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**GOOD** afternoon and welcome back for today's pre-Christmas visit of Coventry City.



I have always been taught to avoid clichés in written work but I really think today's clash deserves the moniker of 'Christmas Cracker'. Coventry are a huge club and today's game is one of those fixtures that always stands out from the schedule. I'd like to welcome former Town great, Ernie Hunt to The CG this afternoon as he receives his Swindon Town Hall of Fame tie. The era in which Ernie played for Swindon really fascinates me: not only did Town, under the tutelage of Bert Head, clinch a first ever promotion in 1963, their first season in Division Two in 1963/64 regularly attracted five-figure crowds with the highest being recorded against Manchester City: over 28,000 packed into The County Ground. Alongside the nostalgia of leather footballs, terraces and

simple, elegant kits, Town's side was peppered with local, home-grown talent. Of course, that wonderful era for Swindon would culminate in League Cup success in 1969 which included a fourth round victory over Coventry along the way. Thanks to Paul Plowman who very kindly supplied the picture above, capturing the moment that Willie Penman scored Town's third goal. With this being the final game before Christmas, let's hope the players can provide us with an early present and pick up all three points this afternoon. On behalf of everyone who contributes to the production of COYR, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

**TOM OTREBSKI**  
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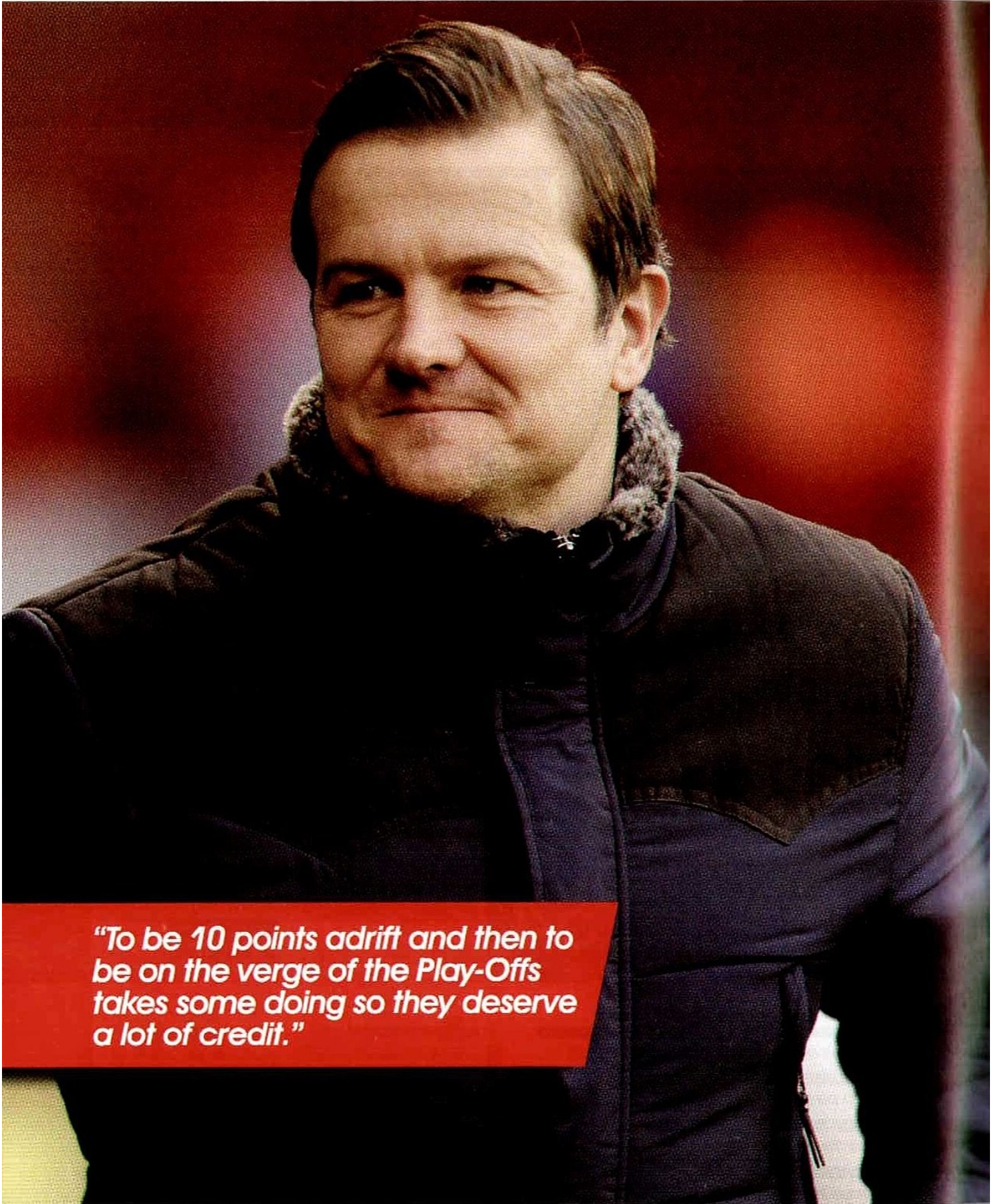


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*"To be 10 points adrift and then to be on the verge of the Play-Offs takes some doing so they deserve a lot of credit."*

# MARK COOPER



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**WELCOME** back to The County Ground this afternoon for the visit of Coventry City in this festive League 1 encounter...



It was a disappointing result and a disappointing performance at Bramall Lane last weekend. There is a great deal of frustration in the fact that, because of previous away performances, we have chosen to play a certain way which is a way we don't really want to play. However, we've had to cover up a few weaknesses and the frustration was that, after the event, we could have probably done it a different way but we'll never know that so there was an overwhelming sense of frustration. Having said that, if we don't concede the goal, we come away with a 0-0 draw and a point. I understand your frustrations but I didn't want to see us getting beat 4-0 like we did at Macclesfield again and getting beat like we did

at Oldham where we were too wide open defensively. Coventry have had a fantastic run but then they had a bit of a sticky patch: they got beat at home by Tranmere then they won a couple of games again so it's difficult to know what to expect this afternoon. All I know is that they've got some good players and they're trying to play a flowing brand of football. Steven Pressley has always been impressive from what I've seen on television and in interviews. With the philosophy that he's put in place throughout the club, you know that they're trying to play the right way and I think you can see that from the performances on the pitch. To be 10 points adrift and then to be on the verge of the Play-Offs takes some doing so

they deserve a lot of credit. He's done an amazing job, especially when you consider that they're playing at Sixfields in front of a couple of thousand people, then they end up taking 7,000 fans to MK Dons. I'd like to close by saying Merry Christmas to everyone. We're ahead of where we thought we would be at this stage and hopefully, over the Christmas period and the New Year, we can put ourselves in a really strong position.

