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Football League First Division/
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1949, 1950

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2003

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Division Champions
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1939, 2008

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1929, 1934, 2010

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Runners-up
1942

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FINDS BRITISH SPORTSWEAR

» Michael Appleton

» Good evening and welcome to Fratton Park for tonight's League One fixture against Swindon Town.

We go into the game on the back of a frustrating and disappointing result against Walsall here at the weekend. I don't think we necessarily deserved to lose the game, but we certainly didn't do enough to win it. We created a lot of half chances – in the first half, especially – but didn't do enough to test their keeper.

It looked like a foul on Mustapha Dumbuya in the build-up to the first goal, but sometimes those decisions go against you. I'm not going to get too worked up about that because they might go our way tonight.

Walsall scored with two great shots from outside the box and once you fall behind, it's always going to be an uphill battle. I also thought that they worked harder than us, which was particularly disappointing. We didn't do enough to impose ourselves on the game.

Izale McLeod produced one of the brighter performances. He worked his socks off and his goal was a just reward for that. But when we did score, we didn't do enough to press Walsall and that allowed them to get back into the game.

The level of work-rate from some of the players was questionable. I'm sure they'll raise their game against Swindon, but they can't just do that for the bigger matches. Every fixture is just as important as the next one and they have to realise that.

Our fans have been fantastic all season and they were great again on Saturday. They never stop backing us, even when we fall behind, but some of our lads seem to be struggling with the pressure of playing at Fratton Park. The strange thing is, it seems to be affecting some of the more senior players and not the younger ones. I'm learning about them all the time – and I probably learn more from a defeat than a victory.

I'm sure it helps the players to have a chance to make up for the result immediately. I would have preferred a whole week on the training pitch to try to put things right, but they know they can do a lot better and now have the opportunity to prove that to me and the supporters.

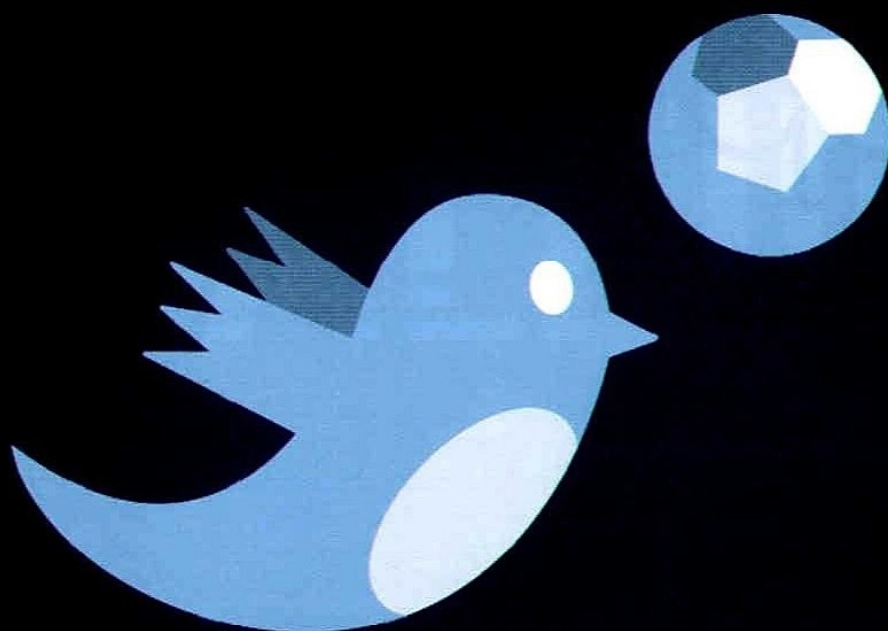
Tonight's encounter is the second of three games in a week and if we don't stand up and be counted then we could allow the sides above us to pull away and the ones below to catch us up. So we have to be really positive and take the game to Swindon straight from the kick-off.

We're playing a side who, at the start of the season, many predicted would finish in the top six, if not the top two, come May. It's sure to be a tough test, but we have to utilise our small squad as best we can and hopefully come away with all three points.

**Enjoy the game,
Michael**



“ They can do a lot better and now have the opportunity to prove that to me and the supporters ”



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» Brian Howard

» Saturday's defeat was a massive setback for us. It was a huge disappointment and everyone in our dressing room was very downcast after the game. We went into the match on the back of two great victories, but we just weren't ourselves against Walsall.

We dominated the first half in terms of possession, but weren't able to move the ball quickly enough. Then we got hit on the break, with Walsall scoring two fantastic goals from outside the box. It was always going to be difficult from there and unfortunately we couldn't salvage anything, despite Izale pulling one back.

It's been tough for us to find a level of consistency with so many new players having to gel. We endured another setback at the weekend with Kevin Long going off injured and Darel Russell having to drop from midfield into a centre-back role.

But we can't keep making excuses and the great thing about football is that there is always another game just around the corner, so we need to put things right. We can't dwell too much on the past – we need to rectify things and move forward.

We're all eager to get back on the pitch

and show everyone how good we can be by picking up three points against Swindon tonight.

With the calibre of players that we have in this squad, we know we can do a lot better. We need to start picking up more wins, especially here in front of our fantastic fans at Fratton Park. We need to start giving them more to cheer about.

I watched Swindon on television when they played Brighton in the Capital One Cup at the start of the season and they looked very good. They come here tonight after getting a 2-2 draw at Carlisle on Saturday – we know first-hand how difficult it is making the long trip up there and trying to get a positive result.

But, just like us, Swindon have lacked consistency so far this season and had a run of defeats earlier in the month, so we'll go into the game confident of collecting all three points.

I'm sure both teams will be looking to win tonight and I'm hopeful it will be an entertaining contest for the fans. But we know we're good enough to come out on top and that's what we have to prove.

Play up Pompey!
Brian

“The great thing about football is that there is always another game just around the corner”

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» Blues News

MICHALIK JOINS BLUES

» Pompey have signed defender Lubomir Michalik on a one-month deal. The 29-year-old will wear the number 20 shirt at Fratton Park.

"I'm very happy to be here," said the Slovakian. "I heard about Pompey's interest in me and I didn't have to think too long about coming here."

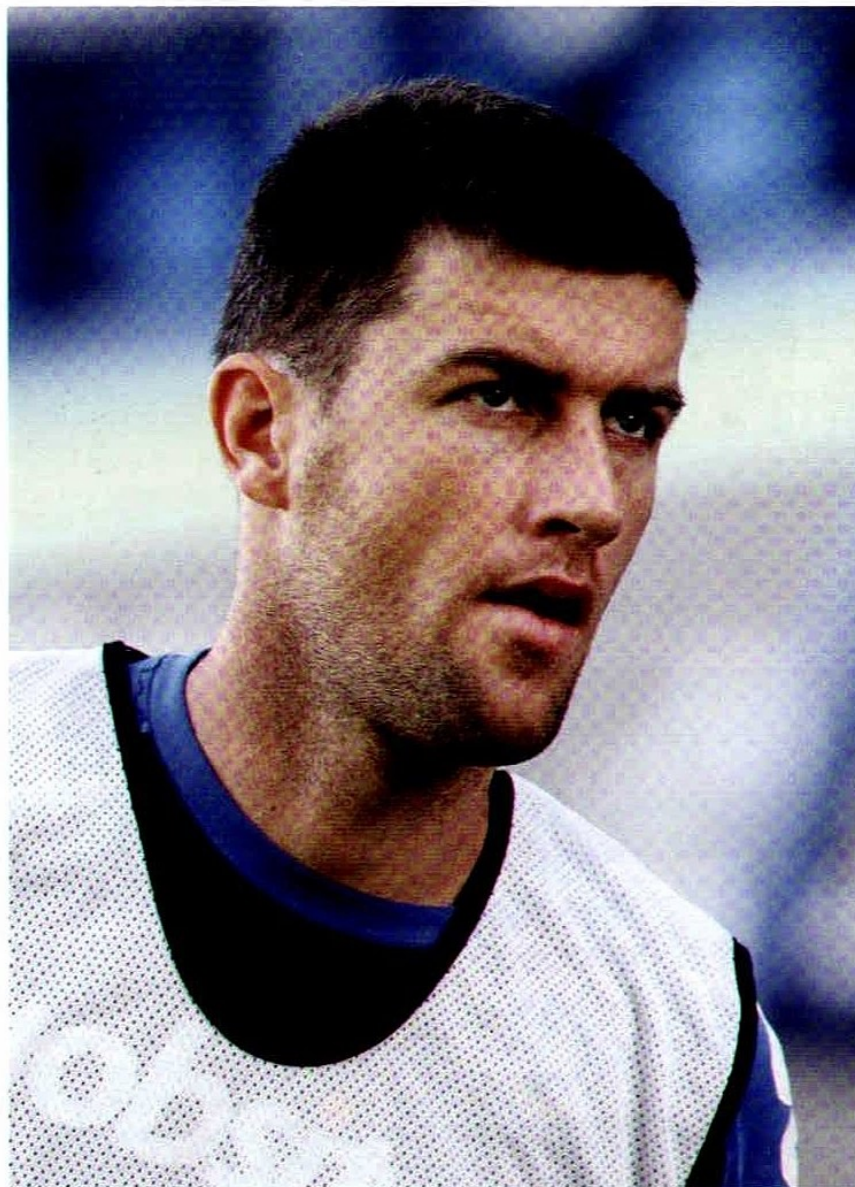
"I've never played at Fratton Park, so I'm excited about getting out onto the pitch and showing what I can do."

"Hopefully I can help the team to win a lot of games and keep some clean sheets – and if I score some goals then that is a nice extra."

Michalik moved to England from his homeland to sign for Bolton in January 2007 and made 17 appearances during his time at the Reebok Stadium.

He joined Leeds on loan a couple of months later, before making the move permanent in January 2008.

The Slovakia international then moved – initially on loan – to Carlisle in the summer of 2010 and was part of the side that lifted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2011.

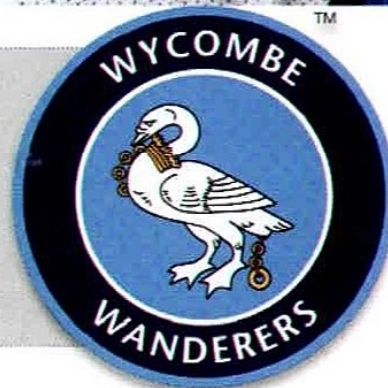


JPT DATE SET

» Pompey's Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round tie with League Two Wycombe Wanderers will be played at Fratton Park on Tuesday, October 9. The match will kick-off at 7.45pm.

It will be the first time the sides have ever met in a competitive fixture.

Turn to page 12 for ticket information for this game.



BLUE SEPTEMBER

Blue September, the campaign to raise awareness about cancers affecting men, has picked up its brush once again to paint the UK blue.



The city of Portsmouth is throwing its weight behind the campaign by turning the Spinnaker Tower blue tonight and encouraging people to have their faces painted the same colour.

This awareness is much needed as men are about 40

per cent more likely to die from cancers than women. Men are encouraged to take preventative measures and seek medical advice at the first sign of change in their bodies.

Professor Sir Mike Richards CBE, the national clinical director for cancer at the department of health said: "We need to encourage men to lead healthier lifestyles, to take up screening invitations and to present earlier when they have symptoms that could be due to cancer. Earlier diagnosis can undoubtedly save lives."

This year sees The Urology Foundation coming on board as the beneficiary for Blue September. Money raised will go towards funding research into urological disorders, including prostate cancer, kidney cancer and bladder cancer. Urological cancers affect twice as many men than women.

Visit www.blueseptember.org.uk to learn more about what the UK is doing to get behind Blue September. You can support the cause through events and donations on the website.

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- Two south stand tickets for the match
- Copy of the matchday programme
- Your photo on the player sponsors page in the programme
- Your name listed with the rest of the Pompey squad on the back of the programme
- Photograph and acknowledgement in the following programme
- PA announcement
- Announcement on the big screen

This fantastic package costs just £125 (plus VAT) – and there are no age restrictions.

Packages are still available throughout the season. Places are limited to one per match, so to avoid disappointment book today by calling our sales team on (023) 9277 8555 or email matchdayvip@pompeyfc.co.uk

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Portsmouth Football Club have recently applied to renew the stadium betting licence for Fratton Park. A licence is legally required to enable betting to continue at the stadium.

The process takes approximately one month to complete. During this time, it will not be possible to place bets at the stadium.

The Betting Room hope to be able to start taking bets from next month's Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie against Wycombe Wanderers onwards.

Should you wish to place a bet on Pompey games in the meantime, please call The Betting Room on (023) 9273 1144.

VICTORY BAR

The Victory Bar will not be open following the Pompey v Crewe League One match on Saturday, October 13 because of a private function. It will close after the half-time interval and not open post-match. Portsmouth Football Club apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Noticeboard

Steven Starts Early

Steven Andrew Emberson was the youngest fan at Fratton Park for the season opener against Bournemouth on August 18.

Young Steven was only 15 days old when he watched Pompey in action for the first time.



Baby Joy

Congratulations to Lisa and Paul on the birth of Molly Rose Rogerson seven days ago. She weighed in at a healthy 7lb 9oz.

Birthday Greetings

Happy 23rd Birthday to Paul Woods. Love from Mum, Dad, Becky and Steven xxx

Many Happy Returns

Happy Birthday for yesterday, Paul. Love from all your friends at Pompey!

Get your message on the noticeboard

Send your Pompey messages and pictures to: Noticeboard, Pompey Matchday Magazine, Media Department, Portsmouth Football Club, Fratton Park, Portsmouth, PO4 8RA or email them to communicate@pompeyfc.co.uk

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any supporters who attempt to enter Fratton Park with a concession ticket (individual match ticket or season ticket) for which they are ineligible will face instant removal from the ground. Their ticket will be confiscated and there may be a further ban from attending matches. Please ensure you are in possession of the right ticket before travelling to the match to avoid any embarrassment on arrival. If there is a problem with your ticket, please contact the ticket office as soon as possible.

