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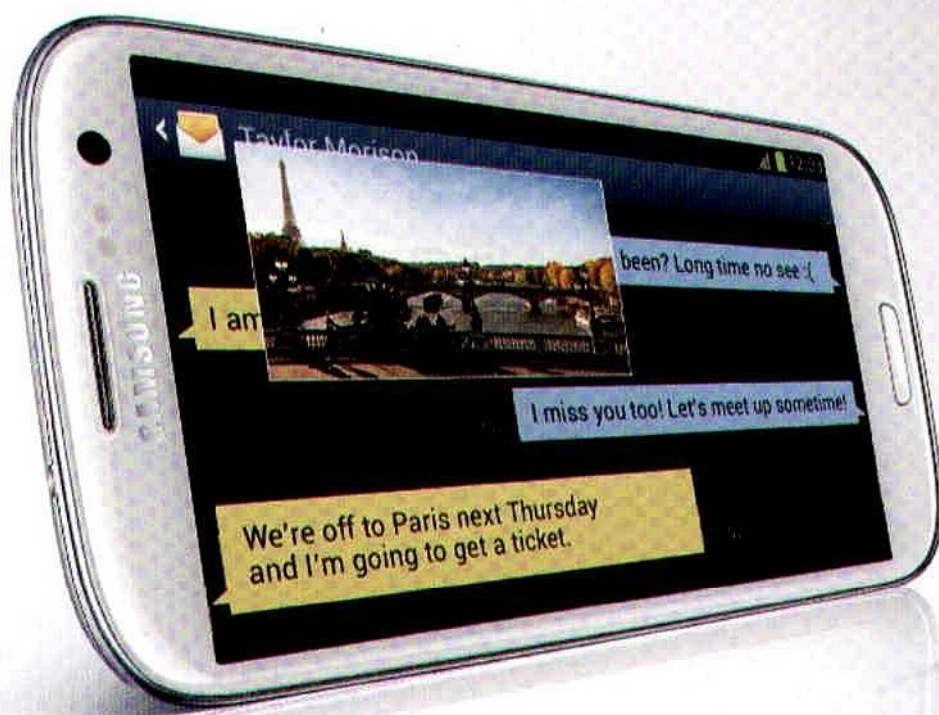
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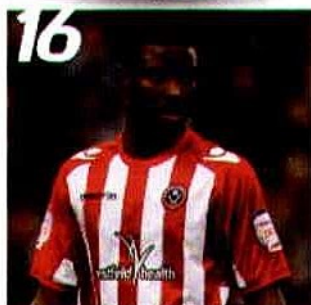
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Paolo Di Canio looks back on Saturday's defeat, talks about extra players for the Town squad and why a win tonight would be extra special with three League One points at stake...



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On injuries...

WE will be missing a few players through injury again this evening. Hopefully a few of the ones that are out tonight will be back over the next few weeks but we will have to make the most of what we have. Alan McCormack, Tommy Miller are out but Troy Archibald-Henville should be okay. The fixture schedule in England is heavy and we have had a lot of games recently, but we have a free week next week. The plan is that we will put the players through a mini pre-season which can help us going into the Christmas period because we want to be strong and fresh as we go through into January.

On Flint's red card...

I don't want to judge the decision. Aden Flint was booked and sent off in the last few games. In the second half we didn't challenge on the ground and he made a bad tackle. I don't want to judge whether it was a red card, but it destroyed the last half an hour. Perhaps it looked worse than it was but we have to respect the rules.

On tonight's visitors...



WE have to make a performance. Our record against high level teams is good and if we win then that would be fantastic. We must approach the game in the right way and a draw would not be a bad result.

Danny Wilson, who was manager during my time in Sheffield, will be back at Swindon tonight. I saw him at the LMA meeting at the start of the season and I have no problem with him. This evening I will smile and greet him because we will both be on the touchline as managers and have our jobs to do.

On early training...

WE had the players back in for training on Sunday morning at 7.30am, after going out of the FA Cup on Saturday to Macclesfield Town. I am the guide of the group and have to lead them. I have tried to encourage the players because the players have to understand what's going on. The session on Sunday was good but coming in early it was a punishment for them. I had warned the players prior to the games against Colchester, Leyton Orient and Macclesfield but they didn't listen and it didn't work as

we saw from the FA Cup result. The players have to understand what a privilege it is to be a professional footballer. We had a meeting with them on Sunday too and it was positive.

On the captaincy....

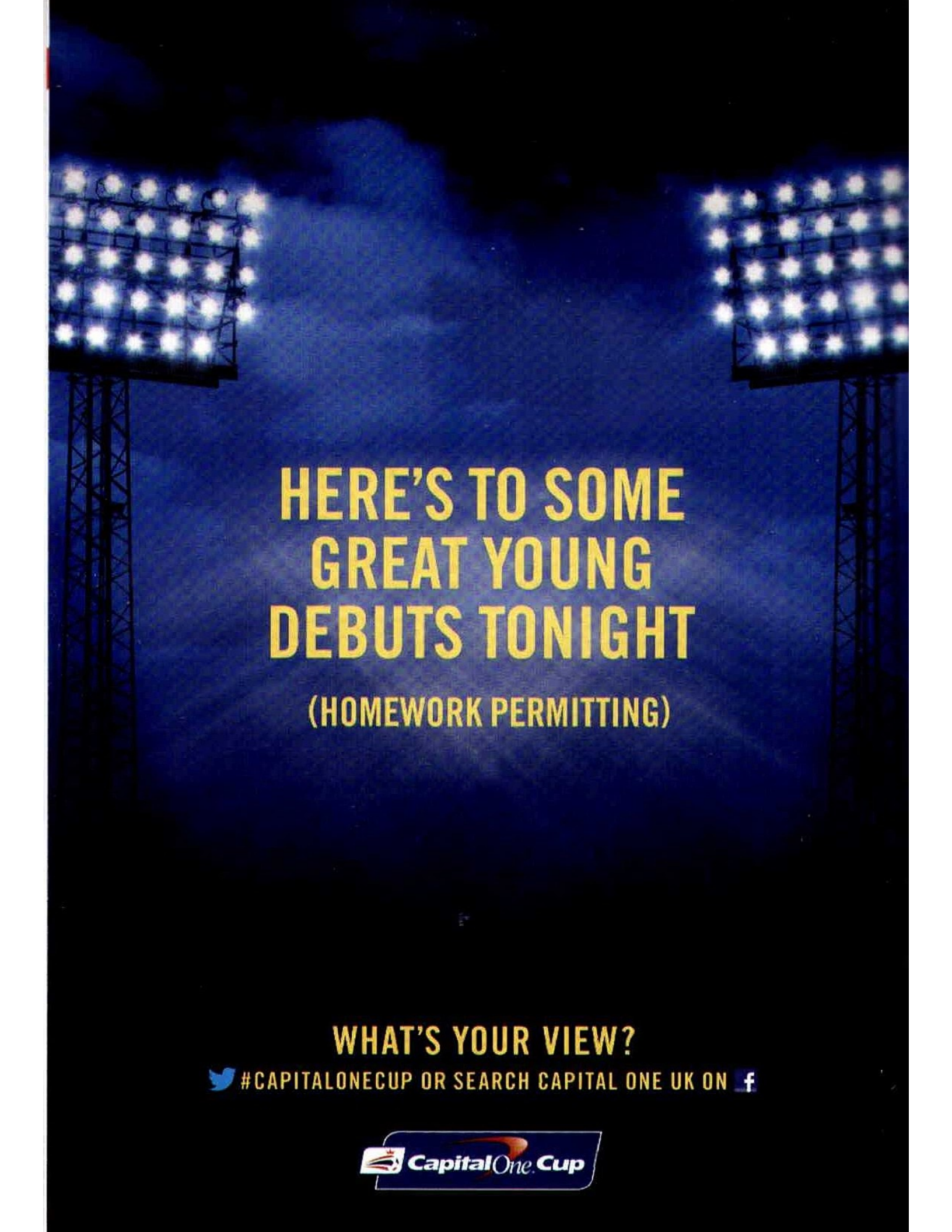
SIMON Ferry is a very intelligent guy and he deserved to have the captain's armband on Saturday against Macclesfield. We were without Alan and Tommy on Saturday and I chose Simon. He is fully committed all the time and this is why he will be captain again this evening.

In reflection...



IT was a very bad performance and we didn't play to the levels. We had a few chances in the first half but we didn't take them. I warned the players that this game would be difficult. You can teach the young players but the older players – it's difficult to change the mentality. I said this would be a difficult game and I was right. I want to change the mentality here. In some way they did well until a few weeks ago, but I cannot accept with this kind of attitude. The first goal was from long distance and finished in the net but my goalkeeper should have saved it. It was a fantastic strike from distance with precision. It is typical to strike from distance in England.



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Simon Ferry...

Tonight it's back to the league against Sheffield United after what was a very disappointing day all round on Saturday in the FA Cup against Macclesfield Town...

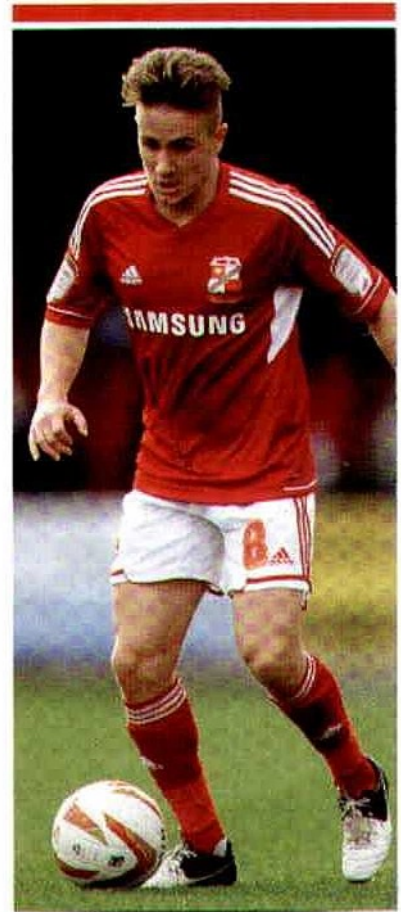
IT was a shocking result at the weekend and the lads were pretty disgusted with the performance after the game in the dressing room. Macclesfield probably wanted it more than us and we do ourselves justice with a poor performance. We are all disappointed to be out of the FA Cup at such an early stage but we now have to get back to league duty and get things going again.

The gaffer asked me to be captain before Saturday's game and I was delighted to accept the armband with Macca and Tommy out with injury. I have been here for a while now and that probably played a part in why I was asked, but I just went out there and tried to play as I usually do. I try and talk a lot on the pitch anyway and I have probably learned a bit from the other captains we have had here as well.

