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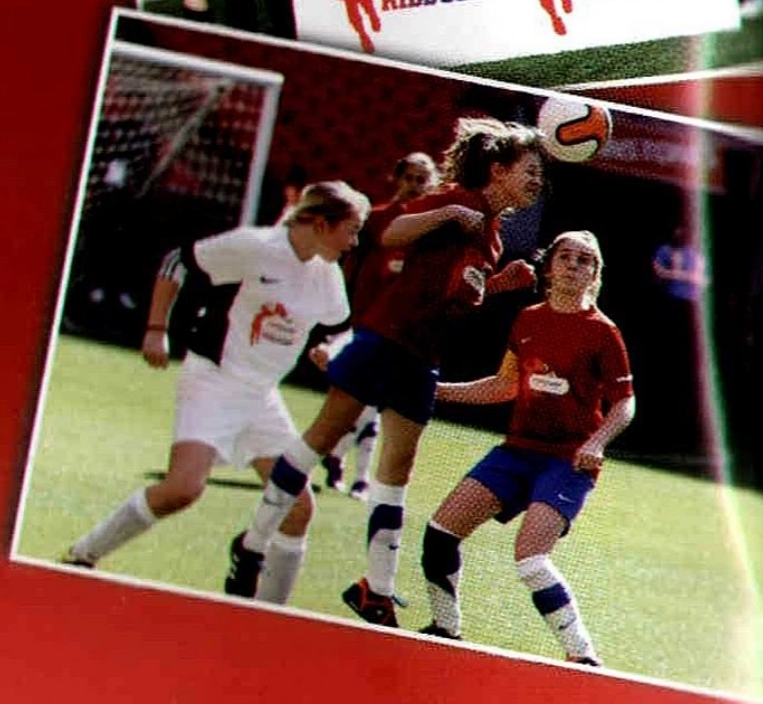


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ACTION REPLAY

Back on target, as **MAX CLAYTON** celebrates his first goal for a month away at Shrewsbury in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.



STEVE WRITES

SLOW STARTS HAVE BECOME A WORRY

I WOULD LIKE to extend a warm welcome to Paolo Di Canio, his staff and supporters of Swindon Town. We hope all supporters have a safe trip home this evening after what I expect will be another tough encounter. Paolo has done a terrific job at Swindon. They were the outstanding side in npower League Two last season and deservedly won the title. There was an added pressure placed on Paolo and his players mainly because of his high-profile and what he achieved in the game as a player but I think they handled it exceptionally well and achieved the objective, which was to gain promotion.

They have made a better adjustment to the league above than us, but that is to be expected with the budget they have and the players they have available. Their approach is different to ours because we will always try and produce and promote from within, while Swindon can bring in players with Championship and League One experience. Paolo has bought wisely and they have a good chance of anyone of being involved in a promotion push.

One thing is for certain, we will have to start a lot better than we did at Portsmouth and Walsall! We have started rather slowly in both games and found ourselves on the back foot for the opening half an hour or so. It is difficult enough trying to get a result at places like Fratton Park and the Bescot Stadium without giving them a 2-0 head start!

We have given ourselves a mountain to climb in both games. We didn't quite manage it at Portsmouth and I was disappointed with some of the decisions we had there. We felt the referee was lenient with a few of their players and they could have easily had one or two shown a red card. They ended up having six players booked but we felt the referee didn't give us much protection on the day. We lost AJ with ankle ligament damage after he was on the receiving end of a hefty tackle from behind from Brian Howard and he will be out for at least the next three weeks.

I was also very disappointed with their penalty after the lad Wes Thomas dived over Andy Bond's foot. Our player did stretch his foot out but then planted it and Thomas went over to 'win' a

penalty. He conned the referee and our players were right to protest because the referee has guessed rather than been certain. It was a game changing situation because at 1-0 you always have a chance of nicking a goal. When it becomes 2-0, it makes it doubly hard to get back into the game. I had some strong words for the players at half-time but we showed some spirit in the second half. We just needed that goal to spark us off.

It was a very similar game at Walsall on Saturday. Again we didn't start well enough and that has become a worrying trend for us. I was annoyed because they didn't have to work too hard for their two goals. They came about from our poor play and the players are quickly realising that their mistakes are being punished more ruthlessly at this level. Byron was caught in possession for the first goal and we allowed a cross to come over from our by-line and then Toots didn't react quickly enough to the danger for the second goal.

The players finished the first half strongly and we managed to pull one

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back just before the break. We work hard on our free-kicks, so it was pleasing to see one pay off. Murph's delivery was virtually unplayable and I think one of their defenders has got the last touch. Our captain deserves the plaudits though for his quality from the dead ball. Once we got that goal I thought we could get them in at the break and have a real go and credit to the players for their second half performance.

We dominated possession and although we were not as dangerous as I would have liked us to have been, they kept themselves going, showed some real fighting spirit and got our rewards. It was a lovely piece of skill from Pogs to turn his defender and he then produced a delightful cross to the far post for Chuks to head home.

I was pleased for Chuks because I have been onto him to score more goals. He has scored two important goals for us now and that is what we need from him. He has to join in the play and then get himself inside the box. He did that at Walsall in stoppage time and it meant we picked up a point. He should score more goals, he is 6'3" and should be better in the air and you saw against Hartlepool that he has a great shot on him. He is still adjusting to the tempo and the competitiveness of the League because I am sure he would have been used to a lot more possession and more of a patient build up at Arsenal. He will only improve.

Saturday saw a return to the squad of Steve Phillips, Michael West and Abdul Osman. The treatment room is looking better with only AJ, Ryan (jaw) and Andy Bond (groin) ruled out. It is good to have some of our senior players back and the experience and

personality of someone like Steve will only help us. He is a good pro and knows what this league is about.

I must finish by thanking all those fans who travelled to Portsmouth and Walsall. We have had a lot of games of late and you were terrific at both away games. You made a lot of noise, especially on Saturday when we needed you and I know it drove the players on to get a result. Hopefully, you went home half happy.

Thanks for your support and get behind the lads this evening.

Steve



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PLAYER INTERVIEW

MAX CLAYTON

MAX EAGER TO HELP OUT WITH GOALS

ANYBODY in the world of football will tell you the importance of goals. Whether it is the challenge of preventing goals for a goalkeeper, or scoring them for a forward, everything in the beautiful game revolves around a ball going between two white posts.

So when a forward has a run of games without a goal, it is only natural that they would be relieved to end their drought. For Crewe Alexandra's Max Clayton, he experienced that relief first-hand after netting against Shrewsbury Town earlier this month.

Prior to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie at the Greenhous Meadow, Clayton had gone seven games without hitting the back of the net, and he admitted to the Matchday Magazine, that his 57th minute strike did come as a relief.

"It was a great feeling to see the ball beat the keeper at Shrewsbury," explained Max.

"It's hard because I haven't been scoring so when it does go in it makes you feel more confident. It is a weight off your shoulders."

"Steve told me not to get anxious about the goals, if I do they won't come, I think I have been playing well but the chances haven't been dropping for me. I took one and felt I was dangerous in the game overall."

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He may have played an important part in Crewe's promotion campaign last year, scoring in the play-off semi-final at Southend, but it is important to remember that when Clayton started the Alex's opening game of the season against Hartlepool United, it was only the second time he had started a competitive game for the club.

Clayton netted twice in that game against Hartlepool, and while he continued to impress in terms of performances over the coming weeks, the goals dried up.

But after netting at Shrewsbury, boss Steve Davis is hopeful the goals can continue to flow for the promising youngster.

Speaking after the game, Davis said: "I am really pleased for Max he has

been a bit anxious over the last month, so the goal will help him. He has been trying too hard.

"Dario pulled him to one side and told him to just play his game and the goals will come. It was an instinctive finish and it will give him no end of confidence and hopefully he will go on and score the goals we know he can.

"He works so hard and wants to do well for this club. He's worked hard on his finishing and he's come close on a lot of occasions over the last few weeks. He created our first goal with his shot and he's getting more opportunities to score."

Perhaps predictably, a Clayton goal was followed by immediate talk of multi-million pound move to the Premier League, but Davis quashed any talk of his young forward moving on, insisting that the Alexandra Stadium remains the best place for the youngster to continue to develop.

"I've had no inquiries about Max, only people watching, along with a lot of our other players. He's not ready to go anywhere. He's just finding his feet with us at the moment. He's got a bit to learn yet before he leaves this Football Club.

"When the situation is right he will leave to go in somebody's first team. There is no real point him going and playing in a development group when he's playing regularly here. This is the best education he can get."

Clayton himself admits that there is still plenty of improvement to come in his game. Over the past few games he has reverted to a position on the left-wing, and he claims that adding versatility to his game will only make him a better player.

Max added: "It is a compliment from Bakes and Steve that they feel I can play in different positions and it is good for my development. I am still young and I have a lot to learn.

"Playing in this league has been a big step up from League Two football. I think I have adapted quite well, but I need to keep scoring the goals. Through the youth system I have always scored goals, and I think that is something I need to bring to the first-team now.

"Steve has said I need to be more ruthless. A striker is judged on goals and I think that is the main thing that I need to improve."

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MATCH ACTION

v HARTLEPOOL UTD

CREWE ALEXANDRA 2

Aneke 45, Ellis 70

HARTLEPOOL UNITED 1

Horwood 9

**Npower League One
The Alexandra Stadium**

Date: 6th October 2012

Attendance: 4,375

Referee: J Simpson

CREWE ALEXANDRA

13. Alan Martin
2. Matt Tootle
3. Harry Davis
5. Mark Ellis
7. Max Clayton
8. Luke Murphy
9. Mathias Pogba
10. AJ Leitch-Smith
14. Kelvin Mellor
26. Chuks Aneke
28. Andy Bond

From The Bench...

6. Adam Dugdale (10)
12. Oliver Turton (7)
18. Brendon Daniels (26)

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

1. Scott Flinders
2. Neil Austin
7. Jonathan Franks
11. Anthony Sweeney
18. Jack Baldwin
20. Paul Murray
22. Darren Holden
29. Peter Hartley
35. Ryan Noble
39. Steve Howard

From The Bench

6. Evan Horwood (11)
10. James Poole (35)
24. Craig Lynch (7)



Chuks Aneke levels things up with a stunning strike.



Kelvin Mellor and AJ Leitch-Smith congratulate goalscorer Chuks.



Mathias Pogba nips past Pools full-back Neil Austin.



Matt Tootle drives a shot into the side netting.



Leitch-Smith has a late shot blocked.

Who'd be a player eh? They only get oranges at half-time!

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NEWS...

FIT-AGAIN PHILLIPS WILL WAIT FOR HIS CHANCE

As has become familiar at Crewe Alexandra over the last few years, we do possess a relatively young squad, but the return of Steve Phillips into the first-team dressing room will be a welcome boost. No-one in the Crewe squad has as much experience as our veteran goalkeeper and if the 34-year-old stopper can displace the current number one Alan Martin this season, then going on to make his 600th appearance is still a realistic target.

Due to a worrying knee injury, Phillips' last outing for the first-team came in the Play-Off Final at Wembley back in late May. Phillips had played every single minute of our promotion season and only lost out on the player-of-the-year award because of the emergence of a certain Nick Powell. Having undergone surgery to remove a lump on his knee, Phillips is now fit and ready to challenge for that number one spot yet again.

Ahead of tonight's fixture with Swindon, Steve told the match day magazine: "It is great to be back because it has been a long-time coming. I last played for the first-team in May but have played for the Under-21s and felt good. There has been no reaction and I am fit and ready to go again.

"There is going to be a few niggles and aches and pains but I think that is more to do with my age than

anything! In all seriousness though, I am ready if the manager needs me and it is up to myself to try and get back into the team. I don't enjoy watching from the stand because I want to be out there playing."

Steve is in the strange situation of being the goalkeeping coach to the man in possession of the number one shirt, Alan Martin, and he is the first to admit that the former Leeds and Ayr goalkeeper has improved and deserves his place in the side.

"I've enjoyed the coaching side of things, but I am first and foremost a player," says Steve. "Even though I was injured, I have been out there taking sessions and talking Alan through things to help him improve.

"He is great to work with and has done exceptionally well this season. He has been spot on and I know I will have to wait for my chance. I knew that if Alan got his chance and played well then I would have to wait.

"Alan knows that there are two goalkeepers going for the one spot and that is football. On the one hand I am his coach, but also want to be challenging for his place.

Steve added: "If the team is winning games and the goalkeeping situation is healthy at the club then I am relatively happy. Of course, I want to play and help the team in any way I can because I have played a lot of my football in League One and it is a tough division."



IN SESSION

with **MICHAEL WEST**

CREWE ALEXANDRA'S summer signing Michael West is hoping to make up for lost time after picking up two untimely injuries. West admits that it took his body a bit of time to adjust to full time training after arriving from Ebbsfleet United at beginning of pre-season, but just as he was overcoming a heel injury, he was caught in a Under-21 fixture and was ruled out of action again with an ankle injury. The double whammy put him out of action for the opening two months of the season, but the 21-year-old is now ready to challenge for a first-team place again.

After a frustrating two months, it must be great to be back Westy?

Personally, it has been a frustrating time for me because I have had two injuries in eight weeks and that has kept me out. Just as I was getting over one injury, I got caught in a challenge for the reserves and that put me out again. That annoyed me because I was feeling fit and ready to challenge for a place.

Now your target will be to stay fit and challenge for a first-team place?

That is right. I want to keep fit, get fitter and stay fit. It took my body some time to adjust to full-time training after only doing a few hours a week at Ebbsfleet. I wasn't used to the intensity of the training and although I always felt I was a fit lad, I feel even fitter after the training here.

Although it has been a tough introduction to full-time football, you must have enjoyed the step-up into the professional game?

It was what I was aiming for and I've really enjoyed it. Although it has been disappointing to be injured and only working in the gym, I have enjoyed being around the lads and the staff. They have kept my spirits up and it has been good for me. It's the best I've felt because I have only been at an Academy with a professional club and that is a crazy time and you don't tend to take much notice of the facilities as a kid. Here there is a lot of motivation to get fit and improve as a player and that is what I needed at this stage of my career.

After those initial injury set-backs, is it just a question of match fitness?

Yeah I think so. You can train as much as anyone and do the weights programme or whatever but there is no substitute for match fitness. I just need game time, pushing myself on and working on that sharpness again.

You have played on the wing and through the middle in your career? Do you have a preferred position?

I have played most of my games on the wing since I came here but I can up front as well. I am hoping my versatility can help me get back in the squad and then get a chance to play. I don't mind where I play and it is up to myself to grab my chance if I get one.

And whilst at Ebbsfleet you had a track record of scoring goals?

I think I can score goals from whichever position I am asked to play, but I haven't proved anything at this level yet. I have got to step up a couple of levels and show that I can perform consistently at League One first and then hopefully a few goals will come with that.

It is just a question of adjusting to the tempo of the professional game and the training, but the body feels good and I am ready to press my claim for a place in the squad.







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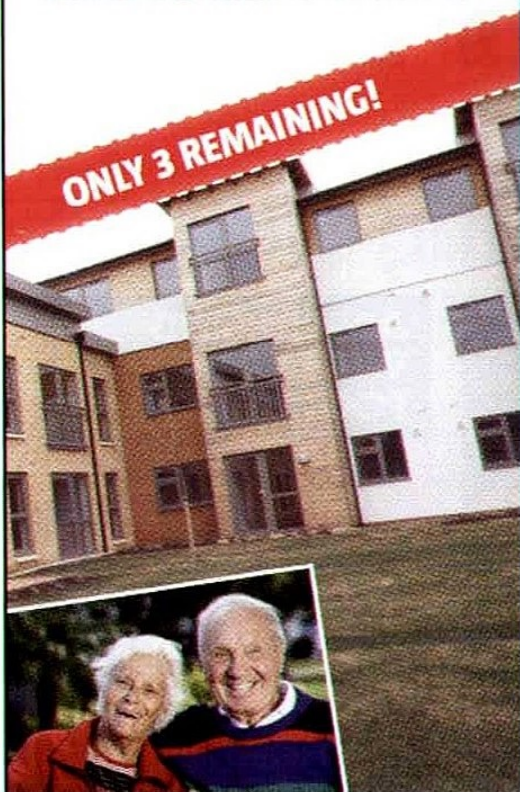
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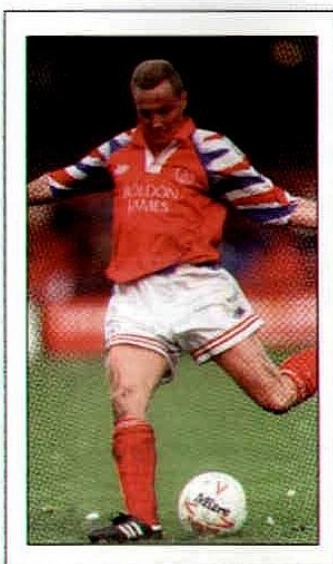
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Many Crewe Alexandra supporters may not be aware that our former midfielder, Mark Gardiner, started his career at Swindon. Born in Cirencester, Gardiner was an apprentice with Swindon Town, making his debut against Mansfield in April 1984. He spent a further three seasons at the County Ground, but made just 10 appearances before moving to Torquay as part of a swap transfer involving Phil King.