Supporters buying concession tickets to away games are strongly advised to take proof of age identification. Failure to do so may mean they will have to upgrade to the adult price on arrival, or they may not be admitted to the ground.

Dates and times of all games are subject to change.

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Allison McNeil

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POMPEY v SCUNTHORPE

Sat September 29, 3pm – npower League One
Season ticket holders can now buy extra seats for this match. Tickets go on general sale from 10am tomorrow.

POMPEY v WYCOMBE

Tue October 9, 7.45pm
Johnstone's Paint Trophy
Season ticket holders can buy seats from 12 noon tomorrow. There are no limits on the number of tickets they can buy. Tickets go on general sale from 10am on Wednesday, September 26. Match Prices: Adult: £10 Senior/Young Person: £5 Junior: £1

POMPEY v CREWE

Sat October 13, 3pm – npower League One
Season ticket holders can buy extra seats from 10am on Monday, October 1. Tickets go on general sale from 10am on Wednesday, October 3.

POMPEY v SHREWSBURY

Sat October 20, 3pm – npower League One
Season ticket holders can buy extra seats from 10am on Monday, October 1. Tickets go on general sale from 10am on Wednesday, October 3.

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Adult: £20 – Senior/Young Person: £15 – Junior: £10
Family Section: Adult: £18 – Senior/Young Person: £13 – Junior: £8

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Young person is aged 17-22 on or before September 1 2012.
Junior is aged 16 or under on or before September 1 2012.
Adults/seniors/young persons in the Family Section must be accompanied by a junior.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Tickets to Pompey matches can be bought online at www.eticketing.co.uk/portsmouth, by calling 0844 847 1898 or in person from the Frogmore Road ticket office.

The club is charged four per cent for each ticket bought online and five per cent for each ticket purchased by phone. This charge will be added to the cost of bookings.

An additional charge of £1 per booking will also be made in respect of administrative and postage costs. Match tickets will continue to be issued by first class post. This charge does not apply to 'print at home' tickets or those bought in person from the ticket office.

NOTTS COUNTY v POMPEY

Sat September 22, 3pm – npower League One
Tickets are on general sale but can only be bought directly from Notts County, either online at www.nottscountydirect.co.uk or by calling 0115 955 7204. Pompey fans will be seated in the Jimmy Sirrel Stand.
Match Prices:
Adult: £24 Senior (60+): £15
Young Person (16-21): £15 Junior (U16): £6
Coach Prices: Adult £26, Junior £22

YEOVIL v POMPEY

Tue October 2, 7.45pm – npower League One
Tickets are on general sale but can only be bought by calling Yeovil on 01935 847888. Tickets are available on the evening of the game but prices will increase by £2 (except junior tickets).
Match Prices: Adult: £17 Senior (65+): £12
Young Person (16-21): £10 Junior (U16): £6
Coach Prices: Adult £22, Junior £16

MK DONS v POMPEY

Sat October 6, 3pm – npower League One
Tickets are on general sale but can only be bought directly from MK Dons, either online at www.mkdons.com or by calling 01908 622900.
Match Prices: Adult: £20 Senior (65+): £15
Junior (U18): £5
Coach Prices: Adult £22, Junior £16

Supporters buying concession match tickets are advised to bring proof of age identification with them to the game. Official coach travel can be bought online at www.lucketts-holidays.co.uk, by calling 0845 389 0644 or from Lucketts Travel in Fareham.

Opening Times: Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm. Non-matchday Saturday-Sunday: Closed.
Matchday Saturday: The ticket office will be open between 9.30am and 3.15pm for collections/upgrades/enquiries only. On matchdays, tickets can be bought from the ticket kiosks behind the Fratton End which are open between 9.30am and 3.15pm.

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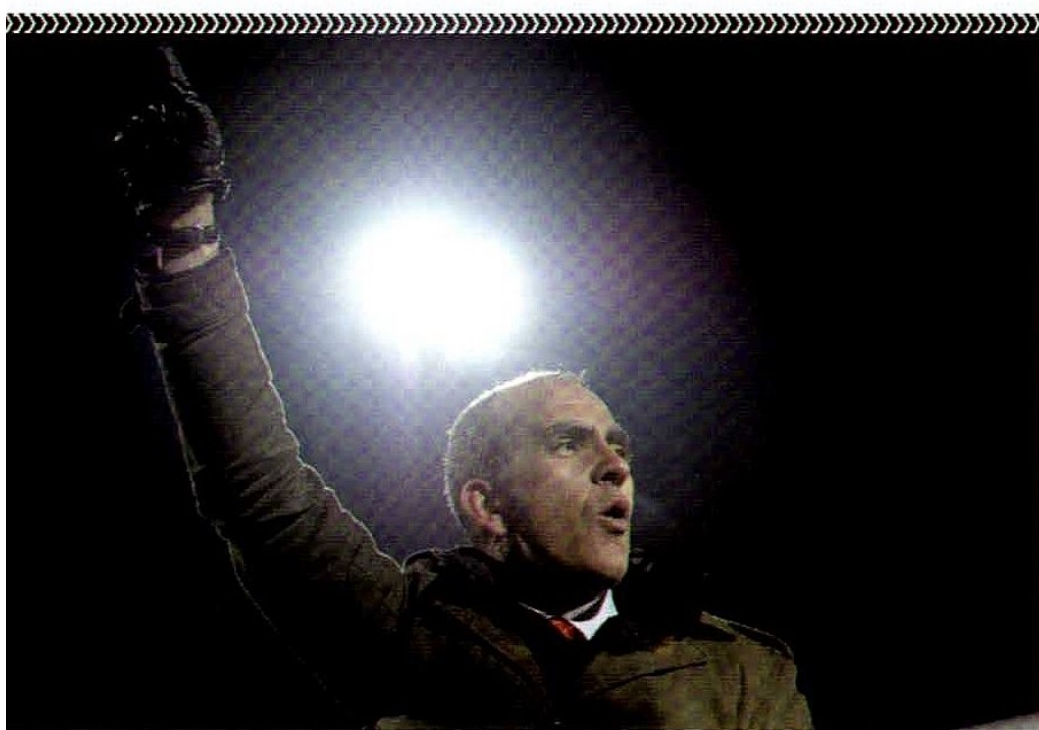
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» Pompey vs Swindon Town

Pompey and Swindon renew acquaintances on the back of two vastly contrasting 2011/12 campaigns...



» It has been more than 12 years since Swindon last made the 84-mile journey from Wiltshire to Fratton Park.

The sides have suffered differing fortunes since then, but Pompey's fall and the Robins' rise means they are on an even keel once more. While the financially-stricken Blues were being relegated from the Championship last term, Swindon were romping to the League Two title.

They did so under the charge of Paolo Di Canio – and if he was passionate

and eccentric as a player for the likes of Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham, then he has remained just as fiery as a manager.

The Italian – who also led Swindon to the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final – managed to maintain that momentum at the start of the 2012/13 campaign.

The Robins collected seven points from their opening three matches in League One, with a goalless draw at Hartlepool followed by home victories against Crawley (3-0) and MK Dons



	ODDS
Pompey	6/4
Draw	9/4
Swindon	5/4
FIRST GOALSCORERS	ODDS
McLeod	9/2
Rodgers	9/2
Collins	11/2
Benson	6/1
Harris	13/2
A.Rooney	13/2
Ritchie	9/1
Howard	10/1
Russell	14/1
Webster	33/1
CORRECT SCORE	ODDS
Pompey 1-0	11/2
Pompey 2-0	15/2
Pompey 2-1	15/2
Pompey 3-0	16/1
Pompey 3-1	16/1
Pompey 3-2	22/1
Pompey 4-0	50/1
Draw 0-0	15/2
Draw 1-1	11/2
Draw 2-2	12/1
Draw 3-3	40/1
Swindon 1-0	7/1
Swindon 2-0	12/1
Swindon 2-1	10/1
Swindon 3-0	33/1
Swindon 3-1	28/1
Swindon 3-2	28/1
Swindon 4-0	80/1

Odds subject to change

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Manager: Paolo Di Canio

Ground: County Ground

Year formed: 1879

Nickname: Robins

Top scorer 2011/12: Alan Connell (13)

Did you know?: Swindon played in black and white, black and red, green and white and a dark maroon, before settling on more familiar lighter red shirts in 1902.

Last five seasons:

2011/12 LEAGUE ONE (1st)
2010/11 LEAGUE ONE (24TH)
2009/10 LEAGUE ONE (5TH)

2008/09 LEAGUE ONE (15TH)
2007/08 LEAGUE ONE (13TH)

(1-0). There has also been a run to the third round of the Capital One Cup, courtesy of a comfortable 3-0 triumph over Championship Brighton and then an even more impressive 4-3 win at Premier League Stoke. James Collins scored a hat-trick at the Britannia Stadium to set-up a home tie with Burnley in the last 32.

But Swindon endured a rocky week at the start of the month, losing three games in the space of seven days. It started with a heavy 4-1 defeat at Preston, before a Johnstone's Paint Trophy exit to fierce rivals Oxford. Then, 10 days ago, the Robins were beaten 1-0 at home to Leyton Orient, bringing to an end a 28-match unbeaten run at the County Ground that stretched all the way back to August 2011.

Di Canio picked out individuals for criticism, forcing goalkeeper Wes Foderingham to apologise for a furious reaction to being substituted after just 20 minutes at Deepdale. He then



blamed defender Aden Flint for the loss at Oxford.

But one man who has continued to shine at the County Ground is former Pompey winger Matt Ritchie. The 23-year-old, who is originally from Gosport, progressed through the Blues youth set-up, but made just 10 appearances before being allowed to leave Fratton Park in January 2011.

Pompey's loss has most definitely been Swindon's gain. Ritchie scored 11 goals in 52 games last season – as well as providing 17 assists – and was named the League Two Player of the Year. He seems to be replicating that fine form this term, netting twice in six games – including the winner against MK Dons.

But Di Canio is not just relying on last season's stars. Andy Williams, who was signed from Yeovil, and Collins, who arrived from Shrewsbury, netted 17 and 16 goals respectively during the 2011/12 campaign.

Former skipper Paul Caddis left the County Ground for Birmingham on loan following a falling out with Di Canio, with striker Adam Rooney moving in the opposite direction.

Pompey were 4-1 victors when they last hosted Swindon in March 2000, but with all that firepower in their ranks, the Robins will be hoping to sing a sweeter tune tonight.

FORM GUIDE

Last Meeting

Division One
March 25 2000
Pompey 4 (Whitbread, Bradbury 3)
Swindon 1 (Gray)

Head to Head

Pompey 23 wins,
Swindon 26 wins,
18 draws

Head to Head at Fratton

Pompey 14 wins,
Swindon 9 wins,
10 draws

Pompey Form*

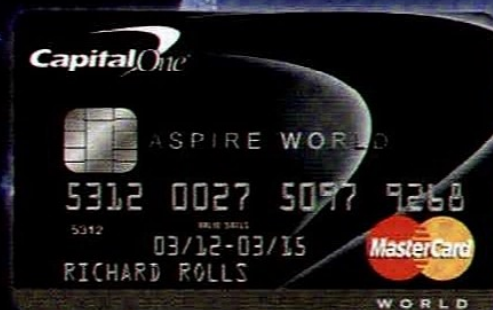
Sep 9 Crawley (a) W 3-0
Sep 4 Bournemouth (h) D 2-2**
Sep 1 Oldham (h) L 0-1
Aug 25 Carlisle (a) L 2-4
Aug 21 Colchester (a) D 2-2
Aug 18 Bournemouth (h) D 1-1
**Won 4-3 on penalties

Swindon Form*

Sep 8 L Orient (h) L 0-1
Sep 5 Oxford (a) L 0-1
Sep 2 Preston (a) L 1-4
Aug 28 Stoke (a) W 4-3**
Aug 25 MK Dons (h) W 1-0
Aug 21 Crawley (h) W 3-0
**AET

*Saturday's results unavailable at time of going to print

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both teams all
the very best in
today's game.**



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County Ground

The home of Swindon since 1896



1879

Founded by Reverend William Pitt of Liddington

1920

Entered the Football League as a founding member of Division Three, finishing fourth in their first season



1969

Beat Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley to win the League Cup, despite playing in the third division

Ban

As they weren't a top flight club, League Cup holders Swindon were denied entry into the Fairs Cup in 1969. Instead they competed in a two-legged Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners' Cup, beating Roma 5-2 on aggregate



Alan McLoughlin

Competed for Ireland at the 1990 World Cup while playing for Swindon and in the 1994 tournament while with Pompey

1970

Beat Napoli 3-0 to win the inaugural Anglo-Italian Cup, although the match in Naples was abandoned after 79 minutes due to crowd violence

1

Solitary season in English football's top tier, finishing bottom of the Premier League in 1993/94

100

Goals conceded in 1993/94 is still a Premier League record

2006

Became the first ever former Premier League side demoted to the lowest Football League division

Paul Hart

Former Pompey boss managed Swindon for a brief period in 2011, winning just once in 11 games



2012

Matt Ritchie – a product of Pompey's academy – named League Two Player of the Season



» The Squad

Swindon

TOWN

GK » WES FODERINGHAM



Fulham academy graduate joined the Robins – initially on loan – last October and in 15 games kept 9 clean sheets prompting a permanent transfer last January.

Age: 21; Swindon apps: 49

GK » LEIGH BEDWELL



Swindon youth product and Robins fan was awarded a one-year professional deal in the summer and made his debut from the bench at Preston earlier in the month.