The lads were all in very early on Sunday morning for training at Liddington. The gaffer told us after the game on Saturday that he wanted us in for half seven in the morning and it was dark when I got up. I even got up before my kid which was probably a first. When we got to training we watched the whole DVD from Saturday's FA Cup game and talked through what went wrong and what areas can be improved upon. As players we win as a team so we know we have to lose as a team as well. We will continue to work hard and hopefully with that sort of application and discipline we will continue to make strides in the league now.

Tonight is the perfect chance to make up for Saturday for the fans and the club. A win this evening would make up for going out of the FA Cup. Our home form hasn't been as good as we would have liked this season, whereas our away form has been pretty good. When you look back at the teams we have beaten here this season, such as Brighton & Hove Albion, Burnley and MK Dons, it shows we can do it. We must draw from those experiences and get back to the level of performance that we know we can.

The support has been great over recent weeks and the players really appreciate that backing. We had a capacity crowd in for the Aston Villa game seven days ago and had over 6,000 at the FA Cup game against Macclesfield at the weekend. Hopefully we can get back to winning ways at home tonight and put a smile back on a few faces.



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In The News...



The busy schedule of games will continue into November, with a date now confirmed for the FA Youth Cup...

A Movember to remember...

SWINDON Town, The Football League and its Official Charity Partner for the 2012/13 season, Prostate Cancer UK, are asking supporters to grow a moustache in support of Movember (the month formerly known as November), the moustache growing charity event.

Each season, Movember raises awareness and millions of pounds for men's health with Prostate Cancer UK being Movember's prime beneficiary partner in the UK.

With the support of its 72 clubs, The Football League and Prostate Cancer UK are aiming to raise both money and awareness of prostate cancer and promote a positive message for men's health. One in nine men will develop prostate cancer at some stage in their life and every hour someone dies from the disease.

Fans of each of the 72 Football League clubs are being encouraged to sign up to play their part in their club's own Movember 'team', with a



FA Youth Cup date

LIVERPOOL could soon be visiting The County Ground in the FA Youth Cup, that's if Swindon can get past Cirencester Town in the second round stage.

Paul Bodin's Under-18's were 6-1 winners over Sholing at The County Ground on

Wednesday 31st October. The second round draw will see local side Cirencester Town make the short trip to SN1 and the game will be played on Tuesday 13th November with a 7pm kick-off. All tickets will be pay on the night and are priced at £5 per Adult and £3 for Concessions or children. Town fans are encouraged to come down and support the stars of tomorrow with more information and a preview on the official site soon.

challenge to see which set of supporters can sign-up the most fans and raise the most money. Last season fans from across professional football raised more than £50,000 and the challenge is on to smash that figure.

To get involved and join the Town team, all supporters have to do is:

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Female supporters are also encouraged to play their part by convincing male friends and family to take part (and by reassuring them that a moustache would really suit them).

Town staff members Derrick Johnson, Tom Otrebski and Chris Tanner will all be taking part with several players also set to 'grow a mo' during the month.



Flint gets four-game ban

TOWN defender Aden Flint will miss tonight's League One clash, after being handed a four-game ban by the Football Association following his dismissal on Saturday.

The 23-year old received a straight red card against Macclesfield Town for serious foul play, his second red card of the campaign after being sent off against Scunthorpe United.

Flint will miss tonight's game, as well as the matches against Walsall, Yeovil Town and Brentford. He will be available again for the away game at Notts County on Saturday 24th November.

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FA Cup hospitality and presentations...

SATURDAY'S home game with Macclesfield Town saw a crowd of just over 6,000 at The County Ground for the first round encounter. Unfortunately the result didn't go the way of Paolo Di Canio's men but main Match Sponsors R&J Pearce still enjoyed their day and can be seen pictured on the opposite page receiving a signed Town shirt as a memento of their

day from striker Paul Benson. Matchball Sponsors on the day were Ian Perkins along with his family and friends who attended as part of a birthday celebration package. Ian was celebrating his 30th birthday and is seen above receiving a signed Town matchball from Paul Benson. If you have something to celebrate soon, then contact Adam Wainwright on 0844 880 1094 and a special package can be tailored to suit your requirements.

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Vote for your MOTM...

TONIGHT'S main Match Sponsors Excalibur Communications are giving fans the chance to choose which Town player should receive the man of the match award at the end of this evening's game.

Excalibur are asking for fans to name their MOTM via Twitter or Facebook – and they will even put up a shirt signed by Paolo Di Canio and the Man of the Match as a prize to one lucky tweeter who votes using the

hashtag **#ExcaliburMOTM** or on Facebook via the address listed below. As part of their match sponsorships and programme advertising Excalibur are looking to utilise their own social media channels to engage with Swindon Town fans by way of regular competitions.

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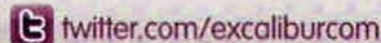
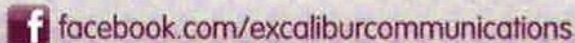
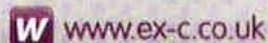
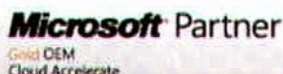
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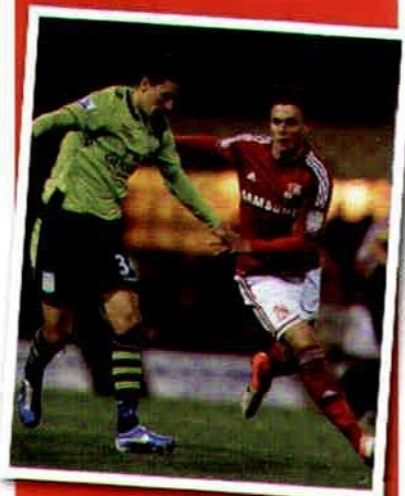
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Man of the Match vs Aston Villa



Miles Storey

THE youngster came off the bench and made an almost immediate impact to get the Robins back on level terms. Storey came off the bench as a replacement for James Collins with 15 minutes of normal time left. He scored his first goal of the night three minutes later before netting a classy second - which appeared on Saturday's Soccer AM showboat reel.



MILES Storey receives his man of the match from a guest in The Members' Suite following Tuesday night's Capital One Cup encounter against Aston Villa.



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Board Report...

Town Chief Executive Nick Watkins looks back on a busy week at The County Ground ahead of tonight's return to League One duty...

ONE week ago today I was preparing Boardroom notes eagerly anticipating the fourth round Capital One Cup tie against Aston Villa, dreaming of going into the quarter-final draw, but taking solace in the fact that an exit from the League Cup to Premier League opposition, would be compensated for with a good run in the FA Cup. Sadly, as all readers will be aware: - "Our cup runneth over!"

I have commented previously on the terrific performance against Aston Villa. I am convinced that had we gone into extra-time, we would have run out as comfortable winners, whereas on Saturday last against Macclesfield, I got the impression we could have run all day and still not scored, such is the game of football, but more importantly, so typical of a first round FA Cup tie! However, the beauty of football is that there is always another game in quick succession that provides the opportunity to put things right and let's hope we can do so this evening.

Tonight at The County Ground that opportunity comes in the shape of Danny Wilson and his table-topping Blades. The circumstances that led to Danny's departure from Swindon Town in March 2011 were unfortunate but again, that is football. I always enjoyed his convivial company although his Secret Santa Christmas gift to me one year was a bit below the belt. Danny will understand!!

The 6,500 attendance on Saturday for the Macclesfield Town fixture was excellent and thank you all for making the effort to be here, especially given the fact that we have three home games over a ten day period. The two 'Storey' crowded house last Tuesday night

against Aston Villa was brilliant but just imagine The County Ground atmosphere if it were like that for every home game. Hopefully, we will get there by dint of ascending to the Championship but in the meantime it is a case of DYI. In this regard we entertain Tranmere here on Friday night December 21st and the intention is to make the evening a really wonderful family Christmas event, so do please put the date in the diary, and encourage as many friends as possible to attend. My message to you is - Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

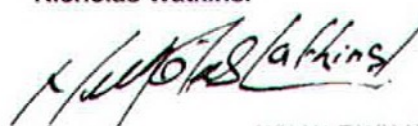
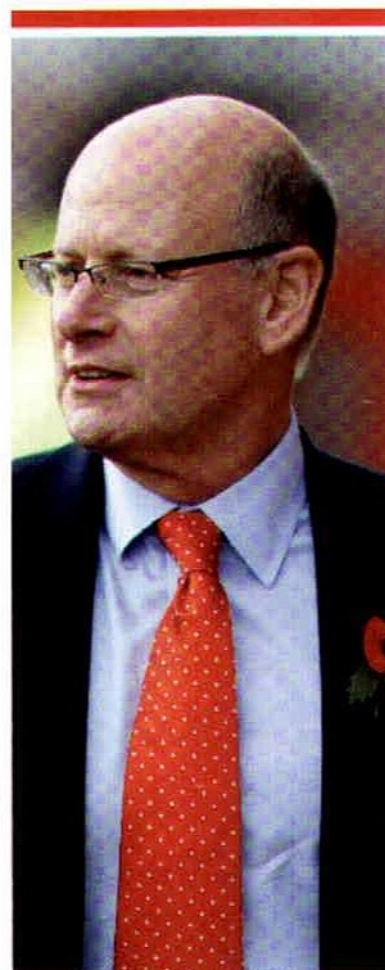
Sandwiched in between home fixtures with Brentford and Tranmere, Paul Bodin and his youth team very much hope to be entertaining Liverpool FC here on December 12th in what will be the third round of the FA Youth Cup. However, before they can turn their attention to this appetite whetting encounter, they have to first dispose of Cirencester Town in the second round, a game which will be held here under lights on Tuesday 13th November, 7pm kick-off. The youth team would welcome your support.

Paolo Di Canio's Red Army has suffered a few injuries in the theatre of war (and a sending off) in recent weeks and temporary reinforcements are required. Hopefully, as these notes go to press, news on the embargo may be forthcoming and that saga brought to a close.

Enjoy the game, a game that will be even more enjoyable if we can bury the disappointment of these last seven days and secure a home victory.

Best wishes..

Nicholas Watkins.

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Sheffield United

The Blades are currently joint top of the division and will provide Town with a stern test as both sides return to League One duty this evening...

Last five...



Formation...

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The gaffer...

APPOINTED as the new man in charge at Bramall Lane in May 2011, Wilson guided Sheffield United to the play-off final at the end of last season and after a strong start to the 2012/13 campaign, the Blades are now well placed for an automatic return to the second tier of the English game. He has taken charge of over 900 games as a manager and has won 43 of his 76 games in charge of Sheffield United to date.

Marcus Williams

30



THE left-back arrived at Bramall Lane in September 2011, on a loan deal from Reading and remained at S2 for the 93-day period, prompting Danny Wilson to sign him on a permanent basis.

Kevin McGoey

11



Matt Hill

6



HILL joined the Blades on a permanent basis in 2012 after his release from Blackpool. He has played for the likes of Bristol City, where he made over 200 appearances under Danny Wilson, Preston, Wolves, QPR and Barnsley.