In August 1988, he was snapped up on a free transfer by Dario Gradi and after being transformed from a left-back into an attack-minded midfielder, Mark went on to become a firm favourite with the Alex fans. His record of 42 goals in 222 matches stands up with the best. After seven years with Crewe, Mark later finished his playing days with Macclesfield, Chester, Northwich and Nantwich before embarking on a career with the post office.

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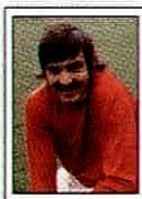
The Manager GLENN HODDLE



As a player-manager, Hoddle led Swindon into the Premier League in 1993 following a thrilling play-off win over Leicester City. Hoddle opened the scoring in a 4-3 Wembley

win but left just days later to take charge of Chelsea. His assistant manager John Gorman took over but couldn't prevent the Wiltshire club from relegation. Hoddle went onto manage Tottenham and took England to the 1998 World Cup finals. He is now a TV pundit and is involved with a football Academy in Spain.

The Player DON ROGERS



England U-23 international winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he

featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

The Cult Hero STEVE WHITE



Ex-England Schoolboy striker Steve White was top scorer in Swindon Town's 1986-87 promotion success. Initially with Mangotsfield United, he joined Bristol Rovers in July 1977 and moved to Luton Town in December

1979. He helped win the Second Division title in 1981-82, joining Charlton Athletic as part of the Paul Walsh deal in July 1982. Returning to Bristol Rovers in August 1983, he joined Swindon in July 1986 and starred alongside Duncan Shearer. He was a promotion winner again in 1992-93 and netted 83 goals in 244 League games before moving to Hereford United in August 1994, then played for Cardiff City.

MEET THE OPPOSITION



SWINDON SEEKING SUCCESSIVE PROMOTIONS

THERE was always going to be a bit of a media circus surrounding Swindon Town when they appointed Paolo Di Canio as their manager last summer. His remit was to try and lead the West Country club to promotion and the eccentric Italian delivered in style as they stormed to the League Two title with games to spare. Ever the perfectionist, Di Canio has certainly done things his way but you cannot fault his professionalism, his incredible attention to detail and passion for the job.

As a wonderfully gifted footballer with the likes of Juventus, AC Milan, Napoli, Celtic and West Ham, Di Canio perhaps has found it difficult to work with lower league players and transfer his philosophies and principles onto players who do not possess the same level of ability he had as a player. As a man-motivator he is top class but some modern day players do not handle criticism well.

There have been public fall-outs, most famously with their former loan forward Leon Clarke, his previous captain Paul Caddis and his current goalkeeper Wes Fotheringham. It appears those not fitting into his system or reaching the standard he desires are quickly moved out of the County Ground. There has been a huge turnaround of personnel at the club, but Di Canio has been able to shape his own squad and move them in the right direction. So much so, that they began the season as the third favourites to finish as League One champions.

During the summer, Di Canio quickly

brought in seven new faces with our former transfer target Tommy Miller moving from Huddersfield, full-back James McEveley from Barnsley, Fede Bassone from Swansea, Giles Coke from Sheffield Wednesday for an undisclosed fee and the promising Troy Archibald-Henville from Exeter City.

Crewe supporters are sure to be aware of the ability of our former loanee players, the robust Alan Navarro and skilful Gary Roberts. Navarro, a former youth player at Liverpool, is sadly missing today after suffering a medial knee injury against Coventry City. He is expected to miss the next four weeks of the season.

He has also used the loan market to attract the likes of England youth International John Bostock from Tottenham, Darren Ward from Millwall and Adam Rooney from Birmingham.

With such an influx of players coming into the club, there were always going to be a number moving out. Crewe

tried in vain to sign their winger Billy Bodin, after an impressive loan spell with us, but the young winger chose to join Torquay United instead for a nominal fee. Di Canio felt that his father's connection with the Gulls manager Martin Ling swayed that decision. Their former promotion winning captain Caddis has been loaned out to Birmingham City after becoming surplus to requirements and Oliver Risser is now on loan at Stevenage.

Di Canio has certainly wheeled-and-dealed in the transfer market, but the signings of players such as the former Charlton and Dagenham forward Paul Benson, Raffaele De Vita and Adam Williams and the former Shrew Jim Collins have only improved the team under the Italian's managerial reign.

In winger Matt Ritchie they had the outstanding performer in League Two last season and his assists and goals for the team make him a stand out prospect for the future. He is certainly one being watched by bigger clubs and Ritchie has come of age under the guidance of Di Canio. He was voted Npower League Two Player-of-the-Year last time out and he is certain to be in the running for the same award this term if he carries on.

With the added pressure of being one of the promotion favourites and the Di Canio factor wherever they go in the division, it is always going to be an intriguing journey. They have found that getting results at a higher



level on a consistent basis is not so easy.

They started the season in superb fashion, defeating Brighton and Stoke City in the Capital One Cup and enjoying fine wins against rivals MK Dons and Crawley, but they suffered a 4-1 drubbing at Preston and then lost a local derby to Oxford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. That was followed up with a 1-0 home defeat to Leyton Orient and a draw at Carlisle.

As usual, they have responded magnificently to that slight blip and emphatically destroyed Bournemouth 4-0, won at home to Burnley in the League Cup, to set up a fourth round tie against Aston Villa next week and won away at Shrewsbury and Bury. They are back on course to be challenging for at least a play-off place, but may find it hard to keep their high-profile manager as Championship and Premiership clubs come sniffing later on in the campaign.

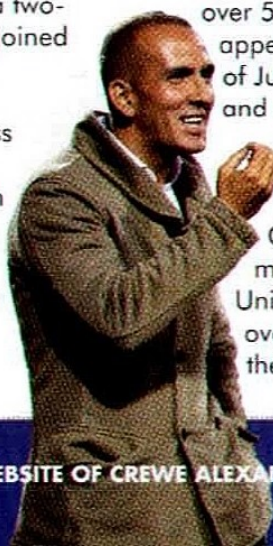
THE GAFFER – PAOLO DI CANIO

THE former Celtic, West Ham United and Charlton Athletic striker Paolo Di Canio was unveiled as Swindon Town manager on Monday 23rd May 2011.

The Italian signed a two-year contract, and joined the club alongside assistant Fabrizio Piccareta and fitness coach Claudio Donatelli. The Town job is his first as a manager after a glittering and often controversial playing career.

Di Canio made a flying start to his Town career with a 3-0 home victory over the Alex in League 2, and followed that up with promotion at the top of League Two, including a run of 10 straight wins.

As a player, Di Canio made over 500 senior appearances with the likes of Juventus, Napoli, Lazio, and AC Milan, before a move to Britain where he excelled with Sheffield Wednesday, Celtic, and perhaps most notably West Ham United where he scored over 50 goals, most of them spectacular.



ONES TO WATCH



GOALKEEPER

WES FODERINGHAM

Wes Foderingham signed for the Town in January 2012, joining from Crystal Palace on a two-and-a-half year contract. The 21-year old initially joined the Robins on loan in October 2011 and made his Town debut at Accrington Stanley, keeping a clean sheet in 2-0 win. A string of fine performances between the sticks prompted manager Paolo Di Canio to bring the goalkeeper in on a permanent deal. Foderingham has gone on to become the manager's first choice goalkeeper. Previously with the Fulham academy, Foderingham never played a senior game for the Cottagers.

Troy Archibald-Henville >



TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE

Town boss Paolo Di Canio swooped for Exeter City defender Troy Archibald-Henville on a two-year deal in late June 2012. The 23-year old was a regular for the Grecians last term after joining the club in January 2009 on a permanent deal from Tottenham Hotspur. The central defender initially arrived on a one-month loan deal from Tottenham Hotspur and made his debut in the 2-1 win at Dagenham & Redbridge. He had been at Spurs since signing as a schoolboy and was skipper of the reserve side at White Hart Lane. At the start of the 2008/09 season he joined Norwich City on loan but returned to Spurs recently after failing to break into the first-team although he made a number of appearances. He returned to Exeter in July 2009 signing a six-month loan deal before joining permanently during the 2009/10 January transfer window. In total he made over 100 league starts for the Grecians.

JAY McEVELEY

Jay McEveley signed for Town on a free transfer, signing a two-year deal, in June 2012. The left-back joined the Robins on loan from

championship side Barnsley at the end of March and made his debut for the club in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final against Chesterfield at Wembley. A former trainee with Blackburn Rovers, McEveley joined Derby County in 2007 after loan spells with Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich, helping the Rams to the Premier League in 2007. The 27-year-old joined the Tykes on a free transfer from Derby in the summer of 2010 and has over

DEFENDERS

200 league appearances to his name and last season made 40 appearances, accumulated during spells with Barnsley and Swindon.

ADEN FLINT

Flint joined Town from Blue Square North side Alfreton Town in January 2011, after having been pursued by Danny Wilson for a considerable time. Flint moved The County Ground on a two-and-a-half year contract and after a difficult first season at the County Ground, Flint started and scored against Crewe Alexandra at the start of the 2011/12 season and has established himself as a key member of Paolo Di Canio's squad.

NATHAN THOMPSON

Thompson signed a two-year professional contract in the summer of 2009. The youngster appeared among the substitutes on a number of occasions in Season 2009/2010, but did not feature for the first team. After being given two starts at the tail end of Season 2010/11, Thompson signed a new one-year deal at SN1 in the summer. Signed a new deal in the summer of 2012, Thompson is now starting games on a regular basis for Swindon.

DARREN WARD

Millwall defender Darren Ward signed a loan deal with Swindon until 1st January 2013, with the option of a permanent move, on Thursday 30th August 2012. The 33-year old made his Town debut in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy clash with local rivals Oxford United six days later. Ward arrived at The County Ground with a solid Football League career on his CV. He started his career as a youngster at Watford making 67 appearances, including a number of Premiership games before then Lions boss Mark McGhee brought him to The Den in a £500,000 deal in 2001.

FEDERICO BESSONE

Federico Bessone joined the Town on a free transfer on Friday 31st August, signing a six-month contract from Swansea City. The full-back joined Swansea from Espanyol in 2008 and was in his second spell at The Liberty Stadium. After a brief spell with Leeds and Charlton, Bessone re-joined the Swans in the summer of 2011 and made just one Premier League appearance.



Matt Ritchie

MIDFIELDERS

SIMON FERRY

Ferry made the permanent switch from Celtic in August 2010, penning a three-year deal. The midfielder had enjoyed a hugely successful season at SN1 in 2009/2010, making 42 starts and scoring twice in Town's play-off campaign. Having joined Celtic at the age of 12, Ferry progressed the ranks at Parkhead, however, he was sidelined for nearly two years with a serious ankle injury, and 2009/2010 was his first full season of professional football, a season in which he was agonisingly close to success. Ferry made 25 appearances during the 2010/11 season and was often a frustrated figure on the substitutes' bench, especially during the second half of the campaign. But the 23-year old impressed in Swindon's promotion campaign and will be out for more of the same in League One.

MATT RITCHIE

After two separate loan spells, Matt Ritchie signed a two-and-a-half year contract at with Town in January 2011. Ritchie made his full debut for the club in the 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round win over Torquay United at The County Ground, before going on to make 34 further appearances that season, scoring 12 times. A bustling attacking midfielder, the 22-year-old was voted Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts in 2010/11. Ritchie's fine form during the 2011/12 season was rewarded with the League 2 Player of the Year Award at the 2012 Football League Awards.

TOMMY MILLER

Midfielder Tommy Miller joined Swindon Town after agreeing to a one-year deal in June 2012. Miller joins the Robins after not being offered a new contract at his former club Huddersfield Town. After beginning his career at Hartlepool United in 1997, Miller has since made over 200 appearances and scored over 70 goals. Perhaps most remembered for two spells with Ipswich Town, Miller has

also lined up for the likes of Sunderland, Preston and Sheffield Wednesday over the years, before arriving at Huddersfield last year. After helping the Terriers to promotion, Miller made the switch to the County Ground.

GARY ROBERTS

An exciting left-footed winger, Roberts signed for Swindon on a two-year deal after his release from Championship bound Huddersfield Town. Chester born Roberts began his youth career in the Liverpool academy, after his release he spent the rest of his formative years in the Welsh game before getting his break in to the English game with Accrington Stanley, where he impressed and moved to Ipswich Town on a four-year-deal. A loan spell to Gresty Road soon followed, but with the winger unable to hold down a starting berth Ipswich transfer listed Roberts. This prompted Huddersfield Town to pay Ipswich an undisclosed fee for his services, signing on at The Galpharm Stadium ahead of the 2008/09 season. After more than 160 appearances for the Terriers, he signed for Swindon up on a free transfer following his release by Huddersfield Town during the summer of 2012.

JOHN BOSTOCK

John Bostock returned to The County Ground on deadline day in August 2012, signing a loan deal from Tottenham Hotspur until January 7th 2013. The midfielder was on loan for the final part of Town's title-winning campaign last year and has rejoined the club on a temporary deal until January. A graduate of the Crystal Palace Academy, Bostock made his professional debut for the Eagles in October 2007 before signing for Spurs in 2008. In November 2008, Bostock became the youngest ever player to make an appearance in a competitive match when he came on as a second half substitute during a UEFA Cup group match with Dinamo Zagreb at White Hart Lane. Bostock has also had a spell with Brentford.

FORWARDS

PAUL BENSON

Swindon Town completed the signing of Charlton Athletic striker Paul Benson on a two-and-a-half year deal on 1st January 2012. Born in Southend, Benson joined Dagenham & Redbridge in 2005 and struck 28 times in 2006/07 to help Dagenham & Redbridge win the Conference title, and netted 22 goals the following term, scoring in all three play-off matches as Daggers defeated Rotherham United 3-2 in the League Two play-off final to clinch promotion to League One. In total, including FA Trophy matches, Benson notched 84 goals in 201 games for John Still's side, before joining Charlton Athletic for an undisclosed fee on Monday 30th August and made his debut for the club the next day in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy - against his former side. In total he scored ten goals in 28 starts for the Addicks before joining Swindon where he has made a prolific start.

RAFFAELE DE VITA

Italian striker De Vita signed a two-year deal with the Robins in June 2011, joining Town after a spell in Scotland with Livingston. De Vita joined Blackburn Rovers aged 15 and came up through the youth and reserve team ranks at Ewood Park. Despite a hat-trick in a reserve team game against Wigan Athletic, first team opportunities never surfaced and the frontman opted to leave the Premier League side. In July 2008 he moved into Scotland to join Livingston where he spent three seasons. Last term he made 31 appearances, scoring 11 goals.

ADAM ROONEY

Town signed Birmingham City striker Adam Rooney on transfer deadline day in August 2012. The frontman penned a deal on loan until 30th June 2013, with the option for a permanent deal. 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. Rooney signed for Birmingham from Inverness Caledonian Thistle on a two-year-deal in June 2011. In the 2010/11 season he netted 21 goals in 42 games for the Scottish side in the top flight.