Age: 18; Swindon apps: 1

DF » TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE



The centre-back arrived from Exeter in June after making 124 appearances for the Grecians. He came through the ranks at Tottenham, but left without making a first team appearance.

Age: 23; Swindon apps/goals: 2/0

DF » JAY McEVELEY



Scottish left-back arrived on loan from Barnsley last season, making his debut in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat to Chesterfield. He signed permanently over the summer.

Age: 27; Swindon apps/goals: 15/0

Defensive Rock

DF » ADEN FLINT



Former England 'C' international joined the Robins from non-league Ayrton in 2011. Has been unlucky with injuries and missed last season's Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley.

Age: 23; Swindon apps/goals: 49/5

DF » JOE DEVERA



Barnet youth product – who is of Venezuelan descent – was the Bees Player of the Year in 2008 and 2011, before becoming Di Canio's first signing as Swindon boss in June 2011.

Age: 25; Swindon apps/goals: 43/2

DF » ALAN McCORMACK



Swindon skipper – who can also play in midfield – signed from Charlton in the summer of 2011 and previously played for Preston and Southend, making 166 appearances for the latter.

Age: 28; Swindon apps/goals: 59/2

DF » NATHAN THOMPSON



Robins academy graduate signed his first professional deal in 2009. He was courted by Arsenal and Chelsea before making his senior debut against Torquay in October 2010.

Age: 21; Swindon apps/goals: 12/0

DF » FEDERICO BESSONE



The Argentine is a former Espanyol B, Leeds and Swansea full-back, who signed a six-month deal at the County Ground just before the transfer window closed last month.

Age: 28; Swindon apps/goals: 2/0

DF » DARREN WARD



Experienced centre-back is on loan from Millwall until the New Year. He was an FA Cup finalist with the Lions and has also played for Watford, QPR, Crystal Palace and Wolves.

Age: 34; Swindon apps/goals: 1/0

DF » CHRIS SMITH



The winner of Samsung's 'Win A Pro Contract' competition in 2012 made his Robins debut at Bradford on the final day of last season.

Age: 21; Swindon apps/goals: 1/0

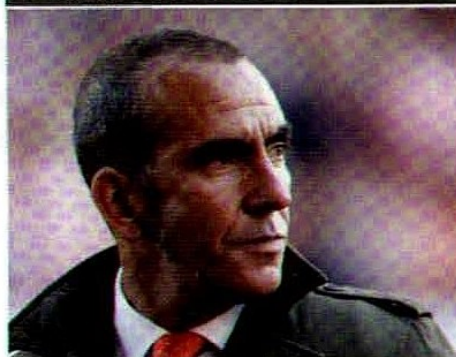
MF » ALAN NAVARRO



Liverpool academy graduate played for Tranmere, Accrington, Macclesfield, MK Dons and Brighton before joining Swindon in the summer following his release by the Seagulls.

Age: 31; Swindon apps/goals: 7/2

MANAGER >> PAOLO DI CANIO



The word passionate does not come close to describing the eccentric Italian, who led Swindon to the League Two title and Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in his first season in charge last term. As a player, he won league titles in his homeland with Juventus and Milan, before enjoying successful spells in England with Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham. A goal for the Hammers against Wimbledon was voted Goal of the Decade and he won a fair play award in 2001 for shunning a scoring chance and catching the ball when the opposition keeper was down injured.

Age: 44; Swindon games managed/won: 66/40

MF >> LUKE ROONEY



Winger came through the ranks at Gillingham and had loan spells at Lewes and Eastbourne prior to arriving at the County Ground back in January.

Age: 21; Swindon apps/goals: 24/2

Midfield Maestro

MF >> SIMON FERRY



The Scot joined Celtic at the age of 12 but left the Glasgow giants without making a first-team appearance, joining Swindon – initially on loan – in the summer of 2009.

Age: 24; Swindon apps/goals: 133/4

MF >> MATT RITCHIE



The Pompey youth product from Gosport had two loan spells at the County Ground before signing permanently in January 2011. He was last season's League Two Player of the Year.

Age: 23; Swindon apps/goals: 103/21

MF >> GARY ROBERTS



Winger signed for the Robins in June following his release by Huddersfield, where he spent four years, and previously played for Crewe, Accrington and Ipswich.

Age: 28; Swindon apps/goals: 0/0

MF >> TOMMY MILLER



Former Hartlepool, Ipswich, Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield midfielder has made well over 500 career appearances. He signed a one-year deal with Swindon in June.

Age: 33; Swindon apps/goals: 8/1

MF >> GILES COKE



The Londoner made two appearances for Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the season before joining Swindon in a loan deal until the New Year.

Age: 26; Swindon apps/goals: 1/0

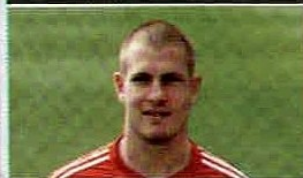
MF >> JOHN BOSTOCK



Former Crystal Palace trainee joined Tottenham in 2008 and is currently enjoying a second loan spell at the County Ground after making four appearances for the Robins last term.

Age: 22; Swindon apps/goals: 6/0

FW >> JAMES COLLINS



Irish striker – who has represented his country at under-21 level – arrived from Shrewsbury over the summer and scored a hat-trick in last month's League Cup win at Stoke.

Age: 21; Swindon apps/goals: 6/3

FW >> PAUL BENSON



Swindon's joint top scorer in League Two last term only arrived at the club from Charlton in January and was previously prolific at Dagenham & Redbridge.

Age: 32; Swindon apps/goals: 31/13

Star Striker

FW >> ANDY WILLIAMS



Former Hereford and Bristol Rovers striker netted 17 goals for Yeovil last season before penning a two-year deal at the County Ground over the summer.

Age: 26; Swindon apps/goals: 8/0

FW >> MILES STOREY



Swindon academy graduate made his senior debut against Oldham in 2011 and played four times from the bench last term before signing his first professional contract in the summer.

Age: 18; Swindon apps/goals: 6/0

FW >> RAFFAELE DE VITA



The Italian – who can play up front or on the wing – moved to England to join Blackburn aged 15 and spent three years in Scotland with Livingston before joining Swindon in June 2011.

Age: 24; Swindon apps/goals: 54/8

FW >> ADAM ROONEY



The Irishman is on a season-long loan from Birmingham, where he netted in the Europa League last season, and previously played for Stoke and Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Age: 24; Swindon apps/goals: 2/0

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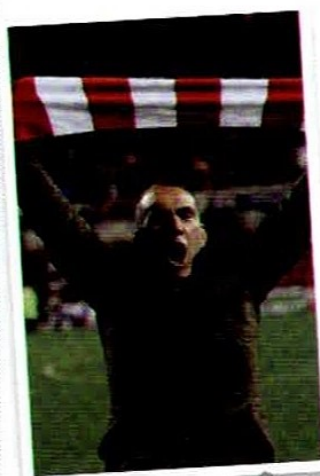
Johnny Moore asks Sam Morshead of the *Swindon Advertiser* to run the rule over the Robins...

JM SWINDON HAVE GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. IS IT REALISTIC TO EXPECT THEM TO EVENTUALLY REACH THE PREMIER LEAGUE?

SM I think the Premier League is very much a long-shot in the foreseeable future. While the club has built a sound base and results over the past year have been impressive, Town need several factors to all fall in their favour if they are ever to seriously covet a place in the top tier again. The stadium redevelopment, which is intended to get under way in the next 12 months, will play a major part in that but there needs to be a sizeable fanbase to support Premier League football. Further investment will also have to be sourced from investors on top of the financial input of the current board and, let's be honest, there's no guarantee of making it out of League One in the first place.

JM WAS THE 4-1 DEFEAT AT PRESTON THE OTHER WEEK JUST A BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE?

SM Since that defeat things have 'blipped' a little further for Town. Defeat to Oxford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy was a bitter pill to swallow for all involved, most notably manager Paolo Di Canio who has lost each of his three games against Swindon's fierce local rivals. While the performance in that game was best described as mediocre, the defeat at home to Leyton Orient four days later was among the worst under Di Canio. But last season Swindon endured a similar run early in the campaign and we all know how that ended. But it's worth taking note that away from home Town have not hit the dizzy heights that they have managed in Wiltshire.



Paolo Di Canio

Di Canio has become a national media love or love-to-hate figure during his tenure at the County Ground

JM HOW INFLUENTIAL HAS FORMER POMPEY YOUNGSTER MATT RITCHIE BEEN IN THE UPTURN OF FORTUNES?

SM Ritchie has proved to be a massive bargain. He barely got a look-in when he first joined on loan in 2010, making just four substitute appearances, but since returning for a second temporary spell – followed by his permanent move – he has become an integral part of the machine at SN1. His nimble feet, fondness for trying his luck from range (often with spectacular success) and phenomenal work-rate have all contributed to him becoming a fans' favourite in Swindon. The fact that he was named League Two's best player last season, and has been the subject of near seven-figure bids in the recent past, shows how much of an impact he has made at the County Ground.

JM WHO ARE THE OTHER PLAYERS LIKELY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS EVENING?

SM Andy Williams, a summer signing from Yeovil, has shown unbelievable fitness, stamina and determination so far this season. His runs frequently drag markers out of position – allowing for his strike partners to utilise the space made available to them. John Bostock joined on loan from Tottenham this summer, after impressing during a brief spell in Wiltshire last term, and his ability to create something out of nothing is another weapon in Di Canio's arsenal.

JM WILL SWINDON BE GOING ALL OUT FOR A WIN TONIGHT?

SM Di Canio is as flamboyant as they come and he is always after a win, wherever his team plays, whoever the opposition. It will be no different at Fratton Park. He likes his teams to play expansive, flowing football and they will arrive in Portsmouth keen to produce the kind of performance that satisfies their manager. Di Canio has become a national media love or love-to-hate figure during his tenure at the County Ground and the people of Pompey will see first-hand exactly why tonight.



Recipe for Success

WORDS: NEIL WELD

Darel Russell believes Pompey's squad contains the perfect blend of youth and experience

» Some of his new team-mates were toddlers when Darel Russell began his football career.

The likes of Ashley Harris and Adam Webster had not even started school when the combative midfielder was starting out at Norwich.

Pompey's financial plight has seen a rag-tag mixture of youth and experience come together on the south coast to try to revive the Blues' fortunes.

It was clear for all to see at Crawley 10 days ago when two teenagers combined for the opening goal before a 30-year-old curled home the second.

But Russell believes that the mixture of ages in Michael Appleton's cobbled-together squad is a plus. The 31-year-old former Canaries, Stoke and Preston

star insists he can learn from Pompey's protégés – and vice versa.

"It's a young man's game," he jokes. "The game's constantly evolving and there's fantastic ability from the young lads – I'm discovering things from them. I can teach them the cuter tricks that come with experience, but there's stuff they do that I learn from.

"If I'm not learning then I'm not moving forward. If that happens then you might as well stop because there's no fun in stagnating. I always strive to improve."

But Russell is also enjoying playing alongside more experienced players, like Blues skipper and fellow midfielder Brian Howard.

“The guys in our squad are talented individuals that stretch you every day, so I have to be up to speed as soon as possible”

“I’ve played against him several times before, so knew how good a player he was,” Russell reveals. “Brian knows the game and is an intelligent player.

“We want to get a bit of continuity going in the midfield area. We need to learn each other’s strengths, but that comes with playing together. It can click into place overnight, but more often than not it takes a bit of time to get things right – especially with all the changes that seem to happen here every day.

“But we’re moving in the right direction all the time. With every game we play, we seem to get closer to where we want to be.”

Russell joined Pompey earlier this month with the club’s future still very much uncertain.

Administration and the threat of a 10-point penalty could have put him off coming to Fratton Park, but Russell is only focused on what he is employed to do – perform on the pitch.

“There were initial reservations and you have to ask the right questions,” he explains. “But once I made the decision to join Pompey, I decided not to worry about it. The next game is all I’m concerned about because that’s all I can control. Everything else has nothing to do with me – it’s as simple as that.

“Maybe it’s unsettling for some players and I’m sure it would improve the mood of the fans and the staff at the club if things were sorted soon, but I’m just concentrating on training and playing to the best of my

ability when I get out onto the pitch.

“This is one of the biggest clubs in the division and it’s one with a fantastic history. I’ve played at Norwich and Stoke which are similar in terms of having a big, passionate fanbase and this is another good, exciting challenge for me.

“It obviously takes a while to settle when you come to a new club, but I’m feeling more comfortable with every day that passes.

“I’ve got a long journey in from the east side of London every morning, but I’m enjoying myself. There’s nothing better than getting out on the pitch and competing – it doesn’t matter who the opposition are. Nothing can compare with that thrill.”

Russell had been without a club since leaving Preston in the summer and is now working hard to reach his physical peak.

“I need to get fully fit and into a routine here at Pompey,” he says. “I did as much as I could this summer, but there’s nothing like being in training every day and having that competitive edge.

“The guys in our squad are talented individuals that stretch you every day, so I have to be up to speed as soon as possible.”

Russell knows that Blues boss Michael Appleton was, like him, a central midfielder during his playing days, which can help him settle quicker.

“It’s a rare occasion when the manager plays in the same position as you,” he explains. “I had it with Peter Grant and Lee Clark (manager and coach) at Norwich. It helps you to learn from someone who sees things in a different light, but has had similar experiences to you.

“The manager here is all about progression. He wants us to play football the right way and you’d expect





to see an improvement as the season goes on.

"He was a big reason why I chose to join Pompey. There was interest, but it only becomes real when you jump in your car to talk to the manager."

As well as the lure of playing for Appleton, the backing from the Fratton faithful also enticed Russell to the south coast.