Neill Collins

15



AN integral member of United's team that narrowly missed out of promotion to the Championship last season. He was United's only capture of January 2011 transfer deadline day, with the Blades paying Leeds an undisclosed fee.

Harry Maguire

5



George Long

25



LONG became United's youngest ever goalkeeper to play in a competitive fixture when he was named in the side to face Swansea at the end of the 2010/11 campaign, aged 18. He is now deputising for Mark Howard.

Form guide...

TONIGHT'S visitors arrive at The County Ground in good form, having registered their fifth straight win at Bristol Rovers in the FA Cup on Saturday. The Blades bounced back from being a goal down at the break to claim their place in the next stage of the competition and now face a home tie against Port Vale. After winning two of their opening seven league matches, Wilson's side are now well-placed for an automatic promotion push.

Last match stats...

● Bristol Rovers 1 ● Sheffield United 2



goals



possession



corners



fouls



cards

Nick Blackman

10



THE striker became Wilson's fifth capture of the summer after the Blades agreed an undisclosed fee with Blackburn for his signature. He began his career with Macclesfield before securing a move to Ewood Park in 2009.

Chris Porter

9



THE striker was one of United's major signings in the summer of 2011 after leaving Derby, where he made 44 league appearances. He is yet to score in the league this term and has made eight league appearances.

Michael Doyle

8



THE 31-year old spent seven and a half years at Coventry City before he was Micky Adams' first permanent signing for the Blades in 2011. He began his career with Celtic, before signing for Coventry.

Ryan Flynn

7



THE winger made over 30 appearances for the Blades last season after arriving in the summer of 2011 as the only cash purchase of the transfer window. United paid Falkirk an undisclosed fee.

Tony McMahon

29



THE former England youth international rose through the ranks at Middlesbrough, captaining their Academy, before progressing to the first team. He signed a two-year deal at Bramall Lane in July 2012.

head 2 head...

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Total	12	7	8

Off the bench...

RICHARD Cresswell came off the bench during Saturday's FA Cup first round win at Bristol Rovers, replacing Chris Porter for the final 12 minutes of the game. 35-year old Cresswell has now made over 100 appearances for the Blades and has previous experience with the likes of York City, Preston North End and Stoke City. Former Scunthorpe United man Marcus Williams is another option for the Blades.

On the match...

THE last two league meetings between tonight's teams came in the 1999/2000 season with the matches yielding a total of eight goals. Both matches ended in a 2-2 draw with a Chris Hay double securing a point at The County Ground with a Giuliano Grazioli brace on the road in the return fixture at Bramall Lane. There have been 27 previous meetings, of which Town have won eight.



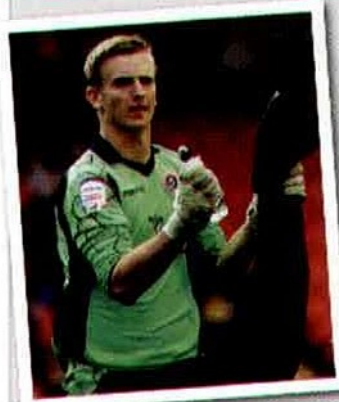
In The Spotlight...

Tonight's visitors have a mix of experience in their ranks as they aim to take all three points back to Bramall Lane after Saturday's 2-1 FA Cup win along the M4...

Goalkeeper – George Long

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2012/13 Apps: 7



THE youngster became Sheffield United's youngest ever goalkeeper to play in a competitive fixture when he was named in the starting team to face Swansea City at the end of the 2010/11 campaign, aged 18. He also made a few appearances last season, and signed a new, long-term contract, as he continued with his development. The homegrown,

tall and commanding teenager progressed through Sheffield United's Academy and in the same season he played a prominent role as the Blades reached the final of the FA Youth Cup, as well as earning a call up to the England U18s squad. Long has recently been a regular in the side, stepping in for injured 'keeper Mark Howard.

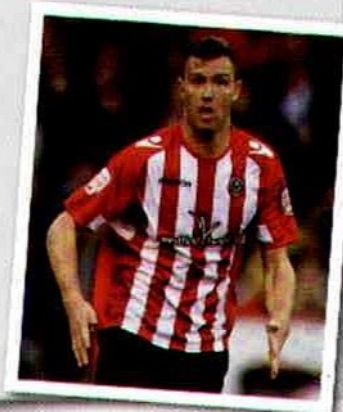
Midfielder – Kevin McDonald

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THE middleman committed himself to another two years when he signed a new contract in July 2012. The Scottish Under-21 international originally signed a one-year deal in August 2011 and made his debut against Brentford. The powerfully-built midfielder had spent time on trial with the Blades and impressed manager Danny Wilson enough to be offered a

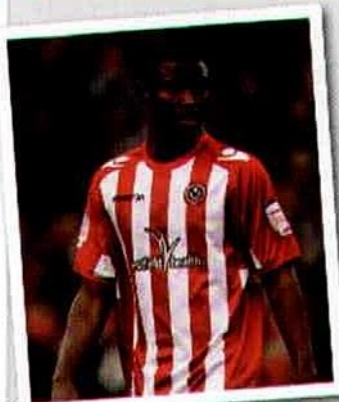
contract. He began his career with Dundee and reportedly attracted interest from Celtic before signing for Burnley in 2008, making over 100 appearances for the Clarets, as well as having loan spells at Scunthorpe United and Notts County. The 23-year old has been regularly involved so far this term and has 17 appearances to his name.



Defender – Lecsinel Jean-Francols

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2012/13 Apps: 1



THE defender will be well-known to Swindon Town fans after a successful spell here at The County Ground. The Haiti international signed for the Blades in the summer of 2011 and was Danny Wilson's first signing. The 26-year old made an impressive start to his Blades career before suffering a knee injury, which ended his campaign in March. He began

his career with Paris Saint-Germain and had spells with Sedan, Falkirk and Guingamp before arriving at The County Ground on trial in January 2009. In total he made 58 league appearances for the Robins. This season he has made just one appearance for the Blades, coming off the bench in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Notts County but is currently sidelined with injury.

Club Connections...

A number of former Swindon Town heroes also played for tonight's visitors Sheffield United. Here are profiles of some performers who have played for both clubs...

Steve Foley...

AFTER graduating from Liverpool's academy, Foley came to Sheffield United via Grimsby, signing for the Blades in 1985. Two years and 66 appearances later, Lou Macari brought Foley to Swindon in June 1987. In a five year spell at The County Ground, Foley made nearly 180 appearances for the Town, notching 29 goals. He played 90 minutes of Swindon's play-off final win over Sunderland in 1990. In February 1992, he was sold to Stoke City.

signed for Town ahead of the 1977/78 season. In four years at the club he was part of the side that reached the semi-final of the League Cup in 1980 before returning to Portsmouth. Lou Macari brought him back to The County Ground in 1985 where he played a part in Town's back-to-back promotions from Division Four to Division Two. In the summer of 1988 he joined Stoke and went on to play for Leeds before joining Sheffield United and playing 24 times for the Blades.

Ray McHale...

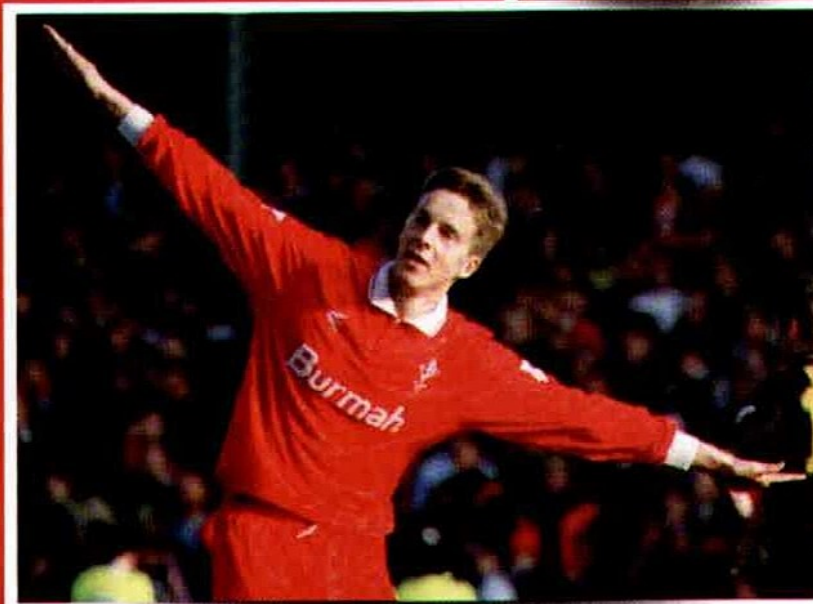
SHEFFIELD-born McHale joined Town from Halifax in September 1976. He made over 200 appearances and scored 42 goals from midfield. Was part of the Swindon side that reached the League Cup semi-final in 1980 before moving to First Division Brighton. In 1982, McHale joined Sheffield United. In three years at Bramall Lane, he made over 60 appearances.

Jan-Aage Fjortoft...

SWINDON'S big money signing of 1993/94, Fjortoft joined from Rapid Vienna for a fee of £500,000. After a slow start to his Town career the Norwegian scored 13 goals in 17 games as Town were relegated from the Premier League. Known for his 'Aeroplane' celebration, Fjortoft carried his scoring streak into the next season. This attracted interest from bigger clubs & he was sold to Middlesbrough for £1.3 million in March 1995. He joined Sheffield United in 1997 and made 34 appearances, scoring 19 times.

Chris Kamara...

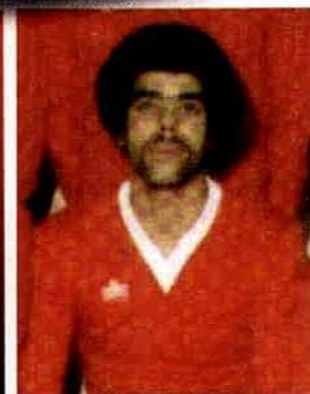
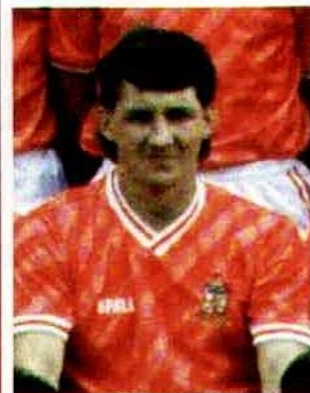
KAMARA had two spells at Swindon, making over 200 appearances. He first



Pictured top to bottom:

Steve Foley, Ray McHale, Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Chris Kamara.

"In a five year spell at The County Ground, Foley made nearly 180 appearances."



Matching Up...

Darren Ward and Matt Hill are perhaps the most experienced players at their respective clubs as they go head to head in tonight's league clash...



Darren Ward



Matthew Hill

VS

Career so far...