JAMES COLLINS

A powerful forward, Collins signed for Swindon on a two-year deal after rejecting the offer of a new contract from former club Shrewsbury Town. Coventry-born Collins started his youth career at Aston Villa where he made his way up through the Villa youth ranks. With first team opportunities limited at Villa, he signed a permanent 18-month contract with Shrewsbury in January 2011, finishing the 2010/11 season with an impressive eight goals from 23 appearances. Last season Collins fired 17 goals in a total of 47 appearances helping Shrewsbury to promotion to League 2, finishing second behind champions Swindon.

VISITING GRESTY ROAD

THE DOSSIER



63 Numbers of yellow cards received last season

2 Red cards issued last season

13 Assists made last season by Matt Ritchie. He has made two already this season

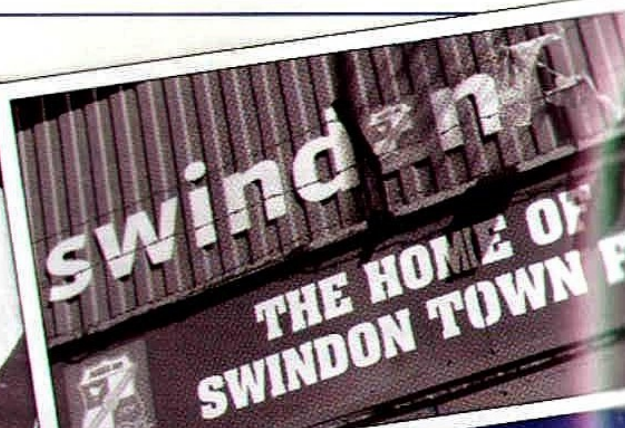
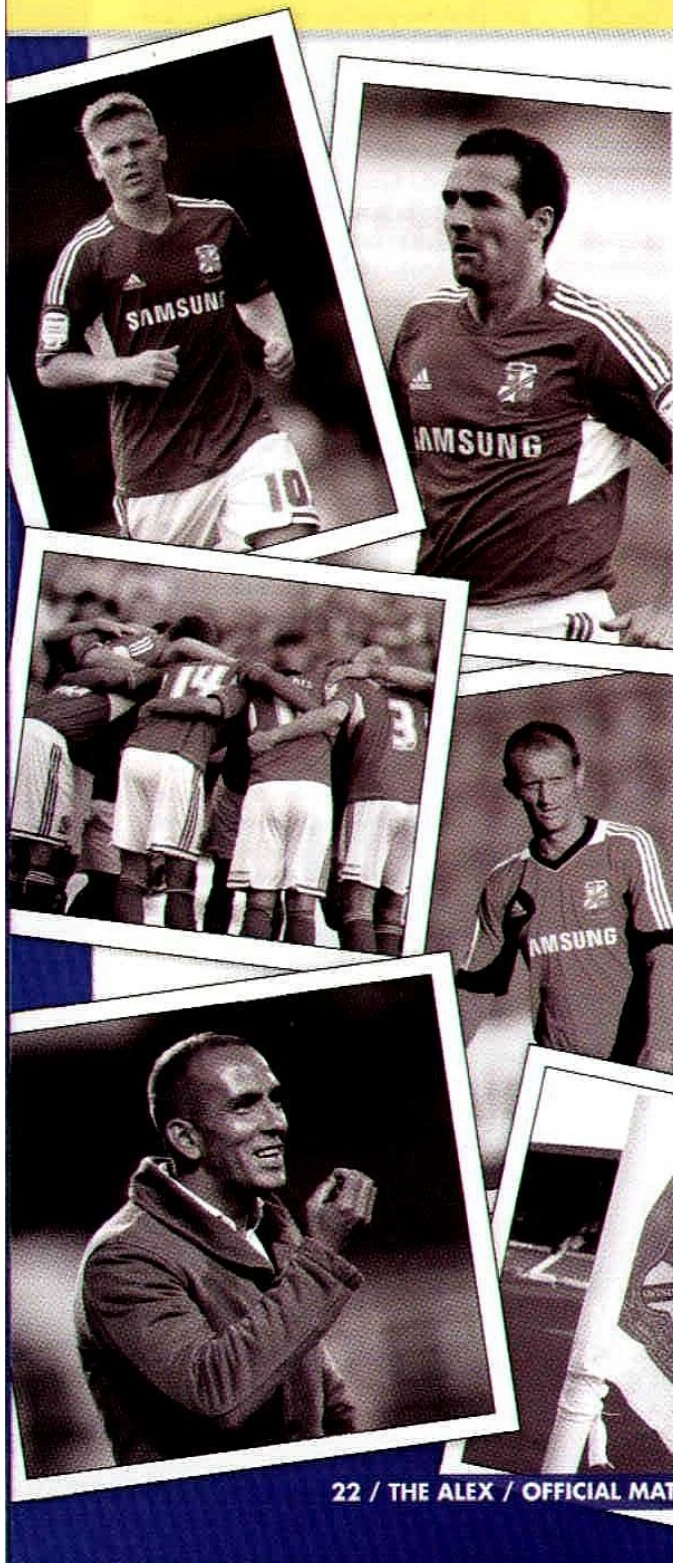
5 Goals scored by Ritchie so far this campaign

11 Goals scored by leading marksman Paul Benson last season

£1.5 Million The transfer fee received for midfielder Kevin Horlock from Manchester City in Jan 97

216 League goals scored by record holder Harry Morris

30 International caps won by former great Rod Thomas for his native Wales





AWAY VIEW POINT

ALL CHANGE AT BOARD ROOM LEVEL

PRIOR to this evening's encounter at the Alexandra Stadium there was a change occurring in the Swindon Town boardroom with the former British Ambassador to Afghanistan, Sir William Patey succeeding Jeremy Wray as chairman.

Wray was an important figurehead in appointing Paolo Di Canio as manager in the summer of 2011 and then again to tempt the Italian to sign a contract extension taking him through to 2015. Following Wray's departure from the County Ground, Di Canio announced a statement from Italy stressing that he would need 're-assurances' from the new board and he is obviously disappointed to have recently been hit by a Football League transfer embargo after the Wiltshire club exceeded their wage and fee limit. Wray was quick to dismiss the fact that he lost his position just days after the embargo had been put in place.

After clinching promotion from League Two at the first time of asking, and with the title in the bag for good measure, Di Canio is searching for a repeat performance and successive promotions. He has already publicly stated that he wants Swindon back in the Championship within three seasons and a

disappointed Wray rejected the opportunity to remain on the club's board mainly because of the rapport he struck up with Di Canio.

The club's major shareholder Andrew Black, the founder of Betfair has already invested heavily in the Di Canio project and felt that he wanted to take the leadership of the club in a different direction. The club is also planning a stadium re-development.

That is his prerogative, but it will be (and his newly appointed chairman) first objective to convince the manager to remain with the club. Di Canio's almost immediate success has made him a possible target for bigger clubs and in a passionate statement he confessed:

"It is important for me to have a team around me that I can trust. Jeremy Wray and Russell Backhouse, Phil Spencer and myself have worked tirelessly as a team to bring success to this club but now with Jeremy going and Russell potentially soon to depart, half of that team may soon be taken away, and, as much as I have loyalty to Swindon and its fans, I also have loyalty to Jeremy and Russell and these events have certainly changed the dynamics, but I am interested to learn the reasons behind this decision and what this means for me and the future of Swindon Town."

Sir William Patey is keen for Di Canio to stay

at the County Ground and is relishing the chance to take the club to the next level with the Italian at the helm.

"I am delighted to become chairman of Swindon Town at such an exciting time.

"I look forward to working with Paolo, the board and the whole club so that success on the pitch can continue and take the club back to the npower Championship.

"I look forward to working with those who share the same ambitions for the club both on and off the field and relish the opportunity to take on this challenge.

"The club has achieved much under the chairmanship of Jeremy Wray and on behalf of the board and investor base we would like to thank him for his efforts over the course of the last 18 months."

Wray's 18-months saw the club appoint Di Canio, clinch promotion and reach the Johnstone's Point Trophy Final where they narrowly lost to Chesterfield. It was one of their most successful era's in the modern game, but with a target only half fulfilled, it will now be the challenge of Patey to see the project through to the Championship. If that will be with Di Canio in charge remains to be seen but there is no denying that he has raised the profile in the lower leagues ten-fold.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jake Cassidy	Tranmere	8	0	8
Andy Robinson	Tranmere	7	0	7
Izale McLeod	Portsmouth	6	1	7
Akpo Sodje	Preston	4	3	7
Bobby Grant	Rochdale	4	3	7
Jean-Louis Akpro	Tranmere	7	0	7
Leon Clarke	Scunthorpe	6	0	6
James Hayter	Yeovil	4	2	6
Robin Shroot	Stevenage	5	1	6

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Broadfield Stadium	Crawley Tn	6	23	3.83
Prenton Park	Tranmere	6	20	3.33
Brunton Park	Carlisle	6	19	3.17
Deepdale	Preston	6	18	3.00
Banks's Stadium	Walsall	6	18	3.00
The Lamex Stadium	Stevenage	6	17	2.83
WHC Stadium	Colchester	6	16	2.67
Glanford Park	Scunthorpe	6	16	2.67
Dean Court	Bournemouth	6	15	2.50
Meadow Lane	Notts County	6	15	2.50
Bramall Lane	Sheff Utd	6	15	2.50
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	6	15	2.50
Griffin Park	Brentford	6	15	2.50
Huish Park	Yeovil	6	14	2.33
Fratton Park	Portsmouth	6	14	2.33
Boundary Park	Oldham	6	14	2.33
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	6	14	2.33
County Ground	Swindon	6	14	2.33
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	5	11	2.20
Gigg Lane	Bury	6	13	2.17
stadium:mk	MK Dons	6	12	2.00
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	6	11	1.83
Greenhous Meadow	Shrewsbury	6	11	1.83
Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	6	11	1.83

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 75 Brentford. **shots off target** 99 Brentford. **corners** 85 Bournemouth. **hit woodwork** 10 Portsmouth. **offsides** 45 Shrewsbury. **fouls** 157 Leyton Orient. **yellow cards** 23 Scunthorpe. **red cards** 3 Scunthorpe.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 39 Clayton Donaldson (Brentford). **Shots on target** 18 David McGoldrick (Coventry). **Shots off target** 22 Clayton Donaldson (Brentford). **Assists** 5 Alan Judge (Notts County). **Crosses** 53 Marc Pugh (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 24 Marvin Morgan (Shrewsbury). **Fouls** 30 Marvin Morgan (Shrewsbury). **Free-kicks won** 37 Anthony Grant (Stevenage).

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2012/13 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER

361

RIGHT FOOT

192 goals

53.2%

LEFT FOOT

84 goals

23.3%

HEADERS

77 goals

21.3%

Own goals 7 (1.9%), Other body part 1 (0.1%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

James Collins (Bury vs Swindon) 0:37

By a substitute after coming on

Evan Horwood (Crewe vs Hartlepool) 0:39

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Martin Rowlands (Crawley Tn vs Leyton Orient) 2:27

By a substitute after coming on

James O'Shea (Walsall vs MK Dons) 2:17

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 717

Offsides 744

Corners 1508

Shots Off Target 1516

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

0 6 6

RESULTS

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

0-0	8
0-1	15
0-2	4
0-3	3
0-4	2
0-5	-
1-0	18
1-1	25
1-2	16
1-3	3
1-4	1
1-5	-
2-0	7
2-1	5
2-2	11
2-3	-
2-4	-
2-5	1
3-0	4
3-1	7
3-2	4
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	2
4-1	3
4-2	1
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	1
5-2	-
5-3	1
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 17/10/2012

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Steve Davis

Played 41 Won 17 Drawn 15 Lost 9

For 58 Against 50

Av Pts/game 1.61

Biggest Win(s) Bristol Rvs 2 Crewe 5

(31/12/2011). **Biggest Loss(es)**

Brentford 5 Crewe 1 (25/08/2012).

Paolo Di Canio

Played 58 Won 35 Drawn 9 Lost 14

For 92 Against 43

Av Pts/game 1.97

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...1 Steve Davis.....1 Paolo Di Canio.....0
 Draws...0 Goals 2 Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Max

Clayton 16

shots on target

Max

Clayton 10

shots off target

Luke

Murphy 7

assists

Ashley

Westwood 2

crosses

Luke

Murphy 23

fouls

Abdul

Osman 15

free-kicks-won

Byron

Moore 20



Player with the most...

shots

Andy

Williams 23

shots on target

Andy

Williams 14

shots off target

Andy

Williams 9

assists

Matt

Ritchie 2

crosses

Matt

Ritchie 20

fouls

Alan

McCormack 16

free-kicks-won

Andy

Williams 20

GAMES SINCE

1	a win	1
0	a home win	2
1	an away win	0
0	a defeat	2
1	a home defeat	1
0	an away defeat	4
5	a score draw	0
6	a no score draw	14
0	conceding a goal	0
1	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	0
6	keeping a clean sheet	1
0	failing to score	2
1	back to back wins	3
3	back to back defeats	8
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	0
14	win by > one	4
0	loss by > one	10

SHARP SHOOTERS

Crewe	FL Cup	Tot	Swindon	FL Cup	Tot		
Ajay Leitch-Smith	3	1	4	Matt Ritchie	5	0	5
Mathias Pogba	2	2	4	James Collins	2	3	5
Max Clayton	1	3	4	Andy Williams	2	1	3

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...26 Crewe wins11 Swindon wins11
 Draws4 Goals 27 (1.0 per game) Goals 25 (1.0 per game)
 0-0's.....2 Times failed to score 11 Times failed to score 9

Biggest League win at Crewe for each team:

05/02/1983 Crewe 3-0 Swindon

07/11/1998 & 08/04/1996 Crewe 0-2 Swindon

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LEAGUE STATS



19	Position	6
12	Played	12
3	Won	6
4	Drawn	3
5	Lost	3
10	Goals For	17
17	Goals Against	11
13	Points	21



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	3	3	19	2	0	2	10

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	2	13	4	3	1	5

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	0	19	6	0	0	4

Record When Conceding First

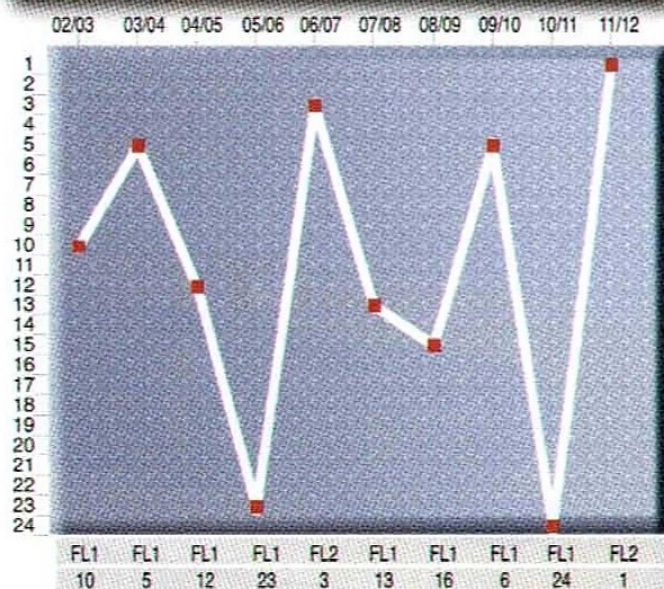
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	5	10	0	2	3	15

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[2], Losses: 0-1[1],
 0-2[2], 1-2[1], 1-5[1], Draws: 0-0[2],
 1-1[1], 2-2[1]

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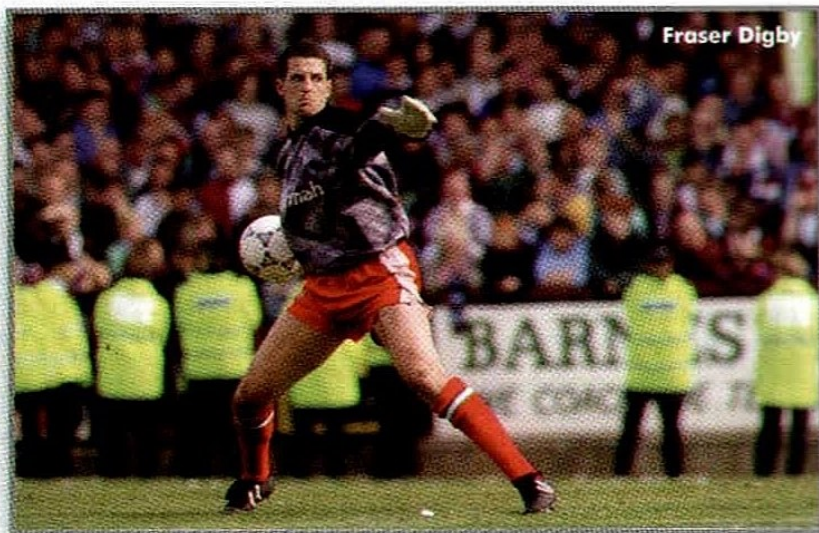
SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 17/10/2012



FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN LEADING POST-WAR SWINDON TOWN GOALKEEPERS AND STRIKERS



Fraser Digby

SAM BURTON

Long-serving goalkeeper Sam Burton was ever-present for Swindon Town in 1954-55 and 1957-58. Born locally, he turned professional at the County Ground in June 1945 and made his League debut in Swindon's 2-2 draw at home to Reading in November 1946. He contested a first-team slot with Frank Boulton and Norman Uprichard during the early post-war era. Helping Swindon reach the FA Cup fourth round in 1955-56, he also missed just one match in 1960-61 and played 463 League games until a shoulder injury ended his career in November 1961. He later ran a transport cafe in Lyneham, then retired to Gwent where he had met his wife.