"I don't need to say too much about the fans," he says. "Their support pretty much speaks for itself. They're fantastic and sing throughout the whole game. It seems like they're enjoying themselves despite the situation at the club. It doesn't matter whether it's a home game or an away game – they're all you can hear and it provides us with a huge boost.

"When you have backing like that, it only makes you more determined to go out onto the pitch and give everything you've got.

"You want to raise your game for them because they're so loud and passionate and I'm sure they appreciate it when our efforts pay off."



“ With every game we play, we seem to get closer to where we want to be ”

< POMPEY GRILL >

01

Who scored a hat-trick for Pompey the last time they met Swindon in March 2000?

02



Which side recently clinched cricket's County Championship with a game to spare?

03

Tim Pope scored four goals for which League Two outfit 10 days ago?

04



Who triumphed in the Italian F1 Grand Prix nine days ago?

05

What is the name of the South African who won gold in the T44 400m in a new Paralympic record time of 46.68 seconds?

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Which former England cricketer recently announced plans to become a heavyweight boxer?

<< Pompey Grill >>

07

According to an investigation by BBC's *Countryfile*, what has cost rural Britain £1 billion this year?

08



Who won her fourth US Open tennis title in New York eight days ago?

09

Which *Sky Sports* pundit left Pompey for Swindon, before being transferred back to Fratton Park four years later?

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At which away ground will travelling Pompey fans face the Travelling United Stand?

11

Which chef has cooked the books to become the second most successful UK author with £126 million in book sales?

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Which goalkeeper joined Preston from Ipswich in the summer, left after a week citing home sickness, and then joined Manchester City just before the transfer window closed?

ANSWERS: 1 Lee Bradbury 2 Warwickshire 3 Port Vale 4 Lewis Hamilton 5 Oscar Pistorius 6 Andrew Flintoff 7 The poor weather 8 Serena Williams 9 Chris Kamara 10 Scunthorpe's Glanford Park 11 Jamie Oliver 12 Richard Wright

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STEVE BONE'S View from the North Stand

Generally this column is quite frivolous, but sometimes it doesn't seem right to be so. This is one of those occasions.

On the day this latest offering was due, the news was dominated by the release of new reports, new details and new evidence about the Hillsborough disaster. And it somehow didn't seem right not to reflect on it here. So you'll have to forgive me for the lack of the usual trivia, ramblings and Pompey nostalgia this time.

Tragedies happen all the time. Earthquakes, plane crashes, mass killings, all sorts of things the world over that lead to many lives being lost at one time. But I don't think any one tragedy has had such a profound effect on me as the one which struck on April 15 1989.

Not for one moment am I going to claim to know how it must have felt to have been there, or to have lost a loved one, or even to have been a Liverpool fan or resident watching on from elsewhere and feeling such a terrible sense of loss.

But it's true what they say: we football fans are just one big group. A group who all experience the same highs and lows, albeit at different times, and experience the same triumphs and suffer the same injustices.

I was watching Pompey play at Crystal Palace on the day of the disaster and it was in the days when I'd often keep a radio pressed to my ear, so I knew quite early in our game what was unfolding in Sheffield.



“ It's been impossible not to be impressed by both the dignity and sheer endurance shown by those involved in the campaign for justice for the 96 ”

Apart from the fact that game at Selhurst was Andy Awford's debut, I couldn't tell you a thing about it. I spent the rest of the afternoon listening in horror and relaying information to other fans with me.

The coach journey home was completed in stunned silence.

I, and the people I was with at Palace, had stood on the Leppings Lane terrace 13 months earlier when Pompey had lost at Sheffield Wednesday towards the end of our season in the first division. We'd been to Anfield, too, in that same season and enjoyed a couple of great tussles home and away (even though they ended in defeat) with the Reds.

This being the latter end of the 1980s, we all thought back to the days when we'd stood on packed terraces that were probably a little over-populated. It was impossible not to think about how easily we might have been caught up in something similar just through being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

In the weeks, then the months, then the years, that have passed since that black day, it's been impossible not to be impressed by both the dignity and sheer endurance shown by those involved in the campaign for justice for the 96.

Last week, 23 years too late, they had their day. They got the apologies and admissions from people in power that they and those they lost deserved. Hopefully, now, they will get yet more answers, more truths.

It was a victory for decent people and, without wishing to dilute the meaning of last week's reports and conclusions for those directly involved, it was also a victory for ordinary football fans.

Too many people in authority passed the buck after Hillsborough, deciding it was easier to paint football supporters as lowlife hooligans and be believed, than it was to own up to mistakes and woeful errors of judgement.

The real truth was understood by football fans, and many others, a long time ago. Now, at least, everyone else does too. But it doesn't bring back the 96.

If you've a Pompey memory to share, email me at stevebonepf@googlemail.com or find me on Twitter - @stevebone1



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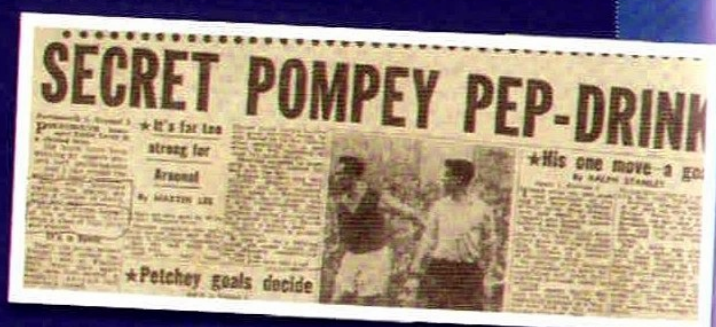
Pompey's 5-2 Fratton victory over Arsenal in January 1956 was an impressive result.

The Blues finished the Division One campaign in 12th place, with the Gunners up in fifth.

Peter Harris' brace and goals from Jackie Mansell and Gordon Dale – as well as an own-goal – saw the Blues come from behind to triumph.

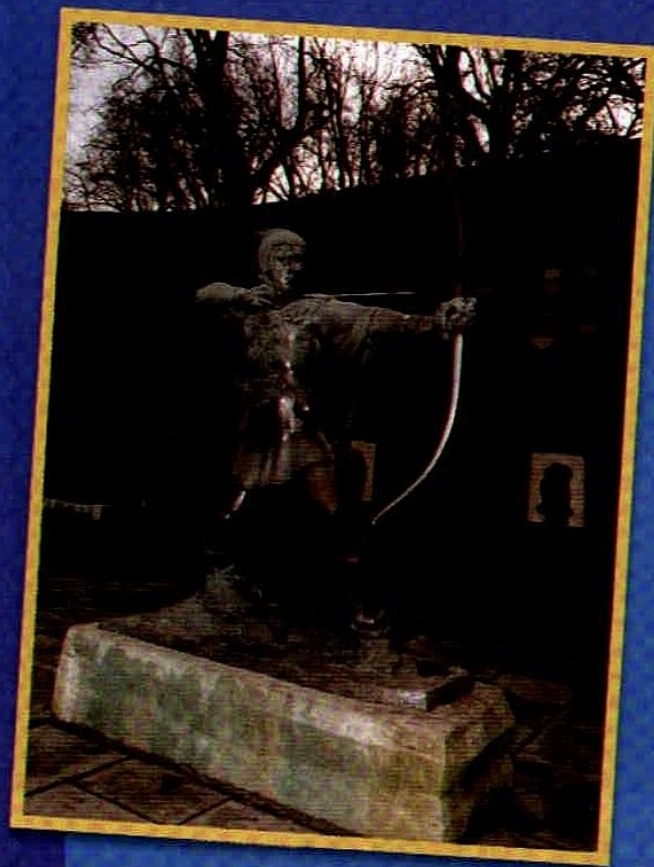
But it was not the players who were given the credit for a magnificent victory according to reporter Martin Lee from the *Sunday Graphic*.

He writes: "Portsmouth manager Eddie Lever is a shrewd man. His team have been winning with superb second-half performances – and I can reveal the secret of their stamina.



"After every morning's training the players are given a tumbler of sherry, milk and eggs. And at half-time, instead of tea or lemons, they drink a glass of fruit juice and glucose."

There you go, Michael Appleton. Sherry and glucose – that's the key to beating Swindon this evening.



GO FOR THE FOOTBALL, STAY FOR THE LACE

Fancy making a weekend of Pompey's trip to Notts County next Saturday?

You could get your funny bone tickled by a visit to the Nottingham Comedy Festival which kicks-off on Friday and includes famous names like Al Murray and Sandi Toksvig, as well as less famous names like Boy With Tape On His Face.

Or if you want something a bit more educational, then take advantage of a Robin Hood Walking Tour, which promises to explore the history and heart of Nottingham.

Still on a walking theme, although perhaps not for the faint-hearted, The Original Nottingham Ghost Walk operates every Saturday night.

But you would probably have to be pretty desperate for something to do if you end up at Lace:here:now, which 'will celebrate the heritage of Nottingham lace and demonstrate that lace still inspires, fascinates and excites'. Apparently.

MAGIC MOMENTS

November 3 2007 – Pamarot scores a stunner in rare win at Newcastle

Noe Pamarot scored a total of five goals during his time with Pompey – but he saved the best until last.

The hardy souls who made the long trip north were probably not expecting much when they set off for Tyneside in the early hours of the morning. After all, the Blues had not won at St James' Park since 1949.



But this was a Blues outfit who had won four away games on the trot and were looking to keep that run going.

They got off to the best possible start when Newcastle could only clear a corner as far as Pamarot, who sent the ball flying straight into the net with an exocet from 25 yards that Steve Harper had no chance of saving.

The game then went from the sublime to the ridiculous as Benjani, John Utaka and Niko Kranjcar took advantage of some woeful defending to seal a 4-1 rout.

But it was Pamarot's strike that stood out and it won the French defender Pompey's Goal of the Season award at the end of a memorable 2007/08 campaign.



60 MINUTES FROM FRATTON

» Last Saturday witnessed the preliminary round of the FA Trophy. This competition, which ultimately finishes at Wembley Stadium, is open to the principal 266 football clubs below Football League status. Put simply, all teams who play in the Blue Square Conference, Evostik Northern Premier League, Evostik Southern League and Ryman Leagues.

In line with many cups, there are exemptions for higher-placed clubs. Thus Havant and Waterlooville enter at the third qualifying round and Conference Premier teams at the first round proper. So for teams already involved, to win the trophy a minimum of ten victories are required. The Hawks need a mere seven triumphs.

Local clubs in action last Saturday included Fleet Town, Godalming Town, Guildford City, Sholing, Winchester City and Worthing. Bognor Regis Town and Gosport Borough enter the fray in the first qualifying round which takes place on Saturday, September 29.

As with the FA Cup, there is prize money at stake in each round. Winners last Saturday banked a cheque for £2,300, while for the trophy winners there is a cool £50,000 reward.

Eddy Wilson



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The amount of games Pompey and Swindon have served up since the last goalless draw, with the Blues netting nine goals in their last two Fratton clashes with the Robins.

Get your money on a 0-0 snooze-fest tonight then.



Vince's View

» Swindon always remind me of one of the bleaker

times in my career when I was at Leeds United. A huge reason why I signed for them was manager Billy Bremner. So when he was sacked it certainly wasn't the way the script was supposed to read. If I thought that was bad, then I was in for a bigger shock when Howard Wilkinson took over.

During the period when I was in the England under-21 side with Billy Gilbert, we were forever playing unappreciated practical jokes on him when he was part of the set-up. He thought we were brash cockneys and we used to ask him how much he was paid for collecting the balls after a training session. I never dreamt he would one day be my club manager.

One of his first games in charge was at Swindon and his kind of football saw our goalkeeper launching the ball as high and far as he could. Swindon had Lou Macari in charge and he played the same way. I was

told to chase the ball wherever it went. Consequently I spent the whole game chasing it as it went flying over my head this way and that. I touched the ball three times all day and ran twice as far as Mo Farah.

After the game Howard said: "I want to see more of that from you." I think it was his way of paying a compliment. But I knew my career at Leeds was going the same way as the ball that day – nowhere. Still he did win Leeds the title some time later.

I mentioned the other week about how Ian Baird berated me for the fact I never gave him any decent crosses. He was convinced I was the reason why the Pompey fans got on his back so much. So you can imagine the look he gave me, and what he said, when I walked into the Leeds dressing room literally days after he signed for them.

By the time Howard Wilkinson had taken over I still don't think I'd found his head. But we were agreed on the above game at Swindon. At the end of that match I went over to 'Bairdy' and said: "What do you think of that?" The reply was slightly less flattering than what he said to me when I put in a wayward cross!

Vince Hilaire played 168 games for Pompey and is now a matchday host.

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Pompey Goals: 1



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What are your memories of late Pompey player and manager Ron Tindall?

Skipper for my very first Pompey game, against Carlisle at Fratton Park on October 7 1967 – we won 2-1 with 21,865 on the gate. Happy days. I'll always remember you, Ron.
Peter Foulsham

I remember a game at Fratton Park in the 60s against Wolves as a kid. Ron went in goal after John Milkins got injured.
Alex Rowson

Another link with my earliest memories of watching Pompey has been broken. RIP, Ron.
Steve Burghard

In 1971, Westgrove Junior School U11s went on a cup run. We were considered underdogs throughout the tournament and, I guess as a result of this, were invited by the club to watch them train, firstly at Eastney Barracks and then at Fratton Park. Ron was instrumental in getting us along to watch them. These visits were inspirational and eventually we got to the final, which was played at Fratton Park. Thanks for the memories, Ron. RIP
Malcolm Newington

A fantastic footballer who could play in any position – and did – for Pompey and also served as a coach, manager and general manager. A true gent from a bygone era. RIP.
Peter Crew

What a gent Ron was. He lived in the next suburb to me in Perth and played golf with the Pompey Down Under crowd whenever he could. He will be sadly missed.
Doug King

RIP to a true Pompey legend. Condolences to his family.
Steve Whitewick

>> Touchline Tony

POMPEY'S MATCHDAY HOST

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Before the home match against Walsall on Saturday, I helped start the Portsmouth Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Not only was it a fantastic day out with a stroll along the seafront, but Memory Walk also provides the opportunity to make a real difference to those who are living with dementia in Portsmouth.