BEGAN his career with Watford before securing a move to Millwall in 2001. Was a first-team regular as the Lions reached the FA Cup final and played in the UEFA Cup. Went on to play for Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton Wanderers before returning to Millwall in 2010. Joined Town on loan on transfer deadline day.

2011/12 Season...

THE defender made 35 appearances in all competitions for Millwall last season. In their second season since returning to the second tier, Kenny Jackett's men finished 16th in the Championship.

Did you know...

WARD played 90 minutes of the 2004 FA Cup final for Millwall. Dennis Wise's Lions side lost 3-1 to Manchester United in Cardiff.

2012/13 Season...

MADE two appearances for Millwall at the start of the campaign before joining Swindon on loan. He made his Town debut at Oxford and has made nine appearances since moving to Wiltshire.

Career so far...

BEGAN his career with Bristol City and made over 200 appearances for his home-town club before moving to Preston North End. After spells with Wolverhampton Wanderers, Queens Park Rangers, Barnsley and Blackpool, he signed a permanent deal with Sheffield United in the summer after a loan spell with the Blades.

2011/12 Season...

JOINED Blackpool at the start of the season before moving to United on loan in March 2012, making 15 appearances. Hill scored in the play-off final penalty shoot-out against Huddersfield Town.

Did you know...

HILL has been on the losing side in play-off finals with three different clubs: Bristol City in 2004, Preston North End in 2005 and Sheffield Utd in 2012.

2012/13 Season...

THE defender has been a virtual ever-present at the back for the Blades this season, making 15 appearances for Danny Wilson's side in League One and in the cup competitions.



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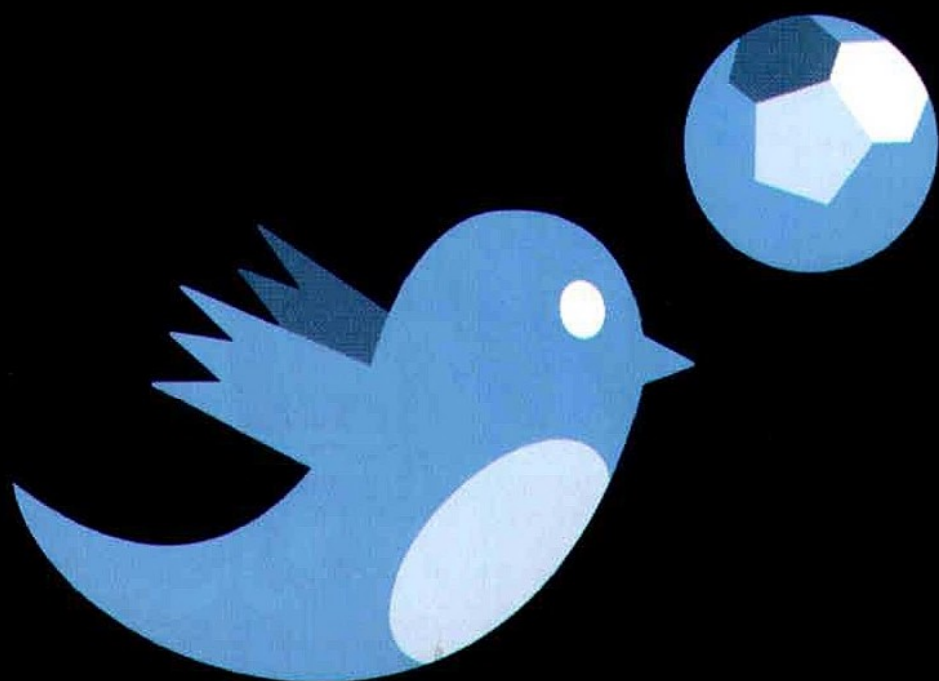
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**To play
a part in
another
promotion
for Swindon
this year
would be
special.**

ONE of the most experienced players in the Town squad, Paul Benson is hoping to add a fourth promotion to his CV by helping the Robins to League One success this term. With nearly 100 goals to his name in less than 250 league appearances, his knowledge of the net could be a vital component as the fixture schedule steps up a gear towards the hectic Christmas period.

Benson knows all about hard graft. A late starter in the professional game, he was rejected by Southend United as a youngster before making a name for himself with non-league side White Ensign. 107 goals in 65 games was enough to convince John Still, then manager of Dagenham & Redbridge, to take a look and the rest – as they say – is history.

Fast forward seven years and the striker can be found in typically accommodating mood a few hours after training with the Robins' squad ahead of Town's FA Cup clash with Macclesfield Town. Benson has certainly made his mark since joining

the club in a swap deal back in January that saw Leon Clarke return to London following an ill-fated spell along the M4. Benson's first goal secured the FA Cup third round win over Wigan Athletic before he was named Player of the Month for February after five goals in six games to add further fuel to Town's promotion steam train.

He finished the 2011/12 title winning season with 13 goals from 29 games and has three to his name so far this term. As the Robins prepare to continue their League One journey, Benson sat down with the official matchday programme to give his take on all things STFC and beyond...

How would you assess the season so far for the team?

It's been a bit up and down. There have been some very good performances as well as some disappointing displays. At home we haven't really got going and have been below par in certain home games and unfortunately we haven't been able to continue the good form that we had at The County



Ground last season. However we are in seventh position in the league and go into the Sheffield United game on the back of a big league win at Stevenage. At the moment we have 25 points from 15 games and that's not too far off where we need to be really.

You played in League One a few years back with Charlton Athletic. How would you compare the strength of the division from then to now?

When I was at Charlton in League One there were some very big sides in the division. I think sometimes you can be misled by the size of the club and their ability. Look at Bradford City; they are a massive club but find themselves in League Two. Stevenage are not as big a club but have made a great start to the season and Crawley are up there too. There may not be the big clubs that were in the league a few years back, like Norwich, Sheffield Wednesday or Leeds United, but it's a tough division to get out of, as it's a very competitive one.

Town's last League One game was the 4-0 victory at Stevenage ten days ago. There were changes to the side that day yet the result was an emphatic one. Does that re-iterate the strength of the squad?

It goes to show that if you can find that level of performance then you have a chance in any game, no matter who it's against or what team is put out. I don't think the side that went out against Stevenage was a

weakened side. John Bostock is one of the better players in this league and Raffa came into the side and did what he usually does and put in a performance. Miles started his first game for the club and grabbed a goal as well. He did really well and it was one of those matches where a lot of the lads were at the top of their game and went out with the right attitude.

Talking about Miles Storey, he has really shone over the last few weeks...

He had an unbelievable week last week didn't he? Some professional players can play their entire careers and not have a week like he did. He scored on his full debut at Stevenage and then came off the bench to score twice against a Premier League side in the cup. He won't forget that in a hurry! He has done really well and stuck at it too. He has worked hard in training and I am sure he will remain focused. The gaffer has done a great job of keeping his feet on the ground and he's being managed well. The players and management have a role to play and he's shown what he can do over the last few games.

What is the most memorable week of your career to date?

I remember one week when I was at Dagenham where I played in a 5-3 win against Torquay on the Saturday and then scored four against Shrewsbury the Tuesday after. That was probably the top of the tree for me in terms of scoring goals; I think I finished that season with 22 goals.



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You came into the professional game late didn't you?

That's right. I didn't come in until I was 24-years old with Dagenham. I played for Southend as a kid and then was released and didn't get back into the pro game until John Still gave me the opportunity. It makes me appreciate football more and that's why I try and work as hard as I can in training and in games. I have had a nine-to-five job so I know all about life away from the football world. Being a professional is hard work



because there is a lot involved in terms of training and the physical demands, but it's all worth it. I say all this tinged with a bit of regret because I wish I had come into the game a lot earlier, but seeing it from the other side has made me realise that I am very lucky to be doing what I am doing.

Promotion this season is the target and should that happen, it would mean back-to-back successes for you as well...

It would be special that's for sure. I had a double promotion with Dagenham and that was an unbelievable feeling. I played for them in the Conference right through to League One. It was nice to play some part for Swindon last year but the club



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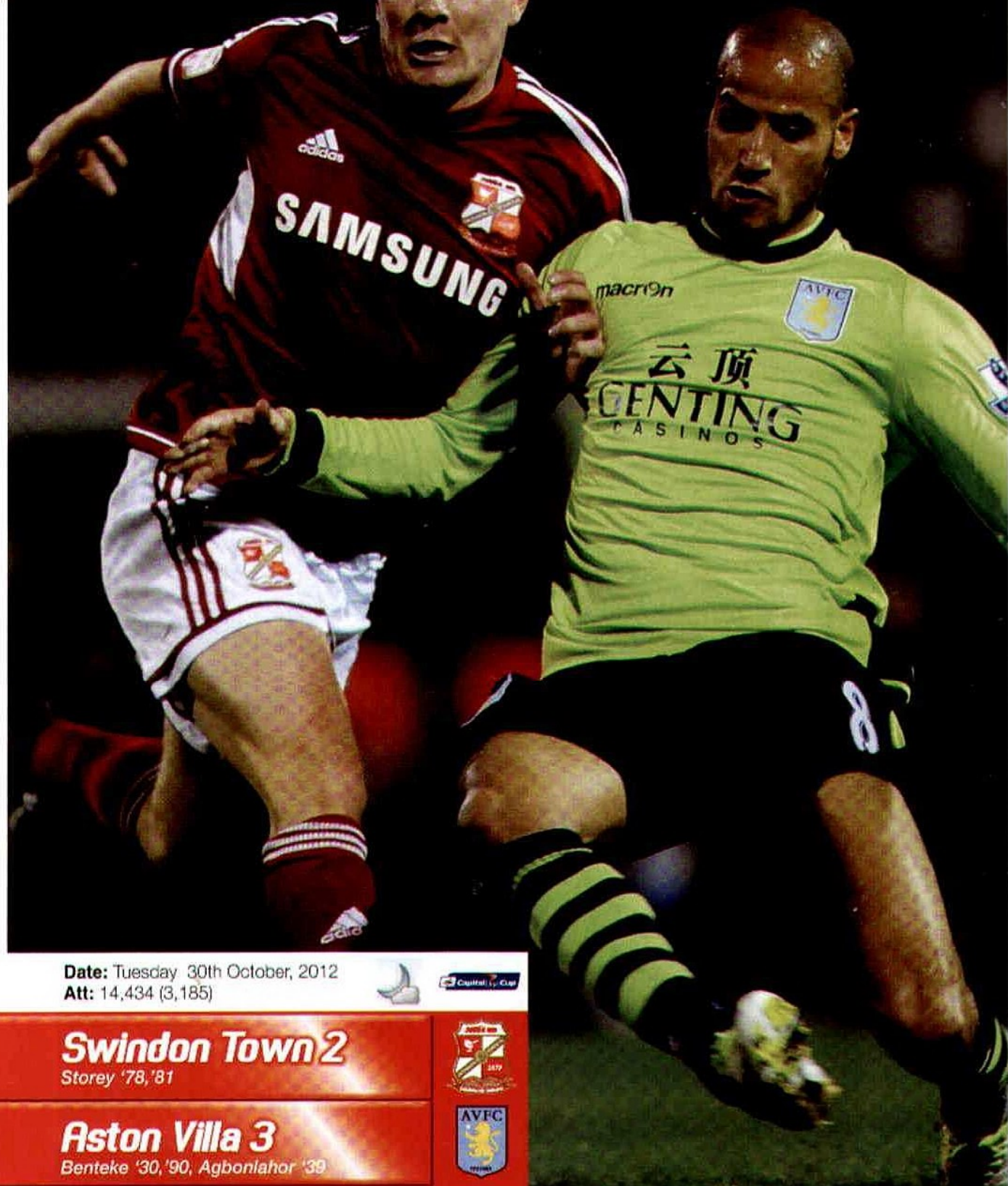
would have gone up last season whether I had signed or not. This season it would be nice to play some sort of part in helping the club to the Championship and that would mean a lot to me.