JIM BARRON

Goalkeeper Jim Barron starred as Swindon Town took eventual winners West Ham to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1974-75. Initially with Newcastle West End, he joined Wolverhampton

Wanderers in November 1961 and had a spell as Peter Bonetti's understudy at Chelsea before joining Oxford United in March 1966. He was an important figure in their 1967-68 Third Division title triumph, moving to Nottingham Forest in July 1970. Ever-present in 1970-71, he joined Swindon in August 1974 and made 79 League appearances prior to joining Peterborough United in August 1977. He managed Cheltenham Town and has since held various coaching posts.

KENNY ALLEN

Tall goalkeeper Kenny Allen was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. He had spells with Tow Law, Hartlepool and Hellenic prior to joining Bath City in September 1973, starring in their 1977-78 Southern League title success. Moving to AFC Bournemouth in

August 1978, he helped win promotion in 1981-82 and reunited with David Webb at Torquay United in March 1984. He joined Swindon in September 1985 and made 45 League appearances before rejoining Torquay in December 1986. Ever-present as they were Fourth Division play-off finalists in 1987-88, he also appeared for them in the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy final.

FRASER DIGBY

England U-21 goalkeeper Fraser Digby featured in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986 and appeared in their 1986-87 promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in their 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games, moving to Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

RHYS EVANS

England U-21 goalkeeper Rhys Evans starred as Swindon Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. A former Chelsea trainee, he turned professional in February 1999 but failed to make an impact at Stamford Bridge and was loaned to Bristol Rovers, QPR and Leyton Orient before joining hometown Swindon in July 2003. He missed just one match in 2004-05 and made 118 League

STOPPERS

appearances while at the County Ground. Moving to Blackpool in July 2006, he featured in their 2006-07 promotion campaign, joining Millwall in January 2008. He returned to Bradford City in August 2008, then Bristol Rovers and Southend United.

MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving centre-forward Maurice Owen topped Swindon Town's goalscoring charts on six occasions. Initially with hometown Abingdon, he turned professional at the County Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his League debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was ever-present in 1948-49 and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round, also finish fourth in the Third Division (South) three times. Scoring 150 goals in 555 League outings for the Robins, he retired in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

MIKE SUMMERBEE

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1960, he starred in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success and was leading marksman in 1964-65. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

PAUL RIDEOUT

England U-21 international striker Paul Rideout

was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

JIMMY QUINN

Northern Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn was Swindon Town's leading marksman in 1987-88. He impressed with Oswestry prior to joining Swindon in December 1981. Moving to Blackburn Rovers in August 1984, he rejoined Swindon in December 1986 and helped clinch promotion that season. He netted 40 goals in 113 League games overall before joining Leicester City for £210,000 in June 1988, then Bradford City, West Ham, Bournemouth, Reading and Peterborough United. Rejoining Swindon as player-boss, he has since managed Northwich, Shrewsbury, Cambridge United, Bournemouth and Nantwich.

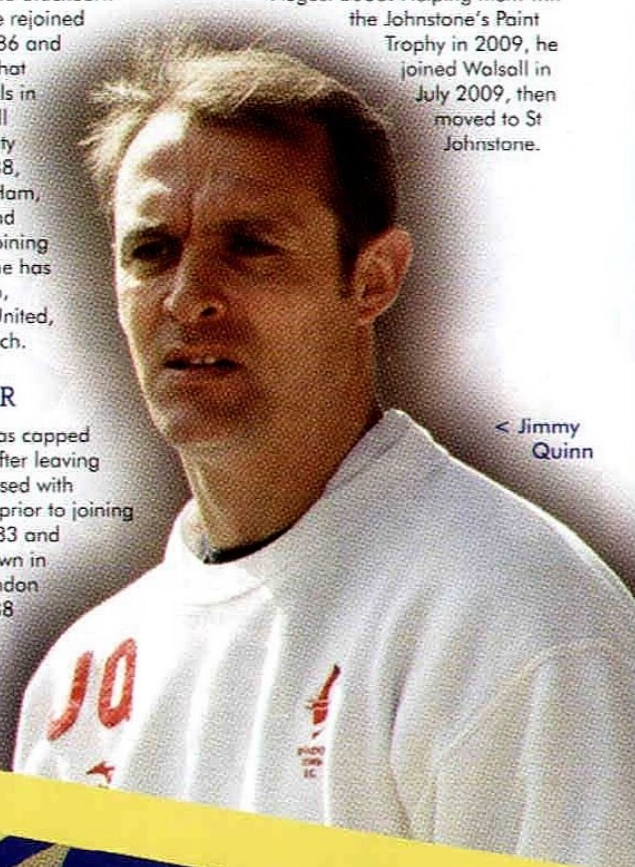
DUNCAN SHEARER

Striker Duncan Shearer was capped seven times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. He impressed with Inverness Clachnacuddin prior to joining Chelsea in November 1983 and moved to Huddersfield Town in March 1986. Joining Swindon for £250,000 in June 1988 and twice helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs. He was

leading marksman in four successive seasons, netting 78 goals in 159 League outings before being sold to Blackburn Rovers for £750,000 in March 1992. Moving to Aberdeen in July 1992, he later played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and was Buckie Thistle's player-manager.

SAM PARKIN

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Sam Parkin was Swindon Town's leading marksman in three successive seasons. He turned professional with Chelsea in August 1998 and was loaned to several clubs. Moving to the County Ground in August 2002, he starred alongside Tommy Mooney as Swindon qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. He netted 67 goals in 124 League games prior to joining Ipswich Town for £450,000 in July 2005 and moved to Luton Town for £325,000 in August 2006. Helping them win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009, he joined Walsall in July 2009, then moved to St Johnstone.



< Jimmy Quinn

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TOPICAL TALKING POINTS

by **Harold Finch**

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FOOTBALL, without doubt is a sport, which for one reason or another can capture the headlines, sometimes expected but on other occasions they come as a complete surprise. For Roy Hodgson, the present England manager, after an underground train recently would never have imagined what would happen. Firstly, a remark regarding Rio Ferdinand was to reappear in the National Press together with a photograph presumably taken from a mobile phone. That picture accompanied the text matter. Is no-one safe from the use of phones in such circumstances, it was hardly a staged incident in this case.

It is one thing reading about the latest results of Chelsea in league, cup or European qualifying games, and the resurgence of Fernando Torres as a consistent goal scorer, but in recent weeks other matters have claimed the top spot both on the T.V. screens and in the press. These have been in relation to fines being imposed on certain players for various breaches of club discipline.

Admittedly the sums involved, such as either £100,000 or £250,000 appear to be excessive but when related to the amounts that top players are earning it is not a hardship. If that happened to players in the lower leagues it would have a very difficult outcome for the players concerned.

During this current season there have been quite a number of incidents involving top players who have been strongly criticised for what is now so regularly referred to as diving. When this has occurred, there are varying options that we have seen the match referees taking. It can lead to a booking or even a sending off, then there is to decide whether a penalty is awarded or just ignored. For the watching supporters it leads to frustration.

When it comes to the other issue that is

when did the whole, of the ball cross the line to prove that a goal can be awarded. Technology will in the not too distant future hopefully help the match officials but only at the top level. When it comes to what we sometimes call alleged diving would it help matters if they were studied in retrospect and if necessary punishment handed out.

We are all aware that in match reports that marks are allocated to the players who have taken part in the game, they are usually supplied by press



*Roy Hodgson, too honest
for his own good?*

representatives or officials from the leagues. In general terms, there is not a great deal of variation in their marks. What is unusual about the marking system is the points that are given to the referees; I cannot recall seeing one being awarded for his efforts!

At some time or other there are always records that are either or possibly broken. That concerns goal scorers long unbeaten runs or spell without victory etc, but those are fairly

common place. On Monday 1st October in the Premier League game between Queens Park Rangers and West Ham United, that game produced a rare and unexpected record. By the time the final whistle sounded, the referee had issued eight yellow cards to West Ham players and two yellow cards and one red to Q.P.R. players, that number of eight was a new record for the most cards issued to a team in the Premier League.

Finally, there was also another unusual scenario in a game between Kettering and Bashley in the Evo Stick Premier Division game quite recently. A headline could have read '10 man Kettering go down 2-1 to Bashley'.

Naturally one would have assumed that it was the results of a sending off, losing another player after all substitutes had been used, you would have been wrong in all of these assumptions. The real answer was that a transfer embargo had been imposed on Kettering and as a result Kettering had only 10 players available to start the game. Slightly unusual but factually correct.

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How about the funniest? Harry Davis in his hot pants!

The toughest opponent so far? Abdul in training.

Where did you go on holiday this summer? I didn't go away this summer, but I went to Zante last year.

Do you tan or burn? Tan!

Which fixture did you look out for first? Sheffield United away

Do you have an interest in other sports?
Squash.

If you had to do an Olympic event which one would you choose?
100m

Who do you normally room with on away trips? Byron Moore.

Who has the best banter at the club? George Ray.

Who gets hammered the most in the dressing room?
Ollie Turton.

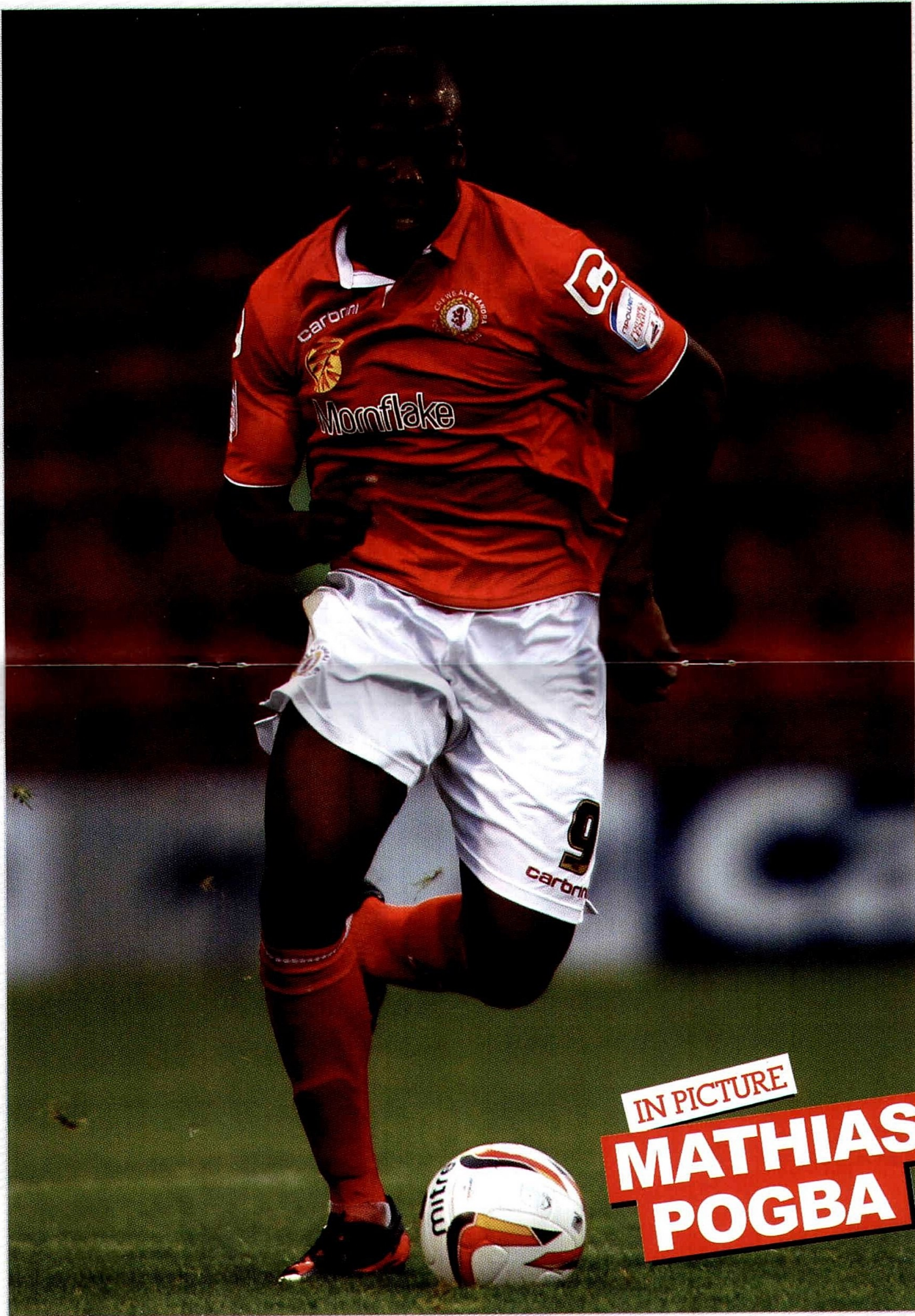
Who turns up with the worst gear for training or on a night out? Paris Bateman #toms

Do you have any personalisation on your boots, if not what would you have? Not for me!

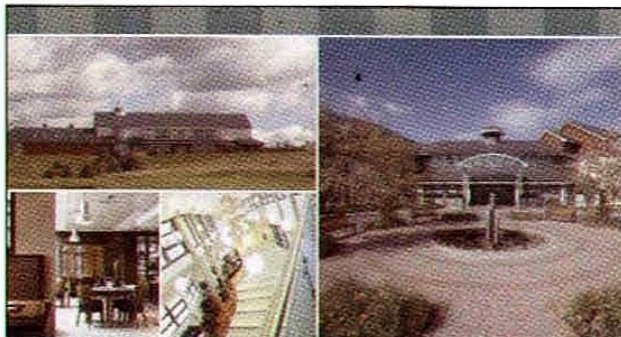
Do you have any tattoos? If so what of? None at the moment but I'd like one.

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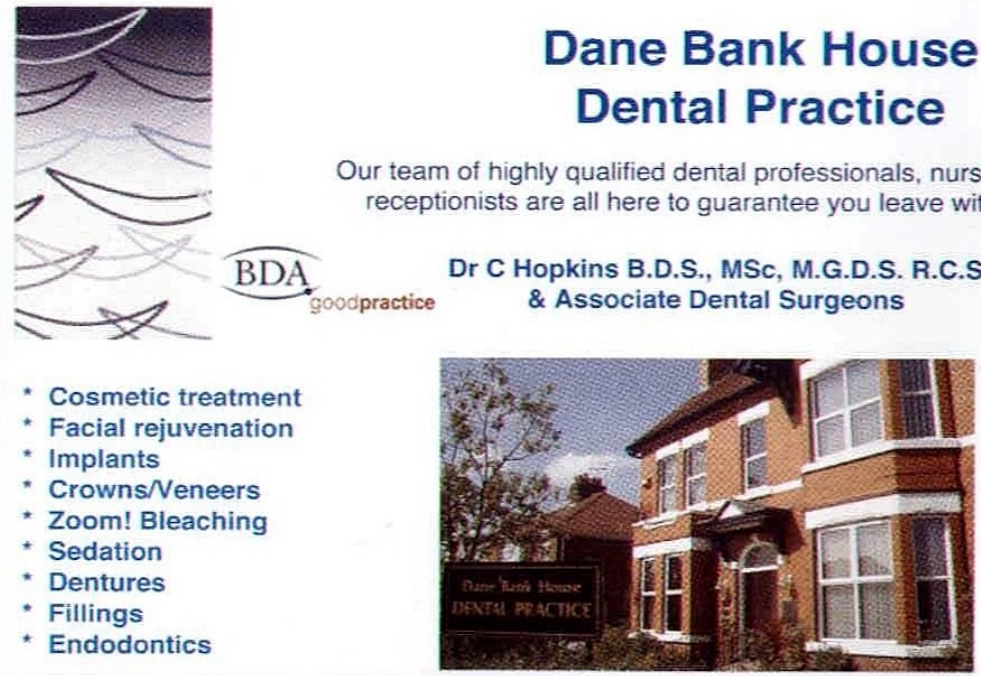
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OUT OF THE ARCHIVES

by **Harold Finch**

Is it easy or difficult to become the top of the list in players' appearances?

