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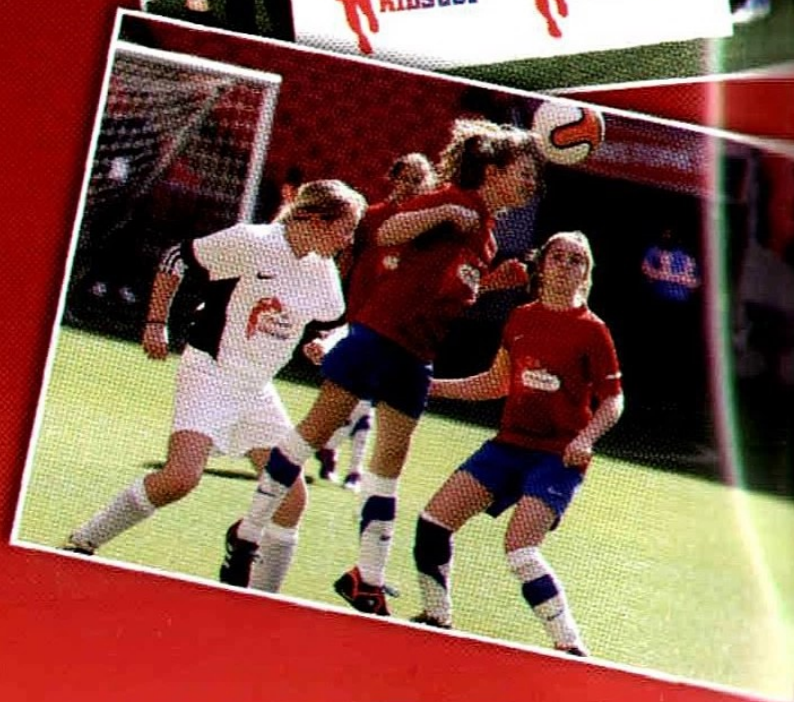


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GRAHAM TURNER

MANAGER

Welcome to today's intriguing encounter with Swindon Town.

They have started the season well, with a high position in the league and progress in the Capital One Cup. Their reward for beating Burnley last Tuesday is a very attractive home draw against Aston Villa. I'm sure it is a match that all connected with Swindon will be looking forward to.

Last Saturday's game at Hartlepool finished in a very disappointing way. To concede an equaliser so late in the match was frustrating to say the least especially when we had good opportunities to finish them off by scoring a third goal from the excellent chances we had.

A total of five points have been lost by conceding late goals. It is high time we stopped throwing points away in this manner.

Having said that, we faced a Hartlepool side fresh from a 5-0 defeat at Preston. We knew that they would be hurting from that match and there would be an extra determination about their play.

We perhaps would have settled for a point before the match, however given the circumstances it was still two points dropped.

I had the opportunity of a tour around the FA's new training centre at Burton last Monday when our League Managers' Association held their annual general meeting there. It is a very impressive set-up with state of the art facilities for training, coaching and medical matters.

It is our aim to take the players for a day's training there occasionally. The pitches are of the same standard as Wembley Stadium and I'm sure the players will appreciate the hydrotherapy pools and, in particular, the ice baths.

It was good to see some of the old managers at the meeting, people like Lawrie McMenemy, George Graham, David Pleat and Sir Alex are always worth listening too, but for one present day manager it must have been a difficult time.

Colchester's John Ward had lost his job that morning but, as a committee member, fulfilled his obligation to our association. Top marks to John for making the effort to be there under very difficult circumstances.

Talking of the elder statesmen of the game, it was sad to hear of the death of this club's former manager John Bond. While I was in the opposing dugout on a number of occasions, I did not know John well, however in a long and distinguished career he has success both as a player and manager. Condolences to his family.

Back to today and the need for plenty of vocal support. We are up against good opponents and will need that extra help if we are to beat them.

We are hoping that after the ending of a great run of home form by Scunthorpe the emphatic victory here against Coventry is the beginning of another good run of home results.



MATT RICHARDS

CAPTAIN

Last year's games with Swindon were exciting affairs and I would expect today to be just the same.

They're a strong team, you can see that, and they've got a lot of strength in depth. It's going to be a difficult game and having just come up with us they've started the season very well.

On our day, as I've said before, we can beat anyone in this division and we've been a bit unfortunate a couple of times late on in games already this season when we've thrown away points.

We've drawn games we should have won so we're looking forward to facing Swindon.

James Collins makes his first return having moved to Swindon during the summer and it will be nice to see him. I got on well with Collo when he was here and he did exceptionally well in scoring 16 goals in our promotion season.

That's in the past now but he's a great player and we'll have to be aware of him, just like we have to with a lot of their players.

Today's game is the first of a big week as we follow it up with away trips to Brentford on Tuesday night and then to Doncaster next Saturday.

Every game is going to be tough in this division and we've just got to prepare right and focus on the task in hand. I'm sure if we concentrate enough and stick together that we'll come out of it with quite a few points.

We were frustrated on the long journey home from Hartlepool last weekend, disappointed that we didn't pick up the three points.

We created enough chances and could have extended the lead when we went 2-1 up in the last 10 minutes. The manner and timing of their equaliser in the last minute was very frustrating and we just have to learn from it and try to make sure it doesn't happen again.

On the plus side, it was nice to see Marvin Morgan score twice and it's not only his goals but his allround contribution to the team. He's working so hard and thoroughly deserved his two goals. He was unlucky not to go on and complete his hat-trick as the keeper made a couple of great saves from him.

He's one of the hardest working players in our team and he's moved above me to the top of our goal charts now!

I was right behind him when he scored his first at Hartlepool, it was a great finish, and I'm sure he will score a lot of goals this year. You see every day in training what a great player he is.

We always enjoy playing at home as we're very comfortable here and that was certainly the case in our last game here when we beat Coventry 4-1.

We played really well that night. We started off really well and kept it going so hopefully we can put in another performance like that today.

I thought I scored twice against Coventry but Paul Parry is still trying to claim our second goal on the night when his free kick went in off my head.

I've seen it a few times on TV and it's definitely mine as it came off me last. I don't know who's been awarded it but it should be me - sorry Paz!



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SOVEREIGN SUITE MICHAEL HECTOR

Michael Hector was named the Sovereign Club Man of the Match for the game against Coventry City. Michael is pictured receiving his Tanners champagne from Morris Lubricants managing director Andrew Goddard.

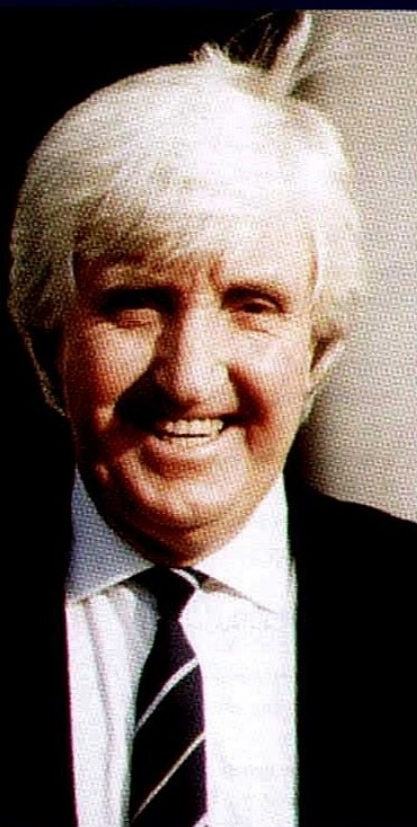


ARTHUR ROWLEY LOUNGE MARVIN MORGAN

Marvin Morgan was named the Sponsors Man of the Match for the game against Coventry City. Marvin is pictured receiving his Tanners champagne with Vince Birmingham and Mel Bowen of Match Sponsors Hendra Healthcare Ltd.



Elliot Turner is pictured drawing the winning Golden Gamble ticket at the Coventry City game. The winning ticket saw someone go home with a cheque for £490. Don't forget to pick up your ticket from the sellers around the ground for just £1!



JOHN BOND

The club are saddened by this morning's news of the sad passing of former manager John Bond.

John came to the club as assistant to Asa Harford from January 1990 and then served as the clubs manager between January 1991 and July 1993.

He started his career in football in 1950 playing for West Ham United and went on to make over 500 appearances for West Ham and Torquay United. He moved into management in 1970 at AFC Bournemouth and then had spells in charge of Norwich City, Manchester City, Burnley, Swansea City and Birmingham City.

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CHRIS SKITT

STFC PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the next encounter in League One against Swindon Town.

May I take this opportunity to welcome the physio, manager and the rest of the management, players and supporters of Swindon.

It has been funny this year that we have seen quite a few familiar faces returning so early on the in season. Today's game is no different. I want to welcome Collo back to the club where we shared some great memories over his 18 month tenure.

Collo and I grew very close over the year and a half that we spent at the club. He was regularly a cheery face in the morning who would share a joke or two. He was the consummate professional who heeded any advice he was given.

Of course, his goals proved crucial in the promotion push during the back end of the season. For this reason I hope he is welcomed with the reception that he deserves. I hope he has a fine season with Swindon - with the exception of two games, of course!

Following the mammoth trip to Hartlepool at the weekend, it is nice to be back at home in familiar surroundings.

Despite bringing a point home, the players were slightly disappointed not to have brought the full quota back with us.

The one sad thing that came from the game is the abuse received by two of our players. Without wanting to get drawn into this issue too much, it saddens me to hear that this type of abuse still exists and I'm sure the powers that be will be investigating this issue in full.

On the injury front, we picked up nothing additional from the game at Hartlepool. Similarly, we came through with a clean bill of health from the reserve game against Hull in the week.

Unfortunately, Joe Jacobson picked up a nasty looking injury during training in an accidental collision. JJ twisted his ankle quite severely and will subsequently miss four to six weeks worth of action.

This is a disappointment to both me and JJ who had just got himself back into the team. Injury is part and parcel of football and I'm sure Joe will work really hard to get himself back as soon as possible.

Today will prove to be another good test in League One and I'm sure it's one which we will look forward to.

All that is left for me to say is that I hope you have a lovely afternoon at the Greenhous Meadow, made even better by a good home win.



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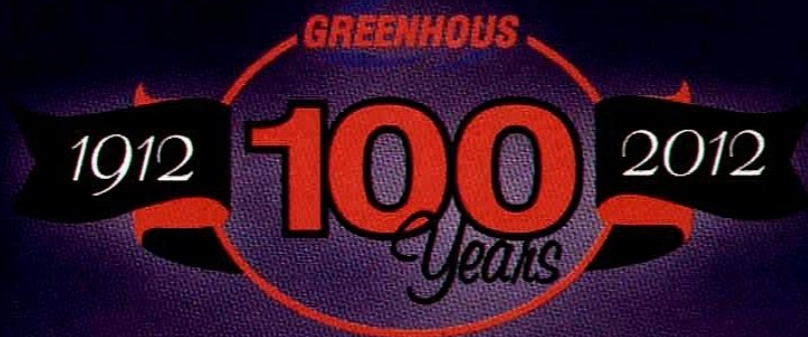
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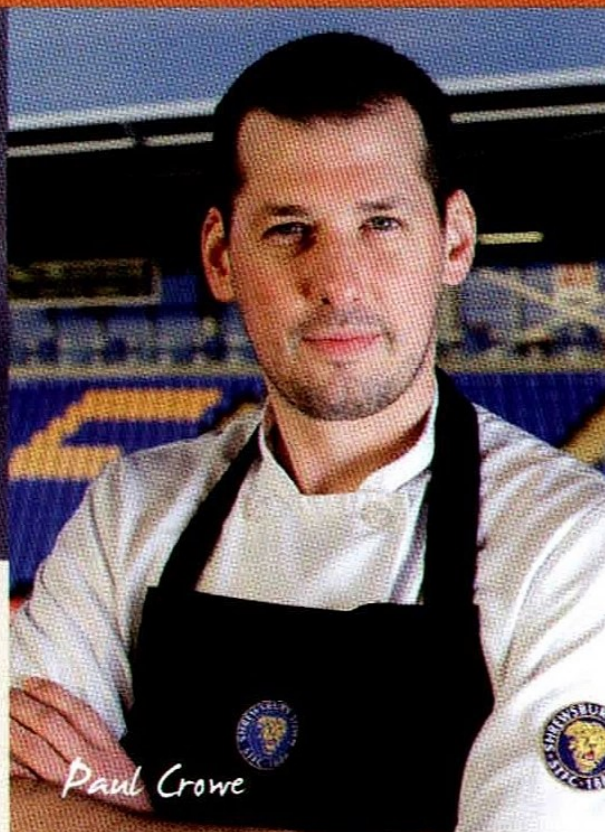
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Paul Crowe

Sultana Bread

This week's recipe is for our wonderfully sweet and fruity sultana bread.

Basic bread dough is only four simple ingredients flour, yeast, water and salt to which you can then add flavouring you wish. For this recipe we've used sultanas giving these rolls a sweet and sticky texture. These are great eaten with some good quality butter, on there own, before a meal or along side some good cheese.

500g strong bread flour

10g Dried yeast

350g/ 350ml water

10g Salt

100g Sultanas

In a bowl add the yeast and salt to the flour and rub between your fingers and mix well. Add the water and 60g of the sultanas and with one hand bring the dough together. When fully combined tip out onto a work surface and start to work the dough by stretching it and folding to trap as much air as possible, after a while the dough will begin to feel elastic and alive as the yeast starts to work. Don't be tempted to add lots of flour to the work surface as this will change the texture of the dough and you will end up with heavy bread. After about five minutes bring the

dough into a ball and rest in a bowl covered with a cloth of cling film and leave for about an hour in a warm room to rise (this may take longer or shorter depending on the temperature of the room). Once the dough has roughly doubled in size tip it out onto a work surface and cut into two. Roll out each half into a sausage shape being careful not to knock out all the air bubbles that have developed. Cut the dough and roll into a small balls and sit them on a tray lined with baking parchment, leaving enough space for them to spread while baking. Again leave them to rest for another half an hour and to rise again. Meanwhile place the remaining 40g of sultanas in a small pan and add a splash of water, heat until all the water has been absorbed. With a hand blender or in a food processor blitz the sultanas to achieve a smooth paste. Using a pastry brush gently coat each roll in the sultana puree and then its time to bake. Place the rolls in a pre heated medium to high oven for about 10-15 minutes. The rolls will be done when they sound hollow when you tap the bottom. When done take the rolls out and rest on a cooling rack for at least 15 minutes before eating.

These rolls can be prepared the day before and even frozen once they have cooled down. To reheat from frozen, let them defrost and warm in the oven on a low heat for around six minutes.

JAMES GARRISON TALKS TO JOE JACOBSON

JOE JACOBSON WAS HOPING TO HELP SHREWSBURY TOWN PICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE GREENHOU MEADOW THIS AFTERNOON.

It is a fortnight since Shrewsbury stumbled at the 35th hurdle after the longest unbeaten run in the club's history.

But the response was immediate with, four days later, Coventry put to the sword in emphatic style courtesy of a 4-1 victory.

That coincided with a first start of the League campaign for former Accrington left back Jacobson.

After spending much of last season as one of the names inked regularly on the team sheet of manager Graham Turner, the consistent form of Rob Purdie meant Jacobson found himself in the unaccustomed position of warming the bench.

But, after benefitting from Turner ringing the changes against the Sky Blues, the 25-year-old was back in possession of the shirt until injury struck in training earlier this week.

"It's been frustrating," admitted Jacobson. "I played in the Leeds game (in the Capital One Cup) but not since, so it was nice to get back in.

"Unfortunately we didn't get a clean sheet against Coventry but I was happy with my performance and it was something to build on.

"The manager brought in a lot of players in the summer and the competition for places has gone up massively.

"I couldn't complain I wasn't in the team but he gave me an opportunity last Tuesday and told me to grab it."

Jacobson – who retained his place for last week's 2-2 draw at Hartlepool – acknowledged being omitted from the starting line-up represents a test of mental strength.

"It's horrible because all you want to do is play football on a Saturday," he added.

"You work all week for that to happen and if it doesn't it's a downer.

"But it's a squad game. There are 22 players who will think they should be playing so the 11 out there have to keep their shirts and it's up to the others to keep pushing them on.

"You just have to keep motivating yourself to make sure you improve. If you keep beating yourself up, your confidence will drop.

"I've done extra bits over the last few weeks. Jacko (Coach Michael Jackson) has been working a lot with the ones that haven't been involved and it's paid off."

Football, however, can be a cruel game and Jacobson is now facing four to six weeks on the sidelines.



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STUART DUNN COVERS TOWN'S FORTUNES for BBC Radio Shropshire and the Shrewsbury Chronicle

I WOULDN'T say I'm addicted (at least not yet!) but I have to admit Twitter is growing on me all the time.

As Town's media manager Ian Whitfield, among others, would be the first to tell you, I'm not exactly renowned for being overly familiar with social media.

I've never been into Facebook and I had been similarly indifferent about Twitter until my wife surprised me by signing up earlier this year.

This was just the nudge I needed and since joining the Twitter world in February, my interest has risen and risen.

It's a great and simple way to interact with people and it's been nice to converse with lots of Town followers through Twitter over the last seven months.

It's also allowed me to become reacquainted with lots of old friends and quite a few Town old boys, too, among them people like Gregor Rioch and Sam Aiston.

It's also a very useful tool for keeping up with what's happening and, hopefully, getting things right.

At the last home game, for example, I had no idea from watching Paul Parry's free kick fly into the net to make it 2-0 against Coventry that the scorer was actually Matt Richards until I received a few tweets from Town fans also at the game listening to the Radio Shropshire commentary.

I knew the free kick had taken a deflection on its way in but the fact it had hit the skipper on the head I must admit had escaped me.

Thanks to Twitter, though, we were able to get it right, although Paul Parry was still convinced the goal was his afterwards!

I try to keep half an eye on Twitter during games, usually when there's an injury or some sort of hold up, and some of the tweets I receive really make me smile.

Last weekend midway through the first half at Hartlepool, a Town fan (@offcialguinea) listening back in Shropshire got in touch to say how ironic it was that the home side should have players whose names spell out Hartlepool, namely Peter Hartley and James Poole. Genius!

I also like the fact how something you tweet can quickly spread far and wide.

I had a quick scan of the Blue & Amber messageboard ahead of the Coventry game and noticed a great stat I opted to throw into the commentary and



also send a quick tweet about while acknowledging where I had seen it.

It was something along the lines (and I'm using more than 140 characters here!) that 11 years to the day of the Sky Blues losing heavily at the Meadow, they were actually beating Manchester City 4-3.

Yes, all these years on, while City were spending the night playing at Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium in the Champions League, Coventry were at Shrewsbury (and being taken apart).

By the end of the evening I received a tweet telling me that quirky stat had been read out on BBC Radio Five Live.

Journalists have long since realised that Twitter is a great source of stories. It really is everywhere these days, so much so I can't believe it took me so long to discover its charms.

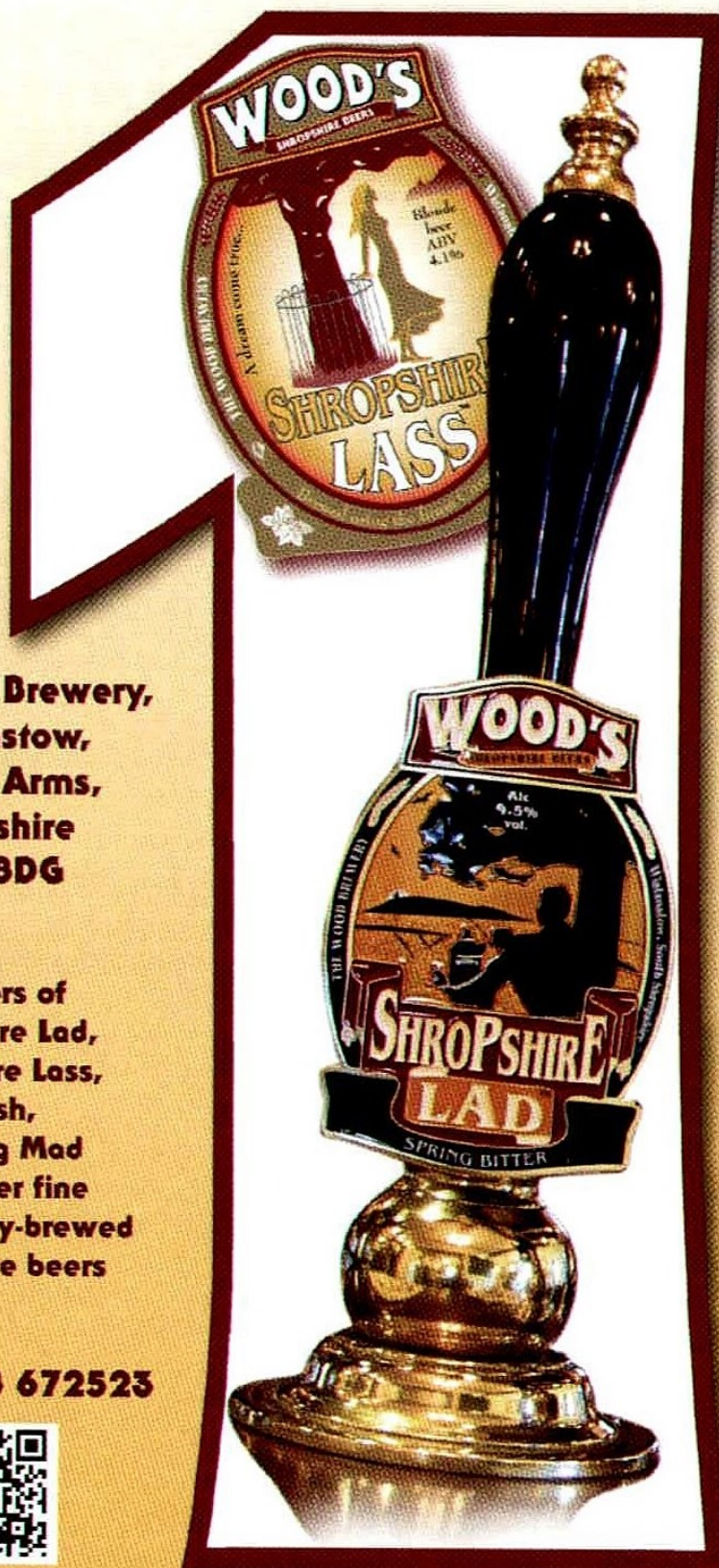
On a local level, it also works as last Sunday night while I was putting together the Shrewsbury Sunday League round up for the Shrewsbury Chronicle (it's all glamour, you know!), I received a tweet telling me that Bryan Robson, the former England captain, had been in Shrewsbury earlier in the day watching a junior match involving SAHA Patriots under-nines at the Oxon School.