There is plenty of competition for the striking places. What's your take on the current crop of frontmen?

We have a fantastic bunch of lads here. I roomed with 'Collo' in pre-season in Italy and got on really well with him - he's a great guy. 'Willo' is fantastic too, 'Roons' has been a good addition since he arrived too. Miles has come in and done well and he has a lot of potential. I get on well with all the forwards and I am enjoying the competition for places that we have here.

Sheffield United stand in the way of three points this evening. There probably won't be a bigger test at home this year will there?

They are a big side and a good side as well. They have a great manager who will be known by all the Swindon fans. He is steering them in the right direction and they were unlucky not to go up last year. It's always tough to bounce back after such a setback but they have made a great start and are doing well. They find themselves in a nice position in the league and they look strong across the pitch. It's going to be a tough test for us but hopefully if we can perform to the levels we know we can do, then we will put ourselves in with a chance of winning. It's going to be an interesting game, but hopefully an exciting one too.



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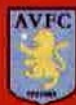
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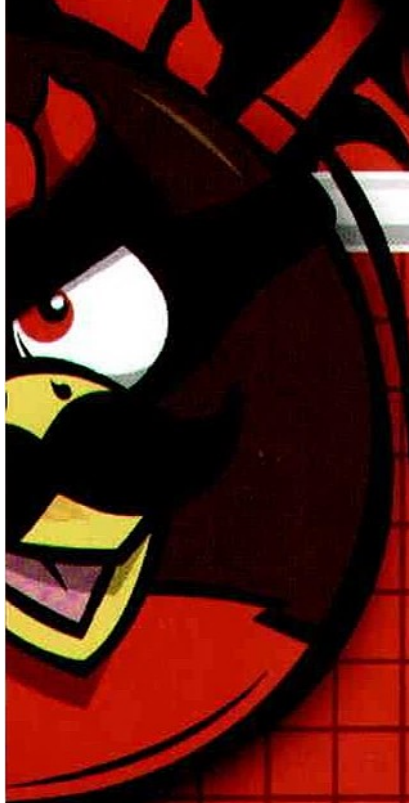
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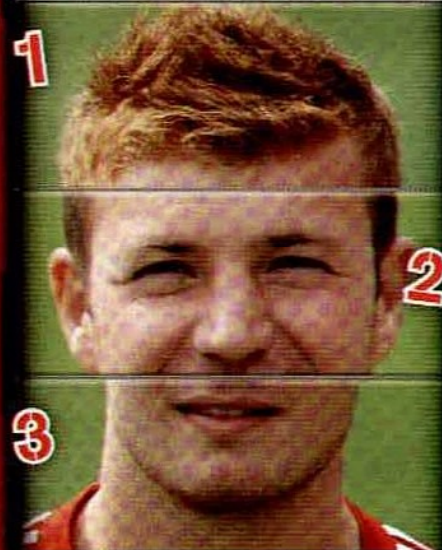
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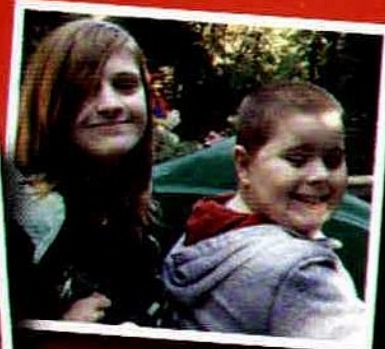
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Simon Ferry



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I joined Swindon Town from Celtic in 2010, but where was I born?

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WITH which Celtic player did I join Swindon with on loan?

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Connections

Can you name the connection that Town have with the clubs shown?



QUICK CLUE: Which former Brighton & Hove Albion player has managed both Town and Sheffield United?



QUICK CLUE: Which former Town & Sheffield Wednesday defender now works in the Town Hospitality Suites?



QUICK CLUE: Which current Sheffield United player has played for Swindon Town?

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Luke Rooney

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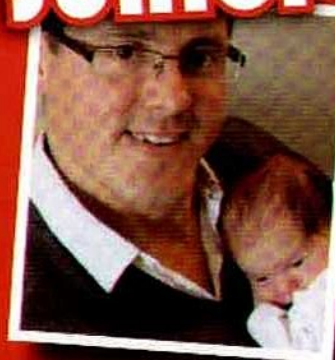


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Match Analysis...

Town produced a stirring late comeback to draw level before Christian Benteke struck at the death to send Aston Villa into the next round. ...

AFTER half an hour, the visitors took the lead. Stephen Ireland's cross from the left was perfectly placed and in muscled Christian Benteke to bullet a header past Foderingham from close range.

Ten minutes later, Villa had doubled their advantage. Another swift counter attack carved Town in two with Agbonlahor leading the charge. The wide-man cut in off the left flank and drilled an unstoppable shot into the far corner.

The second half began with the home side on the front foot and pushing for a way back into the match.

With ten minutes to play, substitute Miles Storey pulled one back for Swindon. Andy Williams raced onto a ball on the edge of the area before cutting it back for Storey who poked the cross across goal and into the far corner.

Swindon drew level two minutes later. A low cross from the right dropped for Storey six yards from goal. A wonderful piece of invention from the young striker saw him flick the ball with his right foot back between his legs and into the far corner, cueing scenes of bedlam around SN1.

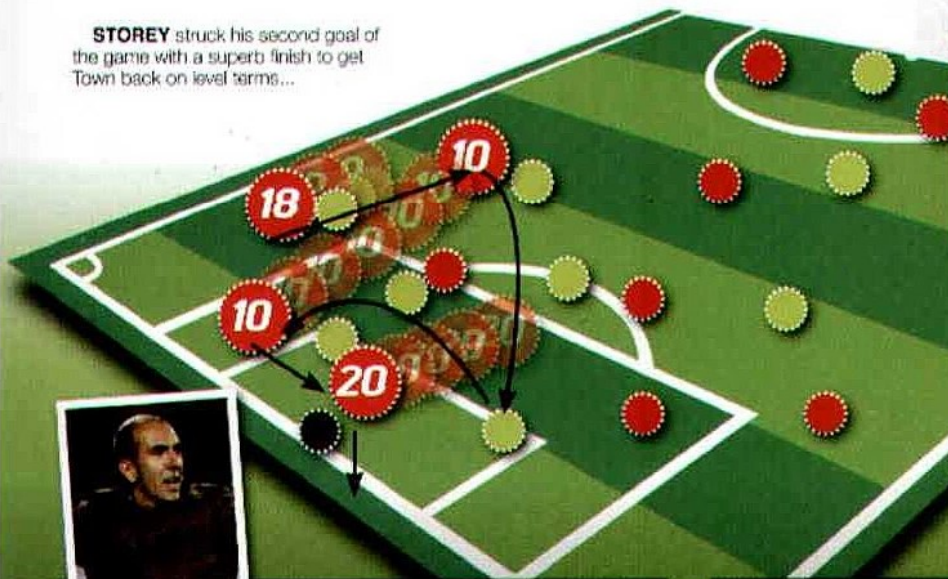
STOREY struck his second goal of the game with a superb finish to get Town back on level terms...

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Di Canio comment...

"WE had chances to win but the finish at the end from Benteke was the picture of the game. It wasn't a typical cup game with just energy and physical presence; we played football in the right way. We were on top all game and in the second half we played some fantastic football. Aston Villa made the most of their opportunities – strike and goal. We had ten or 12 chances."



Storey comment...

"I didn't think things could get much better than they did on Saturday, but tonight was amazing. I was pleased to score the first and didn't really celebrate because I wanted to get the game going again and get back on level terms. For the second one I saw the ball come in and I just tried to get something on it and it went back in the back of the net. It what was a special night."

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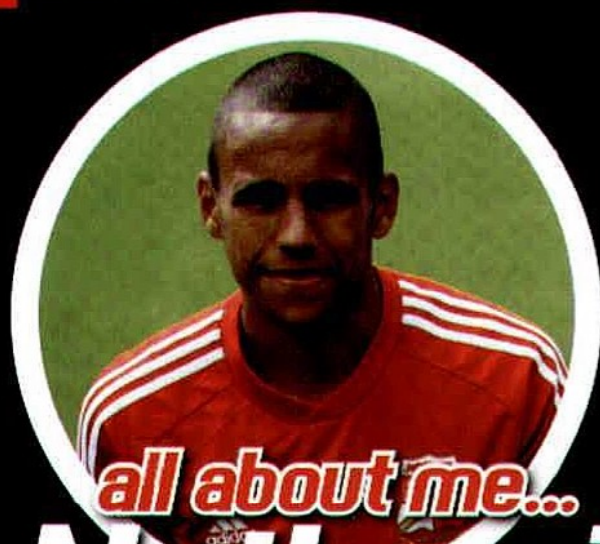
Legends...

TWO more Swindon Town Legends were inducted into the STFC Hall of Fame seven days ago. Phil King was joined by Colin Calderwood, now assistant manager at Norwich City, and the pair took part in a presentation on the pitch with CEO Nick Watkins.

AV 1...

DOUG Ellis OBE, the retired 88-year-old chairman of Aston Villa Football Club, was at The County Ground for last week's cup tie. Ellis arrived in his Rolls-Royce Phantom featuring the personalised number plate 'AV 1'. "I paid £18,000 for it but didn't put it on my car for about ten years. Around Birmingham, AV 1 is so well known, cars flash you - you can't take a girlfriend out," he once joked.





all about me...

Nathan Thompson

Find out a little more about the older of the Thompson brothers...

Date of birth: 09.11.90

Nickname: 'Thommo'

Squad Number: 15

Earliest football memory...

I used to kick a ball around against a wall with my Dad whilst waiting for my Mum to finish work. I must have been about four-years old at the time.

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

I am currently studying an accountancy course in my spare time. It's through ICS and certainly keeps my mind going away from the game.

Favourite footballer ever...

DANI Alves at Barcelona. He plays in the same position as me and he is so attack minded. It's great to see a player like that in action so he's my favourite footballer.

Team supported...