Keep believing.

**MARK COOPER**  
MANAGER



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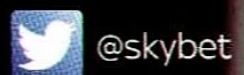
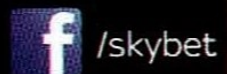
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# DARREN WARD



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**GOOD** afternoon and welcome back to SN1 for today's meeting with Coventry City...

IT was quite disappointing on Saturday at Sheffield United. I thought we had a good shape about us and we kept the ball for long periods. Bramall Lane is always a difficult place to go and play so it was a bit disappointing we didn't get a goal. Having said that, I think we've played worse this season and got results. Coventry, our visitors today, have done incredibly well this season under the circumstances they've found themselves in. With what's gone on at the club, to go on a run and stay together as a group like they have done is a credit to them but there's still a long way to go. I don't know their manager, Steven Pressley, as a person but success as a manager depends on what players you have got at your disposal. You have to deal with every given situation as it comes and I think he has done a very good job with Coventry so far. We're coming up to the half-way mark of the season so there's a lot still to play for and it's going to be another tough game for us this afternoon. We're now starting a really busy schedule of games over Christmas and New Year and everyone knows it's vital to get the right results for many reasons. It's a tough period in the season and a lot of teams are going to struggle over this period because of the fixture pile-up, so it's about



**"We're coming up to the half-way mark of the season so there's a lot still to play for..."**

picking up as many points as possible. Finally, I hope that all of you have a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Hopefully we can put some smiles on your faces along the way.

**DARREN WARD**  
TEAM CAPTAIN



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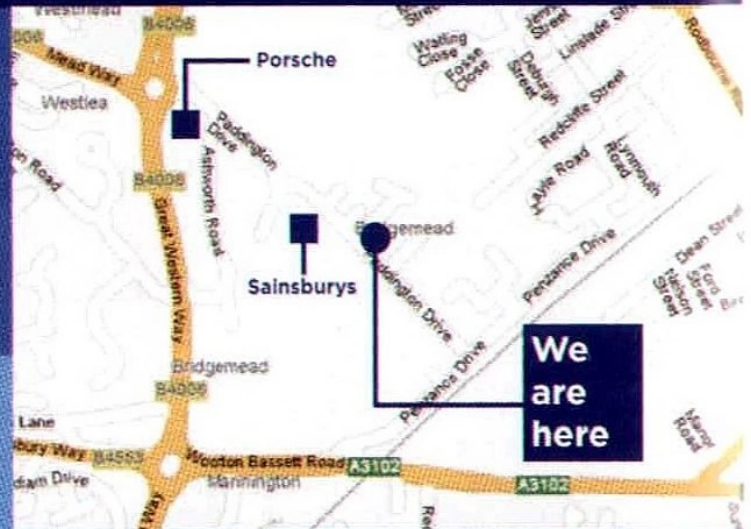
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# BOARDROOM UPDATE



*A warm welcome to the CG to Coventry City's Board of Directors, their guests and their travelling fans...*

**MY** first week at the helm of Swindon Town has summed up the highs and lows that you can experience in football.

A week last Tuesday, we witnessed a fantastic win on penalties over Stevenage here at The County Ground to get to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Final. Of course, as you all know, we will face Peterborough United over two legs, which will bring in some extra revenue to the football club. After leaving that night on a high following the excitement of the shoot-out, we then experienced a low last Saturday and were left feeling deflated after a poor display and a 1-0 defeat at Sheffield United. It really does sum up the ups and downs of the game we all love.

Today's visitors, Coventry City, will be a tough test for our lads. Steven Pressley has done a fantastic job especially with the considerable restraints and pressures on him. He has certainly demonstrated that he will be a manager to keep an eye on in the future. I remember him fondly from one or two battles I had when I was playing for Hibernian and Dundee north of the border.

Finally, as these will be the last set of notes I will write in the year 2013, I would like to thank you all for your support of the team so far this season.



***"We witnessed a fantastic win on penalties over Stevenage here at The County Ground to get to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Final."***

Both players and management have noted the fantastic backing they get at home and away games, so I hope this continues into 2014.

I would like to close by wishing every single one of you a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**LEE POWER**  
CHAIRMAN

# COMMERCIAL COMMENT



**KAY** Wainwright rounds up the latest commercial news from SN1, including a welcome for the newest sponsors...

I'D like to start by welcoming a few of our new sponsors. Firstly, to Morris Owen, who have recently taken up groundboard advertising as well as programme advertising for the remainder of this season. Also, Vox PR who have now sponsored the Press Box at the back of the Arkell's Stand. Bushwackers are now sponsoring Manager Mark Cooper's page in the matchday programme and the Wyvern Theatre have taken home shirt sponsorship for our recent JPT penalty-saving hero, Tyrell Belford. Bowood Hotel and Golf Resort have become Swindon Town's new golfing and hotel partner so I'd like to welcome them to the STFC family. At this point, I'd also like to mention that David Lloyd Gym and Next Generation Gym are our official gym partners for the 2013/14 season.

### Wyvern Theatre

I'D like to welcome Richard Loftus from the Wyvern



Theatre to the CG for this afternoon's match. He will be accompanied today by red-headed members of this year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, to support our Reds against Coventry. The Wyvern Theatre have also agreed a two-year contract for large billboard advertising beside the McDonald's billboard above the STFC Store. This is so that they can continue to make their audience in Swindon and beyond aware of everything going on at the Wyvern.