It quickly led to a nice picture of Robson with some local children plus a contact number being forwarded to me to be used on the back page of the current edition of the Chronicle so the power of Twitter struck again.

If you want to get in touch by the way, it would be great to hear from you at @studunn21.

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Welcome to the Shrewstrust programme page and welcome to the Swindon Town Trust! First of all, Shrewstrust would like to add to the chorus of condolences for John Bond who died this week aged 79. Shrewsbury Town may not have been his biggest club but he certainly had an effect at Gay Meadow. Our next piece of news is that, from our last meeting we have decided to ringfence 50% of our membership fees for a future fighting fund. The fund will not have a specific goal but will be there until we feel we need to use it.

As I mentioned last issue, the trust are also actively looking for new board members to co-opt on to our board so if you are interested in getting involved with Shrewsbury Town's only democratic supporters organisation contact Shrewstrust via our website: www.shrewstrust.co.uk.

P.S. We are still running the concourse project and many of you will have seen the prints in the west stand and the Salop Leisure stand. You can sponsor the prints or sponsor a new one featuring your choice of subject (for example, one sponsor has chosen to sponsor 1 featuring Alf Wood). The sponsorship is only £50, and is a unique present for yourself or your Shrewsbury supporting loved one. Please see www.shrewsweb.com for further details.

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Marcus Braddock
Shrewstrust Communication and Media Director

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Good afternoon everybody, today Town take on one of the teams promoted with them last season, in the form of Swindon Town. They, like us, have a number of new signings in their side, but some of their team are still well known to us, particularly their new boy, James Collins. His performances for us last season were excellent and it was a pity to lose him to a team performing at the same level as Town and for the relatively low sum of £140,000. However if he plays regularly for them, that fee could increase to £220,000 plus the potential for a percentage of any profit Swindon make on any future transfer, so perhaps not a bad deal if he has the career we all know he is capable of. If he is playing against us this afternoon he will undoubtedly be a handful, having started the season well, scoring three goals for Swindon, although it is perhaps pleasing to note, they were all in one game and he has scored none so far in the league. Let's hope it stays that way today.

I am writing these notes after one of our longest trips of the season to Hartlepool, which must be located just south of the north-pole. But after a relaxed journey up, including a quiz that showed me just how little I can remember of Shrewsbury Town's past, we arrived in glorious sunshine to a warm welcome from the Hartlepool stewards, who could not have been more helpful in directing us to hospitality suites at the ground or local pubs who welcomed visiting fans. Arriving early, it gave us plenty of time to enjoy the delights of Hartlepool before the match.

Against Hartlepool, Town played an entertaining game again with Marvin netting two goals, but it was the same story as the rest of our early season, with Town not getting the points they perhaps should have because of frailties towards the end of the game costing a late goal resulting in a 2:2 draw and two points dropped.

This makes today's match another big game and increases the need for the team to re-establish this as 'fortress meadow' and continue the great work re-started in the 4:1 win against Coventry on Tuesday night. So come on let's get behind the lads and cheer them on to the win their performances deserve.

After today's game we are away to Brentford on the 2nd October and Doncaster on the 6th October, as usual we will be running coaches to each of these matches so come and join us and you may be able to pit your wits against Lenny the Lion to see if you know more about Shrewsbury Town's history than he does.

So back to today, let's put one over on Paolo and cheer the Town on to three points.

Bob Parry | OSC Committee Member

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ROBBO WRITES...

Mike Robinson

Editor of Kidz in Sport Publications

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose – no, it's not another eccentric statement from Eric Cantona. It's an old French saying which translates as: "The more things change, the more they stay the same".

And it's certainly been true in the world of football in the last couple of weeks, where the headline news has had a remarkably familiar feel to it. Old chestnuts such as racism, diving, sendings-off for mistimed tackles (or evil ones disguised as being "mistimed") and Geoff Hurst-style arguments about whether the ball crossed the goal-line or not.

With the John Terry racism case approaching it's conclusion as I write (about time too!), there came a complaint earlier in the week from our own Marvin Morgan about racial abuse directed at him and Jermaine Grandison at Hartlepool last Saturday.

The Hartlepool equivalent of "Blue-and-Amber", or at least the more sensible posts on it, came to the conclusion that one man was responsible for this abuse – and that he had been guilty of similar offences in the past. If that's the case, then the problem surely shouldn't take too much sorting out – find out who he is, and ban him for life.

As a side issue, one post on Twitter described Hartlepool as "a disgusting little club" in the wake of Saturday's events – a remark which brought the following reply from "Spender" on the The Bunker, one of the home fans' forums:

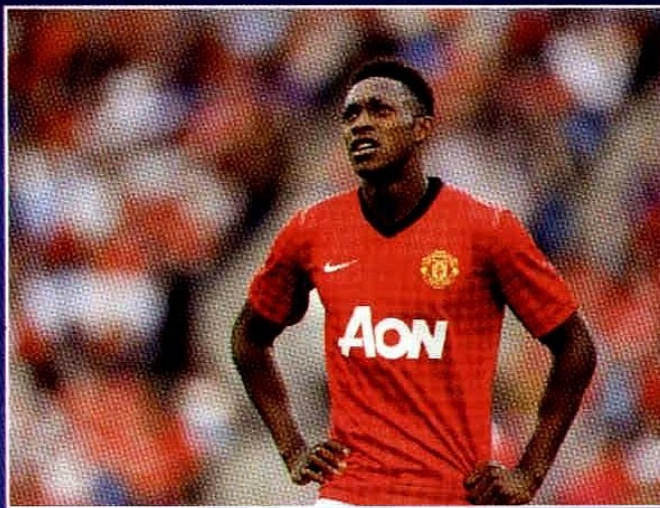
"Cool. Shrewsbury are describing us as a disgusting little club. Anyone ever been to Shrewsbury?? Ask a Walsall fan. It's like Birmingham, Alabama."

I can't say I've noticed the similarity myself, but each to his own opinion – or chacun à son goût, to continue the French theme!

Accusations of diving continue unabated, with Danny Welbeck one of the latest in the firing line. The Manchester United and England star has been making a brave bid to wrest the "Champion Diver" crown from Tom Daley or team-mate Ashley Young with theatrical efforts against the Ukraine and Wigan Athletic.

Wigan boss Roberto Martinez said the penalty awarded in the latter game was "as bad a decision as you will ever see in the Premier League," and justice was done when Ali Al-Habsi saved Javier Hernandez's weak spot-kick.

Players trying to con referees by throwing themselves to the ground is obviously an unsavoury aspect of the modern game, but there are instances where the men in black just don't help themselves.



DANNY WELBECK - the new Tom Daley?

Take two incidents from Sunday's televised Premier League games. At Anfield, Glen Johnson made a fairly harmless challenge on Antonio Valencia, who then threw himself to the ground and won a penalty for United.

A couple of hours later, Manchester City's Sergio Aguero was clearly fouled in the box by Arsenal's Laurent Koscielny. The Argentinian, however, stayed on his feet in an attempt to get to the ball, so referee Mike Dean waved play-on. The obvious implication here is that if you want the ref to give you a penalty, you have to go to ground – a situation which hardly encourages honesty from the players.

The other talking point from the Liverpool-United game was the sending-off of Jonjo Shelvey for dangerous play. I'm afraid referees just can't win with this one – I watched the game in a busy pub, and opinions ranged from one extreme to the other.

On the one hand, there were those who thought Shelvey, Jonny Evans and Robin van Persie should all have been shown red cards. On the other, there were the old school who came out with comments like "In my day, they wouldn't even have been fouls, let alone sendings-off".

I found myself somewhere in the middle. Just how the man in black (or whatever fancy colour he is wearing in the Premier League these days) is supposed to decide when a challenge is reckless enough to warrant dismissal is beyond me. The whole thing creates a brand of inconsistency which should not really be acceptable in the world's most popular sport.

The latest team to suffer in the "was it over the line or not" argument has been Everton, who were denied what seemed a clear goal against Newcastle United when Victor Anichebe's effort was scrambled away from behind the line.

Until technology is introduced, bringing football in line with most of the other major sports in the world, these arguments will continue. But every time such an incident crops up, I find myself thinking: "I wonder if Richard Wigglesworth would have given a goal?"

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To ignore is to condone

'To ignore is to condone' is what happened last weekend when stewards at the Hartlepool game allegedly failed to take action when they should have reacted to racist comments being made to two of our players. It was a very simple rule that was frequently repeated to me as a young teacher and in due course by me to younger colleagues.

Ignore bad behaviour, abuse and bullying at your peril because if you do, it will inevitably come back to haunt you when the same bad behaviour is repeated time and again. I suggest that Hartlepool FC might have added to their disappointing start to the season by facing an enquiry by the FA into why their stewards allowed home supporters to get away with making racist comments. Their inaction may well come back to haunt them.

It is sad to say that whilst the great majority of football supporters now understand the moral code and etiquette of self restraint and common decency at football matches there are still a few who don't. We are still let down from time to time and I include a tiny few of our own fans who sometimes forget their responsibilities and obligations as a football supporter.

We all get carried away in the heat of the moment. As a football supporter standing or more likely sitting on the terraces these days we all enjoy the rare treat of being allowed to briefly shed our masks when we celebrate a goal or a win. Better people than you and me have been seen to burst into ecstasy as we enter a world of adrenalin induced euphoria.

The important role our stewards play in the modern game was highlighted once again in the most recent revelations about Hillsborough. At that time the Police provided a pivotal role in crowd safety (or not as was the case on that fateful day) whilst today it is rare indeed to see Police Officers within our stadium on a match day. It was the Taylor report, set up following the appalling loss of life of 96 Liverpool supporters that introduced all seater stadiums and recommended other safety measures to secure the protection of supporters.

I sit next to the safety control room at the Greenhous Meadow. From long before kick off until well after the final whistle, the control room is a hive of activity. The many TV monitors are constantly being observed to check on the movement and behaviour of supporters. A continuous conversation between stewards and the control room takes place passing on concerns, asking for advice and guidance and on rare

occasions seeking support to deal with situations that might be getting out of hand.

The ideal is to nip a potential problem in the bud before it becomes an issue and the record at the Town is excellent. In fact I would suggest the safest place to be in Shrewsbury on a match day is inside the stadium where there are doctors, paramedics ambulances, trained stewards and the very latest medical equipment immediately to hand.

I would bet a small fortune that if racist comments were taking place in the crowd a message to identify the perpetrator on the CCTV cameras, where the astonishing clarity will identify the shape and size of a mole on the end of any recalcitrant's nose within seconds.

What is so gratifying is that supporters will draw matters of concern to the attention of stewards. I am aware constantly of the social conscience of our supporters in reporting matters when they overhear or see something when it concerns them. And in fairness to the supporters at Hartlepool, it was they, who despite the inattention of certain stewards, who drew attention to the xenophobic remarks of one or more of their comrades. Let us hope they are made to regret the moment they felt compelled to utter such obscenities.

The last minute surrendering of a winning position has marked our season on two or three occasions so far. Last Saturday I was beginning to think three points might have been secured and made the big mistake of wondering how far up the league the win might take us. Big error as the deep depression sets in for the evening and even the takeaway from the Mandarin in Frankwell didn't taste quite the same.

If only the lads could realise how much that late slip affects the mood in the Jervis household on a Saturday night. Win and Mrs Jervis is treated like Royalty. Lose and I am afraid she would get better treatment down at the homeless hostel wherever that is.

Today is another day and we meet one of our fellow promoted sides from last season. Mrs Jervis would be grateful for a pleasant evening tonight eating her prawn crackers, fried noodles, hot chicken curry and special fried rice washed down with some chilled pink Lambrusco del' Amelia (it's actually lemonade with some Ribena and a lot more alcoholic) and her husband showing some interest in what she is saying and not sulking somewhere in a corner all night!

RYAN JERVIS

AWAY SUPPORTERS

Two weeks ago the STFC ASFC renewed rivalry's with local rivals Telford in a hastily arranged game after Glyn Price got his "wires crossed" about another fixture! After some faffing Telford agreed to send a team over, and due to an open date the match was played on the competition pitch at Sundorne. At least 7 people packed out the stand.

The ASFC were again shorn of a couple of key players with the defence hardest hit missing Sean Matthews, Phil Thomas, Andy "Poolie" Davies and long term injury concern Justin Klekot. Elsewhere manager Thomas had less problems, and with the new youth lads Charlie and Chaz involved the ASFC had the pleasure of naming three subs.

Team - B Harvey, A Lewis, M Price, A Groves, M Jones, T Klekot, G Leahy, S Price, A Thomas, G Price, D Evison
BENCH - C Warren, C Mconville, R Rawson

The Telford team arrived with a younger looking squad than we had been expecting, and missing a few of their regulars. Unfortunately as we were later to find out the lads who had arrived (friends of some of the Telford regulars) were a little better than the standard fans team player!

The game started fairly evenly, and it was the Town who had the first chance when Evison put Price away but his shot was blocked by the keeper. The ASFC pushed on a little further and had a couple of other half chances, but could not make them count.

Trouble was brewing however down the right wing. Tim Klekot was pushing on and getting involved creatively in the attacks, but Telford had over loaded Alex Lewis playing right back and the striker for Telford was also hanging out wide right, it looked like only a matter of time before Telford would take advantage.

It was from down the right that the first indication of the trouble to befall the STFC ASFC would come. A quick free kick by Telford was taken, and as a team we all switched off as a Telford pounced and scored a quick goal with the striker running in on the right and at pace leaving everyone for dead to fire home.

There is nothing more to add really than he did this again.... 3 more times! Each time drifting from the left wing, and running at players. We later found out that he was a Midlands Alliance player who never had a game in the afternoon so had been roped into play vs. us, not idea!

Try as we might 4-0 seemed like a long way back, but we had a golden chance, when Tim Klekot was felled in the box, and a penalty was awarded. Unfortunately his attempted was saved and at half time and 4-0 down things looked desperate. Town had created chances but been unable to take them finding the Telford keeper in top form.

Ant made some half time changes moving Gerry Leahy to CB and Mike Price to CM and introducing the youth players for a run out. A improved second half performance resulted and the defence reduced the talented attacking Telford unite to only two more goals, while going forward forced a number of good chances which again were thwarted by the keeper who was having a great game for Telford. It helped that the Midlands Alliance striker for Telford went off at half time too!

Best chance of the second half going forward was possibly a Mike Price header that whistled just wide or a good chance for Charlie Warren to bag his first goal but he put his shot just over the bar.

With the final whistle a shell-shocked STFC ASFC trooped off the pitch, and had to consider the impacts of what was their worst home defeat since 2002/03 when the ASFC lost 6-0 at home to Darlington's fans. And against your biggest rivals! Not a good day.

Man of the match went to Gerry Leahy for a good shift at CB and CM, especially in the second half shoring up the creaky back line. 2nd went to Steve Price who sat as deep as he has ever been to stem the Telford tide at times, and 3rd to Alex Lewis, whose already establishing himself as a first team starter after only five games for the ASFC.

Positives for the ASFC? Well we did create chances, and even there manager said it was a "hollow" victory with the guys they had drafted in who don't normally play for them (two were heard to remark they had not even watched Telford so far this season.) dominating the game. To be fair to Telford they were good, and you can see that a regular training session ever week which they have pays dividends, the last time we did a training session was October 2009! It was good to give the younger lads some more pitch time as they develop too.

There was not game in Hartlepool, but this morning we play Coventry A team at Sundorne as Swindon don't have a fans team that travel away sadly.

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Fans Responsibility

By Ade Plimmer

Last weekend's Liverpool v Manchester United game was seen as an opportunity for fans of two huge rivals to put aside their differences in remembering the awful tragedies of Hillsborough and Munich.

Both events had been seen as an excuse by some of each clubs supporters as an opportunity to goad and goat the other side in 'banter'. The fact that this banter was done on the deaths of some of this countries finest players, and 96 innocent Football fans, has been a bone of contention with the many.

A culture has existed for a long while in Football. 'We pay our money and are entitled to our opinion' is the cry. Justification ranges from 'well Italian opera goers boo the Tenor when he's off key' to 'well it's only banter, and if people don't like it, then they can sit somewhere else'.

Why anyone thinks that just because you have paid an amount of money gives you the right to basically break the law at worst, or verbally abuse people at best, is one of life's unanswered questions. Maybe the fact that we see some players cheat and dive on the field of play, abuse referee's for making honest mistakes, leads the crowd to respond in a similar matter.

We all seem to think in Football that we are immune to the statutes of law. Maybe the walls of a Football Stadium turn us into thinking we've entered some sort of fantasy land whereby we can get away with behaviour we wouldn't consider in any other sphere.

We've all done it. Myself included. To varying degrees of course. Shouted at the ref, shouted 'banter' at the awful left back of the opposing team. Part and parcel of football. Is it really?

Banter between fans is what Football is about. Part of the reason we are so happy to be in League One, is the big away followings that will come to the GM, the atmosphere they will help create, and the banter we will have with them. Especially when they start singing 'your Welsh and you know you are' which despite us being firmly in England is met by joy from the large Welsh contingent that follow Town.



Banter doesn't have to be about people dying. Rivalry has to be tongue in cheek. But we all have to remember that people can take offence to comments made, or printed whether aimed at them or not (check your latest employment law boys and girls!).

It was probably hoping too much for Manchester United fans to sing 'You'll never walk alone', as one Hack wrote in his column on the Saturday before. But, I hope that fans do understand that like everyone else in Football, indeed in life, ultimately we are also responsible and accountable for our actions. Maybe those who are alleged to have carried out verbal racist abuse of two of our players last weekend, might want to think that in coming weeks.

Finally, a warm welcome to James Collins. Wonderful memories of goals last season are fresh in the memory. Especially Arsenal and Dagenham, but also Macc away in the rain. I hope, no expect that Collo will receive a fantastic welcome, and during the game receive some gentle banter about your career progression to the land of the 'Magic Roundabout'. I sure you're not missing hugs and kisses off Bizzy Lad at selected away grounds across the country. James, good luck for the future, hope you progress and all Shrewsbury fans are look forward to receiving our 20% sell clause (and that my friends is BANTER!)

A Large Scotch always.

SWINDON TOWN PREVIEW

By Gerard Butler

Swindon have made a bright start to the season following last season's League Two title win, which also featured a trip to Wembley for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in Paolo Di Canio's first season as manager.

The close season brought the arrivals of defenders Troy Archibald-Henville from Bristol City and Jay McEveley from Barnsley, whilst in midfield, Gary Roberts and Tommy Miller signed from Huddersfield, alongside Brighton & Hove Albion's Alan Navarro. In attack James Collins joined from Shrewsbury, whilst Andy Williams moved from Yeovil. With the season underway, defender Federico Bessone switched from Swansea City. Leaving the Wiltshire club were Billy Bodin, Alan Connell, Jonathan Smith, Phil Smith, Abdul Said, Etienne Esajas, Mark Scott, Alessandro Cibocchi, Callum Kennedy, Mehdi Karrouche, Lukas Magera, Mattia Lanzano and Lander Gabilondo.

An excellent start to the season saw a 3-0 home Capital One Cup success against Championship side Brighton & Hove Albion, whilst life back in League One began with a 0-0 draw at Hartlepool, ahead of a 3-0 home win over Crawley and 1-0 home success against Milton Keynes, as the strong County Ground form continued into the new campaign. Continuing the strong Cup form of last year, a 4-3 extra time victory at Stoke City secured Capital One Cup progress. September marked a downturn in form, though, a 4-1 reverse at Preston North End followed by a derby defeat in the Trophy at League Two side Oxford United, and a 1-0 home reverse to a previously winless Leyton Orient side. However, they regained momentum by collecting a 2-2 draw at Carlisle United, a 2-1 win at Portsmouth and a comprehensive 4-0 home success over AFC Bournemouth. At the time of writing, they were awaiting a home League Cup tie against Championship side Burnley.