If you have any concerns about Alzheimer's, or any other forms of dementia, please visit alzheimers.org.uk for information, guidance, support and signposting to local Alzheimer's Society services.

People walked either a 3k or 10k distance along the coast and it all got underway at 11am. The route took them into the Historic Dockyard, passing Clarence Pier, The Square Tower and

Gunwarf Quays. Participants also got to see the Spinnaker Tower and HMS Warrior, then they headed off to Victoria Park for a rest before a stroll back to Southsea.

This year is the 11th anniversary of the Memory Walk. One in three people over 65 will die with dementia, but the Alzheimer's Society supports people so they can live well with dementia today and funds research to find a cure for tomorrow.

Well done to all those who took part and special congratulations to Paul Allen and Emma McEwan and their team for a well organised walk.

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JOHNNY ERTL

“I have played here before and was always fascinated by the fans – especially the bell and the trumpet!”

» What's it like working with Michael Appleton?
@SCOTTHARRIS1988

JE » It's fantastic working with the gaffer – an absolute pleasure. He persuaded me to come down and sign for Pompey. The enthusiasm shown by him – and everybody else at the club – is great.

» What made you decide to come to Pompey?
MAGGIE CHEESEBOROUGH

JE » The main thing was the supporters and their passion. I have played here before a couple of times with different clubs and I was always fascinated by them – especially the bell and the

trumpet! It really is something special. The size of the club was also a big draw.

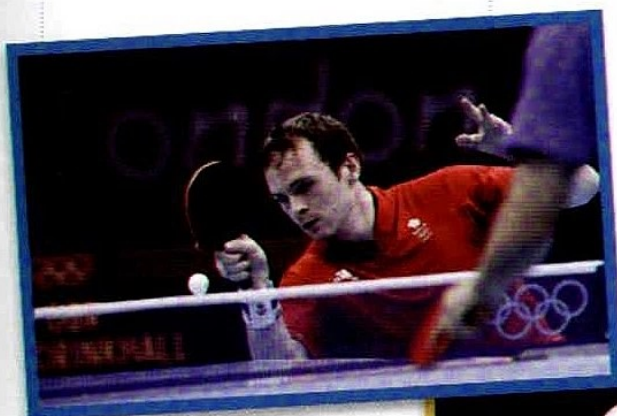
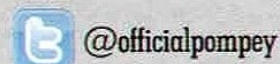
» What's your most embarrassing moment in the game?
KARL WOOD

JE » When I was celebrating a goal in Austria, one of my team-mates pulled my pants down, which was actually quite a funny moment!

» Do you have any matchday superstitions?
JOANNE TRUEMAN

JE » I don't really have any to be honest, although I do like listening to music before a game, such as *Queen*.

All season we'll be asking fans to pose questions to a Pompey star...
This week: Johnny Ertl



» Are you looking forward to coming up against your former side Sheffield United this season?
CRAIG THOMAS

JE » Oh yes – it's the biggest game for me this season. I know every match is important, but I am really looking forward to that one in particular.

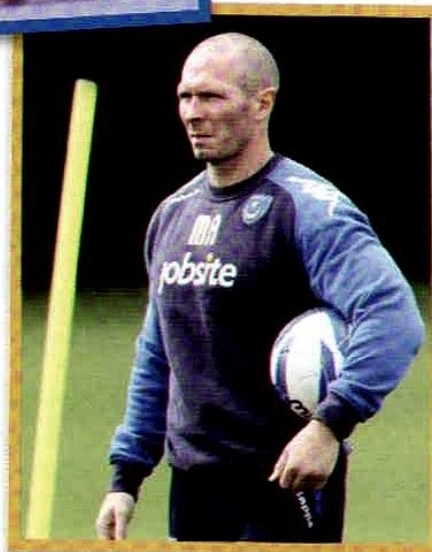
» Full English breakfast or continental?
@GROSS_KARL

JE » You cannot beat a full English breakfast in this country!

» How does football differ in Austria compared with England?
@STORYFOLKSINGER

JE » The main differences are the passion, the intensity of the games and the size of the crowds. The people live for football in this country. Also the team spirit in England is very different.

» What hobbies do you have outside of football?
@1MATTBENNETT



JE » Coming from Austria, which is full of huge mountains, I love to be outside. When the weather is nice I go for a walk and I like listening to good music. I love to play table tennis, too – I'm really competitive!

» As an international who's played on big stages, have you been surprised by the great Fratton support?
@MCYEEHAAA

JE » I've been really impressed by it. The club is currently going through a difficult period, but the supporters have been a different class.

» What's the best thing about living in England?
CHRISSIE LOADER

JE » A Sunday roast!



» Who were your footballing heroes when you were growing up?
NICHOLAS ROSS

JE » I didn't really have a specific footballing hero. It is just the enjoyment of the game and trying your best that are the most important things.

30 YEARS ON...

1982/83

Leigh Edwards and Roger Holmes look back at Pompey's 1982/83 and 2002/03 title triumphs...

POMPEY 2 MILLWALL 0

September 28 1982 – Division Three

Goals from Billy Rafferty and Alan Biley saw Pompey to victory in front of 7,615 at Fratton Park.

The Blues totally outclassed the Lions and in a goalless first 45 minutes, 19 year-old Neil Webb, back in the side after a month out with a knee injury, produced a brilliant show of midfield play and could have finished the half with a hat-trick.

The first goal came after 51 minutes when Biley was sent tumbling in the penalty area. Millwall goalkeeper Paul Sansome saved Bobby Doyle's spot-kick, but Rafferty followed up to put the ball into the net. Biley wrapped the game up on 78 minutes, brilliantly curling the ball around Sansome and in off the far post.

Pompey: Alan Knight, John McLaughlin, Colin Sullivan, Bobby Doyle, Ernie Howe, Steve Aizlewood, Neil Webb, Mick Tait, Billy Rafferty, Alan Biley, Dave Thomas

Millwall: Paul Sansome, Keith Stevens, Paul Robinson, Nicky Chatterton, Lawrie Madden, Paul Roberts, Bobby Shinton (Andy Massey), Willie Carr, Trevor Aylott, David Martin, Dean Neal

SOUTHEND UNITED 4 POMPEY 0

October 1 1982 – Division Three

Billy Rafferty was sent off as Pompey crashed to defeat at Roots Hall in front of a crowd of 4,589.

Southend's first raid after nine minutes brought a penalty as Steve Aizlewood pushed Keith Mercer and Dave Cusack scored from the spot. The match was effectively over ten minutes into the second half when Anton Otulakowski rifled home from outside the area.

Garry Nelson appeared to be yards offside when he netted Southend's third

goal and 13 minutes from time Rafferty, already booked, was ordered off after clattering into goalkeeper John Keeley. Nelson completed Pompey's misery in the dying seconds.

Southend: John Keeley, Micky Stead, Steve Yates, Paul Clark, Anton Otulakowski, Dave Cusack, Ron Pountney, Steve Phillips, Keith Mercer, Glen Pennyfather, Garry Nelson

Pompey: Alan Knight, John McLaughlin, Colin Sullivan, Bobby Doyle, Ernie Howe, Steve Aizlewood, Neil Webb, Mick Tait, Billy Rafferty, Alan Biley, Alan Rogers

NO 1 SINGLE:

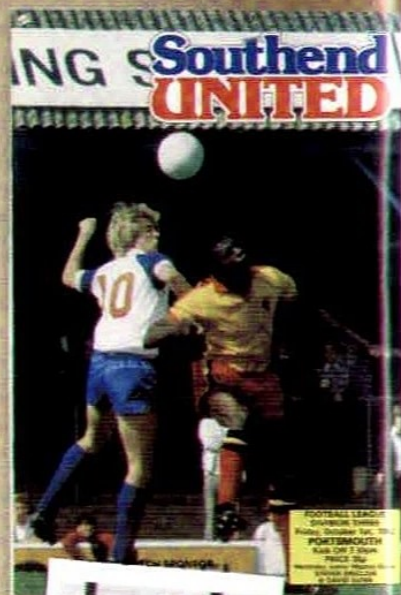
Eye of the Tiger – Survivor

BOBBY DOYLE

Scottish midfielder Doyle was an influential figure in Pompey's third division title triumph. Signing professional terms for Barnsley in December 1972, he was ever-present in 1975/76 and joined Peterborough for £20,000 in July 1976. He starred in their 1977/78 promotion near-miss and moved to Blackpool for £120,000 in July 1979. Frank Burrows paid £75,000 for him in December 1980 and he netted 16 goals in 177 league games while at Fratton Park, prior to joining Hull in August 1985, where an ankle injury curtailed his playing career two years later. Now living in Orton Waterville, he is an HGV driver for King Brothers.

SWINDON TOWN IN 1982/83

Swindon finished eighth in the fourth division. The Robins were second in the table at Christmas after losing just three of their opening 20 games, before only two wins in 17 matches led to Ken Beamish replacing John Trollope as manager in March. Paul Rideout and Andy Rowlands scored 36 goals between them.



10 YEARS ON...

2002/03



GILLINGHAM 1 POMPEY 3

September 7 2002 – Division One

Paul Merson, Mark Burchill and Gary O'Neil all scored as Pompey crushed Gillingham at Priestfield Stadium, watched by 8,797.

Burchill and Merson both went close in the early stages and Pompey really took control once Merson netted from Matt Taylor's cross on the half hour. Paul Shaw hit the bar before the break, but Burchill pounced on Merson's through ball in first half injury-time to tighten the Blues' grip.

Kevin Jones pulled a goal back for the Gills with 20 minutes left and should have made it 2-2 before O'Neil buried a shot into the corner in the 79th minute to clinch victory.

Gillingham: Vince Bartram, Mark Patterson, Barry Ashby, Chris Hope, Roland Edge (David Perpetuini), Andy Hessenthaler, Paul Smith, Mark Saunders, Paul Shaw, Guy Ipoua, Jeff Johnson (Kevin James)

Pompey: Shaka Hislop, Linvoy Primus, Gianluca Festa, Arjan de Zeeuw, Jason Crowe (Kevin Harper), Richard Hughes, Nigel Quashie, Matt Taylor, Paul Merson, Mark Burchill (Gary O'Neil), Svetoslav Todorov

POMPEY 1 MILLWALL 0

September 14 2002 – Division One

Pompey stormed to their best ever start, making it seven wins and a draw from their first eight matches as a goal from Svetoslav Todorov secured victory over Millwall in front of 17,201 at Fratton Park.

They had to withstand an early storm from the Lions with Chris Kinet and Steve Claridge testing Shaka Hislop, but Todorov should have put Pompey ahead before the break instead of firing over from eight yards.

The game turned five minutes into the

second half when Todorov raced onto Nigel Quashie's through ball and clipped the ball over Tony Warner. The striker sliced a shot wide before limping off with a knee injury.

Pompey: Shaka Hislop, Linvoy Primus, Gianluca Festa, Arjan de Zeeuw, Kevin Harper, Carl Robinson (Gary O'Neil), Nigel Quashie, Matt Taylor, Paul Merson, Vincent Pericard (Carl Tiler), Svetoslav Todorov (Mark Burchill)

Millwall: Tony Warner, Matthew Lawrence (Kevin Braniff), Stuart Nethercott, Darren Ward, Ronnie Bull, Paul Ifill, Andy Roberts, David Livermore, Christophe Kinet (Neil Harris), Steve Claridge, Kevin Davies

NO 1 SINGLE:

The Tide Is High – Atomic Kitten

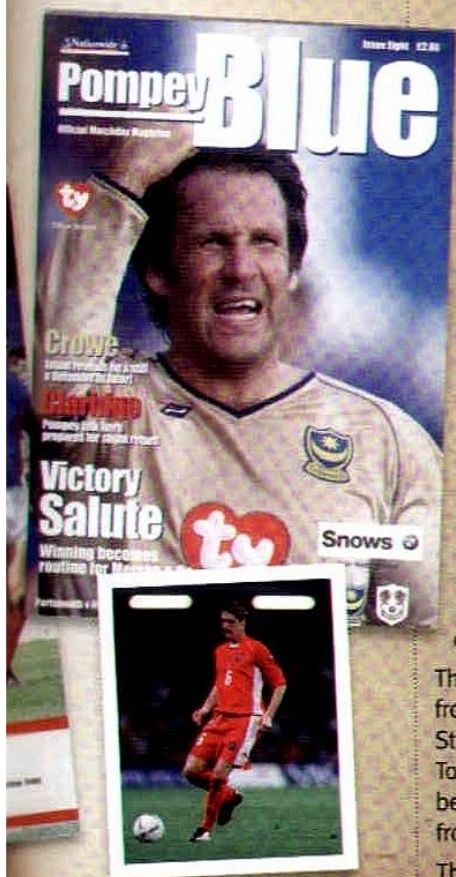
CARL ROBINSON

Welsh international midfielder Carl Robinson turned professional with Wolves in July 1995 and helped them to reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1997/98. Loaned to Shrewsbury before joining Pompey in July 2002, he made 16 league appearances while at Fratton Park and had loan spells at Sheffield Wednesday, Walsall, Rotherham and Sheffield United prior to joining Sunderland in March 2004.

He starred in their 2004/05 Championship title triumph and moved to Norwich in November 2005, then Toronto in February 2007 before playing for New York Red Bulls.

