United	A
Sat Mar 2	FREE DATE	
Sat Mar 9	Plymouth Argyle	н
Sat Mar 16	FREE DATE	
Sat Mar 23	Torquay United	A
Sat Mar 30	FREE DATE	*
Sat Apr 6	Bristol Rovers	H



2012/13 U18 Table

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Raron Dakley

Swindon Town's Academy setup includes a selection of first and second year scholars and here's a closer look at the current crop...

Date of birth: 04.10.94 Place of birth: Swindon

Who first spotted your potential as a footballer?

JIMMY Fraser, who used to run the Centre of Excellence at Swindon. I went to Reading on trial but then the opportunity arose to join Swindon so I took it.



I am a Liverpool fan and Steven Gerrard is my favourite player. I used to watch him on TV all the time in the live games and still do when I get the chance. He is a leader and as captain of the Under 18s, it's great to try and learn from people like that.

Do your family have any sporting links?

MY Uncle played for Wales schoolboys when he was a kid and grew up in Swansea. I have played for Wales at Under 18s and 19s so it's great to have represented my country too.

Who was your favourite Town/player when you were growing up?

SAM Parkin used to score goals for fun. He was in the side when I joined Swindon and Tommy Mooney was up front alongside him. The 2003/04 season was a successful one for the club so it was a good season to watch.









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When and how did you sign for Swindon?

I was eight-years old when I joined after the trial at Reading. I can't believe that's ten years ago now!

What are your aims this season?

TO try and win the league with the youth team and give it everything I can to try and be involved with and play for the first team.

Tell us about the best goal you have ever scored?

IT was a volley in training last season. I was on the right wing and just hit it from 25-yards and it flew in! I don't think I will do that again, but it was great.

What players do you admire in your position at Swindon?

ADEN Flint is quite similar to me so I watch his game close. He has great heading ability and is commanding in the air.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

I would say Jeremy Newton and Paul Bodin, who have really helped me a lot. Paul gave me the chance to play for Wales and he travelled to Port Talbot for my debut and then for my first cap. They've been really good to me.

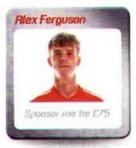
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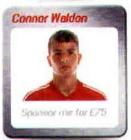
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2012/13 U18 Squad...









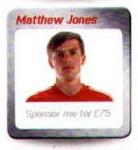




























Fans on Facebook

Across the season supporters will have the chance to finish off a question posed by STFC. 'I LIKE travelling to Town away games because...



Jason Haines
It makes football part
of a day out and you
meet fans you don't
see at home games.



James Grist It makes you appreciate how great The County Ground and those in it are!



Richard Malcolm You get to see new towns/cities and experience different grounds.



Luke Hodgson
Its a day out with your mates, beer, singing random songs, oh.... and northern pies are the best!



Shirley Lawrence The experience and atmosphere is out of this world.



Mark Starry Starr My family and friends hate me and celebrate when I am away for long periods!



David Arman It's a great opportunity for sampling regional ciders!



Sarah Drewe There is no better feeling than seeing the Town win away!



James Faulds Chrystie Because it beats going shopping with the missus instead!





James Elsbury
Because it reminds
me how bad other
stadiums are compared
to ours!



Alun Farrimond
What else is there to do on a Saturday?



Niall Stfc Daniels
We have the best away
fans in the world!



Ryan Muskett You can't beat the away day atmosphere, especially when you take a lot of fans.



Craig Kendall
It's more than likely a
damn shorter trip than
the 440 mile round trip I
make for home matches!







Top Tweet... @wes_foderingham

Another cleans though so not all doom and doom. Need a win Tuesday night now. Thanks to the fans that travelled all the way up as wel.

Top Tweet... @alannavarro31

Not gona say 2 much about yesterdays game, other than we wasn't good enough, chance 2 put it rite on tues, thx 2 all the fans who travelled.





Top Tweet... @lt_thompson16

Just started 24 box set! This could ruin my social life! #whatastart

Top Tweet... @siferrythe3rd

Just been pulled over by fashion polis on hard shoulder Matt Ritchie has been reported for wearin white socks wi black trainers n trakkys!



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@alannavarro31	5,781
@JamesCollins9	4,754
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@amc16	3,947
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Supporters Club

It's been a busy start to the season for Town fans with a cup victory over Brighton & Hove Albion followed by the long trip to Hartlepool...