It was a slow start to the title-winning campaign for Swindon, who beat Crewe on the opening day, but suffered losses at Cheltenham and Dagenham and at home to local rivals Oxford United, their only home league reverse alongside 16 wins and three draws. They sprung a Carling Cup shock with a 1-0 success at Bristol City but suffered subsequent losses at Shrewsbury and at home to Southampton in the

Carling Cup to bring August to a close. September saw some momentum develop with key home wins over Rotherham, Southend and Barnet and a pivotal victory at Crawley, alongside losses at Burton and Macclesfield.

One league defeat in the next 21 matches, stretching from October to February provided the foundation for the title chase, alongside runs in the FA Cup and Trophy. October featured wins at Accrington and Plymouth, and at home to Gillingham, as well as home draws with Hereford and Bradford City, and Trophy progress at Exeter. In November, there were league wins at Port Vale and at home to Aldershot, as well as a draw at AFC Wimbledon, with an impressive 4-1 FA Cup win against Huddersfield and Trophy penalties win against Wimbledon. Knock out progress continued with an Essex double away success at Colchester in the FA Cup and Southend in the Trophy. 2011 was concluded by a home win over Morecambe and victory at Northampton alongside a draw at Bristol Rovers and loss at Torquay.

2012 began with a home league win against Wimbledon and a fine FA Cup home win over Wigan before a first leg Trophy draw at Barnet in the Area Final. League Two successes were claimed at Rotherham and at home to Macclesfield, whilst the Cup journey ended at Leicester, but the 4-1 win at Southend was the first of seven straight victories including a 1-0 second leg win over Barnet which sent Town to Wembley. The string of home successes continued against Crawley, Shrewsbury, Accrington and Burton, as well as three points at Hereford. March saw Oxford United complete a notable double, but home victories came against Dagenham, Cheltenham and Torquay alongside the Wembley final defeat to Chesterfield, a loss at Crewe and a 0-0 home draw with Bristol Rovers. April brought them the expected promotion, with four straight wins, at Barnet and Morecambe and at home to Northampton and Plymouth. They lost at Aldershot but were promoted despite defeat at Gillingham, collecting the title on the last day with a 5-0 home win over Port Vale.



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Matt Johnson introduces the opposition...

SWINDON TOWN



THE ROBINS HAVE MADE A PROMISING START TO LIFE IN LEAGUE ONE AFTER GAINING PROMOTION ALONGSIDE TOWN LAST SEASON. DI CANIO HASN'T BEEN AFRAID TO RING THE CHANGES WITH 12 SUMMER SIGNINGS AND 16 HEADING OUT THE EXIT DOOR.

CLUB INFORMATION FOUNDED: 1879, NICKNAME: THE ROBINS, GROUND: THE COUNTY GROUND.

HONOURS LEAGUE TITLES: 3 (1 LEAGUE ONE, 2 LEAGUE TWO) FA CUP: 0 LEAGUE CUP: 1, LEAGUE TROPHY: 0, OTHER CUPS: 13

LAST SEASON 1ST (LEAGUE TWO), FA CUP: FOURTH ROUND, LEAGUE CUP: SECOND ROUND, LEAGUE TROPHY: RUNNERS-UP

GOALKEEPERS: WES FODERINGHAM, LEIGH BEDWELL

DEFENDERS: TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE, JAY MCEVERLY, ADEN FLINT, JOE DEVERA, ALAN MCCORMACK, NATHAN THOMPSON, FEDERICO BESSONE, DARREN WARD, CHRIS SMITH.

MIDFIELDERS: ALAN NAVARRO, LUKE ROONEY, SIMON FERRY, MATT RITCHIE, GARY ROBERTS, TOMMY MILLER, LOUIS THOMPSON, RAFFAELE DE VITA, GILES COKE, JOHN BOSTOCK.

FORWARDS: JAMES COLLINS, PAUL BENSON, ANDY WILLIAMS, MILES STOREY, ADAM ROONEY.

THE SQUAD



HOTSHOT: ADAM ROONEY

DOB: 21.08.88, Place of Birth: Ireland

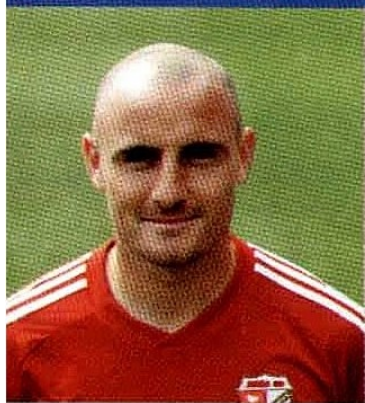
The Robins signed Birmingham City striker Rooney on transfer deadline day in August on loan for the 2012-13 season. The 24-year-old starred for Crumlin Town as a youth player before pursuing his career in England with Stoke City in 2006, for whom he scored four goals in two starts and 17 substitute appearances. After joining Yeovil on loan in 2007, Rooney had further temporary stints at both Chesterfield and Bury, but it was on moving north of the border in the summer of 2008 that he really started to flourish. After a pre-season trial spell with Inverness he signed a three-year deal with the club. After netting 21 goals in 42 games in the Scottish top flight in 2010-11, Rooney signed for Birmingham when his contract at Inverness expired at the end of that season. The Irish striker scored seven goals in 28 appearances for the championship side last term and arrived at The County Ground to bolster Paolo Di Canio's attacking options.



MIDDLE MAN: MATT RITCHIE

DOB: 10.09.89, Place of Birth: Gosport

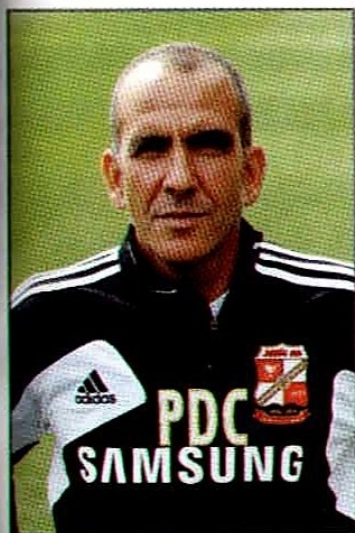
After two separate loan spells, Ritchie joined Swindon from Portsmouth in January 2011, putting pen to paper on a two-and-a-half year contract. Season long loan spells at Dagenham & Redbridge for 2008-09 and Notts County for 2009-10 helped to develop Ritchie into a promising prospect, with his time at Victoria Road particularly impressing thanks to a haul of 29 goals from just 37 league appearances. Involved in the Portsmouth youth academy from the age of 13, Ritchie was on the books for nine years at Fratton Park before eventually leaving for The County Ground after two successful loan spells in 2010. Making 34 appearances during the second half of the 2011-12 season and scoring 12 times, his fine form was rewarded with the League 2 Player of the Year Award at the 2012 Football League Awards and he was also voted Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts in 2010/11.



STOPPER: ALAN MCCORMACK

DOB: 10.01.84, Place of Birth: Ireland

McCormack signed a two-year-deal at The County Ground in July 2011 following his release from Charlton Athletic. He started his career at Preston North End at the age of 18 after a successful trial, before a series of loan moves to Leyton Orient, Southend and Motherwell preceded a permanent switch to the Shrimpers in 2007. He made 130 appearances at Roots Hall, scoring 15 times during three seasons at the club up until 2010. Charlton secured his services that same summer following Southend's relegation to League Two and McCormack went on to make 24 appearances for the Addicks, scoring once. He was one of the standout performers of Town's title-winning 2011/12 League Two campaign having made the switch from central midfielder to centre back and was rewarded with the club's Player of the Season award and by being named club captain on the eve of the 2012/13 season.



MANAGER PAOLO DI CANIO

Controversial figure Di Canio was handed his first job in management by The Robins in May 2011, three years after retiring from a hugely successful playing career.

He made his senior debut for Lazio in 1985 and was there for five years before moving to Juventus. Spells at Napoli and Milan followed before Di Canio made his first break into British football with a move to Celtic in 1996.

After a solitary season at Parkhead, he moved south of the border to Sheffield Wednesday, but made all of the wrong headlines in 1998 when he was banned for 11 matches for pushing referee Paul Alcock to the ground after being sent off in a match against Arsenal.

In 1999, Di Canio signed for West Ham and became a cult hero at Upton Park during his four years with the club, scoring 48 goals in 118 league appearances before ending his career with spells at Charlton, former club Lazio and Cisco Roma.



WES FODERINGHAM

DOB: 14.01.91, Place of Birth: London

Swindon signed 'keeper Foderingham for an undisclosed fee from Crystal Palace in January 2012 after an impressive loan spell at The County Ground. He came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy before moving to Palace but never made a senior appearance at either club. He had loan spells at Bromley, Boreham Wood and Histon before attracting Paolo Di Canio's attention.



JOE DEVERA

DOB: 06.02.87, Place of Birth: London

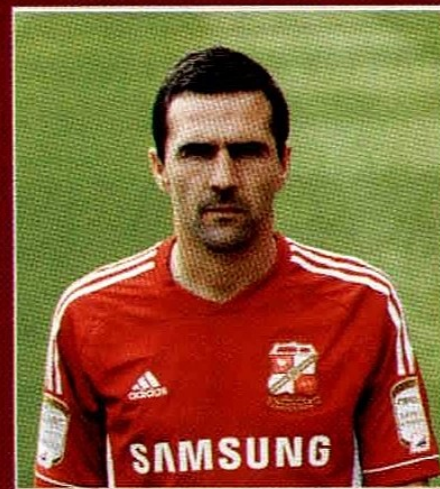
Devera became Paolo Di Canio's first signing as Swindon boss in June 2011, signing on a free from Barnet. The 24-year-old, who is of Venezuelan descent, made 177 appearances during a six-year career with the Bees and was named the club's Player of the Year in 2008 and 2011. Devera made 28 league appearances and scored two goals in Swindon's promotion winning campaign last season.



JAY MCEVERLEY

DOB: 11.02.85, Place of Birth: Liverpool

The Robins signed McEveley during the summer following the expiration of his contract at Barnsley after an impressive loan spell. A former Blackburn Rovers man, McEveley joined Derby County in 2007 after loan spells with Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich, helping the Rams to the Premier League in 2007. He was loaned to Preston and Charlton before joining the Tykes permanently for two years in 2010.



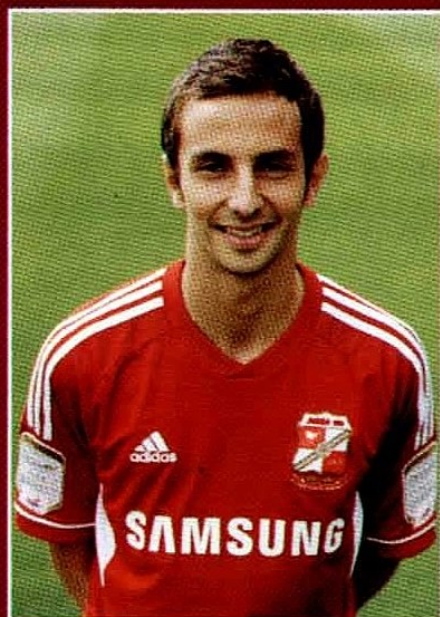
TOMMY MILLER

DOB: 08.01.79, Place of Birth: County Durham

Vastly experienced Miller signed for Swindon during the summer on a one-year deal following his release from championship newcomers Huddersfield. At 33, Miller has over 400 league appearances and 90 goals from spells at Hartlepool, Ipswich, Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, the Terriers and now the Robins on his impressive CV.

IN THE FRAME

Troy Archibald-Henville, Aden Flint, Nathan Thompson and Fede Bessone are the remaining options at the back. Darren Ward, Giles Coke, John Bostock, Alan Navarro, Luke Rooney, Simon Ferry and Gary Roberts will battle it out for places in the midfield and Paul Benson will offer a different dimension up front.



RAFAELE DE VITA

DOB: 23.09.87

Place of Birth: Italy

Italian striker De Vita signed a two-year deal with the Robins in June 2011, joining from Scottish outfit Livingston. He joined Blackburn Rovers aged 15 and came up through the youth ranks at Ewood Park, but found first team opportunities limited and opted to leave for Livingston in 2008. De Vita scored 21 goals in 67 league appearances for the Lions which prompted Di Canio to make his move.



ANDY WILLIAMS

DOB: 14.08.86

Place of Birth: Hereford

One of Paolo Di Canio's first signings for the 2012/13 season, Williams joined from Yeovil on a two-year contract. He began his career in 2004 at hometown side Hereford before moving to Bristol Rovers in 2007. He found himself back on loan with the Bulls for 2008-09 before moving to Yeovil in 2010, scoring 22 goals in 72 league appearances at Huish Park.



JAMES COLLINS

DOB: 01.12.90

Place of Birth: Coventry

Collins signed for Swindon during the summer on a two-year deal after rejecting the offer of a new contract from Shrewsbury. The 21-year-old striker started his youth career at Aston Villa and spent time on loan at Darlington, Burton and then Shrewsbury before signing permanently at the Greenhous Meadow in January 2011.

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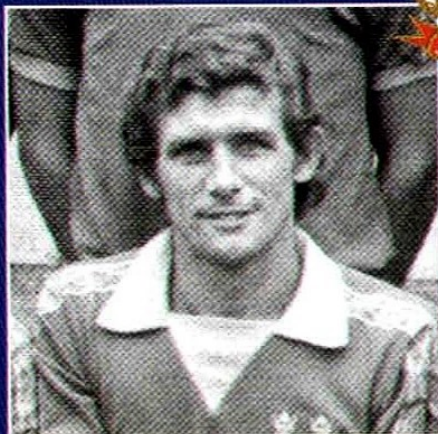
- **Swindon Town turned professional in 1894** and have played at their famous County Ground for 116 years from 1896.
- **The club's finest hour came in 1969** when they defeated Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley to lift the League Cup – the only major silverware in their history.
- **The County Ground hosted Premier League football in the 1992-93 season** after The Robins beat Leicester City to become only the second side to qualify via the play-offs. It remains the club's only season in top-flight football to date.

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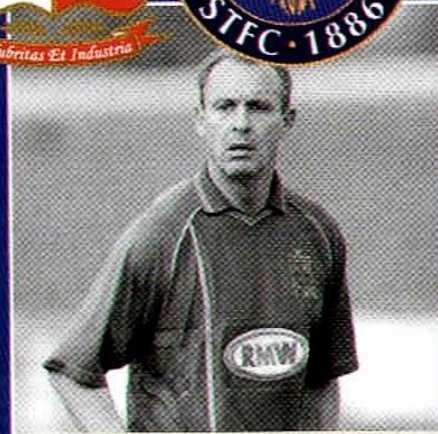
SWINDON TOWN / SHREWSBURY TOWN



BRIAN WILLIAMS



CHIC BATES



JIMMY QUINN

Left back/midfielder **Brian Williams** was originally from Salford and started his career as an apprentice with local side, Bury, turning professional with them in 1973. He went on to make 159 league appearances and scored 19 goals before leaving to join Queens Park Rangers for a single season of 19 games in 1977. In 1978 he began a nine-year spell in the West Country in, spending three years with today's opponents Swindon Town, making 99 appearances and scoring 8 goals. He then spent four years with Bristol Rovers, with Gary Emmanuel going the other way in a swap deal. Williams followed that with two years with Bristol City, becoming one of the few players to represent both sides in Bristol derbies. His final League club was us, Shrewsbury Town, spending 2 seasons, making 65 appearances and scoring once. He then joined non-League side Alvechurch, but these days works for Shrewsbury Town doing great work with youngsters, as heads up Shrewsbury Town's Community Sports Trust.

Philip or "**Chic Bates**" really needs no introduction to Town fans, but Shrewsbury and Swindon played for both would be incomplete without him. Chic joined Shrewsbury as a player in 1974 when he moved from Stourbridge and scored in his first away game at Stockport. He went on to score 17 goals in the 1974/75 season as we walked to the Fourth Division Championship that year. He scored 45 goals in 160 games for town in his first spell with Shrewsbury, which ended when he moved to Swindon Town in 1977. He made fourteen appearances for Swindon that season, but only scored once. The following season, Bates fared better becoming Swindon top scorer with fourteen goals.

The performance of other strikers kept Bates out of the side for the majority of the 1979/1980 season, and he made just seven appearances, three as substitute. The lack of first team opportunity prompted a move to Bristol Rovers in March 1980. It was only a short spell with Rovers but he managed 29 appearances and 4 goals before moving back to Shrewsbury Town where he finished his playing career. All told, Chic Bates made nearly 300 appearances for Shrewsbury Town and 386 all together in a career where he played most of his games for one STFC or another.

Chic's contribution to both STFCs did not end there though as he spent no less than 3 periods as manager for Shrewsbury and also spent time as assistant manager at Swindon with Ossie Ardiles and also Lou Macari. Bates was manager at Stoke city too and also spent time coaching with Birmingham and Celtic. Chic has always been linked with

Shrewsbury Town most of all though and since his management days, he has spent periods working for the club in a youth coaching capacity.

Another man who has played and managed both sides is **Jimmy Quinn**. Quinn had a club career spanning eighteen years for a number of lower division clubs, during which he was a prolific goalscorer. His career was one of the more diverse that you are likely to read about, with too much to cover in an article like this. If you were to focus on one club that Quinn had an impact on, it may well be Swindon Town, with whom he spent 3 spells as both player and manager. Swindon was the team that first offered Quinn a taste of professional league football with a £10,000 move away from Oswestry Town in 1981. After a slow start, Quinn became an asset for the Robins, one which they sold to Blackburn Rovers after nearly 50 games. But after a couple of seasons, Quinn was re-signed by Lou Macari for a slightly bigger fee.

He helped Swindon to a 1986 Third Division play-off place, with ten goals but Quinn missed the play-off final replay versus Gillingham through injury. They managed without him and the following season, Quinn had one of his best seasons, scoring 31 goals in all competitions. When his contract expired in June 1988, Quinn agreed terms with Leicester City, and a tribunal set the fee at £210,000.

In October 1998, Quinn returned to Swindon as manager following the departure of Steve McMahon. It was a difficult task but Quinn managed to keep Swindon in Division One in the 1998-99 season, but his first full season in charge was almost impossible, with Swindon falling into administration. As is common in this situation, players were sold, and no money was available to replace them, so a 40 year old Quinn took to the field himself. But it was still not enough and eventually he was removed from his post despite the obvious difficulties.

Quinn dropped into non league football both playing and coaching, before emerging as manager at Shrewsbury Town who had just been relegated to the conference. In his first season, Jimmy did what was asked and got us back into the league via the play-offs. We should never have been there in the first place, but we ended up having a decent campaign and an exciting day out in Stoke in the play-off final. The following season did not go as well and Quinn left Shrewsbury to be replaced by Gary Peters, but we will always be grateful for that play-off season. COYB!!!

MARCUS BRADDOCK



BACK TO THE FUTURE: SWINDON TOWN

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1962-63 PROMOTION WINNERS

MIKE TURNER: Ex-England Youth goalkeeper who played 75 League games prior to joining Torquay United in July 1964, then hometown Bridport. He spent over 20 years with Plessey, settling in Poole.

MAURICE OWEN: Long-serving favourite, previously top scorer, who netted 150 goals in 555 League games before joining the coaching staff. He later settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Record appearance holder who became Swindon's coach, then manager from November 1980 until March 1983. Awarded the MBE, he had a spell as the Robins' youth team boss.

KEITH MORGAN: Right-half who netted six goals in 325 League games while at the County Ground, moving to hometown Trowbridge in July 1967. He has since been a builder and decorator in Swindon.

KEN MCPHERSON: Versatile centre-half who scored three times in 107 League games for the Robins. He later ran a grocery business, then was a porter at Walgrave Hospital and now lives in Nottingham.

BOBBY WOODRUFF: Moved to Wolves in March 1964, then Crystal Palace, Cardiff City, Newport County and Gloucester City. He was a sales rep for a sports firm before working with young offenders.

MIKE SUMMERBEE: Young winger who joined Manchester City in August 1965, then Burnley, Blackpool and was Stockport's player-boss. The England international became a successful businessman.

ERNIE HUNT: Leading scorer who moved to Wolves in September 1965, then played for Everton, Coventry City and Bristol City. He became a publican in Ledbury, then a window cleaner in Gloucester.

JACK SMITH: Centre-forward who moved to Brighton in January 1964, then Notts County and Margate. He managed Ramsgate and Bath City, then was Portsmouth's youth coach and died in May 2008.

CLIFF JACKSON: Ex-England Schoolboy who joined Plymouth in June 1963, then Bert Head's Crystal Palace, Torquay and Cambridge City. He worked in community sports projects and lives in Devizes.

ARNOLD D'ARCY: Winger who moved to Cheltenham in July 1964, then Gravesend & Northfleet. He was a painter and decorator with Peter Chamberlain in Swindon for 36 years, settling in Southmoor.