TOTTENHAM Hotspur because my Dad grew up around that area. I have been to see Spurs play a few times and I look out for their results.



Handwritten signature of Nathan Thompson with the number 15.

First team played for...

MY school team before I went over to Germany and played for Paderborn United whilst my Dad was stationed over there in the forces.

Best attribute as a footballer...

I will say defending one v one. I like to put a tackle in and I have worked hard on my defending, so I'll say my best attribute is stopping players going past me.

Favourite game you have ever been to...

PROBABLY the Carling Cup final in 2008 when Tottenham beat Chelsea. I am a Spurs fan so it was great to be there when they won the cup. Spurs came from a goal behind to win the game and it was the first League Cup final to be played at the new Wembley as well.

What boots do you wear...

AT the moment I wear Nike Lasers.

Career highlight so far...

MY career highlight so far was signing my first professional deal during Danny Wilson's time as manager here. It was my first step on the ladder really.

Favourite stadium played at...

THE County Ground because when it's rocking, like the other night against Aston Villa, it's a special place to be. There's no better feeling than running out to an atmosphere like that.

Best friend in football...

MY little brother!

Toughest player played against...

HAL Robson-Kanu was decent. I played against him for the reserves a few years ago at Reading at the Madejski Stadium and he was quite lively.



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And, just as if life needed an extra dollop of drama at present, this evening marks the return of a former manager to The County Ground dug-outs.

Danny Wilson is remembered in a variety of lights by Town fans.

Many have struggled to forgive him for the way the Swindon team under him capitulated in 2010/11 and drifted rudderless towards relegation.

I take a very different stance.

Danny brought great success to Town during his one full season in charge, he brought smiles to Swindon faces and an attractive brand of football to a club which had endured a difficult couple of years.

He was the man who brought you Austin and Paynter, Ferry and Douglas, plucked Danny Ward from obscurity and got the best out of Jon-Paul McGovern despite fractious beginnings.

The trouble is in football, as in most walks of life, that it's easier to remember the negatives. They hold a poignant and powerful punch.

For whatever reason, in his third season in Wiltshire it all went wrong for Danny Wilson and Swindon Town. Whether that was down to the management, the players, tactics or culture is up for debate, but at the end of it all Town finished dead last without

so much as a whimper.

That's what people remember.

They forget the 6-0 aggregate victory over Leeds, giddy success at Southampton, that barny night at The Valley and the pride of seeing the Robins crest dangling from a giant balloon at Wembley.

They forget the crisp passing, the sensational forward play and the resilience in defence which handed Swindon their equal best league finish for more than a decade.

I hope when Danny returns this evening with a Sheffield United team he is moulding into real title-challengers he is given the reception his entire time in Wiltshire deserves.

From a personal point of view he was a pleasure to work with, even if we did not always see eye to eye, and as a fledgling reporter starting out in the industry he imparted to me a few nuggets of wisdom which I still value today.

Of course, we want him to go home miserable tonight, but for all the right reasons.



In opposition: Danny Wilson returns

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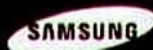
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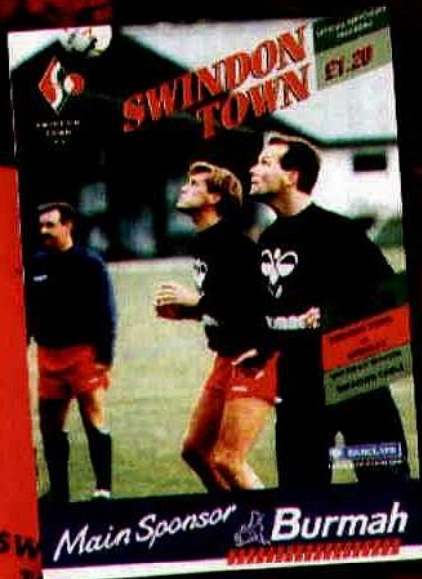
Town registered all three points to continue their promotion push with a narrow home victory over Barnsley at The County Ground...

Words: Dave Wallis

Swindon Town 1 Barnsley 0

Date: Saturday 31st October 1992

Attendance: 7,784



WHEN Craig Maskell opened the scoring against Barnsley with just four minutes gone, few suspected that the majority of the play would take place in Town's own half.

With penalty ace Paul Bodin injured, Maskell collected his thirteenth goal of the season after Gary Fleming had floored Nicky Summerbee, but from then on there was only one contender for man of the match.

First Colin Calderwood cleared a Gerry Taggart in-swinging corner off the goal line, then Town keeper Nicky Hammond took centre stage.

Hammond twice foiled Andy Liddell and stopped further

goal bound efforts from Owen Archdeacon and future Town defender Mark Robinson.

Wayne Biggins, with four goals in as many matches, tested the in-form goalie with a 25 yard free-kick which Hammond first punched clear before parrying Taggart's follow up.

The Adver gave Hammond a perfect ten, while local MP Simon Coombes presented the traditional champagne after the stopper left the pitch to a standing ovation.

Hammond paid tribute to Fraser Digby for his performance.

'I did play well – but it's a case of having to with the competition from Fraser. I know that if not I will be out of the side.'

Manager Hoddle however was hardly effusive.

'Nicky Hammond did his job. He is paid to stop the ball going in the net, and everything that hit the target he was there to save.'

The boss made a point of shaking the hand of each of the opposition at the end, but Barnsley playmaker Neil Redfearn said 'The gesture impressed us, but we still can't believe we lost'.

The hard fought victory hoisted Town to second in the table.

Swindon Town:

Nicky Hammond, David Kerslake, Kevin Horlock, Glenn Hoddle, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, Micky Hazard, Nicky Summerbee, Craig Maskell, Martin Ling, Dave Mitchell (Steve White). Sub unused: Adi Viveash.

Barnsley:

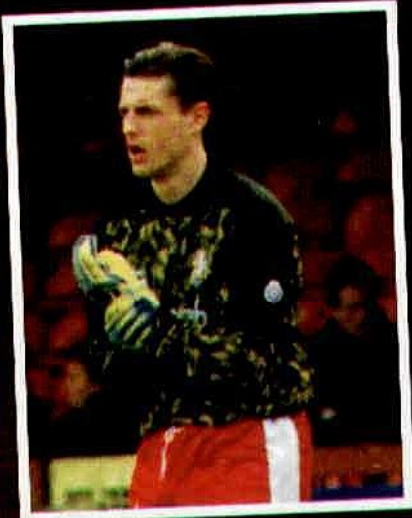
Lee Butler, Mark Robinson, Gary Fleming, Charlie Bishop, Gerry Taggart, Brendan O'Connell, Wayne Biggins, Andy Liddell (Andy Rammell), John Pearson, Neil Redfearn, Owen Archdeacon. Sub unused: Dino Connelly.



I did play well – but it's a case of having to with the competition from Fraser.

Player Review:

Words: Tom Otrelbski



Fraser Digby

Season Stats:

Appearances: 39

Clean sheets: 15

ANOTHER key and iconic member of Swindon's promotion winning side. After playing the full 90 minutes against Sunderland and keeping a clean sheet in Town's opening day win, Digby started the first eleven games between the sticks before losing his place in the side following a 2-0 defeat at Charlton Athletic in late September. With manager Glenn Hoddle opting to play Nicky Hammond instead, Digby had to wait nearly four months to regain the Number One shirt when he played in a victory at rivals Oxford United in January. For the rest of the campaign, he was the manager's preferred choice in goal and played in the Play-Off final at Wembley.



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Community News Update...

It has been a busy few weeks for the STFC FITC Trust with a trip to Wales, half-term courses and a Kick It Out competition to report on...

'Kick It Out' Competition...

FROM last Monday we have travelled across the county to assist in the running of the Wiltshire Council Kick It Out six-a-side competition. We have delivered the programme at Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury and Trowbridge.

This evening culminates with the grand final being played at half-time on the pitch between two teams who will have the chance to play at The County Ground. We would like to wish both sets of players the very best of luck for the game and we hope they enjoy performing in front of what is expected to be the largest crowd for a league game so far this season. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Paul Pritchard for his help in supporting this games programme.

National Citizens Service...

THURSDAY 25th October saw us meet at The County Ground before embarking with 46 NCS students for a five-day outdoor activities extravaganza at Plas Pencelli.

The students took part in a



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Meet our team: John Burchall



JOHN has been a valuable member of our part-time coaching staff for the past four years. He is a regular staff member during our half-term holiday courses and is very popular with course attendees.

He is currently working as a teaching assistant at St Luke's Special Educational Needs School in Swindon. John also has a keen interest in music from the sixties and seventies.

number of activities including gorge walking, canoeing, rock climbing and caving as well as a range of night activities encouraging the students to work as a team. These all helped the participants to understand the importance of teamwork and communication. All 46 students were extremely engaged throughout the five-day course and came back full of enthusiasm. Last Wednesday we met up again to start looking at the delivery of our community project, which will have a disability theme. The students will

now be split into three groups, with each deciding upon their project before preparing and implementing their plans over the next six weeks.

Half-Term courses...

LAST week saw us deliver our final holiday half-term coaching courses of 2012.

Our mainstream course took place at The County Ground alongside our goalkeeping clinic, which benefitted from the expertise of former Town 'keeper Phil Smith. There was also an all girls course, as well as 30 children on the multi-sports social inclusion course for children with physical and educational special needs.

We also delivered our traditional coaching course over at Lambourn with Shane Hewlett running the proceedings and we would like to offer our sincere thanks to them for allowing us to use their excellent facilities.



Half Term: Miles Storey at the awards

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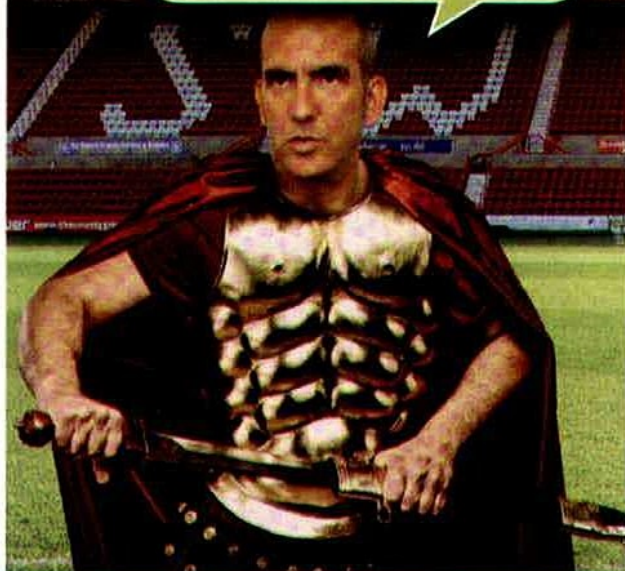
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Paul Bodin...