### Branding And Advertising

I'D like to remind customers old and new of a few branding opportunities still available around the Ground. These

are available at a discounted rate of a massive 50% for the second half of the season. This would include areas like the scoreboard, sponsorship of the Stratton Bank, groundboard sites, programme advertising, external and internal poster sites and everything in between. Although not in the sale, there is also still space available on our LED boards and big screen on matchdays. If you would like to see your branding on any space in and around the Ground then don't hesitate to get in touch with the commercial team on the numbers below. Alternatively, you can email me at [kay@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:kay@swindontownfc.co.uk)

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## MAN OF THE MATCH



### Alex Pritchard

**THE** tricky winger on loan from Tottenham Hotspur picked up the Man of the Match award against the Cumbrians after a typically effervescent performance. 'Pritch' helped Town claim all three points by netting the second goal in a 3-1 victory with a stunning second-half free-kick. Whisked up to the Sponsors' Suite post-match, he was presented with his complementary bottle of champagne by members of the STFC Supporters' Club who were the Main Match Sponsors.





**MAGIC MOMENT: 1987**

Coventry City celebrate with the FA Cup after beating Tottenham Hotspur 3-2 at Wembley.

# VISITORS COVENTRY CITY



**AFTER** a period of off-field turmoil, the Sky Blues are starting to see the green shoots of recovery in the form of on-field progress...

**HAVING** finished 15th in League 1 the season before, Coventry began the 2013/14 campaign in the worst possible circumstances. With a points deduction to contend with and still restricted by the shackles of administration, a transfer embargo initially prevented the signing of players. In addition, the relocation of home fixtures to Northampton Town's Sixfields sparked angry protests and demonstrations from the long-suffering Sky

Blues faithful. Attendances for 'home' matches this season have been hit by fan boycotts, although the away following has been more than healthy: City were recently backed by 7,000 travelling fans at MK Dons. Having assembled a young squad containing plenty of Academy graduates, Steven Pressley's side lost their first two fixtures of the season before beating Bristol City 5-4 at Sixfields and hitting four past Carlisle at Brunton Park. They

lost two games back-to-back in late September then registered four consecutive wins, including victory over league leaders, Leyton Orient, before losing two more games in November. After a 3-1 win at Stadium:MK at the end of November, they drew 2-2 with Crewe Alexandra in their last league outing. Leon Clarke netted a double for the Sky Blues on Tuesday evening as they beat Hartlepool United in an FA Cup replay to seal their place in the Third Round.



**THE GAFFER:** STEVEN PRESSLEY

AS a commanding centre-half, Pressley began his professional career with Glasgow Rangers in the early 1990s, making 34 league appearances. He had a brief stint at Coventry City during the 1994/95 season before moving to Dundee United. His next destination was Heart of Midlothian, where he would rack up over 300 appearances and skipper them to a Scottish Cup win before crossing the Old Firm divide and signing for Celtic. He spent three years at Celtic Park,

then moved on to Falkirk where he finished his playing career. As a player he also won 32 caps for Scotland and was assistant to George Burley during his spell as manager of the national team. After taking the reins at Falkirk, he could not stop them sliding out of the SPL in his first season in charge. He would go on to guide them to Scottish Challenge Cup success and a Scottish Cup Semi-Final before joining the Sky Blues in March 2013 following the departure of Mark Robins.

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**Champions: 1966-67**  
Third Division:  
**Champions: 1963-64**  
Fourth Division:  
**Runners-up: 1958-59**  
Third Division South:  
**Champions: 1935-36**

## THE PLAYERS



## COVENTRY CITY



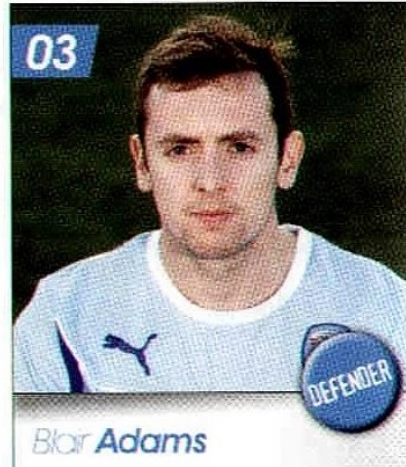
Joe Murphy

**BEGAN** his career at Tranmere Rovers before spells at West Bromwich Albion and Walsall. Prior to his switch to Coventry, he was at Scunthorpe United, spending five years with the Iron and making over 200 appearances. Since joining the Sky Blues in the summer of 2011 he has established himself as Number One stopper and has now racked up over 100 appearances in all competitions. He has also earned international honours with the Republic of Ireland.



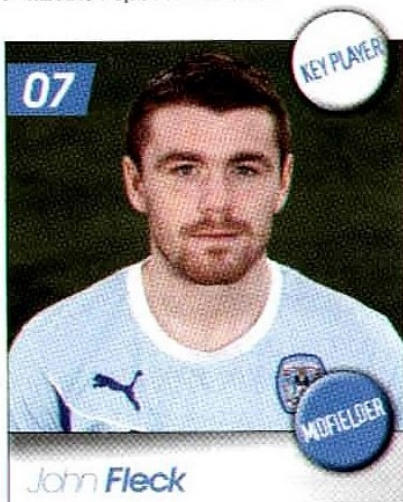
Cyrus Christie

A graduate of the Sky Blues' Academy, the full-back signed his first professional deal in the summer of 2011. Made his Coventry debut in a 2-0 League Cup defeat to Morecambe the year before, in August 2010 but has since featured regularly for City and is closing in on 100 appearances. Christie was crowned Young Player of the Year at the end of the 2012/13 campaign, scoring three times from 39 outings.



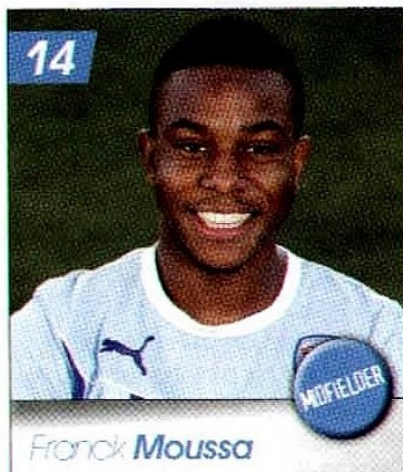
Blair Adams

**THE** full-back is a product of the Academy at the Stadium of Light and was the leading appearance maker for Sunderland's reserves side before spending time on loan at Brentford and Northampton. He joined Coventry on loan last term, making the move permanent in January of this year. Adams has also been capped for England at Under-20 level and has featured regularly for the Sky Blues so far this season.