1969 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH: Ever-present goalkeeper who made 274 League appearances before joining Bradford City in November 1973. Later working at a power station, he has settled in Elland.

ROD THOMAS: Welsh international right-back who followed Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Later with Cardiff, Gloucester and Newport County, he became a publican in Stroud.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Record appearance holder who became Swindon's coach, then manager from November 1980 until March 1983. Awarded the MBE, he had a spell as the Robins' youth team boss.

JOE BUTLER: Versatile midfielder who netted 18 goals in 362 League games prior to joining Aldershot in August 1976, then played for Witney Town. He has since run his own taxi firm in Swindon.

FRANK BURROWS: Central defender who became Swindon's assistant-boss. He has held various coaching and management posts, including spells in charge of Cardiff City, Portsmouth and Swansea.

STAN HARLAND: Ever-present captain who joined Birmingham in December 1971. He managed Yeovil and Gravesend & Northfleet, then ran a delicatessen in Yeovil until his death in September 2001.

DON HEATH: Winger who moved to Oldham Athletic in July 1970, then Peterborough United, Hartlepool, Crook Town and Gateshead. Settling back in his native Stockton, he became a buyer for ICI.

ROGER SMART: Striker who netted 43 goals in 349 League games before joining Charlton Athletic in May 1973, then Bath City, Melksham and Trowbridge. He was licensee of The Plough in Swindon.

JOHN SMITH: Ex-England U-23 international who joined Walsall in June 1971. Briefly their manager, then Dundalk's player-boss, he managed a social club in Harlesden until his death in February 1988.

PETER NOBLE: Ever-present striker who netted 62 goals in 216 League games before joining Burnley in June 1973, then had a spell with Blackpool. He has since run his own sportswear business in Burnley.

DON ROGERS: England U-23 winger who reunited with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Later with QPR, Swindon again and Yeovil Town, he has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

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1985-86 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

KENNY ALLEN: Experienced goalkeeper who made 45 League appearances before rejoining Torquay United in December 1986. Settling in Newton Abbot, he was a postman, then a driver for a hospital.

CHRIS RAMSEY: Right-back who joined Southend United in August 1987. He later coached football in Malta and the United States, since becoming Leyton Orient's YDO and managing Newham Ladies.

DAVE HOCKADAY: Left-back who moved to Hull City in September 1990, then ended his playing career at Shrewsbury. He has since held coaching posts, including Watford, MK Dons and Southampton.

LEIGH BARNARD: Midfielder who joined Cardiff City in October 1989. He rejoined Swindon as community officer, then coached in the United States and now teaches at Abbotsfield School in Hillingdon.

DAVE COLE: Central defender who netted three goals in 69 League games, moving to Torquay in November 1986, then Rochdale and Exeter. He then worked at a jeweller in Cheltenham, settling in Wales.

COLIN CALDERWOOD: Scotland international who later played for Spurs, Villa and Forest, then managed Northampton, Forest and Hibernian. Has assisted Chris Hughton at various clubs, now Norwich.

DAVE BAMBER: Striker who netted 31 goals in 106 League games before joining Watford in June 1988, then Stoke City, Hull City and Blackpool again, where he now runs his own damp proofing company.

CHARLIE HENRY: Midfielder who moved to Aldershot in August 1989, then Cheltenham and Fairford Town. He worked locally for Rover and now for his brother-in-law, making stainless steel urinals.

COLIN GORDON: Striker who moved to Wimbledon in June 1986, then Reading, Fulham, Birmingham and Leicester. He later managed Stourbridge and now has several sports-related business interests.

BRYAN WADE: Striker who netted 18 goals in 60 League games before joining Swansea City in August 1988, then played for Brighton, Frome and Trowbridge again. He is now a builder in his native Bath.

CHRIS KAMARA: Much-travelled midfielder who later played for Stoke City, Leeds United, Luton Town and Sheffield United, then managed Bradford City and Stoke. He is now a summariser for Sky TV.

1992-93 PLAY-OFF WINNERS

FRASER DIGBY: England U-21 goalkeeper who joined Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry, QPR and Kidderminster. Later Swindon's commercial manager, he now works for Sports Solutions GB.

NICKY SUMMERBEE: England U-21 international who later played for Manchester City, Sunderland, Bolton, Leicester City, Bradford City, Swindon again and Tranmere. He is now involved in property.

PAUL BODIN: Welsh international left-back who netted 37 goals in 239 League games in two spells, moving to Reading in June 1996. Later Bath City's player-boss, he is now coaching back at Swindon.

GLENN HODDLE: Ex-England international midfielder who was player-boss until June 1993, then managed Chelsea, England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves. He runs his own Soccer Academy in Spain.

COLIN CALDERWOOD: Scotland international who later played for Spurs, Villa and Forest, then managed Northampton, Forest and Hibernian. Has assisted Chris Hughton at various clubs, now Norwich.

SHAUN TAYLOR: Ever-present central defender who moved to Bristol City in September 1996. Later Forest Green Rovers' assistant-boss, he has held coaching posts at Exeter City and Torquay United.

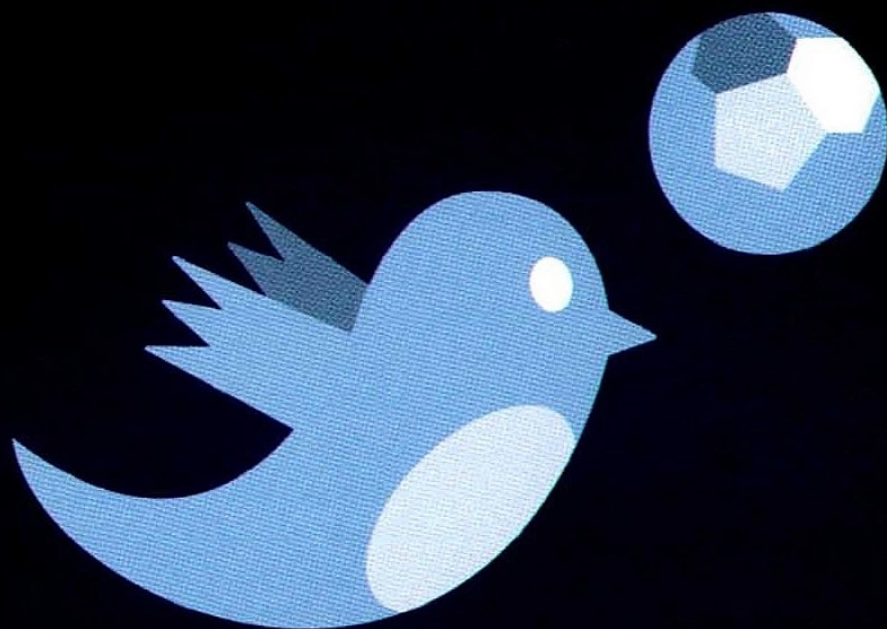
JOHN MONCUR: Hard-tackling midfielder who joined West Ham in June 1994. Since hanging up his boots in May 2003, he has become a born-again Christian and was briefly chairman of Grays Athletic.

ROSS MACLAREN: Scottish favourite who became reserve team boss. Later Aston Villa's chief scout and Notts County's assistant-manager, he now owns the Blue Bell Inn in Kirk Langley, Derbys.

DAVE MITCHELL: Australia international striker who moved to Millwall in October 1993. He has since coached Sydney Olympic, Sydney United, Parramatta Power and now manages Perth Glory.

MARTIN LING: Midfielder who netted ten goals in 152 League games before joining Leyton Orient in July 1996, becoming their manager. He has since managed Cambridge United and Torquay United.

CRAIG MASKELL: Striker who joined Southampton in February 1994, then Brighton, Happy Valley, Leyton Orient. He has since assisted Steve Corderly at Hampton & Richmond, Aylesbury and Staines.



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A reunion is being organised for Shrewsbury Town's 2004 side that won promotion from the Conference – an almost forgotten part of the club's history.

Jimmy Quinn led Shrewsbury back into the Football League at the first attempt via a dramatic play-off penalty shoot-out, when keeper Scott Howie saved three Aldershot spot-kicks.

"Arguably the club might not be where it is today, thriving in League One in a wonderful new stadium, if it hadn't been for Jimmy's miracles," Alan Rivers from Quinn's management team told BBC Radio Shropshire.

"There was a feeling of failure around the place, but Jimmy got a team together to turn everything around."

Shrewsbury had been relegated from the Football League the season before under Kevin Ratcliffe, who resigned with one game to go when the club's fate was sealed.

Quinn, the former Northern Ireland international striker, was appointed in the summer and signed almost a whole team from scratch.

They started the Conference season with a 1-1 draw with Margate, but the team soon got into its stride and were in the promotion hunt throughout the campaign.

A third-place finish meant the play-offs – and two tense penalty shoot-outs against Barnet in the semis and then Aldershot on an afternoon of the highest drama at Stoke's Britannia Stadium.

To me, that's still one of the most adrenalin-pumped, nervy games I've seen in over 25 years following the Town for the BBC.

With so much at stake, it was level after extra time.



Luke Rodgers blazed the first penalty over the bar. Then goalie Scott Howie proved the saviour of the day – and arguably of Shrewsbury Town's future.

"I will never forget that day, it's seared into my brain as we all ran up to the Shrewsbury supporters at the end," said Rivers, reliving the dream.

Rivers, a former Watford and Luton defender, also remembers the day he first came in with Quinn. "There was one sock in the dressing room, the whole place was in disarray," he said.

"But Jimmy signed some class players – wise heads like Darren Tinson the captain, Martin O'Connor, Scott Howie in goal, Trevor Challis.

"There was the younger brigade too, like Ryan Lowe, Jamie Tolley, Luke Rodgers, Jake Sedgemore,

"Not only that, he gelled the whole squad together – which means it's been pretty easy for me to keep in touch with them since then.

"I mentioned a reunion to some of them, and they're all for it – and with the tenth anniversary coming up in 2014 it seems just the right time to do it."

Watch this space!

Mike Jones

RETURNING FRIENDS

Few sides have met six times in one Football League season but the advent of the Football League Cup in 1960-61 season was part of the catalyst for Shrewsbury Town and Swindon to clash six times during that campaign. Town fans will be pleased to hear that we remained unbeaten during this set of matches drawing four and winning the other two. Both League fixtures were drawn games Colin Whitaker scoring the equaliser at Gay Meadow and Malcolm Starkey and Jimmy McLaughlin the brace at the County Ground. The Cup games threw up two unlikely heroes and a somewhat surprising goalscorer. Having drawn Swindon away after a bye in Round One of Alan Hardaker's new competition the Football League Cup manager Arthur Rowley gave Lenny Copp his debut and the youngster gave Salop a first half lead only for the home side to earn a replay in the second half. On the Saturday Len kept his place in the home win over Grimsby and played and scored the consolation goal in the 3-1 defeat at Hull the following weekend. In the replay with Swindon on the following Monday he was once more on target and with a Rowley penalty a 2-2 draw was achieved amazingly Len never played another first team game. The task of marking Swindon's "prolific striker" Bronco "Layne; who had netted a hat trick against us the previous season; was given to a young defender called Dave Humphreys who was making his debut and he did a fine job. After the match the team's tossed up to see who would have home advantage in the second replay and Swindon won the right to stage the fixture on the Wednesday. Town winger Allan Cornfield was not fit and full back Norman Hobson deputised on the wing. The match went into extra time and then Jimmy McLaughlin and Norman scored to take Town through.

There was a fair amount of disbelief when the sides were paired together in the F. A. Cup as well with the tie scheduled for Bonfire Night just ten days later. Arthur re-called Dave Humphreys and again played Hobson on the wing and netted a second half winner himself to beat the Wiltshire side on their own ground again. Norman Hobson continued to play on the wing until the

following January but left at the season end as did Dave Humphreys who only played three League games.

Swindon Town came into being when Spartans joined forces with St Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society in 1883. The Club's roots though go back to two years earlier when Spartans who were formed by a cricket club came into being under the guidance of the Reverend William Pitt.

They played at The Croft from 1881 to 1896 when they moved to their home ever since The County Ground. They were founder members of the new Third Division in 1920 and started with a real bang thumping Grimsby Town who had finished bottom of the Second Division the previous season 9-1. In 1909-10 they beat Burnley, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City on the way to the F.A. Cup Semi Final and the year after beat Woolwich Arsenal on the way to the last eight then in 1912 their scalps included Everton and West Ham as they again reached the last four. The 9-1 thrashing of Grimsby is still their biggest League win and Harold Fleming hit 4 and Bob Jefferson one a decade after the pair scored in their earlier Cup runs.

Those early Cup exploits were supplanted in 1969 when they won the League Cup Final again beating Arsenal this time 3-1 with Roger Smart and Don Rogers with two the heroes; Bobby Gould netting the Gunners consolation on a mud heap.



David Layne

WORLD CUP VENUES

As you may remember from the first part of this travelogue I was close to arriving at the Moldovan capital Chisinau some twelve weeks before Roy Hodgson and the England team. The impressive main station of the capital Chisinau greets the overnight traveller from Rumania and has a surprising grandeur. The down side is it is a little out of the city centre and does not have many trains passing through so the taxi service is virtually nonexistent save for a few speculative sharks who are likely to take your money and drop you where they feel is right not where you wish to go. The true taxi drivers have a photo-copied map of the city and will generally find your destination- however obscure for around £2.

Accommodation is not expensive but there are few hostels advertised on the internet however our chosen venue turned out

to be close to the city hub and clean and friendly. The Travel Web-sites recommend several restaurants including a chain called Andy's Pizza which has spotlessly maintained premises and serves many good pasta dishes and excellent coffee at bargain prices. The restaurant which I visited was on Pushkin and was opposite the very pleasant park where woodpeckers and red squirrels were among the visible attractions and the trees gave a pleasant amount of shade which was necessary as the temperatures were around 97F.

For an expensive top class meal of Moldovan cuisine a trip to La Taifosa is well worth considering. Accompanied by some local music including a pipe player it is at the top end of Pushkin. There are many good bars and restaurants and most bars boast international television and sporting events. The European Championships were in progress during my visit and supping the local ale whilst watching a win was very pleasant. The locals went to open air venues with big screens and pre-match and

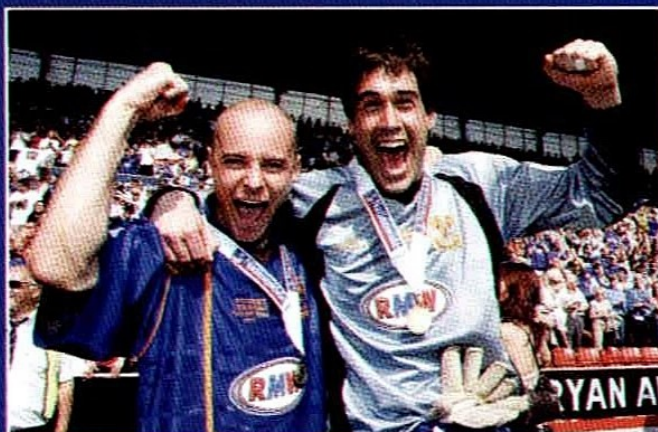
Mike Jones

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

George Baker was part of Salop's team who played Swindon six times in 1960-61. He wore the number 7 shirt in the first clash but was a deep lying centre forward in the number 9 jersey in the other five games. He was part of Jack Rowley's Plymouth side who won the Third Division title in 1958-59 the only time brothers have managed sides to promotion in the same season as Town went up from Division Four under Arthur. He had won two Welsh U23 caps but only netted 5 goals in 52 games due to his role in the side at Salop. He moved to Barry Town and settled in South Wales working as an executive in open cast mining. He still lives in Tylerstown since his retirement and is now 76.

John Brough played mainly as a striker after joining Town from Notts County but was later converted to a central defender during his time under Graham Turner at Hereford United. He moved from there to Cheltenham Town and helped them earn promotion to the Football League. Despite a cruciate knee injury he returned to action and was one of the last two non league players to feature for the Whaddon Road side. Having left the Club for Aldershot and Newport County he returned to Cheltenham and has been in charge of their successful Youth side for the last few seasons.

Stuart Cash is another former Town man still involved in professional football. Stuart joined Salop on loan from Nottingham Forest under John Bond. He teamed up with George Borg at Aldershot and under their stewardship the Shots progressed through the divisions. After a spell in charge he reverted to number two under Terry Brown and the pair took that side to the play-off Final against Town. He moved to Stevenage; Enfield and Lewes before re-joining Terry Brown and helping A.F.C. Wimbledon to reach their goal of returning to the



Trevor Challis

Football League after the disgraceful franchise demise they suffered. He is still with the Wombles whose next aim is to return to S.W. 19 and climb the divisions.

One Town player who Stuart Cash will remember well; although from his point of view for the wrong reasons is Trevor Challis. Challis was the player who clinched our return to the Football League with the final penalty at Stoke in that Play off Final. Graham Turner may also re-call the classy left back as Trevor made his debut for Salop at Hereford after being recruited by Jimmy Quinn. He moved on to Weymouth after 38 appearances for Town and helped them win promotion back to the Conference but after a spell at Eastleigh he had to retire from playing due to a persistent knee injury. Despite having played for Bristol Rovers under Ian Holloway Trevor managed to secure a job at Bristol City and despite some big changes at that Club he is still employed in that position as Academy Recruitment Officer.



post-match musical entertainment which drew huge crowds. The fact that this is listed as Europe's poorest country is not obvious to the passing tourist although the people trafficking statistics are frightening.

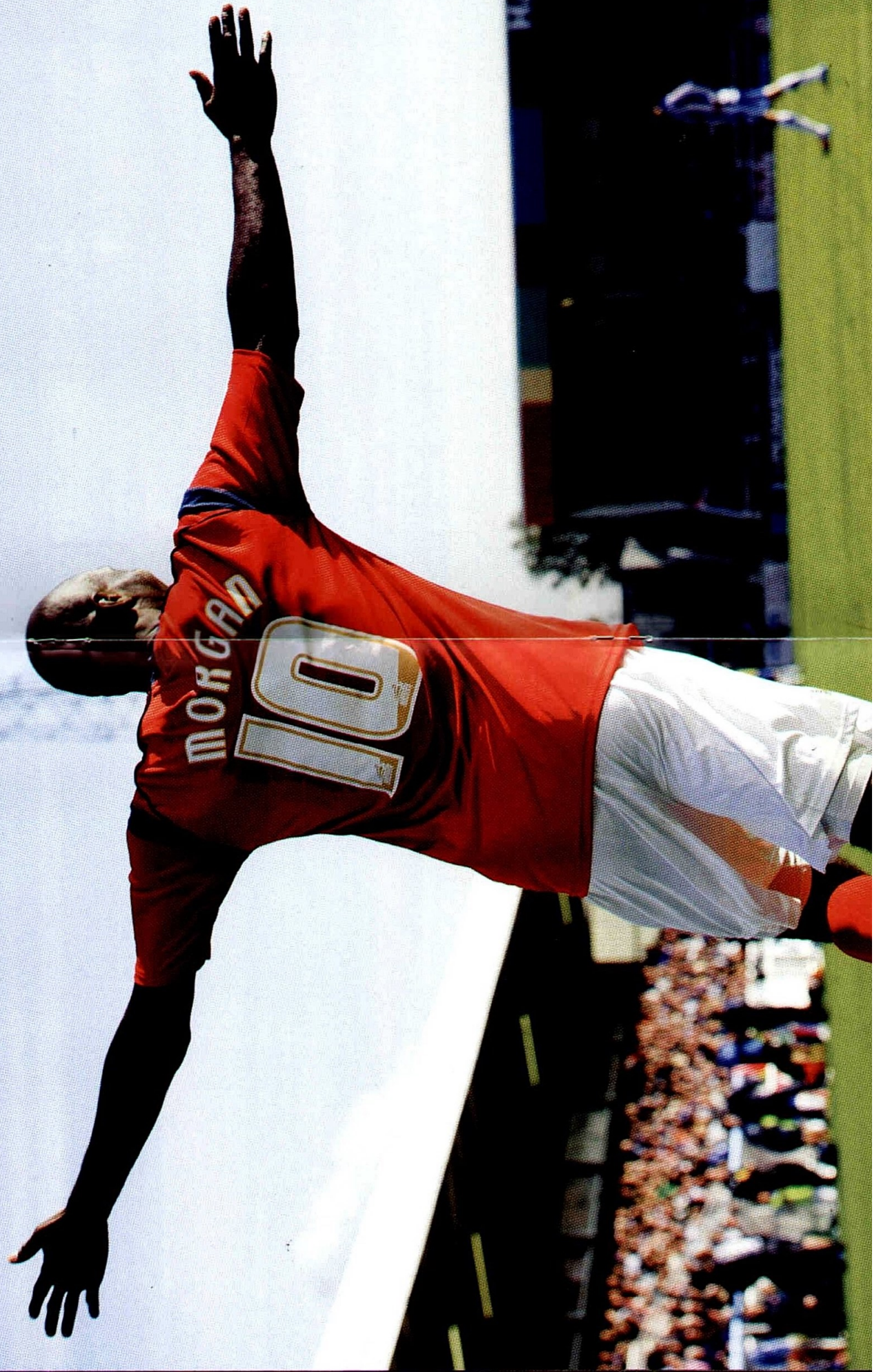
On returning to the station for the overnight return it was

early evening and still daylight when we hit the Rumanian border. The reason for all the noise at the checkpoint on the way into Moldova then became clear. The railway gauge in Moldova is the Russian gauge of 5' whilst Rumania uses Stephenson gauge track which is 3.5 inches narrower. To rectify the discrepancy the six coaches with all passengers aboard are shunted into two sidings and after the bogies are loosened they are lifted into the air on metal hoists while a little man pushes away the bogies and

another chap pushes in the new set before the carriages are lowered down and reconnected.