Capital One Cup...

WHAT a fantastic way to start the season. Last Tuesday's home win against Brighton mirrored victory 12 months previously against Bristol City in the same competition. If anticipation of a good season ahead has been growing in the summer, it certainly went up a notch or two as we left the stadium after securing our place in the second round against Stoke City. The game will be played at the Brittania Stadium on Tuesday 28th August.

Half-Time Draw...

WINNERS of the Half time draw at the Brighton game were:

1st Ticket 811, WINS £350 J. Jackson, Marlborough

2nd Ticket 424, WINS £40 P. Hunt, Swindon

Membership...

THE STFC Supporters Club will be delighted to once again share the company of those existing Members at the coming matches. Existing Members will have been sent their renewal forms with newsletters. Membership is still open for the coming season and the annual cost is as follows.

Adult Members: £5
Disabled supporter/Senior
Citizens: £3
Under 18s: £2
Family (up to five people,
maximum 2 Adults): £10

Benefits for Members include discounts on away travel with SAS and free competitions to win valuable prizes. See the how to join section of the website at www. swindontownsupportersclub.com for details or to download a form.

Fans Gallery... Send your pics to us by emailing them to programme@swindontownfc.co.uk or twe



Vegas Reds...

FANS Jim Baxter, Derek Pryor and David Johnson are pictured here during a trip to Las Vegas. Noel Beauchamp took the pic.



Red Wedding ...

LUCY and Richard Fisher, who held their wedding reception in the Sponsor's Suite on Saturday 16th June 2012. Congratulations!



Нарру Birthday...

MALCOLM Davies celebrated his recent birthday at Fratello's Italian Restaurant on Thursday 2nd August.



It was pleasing to see the STFC Academy winning a trophy...

Carlisle Discount...

STFC Supporters Club
Members can save £7 on the
price of travelling to the away
game at Brunton Park. This
saving effectively makes the
Supporters Club membership
free for the whole season as well
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future SAS trips!



ONCE again this season the Pounds for Points sponsorship will be operating. Should you wish to join please again visit the website for contact details of the organiser Mavis Knight. If you already know Mavis, do speak with her and she will be pleased to share the details of the scheme with you and register you for the coming season.



Academy winning a trophy in the Northern Ireland Milk Cup competition – a trip once again paid for by the Supporters Club. Irrespective of results, the competition is as much about the off the field personal development of those lucky enough to be selected as it is on it where they get the chance to play against sides from all across the globe. For a full report please visit

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coming season. It was pleasing to see the STFC Pics to Official stic the club's offical twitter feed.



A Tight Fit ...

SWINDON Speedway manager Alan Rossiter pictured trying out the new Town home shirt for size at a recent meeting.



Kitted Out...

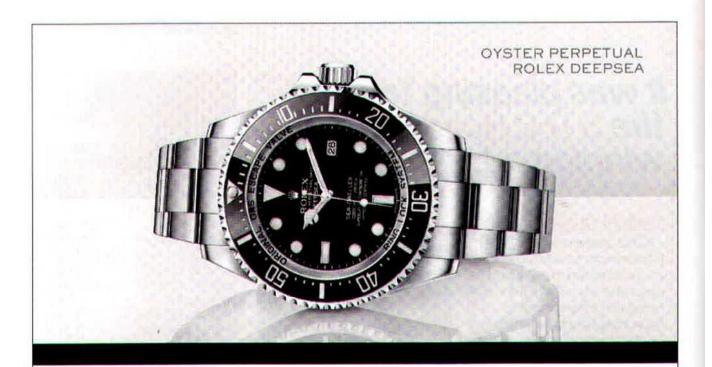
HANNAH, Bradley, Max and Nathan Coupland have been saving up for the new kit and here they are showing their colours!