John Fleck

**FLECK** started his career with Glasgow Rangers, progressing from the youth ranks into the first team, making his first appearance at the tender age of 15. He would go on to make 40 appearances for the Ibrox outfit and enjoyed a loan spell at Blackpool during the 2011/12 season before signing for Coventry in the summer of 2012. Netted three times from 42 appearances last term. The midfielder has also earned international honours with Scotland's Under-21s.



Franck Moussa

**MOUSSA** is a graduate of the youth system of Belgian side Anderlecht but he started his career in England with Southend United. After clocking up over 100 appearances at Roots Hall, he was snapped up by Leicester City in August 2010. He has also had loan spells at Wycombe, Doncaster and Chesterfield but was signed by Coventry in September 2012 following his release by the Foxes. Made 46 appearances last term.



Carl Baker

**THE** midfielder started his career with Southport before securing a move to Morecambe in the summer of 2007. After one season with the Shrimps, he signed for Stockport County in July 2008. In the January 2010 transfer window after netting 13 goals in 24 appearances for County, he made the move to Coventry. Installed as Captain last term, he collected the Player of the Year Award and the Players' Player of the Year Award.

**LAST FIVE:** LWDDW **LAST TIME OUT:** FAC 2-1 W vs Hartlepool 17.12.13



**Don Seaborne**

**THE** centre-half is currently on loan with the Sky Blues until January from Yeovil Town. After graduating from the ranks at Exeter City, he helped the Grecians secure back-to-back promotions before moving to Southampton. In his time at St. Mary's, Seaborne was a part of the side that clinched a return to the Premier League in 2012. He joined Yeovil in the summer and made 11 appearances in the Championship this term before the switch to Coventry.



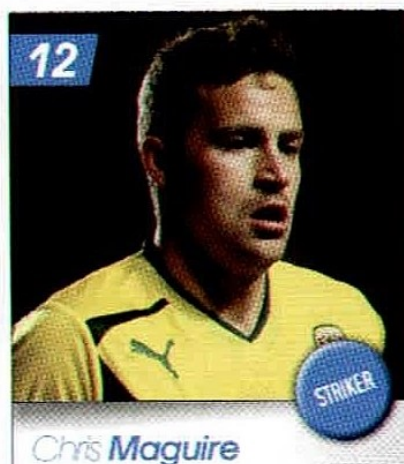
**Jordan Clarke**

**COVENTRY-BORN** Clarke is a product of the Sky Blues' Academy and captained the Academy sides before making his league debut on the opening day of the 2008/09 season. Started making regular outings for the first team in the 2010/11 season and notched his first goal in October 2010. Clarke has since gone on to rack up over 100 appearances for Coventry and he has also been capped by the England Under-20 side.



**Conor Thomas**

**THE** midfielder has graduated from the ranks of his home-town club, signing his first professional deal in October 2010. Made his senior bow in 2011 against Crystal Palace before making his full debut against Birmingham City. He also spent a brief spell on loan at Liverpool but never made an appearance for the first team. He has since established himself in Coventry's midfield and is closing in on 70 appearances for the Sky Blues.



**Chris Maguire**

**MAGUIRE**, who can play either as a striker or a winger, is on loan from Sheffield Wednesday until January. He graduated from the youth ranks at Aberdeen and had spells at Kilmarnock, Derby County and Portsmouth before moving to Hillsborough in 2012. He netted twice on his Sky Blues debut against MK Dons in November. Earned full international honours with Scotland's senior side after representing his country in the junior age groups.



**Leon Clarke**

**AFTER** starting out at Wolves, the striker has played for no fewer than 14 clubs including the likes of Sheffield Wednesday and QPR before joining Town in the summer of 2012. After making just four appearances in Wiltshire, he moved to Charlton in January 2012. Clarke joined the Sky Blues in 2013, joining permanently after a loan move. Made his debut on New Year's Day 2013 and scored 10 goals last term.



**Chris Dagnall**

**THE** striker began his career with Tranmere Rovers before signing for Rochdale. Netted over 50 goals in four years with Dale then joined Scunthorpe United in 2010. Secured a move to Barnsley in the January 2012 transfer window and spent time on loan at Bradford City towards the end of the 2011/12 campaign. Dagnall joined Coventry on loan from the Tykes in November and netted on his Sky Blues debut against MK Dons.

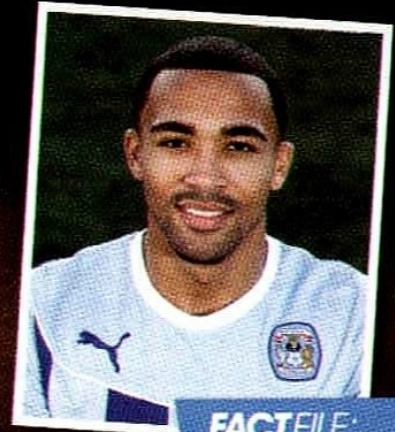
# CALLUM WILSON

**ONE** of the Sky Blues' up-and-coming talents will be looking to improve his stock rating at SN1 this afternoon...

**WILSON** is a product of the Coventry Academy setup and made his competitive debut for the Sky Blues in a Carling Cup First Round tie against Hartlepool in August 2009. He would have to wait over a year for his league debut when he came on a substitute during City's 2-0 defeat at Loftus Road in December 2010. Just over two weeks later, he had made a loan switch to Kettering in the Blue Square Premier. He would only net once for the Poppies in 17 appearances, scoring in a thrilling 4-3 win over Histon. The following season he would score once in three games during a brief loan spell at Tamworth in January 2012. After penning his first professional deal, Wilson broke into the Sky Blues senior team last term, first appearing in a 1-0 defeat at Carlisle in January 2013. He would make a further eleven appearances over the course of the rest of the campaign and notched his first goal for Coventry against Colchester in March, helping the Sky Blues earn a point in

a 2-2 draw. This season, he started with a bang: after scoring against Crawley on the opening day of the campaign, he netted six goals in six games including a double in Coventry's 5-4 win over Bristol City. In total, he scored nine times in the opening ten games in all competitions. He would only find the net once over the course of the next six games but did help Steven Pressley's men to a 3-2 success over Sheffield United. He scored three in three games at the start of November and notched the Sky Blues' second goal in a 2-2 draw with Crewe in their last outing in League 1. In total this season, he has scored thirteen goals in 20 league games so far and sits joint-second in the divisional scoring charts.