WHENEVER we read match reports on individual games, or alternatively see specific articles in the National Press, you can guarantee that numerical facts will appear somewhere or other. The most common is player appearances and targets being reached by individual players. Even in that category, a player can have been with a number of clubs but consistent performances are the most important factor. Freedom from injury and of course, be either short or long term which will affect totals.

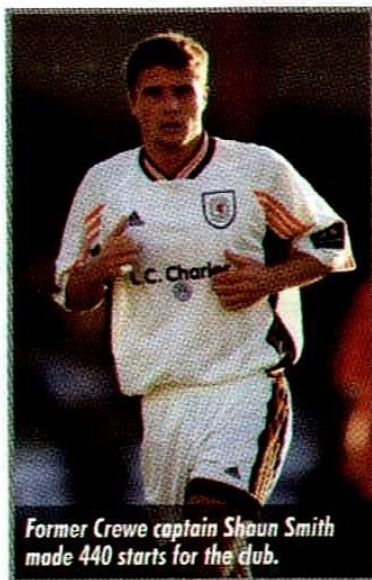
Nowadays, a very high percentage of players are not able to sign very long contracts with their clubs. Circumstances at clubs can mean that short contracts are becoming the norm. They are often for one, two or possibly three years and then hopefully extensions when contracts run out.

Benefit or testimonial games are now much more infrequent for a player has to complete a period of 10 seasons at a club to qualify for such a game to be granted. At one time they could have one after five years if the clubs agreed, that period is now doubled. It is a fact that on some occasions testimonial games have been granted in exceptional circumstances.

Even to complete 100 starting appearances in League football, a player would have to complete two full seasons and then eight in the next one to even reach that mark. Looking through my records, which incidentally covers many hundreds of players who have played for our club, to date there are only three players who have reached and then surpassed the 400 mark. That is in

Seasons 1921/22 to 1938/39 together with season 1946/47 to date. Before reviewing those three individuals and their respective totals, one interesting fact to emerge is that every one of them is a defender, they have all been full backs.

Most Crewe Alexandra fans will be aware that the person who tops the list is Tommy Lowry. He was recruited



Former Crewe captain Shaun Smith made 440 starts for the club.

from Liverpool in 1966 and his debut for the club was the most unusual one. On the 19th October 1966, Tommy made his first start, it was against Lincoln City. At one stage of the game when Crewe were losing 1-0, there was a floodlight failure and the match abandoned. Three days later came the official debut that was against Southend United and on that occasion Crewe won 1-0. Before he retired from the game Tommy had played in 435 + 1 league games, FA

Cup 21 and other cups 25, giving a total of 481 + 1 appearances. In recent times his health has not been good; it would be good to hear that he is improving.

No.2 on the list is a player who joined Crewe from Manchester City, this being in 1961, his name Peter Leigh and he captained Crewe on many occasions. His debut came in a game at Holker Street, the home of Barrow. Before an injury brought a sudden end to his career he had represented Crewe Alexandra in the left back position in a total of 473 games but never as a substitute. The total of league games came to 430, F.A. Cup 25 and 18 in the other cup competitions. It was a regular pairing of Lowry and Leigh in a great many games. Peter still lives in the Altrincham area.

We now come to another full back who came to Crewe much later than the others that have been mentioned. Shaun Smith came from Yorkshire side Emley, and like Peter Leigh was a regular at the left back position. His debut came in a home fixture with Burnley on the 4th April 1991. He also became our regular penalty taker and very few of them failed to find the back of the net.

There was two games against the same club that Shaun is remembered for. The first one came in a league game at Griffin Park, the home of Brentford. He was to score a very spectacular goal from the longest distance ever achieved by a Crewe player. The other one, also against Brentford came in the Play Off Final in 1997, for he scored the winning goal in the final. His total appearances came to 440+26 and he also scored 52 goals. In the league it was 380+22, F.A. Cup 18+2, other cups 33 and 9 in play-off games. When he retired from playing he joined the Fire Service in Yorkshire and still comes on occasions to see games.

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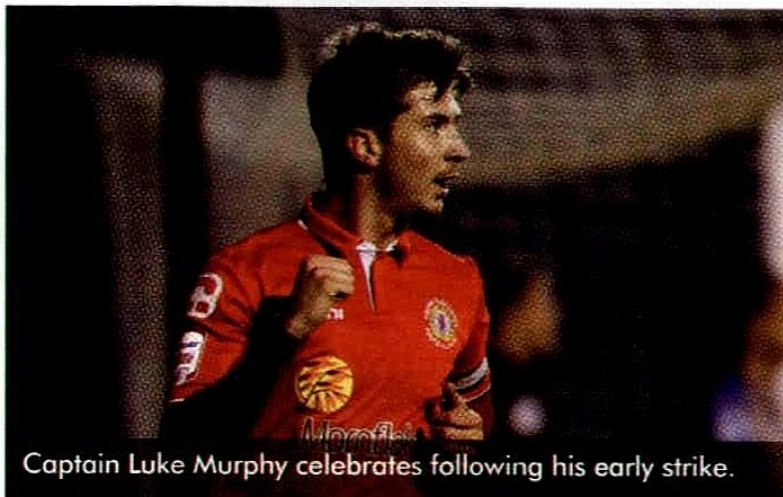
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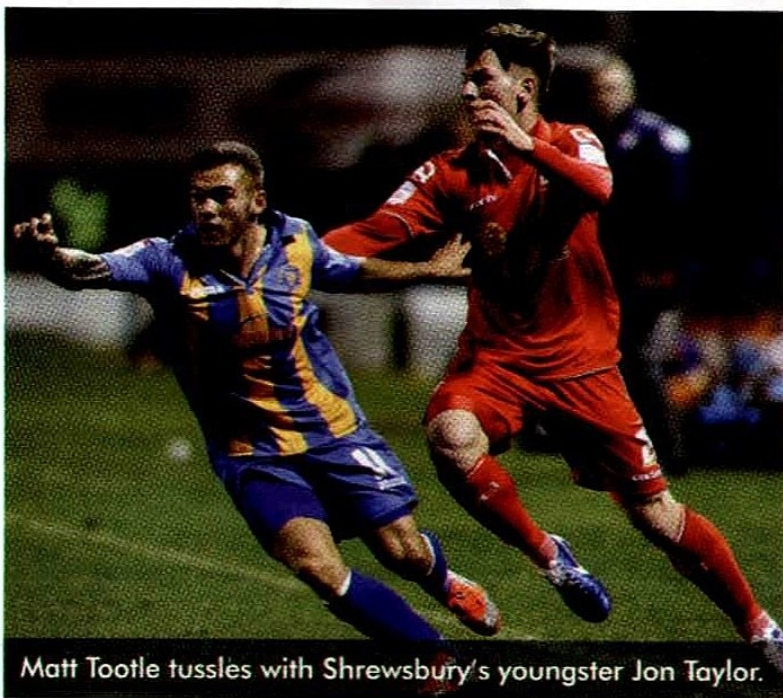
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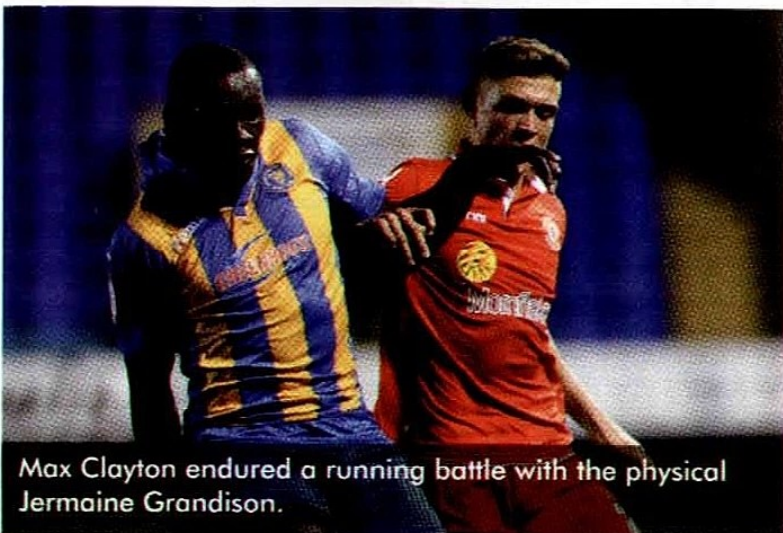
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Captain Luke Murphy celebrates following his early strike.



Matt Tootle tussles with Shrewsbury's youngster Jon Taylor.



Max Clayton endured a running battle with the physical Jermaine Grandison.

MATCH ACTION

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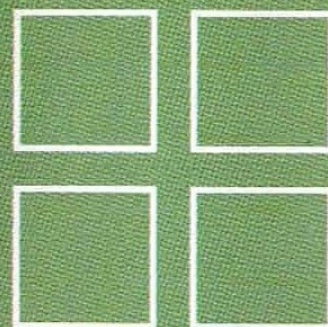
Clayton drills his shot home after some great approach play from Mathias Pogba.



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POOR RELATIONS

by **Chris Dunlavy**

JOHN ROONEY

Poor John Rooney. If the new Barnsley forward had chosen any career but football, he'd be compared to nobody but himself.

And let's face it – anyone good enough to play for Macclesfield, get picked for New York Red Bulls and win a contract with Barnsley must be pretty handy. Unfortunately, because he has a big brother called Wayne who plays for Man United and England, Rooney will always be seen as the poor relation.

So in the spirit of lauding the underdog, here are some more sportsmen who were overshadowed by their more talented siblings.

STEPHEN JAGIELKA

For a brief spell in 2003-04, Stephen and his younger brother Phil were peers at Sheffield United. It wouldn't last long, though. Three years later, centre-half Phil was playing in the Premier League for Everton while midfielder Stephen was turning out for Droylsden in Conference North. Now 34, Stephen plays part-time with Hednesford and 30-year-old Phil is a regular in the England side.

TOMI AMEOBI

OK, so Shola isn't exactly Johan Cruyff. In fact, he isn't even Jordi Cruyff. But he has spent over a decade in the Premier League with Newcastle and scored some 50-odd goals along the way. Younger brother Tomi, on the other hand,



'John Rooney has had to live in the shadows of his brother.'

got bombed out by Leeds and Doncaster, then spent a season at Conference side Forest Green Rovers before returning to the North-East with part-timers Whitley Bay. He finally found a place to call home last season, scoring 11 goals in 22 games for Icelandic side BÍ/Bolungarvík.

MIKEL ALONSO

Inspired by brother Xabi's success in England with Liverpool, Mikel binned off a regular place in the Real Sociedad midfield to chance his arm on loan at Bolton. Alas, just seven appearances later he was back in Spain. Undeterred, he then went on trial at Swansea, failed, and then spent last season at Charlton before being released without playing a game. Now 32, he has spent the summer fruitlessly searching for a club. Still, at least he could watch his little brother winning the Euros. Again.

SIMONE INZAGHI

Inzaghi wasn't a bad player. He won three caps for Italy, once scored four goals in a Champions League match and won the Serie A title with Lazio in 2000. But his record – 53 career goals in 240 games – rather pales in comparison with that of brother Pippo. One of Italy's greatest-ever strikers, Inzaghi holds more records than it is possible to list and remains the second-highest European Cup goalscorer of all time. He scored 288 goals in 623 career games, won the World Cup, two Champions League's, three Serie A's and all manner of other trinkets. And he has been offside more times than any other player in history. Probably.

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ST. GEORGE'S PARK - THE PERFECT VENUE TO IMPROVE COACHING

by **Rob Wilson**

THE DUKE and Duchess of Cambridge were recently in attendance to open the eagerly awaited St. George's Park. The highly impressive training complex situated in the Staffordshire countryside is certainly fit for a future King - but will it produce a successful national team? That is what we are being told, with the opening of a wonderful facility and the introduction of the Elite Players Performance Plan.

Possessing outstanding facilities does not necessarily result in sporting excellence. Observers point to the fact that we have been competitive in sports such as cycling and rowing over the last few Olympics, but the fact that we have recruited the top coaches, some from abroad tends to be brushed over. Foreign coaches, Jan van Eijden and Shane Sutton played an integral part in the success of the cycling within Team GB. The German Jurgen Grobler was head of British coaching during our sustained success in rowing.

Don't get me wrong; quite rightly, St. George's Park will make a huge difference to future generations of footballers with 11 full-size outdoor pitches, an indoor pitch, running track and hotel venue. On viewing the facilities, the current England captain Steven Gerrard was correct to inform the gathered media that our future generations 'will have no excuses when it comes to preparation, fitness and nutrition.' Delivering the goods on a world stage against rivals such as Spain, Germany, Brazil and the Netherlands will be another challenge entirely. You really are as good as your players or your coaching team. A coach can only do so much and it is up to the player or athlete once they are in direct competition.

At a cost of £105 million, will St George's Park, in the grand words of the Duke of Cambridge 'produce a future world beating team?' The jury remains very much out on that one and although having a world-best facility is a considerable step in the right direction, the most pressing matter has to improve the standard of coaching in this country.

Having top class coaching could be the missing ingredient to having the England national team actually challenging at major tournaments. A brighter future may well be on the horizon but let's not be kidded that after nearly a decade of planning, the Football Association has finally constructed a national football centre, that suddenly we will be playing breath taking football. It won't work like that and we remain years behind the elite nations.

If anyone believes that having a football 'home' is going to convert us into world beaters without improvements out on those training pitches and with the mentality and psychology of our footballers then they are mistaken. It will take years to truly measure the success of the project. Even the chairman of St. George's Park himself, the former Ipswich Town chairman David Sheepshanks claimed on opening day that, 'it would take at least a decade or more'.

Of course, the Football Association has in truth handed the coaching of young footballers to the clubs. We are responsible for unearthing our own young talent and nurturing them in the hope of them becoming good enough to play International football.

Clubs will always have their best interests at heart and a host of top clubs continue to see International football as a nuisance to their own objectives. When the majority of their squad are

away on International duty and travelling all over Europe and the world, a manager will be keeping their fingers firmly crossed that they come back unscathed. For instance Arsene Wenger's heart must have dropped when he saw the San Marino goalkeeper clatter into his winger Theo Walcott.

With the introduction of the new Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP), the Premier League clubs possess even more power to groom stars for the future. They will have access to promising young players earlier and will have the power to 'cherry pick' those they may have missed first time around. Smaller clubs, such as Crewe Alexandra, will have to continue to attract youngsters based on reputation and our coaching skills. Kids feel at home here and our coaches are top drawer.