Montenegro; Poland; Ukraine and San Marino to follow in coming weeks.

MARVIN MORGAN



20 QUESTIONS *MARVIN MORGAN has the answers for Stuart Dunn*



Club Supported as a Boy

FULL NAME? Marvin Morgan.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE OF BIRTH?

Manchester, April 13, 1983.

FORMER CLUBS?

Wealdstone, Yeading, Woking, Aldershot, Dagenham & Redbridge (loan).

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A BOY?

Manchester United. I'm from Moss Side in Manchester and moved down to Watford when I was younger.

BOYHOOD FOOTBALL HERO?

It was Ian Wright first and, as I got older, it was Andy Cole, Dwight Yorke and Eric Cantona. I liked Cantona's flair and I think he was the first man to bring that to the Premiership.

BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL?

It would have to be getting promoted here last season. That was definitely the best moment of my career so far.

FAVOURITE GROUND PLAYED AT?

It's got to be the Emirates, a new stadium and a good club. It was even better than I thought it was going to be. It was a good game too.

Worst Ground

WORST GROUND PLAYED AT?

Accrington Stanley. The changing rooms are really small, terrible. Even in my non-League days at least you got decent showers at the end.

BEST PLAYER PLAYED ALONGSIDE?

Scotty Donnelly at Aldershot was a great player. He's a midfield player and he got me so many assists. He knew where I wanted the ball, how I liked it, he knew me inside out really. He went to Swansea, had a few injury problems and ended up being paid up.

BEST PLAYER PLAYED AGAINST?

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain. It was his first game for Arsenal against us and he was so confident on the ball.

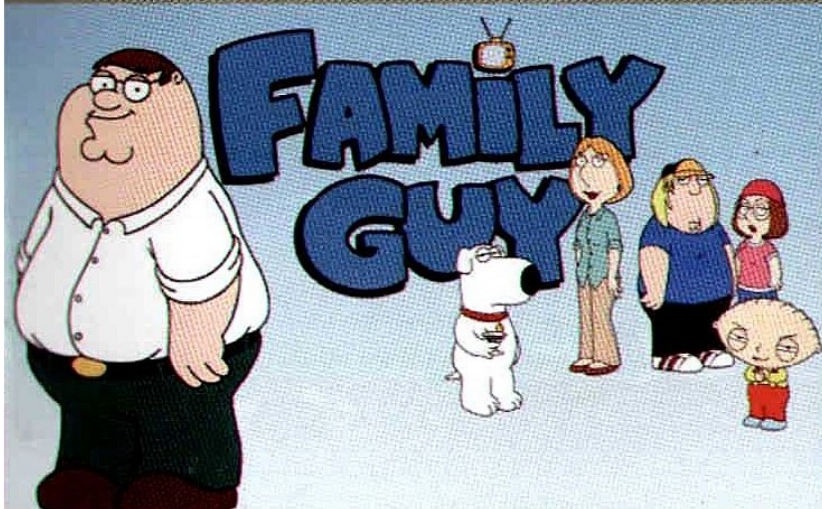
BEST GOAL SCORED?

It was for Woking against Rushden & Diamonds. I got the ball in my own half and dribbled past a few players and slotted it home.

LAST RED CARD?

Southend at home last season. It wasn't a red but it helped us!

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Favourite TV Programme

ANY PRE-MATCH RITUALS?

I had a conversation with some of the lads about this recently and I think it's a load of rubbish, all that stuff.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE DOING AWAY FROM FOOTBALL?

I own a business (clothing range Fresh Ego Kid) that seems to be doing quite well and it keeps me very busy. It's absolutely ridiculous how it's going at the moment. We're getting people left, right and centre trying to get involved. It was a hobby at first as people don't understand how boring it is to be a footballer. When you're at the lower level you have to live within your means and and you can't be going out spending, spending, spending when you're not on x amount of money. Everyone says to me you're so loud, you're so bubbly and that's because I'm enjoying my life. I enjoy playing football, I enjoy being a footballer and I also enjoy what I do outside my footballing career. I want to do that when I finish playing and enjoy my life as I am now.

FAVOURITE/WORST TV PROGRAMMES?

The favourites have to be Entourage, How To Make It In America, Family Guy. I like American sitcoms. I hate things like Big Brother. I'm surprised it's still on. It's terrible.

Away from Football

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT?

I went to Mexico this year and it was unreal. I went to the Riviera and it was lovely.

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPOD?

It's a mixture. There's the normal R'n'B and Hip Hop but there's a bit of pop, blues, jazz, reggae, I've got a good mix.

WHO MAKES YOU LAUGH IN THE DRESSING ROOM?

I make myself laugh. I have a little bit of banter every day with Reuben Hazell and he keeps me going, keeps me on my toes.

BEST AND WORST DRESSED TEAM MATES?

The best dressed is me by far, by a long way, and the worst dressed I've got to think about. Last season it was so easy with Ben Smith. I'll go for Rob Purdie as he doesn't make any effort.

FOOTBALLING AMBITIONS? To really do my job and score goals. I got 11 last season and, although it was a good season as we got promoted, I should have had a lot more. In my first season at Aldershot I did okay and got into double figures and in my second season there I scored 17. Hopefully I can do better in my second season here.

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LEAGUE ROUND-UP



It is fortress Meadow no more, thanks to Scunthorpe. But the next unbeaten run has already started...

Coventry made sure of that as they allowed Town to run out 4-1 victors last week.

Mark Robins is the man appointed to turn Coventry's fortunes around. Robins lost his first match in charge 2-1 at home to Carlisle. On top of that, the former Rotherham and Barnsley manager had the unfortunate task of talking his new club to the Emirates to face Arsenal in the Capital One Cup. It is almost certain that Coventry will have suffered yet another loss.

Caretaker manager, Richard Shaw, will remain with the club as a coach. Shaw did make the final shortlist of three, alongside Paul Ince and Robins, but it is the man who once saved Sir Alex Ferguson's skins who has another rescue job on his hands.

Robins has already been a busy man, having brought in four players already, including Derby midfielder, James Bailey, on a three month loan deal.

Coventry supporters will now hope to see the club move away from 23rd in the table.

Colchester fans will be dreaming of a brighter future too after John Ward was sacked earlier this week.

The Essex club are yet to win this season and Ward has paid the price after two years at the helm.

At the time of writing, Joe Dunne is enjoying his second spell in charge of the club. However, I know that Colchester have called a press conference on Thursday morning so they may have already moved to appoint Ward's replacement before they take on Hartlepool today.

Dunne's claims that he does not want to 'baby-sit until a new manager is found', suggests that the former defender may have been handed the job on a permanent basis.

Bury are also under new management. Kevin Blackwell has been appointed as the new Gigg Lane gaffer.

The former Leeds, Luton and Sheffield United boss has been out of work since leaving Bramall Lane in August 2010.

Bury have been rudderless since Richie Barker jumped ship to Crawley a matter of days before the new season got underway.

Blackwell has been at Bury before. The 53-year-old was a goalkeeper coach under Neil Warnock over a decade ago.

The Shakers sit bottom of the table and are still looking for their first win of the season – that is unlikely to come at Stevenage today.

Stevenage remain unbeaten following their 1-1 draw at Doncaster last weekend.

Gary Smith has signed a new recruit from the MLS to ensure Boro maintain that impressive record. Andy Iro joins from Toronto for an undisclosed fee. The 27-year-old centre-back may have played his entire football career Stateside, but he knows the English game well as he was born in Liverpool and has always hankered for that big move to Hertfordshire.

But third placed Stevenage are chasing league leaders, Tranmere Rovers. Ronnie Moore's side came from behind to

seal an impressive 5-2 victory at Crawley.

Tranmere are three points ahead of Notts County after Yoann Arquin netted a brace to help Keith Curle's outfit to their fifth win in eight league matches with a 3-0 victory over Portsmouth.

Pompey's off-field troubles continue and things are getting a little messy. Former owner, Balram Chainrai, has dismissed the bid being made by the Pompey Supporters' Trust. Chainrai believes his bid to re-buy the club is the only feasible option for Portsmouth. The Hong Kong based businessman has already owned the club twice since February 2010. Reports suggest that administrator, Trevor Birch, would prefer the PST to raise the relevant funds to take over their club. Portsmouth needs change and the club needs it soon.

Today's visitors have paid us some money in recent days but we won't go in to that here. What I will mention is the fact that Swindon are in the last 16 of the Capital One Cup after defeating Burnley 3-1 on Tuesday. It has been a brilliant week for Di Canio's men, who thrashed Bournemouth 4-0 last weekend to remain fifth in League One.

Welcome back James Collins...

Sheffield United are level on points with the Robins after sealing a narrow 1-0 away win over Yeovil thanks to Neil Collins header.

It hasn't been the most convincing of starts for the Blades – that was their first win in four matches.

Yeovil have now lost four on the trot and defender Rohan Ince has been recalled from his loan by Chelsea, just to rub salt in the wounds. To be fair, Ince was suffering with a recurring ankle injury and his parent club feel it is better that he receives treatment at Stamford Bridge, rather than Huish Park.

Fulham's Daniel Burn has joined Yeovil on a one month loan deal.

Elsewhere, Walsall continued their decent start to the season as they came from behind to beat Preston 3-1.

Our hosts for Tuesday night, Brentford, sit ninth in League One after a 1-0 home win over Oldham last weekend but they face a tough trip to Tranmere today.

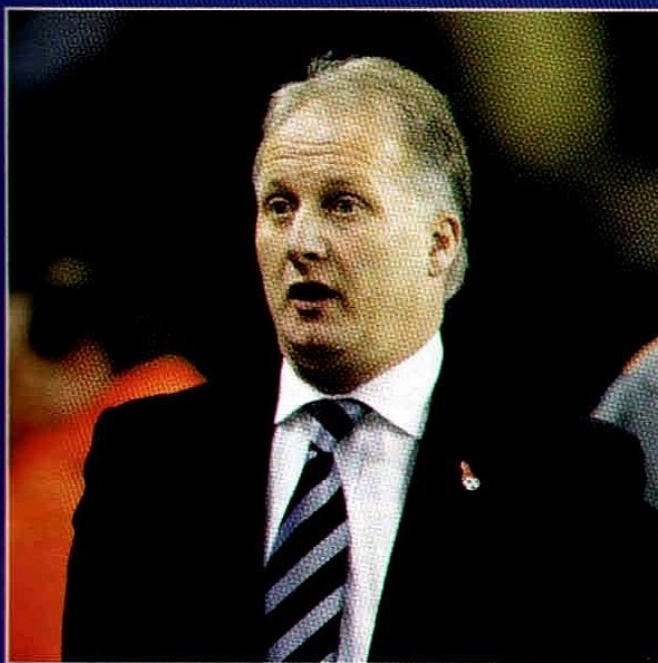
Crewe have now drawn four games on the bounce after Saturday's match with Leyton Orient finished 1-1. Orient were reduced to ten men late on when combative midfielder Anthony Griffith saw red.

Orient have extended the contract of 33-year-old midfielder, Martin Rowlands, until January 27th as he continues to prove his fitness.

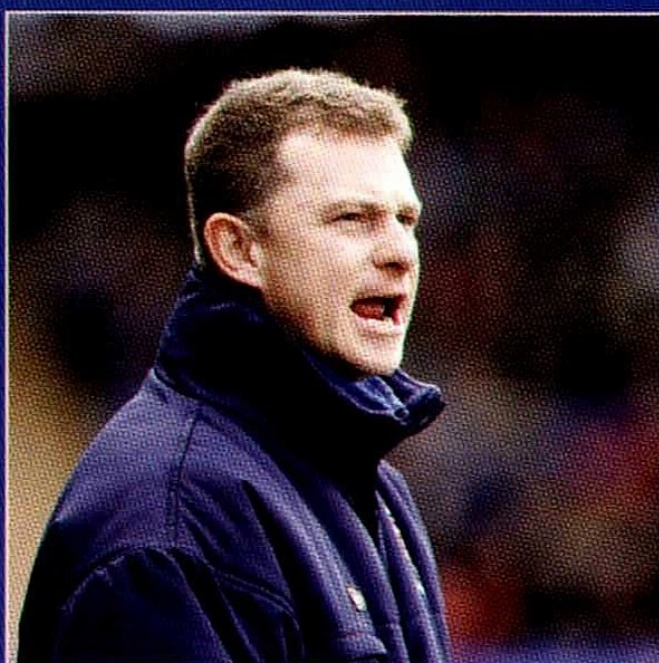
Right, I'm going to have to wrap this up and get on with some proper work. Enjoy the game and I will see some of you at Griffin Park.

Come on Muckers!

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KEVIN BLACKWELL



MARK ROBINS



KEITH CURLE

LEAGUE 1 TABLE

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

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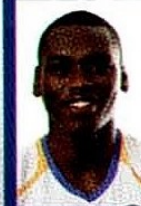
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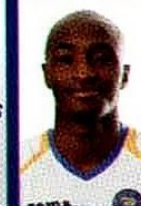
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BRENTFORD FC



Npower League 1

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 - 7.45pm

SAT NAV: TW8 ONT

DIRECTIONS:

Leave the M4 at junction 2 and take the A4, going around the Chiswick Roundabout so that you end up coming back on yourself. Continue along the A4 and at the first roundabout take a left onto the B455 (Ealing Road). The ground is located about half a mile down this road on your right. There is no parking at the ground for supporters. So apart from a small pay and display car park in Layton Road (first right off Ealing Road) which costs £5 for free hours (but is free after 6.30pm), it is street parking.

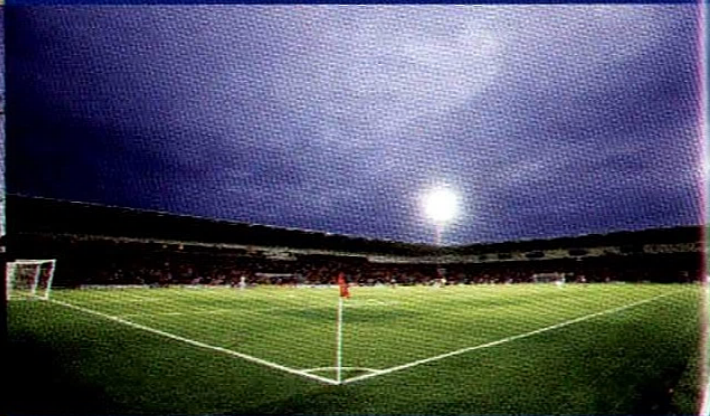
GROUND:

Away fans are housed in the Brook Road Stand at one end of the ground. This covered two tiered stand has 600 seats in its upper tier and room for around 1,000 fans below in the terrace. The upper tier has good unhindered views of the playing area, whilst below in the lower terraced area there are a couple of prominent supporting pillars, which may affect your view. There is a good selection of refreshments on offer including a selection of Pukka Pies & Pasties (£2.70), Herta Hot Dogs (£3), Burgers (£3), Cheeseburgers (£3.20) and Sausage Rolls (£2.50).

All the best to the lads for todays game, make some noise, COME ON YOU BLUES!!

Sean Evans

DONCASTER ROVERS



Npower League 1

Saturday 6th October 2012 - 3pm

SAT NAV: DN4 5JW

DIRECTIONS:

Find your favoured route to the M1. From the M1 join the M18 Eastbound at Junction 32. Once on the M18, leave at Junction 3 and take the A6182 towards Doncaster (the stadium is well signposted from Junction 3 and is about one and a half miles away). You will pass a retail park on your left and then at the next island (which has the Lakeside Pub visible behind it) turn left onto White Rose Way. The Lakeside Shopping Centre is now on your right (the stadium is located directly behind the shopping centre). At the next island turn right onto the industrial estate and after passing the Tesco distribution centre on your right, turn right at the bottom of the road and the stadium is further down on your left.

GROUND:

Away fans are located in the Case Construction North Stand at one end of the stadium, where around 3,344 fans can be accommodated. Clubs with a smaller following will be allocated around a third to two thirds of that number meaning that on those occasions the end is shared with home supporters. The view of the playing action, leg room, and facilities in this stand are all good, although fans are set well back from the pitch as there is a substantial tarmac looking track which surrounds it. The concourses are a good size and there are a number of televisions on view to keep supporters entertained. Food included a selection of pies (including the Chicken Balti pie) and pasties at £3 each, plus burgers and hot dogs.

FORTHCOMING AWAY MATCHES 2012

BRENTFORD FC

Tuesday 2nd October 2012

Coaches depart:

Wem Council Offices	2.00pm
Crown Abbey Foregate	2.30pm
Red Lion Wellington	2.45pm
Super Blues Members £20, Adult Travel Club Members £21, Junior/Oap Members £20, Adult Non Members £23, Oap/Junior Non Member £22, Under 11's £10	

DONCASTER

Saturday 6th October 2012

Coaches depart:

Wem Council Offices	10.15am
Crown Abbey Foregate	10.45am
Red Lion Wellington	11.00am
Super Blues Members £14, Adult Travel Club Member £15, Junior/Oap Member £14, Adult Non Member £17, Oap/Junior Non Member £16, Under 11's £8	

BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made by seeing Chris Smith outside main reception after today's game.
e-mail shrewsawaytravel@hotmail.com or
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Man of the Match

OSC Man of the Match at the Hartlepool Utd game was Marvin Morgan

Raffle Winner on the OSC coach to

Hartlepool Utd Russ Teece (Congratulations Russ)

Quiz Winner on the OSC coach to Hartlepool Utd

Dave & Milo Cowper known as "THE NOBODIES TEAM" were the quiz winners on the coach to Hartlepool. Congratulations to you both, the prize was a meal for two at the Charles Darwin Pub, Shrewsbury, very kindly donated by Rob Jones the owner, the Charles Darwin does meals seven days a week with a meal special on each night of the week for example Thursday night is steak night, he also has a very good selection of other meals. Tel 07805 122314.

AWAY TRAVEL CLUB



Don't forget that we continue to run coaches to all home games from Wem, Telford and Oswestry areas.

Times and pick up points are shown on the detailed travel plan.

Important changes to note are:
Wem pick up will be from the Council Offices in New Street

Oswestry contact for coach bookings

are Alan Pugh - 07732358003 and Colin Mansell - 07962206907. We organise executive coaches to all Town's away league and cup games. We again offer competitive coach fares whilst retaining the high standard of comfort and reliability enjoyed by fans in previous seasons.

LOOKING AHEAD

We also have local derbies at Walsall and Crewe to look forward to. What a mouth watering season ahead! Membership has now exceeded 200. It costs £2 per season to join the Away Travel Club or £1 if you are an existing member. Super Blues are entitled to free membership. Why not join us on one of the fully air conditioned, executive coaches we organise to all our away games.

LOOKING BACK

We had an excellent journey to Hartlepool to see Town get so close to that first away win of the season. Hats off to the 170 Town fans who made the long trip to the north east. Steve Fletcher once again provided the on board entertainment, another excellent quiz. This time we had joint winners, Sean Meredith and Paul Harris. Winner of the game of "alternative bingo" was Brian Taylor who won himself a signed shirt.

Man of the Match was Marvin Morgan who was so close to a hatrick. The player who wins most man of the match awards throughout the season will be recognised at our annual awards night.

OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

The OSC will be running coaches to the following games, on board the coaches are hot and cold drinks, chocolate bars, toilets and a DVD player on long trips, we also have quiz with a prize for the winner on long trips.

Tuesday 2nd Oct - BRENTFORD - K/Off 19.45

Depart: 4X's Depot 13-00hrs, Pedigree (Oswestry) 13-15, Oxon (Shops) 13-40hrs, Meole (Downes Garage) 13-50, Asda (Bus Stop) 14-05, Telford Services 14-30hrs.

Prices: Adult Member £23, Oap / 11-16yrs Member £21, Under 11yrs with paying adult £10, Non Member £25, Non Member Concessions £23.

Saturday 6th Oct - DONCASTER ROVERS - K/Off 15.00

Depart: 4X's Depot 09-40hrs, Pedigree (Oswestry) 09-55, Oxon (Shops) 10-20hrs, Meole (Downes Garage) 10-30hrs, Asda (Bus Stop) 10-45hrs, Telford Services 11-10hrs.

Prices: Adult Member £19, OAP/11-16yrs Member £17, Under 11yrs with paying adult £10, Non Member £21, Non Member Concessions £19.