**FACTFILE:**

Full name:

**Callum Eddie  
Graham Wilson**

Date of birth:

**27 February 1992**

Place of birth:

**Coventry, England**

Height:

**1.80m (5ft 11in)**

Playing position:

**Forward**

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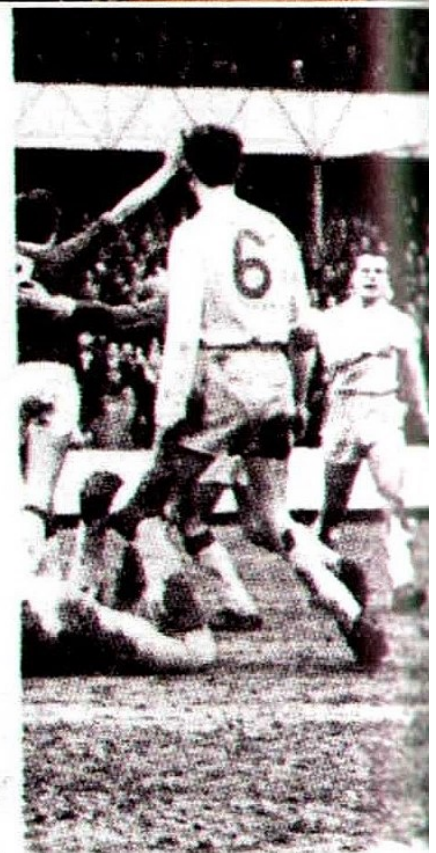
## CLUB CONNECTION

### ERNIE HUNT:

**ONE** of 'Bert's Babes', Ernie Hunt made over 200 appearances for Swindon in a six year period and was part of Town's historic first promotion-winning side of 1962/63. His 88 goals puts him tenth on the all-time top-scorer list at The County Ground and, following Town's relegation to Division Three in 1965, Hunt moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers. He signed for Coventry in 1968 and made over 140 appearances for the Sky Blues. Many supporters will remember his famous 'donkey kick' free-kick routine with Willy Carr that was shown countless times on Match of the Day.



## PAST ENCOUNTER



## MAGIC MOMENTS:



1936

**WITH** the Club's greatest ever goalscorer, Clarie Bourton, leading the line, City enjoy a golden period in the 1930s, culminating in promotion to Division Two in 1936. They just miss out on promotion to the top flight in 1938.

1961

**JIMMY** Hill is installed as manager and galvanises the club setting it on course for success: he changes the colours to the well-known sky blue, changes the nickname and adds to the supporters' matchday experience.



1964

**BOASTING** average crowds of 26,000, the Sky Blues clinch the Division Three championship; their first promotion under the guidance of Jimmy Hill.



1967

**CITY** go 25 games unbeaten during the 1966/67 campaign. Over 60,000 pack Highfield Road to witness a showdown with rivals Wolverhampton Wanderers that sees Coventry crowned Champions of Division Two.



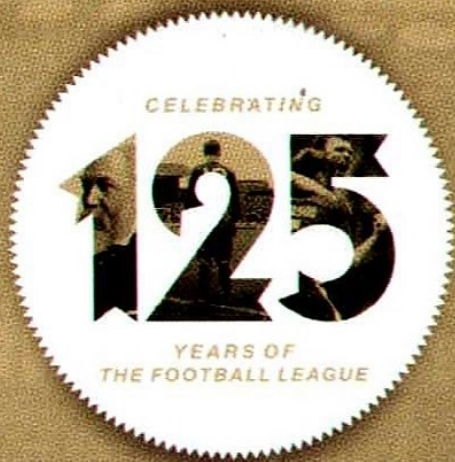
1997

**STRIKER** Dion Dublin, pictured with Paul Williams, celebrates his goal. A 2-1 win over Tottenham at White Hart Lane keeps Coventry in the Premier League on the final day of the season.



Date: 20.02.1965  
Swindon Town 4  
Coventry City 1  
Attendance: 14,053

**THIS** Second Division encounter from the mid-1960s ended in a massive win for Swindon. Don Rogers opened the scoring after just eight minutes. Just before the break, Mike Summerbee notched a second for the Town. There was still time before half-time for Rogers to add a third to Swindon's tally; his second of the afternoon. Full-back Owen Dawson netted a fourth while Coventry centre-forward George Hudson scored a consolation for the Sky Blues with fifteen minutes to play. Despite the defeat, City would finish the season in mid-table while Town would suffer relegation by a single point.



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# CLUB NEWS

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**TODAY** sees former Town goalscoring great, Ernie Hunt, become the latest ex-Swindon player to be inducted into the STFC Hall of Fame....



**ERNIE** Hunt was the youngest player ever to have played for Swindon when, at the age of 16 years and 182 days, he made his debut for Swindon against Grimsby Town in September 1959. Although actually called Roger, he was nicknamed 'little Ernie' after his father and the name stuck. One of Bert Head's 'babes', he had come up through the local schoolboy team. His Swindon career would see him make 237 appearances and score 88 goals. He won a regular place in the team in March 1960 and in the 1961/62 season was ever-present, finishing top-scorer with 14 goals. The following season, he scored 18 goals. The 1962/63 campaign was to be Swindon's first ever promotion season and Ernie was the club's top-scorer for a third year in a row with 27 goals in League

and Cup, including seven out of seven from the penalty spot. As Swindon rose to the top of Division Two the following season, Ernie's talents attracted the attention of the top clubs' scouts and the international selectors with Ernie gaining England caps at Under-23 Level that had eluded him as a schoolboy. That Swindon were relegated at the end of the 1964/65 season owed much to the injuries which plagued Ernie during that campaign. He showed his bravery and commitment to the cause by returning from injury to strike a goal in a 3-2 win over Rotherham but sadly aggravated the injury and could only watch from the sidelines as Swindon picked up just one point from their last three games. In September 1965 he signed for Wolves for a fee of £40,000.