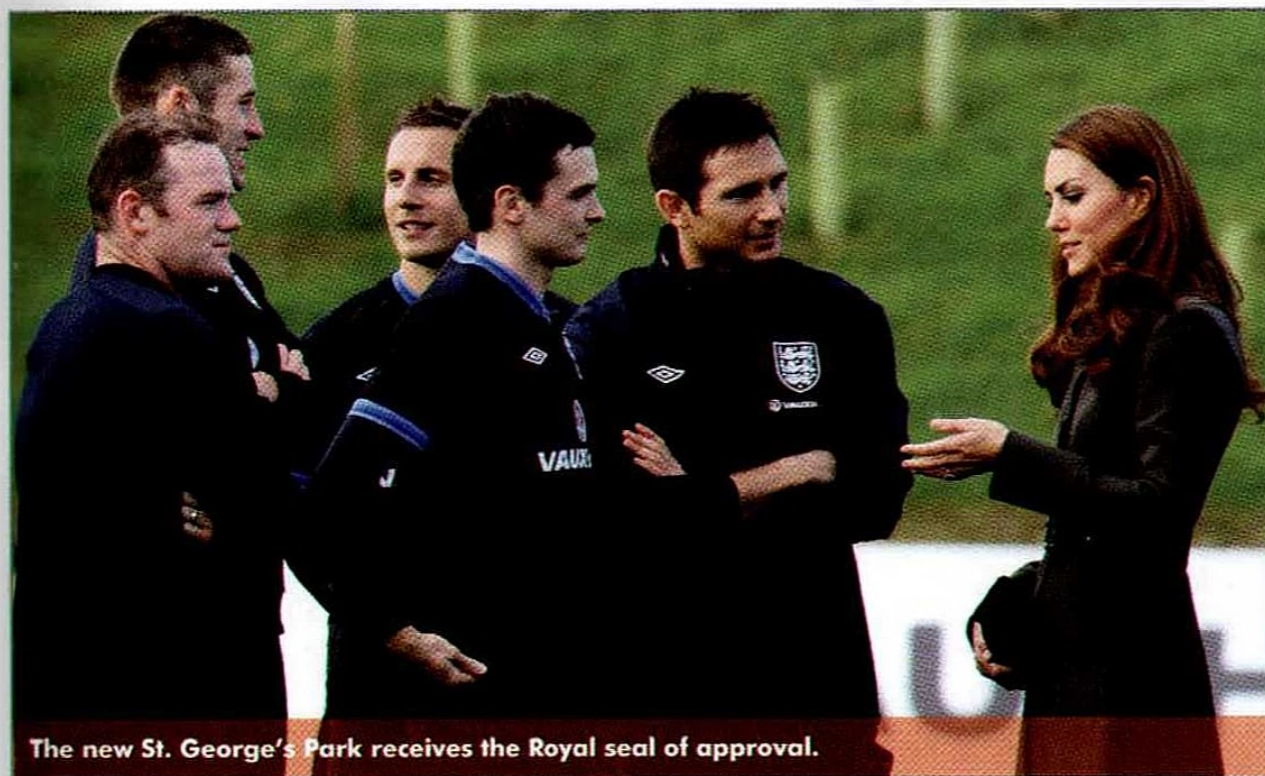
Our Academy is built on the philosophy 'we give kids a chance' and the majority of the parents thankfully understand that. Take our on-loan midfielder Chuks Aneke. At the age of 19, he has played just once for Arsenal, a substitute appearance against Shrewsbury in the League Cup last season.

In contrast, Nick Powell, 18, made 64 appearances for Crewe, scored at Wembley and

broke into the England youth teams before completing a move to Manchester United. It is evident that Powell is closer to Manchester United's first-team squad than Aneke's to Arsenal, so which route to the top level would you choose? Of course, we sincerely hope that Aneke's time with us will help him grow in experience and confidence and he will make the breakthrough at the Emirates Stadium. He knows himself, that with the calibre of players ahead of him that is going to be a tough ask.

Where St. George's Park may help in the development of young players is on the coaching side of things. It is a venue where young, forward-thinking and ambitious coaches may well emerge for the future. The aim is for a further 250,000 coaches to qualify by 2020 with around 700-800 a-year acquiring A, B and Pro-Licences to work at professional clubs.

That is a major step in the right direction with hopefully the best coaches going on to work with the best young players within the academy structure of professional clubs. If that will produce more technical, mentally and tactically aware footballers remains to be seen, but it is a long overdue move that may give us a chance of reaching a major final for the first time since 1966. We have a lot of catching up to do.



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WEEK OF ACTION STARTS THIS WEEKEND

ALEX IN SUPPORT OF KICK IT OUT CAMPAIGN

This season's One Game, One Community weeks of action sees the profile and interest in Kick It Out, the organisation spearheading it, at an all-time high. For a closer look, we caught up with Chair, Lord Herman Ouseley ahead of football's biggest equality and inclusion drive.

"Welcome to Kick It Out's One Game, One Community weeks of action, a 12 day initiative shining a light on some of the positive work 'football people' are doing, to help make our game accessible to all.

"The belief, held by some in positions of power and resource, that racism in football was no longer a concern to justify on going campaigning and educational work, was abruptly exposed, ironically this time last year, as two incidents in the space of a week set the tone for an intense period of activity and scrutiny for Kick It Out which still exists today.

"In light of all of this, there is no basis to suggest that the game is riddled with prejudice, hatred, bigotry and exclusion. The majority of players, officials and fans conduct themselves with dignity and respect for others. Considerable investment by the authorities, leagues, clubs, fans groups and the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) to educate players,

officials and fans have contributed to a measurable year-on-year improvement in combatting discriminatory conduct.

"There is still much to do. That is an undeniable fact. However there has been a demonstrable positive response by the Football Association (FA) and the police in taking decisive appropriate action, wherever necessary against perpetrators in addition to the many awareness-raising education programmes. Those actions, coupled with strong anti-discrimination leadership among many in the game have generated confidence that football can face up successfully to the on going challenges of making the sport genuinely free from inequalities, abuse, harassment and exclusion.

"In this, the 19th year of Kick It Out's existence, we take satisfaction in being able to make a positive contribution, working with partners across the entirety of the game, to make the participation in football as player or spectator an enjoyable experience.

"And to celebrate this, a range of exciting free events have been organised over the coming weeks. From the Kick It Out Cup, in conjunction with Powerleague, which scours the country for the best 5-a-side team in the land, to a panel debate on the rise of social media in football in London on 18 October, and an education event on anti-Semitism in football in Manchester on 24 October, the weeks of action demonstrates the scope and scale of work Kick It Out is involved in and offers opportunities for contribution across the UK.

"On behalf of everyone connected to the campaign, I express warm appreciation and huge thanks to fans, funders, partner organisations, ambassadors, volunteers, clubs and players for their demonstrable commitment to help football's image and with its contributions to the creation of a fair and equal society with enhanced community cohesion. Let's hope this week of action is the best yet."

Lord Herman Ouseley



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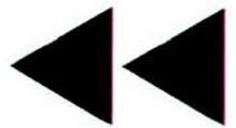
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Elding Jnr is a lucky mascot in rare win



Crewe Alex 1 Swindon Town 0

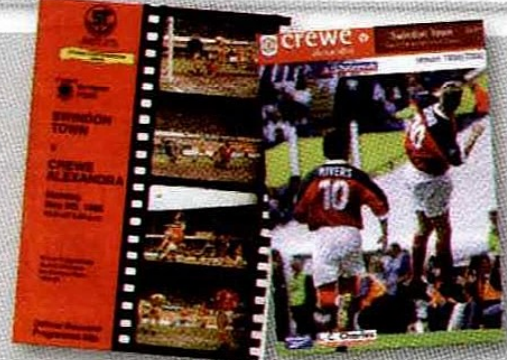
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SWINDON 0 CREWE ALEX 0

stalemate means drags on to end



NO WAY THROUGH: Alan Shearer and goalkeeper John Ruddy combine to thwart Swindon's dangerous Simon Cox at the County Ground.



How they stand

2004-2005 LEAGUE ONE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Sheff Utd	20	9	6	5	22	16	33
Sheff Wed	20	8	7	5	20	15	31
Sheff Wed	20	7	8	5	18	14	29
Sheff Wed	20	6	9	5	16	13	27
Sheff Wed	20	5	10	5	14	12	25
Sheff Wed	20	4	11	5	12	11	23
Sheff Wed	20	3	12	5	10	10	21
Sheff Wed	20	2	13	5	8	9	19
Sheff Wed	20	1	14	5	6	8	17
Sheff Wed	20	0	15	5	4	7	15

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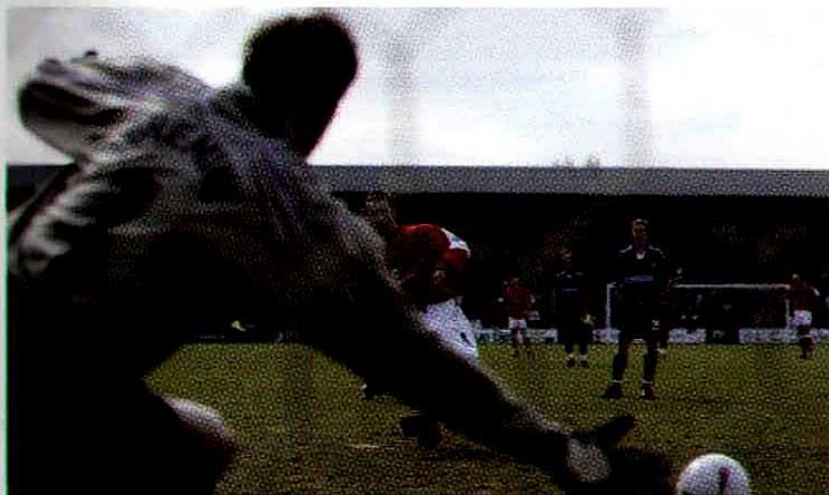
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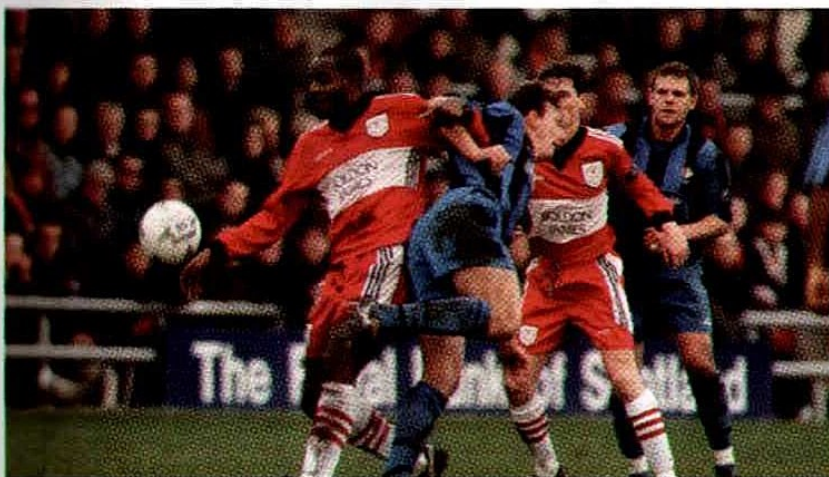
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Billy Paynter sees red after a bust-up with Crewe's Michael O'Connor back in 2008.



Kenny Lunt sees Bart Griemunk go the right way and his penalty hit the post during a 1-0 home defeat back in April 2003.



Dele Adebola tussles with the now sadly passed away Alan McDonald in 1998.

IT'S A FACT

- For those fans who may be superstitious, this evening's game will be the 27th occasion that the two clubs have met in the league. Crewe and Swindon have never faced each other in a cup competition.
- Only in seasons 1995/96, 1998/99 and 2007/08 have Crewe failed to score against Swindon in any of their home fixtures. The meeting in 2007/08 ended goalless.
- Crewe opened last season with a 3-0 defeat at Swindon's County Ground in what was Paolo Di Canio's first game in charge. Crewe got their revenge with a 2-0 home win over the Robins with Nick Powell and Ash Westwood on target.
- For the statistically minded, Di Canio is the 31st manager of Swindon and he will be looking for successive promotions after clinching the League Two title last season.

HEAD TO HEAD

Crewe wins	11
Swindon Wins	11
Draws	4

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3-0 5th February 1983

Biggest Defeat

3-0 6th August 2011

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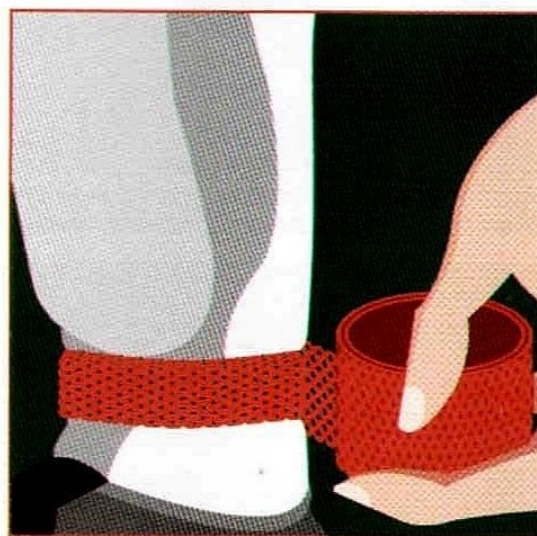
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with **Graham McGarry**



MAX WILL CONTINUE TO LEARN HIS TRADE AT CREWE

Well once again the rumour mill has been working overtime as I recently spotted a story in the "Gooner" where Arsenal had agreed a fee with Crewe for their young striker Max Clayton.

Not surprisingly the social networking sites started to work overtime, but the Alex boss Steve Davis quickly moved to squash the unwanted speculation.

He told BBC Radio Stoke: "We have had no enquiries about the availability of Max Clayton.

"He's not ready to go anywhere. He's just finding his feet with us at the moment. He's got a bit to learn yet before he leaves this football club.

"When the situation is right he will leave to go in somebody's first-team.

"There is no real point him going and playing into a development group when he's playing regularly here. This is the best education he can get."

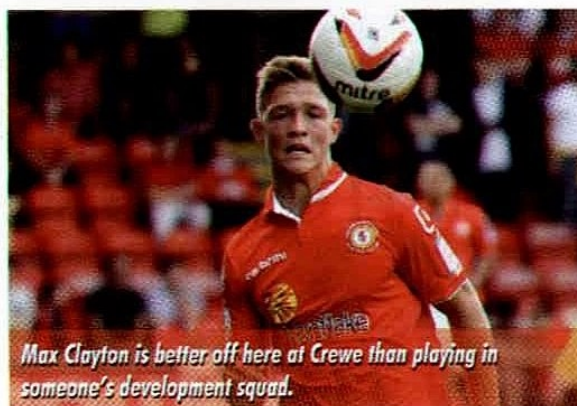
The Crewe born teenager has been a regular starter this season, scoring four goals.

Of course, Max like a number of our players he has ambitions to play at a higher level, and the amount of interest shown in the Alex's academy operation by the first team manager has been backed by the academy co-director James Collins.

Collins said: "The academy would fail if boss Steve Davis did not put his faith in youth.

As many as twelve players from the academy have been on the team sheet this season."

Collins said: "Credit to the manager, that's what we do here. The last manager who didn't do it (Gudjon Thordarson) didn't last long, but



Max Clayton is better off here at Crewe than playing in someone's development squad.

Steve appreciates what this club is about and isn't scared to put them in when he feels they warrant it.

"It wouldn't work if he didn't do that. All the kids have to see they will be given a chance if they earn it.

"From day one he's said if anyone is training particularly well with us they'll train with him. I don't think many managers say that to youth team coaches but he is constantly asking about them."

Tonight we welcome Swindon who of course were last seasons' League Two champions.

The colourful character Paolo Di Canio remains in charge despite a few rumours he could be leaving the County Ground, and I'm sure it'll be another entertaining display from the former Italian great in-and-around his technical area.

Don't forget the fans forum with the managerial team is taking place next month, look out for more details elsewhere in tonight's programme.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Graham

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New Date Set For Meet The Manager

AFTER three tough away games which yielded a win, defeat and last minute draw, its back to home comforts for tonight's meeting with Paolo Di Canio's Swindon Town.

One of football's great characters, Alex fans enjoyed some great banter with Paolo during last season's home game with the Robins, and it was for the most part banter, not the mindless abuse hurled at Dave Jones and Neil Warnock in Friday's Yorkshire derby. Even more sickening was the mindless assault on Sheffield 'keeper Chris Kirkland by a Leeds ??? I won't call him a fan, as football clubs do not want "fans" of this ilk! At the time of writing a 21 year old man had been arrested on "suspicion" of assault! Allegedly he should not have even been in the ground as he was already subject to a banning order!