To book a seat for any of these matches ring Owen's Travelmaster 01691 652126 or out of office hours Ian Venables 07981 593437

TRAVELLERS TALES

Ian Jones has followed Town around the country for many years and now shares some of his 'Away Day' stories...



The name Bootham Crescent might generate a vision of a grand curve of imposing Regency houses like the Royal Crescent in Bath. In reality York City's football ground is far removed from such architectural splendours; indeed Bootham Crescent itself is not actually a crescent at all but a line of mostly terraced houses. In 1932 York moved from their original ground on the outskirts of the city to Bootham Crescent in the somewhat optimistic belief that a more accessible location closer to the centre would improve attendances. Over the next half century York City's home developed into a typical lower league football ground.

My first visit Bootham Crescent was for the first match of the 1992-3 season, to see an underwhelming 2-0 defeat. The ground remained largely unchanged thereafter, any improvement work not being substantial enough to alter its overall appearance. The main stand occupies most of one side of the ground, with sections of terracing either side. In one corner was small, but welcoming, supporters club and bar. On the opposite side to main stand is the Popular Stand; seating covered by a low box-like roof, with supporting props along the front. A similar construction covers the home terrace at the far end of the ground; the stand is named in memory of the York striker David Longhurst who tragically collapsed and died during a match against Lincoln City in 1990. Away supporters are accommodated on the Grosvenor Road End open terrace. In the Popular Stand 300 seats are allocated for away supporters who, in the old fashioned way, have to pay a separate transfer fee to enter the stand.

It is ten years since Town have played at York. That game was the first away match of the 2002-3 season, taking place on a balmy Tuesday evening in August. Having just missed out on the play-offs the previous season there was much optimism about promotion, but on that evening Town slid to a 2-1 defeat and in the process revealing a defensive frailty that would ultimately prove to be incredibly costly. One thing that stands out about that visit was a man in a dark suit, button-down shirt and tie

who ventured into the Grosvenor Road End to personally welcome the away supporters; it is not every club chairman who would do that – there again John Batchelor was something different.

The previous two years had seen York City go through a crisis that threatened the club's very existence. During the 1990's the club's chairman had been Douglas Craig OBE, an engineer who had a reputation as being a pillar of the local community. Craig ran the club prudently and not without some success, but had a lofty remoteness from the supporters. When some fans began to believe that the club was stagnating under Craig's stewardship he started to receive some intense and angry criticism which was amplified through the supporters' internet forums.

In 1999 Craig wrote to the club's shareholders saying that in order to secure the club's future at Bootham Crescent it was necessary to transfer ownership of the stadium from the football club to a holding company. As the club directors controlled 94% of the club's shares this was a formality, and the transfer took place with club receiving just under £166,000 from the holding company. Two years later it was revealed that the club was losing £1.2m a year and Craig put the club and stadium up for sale. The club could be bought for a nominal £1, but if the buyer did not also purchase the stadium for £4.5m York City would have to vacate it. The stadium would then be sold for development with the profit being shared by the owners of the holding company – Craig and his fellow club directors. The real sting was Craig announcing that if a buyer for the club was not forthcoming he would withdraw it from the Football League.

Enter, apparently in the nick of time, John Batchelor. It was announced that he had saved York City by purchasing the club and stadium. He promised a new start with the York Supporters Trust being given a 25.1% stake in the club and two seats on the board of directors. By December 2002 the truth came out. Batchelor had only bought the club for £1. He had agreed a sponsorship deal worth a reported £400,000, but had kept £300,000 for himself and frittered most of the rest away on entertainment and expenses. Far from saving the club, Batchelor had pushed it towards administration.

York City's future only became secure in 2003, when the supporters' trust raised sufficient money to take control of the club. With the aid of a £2m loan from the Football Foundation the club negotiated an agreement to stay at Bootham Crescent until 2014.

In the wake of the financial crisis York were relegated to the Conference. The road back has been a long and hard one. The Trust had to give up complete control of the club, retaining a 25% share. However, last season York regained their Football League place by winning the Conference promotion play-off. Planning permission has been granted for a new community stadium at Monk's Cross, so after 80 years near the city centre the club will move back to York's outskirts. The main thing is that Bootham Crescent will see out its days as a Football League ground.

Town's first 10 Chairmen

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2	Dr. D. E. Woolfson	1987/98
3	J. C. H. Bowdler	1898-1905
4	R. H. Gough	1905/06
5	C. Campion	1906-1908
6	P. Highley	1908-1912
7	H. A. Jones	1912-1920
8	J. Jones	1920-1922
9	H. A. Jones	1922-1936
10	A. H. Allen	1936-1938

10 Town Players Who Were Born Under The Sign Of Taurus

1	George Anders	23/4/1942
2	Derek Asamoah	1/5/1981
3	Peter Broadbent	15/5/1933
4	Gerry Daly	30/4/1954
5	Peter Dolby	18/5/1940
6	Les Lawrence	18/5/1957
7	David Moyes	25/4/1963
8	Chris Mackenzie	14/5/1972
9	Colin Robinson	15/5/1960
10	Jamie Tolley	12/5/1983

Most Points at Home In A Football League Season (3 points)

1	59	2011/12	L2	2nd promoted
2	48	2008/90	L2	7th
3	44	1983/84	D2	8th
4	43	2001/02	D3	9th
5	42	1984/85	D2	8th
6	42	2010/11	L2	4th
7	41	2000/01	D3	3rd
8	40	2006/07	L2	7th
9	39	1997/98	D3	13th
10	39	1998/99	D3	15th

10 More Town Players Who Played In The NASL

1	Jody Banim	Connecticut Wolves
2	Dave Butler	Portland Timbers
3	Sammy Chapman	Tulsa Rednecks
4	John Cullen	Greenbay Dragons
5	Tony Larkin	Tulsa
6	Brian Hornsby	Edmonton Drillers
7	Asa Harford	Fort Lauderdale
8	Maurice Parkin	Atlanta Chiefs
9	Peter Wall	California Surf
10	Paul Wimbleton	Delaware Wizards

ON THIS DAY

1934...

A single goal by Corkindale secures Town a place in the fourth round (qualifying) when visitors Stafford Rangers exit the FA Cup.

1956...

Three goals in each half condemn visitors Shrewsbury to a 6-0 defeat at Colchester, the result remaining our worst ever on this date.

1987...

Tim Steele's second half penalty is sufficient to see Town share the points when visiting Swindon Town in the old division two.

1990...

Dean Spink and Graeme Worsley are both on target as Town claim their first win of the campaign at the seventh attempt when visiting Stoke City (3-1).

Birthdays...

Richard Scott 38,
Glenn Tolley 29



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YOUTH REVIEW

by Stuart Dunn

Shrewsbury Town Reserves 0 Hull City Reserves 1 Central League

Shrewsbury Town's reserves were sentenced to their first Central League defeat of the season by a late strike from Hull City's Dougie Wilson.

There were just two minutes left when midfielder Wilson took aim from 25 yards out to rifle a swerving shot past goalkeeper Joe Anyon.

Town fielded a side featuring plenty of first team squad members, among them young pros Elliot Turner and Ryan Woods in midfield, while youth teamers Dominic Smith and George Carpenter, both former Belvidere School pupils, were included in the back four.

Hull fielded a young team with former Town loanee Jamie Devitt, in midfield, and central defender Liam Cooper the only men with first team experience for the Tigers.

Town had been hoping to build on their 4-0 win over Oldham in their previous reserve team outing this season and Asa Hall was the first man to test Hull goalkeeper Eldin Jackupovic when his early 20 yard drive was saved at the foot of his right post.

The former Oxford midfielder then saw another shot from outside the box deflected narrowly wide.

It was all Shrewsbury in the early stages and Jon Taylor's fine run and cross from the right was flicked goalwards by Ryan Doble only for Jackupovic to make a good save.

Next it was the turn of Ryan Woods to go close when his skilful run ended with him shooting straight at the keeper.

Hull came more into it as the first half developed and Town were indebted to a great save from Joe Anyon for keeping out a Danny Emerton effort after the home defence were opened by up a slick Tigers move.

Then Irishman Devitt went close with a 20 yard free kick which just cleared the bar as the first period ended goalless.

Doble, the Wales under-21 international, was the first man to threaten at either end in the second half when he fired wide from the edge of the box, just after Jack Gwilliams, a left winger, had been sent on replace fellow youth teamer Carpenter.

Town kept knocking at the door and the industrious Taylor drilled a 25 yard drive narrowly off target as the hosts chased a breakthrough.

Gwilliams, who caught the eye having come off the bench, then curled a shot just beyond the far post after Tom Bradshaw robbed a Hull defender on the edge of the visitors' penalty area.

Hull had hardly been in it as an attacking force in the second half but missed a glorious chance to snatch the lead late on when sub Matty Dixon blazed over from close range.

Hull, coached by former Tottenham midfielder Stephen Clemence, sealed victory two minutes from time when Wilson unleashed a long range drive which flew in.

And just to confirm this was not Shrewsbury's day their hopes of a stoppage time equaliser were dashed when Connor Goldson's header from a well worked set piece was nodded off the line by Connor Townsend.

TOWN: Anyon, Carpenter (Gwilliams 52), Smith, Goldson, Purdie, Taylor, Hall, Woods, Turner, Bradshaw, Doble. Unused subs: Molyneux, Ryan, Easthope, Evans, Burton.

HULL: Jackupovic, Aimson, Townsend, Wilson, Cooper, Dillon, Emerton, Devitt, Clarkson, McCaffrey, McElroy. Subs: Cracknell, Gill, Margetts, Dixon, Topliss.

Peter Wilding, Town's technical skills coach, reflects on another pleasing win for Town's youth team

Shrewsbury Town 2 Macclesfield Town 0 Youth Alliance

This was a comfortable victory which will give the boys confidence to build from.

Two strikes from Sam Molineux, one in each half, were more than enough to earn the win and apart from one fine save from Callum Burton in the 81st minute, when Macclesfield did finally find a way through, Callum stood tall long enough to deny a consolation goal.

YOUTH FIXTURES

DATE	K.O.	Venue	Result	Opponents	
Sat Aug 11	11am	A	2-1	Rochdale	N.Flynn, Westray
Sat Aug 18	11am	A	1-2	Wrexham	S.Ryan
Sat Aug 25	11am	A	0-1	Tranmere R	
Sat Sep 1	12pm	H	1-2	Oldham Ath	S.Ryan
Sat Sep 8	11am	A	1-2	Port Vale	S.Ryan
Tue Sep 11	7pm	A	5-3	Hereford	S.Ryan (2), Gwilliams, Westray, Stephenson
Sat Sep 22	11am	H	2-0	Macclesfield	Molineux (2)
Sat Sep 29	11am	A		Walsall	
Sat Oct 13	11am	A		Oldham Ath	
Sat Oct 20	11am	H		Port Vale	
Sat Nov 3	11am	CUP			
Sat Nov 10	11am	A		Macclesfield T	
Sat Nov 17	11am	H		Walsall	
Sat Dec 1	11am	CUP			
Sat Dec 8	11am	H		Rochdale	
Sat Jan 12	11am	H		Wrexham	
Sat Jan 19	11am	CUP			
Sat Jan 26	11am	H		Tranmere R	
Sat Feb 2	11am	A		Fleetwood T	
Sat Feb 9	11am	H		Blackpool	
Sat Feb 16	11am	CUP			
Sat Feb 23	11am	A		Morecombe	
Sat Mar 2	11am	H		Bury	
Sat Mar 16	11am	A		Burnley	
Sat Mar 23	11am	H		Carlisle Utd	
Sat Apr 6	11am	H		Preston N End	

What was different from previous games for us was we had to go through the middle of their defence as both our wide players were kept relatively quiet.

It was through some good interchanging passes that Molineux created our first attempt at goal with a fine strike only for the Macc keeper to parry wide.

This was closely followed by a fine left foot shot by Dave Easthope only for him to be denied.

Finally, on 29 minutes, a Jack Gwilliams corner was met by Holmes who competed well, and the ball dropped to Molineux and his firm shot was met by the keeper but he put enough on it for the ball to creep over the line for deserved 1-0 lead at half time.

Limiting Macclesfield to no chances was our main priority in the second half as we felt confident enough to do so and also still create chances again through central areas as opposed to the wider positions.

The second goal in these games is always the safety cushion to avoid dropping two points and even with the majority of good possession and a good chance missed by Deion Evans it wasn't until the 70th minute that we got that cushion.

Good play from Evans and Easthope sent Molineux through on goal and he hit his first time shot into the roof of the net confidently to put us 2-0 ahead.

Overall, we were very pleased with the clean sheet and the general way we defended, but we have be alert to the opposition's throw ins, corners and quick free kicks because we are getting punished too often and making life harder for ourselves.

Town: Burton, Carpenter, Astley, Smith, Holmes, Evans, Easthope, Gwilliams (Fletcher 75), Anderson (Stephenson 60), Molineux, Ryan (Jones 72).

Unused sub: Rowley.

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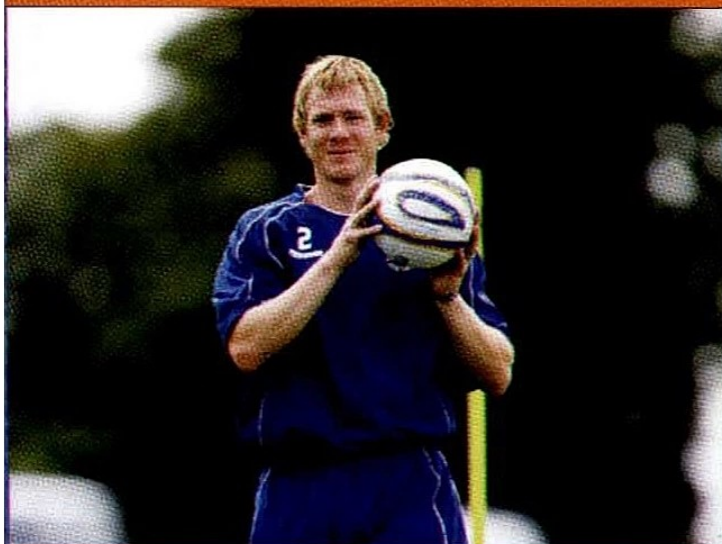
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Collection For the Meningitis Trust

Earlier this summer former Shrewsbury Town defender Dean Holden, and his wife Danielle, suffered the tragic loss of their infant daughter, Cici, to the rapid onset of meningitis whilst on holiday abroad.

As part of our support for Dean and his family, we are arranging for a collection to be made at today's fixture with Swindon Town. Volunteers from the Official Supporters Club will be shaking buckets around the outside of the ground before the game in aid of the Meningitis Trust and St Mark's School, Worsley, in Manchester where Dean's two sons go to school and the family have been involved in fundraising.

The proceeds from the collection will be presented to Dean as a cheque before the televised fixture against Walsall on Sunday, October 14. Please feel you can give generously and support the Holden family in their quest to help others.

Charity benefits from Tretts' Great North Run

Former Shrewsbury Town captain Andrew Tretton, these days a commercial sales executive at the Greenhous Meadow, successfully completed the Great North Run - raising £1,517 in the process.

Andrew and wife Dawn ran the established race in aid of TAMBA, the twins and multiple births association, pounding the streets of the north east for 13 miles earlier this month.

They are parents of twins, three and a half year old Grace and Jake, while the couple, who live in Shrewsbury, also have a seven-year-old son Ethan.

"TAMBA is a charity set up by parents and interested professionals," said Andrew, who was Town captain when the club completed the Great Escape at Exeter City in 2000.

"We've got twins but for parents who have higher multiples, triplets and higher, it can really be a financial challenge.

"There are also medical problems that can arise so we were keen to support the association."

Former defender Andrew, 35, who also played under Graham Turner at Hereford United and for Accrington Stanley, clocked 1.56.19 for the run and Dawn completed the course in 2:24:26.

He added: "It was tough, a lot harder than we thought it would be. We were both carrying niggles from training so we were both pleased with our times.

"More importantly, we managed to raise a lot of money for a good cause and we would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated. It is much appreciated."

You can still sponsor Andrew and Dawn by visiting www.justgiving.com/dawnandandrewtretton

Andrew was not the only Shrewsbury Town staff member to take part for Ian Ashton, bar manager at the Greenhous Meadow, also took part in the Great North Run.

Running with his girlfriend Ellie Jones, from Kent, they raised just under £1,000 for the Make A Wish Foundation.



Ian, 28, clocked an impressive 1.46.15 and Ellie got home an hour later.

"I found it quite comfortable," said Ian. "I didn't do any training towards it but I play football two or three times a week so that helped."

Donations can still be made to the Make A Wish Foundation by visiting www.justgiving.com/ellieandashon.

MARCUS'S INTERESTING WORLD OF FOOTBALL

Marcus Braddock

This week I have decided to dip into the world of football transfers with a look at a couple of the oddest I could find. The first is about the strangest transfer fee I have ever heard of... It concerns the transfer of a player called Marius Cioara who was transferred from Romanian second division team UT Arad to fourth division team Regal Hornia. Regal Hornia must have been short of a few bob because the deal was struck for sausage meat! A spokesman for Regal Hornia confirmed, "We gave up the team's sausage allowance for a week to secure him, but we are confident it will be worth it." The fee amounted to 33 lb of pork sausage and given that that the average 1st team squad has under 25 members, I wonder if the poor lads who played for Hornia were glad to get rid of them!

The deal went through and Hornia were looking forward to seeing the new man play but an embarrassed Cioara had had enough of the mockery he received, and retired from football altogether. Speaking after his retirement, a red faced Cioara explained all, "The sausage taunts all got too much", he went on to talk about his future plans, "I have decided to go to Spain where I have got a job on a farm." The buying club obviously asked for their sausages back although by the time they will have got them, they will have been perilously close to their sell by date.

Some of us will remember a Brazilian player from the 1980's called Socrates. He was apparently a qualified doctor, captained Brazil and despite being named after one of the world's best known philosophers, he lacked the same wisdom and smoked 40 cigarettes per day. He was one of the world's best known players in the 1980's, spending his club career in Brazil, aside from 1 season with Fiorentina. Many think of him as one of the finest midfield players in the history of association football and I wouldn't disagree with that after spending the first two World Cups that I remember (Spain 82, Mexico 86) watching him play for possibly the greatest Brazil team never to have won the world cup. What I am trying to get across here is that Socrates was one of the biggest names in the game, one who could have played for pretty much any team he wanted to.

In 2004, after a decade or so of retirement, a rumour surfaced that the great Socrates was set to sign for the relatively unknown Yorkshire side, Garforth Town (currently in the Northern Premier League Division One North, the 8th level of the English football pyramid). The rumour was treated with the derision that it deserved and laughed off by almost everyone that heard it. Why on earth would such a world class footballer (not to mention world class smoker), even know of, let alone play for Garforth Town?

The answer was through Garforth's owner, Simon Clifford. Clifford oversees an empire of football schools based on Brazilian coaching techniques. Through his business interests they became friends, and the Brazilian was invited (possibly after a drink or 6)



Wonder if the agent took his normal cut of the transfer fee?

to play for Garforth Town. Socrates made his debut for Garforth against Tadcaster United in November 2004. A crowd of 1,300 turned up, Garforth's biggest attendance for 4 decades. Apparently he prepared for his non-league debut in typically unconventional style by making a personal appearance at Sheffield's Meadowhall Shopping Centre. He played 12 minutes as a substitute and spoke of his joy at the experience after the game, "It was far too cold. The second I got out I had this incredible headache; I'm just not used to it". The locals however, were enthralled by the insane afternoon and Socrates left the ground to a chorus of "We love you Socrates, we do". O.K. This wasn't a transfer per se, but it definitely fits in on a page that calls itself interesting!

My final transfer is from the 1980's and was quite a big one. Anyone who was interested in football at the time will remember this one, but for those of you not old enough to remember it, it concerns a pundit and coach called Clive Allen. Allen was a prodigious talent and started his career with Queens Park Rangers, who he scored prolifically for, even getting a hat-trick on his full debut against Coventry in what is now known as the Premiership. Unfortunately QPR were relegated to division 2 (which contained a newly promoted Shrewsbury Town, managed by a chap named Turner), and despite Allen's 28 goals that season, Rangers only finished 6th. In those days there were no play-offs so it looked like another season in division 2 for Allen, until Arsenal stepped in and made him the most expensive teenager in the country with a £1.25 million bid. Doesn't sound all that odd does it? But 63 days and just 3 friendly appearances later, Allen was transferred to Crystal Palace in a swap deal for defender Kenny Sansom! Theory's were abound, explaining the move with the most likely being Palace wanting Allen's services, but not having the cash to prise him from Loftus Road and using the highly sought-after Sansom as a bargaining chip to get the Gunners to do their bidding. Clive Allen went on to play for more London clubs than any other player but he didn't play a competitive game for the Gunners.

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1982 / 1983 Revisited

By Stuart Dunn

It's 30 years since Town started a golden period in the club's history by finishing in the top 10 of the old second division for three successive seasons. The match programme turns all nostalgic to turn the clock back to 1982-83.

He may not have scored but Gary Lineker, these days the face of BBC television's football coverage, played a leading role as Leicester City ended Shrewsbury's welcome revival in the second division.