## Festive Football



A reminder to all Swindon supporters that the Boxing Day clash with Brentford has been brought forward and will kick-off at 12.30pm. The match at Griffin Park is also ALL-TICKET for away supporters. On Sunday 29th, Swindon travel to Bradford City. Kick-off at Valley Parade is at 3pm. Head to page 77 for all the latest ticket and travel details for matches over the festive period.

## Opening Hours

**THE** STFC Store Christmas and New Year opening hours are as listed below:

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# JAY MCEVELE

*JAY McEveley has been there, done it and even survived a heart scare. So who better to assess the challenges ahead?*

**WORDS:** Nick Judd

**Today's game finds two teams going for the play-off spots and should be a cracker. A win would see us open an eight-point gap between the two sides, but what challenge do Coventry bring today?**

That's right. If you look at where Coventry are when you consider their situation at the start of the season [Coventry started the season on -10 points], their manager and players deserve a lot of credit. That kind of decision could have killed some teams but they've come back fighting and they're a good bet for the play-offs.

It's a very good club with good players, so you can see why they're doing well at this level. I know the manager is young and

hungry and he's doing a really good job for them.

**We also have a relatively young management team in place too. Do you think this could be a growing trend given the financial difficulties facing many clubs?**

I think it's nice to see and I'd like to see a few more given a chance. There are a lot of coaches learning their trade at youth and academy level and I think they need to be given a chance. You never know what you might unearth, and you only have to look at the job being done by both Steven Pressley and the gaffer [Mark Cooper] to see what can be done if these coaches are given an opportunity.

**After our defeat at Sheffield United last week, Mark said he is still trying to find the right balance between attacking teams and staying in matches. It seems a fine line...**

We have tried to readdress it. As a team, we have conceded a lot of sloppy goals and we're not happy about it. Something

needed to be done because it was happening too many times. We've kind of fixed our defensive problems to an extent, but it's doing that while utilizing our attacking talent. We know we can tear teams open but we have to learn to try and play like that without conceding goals. We've done it to a certain extent, but there's more work to be done.

**How hard is it cutting out defensive mistakes? Sometimes, it's a case of individual error, so there's only so much you can do...?**

You can work on things but you're right, certain goals have been down to individual mistakes. But we work as a team and as a unit. We move as one. If the ball is on the right-hand side, you know you still have work to do to be in the right position because if the ball is played across you have to be able to do your job. Knowing where we all are on the pitch, wherever the ball is, is something you can work on. That gives you a solid platform and if we get that right as a team we have that attacking capability going forward.



**FACTFILE:**

Full name:

**James Michael McEveley**

Date of birth:

**11 February 1985**

Place of birth:

**Liverpool, England**

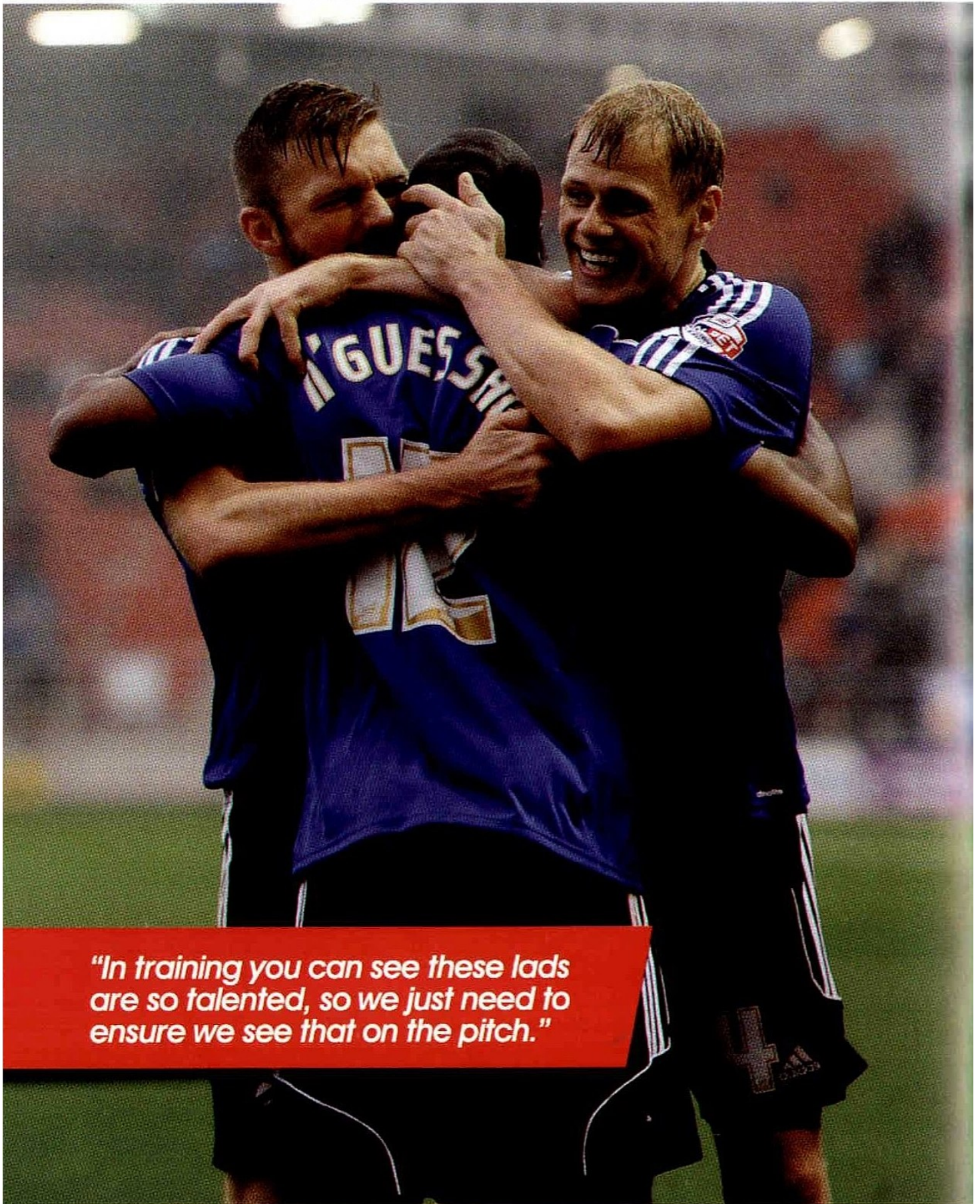
Height:

**1.85m (6ft 1")**

Playing position:

**Defender**

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**Our back line is quite often a mixture of youth and experience and sometimes the only way for younger players to learn is by trial and error, isn't it?**

That's right, but that doesn't just apply to the defence, it applies to the whole team. Everyone in the side knows that if we concede a goal it's the responsibility of the team, not an individual. People always look to the defence but the goal might have started from someone not being in position in attack or midfield. Did it come from someone starting an attack and not getting back into position? You have to look at the bigger situation and consider the whole shape of the team. If we can get that right, you can become very hard to break down.