Pounds For Points



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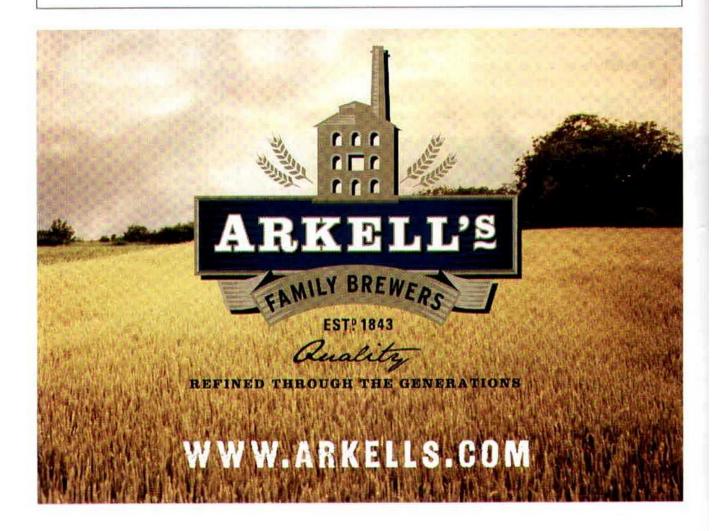




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Treasured Times...

At the end of the 2012/13 season, The County Ground clock will celebrate its 50th birthday. While the stadium has changed around it, the clock has been ever-present through Swindon's modern history...

Words: Tom Otrebski

THE unique time-piece
was presented to the club by
Deacons of Old Town in 1963
and was erected on the Stratton
Bank to mark the Town's historic
first ever promotion from the
Third to the Second Division.
The idea for a clock on the open
terrace was Jack Deacon's,
who had visited Romania
and had seen a clock on an
open terrace while watching a
Romanian international match in
Bucharest.

Interestingly, the clock's shape was designed to replicate the look of the iconic Rolex Oyster wristwatch and Richard Deacon, the current owner of Deacons says that the clock has helped a number of players over the years. "I've had many players come in and say it's great having the clock," he said. "We know that if there are five minutes to go and we need a goal it's time to send somebody forward!"

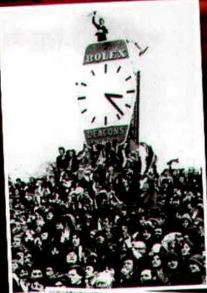
Unsurprisingly, given its exposure to the elements, the clock needs regular servicing and maintenance. Over the summer, the old-fashioned electric workings were completely stripped out and cleaned. The

current clock is actually the second incarnation of the iconic time-piece. The original was damaged in 1984 and had to be rebuilt during the close season.

The rebuild in 1985 coincided with the arrival of Lou Macari as manager and Richard says this seemed to spark a second coming in the fortunes of the team. "We'd gone all the way down to Division Four having flirted with Divisions Two and Three during the previous 20 years," he said. "The arrival of Macari sparked off two promotions and, after all the ups and downs in between, finally getting to the Premier League.

"The clock has seen a massive amount of change and hopefully with the stadium redevelopment, the clock can continue to be part of the ground in some shape or form."

Fifty years on, the situation at Swindon Town is very similar: the Town are in the third tier of English football looking to gain promotion with an exciting team. As the home League campaign begins this evening, will the clock celebrate its half-century with another promotion come May?





The clock's shape was designed to replicate the look of the iconic Rolex Oyster









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Trip Advisor...

Town travel to Preston North End on Sunday 2nd September, so why not make a weekend of it?



The Journey...

.... By Train: Preston railway station is around a mile and a half from the ground and takes around 25 minutes to walk. Leave the Preston railway station via the main entrance and head right at the top of the drive. This is the main High Street. Continue along the High Street, passing all the regular big name shops. The High Street is about a mile long, and you will pass a church and a bike shop as you come to its end. Simply carry on walking along this street, and

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when you reach the ring road, you

By Car: Leave M6 at Junction 31 and follow signs left for Preston. Go up a steep hill and follow the road down to a mini roundabout. At the roundabout with the Hesketh Arms turn right into Blackpool Road. Go straight on over three sets of lights and just before a fourth set, the ground appears set slightly back on the left. Parking is mainly in the streets surrounding the ground.

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The Stadium...

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Away fans are housed in the modern Bill Shankly Kop at one end of the pitch. Normally the allocation for away fans

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allocated, raising the allocation to 6,000. The views of the playing action and facilities within this stand are excellent. The stand is particularly steep, meaning that fans are kept relatively close to the pitch.











vs Stoke City

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vs Preston North End

Sun Sept 2, 3pm

Adult: \$20

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Junior U15: \$8

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Availability: On general sale.

SAS Travel Details:

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Last away match review...



of light in Blackpool.