On the back of three straight league wins over Newcastle, Burnley and Cambridge, Town had motored up into mid-table, but Leicester proved a much tougher proposition as they ran out 2-0 Gay Meadow winners on Saturday, October 2 1982.

Lineker, later to become the pin up boy of English football for his goalscoring prowess, was lively up front for the Foxes as the men from Filbert Street sunk Town with a goal in each half.

It also ensured Leicester remained a bogey side to Shrewsbury as this was the sixth time the clubs had met - with Leicester victorious in all half a dozen encounters.

The last of those meetings had come six months earlier in a dramatic FA Cup quarter final when Leicester overturned a 2-1 deficit to run out 5-2 winners.

Town were chasing some belated revenge but it failed to materialise despite the best efforts of Alan Brown up front as he enjoyed a real battle with uncompromising Leicester defender Larry May.

The visitors took the lead in the 35th minute when Kevin MacDonald, later to star in Liverpool's midfield, swept the ball past Steve Ogrizovic after good work from Tommy English.

And the contest was effectively ended 11 minutes after the break when Northern Ireland international defender John O'Neill powered home a header from Steve Lynex's free kick.

Town player-boss Graham Turner cut a dejected figure when he took himself off towards the end to be replaced by Carleton Leonard, not that Shropshire Star reporter Dave Armitage felt there was any need for the Meadow chief to be down.

He wrote: "Naturally, he was bitterly disappointed and so, too, were the fans who had responded magnificently to Town's new-found success by almost doubling the

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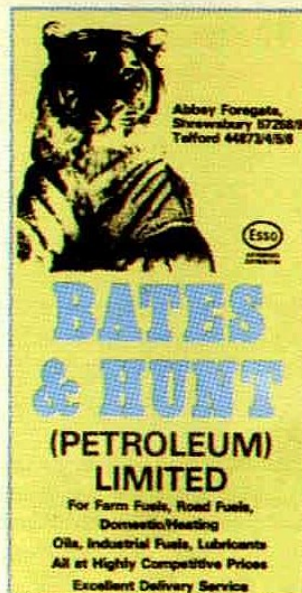
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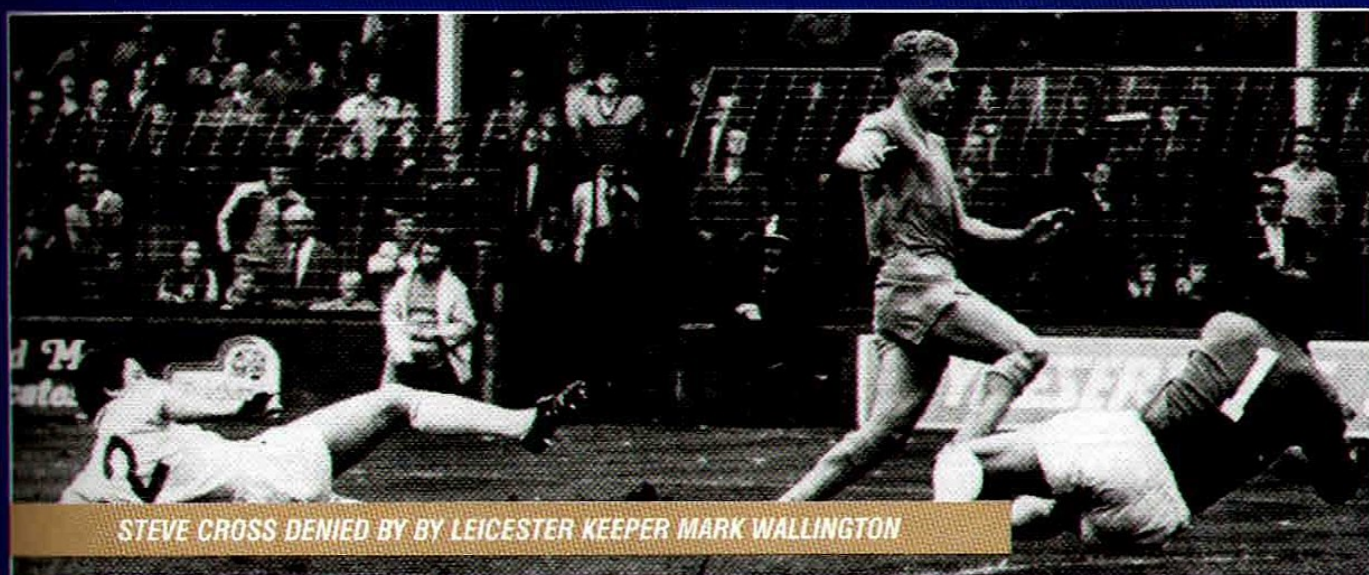
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disheartening gate against Cambridge.

"But, in my view, there is no room for despondency. The signs were there that nothing too drastic has occurred to waver from the belief that Shrewsbury can survive in division two."

Four days later, Town lifted themselves sufficiently well to draw 1-1 with top flight Birmingham City in the first leg of the Milk Cup second round at the Meadow on manager Turner's 35th birthday.

Birmingham went ahead in the 13th minute when Ian Handysides - who had almost joined Shrewsbury earlier in the season - turned in a pass from future Town man Kevin



STEVE CROSS DENIED BY BY LEICESTER KEEPER MARK WALLINGTON



WAYNE WILLIAMS GOES CLOSE AGAINST LEICESTER 30 YEARS AGO

Summerfield, current midfielder Luke's dad, after he had been picked out by a long ball from former Meadow loanee Noel Blake.

But Town were quickly back on terms courtesy of a half volley from Steve Cross who had also started a flowing move.

Thereafter, there were chances at both ends, but that's

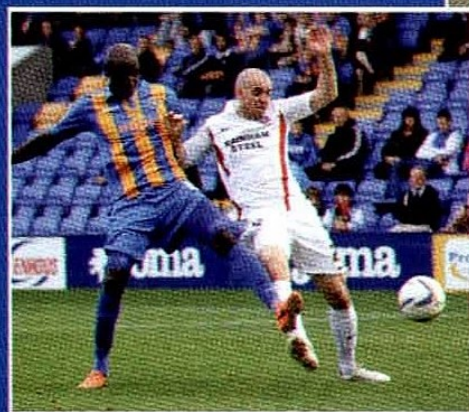
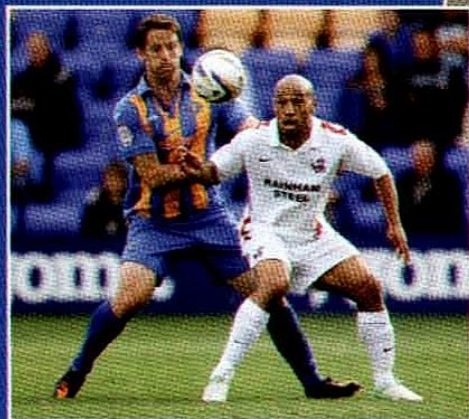
where the scoring ended to leave everything to play for in the return at St Andrew's three weeks later.

Shropshire Star man Artimage concluded his match report by writing: "Shrewsbury were well worth the draw, but may yet be made to pay for not applying the killer touch when they had the upper hand in the second half."

How right he was to prove.

MATCH ACTION

Words by Chris Hudson



Shrewsbury 0 Scunthorpe United 1 League One Saturday 15 September 2012

Shrewsbury's long unbeaten home run had to end one day – but it was still disappointing to see them come unstuck with a below-par display against struggling Scunthorpe.

The Iron arrived at Greenhous Meadow lying bottom of the table while Town were looking to extend a proud record that had already seen them go 34 games without defeat on their own patch.

But the Shropshire side were always on the back-foot and could have no complaints about defeat as a result of Leon Clarke's fifth minute goal for the visitors, the ex-Wolves striker heading in off Karl Hawley's cross.

The win gave Alan Knill's Scunthorpe their first success of the season and completed a special double for the United manager – for it was his Bury side that had been the last to win in Shrewsbury back in March 2011.

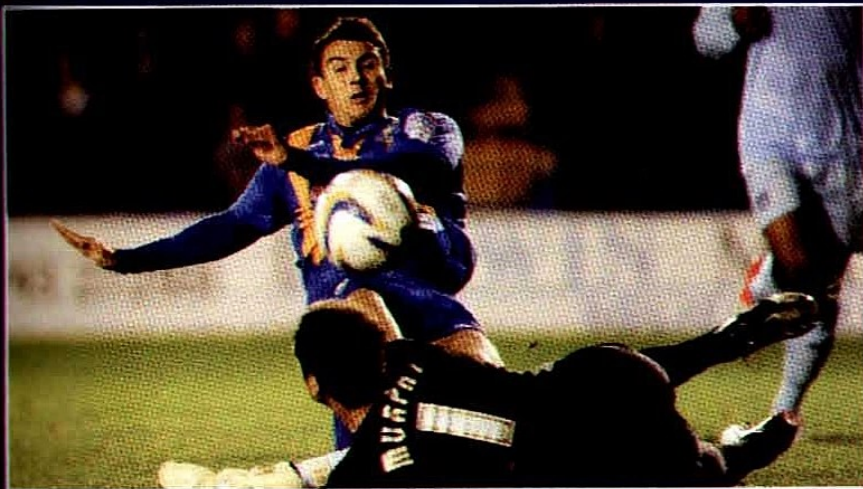
Scunthorpe's margin of victory could have been greater as well, the lively Mark Duffy causing havoc on Shrewsbury's left-hand side to set up a string of chances.

Tom Bradshaw, handed a rare chance to start, missed Shrewsbury's best chance when firing wide.

And the hosts had Darren Jones to thank for keeping the score down, the defender making a terrific goal-line clearance in the second half to deny Clarke another goal.

Town: Weale; Grandison, Jones, Hazell, Purdie (Wildig 57); Parry, Summerfield, Richards, Wright (Doble 87); Morgan, Bradshaw (Hall 67). Subs not used: Anyon, Jacobson, Hector, Gornell.





Shrewsbury 4 Coventry City 1 League One Tuesday 18 September 2012

Shrewsbury went from the ridiculous to the sublime as they recorded a resounding victory over a surprisingly poor Coventry side.

Just four days after surrendering their long unbeaten home record with a miserable 1-0 defeat to Scunthorpe, Town bounced back in fine style against the Sky Blues.

Shrewsbury went ahead inside two minutes when Darren Jones beat keeper Joe Murphy to get on the end of Paul Parry's corner from the right side.

The hosts continued to pile on the pressure and were rewarded a second on 21 minutes when Paul Parry's fierce free-kick deflected in off skipper Matt Richards.

Two goals in two second half minutes then ended the game as a contest.

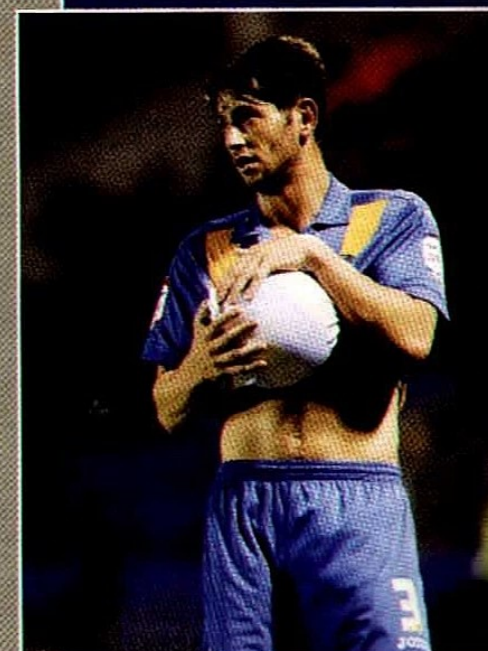
Richards thumped in a confident penalty to register his second of the night on 62 minutes after Luke Summerfield was upended by William Edjenguella.

And Marvin Morgan lashed in a terrific fourth goal just seconds later to stun the miserable away fans, who angrily chanted 'You're not fit to wear the shirt' at their own players.

The game became scrappy in the final 20 minutes and Coventry notched a consolation goal when John Fleck also scored from the penalty spot after Jermaine Grandison was adjudged to have fouled Gary McSheffrey.

But that did little to dampen the spirits of the delighted home fans, who were still celebrating their biggest win of 2012.

Town: Waale, Grandison, Jones, Hector, Jacobson, Parry, Wildig, Summerfield, Richards (Wright 71); Morgan, Gornell (Taylor 82). Subs not used: Anyon, Goldson, Purdie, Hall, Doble.



FIXTURE	DATE	RES	ATT	P	TEAM LINE-UP
LEEDS UTD	Sat 11th Aug	0-4	18,194 (1,300)	-	Weale, Grandison, Jacobson (Wildig, 80), Summerfield (Hall, 80), Purdie
SHEFFIELD UTD	Sat 18th Aug	0-1	18,826 (1,220)	20	Weale, Grandison, Jones, Summerfield (Hall, 68), Purdie,  , Parry
PRESTON	Tue 21st Aug	1-0	6,444 (1,016)	11	Weale, Grandison, Jones, Summerfield (Hall, 75), Purdie, Hector
TRANMERE	Sat 25th Aug	1-1	6,253 (1,048)	11	Weale, Grandison, Jones, Summerfield (Hall, 75), Purdie, 
STEVENAGE	Sat 1st Sept	1-1	2,374 (x)	12	Weale, Grandison, Jones,  , Purdie, Hazell, Parry ¹
NOTTS COUNTY	Sat 8th Sept	2-3	6,744 (734)	15	Weale,  , Jones, Summerfield (Bradshaw, 90), Purdie, Hazell
SCUNTHORPE	Sat 15th Sept	0-1	5,623 (278)	19	Weale, Purdie (Wildig, 67), Jones, Summerfield, Wright (Doble, 87)
COVENTRY CITY	Tues 18th Sept	4-1	5,960 (610)	16	Weale,  , Jones ¹ , Summerfield, Jacobson, Hector, Parry,
HARTLEPOOL	Sat 22nd Sept	2-2	3909 (170)	16	Weale, Grandison, Jones, Summerfield, Jacobson, Hector, Parry,
SWINDON TOWN	Sat 29th Sept				
BRENTFORD	Tues 2nd Oct				
DONCASTER	Sat 6th Oct				
WALSALL	Sun 14th Oct				
PORTSMOUTH	Sat 20th Oct				
YEOVIL TOWN	Tues 23rd Oct				
COLCHESTER	Sat 27th Oct				
BOURNEMOUTH	Tues 6th Nov				
LEYTON ORIENT	Sat 10th Nov				
CREWE	Sat 17th Nov				
MK DONS	Tues 20th Nov				
OLDHAM	Sat 24th Nov				
CRAWLEY TOWN	Sat 8th Dec				
CARLISLE	Sat 15th Dec				
BURY	Fri 21st Dec				
NOTTS COUNTY	Wed 26th Dec				
BRENTFORD	Sat 29th Dec				
COVENTRY CITY	Tues 1st Jan				
SCUNTHORPE	Sat 5th Jan				
HARTLEPOOL	Sat 12th Jan				
SWINDON TOWN	Sat 19th Jan				
BURY	Sat 26th Jan				
PRESTON	Sat 2nd Feb				
SHEFFIELD UTD	Sat 9th Feb				
TRANMERE	Sat 16th Feb				
STEVENAGE	Sat 23rd Feb				
DONCASTER	Tues 26th Feb				
WALSALL	Sat 2nd Mar				
LEYTON ORIENT	Sat 9th Mar				
MK DONS	Tues 12th Mar				
CREWE	Sat 16th Mar				
OLDHAM	Sat 23rd Mar				
CARLISLE	Fri 29th Mar				
CRAWLEY TOWN	Mon 1st Apr				
YEOVIL TOWN	Sat 6th Apr				
BOURNEMOUTH	Sat 13th Apr				
COLCHESTER	Sat 20th Apr				
PORTSMOUTH	Sat 27th Apr				

Hector, Parry, Richards, Gornell (Bradshaw, 86), Morgan, Wright

Richards (Wildig, 81), Gornell (Bradshaw, 73), Morgan, Wright

Parry¹ (Taylor, 87), Richards, Gornell (Bradshaw, 87), Morgan, Wright

Parry, Richards (c), Gornell (Bradshaw, 88), Morgan¹, Wright

Richards (c), Gornell (Bradshaw, 77), Morgan, Wright

Parry, Richards(c)^{1(p)}, Gornell (Hall, 46), Morgan, Wright

Grandison, Hector, Richards, Bradshaw (Hall, 67), Morgan, Parry

Richards (c)² (Wright, 71), Gornell (Taylor, 83), Morgan¹, Wildig

Richards (c), Gornell (Wright, 75), Morgan², Wildig

SUBS NOT USED

Anyon, Taylor, Hazell, Goldson

Anyon, Taylor, Hazell, Jacobson

Anyon, Hazell, Jacobson, Wildig

Anyon, Taylor, Hazell, Jacobson, Wildig

Anyon, Taylor, Goldson, Hall, Jacobson, Wildig

Anyon, Doble, Hector, Jacobson, Wildig

Anyon, Jacobson, Hector, Gornell

Anyon, Purdie, Doble, Goldson, Hall

Anyon, Purdie, Doble, Goldson, Hall, Taylor

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Graham Turner

Played 100 Won 50 Drawn 26 Lost 24
For 149 Against 100
Av Pts/game 1.76
Biggest Win(s) Northampton 2
Shrewsbury 7 (19/11/2011).
Biggest Loss(es) Torquay 5
Shrewsbury 0 (12/03/2011).

Paolo Di Canio

Played 54 Won 33 Drawn 8 Lost 13
For 88 Against 40
Av Pts/game 1.98
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 5 Port Vale 0
(28/04/2012). Biggest Loss(es)
Preston 4 Swindon 1 (02/09/2012).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...2 Graham Turner1 Paolo Di Canio1
Draws ...0 Goals 3 Goals 3

Player with the most...

shots

Marvin
Morgan 17

shots on target

Marvin
Morgan 10

shots off target

Terry
Gornell 10

assists

Mark
Wright 2

crosses

Paul
Parry 28

fouls

Marvin
Morgan 22

free-kicks-won

Marvin
Morgan 17



Player with the most...

shots

Andy
Williams 18

shots on target

Andy
Williams 13

shots off target

James
Collins 6

assists

Aden
Flint 1

crosses

Matt
Ritchie 16

fouls

Alan
McCormack 16

free-kicks-won

Andy
Williams 17

GAMES SINCE

1	a win	0
0	a home win	0
7	an away win	0
2	a defeat	3
1	a home defeat	1
1	an away defeat	2
0	a score draw	2
34	a no score draw	9
0	conceding a goal	1
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	2
0	scoring > 1	0
6	keeping a clean sheet	0
2	failing to score	3
12	back to back wins	0
2	back to back defeats	3
0	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	2
1	win by > one	0
8	loss by > one	5

SHARP SHOOTERS

Shrewsbury	FL Cup	Tot	Swindon	FL Cup	Tot		
Marvin Morgan	4	0	4	Matt Ritchie	5	0	5
Paul Parry	3	0	3	James Collins	0	3	3
Matthew Richards	2	0	2	Adam Rooney	2	0	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...34 Shrewsbury wins.....7 Swindon wins.....17
Draws10 Goals 37 (1.1 per game) Goals 52 (1.5 per game)
0-0's.....3 Times failed to score 11 Times failed to score 6

Biggest League win at Shrewsbury for each team:

24/10/1959 & 06/09/1975 Shrewsbury 3-0 Swindon

30/03/1962 Shrewsbury 1-3 Swindon

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LEAGUE STATS



16	Position	5
8	Played	8
2	Won	4
3	Drawn	2
3	Lost	2
11	Goals For	13
10	Goals Against	8
9	Points	14



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	2	2	9	2	1	1	2

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	1	19	2	1	1	10

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	0	13	4	0	0	4

Record When Conceding First

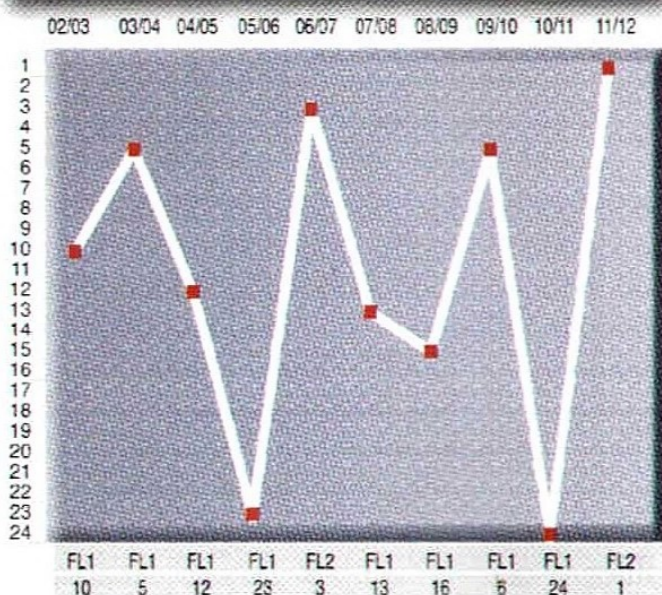
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	3	15	0	1	2	12

Match Scores

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

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[1], 3-0[1], 4-0[1],
Losses: 0-1[1], 1-4[1], Draws:
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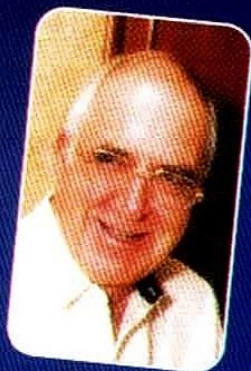
SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 23/09/2012

PRESSBOX

Lawrie Bloomfield remembers John Bond



One of the perks of more than 50 years in journalism is meeting people who grace sport. John Frederick Bond did just that. I would have readily written that about John Bond last week -- when he was alive -- as I do this week following his death at the age of 79. 79! You're kidding. It really doesn't seem very long ago that he and I met when we were both young.