**And let's not forget, we are still in touching distance of the top six. Is there a feeling among the players that we're in a good position?**

I think we're all actually pleasantly surprised with how the season is going. Over the summer I didn't know what to expect. We'd chopped and changed the squad but the board and the management staff have put together a great squad and those players have come together nicely. In training you can see these lads are so talented, so we just need to ensure we see that on the pitch. I'm sure you'll all see it more regularly at some stage.

**And have you been happy with your own form and consistency?**

I have, yes. We've chopped and changed a bit in that I've played on the left of a back three, or at left-back, but I feel fit and strong and I'm enjoying it. The style of football helps and I enjoy trying to keep the ball. I have a bit of freedom to get forward as well,

so it's nice to try and make things happen. Sometimes things come off, sometimes they don't but you have to try; there's no point sitting on the fence and playing things safe. We've got the protection of a holding midfielder, which gives the full-backs a bit of a license to go forward.

**As fans, it can be easy to work out what sort of game we're going to have quite early on, that some teams allow us more freedom to play football than others, is it easy to work it out when you're out there in the thick of it?**

Yes, and I think it's how we play when we've worked that out that will be the key for us. Take the Stevenage game the other night; they sat back for the first ten minutes and couldn't get the ball off us. Then they pressed us and still couldn't get the ball off us. In the second half they really went for it and that put us on the back foot, which threw us a little bit. So, we need to have an adaptable plan. We've shown we can be solid and hit on the counter-attack, or pass through teams, but maybe we need to learn when to switch between the two depending on what sort of game it is.

**That Stevenage win leaves us two wins from Wembley. Do you feel confident of our chances against Peterborough over two legs?**

We've got two games to try and get back there, but we know it's going to involve two tough matches. We actually play them in the league on January 11, so we're going to be sick of the sight of each other by the end of the second leg! It's going to be tasty.

**How would you assess Peterborough?**

We only have to look at the first game against them to know we

## #ASKJAY

EACH week, we invite supporters to pitch their questions via the club's official Facebook and Twitter pages. Make sure you log on for the opportunity to get your question answered.



**Who's the best player you've had to mark?**

Jason Ludditch

Cristiano Ronaldo. He was a nightmare, always moving and looking to score. He scored in one of the games I played against him. All you can do is try and tuck in to cover the centre-half, but if you play against Manchester United their wingers hug the touchline, and their midfielders are that good that they can find the wingers with their passing and vision. By the time you've reacted, they've either crossed it or they're running at you. Ronaldo was just unreal. It was that season he scored 40+ goals. You could tell he was on another level. Now, he's on another planet.

**Who has inspired you during your career?**

Ben Sharp (on Facebook)

I got a lot of advice from players such as Craig Short, Henning Berg and Andy Cole when I first started playing for the first team at Blackburn. They were great with me. They would tell me where I was going wrong and give me a lot of advice, which was invaluable as a young player coming through. That has stuck with me through my career.

## #ASKJAY



### **What's your best moment in football?**

**Connor Hanlon**  
(on Facebook)

I'd have to say either my Premier League debut, away at Bolton, or the Championship Play-Off Final when we [Derby County] beat West Bromwich Albion. That Play-Off Final was superb.

### **What has been your favourite moment so far at Swindon?**

**George Webb** (on Facebook)

Well, I didn't want to celebrate winning League 2 too much because the other lads did the hard work; I only played the last nine games or so. I'd have to say the Stoke win was superb. They're a big, tough Premier League team and we went there and gave the performance of our lives.

### **How do you think this current Swindon side would fare in the Championship?**

**Kirk Sharland** (on Facebook)

We talk about this a lot and I think this team would actually find it easier in the Championship. It's not as gung-ho, it's more tactical and I think the lads would get more time to express themselves. But we've got to work hard to get there because getting out of this league is tough. If you can get out, you never know what could happen. Look at Southampton or Swansea, who got out of this league and went straight through the Championship.

have every chance. We should have got a point at their place. 'Mase' [Ryan Mason] hit the bar and we played well enough to get something out of it, particularly in the second half. They've had a blip in recent weeks but we know they can come back strongly. On our day we can beat anyone in the league, we've shown that. Similarly, we've shown that we can lose to anyone, so we have to be on our game.

### **The opportunity to play at Wembley must be exciting for the younger players?**

That's going to drive them on, for sure. I've been lucky enough to play there twice before, so you try and explain how good that occasion is. But they know what it would mean to get there.

### **Apart from those who have taken part in the Community Shield, not many players can say they've made their debut for a team at Wembley, like you did in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2012. Tell us what you remember about that:**

I joined up with the squad on the Wednesday or Thursday and he [Paolo di Canio] told me I was going to be in the squad. I never thought I'd actually play. When he told me I was starting I was so surprised, but luckily I'd been playing regularly at Barnsley so was match fit. It was just an unfortunate result that followed. If we can just get through these games we may have the chance to put that right (if Chesterfield beat Fleetwood). Gary Roberts, who was here last year, plays for Chesterfield and he's a good friend of mine. I know they'll obviously be doing everything they can to get there.

### **Where does playing at Wembley compare to the other highs of your career? You've**

### **played at most of the top grounds, scored against some top teams, represented your country...**

I've been fortunate to play at most Premier League grounds and Wembley and I've got some good memories, and some bad ones as well – like playing badly in front of 50,000 people! But it's all good experience and I can only try and pass that on to the lads who are new to the game.