SWINDON TOWN IN 2002/03

Swindon finished tenth in the second division. The Robins won their opening two games but just one of their next 12. Andy King's side gradually pulled clear of relegation danger and had a seven-match unbeaten run early in the New Year. Sam Parkin was leading scorer with 25 goals and Matt Heywood was ever-present.





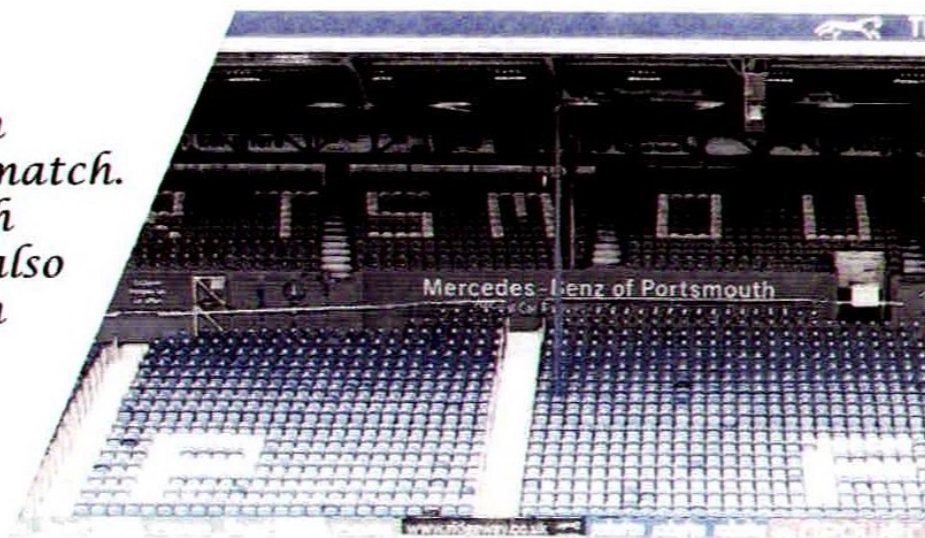
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more than just a match

Len Phillips

Born: Shoreditch, London

Clubs: Pompey, Poole Town, Chelmsford, Bath City, Waterloooville

Pompey career: 1946-1956

Pompey games: 261

Goals: 62

Goal ratio per match: 0.24



» Fratton Hotshots

Words: Richard Owen

» To many supporters who saw him play, Len Phillips is regarded as one of the most skilful and intelligent players ever to wear Pompey colours. He provided loyal service to what turned out to be his only league club and his talent drew regular applause from the large crowds of the 1940s and 50s – and even from the opposition!

Len held a regular place in the Pompey team that won back-to-back league titles in 1949 and 1950, as he possessed perfect balance and the ability to dribble, tackle, pass and score. This quickly made him a favourite with the crowd at Fratton Park. Discovered by Pompey in the Royal Marines football team, Len was a former Marine Corporal who suddenly found himself embarking on a new career, joining a professional football club, following the end of the Second World War.

He quickly settled into a new team assembled by Jack Tinn and comfortably inherited by new Pompey manager Bob Jackson a season later. In only his second season with the club and his first full campaign, Len scored 16 goals in 45 games, which provided a large contribution to the 1948/49 league championship-winning side. Pompey supporters adored his style of play; he only released the ball to a colleague when the timing was right and had a great knack of holding the ball up to wait for the right moment. Coupled with



BEST GOAL

The winner against Sheffield Wednesday in a 4-3 victory at Hillsborough in November 1952.

equally strong and clever players like Jimmy Scoular, Jack Froggatt and Peter Harris to name but three, the Pompey team were the talk of the country in 1949 and 1950.

England selectors also finally noticed Len's skill and in November 1951 he earned his first international cap against Northern Ireland in a 2-0 midweek victory at Villa Park. But Len was still regularly producing quality performances for Pompey, often scoring two in a match to rip apart visiting defences at Fratton Park.

Len switched positions from inside-forward to wing-half in November 1953, shortly after Jimmy Scoular was sold to Newcastle. Some Pompey supporters expressed concern at the time, but their anxiety was unnecessary, as Len turned in fine displays to outplay many of his contemporaries of the time. In one Fratton match against Wolves in January 1954, Len completely blotted out visiting England captain Billy Wright and received a standing ovation at the end of the game.

It is still a mystery how England selectors only picked Len to play for his country on two more occasions, both at Wembley in the winter of 1954. But his overall talent and goalscoring prowess – reaching double figures in three seasons – is how many supporters remember Len. He died in 2011, at the grand age of 89.

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» The abstract adventures of a Pompey addict



» I've spoken previously about one of my first independent away games being at Swindon in a 1973 FA Cup third round replay.

Played in the midst of the miner's strike, the match was held on a Tuesday afternoon which crucially meant a day off school. This caused me to miss the dreaded cookery lesson in favour of my true love and vocation.

I think the fact that I was never destined to become Marco Pierre White, but have consequently worked at Portsmouth Football Club for 15 years, somewhat justifies my truancy.

That apart, this particular game throws up some thought-provoking visions of how things in football – and at Pompey – have changed.

For instance, in the Swindon defence that day were two figures who I would later have close encounters with in Citty Street.

Only two years later, David Munks, previously at Pompey, spent a period signing on behind me at what was then known as the Havant Unemployment Benefit Office. While some years after that, Frank Burrows, who later became Blues manager, popped into my Havant local.

I could indeed extend this Swindon connection further to later players. On a couple of occasions I've had a drink in the *Hungry Horse* on the Eastern Road with former Swindon and Pompey defender John McLaughlin.

And former Blues and Robins centre-half



“ I would never be surprised to see Hermann Hreidarsson looming towards me in Iceland – the supermarket, that is, not his home country ”

Steve Aizlewood told me over the phone that he watched Pompey's 2008 FA Cup triumph in a Newport rugby club.

Ah, the 2008 FA Cup victory against Cardiff. What a contrast. For all the wonderful triumph and euphoria of that day, can even the most vivid imagination picture similar scenarios? Try to visualise Sulley Muntari signing on behind me at the job centre, David James popping into my local, or Sol Campbell having a drink in the *Hungry Horse*.

It's actually slightly more plausible that I run a chain of Michelin star restaurants in the west end of London.

Okay, there are exceptions. I would never be surprised to see Hermann Hreidarsson looming towards me in Iceland – the supermarket, that is, not his home country.

But for all the negatives Pompey's fall from grace has created, one of the positives has been the return to a more grass roots level. The club has come back to the people and, to all intents and purposes, the players are part of those same people. Expensive bling from the training ground has all but been removed, but in its place something far more valuable has returned. Something that money can't buy.

If it signals defeats at home to Oldham rather than victories over Manchester United, if it means lesser glory against Bournemouth in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy as opposed to beating Liverpool in the FA Cup then, given the club survives, that would be a small price to pay.

And quite honestly, given the chance of a drink with Frank Burrows or Sol Campbell in my local, I'd pick the former every day of the week.

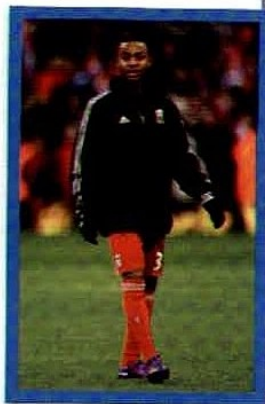
» Nelson's Column



Six Pointer

Test your football knowledge with these tricky teasers.

- 1 Which Liverpool teenager was called into the England squad for last week's World Cup qualifier against Ukraine?
- 2 Which two UK nations are in the same qualifying group?
- 3 England have announced a friendly against which South American side at Wembley next February?
- 4 True or False? Pompey beat Swindon 4-1 the last time the two sides met in 2000.
- 5 Robins manager Paolo Di Canio scored 52 goals in 141 appearances for which London side?
- 6 How many first team appearances did Swindon's Matt Ritchie make for Pompey: 5, 10 or 15?



Answers:
Six Pointer: 1. Raheem Sterling, 2. Scotland and Wales, 3. Brazil, 4. True, 5. West Ham, 6. 10
Who Am I?: Mikkell Andersen
Picture This: Adam Webster

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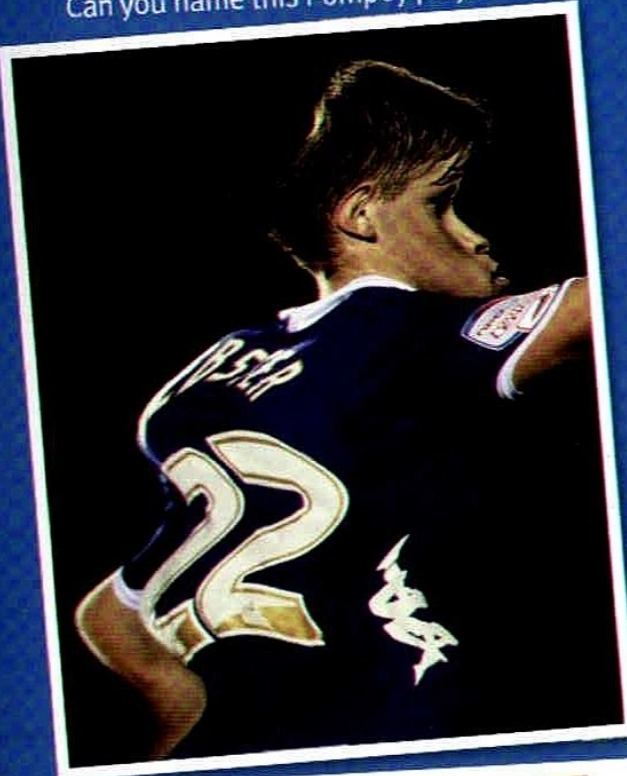
I love hearing from you, so send your photos, drawings and letters to communicate@pompeyfc.co.uk and I'll print my favourites!

WHO Am I?

- 1 I am Pompey's last line of defence.
- 2 Pompey are the sixth different club I have been on loan at.
- 3 I played a key role in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy penalty shoot-out victory over Bournemouth earlier this month.
- 4 I was capped three times for the Danish under-21 side.

Picture This

Can you name this Pompey player?



Birthday Barks

Jayden Griffiths was seven on September 12.
Happy Birthday, Jayden!
Lots of love, from Mummy and Daddy xxx



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TODAY'S MASCOTS

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ALEX SMART	CALLUM SMART
DANIEL STEVENS	ALEXANDER THOMAS

Swindon Mascot

A big welcome to visiting Swindon mascot Ellis Holloway.



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Hart Plain Avenue, Cowplain
10am-11am

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10am-11am

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ADAM'S MALAYSIAN ADVENTURE

Coaches from Pompey in the Community (PitC) have travelled far and wide during the summer months to share their skills and knowledge through the hugely successful Premier Skills project.

In July Kirsty McGee visited China, in August Mark Corbett and Mark Smith went to America and PitC education manager Adam Lea has recently returned from Malaysia. Adam represented both Portsmouth Football Club and the Premier League on the project, which has been delivered in 15 countries around the world, has helped to develop and improve 1,500 coaches and, as a result, has impacted on over 300,000 children worldwide.

Adam and fellow Premier League coach Paul Hughes, from Reading, delivered the third phase of the Premier Skills course, which aims to develop a coach's ability to pass on the knowledge and experience that they have learnt from phase one and two and educate fellow coaches back in their own local communities.

The participants were specially selected from the previous two phases of the Premier Skills programme. During the week-long course, the participants learnt a number of new skills, including

how to structure classroom-based learning, providing effective positive feedback to coaches and how to coach from an educator's perspective.

The participants have four months to practise the skills they have learnt back in their local communities before Adam and Paul return to Malaysia in December to assess how they have progressed and share their successes.

Adam said: "Throughout the duration of the course, the participants have demonstrated a willingness and passion to progress themselves as coach educators in Malaysia. They have realised what a fantastic opportunity they have been offered by the Premier League and the British Council, and they are committed to making the most of it.

"This was the sixth Premier Skills course I have delivered and, just like the participants, I am learning all the time. My knowledge of the countries and cultures that I have visited has improved a great deal, but I've also learnt about the participants as well.

"It has been a privilege to represent both the Premier League and Portsmouth Football Club and I am looking forward to going back to see what progress the coaches have made."



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Ladies

MAN CITY 2 POMPEY 3

Kirsty McGee (top right) scored a late winner as Pompey won at Manchester City to climb up to second in the Premier League National Division table.

The visitors had earlier opened the scoring, courtesy of a fine strike from Shelly Cox after just nine minutes. Manchester City soon hit back, however, and were level when a Niamh Rawlins' back-pass was intercepted.

Lindsey Roe (right) beat the offside trap to fire home and restore the Blues' advantage in the second half. But it looked like they would have to settle for a point when City again fought back to level.

However, with just seconds remaining, McGee latched onto a fine pass from substitute Sarah Kempson and netted Pompey's winner.

Blues boss Vanessa Raynbird said: "It was a very competitive and hard-fought game that could have gone either way. But I thought that we played the better football and probably did enough to deserve the victory.

"We had a lot of the ball in the first half, while they came out stronger in the second. We then had a period of dominance towards the end.

"Manchester City missed a few chances from close range and Sadie Blakely had to make some fine saves. But we had good opportunities ourselves. Charley Wilson fired narrowly over the bar, while Leeta Rutherford saw a shot superbly saved.

"It was a long way to travel for a game – and it would have felt even longer coming back with nothing, so we're delighted with the result.

"It's nice to see us second in the table, but it's still very early days and we won't be suffering from over-confidence. We have to keep working hard if we want to win more games in this league."