Hartlepool United... 0-0 Draw

TOWN'S second longest away day of the League One campaign arrived on the opening day of the 2012/13 season. As is the norm for the first day of the campaign, bright sunshine greeted the 461 Swindon supporters who had made the long trip to the North-East. Town boss Paolo Di Canio named an unchanged line-up for the game and before long the season

was underway. Housed in the Rink End Stand, Town fans made themselves heard as the teams emerged for kick-off on a balmy afternoon in the North-East. First half chances for Andy Williams, Tommy Miller and Matt Ritchie saw Scott Flinders called into action. Miller's second half penalty almost saw Town fans return home celebrating a win, but it was not to be.

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64 Fixtures & Results 2012/13...

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Tue 28	Stoke City CAP R2	Α	7.45pm		-				
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Sun 2	Preston North End	A	3.00pm		*		-	-	
Wed 5	Oxford United JPT R4 Leyton Orient	A	7.45pm 3.00pm		-			4.	
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League Table 2012/13

POWER LEAGUE 1

		HOME							AWAY					
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Crawley	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2	Doncaster	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3	Tranmere	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
4	MK Dons	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
5	Notts County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	Shaff Utd	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	()	1	3
7	Bournemouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
8	Carlisle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	O	1
9	Coventry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	1
10	Portsmouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Stevenage	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12	Yeovil	1	0	1	0	1	1	()	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	Brentford	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	Bury	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Colchester	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
16	Hartlepool	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	1
17	Preston	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
18	Swindon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
19	Crewe	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
20	Shrewsbury	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21	Leyton Orient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
22	Oldham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	()
23	Scunthorpe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
24	Waisall	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-3	O

Player Statistics 2012/13

No.	Player	Age	NE.	E	200	PI	Total	Gorals	Yellow	Red	STEC
1	Foderingham	22	1	-4	1	×		(4)			43
2	Archibald-Henville	23	1		1			1-	6	-	2
3	McEveley	27	1	-	1	*			+		11
4	Flint	23	-								39(5)
5	Devera	25	1		1	× .		~	-		36(1)
6	Navarro	31	1		1	-		2	*	-	2
7	Rooney	22	(1)		(1)				-		11(4)
8	Ferry	24	(1)		(1)	*				-	111(16)
9	Collins	21	(1)	- 2	-					-	(1)
10	Ritchie	22	1		1	-					94(5)
1.1	Roberts	28	4					-			0
12	McCormack	27	1		1				1	-	49(4)
13	Risser	31		11			151				29(10)
14	Benson	32	1	-	1	-		4			29(3)
15	N Thompson	21	-		-			71			4(6)
16	Williams	25	1	-	1					-	2
17	Caddis	24	-	-		¥.1				-	88(4)
18	Miller	33	1	-	1	-				-	2
19	L Thompson	17	12		H2		17	76	14		C(3)
20	Storey	18	14	_	(1)			4		1	0(7)
23	De Vita	24	1	-	1		14	Car	-	15.	38(10)
27	Cibocchi	29									15(11)
30	Bedwell	18	1	-	112	×		-		-	D
32	Smith	21	*		-					-	D

Tonight's Mascot



Richard Gambrill

Age: 10 School: Penhill Academy Hobbies: XBOX, Cycling & Football Favourite player: Paul Caddis

Birthday Wishes!

Happy Birthday to Nathan Clinch who will be eight-years old on Thursday 23rd August with love from Mum. Dad, Hannah and Emma.





Successful bidder

Jillian Shail pictured with Paolo Di Canio receiving a signed, matchworn shirt from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance charity match after a successful sealed auction bid.





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4th Official: Timothy WOOD



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Jay McEVELEY

4 Aden FLINT

5 Joe DEVERA

6 Alan NAVARRO

Luke ROONEY

8 Simon FERRY

9 James COLLINS

10 Matt RITCHIE

11 Gary ROBERTS

12 Alan McCORMACK (CAPT)

13 Oliver RISSER

14 Paul BENSON

15 Nathan THOMPSON

16 Andy WILLIAMS

17 Paul CADDIS

18 Tommy MILLER

19 Louis THOMPSON

20 Miles STOREY

23 Raffaele DE VITA

27 Alessandro CIBOCCHI

30 Leigh BEDWELL (GK)

32 Chris SMITH

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3 Mat SADLER

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Kyle McFADZEAN

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8 Seroio TORRES

9 Gary ALEXANDER (CAPT)

11 Josh SIMPSON

13 David HUNT

15 Dannie BULMAN

16 Nicky ADAMS

17 John AKINDE

18 Shaun COOPER

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