He was some six months into his first managerial job at Bournemouth. I was some six weeks into my dream job as Sports Editor of BBC Radio Solent. Dream, because in those early years of the Seventies I reported on three clubs with three highly respected managers. There was Ted Bates, the well-mannered gentleman who was Mr Southampton. There was Ron Tindall at Portsmouth, one of those sportsmen talented enough to play first class cricket and football -- good enough at cricket to star even in that consecutively champion Surrey side that included Messrs Laker and Lock, and in a Chelsea side that included Messrs Greaves and Venables. And then alongside those two came John Bond. Now, very sadly, this South Coast trinity of nice guys are dead.....Mr Bates in 2003 and Mr Tindall only three weeks ago.

John was God's gift to a sports reporter. I recorded a 30-minute documentary with him for Solent when, in eloquent heart-racing detail, he re-lived his Cup-winning afternoon at Wembley playing for West Ham.

All it needed was to highlight it was a snatch of match commentary from the BBC Radio archives of that 1964 final. Trouble was that he was hardly ever mentioned! Yes, John Bond was never one to undersell himself. He could do it with a colourful turn of phrase, and, in fairness, would be as lyrical about others too. He described Bruce Rioch, -- Scottish international and father of Gregor who played for Shrewsbury at the turn of the century -- as someone who "before you can blink, will, from 30 yards, hang one into the top corner."

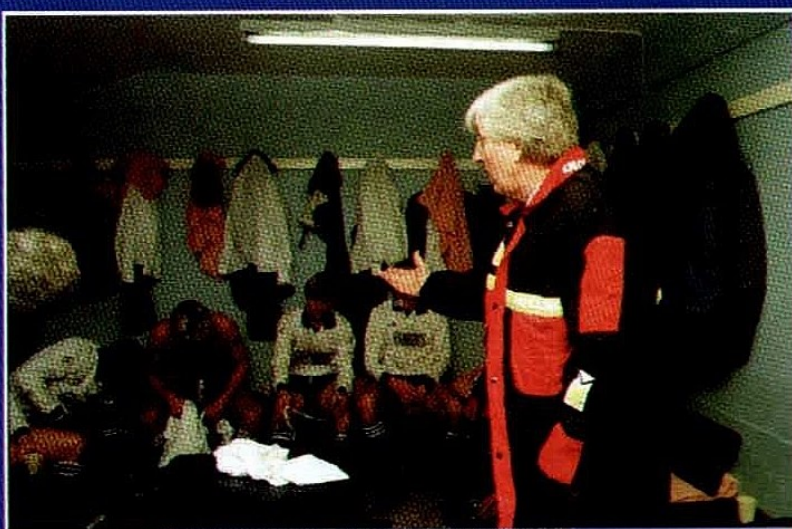
John Bond's time at "AFC Bournemouth" -- the re-branding to make it sound trendy and continental had been the idea of his predecessor Freddie Cox -- was

sensational. Record wins. Record crowds. But with future England forwards Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer in that Division 4 team, it may have been hard to get it wrong whatever the name over the door.

His passion for the game and high-profile media personality won him managerial jobs at bigger clubs -- Norwich City, Manchester City, Burnley and Birmingham -- but things were never as good as they were beside the seaside at Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic as all the locals called it. And his time at Shrewsbury was little better. After two indifferent years, he resigned. Unusually, the chairman went too. By then, I had moved through the BBC local radio network to Radio Shropshire. So our paths re-crossed...but the John Bond I remember at Gay Meadow was a shadow of the sparkling personality that lit up Dean Court in the early seventies.

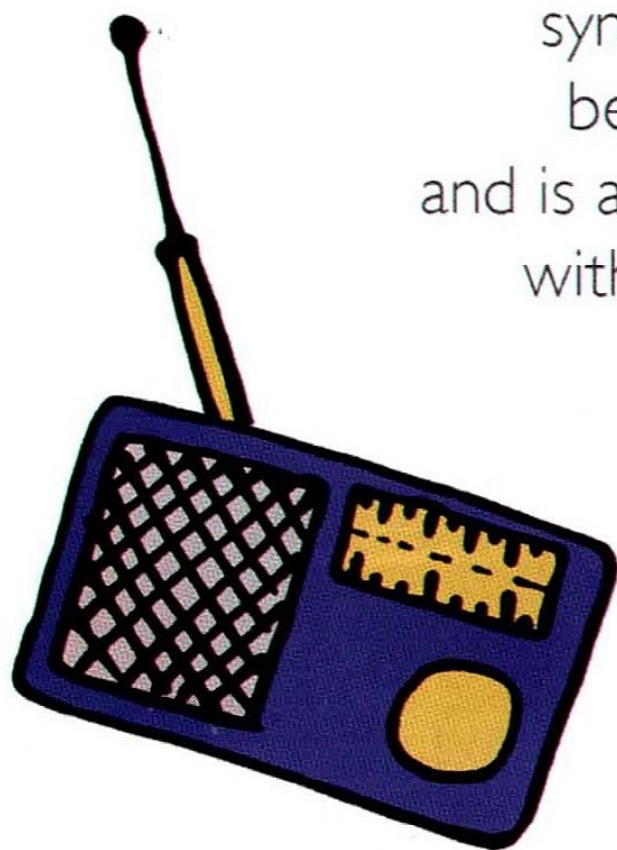
What hadn't changed were his standards. He felt -- and for most of us this is not easy to understand -- he felt it was the manager's fault and not the players' if things went wrong on the pitch. He believed that a lot of what is right on the pitch comes from the right attitude before the game. That attitude was instilled by the manager. In a TV documentary he recalled that Ted McDougall had told him, "Don't ask players to do something, tell them." And so at his first meeting with Manchester City players, sitting around in their t-shirts and pull-overs, he said "On match days, you'll wear a collar and tie and a jacket. If not you'll be fined."

A dress code happens a lot nowadays -- England especially under Roy Hodgson -- but it was not so common then, and marked John Bond out, not so much a disciplinarian (he was much too likeable for that) but as someone who wanted to do things his way, and what's more do them right.



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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

FIRE SERVICE THANK CLUB FOR COLLECTION

The Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service have thanked Shrewsbury Town and the club's supporters after staging a collection at the last home game against Coventry City. A fire engine was parked up outside the Family Stand and volunteers collected funds for their good cause.

The Service are next month embarking on a new mission when, in partnership with the Romanian Charity Mihai Eminescu Trust, 15 volunteers from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service staff will journey 1,600 miles to Romania.

They will donate four fire engines and much needed equipment and training to firefighters from the Mures and Brasov Fire Services.

Funds are now being raised to purchase the fire engines, which are to be donated, and to support the trip, which is why Shrewsbury Town were so pleased to be able to lend a hand to their fund raising mission.

Martin James, the club's community development



manager, said: "It is very gratifying to think that fully serviceable equipment, that has been replaced by upgraded equipment here, can be put to good use in these poorer countries."

A total of £171 was raised from the collection outside the Greenhous Meadow, with Tracy Othen, finance assistant of the Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service, contacting the club to thank them for their support.

MY OLYMPIC GOLD CHALLENGE

Last October I was looking at applying to run the London Marathon through a charity. I visited the Whizz-Kidz web page and was impressed with what the charity did and what they offered to young children in terms of wheelchair mobility (don't forget that over 70,000 children are still waiting for the right wheelchair) and particularly helping children with their self confidence and attitude to life. Whilst on their website I noticed a link to the Olympic Gold Challenge and was hooked straight away. I thought one marathon compared to covering 2012Km was nothing so I signed up.

In essence my Olympic Gold Challenge is trying to cover 2012Km (1025 miles) by the end of the year. I can cover the distance by a number of methods and I've chosen mainly running with a few cycle rides thrown in for good measure. So far I have covered 1412Km so still a way to go. If you include Gift Aid I have raised £1058 so it's going well. My target is to raise £2,012. I thought like most people raising money for charity would be easy, just a quick ping to my facebook friends and that would be that. As you probably know that isn't the case by a long shot!! It's about pushing your charity and your challenge, it's about networking and talking to the right people. So far, I've run a music gig for local bands and run a Music Quiz. I've also appeared on the

front of the Shrewsbury Chronicle.

So, my first few months of the challenge were hampered as I was involved in a motorbike accident which prevented me from doing any proper running or cycling. This was extremely frustrating. Since then I have competed in the Chester Marathon, the Windermere Marathon, the Shifnal Half Marathon, the Ironbridge Half Marathon, the Chester Marathon for a second time and the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon. I'm logging as much running as I can and any cycling I can fit in. There are a couple of other races I'm looking to do as well and I'm also looking to run 5 half marathons in a week at work on the treadmill. If I get fit enough, I'm also going to try and bike 100 miles and run a marathon in one day in the centre of Shrewsbury using a bike roller and treadmill.

If you feel you can help kids with disabilities please donate through my just giving page below

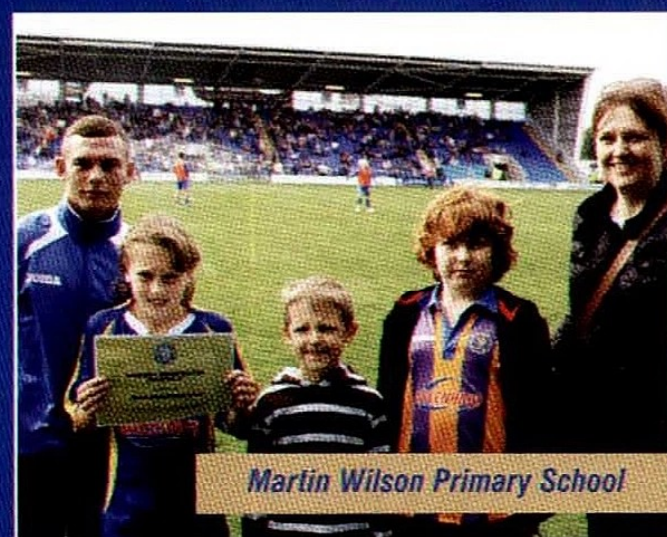
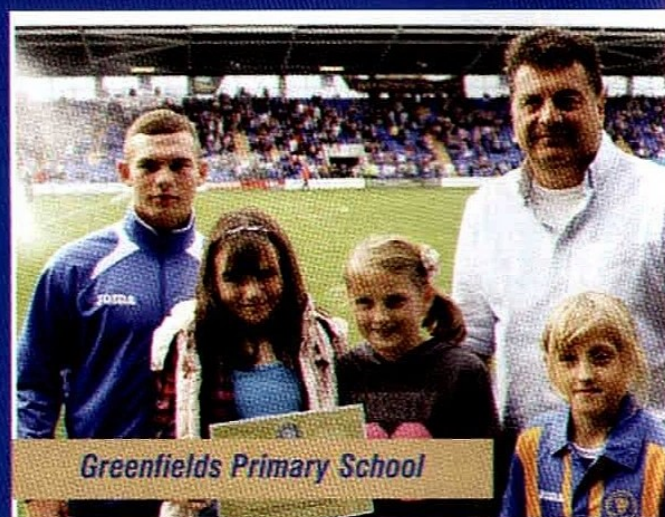
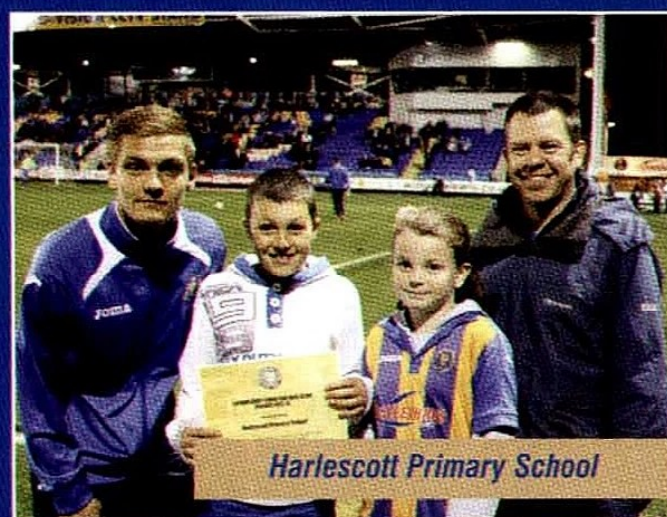
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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

OUR VISITORS AT THE COVENTRY AND SCUNTHORPE GAMES





Freya Williams and Leonie Puttock were our mascots for the game at home to Coventry City

Joshua Taylor

Age: 6

From: Shrewsbury

Favourite Player: Marvin Morgan

Favourite teams: Shrewsbury Town, Barcelona

Hobbies: Football

School: Radbrook Primary school



Faye Oliver

School: St Peters, Bratton, Telford.

Hobbies: Football, singing and ice skating.

Favourite Player: Jermaine Grandison.

Tommy Jones

School: The Grange Primary

Favourite Players: Tom Bradshaw, Nani and Lionel Messi

Favourite Teams: Shrewsbury Town, Manchester Utd and Barcelona

Hobbies: Plays for Shrewsbury Juniors Under 8s. He loves running and all forms of sport especially football.



Jack Kirkham

School: Oakmeadow, Bayston Hill

Favourite Teams: Shrewsbury Town & Man Utd

Favourite Player: Marvin Morgan

Hobbies: Football



Tyler-Jay Peters

Age: 8

School: Oakmeadow, Bayston Hill

Favourite Team: Shrewsbury Town

Favourite Players: Marvin Morgan and Mark Wright

Hobbies: Football



LENNY'S DEN

QUICK QUIZ

- Who has scored most goals for Shrewsbury Town so far this season? (a) Mark Wright (b) Matt Richards (c) Marvin Morgan
- One of our players had a birthday yesterday – September 28th. Which one? (a) Darren Jones (b) Robert Purdie (c) Ryan Doble
- What was the "important milestone" for Graham Turner at the game against Hartlepool? (a) His birthday (b) 50th time he'd been to Hartlepool (c) 100 League games as "The Gaffer"
- Swindon's nickname is (a) The Robins (b) The Spartans (c) The Reds
- Swindon Town plays at (a) The Country Ground (b) The County Ground (c) The Town Ground
- What is the town of Swindon most famous for? (a) The Railway (b) Cars (c) Aircraft

WORDSEARCH

Football has its own language- as you know! Lenny knows them all! There are some of terms that commentators use. Find them in the Wordsearch:

ON TARGET, EQUALIZER, PROVIDER, HANDBALL, OPEN GOAL, TRAILING, ATTACKING, FINISHING, RECKLESS, SCREAMER, SET PIECE, SITTER.

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Answers: 1. (c) Marvellous Marvin- 4 goals so far- many more to come! 2. (b) Robert Purdie 3. (c) 100th League game in charge 4. Take your pick- all three are Swindon nicknames! 5. (b) The County Ground 6. (a) Railway



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

David Webb

Assistant Referee (yellow)

Sarah Garratt

Assistant Referee (plain)

Michael Bingham

Fourth Official

Steven Plane

ELSEWHERE IN THE LEAGUE

Bournemouth v Walsall

Carlisle v Crawley

Colchester v Hartlepool

Leyton Orient v Doncaster

MK Dons v Crewe

Oldham v Coventry

Portsmouth v Scunthorpe

Preston v Yeovil

Sheffield Utd v Notts County

Stevenage v Bury

Tranmere v Brentford

NEXT UP

TOWN V WALSALL

nPower League 1

Sunday 14th October 2012

3.30pm kick-off – Greenhous Meadow

RESERVES V ROTHERHAM

Central Reserve League

Wednesday 17th October

2pm kick-off – Greenhous Meadow

YOUTH V PORT VALE

Alliance Youth League

Saturday 20th October 2012

11am kick-off – Shrewsbury Sports Village

THE LAST WORD

If asked, most football club managers would concur that by and large they are left to their own devices when it comes to tactics, team selection and general day to day matters involving their charges.

What would happen though if they were unable to select the side that they wanted for certain games because of a sponsorship deal?

Budweiser, sponsors of Wembley FC and the FA Cup competition, decided that Lions' player boss Ian Bates would have control of day to day activities at the Combined Counties League club except for FA Cup games, when the beer makers own little publicity campaign would come into operation.

Budweiser used its connections to lure ex-football league players to sign for Wembley so as they could play in only FA Cup ties; these included the likes of Ray Parlour, Martin Keown, Graeme Le Saux and David Seaman to name but four. They also enticed ex England boss Terry Venables to pick the side and act as 'FA Cup boss'.

Now, as publicity stunts go, this was a pretty audacious one since most of the players engaged in their debacle are now in their forties and no longer play professional, nor semi-professional football, for good reason...their age.

To most footballers the idea of playing in the FA Cup is the highlight of their season, perhaps more so when you are a part-time player who doesn't earn the big bucks finding their way into the pockets of the Premiership participants, but whose very own lottery win is trotting out on a wet and windy afternoon to take part in an FA Cup tie.

What incentive does this sort of idea give to the bread and butter type player who turns up religiously for after-work training a couple of times a week, gives his all week-in-week-out in the league, only to miss out on the 'glory' games because he never made it into the big time.

I know that I would be pretty miffed to say the least, and rightly so.

Do not underestimate the benefits that Budweiser have brought to Wembley FC, the southern club already having had their Park Vale home fully refurbished thanks to the sponsorship deal, but surely that should be as far as things go.

Wembley defeated Langford 3-2 in the extra preliminary round of this year's competition with former Argentinean international Claudio Caniggia – who retired from the pro game eight years ago – scoring the opener and Daryl Atkins netting the other two in a side that included Parlour, Le Saux and former USA international Brian McBride in the starting line-up.

Wembley travelled to face Uxbridge in the Preliminary round, drawing two-all before going down 5-0 at home in the replay, urging some to declare, good job too.

Sponsors use football clubs and football clubs use sponsors, but there the line once and for all be drawn, since sponsors – however large in name or deed – can never be allowed to use their financial input, which after all is purely to publicise themselves and their product, to make a mockery of football and it's competitions by mutiny, or any other means.

Kevin Davies



BRIAN WILLIAMS
DEFENDER



DARREN JONES



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Legends

Name: BRIAN WILLIAMS
Card No: Series 3, Card 05
Position: Defender
Born: Salford – 5/11/1955
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12st 1lb
Joined from: Bristol City July 1987
Debut: 7/8/1987 v. Telford United (a)
Shropshire Senior Cup

Full back Brian played alongside Chic Bates at Swindon after starting with Bury. He moved to QPR before his move to the County Ground and played for both Bristol clubs before arriving at Town. A former Youth Coach with Salop he has for many years been the local Community Sports Trust manager.

	App	Goals
Football League	62 (3)	1
FA Cup	2	1
Others	12	

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Classic Snaps

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DARREN JONES



SHREWSBURY TOWN

- 1 CHRIS WEALE
- 2 JERMAINE GRANDISON
- 3 JOE JACOBSON
- 4 LUKE SUMMERFIELD
- 5 DARREN JONES
- 6 ROB PURDIE
- 7 MARK WRIGHT
- 8 MATT RICHARDS
- 9 TOM BRADSHAW
- 10 MARVIN MORGAN
- 11 JON TAYLOR
- 12 REUBEN HAZELL
- 14 ASA HALL
- 16 RYAN DOBLE
- 17 PAUL PARRY
- 18 CONNOR GOLDSON
- 20 AARON WILDIG
- 21 ELLIOT TURNER
- 22 RYAN WOODS
- 23 MICHAEL HECTOR
- 24 TERRY GORNELL
- 25 JOE ANYON

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 WES FODERINGHAM (GK)
- 2 TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE
- 3 JAY MCEVELEY
- 4 ADEN FLINT
- 5 JOE DEVERA
- 6 ALAN NAVARRO
- 7 LUKE ROONEY
- 8 SIMON FERRY
- 9 JAMES COLLINS
- 10 MATT RITCHIE
- 11 GARY ROBERTS
- 12 ALAN MCCORMACK
- 14 PAUL BENSON
- 15 NATHAN THOMPSON
- 16 ANDY WILLIAMS
- 18 TOMMY MILLER
- 19 LOUIS THOMPSON
- 20 MILES STOREY
- 21 FEDERICO BESSONE
- 22 DARREN WARD
- 23 RAFFAELE DE VITA
- 25 GILES COKE
- 28 ADAM ROONEY
- 30 LEIGH BEDWELL (GK)
- 32 CHRIS SMITH
- 33 JOHN BOSTOCK