Pompey: Blakely, Rawlins, Kirby, Murphy, Schumann-Edwards, Cox, Rutherford, McGee, Roe, Hillier (c), Wilson (Kempson)

Subs not used: McMillan, Simmonds



*FIXTURES & RESULTS 2012/13

SUN AUG 19	Sunderland (H)	L	1-4
SUN AUG 26	Aston Villa (H)	W	3-0
SUN SEPT 2	Reading (PI Cup) (H)	L	1-2
SUN SEPT 9	Manchester City (A)	W	3-2
SUN SEPT 16	Coventry (H)		
SUN SEPT 23	QPR (PI Cup) (A)		
SUN SEPT 30	Charlton (A)		
SUN OCT 7	Barnet (A)		
SUN OCT 21	Cardiff (H)		
SUN OCT 28	Leeds (A)		
SUN NOV 4	Cardiff (PI Cup) (A)		
SUN NOV 11	Watford (A)		
SUN NOV 18	Sunderland (A)		
SUN NOV 25	Yeovil (PI Cup) (H)		
SUN DEC 2	Aston Villa (A)		
SUN DEC 9	Manchester City (H)		
SUN DEC 16	Coventry (A)		
SUN JAN 6	Charlton (H)		
SUN JAN 13	Barnet (H)		
SUN JAN 20	Cardiff (A)		
SUN JAN 27	Leeds (H)		
SUN FEB 10	Watford (H)		

*APPEARANCES & GOALS

	A	G
Sadie Blakely	4	0
Shelly Cox	4	2
Trudi Harbinson	0(+1)	0
Gemma Hillier	4	2
Sarah Kempson	2(+2)	0
Jade Kirby	4	0
Kirsty McGee	4	1
Fiona McMillan	0(+1)	0
Lauren Murphy	3	0
Niamh Rawlins	4	0
Lindsey Roe	4	1
Lysette Russell	0(+2)	0
Leeta Rutherford	4	0
Kaylee Schumann-Edwards	3	0
Gemma Simmonds	0(+2)	0
Charley Wilson	4	2

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	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Sunderland	3	3	0	0	15	2	13	9
POMPEY	3	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
Watford	3	2	0	1	5	4	1	6
Leeds	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
Man City	3	1	1	1	9	7	2	4
Cardiff	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
Coventry	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
Aston Villa	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
Charlton	3	0	1	2	5	8	-3	1
Barnet	3	0	1	2	0	10	-10	1

*Information correct as of 14.09.12

>> Academy

“Overall I was pleased with the performance. We looked a lot better defensively and the second half was the best I’ve seen us play this season”

POMPEY 2 CRAWLEY 2

>> Pompey came from behind to pick up a point against Crawley at the Wellington Sports Ground.

The Blues trailed 2-1 at the interval, with Lewis Horsburgh’s goal for the hosts sandwiched between two fine strikes from Alex Laing.

But Pompey created plenty of chances in the second half and Bradley Tarbuck netted to salvage a deserved point.

Academy manager Andy Awford said: “The first goal came about because we allowed Crawley too much space from a throw, but what a shot from their player that bent into the top corner. It was a wonderful strike.

“We came back into the game, however, and equalised when Bradley broke down the right and crossed for Lewis to tap home.

“It was a very even first half, but we found ourselves behind at the break. It was a great strike from the edge of the

box that deflected away from our keeper.

“This presented us with a new challenge. We’re used to being ahead and having to hold onto leads, but this time we had to stay tight, while also looking to get forward and score.

“We were the better side in the second half. We hit the bar three times and missed a few clear-cut chances.

“We had the majority of possession and got our reward with about 10 minutes remaining when Bradley scored a nice goal. We then went on to have a few chances to win the game.

“Overall I was pleased with the performance. We looked a lot better defensively and the second half was the best I’ve seen us play this season.”

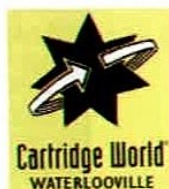
Pompey: Da Costa; Medway, Warren (c), Whatmough (Sparks 56), Triggs; Awford, Kim (Close 60), Branford; Tarbuck, Horsburgh; Hartson (Rwakarambwe 83)

Bradley Tarbuck



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BOURNEMOUTH 3 POMPEY 1

>> Pompey were beaten 3-1 despite dominating for long periods at Bournemouth.

The Blues created plenty of scoring opportunities, but somehow found themselves behind at the interval.

Bournemouth took advantage of Pompey's hunger for an equaliser in the second half, twice catching their visitors on the break.

Sandwiched in between was a consolation for the Blues, as a corner was headed down by Jack Whatmough for Lewis Horsburgh to tap home.

Academy manager Andy Awford said: "In the first 40 minutes of the game we were excellent, but in the final third it fizzled out.

"We bossed the game and had about 75 per cent of the possession. We had numerous chances, but the final ball was lacking.

"We conceded the first goal from a set-piece just before the break and didn't recover from that.

"I had a bit of a go at the boys at half-time, but that was borne out of frustration. They'd played so well and I was disappointed that we weren't a few goals up. To come in one down was a travesty – but that's football and is all part of their education as young players.

"Maybe I should have handled things slightly differently, as we didn't really cope with them in the second half. We were pressing for the equaliser and Bournemouth broke away to score. We then pulled one back, but again got caught on the break.

"I was very encouraged with a lot of our play, but now we need to turn that dominance into goals.

"I've always said it's not about results at this level, but when you have that much of the play you should be winning matches. That's what the lads have to learn."

Pompey: O'Hara; Medway, Warren (c) (Sparks 57), Whatmough, Triggs; Branford, Close, Awford; Horsburgh, Tarbuck (Kim 46); Hartson (Gill 64)

Lewis Horsburgh



*FIXTURES & RESULTS 2012/13

SAT AUG 11	AFC Wimbledon (H)	W	2-0
SAT AUG 18	Aldershot (H)	L	3-4
SAT AUG 25	Gillingham (H)	W	4-3
SAT SEP 1	Crawley (H)	D	2-2
SAT SEP 8	Bournemouth (A)	L	1-3
SAT SEP 22	Southend (A)		
SAT OCT 6	AFC Wimbledon (A) (YA Cup)		
SAT OCT 20	Aldershot (H) (YA Cup)		
SAT NOV 3	Crawley (A) (YA Cup)		
SAT NOV 17	Bournemouth (H)		
SAT DEC 1	Crawley (A)		
SAT DEC 8	Watford (H)		
SAT JAN 12	Southend (H)		
SAT JAN 26	AFC Wimbledon (A)		
SAT FEB 2	Aldershot (A)		
SAT FEB 9	Gillingham (A)		
SAT FEB 23	Peterborough (H)		
SAT MAR 2	Stevenage (A)		
SAT MAR 9	Dagenham & Redbridge (H)		
SAT MAR 16	Leyton Orient (A)		
SAT MAR 23	Luton (H)		
SAT APR 6	MK Dons (A)		
SAT APR 13	Northampton (H)		

*YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 SOUTH-EAST LEAGUE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Leyton Orient	5	3	1	1	12	5	7	10
Dag & Red	4	3	0	1	11	6	5	9
Southend	5	3	0	2	13	9	4	9
Watford	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	7
POMPEY	5	2	1	2	12	12	0	7
Peterborough	5	2	1	2	6	6	0	7
Luton	4	2	0	2	7	7	0	6
Stevenage	5	2	0	3	11	12	-1	6
MK Dons	5	2	0	3	6	16	-10	6
Gillingham	4	1	2	1	9	9	0	5
AFC Wimbledon	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Crawley	5	1	2	2	8	9	-1	5
Bournemouth	4	1	2	1	7	9	-2	5
Northampton	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	3
Aldershot	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3

*APPEARANCES & GOALS

	A	G
Nick Awford	5	1
George Branford	5	0
Ben Close	2(+3)	0
Claud Da Costa	4	0
Chad Field	0(+1)	0
Lewis Gill	0(+1)	0
James Hartson	3(+2)	1
Kim Jae Heon	3(+2)	0
Lewis Horsburgh	4	4
Jack Maloney	3	3
Harry Medway	5	0
Connor O'Hara	1	0
Fahad Rwakarambwe	0(+2)	0
Harvey Sparks	0(+3)	0
Bradley Tarbuck	5	3
Liam Triggs	5	0
Josh Warren	5	0
Jack Whatmough	5	0

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POMPEY

Rodgers 45, Howard 66

AFC BOURNEMOUTH

MacDonald 5, 59

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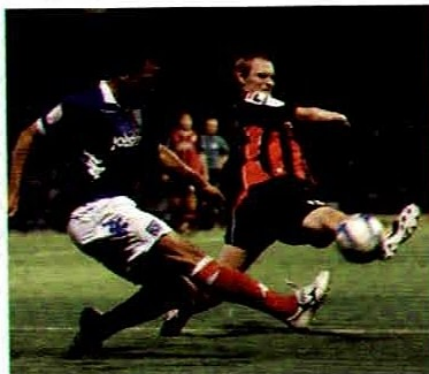
Pompey win 4-3 on penalties

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“We’re not just in the competition to make up the numbers. If we can win it, then we want to win it”

Mustapha Dumbuya



Pompey held their nerve to beat Bournemouth on penalties and win their first ever match in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The Blues scored all four of their spot-kicks, while Mikkel Andersen saved from Lee Barnard and Marc Pugh hit the decisive penalty over the crossbar.

Earlier Pompey had twice come from behind to level against their south coast neighbours.

First Luke Rodgers finished a fine attacking move just before half-time to cancel out Shaun MacDonald's headed opener.

MacDonald restored the Cherries' advantage in the second half with a super strike from the edge of the box.

But the Blues again came back to equalise, thanks to an exquisite finish from Brian Howard, who ran at the Bournemouth defence and curled a stunning shot around Shwan Jalal and into the net.



Statistics

Pompey = ■

Possession

49% v 51%



Shots on target

5 v 6

Shots off target

4 v 13

Corners

3 v 7

Fouls

10 v 19

Yellow cards

2 v 2

Red cards

0 v 0

MAN OF THE MATCH



BRIAN HOWARD

The Pompey skipper led by example, scoring a fine strike to take the game to penalties and then netting in the shoot-out.

Teamsheet



CRAWLEY

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POMPEY

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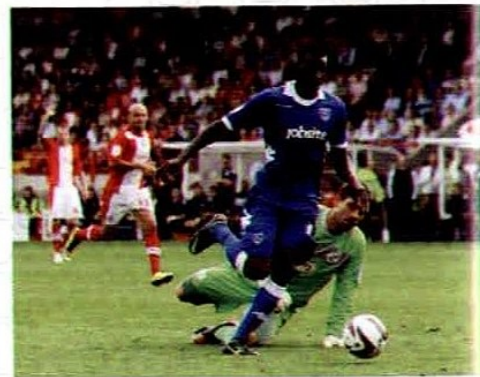
Harris 74, Rodgers 83, McLeod 85

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“ We had to dig in and be patient. Then when Ashley came on it changed the game ”

>> Izale McLeod



》 Pompey fired three second-half goals past nine-man Crawley to finally register their first League One victory of the season.

The only downside for the Blues was debutant Gabor Gyepes limping off with an ankle injury after just 41 minutes.

Moments later, Crawley's Josh Simpson was sent off for picking up a second booking and Hope Akpan followed him down the tunnel midway through the second half.

The introduction of Ashley Harris from the bench breathed new life into Pompey and he opened the scoring by nodding in a cross from fellow teenager Adam Webster.

And they took full advantage of Crawley's tiring legs by doubling their advantage through Luke Rodgers' excellent free-kick from 25 yards.

Izale McLeod then added a gloss to the victory, latching onto Harris' pass and rounding Reds keeper Paul Jones before stroking the ball home.

》 Statistics

Pompey = ■

Possession

46% v 54%



Shots on target

2 v 8

Shots off target

5 v 1

Corners

6 v 6

Fouls

13 v 8

Yellow cards

2 v 3

Red cards

2 v 0

**MAN
OF THE
MATCH**



ASHLEY HARRIS

The 18-year-old forward was not on the pitch for long, but scored one goal and created another to cap a sparkling cameo.

》 Teamsheet



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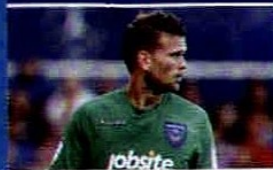


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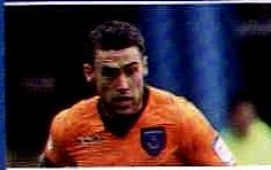
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》》 Blues On The Road

》》 NOTTS COUNTY v POMPEY

npower League One Saturday September 22, 3pm

Pompey will make their first visit to Meadow Lane in almost 18 years when they take on Notts County on Saturday.

And they will be aiming for a repeat of the result from the last time they took on the Magpies – Paul Wood scored the only goal in 1-0 Blues victory in December 1994.

Since then Notts County have flitted between the lowest two tiers of English football.

Pompey are undefeated in the last seven meetings between the sides, with the last County triumph all the way back in 1990. The Blues shade the overall head-to-head record, winning nine of the 20 clashes.

Keith Curle's side finished seventh in League One last term, only narrowly missing out on a play-off spot. They finished level on points with sixth-placed Stevenage, but with a vastly inferior goal difference.

Northern Irishman Jeff Hughes top scored with 17 goals, followed by veteran striker Lee Hughes on 11.