As we enter the second decade of the twenty first century it is alarming to see incidents of this nature creeping more and more into the match day experience. There will always be an element of "two tribes going to war" at football matches, but it is after all just sport! And a significant element of sport is "sportsmanship!" By all means, get behind your team, sing your songs, banter with the opposition, but please leave out the abuse, vitriol and

hatred. It took the death of 96 supporters to end the practice of penning in supporters liked caged animals. Let's not see the actions of a few take us back to those dark days.

It could be argued that last season's 2-nil defeat of Swindon set the promotion bandwagon well and truly moving! However, The Robins look to have taken to League One look a lot better than we



have. Think you can give the Manager some advice? Well, in association with the football club, we're delighted to announce to confirm a "Meet the Management" night to be held in The Alexandra Suite on Friday, 9th November, with a 7-15pm prompt start.

BBC Radio Stoke's Graham McGarry will host an "Audience with ..." style evening and fans will have the opportunity to put their questions direct to Steve or Neil or through Andy Scoffin

or David Coleman who will be "manning" the roving mikes!

Our aim is to make the evening as informal and enjoyable as possible whilst putting the management "on the spot!" A chip bap supper will be served, and fans will be able to have their picture taken with the Play-Off Trophy*.

Unfortunately, we will need to charge a small entry fee (£5) to cover costs, but we're sure it will be money well spent! Tickets for this event go on sale this weekend, and are available via the ticket office or any member of the committee. Space is limited, so to avoid disappointment, order your tickets now! If you can't make it but have a specific question you'd like raised, do e-mail, tweet or call us via the usual channels.

***Although not obligatory, when having their pictures taken with the trophy, we do hope fans will make a small donation to our adopted charity, which this season is Mid Cheshire Hospitals' One in Eleven Appeal.**

And finally... the event is being held almost a year to the day Steve was appointed, and to be fair it's been some year, so if you don't have any questions, but simply want to show your appreciation of a job well done!

See you there?!

5 KEY MATCHES

with ANDY BOND

Stalybridge Celtic

9th May 2008

After leaving Crewe Alexandra in the summer of 2006, Bond made the switch into the non-league and began to forge quite an impression with Barrow. In the 2007/08 season, Bond would be a key man in Barrow's promotion campaign back to the Blue Square Premier, which culminated in a 1-0 Play-Off Final win over Stalybridge. Matt Henney grabbed the only goal at Burton's Pirelli Stadium after 58 minutes to seal promotion for the Cumbrian side. In the following season, Bond helped the club maintain their place in Blue Square Premier and also enjoyed a run to the third round proper of the F.A. Cup. The trip to Middlesbrough of the Premiership saw 7,000 fans make the trip to Teeside for a wonderful day out where Barrow emerged with considerable credit at the end of a 2-1 defeat.

Stevenage Borough

8th May 2010

By the 2009/10 season, Bond was now hot on the radar of several Football League sides, especially after an impressive display in an F.A. Cup tie defeat at Sunderland. But Bond would stay and help the club to a memorable win at Wembley. After wins over Kettering Town, Maidenhead United, Gateshead, York City and Salisbury City, Barrow were through to the Final of the F.A. Trophy, where their opponents in the Final were Blue Square Premier champions Stevenage Borough. Bond

certainly won't forget this day as a stunning extra-time strike from Jason Walker earned Barrow their first FA Trophy win in 20 years, as they came from behind to beat Stevenage Borough. Andrew Drury gave Boro the lead at Wembley with a sweet 20-yard strike before team mate David Bridges was sent off for a challenge on Bond. Lee McEvilly headed an equaliser but Barrow's Robin Hulbert was red carded after an elbow on Charlie Griffin. A dramatic clash then had the finish it deserved as Walker fired in the winner.

Sheffield Wednesday

14th August 2010

Just a matter of months later, Bond was now a League One player after joining Colchester United. After making his debut on the opening day of the season at Exeter, Bond netted his first U's goal against Sheffield Wednesday the following week with a sweet strike from the edge of the box. Neil Mellor rescued a point for the Owls, but Bond had certainly made an impression for the Colchester fans. That strike was one of eight he got for the U's in his first year in Essex.

Crewe Alexandra

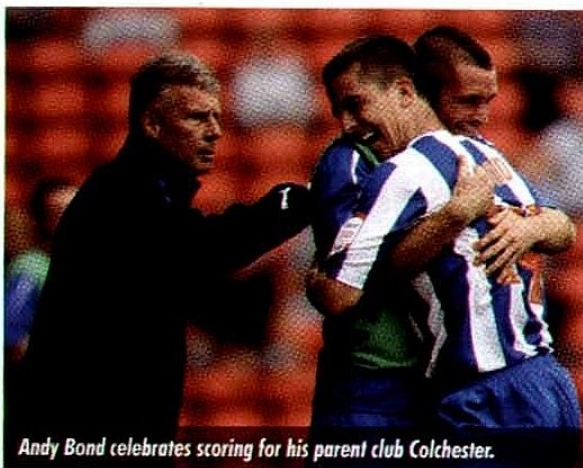
12th November 2011

After leaving the Alex as a youngster, Bond finally got his chance to show his former club what they had missed out on in an F.A. Cup first round tie last year. While Byron Moore gave the Alex the lead, four second-half goals from Colchester, including a Bond strike condemned the Alex to defeat in what was Steve Davis' first-game in charge of the Alex. Lloyd James got two for Colchester, as well as another strike from Ben Coker to seal an impressive comeback for the U's, one that Bond will certainly have enjoyed.

MK Dons

29th September 2012

Bond finally got his chance to show Alex fans what he could do in a Crewe shirt, after joining the club on loan in the September of this year. Bond came into the Alex side for their trip the Stadium MK and replaced Abdul Osman in the Crewe midfield. While the Alex suffered a 1-0 defeat, with Charlie MacDonald scoring for the Dons, this game finally gave Bond the chance to make his debut for the club he had been at as a youngster.



Andy Bond celebrates scoring for his parent club Colchester.

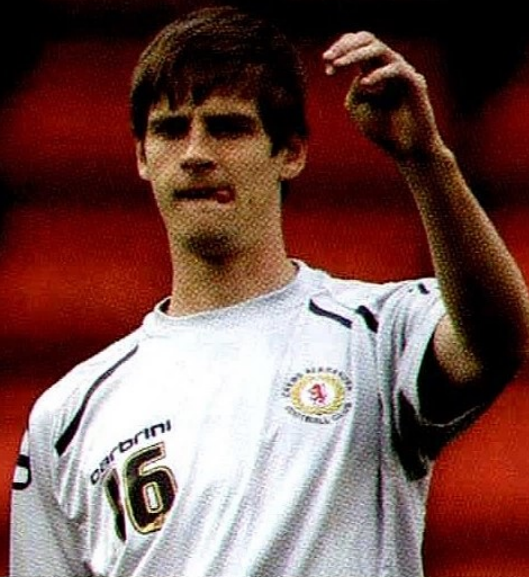
NUMBERS GAME

Andy Bond

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| 89 | League Appearances for Colchester |
| 10 | Goals scored for the U's in the league |
| 1 | Yellow card picked up for the Railwaymen |
| 28 | Bond's squad number at the Alex |
| 77 | Minute Bond scored in against Crewe last season |
| 26 | Bond's age going in to the current campaign |
| 6 | Appearances for Crewe since arriving on loan |
| 2,821,219 | Number of 007 puns Bond has heard in his career |



Young centre-half Jon Guthrie has been a regular for the club's Under-21 squad.



DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FIXTURES 2012/13

FA UNDER-18 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2 NORTH

Sat 18th August	Huddersfield Town (H) (Liam Wilson, Dominic Smith)	L 3-2
Sat 25th August	Sheffield Wednesday (A) (Ryan Colclough, Brandon Moores, Fraser Murdoch)	W 3-2
Sat 1st September	Leicester City (H)	L 2-1 (Saunders)
Sat 15th September	Sheffield United (A) (Dominic Smith, Billy Waters)	D 2-2
Sat 22nd September	Coventry City (H) (Jones (pen), Saunders)	W 2-1
Sat 29th September	Derby County (A) (Jones (P), Saunders)	W 2-1
Sat 6th October	Wigan Athletic (A) (Moores, Saunders, Jones, Smith)	W 4-0
Sat 20th October	Birmingham City (A) (Wilson, Saunders)	W 0-2
Sat 27th October	Nottingham Forest (H)	
Sat 3th November	Huddersfield Town (A)	
Sat 17th November	Leeds United (H)	
Sat 1st December	Leicester City (A)	
Sat 8th December	Wolves (H)	
Sat 12th January	Barnsley (H)	
Sat 19th January	Coventry City (A)	
Sat 26th January	Sheffield United (H)	
Sat 9th February	Derby County (A)	
Sat 23rd February	Wigan Athletic (H)	
Sat 2nd March	Birmingham City (H)	
Sat 9th March	Nottingham Forest (A)	
Sat 16th March	Leeds United (A)	
Sat 30th March	Sheffield Wednesday (H)	
Sat 6th April	Barnsley (A)	

FA UNDER-21 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2 NORTH

Wed August 22nd	Huddersfield Town (A) (Billy Watters, Harry Clayton)	W 2-0
Mon August 27th	Sheffield Wednesday (H) (Colclough, West, Daniels, Turton)	W 4-1
Mon September 3rd	Leicester City (A)	L 4-0
Mon September 17th	Sheffield United (H)	L 1-0
Mon September 24th	Coventry City (A) (Colclough (2))	D 2-2
Mon October 1st	Derby County (A) (H. Clayton (pen), Daniels)	L 4-2
Mon October 8th	Wigan Athletic (H) (Ray)	D 1-1
Wed October 24th	Birmingham City (H)	1pm KO
Mon October 29th	Nottingham Forest (A)	2pm KO
Wed November 7th	Huddersfield Town (H)	1pm KO
Mon November 19th	Leeds United (A)	KO TBC
Mon December 3rd	Leicester City (H)	1pm KO
Mon January 14th	Barnsley (A)	1pm KO
Mon January 21st	Coventry City (H)	1pm KO
Mon January 28th	Sheffield United (A)	1pm KO
Mon February 11th	Derby County (H)	1pm KO
Mon February 25th	Wigan Athletic (A)	2pm KO
Mon March 4th	Birmingham City (A)	1pm KO
Wed March 13th	Nottingham Forest (H)	1pm KO
Tue March 19th	Leeds United (H)	1pm KO
Sat March 30th	Sheffield Wednesday (A)	11am KO
Mon April 8th	Barnsley (H)	1pm KO

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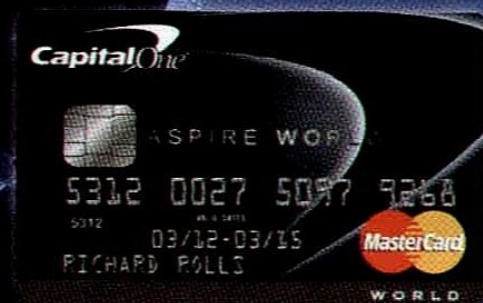
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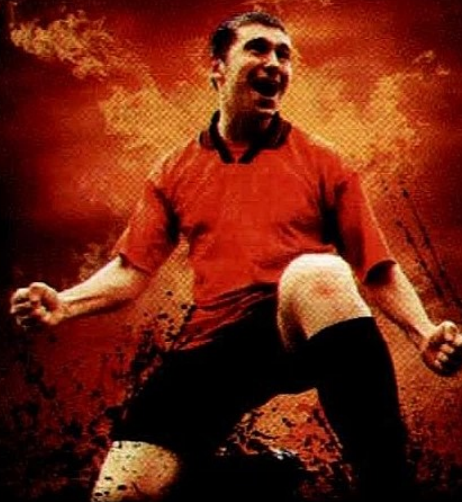
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NEWS

Alex Youngsters' Prepare For Youth Cup Tie With Carlisle

JOINT Crewe Alexandra Academy Director Neil Critchley is encouraging Alex fans to come and support the club's F.A. Youth Cup campaign. The Alex have been handed a home draw in the first-round of the competition and host Carlisle United at Gresty Road next week.

After two away ties in the competition last season, next Wednesday's tie gives Crewe fans the chance to cast their eye over the next batch of the club's academy starlets.

Critchley told the Matchday Magazine: "It is great to have a home draw, and it gives our fans a chance to come down and see the boys. We normally have a decent crowd that come down for the F.A. Youth Cup games because they are excited to see our young players, because they know that if they are good enough they will get their chance in the first-team."

But Crewe can expect a tough evening against the Cumbrians. While in previous years the club have been eased into the competition with a tie against a non-league side, getting past Carlisle in the First-Round will resemble quite an obstacle for Critchley, and his fellow Academy Director James Collins.

"At this stage of the Youth Cup, I don't think you will get a tougher test than a tie with Carlisle United," explained Critch. "We played them a couple of years ago at their place and had a very difficult night, and I expect nothing less this time round."

"Eric Kinder, the Head of Youth Development, up there has done a terrific job. He has got a good reputation and a lot of experience. Carlisle are doing well in their youth league, so it will be a tough night."

Kinder, who's side have had some impressive wins over the likes of

Preston and Blackpool at U18 level this season, also admits that the draw is not a kind one for his side.

Speaking to Carlisle United's official website, Kinder said: "It's probably one of the hardest draws you could get in the first round. They have a fantastic history when it comes to bringing their youth players through and it's one which will be a real challenge for us."

"We will go down there full of confidence and we'll have a right good go at it. If we progress then we will know that we are definitely heading along the right lines."

It all bodes for a tense night at Gresty Road, so if you want to get a glimpse of the future of Crewe Alexandra Football Club, why not make your way down to the Alexandra Stadium on October 31st.

The game has a kick-off time of 7pm, and tickets are priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

CREWE ALEXANDRA v YEOVIL TOWN
NPOWER LEAGUE 1
27/09/12 - KICK OFF 3PM

	Match Prices	Members
Adults	£20.00	£16.50
Senior Citizens	£16.00	£13.00
12-16yrs	£9.50	£7.00
Under 11's	£5.50	£4.00
Disabled	£16.00	£13.00

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INFO

Crewe won the last outing between the two clubs 2-0
with John Brayford and Clayton Donaldson on target at
Gresty Road.



DONCASTER ROVERS v CREWE ALEXANDRA
NPOWER LEAGUE 1
06/11/12 - KICK OFF 7.45PM

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	Pre Match	Match Day
Adults	£20.00	£21.00
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17-20 years	£11.00	£12.00
12-16years	£8.00	£8.00
Under 11	£5.00	£5.00
Disabled	£15.00	£16.00

Coaches depart at **15.30am** and is priced at
Season Ticket Holders & Members **£15.00**
Non Season Ticket Holders **£16.00**

INFO

Crewe defeated Doncaster 8-0 in a League Trophy clash back
in December 2002 with Dean Ashton scoring a hat-trick.



AHEAD OF THE GAME

YEovil TOWN

WHO? Yeovil Town

WHERE? The Alexandra Stadium

WHEN?

Saturday 27th October

Kick Off 3pm

COMPETITION?

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LAST TIME WE MET?

Crewe Alexandra 2

Yeovil Town 0

Tuesday 24th February

Scorers: Donaldson (45), Brayford (79)

An amazing blunder by keeper Josh Wagenaar helped Crewe on the way to three points as they continued to fight against relegation from League One.

Just before half-time, Wagenaar's punch fell to Byron Moore on the edge of the box and his shot was turned in by Clayton Donaldson.

Worse was to follow for the Yeovil keeper though when he failed to hold on to a harmless 79th-minute cross from John Brayford and somehow turned it into his own net.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Huish Slope?

Mention Huish to any old-timers and one of the first things that they would speak of was the slope: "Have you still got your sloping pitch?" is a common question asked to many a Glovers fan. Exactly how big the slope at Yeovil's former ground was is now steeped in folklore.

The more conservative estimates were of a six foot side-to-side drop, whilst others recorded it at eight foot when measured from corner-to-corner.

Yeovil Town's most famous manager, Alec Stock, who went on to an impressive managerial career with QPR and Fulham, was aware of the myth that surrounded the slope and the opportunities for mind games with the opposition, and so was happy to see the newspapers exaggerate it ahead of FA Cup matches during his time at Huish in the late 1940s.