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LAST week we played Sholing in the FA Youth Cup first round and it was a comfortable win in the end for our boys. We showed the opposition a lot of respect in the build-up to the game and did our homework on them, but right from the first whistle there was only one team in it. The 6-1 win didn't really flatter us and I felt we could have got a few more on the night.

From a coaching perspective we were disappointed with the goal we conceded but we responded well and Connor Waldon got a double on the night. We scored some good goals and all credit to Callum McCormack who came off the bench and scored with a tidy effort. The FA Youth Cup always springs a few surprises and we certainly didn't want to be one of those.

The FA Youth Cup also offered us the chance to give a few of the Under-16 players an

opportunity. Luke Mathews came on at centreback and Callum McCormack came on and got his goal. Lee Marshall, who has been courted by a number of clubs over the last year or so, also came off the bench and got a taste of playing at The County Ground. It was a tremendous experience for them, right from taking part in the pre-match meal and going through the matchday routine for a big game.

The second round draw has been made and we will play Cirencester Town. I went along to watch their first round fixture against Mangotsfield Town at The Cornium Stadium last Thursday evening on what was another very wet night. Cirencester will probably bring a few supporters here and the second round fixture will be played at The County Ground on Tuesday 13th November, kick-off 7pm.

I must also congratulate Miles

Storey on his recent achievements with the first team. I said to our Under-18s before the game on Wednesday night that Miles has set the example for them. He has kept his head down, worked hard and has deserved the opportunities that he is now getting with the first team.

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Opener: Conor Waldon celebrates a goal



Celebration time: Town's young players celebrate a goal in the 6-1 home victory

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Sat Aug 18	Bristol Rovers	0-1
Fri Aug 31	Wales Colleges (F)	1-1
Wed Sept 5	Reading (F)	4-5
Sat Sept 8	Exeter City	2-0
Thu Sept 13	AFC Bournemouth (F)	1-5
Sat Sept 22	Yeovil Town	1-1
Sat Sept 29	Cheltenham Town	4-1
Tue Oct 9	Bristol Rovers (F)	0-3
Sat Oct 13	Cheltenham Town Cup	1-1
Sat Oct 20	Bournemouth Cup	0-3
Sat Oct 27	Hereford United Cup	7-2
Tue Oct 31	Sholing FC FAYC1	6-1
Sat Nov 3	Oxford United	1-4
Tue Nov 13	Ciren Town FAYC2 7pm	
Sat Nov 17	Hereford United	H
Sat Nov 24	IN SERVICE	-
Sat Dec 1	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Dec 8	Oxford United	H
Sat Dec 15	FREE DATE	-
Sat Dec 22	FREE DATE	-
Sat Dec 29	FREE DATE	-
Sat Jan 5	FREE DATE	-
Sat Jan 12	Yeovil Town	H
Sat Jan 19	CUP	-
Sat Jan 26	Exeter City	A
Sat Feb 2	Hereford United	A
Sat Feb 9	Cheltenham Town	H
Sat Feb 16	FREE DATE	-
Sat Feb 23	Oxford United	A
Sat Mar 2	FREE DATE	-
Sat Mar 9	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sat Mar 16	FREE DATE	-
Sat Mar 23	Torquay United	A
Sat Mar 30	FREE DATE	-
Sat Apr 6	Bristol Rovers	H



2012/13 U18 Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Oxford	6	4	0	2	+4	12
Plymouth	5	3	1	1	+8	10
Swindon	5	3	1	1	+5	10
Bristol R.	5	3	1	1	+1	10
Exeter City	4	2	1	1	+1	7
Yeovil Town	6	1	2	3	-5	5
Cheltenham	5	1	1	10	-1	4
Hereford	5	1	1	3	-10	4
Torquay	5	1	0	4	-3	3

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Marc Harris

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Dean McMackin

I dont have to put up with my wife watching eastenders!



Declan Drake

Because of the different atmosphere that it generates.



Craig Kendall

Getting home at 2am after a win makes the long trip worthwhile.



Mike Dixon

...without the lights it would be too dark.



Kirk Sharland

The atmosphere is electric and the lads buzz under the lights. COYR in PDC we trust x.



Danny Stephenson

It creates an atmosphere that is hard to replicate on any given Saturday.



Philip Daniels

Because it's the only time my mate ever buys a round in The Legends Lounge. Michael take a bow, about time.



Gabz Benony

There's a different atmosphere around the place especially after people have had a long day at work.



Chris Woolston

After three points I always go straight to sleep.



Keith Norbury

The pre-match burger definately tastes better!



Ben Stfc Sharp

Because we play better under lights.



Alex Taylor

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Top Tweet... @lt_thompson16

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Top Tweet... @m_storey32

Thanx for all the messages still buzzin but bitter we didnt push on. Going to be fumin if im not on showboat haha **#dream**

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Pounds for Points...

THE superb win at Stevenage added another £163.50 to the total. The fund is earmarked for youth development at The County Ground, where in total the Supporters Club have now contributed more than £70,000 over recent seasons.

It was therefore doubly pleasing to see Miles Storey's recent goalscoring exploits and with

Nathan Thompson having had such an impact recently and others such as Louis Thompson, Leigh Bedwell and Aaron Oakley beginning to reach the fringes of the first team, our contribution is reaping rewards.

Incidentally, all bar Miles have played in the Northern Ireland Milk Cup competition, again a great place to learn and help in player's formative development. Participation in that event has been fully funded by the Supporters Club for the past four seasons and in part for six seasons prior to that. Getting noticed at that worldwide competition has certainly helped others move their careers forward, often with big money moves that may not have initially benefited the first team here, but financially has added some

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Welcome Home...

TOWN fan Daryl Hearn has recently returned from Afghanistan after completing his tour with 5th Regiment Royal Artillery.



County Ground tours...

THERE were two ground tours at The County Ground last week and pictured here are the Tuesday group who stopped for a quick photo in the home dugout! Look out for December tour dates coming soon.

In total the Supporters Club have now contributed more than **£70,000**

benefit back to the football club itself.

Fans, groups of fans and businesses can join the Pounds for Points at any time during the season by pledging as little as 50p per point for each point the first team get at league level. To participate please contact Mavis Knight via mavis@swindontownsupportersclub.com or call 01235 868755.

Away Travel...



Notts County

£17 Adults and **£15** for Juniors with a **£2** discount for Supporters Club Members.

Walsall

£12 Adults and **£10** for Juniors with a **£1** discount for Supporters Club Members.



STFC Caricatures...

ARTIST Ruth Britton has advertised a unique opportunity that can be found on our website, enabling fans to acquire their own piece of artwork featuring STFC, or alternatively an individual caricature of any fan in an STFC shirt, all in A3 size. Full details can be found on our website.

your pics to **Official STFC** the club's official Twitter feed.



Having a ball...

ELLIE Williams meets Simon Ferry after the Scunthorpe United fixture as part of her birthday celebrations!



Grand day out...

THE Paul Cooper party are pictured on the touchline alongside Town players Miles Storey and Darren Ward.

Pounds For Points



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Shining bright...

After 50 years of service, the floodlights at SN1 are now part of a dying breed...

Words: Tom Orlowski

THE County Ground has seen many great nights played out under the floodlights. With the once commonplace floodlight pylons slowly becoming more scarce as stadiums nationwide are updated or rebuilt, the pylons at SN1 proudly remain as a reminder of a bygone era.

The first floodlights were installed in 1951 but they could only be used for friendly matches or reserve team games until they were improved. The first match played under floodlights at The County Ground was on the 29th February 1956 when Millwall were the visitors for a rearranged fixture. A Maurice Owen goal earning Town a 1-0 victory. Swindon were second only to Portsmouth to stage a floodlit League game but within weeks, the Players Union had vetoed the idea of floodlit matches demanding extra pay for their members to be involved.

The current pylons were installed in 1960 and used

for the first time on the 28th September. Unfortunately, the lights did not prove to be a good luck charm the second time around as Swindon were beaten 2-1 by Watford.

They are 120 feet high and originally housed twenty-four 1,500 watt lamps and cost £15,000 to erect, most of which was funded by the Supporters Club. The system was upgraded in 1975 and again in 1992.

Today, the floodlights are constantly maintained to ensure they comply with Football League regulations. In addition to checking the pylons to ensure they are structurally sound, the average Lux level must also be checked. The minimum average Lux level for Leagues One and Two is 350 and at the last



reading, The County Ground lights are at an average level of 380 Lux. The minimum level for clubs in the Championship and the Premier League is 500 and 800 Lux respectively meaning that with the potential of promotion and the prospect of higher level football at some point in the future, The County Ground will – quite literally – be a brighter place.



The pylons at SN1 proudly remain as a reminder of a bygone era.


SAMSUNG

vs Yeovil Town

Sat Nov 17, 3pm

See ticket offer on page 45.


vs Brentford

Tues Nov 20, 7.45pm

See ticket offer on page 45.


vs Doncaster R.

Sat Dec 8, 3pm

See ticket prices below...

ARKELL'S / DON ROGERS

Adults	£25.00
OAP/Student (with NUS)	£19.00
Young Adult (16-18)	£17.00
Junior (15 and under)	£12.00
Under 10's	FREE*
Family Packages From	£40
Disabled	£19.00

FASTPLANT TOWN END**

Adults	£19.00
OAP/Student (with NUS)	£15.00
Young Adult (16-18)	£15.00
Junior (15 and under)	£12.00
Under 10's	FREE*
Disabled	£15.00

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on the day of the fixture. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will be issued tickets in the family enclosure. Under 12's must be accompanied by an Adult in all areas. *To qualify for a FREE under 10 ticket, children need to join the Junior Reds for a ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £25, proof of age will be required at time of purchase. Under 10's must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. To avoid long queues on matchdays it is advantageous to register and purchase family/FREE under 10 tickets in advance. **Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the Fastplant Town End.

Trip Advisor...



Town are back on the road this weekend in League One as they make the short trip to Walsall...

The Journey...



By Train: Banks's Stadium is a two-minute walk from Bescot Rail Station. Trains from Walsall take three minutes to the ground and each home matchday all services stop at The Banks's Stadium. To get train times go to www.nationalrail.co.uk or call the Centro Hotline - 0121 200 2700. For information on public transport it is recommended to call 0121 200 2700 or Traveline on 0870 608 2608.



is located just off the major M6 motorway and close to Bescot train station and provides easy connections to Birmingham city centre and the National Exhibition Centre (NEC). Guests at this Birmingham hotel enjoy complimentary access to the well-equipped fitness centre and on-site car parking.

Grab a Bite...



Retail Park: There is a retail park adjacent to the stadium and has a range of options for fans wishing to stop off for a bite to eat before making their way across to the ground. Bescot Retail Park is located off the Broadway West (A4148) Walsall Ring Road. There is also a Morrisons superstore close by.



Enjoy a Drink...



At The Ground:

New for 2012/13, visiting supporters now have access to their own licensed bar area within the Sign Specialists Stand. Serving a range of drinks and snacks, fans will also be able to catch the live lunchtime action on TV and see the half-time and full-time scores come in. The bar is clearly signposted within the Sign Specialists Stand.