Manager: Keith Curle

Last season: 7th in League One

Last meeting: Notts County 0 Pompey 1 (Wood) – Division One – December 17 1994

Ground: Meadow Lane (capacity: 20,229), NG2 3HJ

Distance from Fratton Park: 192.4 miles

Estimated drive time: 3 hours 32 minutes

Title odds: 10/1



》》 AROUND THE COUNTRY

TONIGHT

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Montpellier v Arsenal 7.45pm
Real Madrid v Man City 7.45pm

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Watford v Brighton 7.45pm

NPOWER LEAGUE ONE

Bournemouth v Brentford 7.45pm
Carlisle v Crewe 7.45pm

Colchester v Crawley 7.45pm
Leyton Orient v Yeovil 7.45pm
MK Dons v Notts County 7.45pm
Oldham v Scunthorpe 7.45pm
Preston v Hartlepool 7.45pm
Sheffield United v Doncaster 7.45pm
Shrewsbury v Coventry 7.45pm
Stevenage v Walsall 7.45pm
Tranmere v Bury 7.45pm

NPOWER LEAGUE TWO

Aldershot v Barnet 7.45pm

TOMORROW

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Chelsea v Juventus 7.45pm
Man Utd v Galatasaray 7.45pm

THURSDAY

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Maritimo v Newcastle 6pm
Young Boys v Liverpool 6pm
Tottenham v Lazio 8.05pm

7/0	6/0	7/0	6/0	3/0	0/0	5/0	7/1
Mikkel Anderson	Mustapha Dumbuya	Jon Harley	Kevin Long	Josh Thompson	Liam Walker	Lee Williamson	Brian Howard

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	KICK OFF/ RESULT	POS.	ATT.	POMPEY GOALSCORERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TUE AUG 14	PLYMOUTH (A)		L 0-3	-	5,318									
SAT AUG 18	BOURNEMOUTH (H)		D 1-1	10th	17,703	McLEOD 18	★	★	★	★			★	★
TUE AUG 21	COLCHESTER (A)		D 2-2	12th	4,335	RODGERS 30, OBITA 85	★	★	★	★		★	★	★
SAT AUG 25	CARLISLE (A)		L 2-4	20th	5,120	HARRIS 88, CLIFFORD 90+3	★	★	★	★		★		★
SAT SEP 1	OLDHAM (H)		L 0-1	21st	12,635		★	★	★			★		★
TUE SEP 4	BOURNEMOUTH (H)		D 2-2*	-	5,979	RODGERS 45, HOWARD 66	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
SUN SEP 9	CRAWLEY (A)		W 3-0	16TH	5,058	HARRIS 74, RODGERS 83, McLEOD 85	★		★	★	★	★	★	★
SAT SEP 15	WALSALL (H)		L 1-2	17TH	11,767	McLEOD 69	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
TUE SEP 18	SWINDON (H)		7.45PM											
SAT SEP 22	NOTTS COUNTY (A)		3PM											
SAT SEP 29	SCUNTHORPE (H)		3PM											
TUE OCT 2	YEovil (A)		7.45PM											
SAT OCT 6	MK DONS (A)		3PM											
TUE OCT 9	WYCOMBE (H)		7.45PM											
SAT OCT 13	CREWE (H)		3PM											
SAT OCT 20	SHREWSBURY (H)		3PM											
TUE OCT 23	STEVENAGE (A)		7.45PM											
MON OCT 29	SHEFFIELD UNITED (A)		7.45PM											
TUE NOV 6	BRENTFORD (H)		7.45PM											
SAT NOV 10	BURY (A)		3PM											
SAT NOV 17	DONCASTER (H)		3PM											
TUE NOV 20	LEYTON ORIENT (H)		7.45PM											
SAT NOV 24	COVENTRY (A)		3PM											
SAT DEC 8	TRANMERE (A)		3PM											
SAT DEC 15	PRESTON (H)		3PM											
SAT DEC 22	HARTLEPOOL (A)		3PM											
WED DEC 26	CRAWLEY (H)		3PM											
SAT DEC 29	YEovil (H)		3PM											
TUE JAN 1	SWINDON (A)		3PM											
SAT JAN 5	WALSALL (A)		3PM											
SAT JAN 12	NOTTS COUNTY (H)		3PM											
SAT JAN 19	SCUNTHORPE (A)		3PM											
SAT JAN 26	HARTLEPOOL (H)		3PM											
SAT FEB 2	COLCHESTER (H)		3PM											
SAT FEB 9	BOURNEMOUTH (A)		3PM											
SAT FEB 16	CARLISLE (H)		3PM											
SAT FEB 23	OLDHAM (A)		3PM											
TUE FEB 26	MK DONS (H)		7.45PM											
SAT MAR 2	CREWE (A)		3PM											
SAT MAR 9	BURY (H)		3PM											
TUE MAR 12	LEYTON ORIENT (A)		7.45PM											
SAT MAR 16	DONCASTER (A)		3PM											
SAT MAR 23	COVENTRY (H)		3PM											
FRI MAR 29	PRESTON (A)		5PM											
MON APR 1	TRANMERE (H)		3PM											
SAT APR 6	STEVENAGE (H)		3PM											
SAT APR 13	BRENTFORD (A)		3PM											
SAT APR 20	SHEFFIELD UNITED (H)		3PM											
SAT APR 27	SHREWSBURY (A)		3PM											



*won 4-3 on penalties

⌈ FIXTURES & RESULTS ⌋

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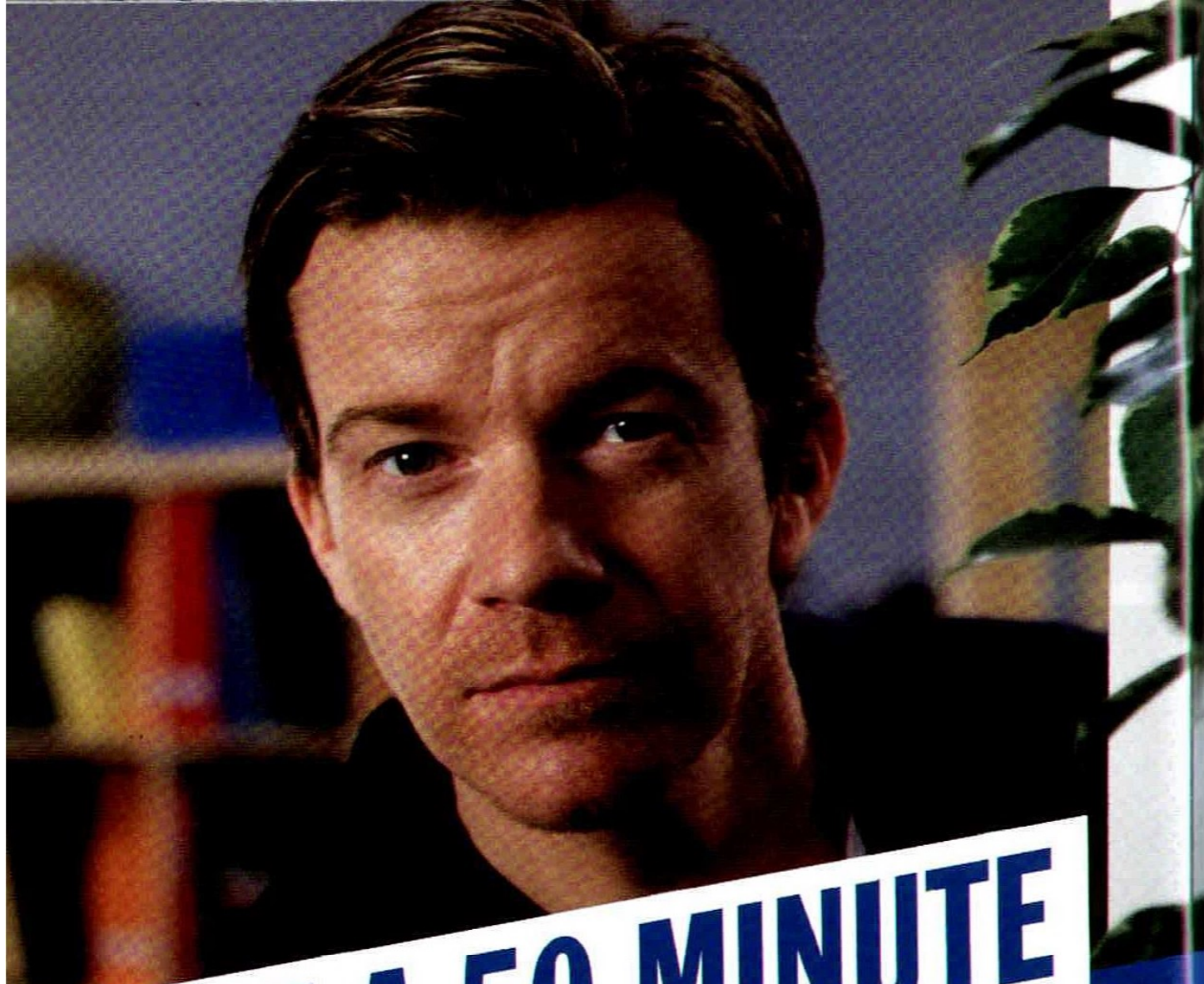
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			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Tranmere	6	3	0	0	9	1	1	2	0	4	1	11	14
2	Notts County	6	2	0	1	5	3	2	1	0	6	3	5	13
3	Stevenage	6	0	3	0	4	4	3	0	0	4	1	3	12
4	Crawley	6	2	0	1	4	3	2	0	1	3	4	0	12
5	Walsall	6	1	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	4	2	0	11
6	Yeovil	6	1	1	1	3	3	2	0	1	7	2	5	10
7	Sheffield United	6	2	1	0	7	4	0	3	0	3	3	3	10
8	MK Dons	6	3	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	10
9	Doncaster	5	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	6	3	3	9
10	Brentford	6	2	0	1	7	4	0	2	1	2	3	2	8
11	Preston	6	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	3	3	2	8
12	Swindon	6	2	0	1	4	1	0	2	1	3	6	0	8
13	Carlisle	6	1	1	1	6	7	1	1	1	3	4	-2	8
14	Crewe	6	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	5	8	-3	8
15	Bournemouth	6	0	3	0	3	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	7
16	Leyton Orient	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	4	-2	6
17	POMPEY	6	0	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	7	6	-1	5
18	Hartlepool	5	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	3	-1	5
19	Shrewsbury	6	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	3	5	-2	5
20	Oldham	5	0	2	1	3	4	1	0	1	1	2	-2	5
21	Scunthorpe	6	0	1	2	2	7	1	0	2	1	5	-9	4
22	Bury	6	0	1	2	1	4	0	2	1	4	5	-4	3
23	Coventry	6	0	2	1	4	5	0	1	2	1	4	-4	3
24	Colchester	6	0	2	1	4	5	0	1	2	0	5	-6	3

LEAGUE ONE TOP SCORERS		
Gary Alexander	Crawley	4
Clayton Donaldson	Brentford	4
Jake Cassidy	Tranmere	4
Andy Robinson	Tranmere	4
Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro	Tranmere	3
Nick Blackman	Sheffield United	3
Farid El Alagui	Brentford	3
James Hayter	Yeovil	3
Jake Jarvis	Carlisle	3
Ajay Leitch-Smith	Crewe	3
IZALE McLEOD	POMPEY	3
Robin Shroot	Stevenage	3
Akpo Sodje	Preston	3
Gozie Ugwu	Yeovil	3
Francois Zoko	Notts County	3

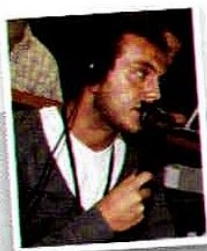
POMPEY SCORERS			
	League	Cup	Total
Izale McLeod	3	-	3
Luke Rodgers	2	1	3
Ashley Harris	2	-	2
Conor Clifford*	1	-	1
Brian Howard	-	1	1
Jordan Obita	1	-	1

POMPEY CARDS		
	Red Card	Yellow Card
Kevin Long	1	1
Jordan Obita	1	-
Brian Howard	-	3
Paul Connolly*	-	2
Jack Compton	-	1
Jon Harley	-	1
Ashley Harris	-	1

*Has left the club



>> The Last Word



Chris Wise
BBC Wiltshire

It's wonderful to be back working at Fratton Park again this

evening. As some of you may be aware, I spent over four years covering the club for the former local radio station 107.4 *The Quay*. I'm back tonight with the BBC, but I'm now following the red of Swindon rather than the blue of Pompey.

Not everything has changed, mind – former Pompey and Swindon midfielder Alan McLoughlin is still a regular fixture in the commentary box with me. He remains as sharp, opinionated and quick-witted as ever.

I've been looking forward to seeing a few old faces this evening for quite a while. I can't begin to imagine what they've been going through these past few months.

I have to mention one lady in particular who recently retired from her role, but was a real credit to the club. Ticket office manager Elaine Giles is an extremely likeable, warm and friendly character and I'll certainly miss not seeing her smile tonight. I hope she is enjoying a relaxing holiday far away from here!

There is a familiar name in the Swindon line-up this evening – Gosport boy Matt Ritchie is now plying his trade at the County Ground. I actually remember commentating on Matt's Premier League debut for Portsmouth in a goalless draw at Wigan in April 2010. He won't thank me for saying this, but he was probably more nervous in his post-match

interview that night than he was on the pitch.

Thankfully, he's far more adept at speaking to the media after matches these days. It's a good job really because he's certainly been one of the stand-out players under Swindon manager Paolo Di Canio.



Matt collected the League Two Player of the Year Award last season and is constantly improving as a player. He's also growing up off the field as well after recently proposing to his girlfriend (she said 'yes' by the way!).

Swindon certainly have the squad in place this season to make the leap up to the Championship. You often see teams capitalising on their momentum to zip through the divisions and Di Canio's side are intent on gaining back-to-back promotions after romping to the League Two title last season.

We should be in for a highly-entertaining encounter this evening. The last four fixtures between these two teams have yielded 20 goals although, admittedly, it is over 12 years since the most recent fixture.

“ Matt was probably more nervous in his post-match interview that night than he was on the pitch ”

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NEXT AT FRATTON PARK

POMPEY v SCUNTHORPE UNITED



Sat, September 29
Kick-Off: 3pm



SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Paolo Di Canio

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