Huish's most famous moment came on January 29th, 1949 as the club's growing reputation as FA Cup giantkillers was crystalised. A total of 17,123 spectators – a club attendance record that is unlikely to ever be broken – crammed in to watch Yeovil Town beat Sunderland in the Fourth Round of the competition.

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Gary Johnson

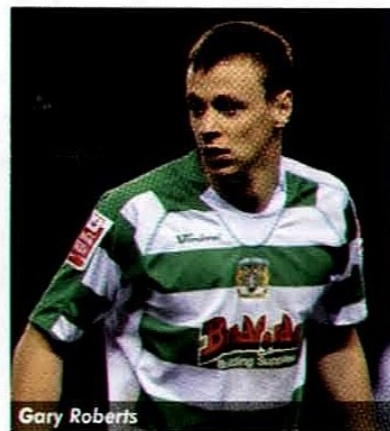
HE PLAYED FOR BOTH?

Gary Roberts

As a youngster, Roberts was tipped as another big name to come through the Crewe Alexandra Academy, and made his debut for the club aged only 16 as a substitute in a win over Burnley.

He would make over 130 appearances for the club, before leaving for Yeovil in 2009, on an initial loan deal. He would make that move permanent soon after, but only spend a year with the Glovers before moving on to Rotherham and then Port Vale.

After 18 months with Vale, Roberts moved on again and is now plying his trade in the non-league with Mansfield Town.



Gary Roberts



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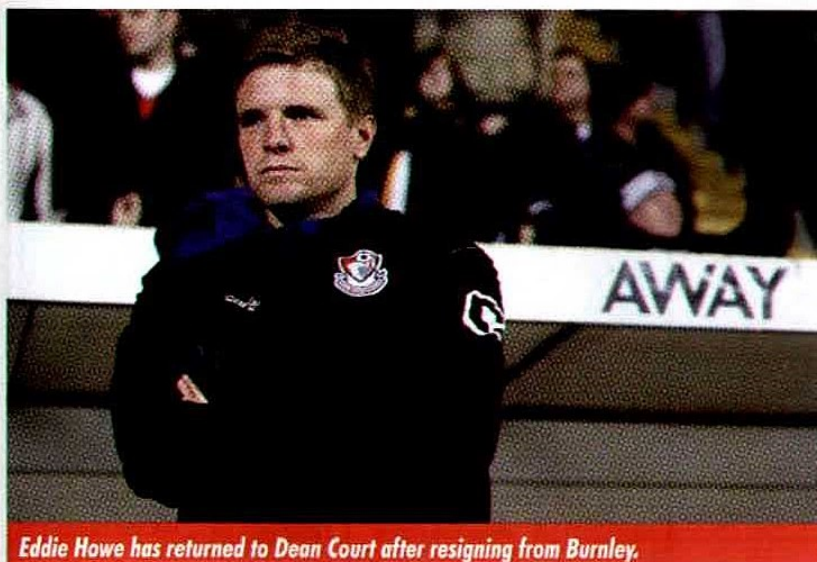
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LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

Howe Makes A Surprise Resurface At Bournemouth



Eddie Howe has returned to Dean Court after resigning from Burnley.

IN January 2011, Eddie Howe parted company with League One side Bournemouth to take over at Championship side Burnley. Last week, Howe returned home in a sensational move.

The 34-year-old, who played more than 250 times for the Cherries, had been in charge of Burnley for nearly two years after his first spell with the Cherries.

In that spell he kept Bournemouth in the Football League in his first season in charge before leading them to promotion in 2010 on a limited budget. He left for Burnley in January 2011, but leaves with the Lancashire club 16th in the Championship.

It is a move which has certainly turned a few heads, but Howe is now relishing of the prospect of his second spell at the Goldsands Stadium.

Howe said: "I had to do it for my family. It's been a difficult six months for me and I hope the Burnley fans understand. It's been a difficult week, but walking through the door again it felt like we had never been away, but there have been a lot of changes here especially in the infrastructure so we've been really impressed."

Ambitious Bournemouth have spent millions of pounds in the past two years improving the club's training facilities and stadium, as well as investing heavily in their playing squad.

"It's a different challenge and we are aware of the pitfalls those challenges bring," added Howe.

"The expectations here have gone through the roof and we really need the supporters to get behind us. We need to unite the club, staff, players

and most importantly the supporters."

Tonight Howe's Bournemouth will take on Notts County, a side that will be out to give their fans some home cheer after a disappointing 4-1 defeat to Sheffield United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last week.

Among the Sheffield United goal scorers was former Alex man Shaun Miller, who netted twice. Those goals were Miller's first since September of last year, and speaking after the game, the Alsager born forward was understandably delighted.

"I was delighted to get some game time and show the fans what I could do. I was thrilled to get the goals. Goals are a big part of my game and I'd like to think I am decent finisher so I am delighted those two went in."

"Hopefully I have given the manager some food for thought. Every time I get on the pitch I want to impress the manager and give the manager a reason to think about me."

Another former Alex man has also been in the headlines, this time for all the wrong reasons. Brentford man Clayton Donaldson allegedly received a racist tweet following a recent game against Scunthorpe.

A Brentford club statement: "Brentford FC has been made aware of a racial comment posted on Twitter about Clayton Donaldson. We take all forms of discrimination very seriously and will seek to take action against the person concerned."

ALEX PROGRESS - SEASON 2012/13

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	KICK-OFF	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	FIRST X3										
Sat August 11	Hartlepool United (Capital One Cup 1)	H	15:00	W 5-0	2,501	Martin A.	Davis	Westwood	Ellis	Dugdale	Clayton M. 2	Pogba 2	Leitch-Smith 1	Moore		
Sat August 18	Notts. County	H	15:00	L 2-1	5,718	Martin A.	Davis (14)	Westwood	Ellis	Dugdale	Clayton M.	Pogba 1	Leitch-Smith	Moore		
Tue August 21	Scunthorpe United	A	19:45	W 1-2	3,215	Martin A.	Davis	Westwood	Ellis	Dugdale	Murphy 1	Pogba (25)	Leitch-Smith (18)	Moore		
Sat August 25	Brentford	A	15:00	L 1-5	4,858	Martin A.	Davis	Westwood	Ellis	Dugdale	Murphy	Pogba 1	Leitch-Smith (25)	Moore		
Wed August 29	West Ham Utd (Capital One Cup 2)	A	19:45	L 0-2	18,053	Martin A.	Davis	Westwood	Ellis (11)	Clayton M.	Murphy	Leitch-Smith	Moore	Mellor	Robertson	
Sat September 1	Coventry City	H	15:00	W 1-0	5,738	Martin A.	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M. 1	Murphy	Leitch-Smith	Moore	Mellor	Robertson		
Sat September 8	Tranmere Rovers	H	15:00	D 0-0	5,746	Martin A.	Davis	Ellis	Clayton (7)	Murphy	Leitch-Smith (18)	Moore	Mellor	Robertson		
Sat September 15	Stevenage	A	15:00	D 2-2	2,826	Martin A.	Davis	Ellis	Clayton	Murphy	Leitch-Smith 2	Moore	Mellor	Robertson		
Tue September 18	Carlisle United	A	19:45	D 0-0	3,519	Martin A.	Tootle (12)	Davis	Ellis	Robertson	Murphy	Mellor	Ozaman	Clayton		
Sat September 22	Leyton Orient	H	15:00	D 1-1	5,183	Martin A.	Tootle 1	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M.	Murphy	Leitch-Smith	Mellor	Robertson		
Sat September 29	Milton Keynes Dons	A	15:00	L 0-1	11,037	Martin A.	Tootle (12)	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M. (22)	Murphy	Leitch-Smith (9)	Moore	Mellor		
Tue October 2	Oldham Athletic	H	19:45	L 0-2	3,935	Martin A.	Tootle (27)	Davis	Ellis	Murphy	Pogba	Leitch-Smith	Mellor	Robertson		
Sat October 6	Hartlepool United	H	15:00	W 1-0	4,300	Martin A.	Tootle	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M. (15)	Murphy	Pogba	Leitch-Smith (8)	Mellor		
Tue October 9	Shrewsbury (JPT 2)	A	15:00	W 2-1	2,063	Martin A.	Tootle	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M. 1	Murphy 1	Pogba	Leitch-Smith	Mellor		
Sat October 13	Portsmouth	A	15:00	L 0-2	11,829	Martin A.	Tootle	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M.	Murphy	Pogba	Leitch-Smith (11)	Mellor		
Sat October 20	Walsall	A	15:00	D 2-2	3,836	Martin A.	Tootle (15)	Davis	Ellis	Clayton M. (26)	Murphy 1	Pogba	Moore	Mellor		
Tue October 23	Swindon Town	H	19:45													
Sat October 27	Yeovil Town	H	15:00													
Sat November 3	Wycombe Wanderers (F.A. Cup 1)	H	15:00													
Tue November 6	Doncaster Rovers	A	19:45													
Sat November 10	Colchester United	H	15:00													
Sat November 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	15:00													
Tue November 20	Sheffield United	A	19:45													
Sat November 24	Crawley Town	H	15:00													
Sat December 1	F.A. Cup 2															
Tue December 4	Doncaster Rovers (JPT W/QF)	H	19:30													
Sat December 8	Preston North End	A	15:00													
Sat December 15	Bury	H	15:00													
Sat December 22	A.E.C. Bournemouth	H	15:00													
Wed December 26	Tranmere Rovers	A	15:00													
Sat December 29	Oldham Athletic	A	15:00													
Tue January 1	Carlisle United	H	15:00													
Sat January 5	Stevenage / F.A. Cup 3	H	15:00													
Sat January 12	Leyton Orient	A	15:00													
Sat January 19	Milton Keynes Dons	H	15:00													
Sat January 26	A.E.C. Bournemouth / F.A. Cup 4	A	15:00													
Sat February 2	Scunthorpe United	H	15:00													
Sat February 9	Notts. County	A	15:00													
Sat February 16	Brentford / F.A. Cup 5	H	15:00													
Sat February 23	Coventry City	A	15:00													
Tue February 26	Hartlepool United	A	19:45													
Sat March 2	Portsmouth	H	15:00													
Sat March 9	Colchester United / F.A. Cup 6	A	15:00													
Tue March 12	Sheffield United	H	19:45													
Sat March 16	Shrewsbury Town	H	15:00													
Sat March 23	Crawley Town	A	15:00													
Sat March 29	Bury	A	15:00													
Mon April 1	Preston North End	H	15:00													
Sat April 6	Swindon Town	A	15:00													
Sat April 13	Doncaster Rovers / F.A. Cup Semi-Final	H	15:00													
Sat April 20	Yeovil Town	A	15:00													
Sat April 27	Walsall	H														
Sat May 11	F.A. Cup Final															

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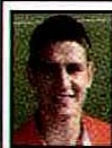
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Robertson	Osman	Garratt	Clayton M. (1)	Turton	Mellor	Ray	Daniels	Burns (2)
Robertson (7)	Osman	Garratt	Clayton M. (1)	Turton	Mellor	Ray	Daniels	Osman (2)
Robertson	Burns (1)	Garratt	Dugdale	Turton	Dugdale	Ray	Daniels	West
Osman	Burns (2)	Garratt	Toole	Dugdale	Turton	Dugdale	Daniels	Aneke (1)
Osman	Burns (3)	Garratt	Toole	Dugdale	Turton	Dugdale	Daniels	Aneke (2)
Osman	Aneke	Garratt	Toole	Dugdale	Turton	Dugdale	Daniels	Colclough
Leitch-Smith	Moore	Garratt	Dugdale	Turton	Dugdale	Ray	Daniels	Colclough
Daniels (2)	Osman (2)	Garratt	Turton (1)	Dugdale	Ray	Clayton B.	Colclough (1)	
Robertson	Bond	Garratt	Pogba	Turton	Dugdale	Ray	Daniels	Colclough (2)
Aneke (1)	Bond	Garratt	Turton	Dugdale	Ray	Daniels	Clayton M. (2)	Waters
Aneke (1)	Bond	Garratt	Dugdale	Turton	Robertson	Ray	Daniels (2)	Waters
Aneke (1)	Bond	Garratt	Dugdale	Turton	Robertson	Daniels		
Aneke	Bond	Garratt	Dugdale	Moore	Turton	Robertson	Dugdale	Daniels
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Tranmere	13	5	1	0	16	4	4	2	1	14	7	+19	30
2 Stevenage	13	2	4	0	10	7	5	1	1	8	4	+7	26
3 Shelf Utd	13	2	4	0	9	6	4	3	0	8	4	+7	25
4 Crawley	13	4	0	2	12	11	4	1	2	8	7	+2	25
5 Notts Co	13	3	0	3	9	6	4	3	0	14	6	+11	24
6 Swindon	13	3	2	2	11	5	3	2	1	7	7	+6	22
7 Doncaster	12	3	1	2	7	7	3	2	1	9	4	+5	21
8 MK Dons	13	4	2	1	9	4	1	3	2	6	5	+6	20
9 Preston	13	3	2	2	13	6	2	1	3	8	10	+5	18
10 Brentford	13	4	1	1	10	5	0	5	2	7	9	+3	18
11 Portsmouth	13	3	1	3	10	8	2	2	2	11	12	+1	18
12 Walsall	13	2	2	3	10	12	3	1	2	7	7	-2	18
13 Oldham	12	2	3	2	9	7	2	1	2	4	4	+2	16
14 Yeovil	13	3	1	3	9	8	2	0	4	12	12	+1	16
15 Colchester	13	3	3	1	11	7	1	1	4	2	9	-3	16
16 Leyton Orient	13	3	0	3	6	5	2	1	4	5	10	-4	16
17 Carlisle	13	1	2	3	6	13	3	2	2	8	9	-8	16
18 Bournemouth	13	2	4	1	11	8	1	1	4	6	14	-5	14
19 Crewe	13	2	2	2	5	6	1	3	3	7	13	-7	14
20 Shrewsbury	13	3	1	2	7	4	0	3	4	6	11	-2	13
21 Coventry	13	1	3	3	8	10	1	2	3	5	10	-7	11
22 Scunthorpe	13	1	2	3	5	11	1	2	4	4	10	-12	10
23 Hartlepool	13	1	3	3	7	8	0	1	5	3	14	-12	7
24 Bury	13	0	2	4	3	10	0	3	4	9	15	-13	5

1ST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 2012/13

	PLAYER	APPEARANCES					GOALS						
		Lge	CIC	JPT	FAC	P/O	Tot	Lge	CIC	JPT	FAC	P/O	Tot
26	Chuks Aneke	4+2	-	1	-	-	5+2	2	-	-	-	-	2
24	Paris Bateman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Andy Bond	4	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Harry Bunn	2+2	1	-	-	-	3+2	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Harry Clayton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Max Clayton	10+3	2	1	-	-	13+3	1	2	1	-	-	4
27	Ryan Colclough	0+2	-	-	-	-	0+2	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Brendan Daniels	2+3	0+1	0+1	-	-	2+5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Harry Davis	13	2	1	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Adam Dugdale	3+1	1+1	-	-	-	4+2	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Mark Ellis	13	2	1	-	-	16	1	-	-	-	-	1
21	Ben Garratt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Jon Guthrie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Alan Martin	13	2	1	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Kelvin Mellor	10+1	1	1	-	-	12+1	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Byron Moore	8+1	2	-	-	-	10+1	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Luke Murphy	12+1	1+1	1	-	-	14+2	2	-	1	-	-	3
19	Abdul Osman	9	1+1	-	-	-	10+1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Steve Phillips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Mathias Pogba	7+1	1	1	-	-	9+1	2	2	-	-	-	4
17	George Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Gregor Robertson	10+1	2	-	-	-	12+1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Ajay Leitch-Smith	12	2	1	-	-	15	3	1	-	-	-	4
2	Matt Toole	7+2	-	1	-	-	8+2	1	-	-	-	-	1
12	Oliver Turton	0+4	0+2	-	-	-	0+6	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Billy Waters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Michael West	0+1	-	-	-	-	0+1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Ashley Westwood	3	2	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Andy White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opponents													
TOTAL GOALS							12	5	2	-	-	19	

TODAY'S SQUADS

Referee: C. Pawson
Assistant Referees: R. Merchant and N. Gibbons
Fourth Official: P. Graham



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SWINDON TOWN

Manager: **PAOLO DI CANIO**

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