Staying Over...



The Park Inn Hotel: (Postcode: WS1 4SE) Located next to the stadium and is a modern hotel with competitive prices. The hotel

buy home tickets online

www.swindontownfc.co.uk



Numbers Game...

86.2 miles from Swindon

11,300 capacity

87 previous meetings

Things to do...



Walsall Arboretum: As for attractions, if you are heading up to the game early on Saturday morning or staying over night and looking for something to do on the Sunday, then why not go for an Autumnal stroll around Walsall Arboretum? It is located just a couple of miles away from The Banks's Stadium and may offer the ideal place to wind down for the weekend. For culture vultures there's the New Art Gallery and Walsall Leather Museum just a ten-minute drive away. If you fancy shopping, the Town Centre and Crown Wharf are nearby.



The Stadium...



The Banks's Stadium:

(Postcode: WS1 4SA) Swindon supporters will be housed in the Sign Specialists Stand at one end of the ground, where around 2,000 away supporters can be accommodated. There are a few supporting pillars at the front which could impede the view. Town have been well supported on the road all season with over 1,000 making the trip to Stevenage last time out. The trip to Walsall is always a popular one for Town fans given the short journey time and another big following is expected at Walsall.

Last time out...

Walsall 1 Town 2

SWINDON Town were 2-1 winners on their last trip to Walsall in September 2010. The game took place towards the start of the 2010/11 campaign and saw Danny Wilson's men take the lead through an early goal from defender Alan Sheehan. The hosts levelled the game up 20 minutes from time with frontman Reuben Reid striking past David Lucas, before Vincent Pericard netted his first league goal of the campaign. The Frenchman ended the season with six goals. Sean Morrison was in the Town starting line-up against the Saddlers and the centreback made his Premier League debut for Reading on Sunday 4th November in their 1-1 draw at QPR.



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FIFA 13



vs Walsall

Sat Oct 10, 3pm

	Price:
Adult	£21
S/Cit O60	£15
Junior U18	£15
W/Chair prices as above	
inc. free helper	

Prices increase by £2 on matchday.

Availability: Now on general sale.

SAS Travel Details:

Departs CG at 11.15am
£12 Adults, £10 Junior
£1 Supporters Club Discount
(when showing membership card).



vs Notts County

Sat Nov 24, 3pm

	Price:
Adult	£24
S/Cit O60	£15
Young Adult 16-21	£15
Junior U16	£6
W/Chair prices as above	
inc. free helper	

Availability: Now on general sale.

SAS Travel Details:

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Date	Fixture	Res	Att	Starting XI
August				
Tue 14	Brighton & H.A. CAP R1	H 3-0 W	5,737 (716)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Sat 18	Hartlepool United	A 0-0 D	4,132 (461)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Tue 21	Crawley Town	H 3-0 W	7,658 (154)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Sat 25	MK Dons	H 1-0 W	8,299 (497)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Tue 28	Stoke City CAP R2	A 4-3 W	9,147 (1,200)	Foderingham McEveley Flint 1 McCormack Devera
September				
Sun 2	Preston North End	A 1-4 L	10,372 (867)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Wed 5	Oxford United JPT R1	A 0-1 L	7,746 (1,311)	Foderingham Bessone Ward McCormack Devera
Sat 8	Leyton Orient	H 0-1 L	8,072 (276)	Foderingham Bessone Flint McCormack Devera
Sat 15	Carlisle United	A 2-2 D	4,987 (315)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Devera
Tue 18	Portsmouth	A 2-1 W	12,121 (1,455)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Thompson
Sat 22	AFC Bournemouth	H 4-0 W	8,533 (752)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Thompson
Tue 25	Burnley CAP R3	H 3-1 W	7,353 (455)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville 1 McCormack Thompson
Sat 29	Shrewsbury Town	A 1-0 W	6,303 (875)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Bessone
October				
Tue 2	Colchester United	H 0-1 L	7,443 (121)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Bessone
Sat 6	Bury	A 1-0 W	2,683 (408)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 13	Coventry City	H 2-2 D	9,808 (1,095)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 20	Scunthorpe United	H 1-1 D	7,388 (185)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 23	Crewe Alexandra	A 0-1 L	4,010 (273)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Sat 27	Stevenage	A 4-0 W	4,518 (926)	Foderingham Devera Flint Ward McCormack
Tue 30	Aston Villa CAP R4	H 2-3 L	14,434 (3,185)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
November				
Sat 3	Macclesfield Town FAC R1	H 0-2 L	6,408 (139)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 6	Sheffield United	H 7.45pm		- - - - -
Sat 10	Walsall	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 17	Yeovil Town	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Tue 20	Brentford	H 7.45pm		- - - - -
Sat 24	Notts County	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
December				
Sat 8	Doncaster Rovers	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 15	Oldham Athletic	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Fri 21	Tranmere Rovers	H 7.45pm		- - - - -
Wed 26	Leyton Orient	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 29	Colchester United	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
January				
Tue 1	Portsmouth	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 5	Carlisle United	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 12	AFC Bournemouth	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 19	Shrewsbury Town	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 26	Tranmere Rovers	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
February				
Sat 2	Crawley Town	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 9	Hartlepool United	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 16	MK Dons	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 23	Preston North End	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Tue 26	Bury	H 7.45pm		- - - - -
March				
Sat 2	Coventry City	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 9	Walsall	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Tue 12	Brentford	A 7.45pm		- - - - -
Sat 16	Yeovil Town	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 23	Notts County	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 30	Oldham Athletic	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
April				
Mon 1	Doncaster Rovers	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 6	Crewe Alexandra	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 13	Sheffield United	A 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 20	Stevenage	H 3.00pm		- - - - -
Sat 27	Scunthorpe United	A 3.00pm		- - - - -

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**Swindon Town Football Club
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An incident occurred during the
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Legend: 1 = Number of goals scored, First substitution, Second substitution, Third substitution

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League Table 2012/13

npower LEAGUE 1

Pos	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Tranmere	15	5	2	1	18	7	4	2	1	14	7	+18	31
2	Sheff Utd	15	4	4	0	11	6	4	3	0	8	4	+9	31
3	Crawley	15	5	1	2	15	12	4	1	2	8	7	+4	29
4	Stevenage	15	3	4	1	12	12	5	1	1	8	4	+4	29
5	Doncaster	14	3	1	2	7	7	5	2	1	13	5	+8	27
6	Notts Co	15	3	1	4	12	11	4	3	0	14	6	+9	25
7	Swindon	15	3	2	2	11	5	4	2	2	12	9	+9	25
8	MK Dons	15	4	2	1	9	4	2	3	3	9	7	+7	23
9	Preston	15	3	2	2	13	6	3	2	3	12	13	+6	22
10	Yeovil	15	3	1	3	9	8	4	0	4	16	13	+4	22
11	Brentford	15	5	2	1	14	8	0	5	2	7	9	+4	22
12	Colchester	15	3	3	1	11	7	2	2	4	6	11	-1	20
13	Walsall	15	2	2	3	10	12	3	2	3	8	9	-3	19
14	Carlisle	15	2	2	4	11	18	3	2	2	8	9	-8	19
15	Portsmouth	15	3	1	3	10	8	2	2	4	12	15	-1	18
16	Bournemouth	15	2	4	1	11	8	2	2	4	13	19	-3	18
17	Oldham	14	2	3	2	9	7	2	2	3	6	8	0	17
18	Crewe	15	3	2	3	7	8	1	3	3	7	13	-7	17
19	Leyton Orient	15	3	0	5	6	8	2	1	4	5	10	-7	16
20	Shrewsbury	15	3	2	3	10	9	0	3	4	6	11	-4	14
21	Coventry	15	1	3	3	8	10	2	2	4	7	12	-7	14
22	Scunthorpe	15	1	2	5	7	17	1	2	4	4	10	-16	10
23	Bury	15	1	3	4	6	12	0	3	4	9	15	-12	9
24	Hartlepool	15	1	3	3	7	8	0	2	6	6	18	-13	8

Player Statistics 2012/13

No.	Player	Age	NL1	FAC	CAP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Foderingham	22	15	1	4	1	21	-	-	-	62
2	Archibald-Henville	23	3(1)	1	2	-	6(1)	1	2	-	6(1)
3	McEveley	27	13	1	4	-	18	-	4	-	27
4	Flint	23	8	1	2(1)	(1)	11(2)	1	3	2	49(7)
5	Devera	25	8(1)	-	3	1	12(1)	-	2	-	46(2)
6	Navarro	31	6(3)	-	3	-	9(3)	2	1	-	9(3)
7	L Rooney	22	1(2)	-	(1)	-	1(3)	-	-	-	12(5)
8	Ferry	24	8(6)	1	1(3)	1	11(9)	1	1	-	122(23)
9	Collins	21	10(4)	(1)	2(1)	-	12(6)	6	1	-	12(6)
10	Ritchie	22	13(1)	(1)	4	-	17(2)	6	1	-	108(7)
11	Roberts	28	5(3)	1	2	-	8(3)	1	2	-	8(3)
12	McCormack	27	12(1)	-	4	1	17(1)	-	4	-	64(5)
14	Benson	32	5(3)	-	3	1	10(3)	3	1	-	37(6)
15	N Thompson	21	5	1	1(1)	-	7(1)	-	1	-	11(7)
16	Williams	25	11	1	3(1)	1	16(1)	3	-	-	16(1)
18	Miller	33	14(1)	-	4	(1)	18(2)	1	2	-	18(2)
19	L Thompson	17	-	(1)	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	0(2)
20	Storey	18	1(2)	-	(2)	-	1(4)	3	-	-	1(10)
21	Bessone	28	4(1)	-	-	1	5(1)	-	1	-	5(1)
22	Ward	33	8	1	-	1	10	-	2	-	10
23	De Vita	24	9	1	2(1)	1	13(1)	4	-	-	49(11)
25	Coke	26	1(2)	-	-	1	2(2)	-	-	-	2(2)
28	A Rooney	24	2(9)	1	-	1	4(9)	3	-	-	4(9)
30	Bedwell	18	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
32	Smith	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
33	Bostock	20	2(1)	-	-	(1)	2(2)	-	-	-	5(3)

Tonight's Mascot



Liam Clark:

Age: 8

School: Red Oaks Primary School

Hobbies: Football, playing Wii & DS

Favourite player: Matt Ritchie

Birthday Wishes!



Happy belated Birthday to season long Members' Suite Member

Darren Beggan with love from Rosi, James and Lucia.

Happy 40th!



Happy 40th Birthday to Kerry with lots of love from Antony, Chloe, Molly, Callum & all the team at Swindon Town FC.

Have a great day!

Happy 34th Birthday for today to Arkell's Stand Season Ticket holder Dave

Turner, from Paul, Fiona, Jack, Michael and Susan.



Live the Dream

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