### **You've marked Beckham, played alongside Rooney and scored at Anfield... not many players in League 1 have that kind of experience...**

At the time you don't realise how lucky you are. You're just up against these players and it's not until later on that you think more about those situations and what you could have done differently. You're always learning and it's good to learn from the best.

### **You seem quite contemplative about your career; is that a result of your heart scare in 2009?**

We played Middlesbrough away on a Tuesday night. I went in for a tackle and the lad's knee has fractured my cheekbone. It needed an operation, so I was straight in. I went under anaesthetic and the next minute I was in intensive care and my heart rate was dropping. I flatlined and was out of it for two and a half minutes. I came back round to having loads of monitors and wires attached to me. After 24 hours I was fine, but it was scary.

### **Does that kind of experience change your outlook on life?**

It does a little bit. I didn't realise it at the time, but looking back... I might not have been around to see my little boy born or grow up. I've moved on, but it's weird to look back on it.



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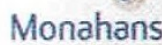


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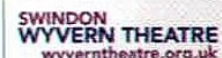


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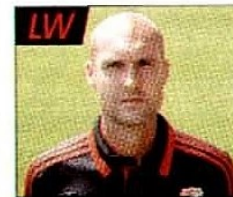


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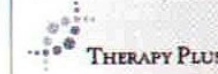


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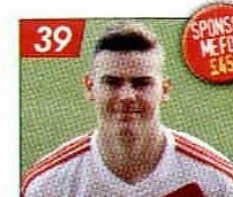


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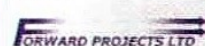


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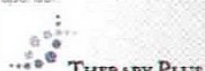


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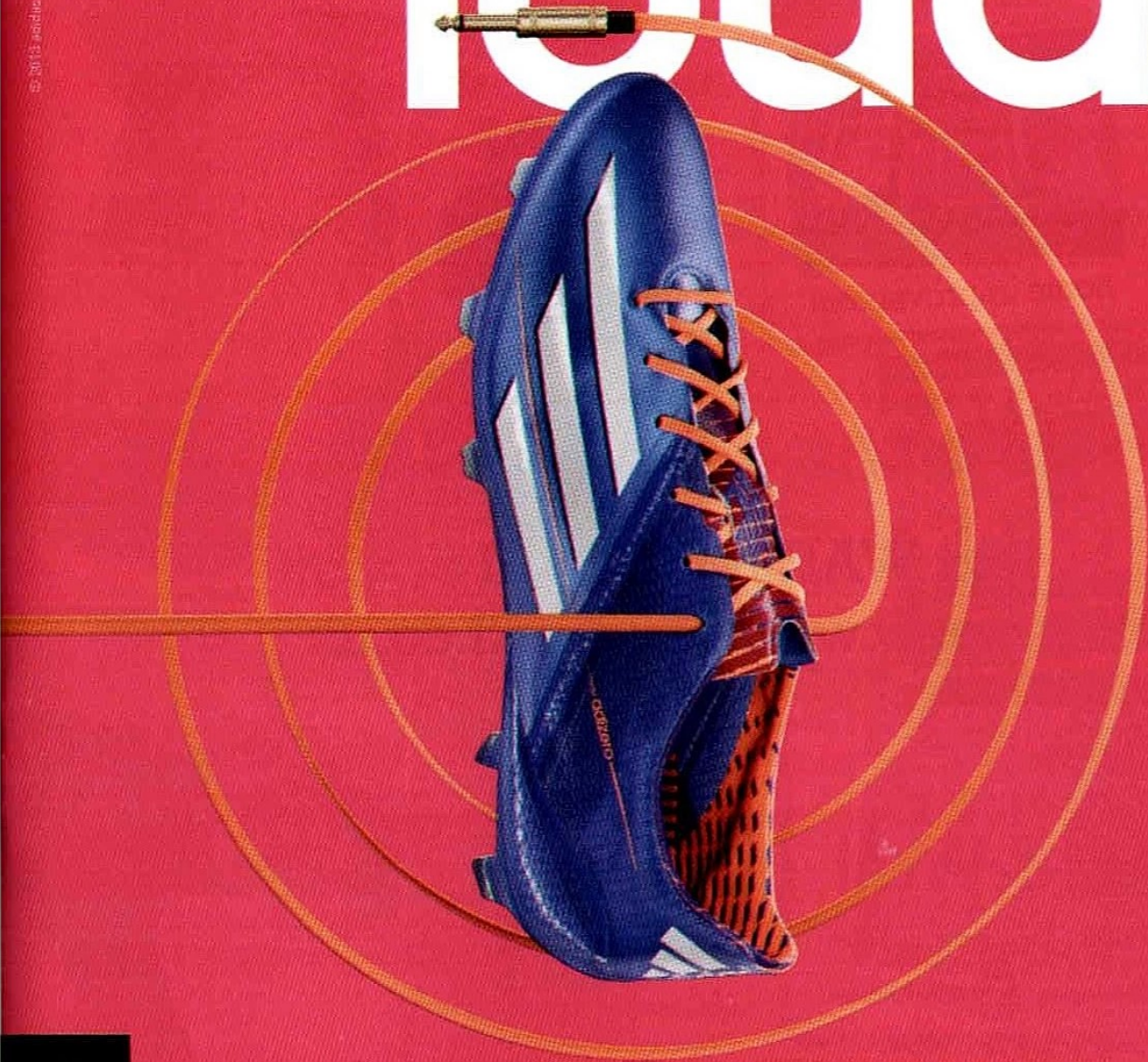
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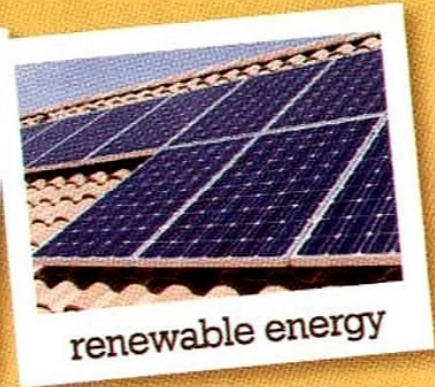
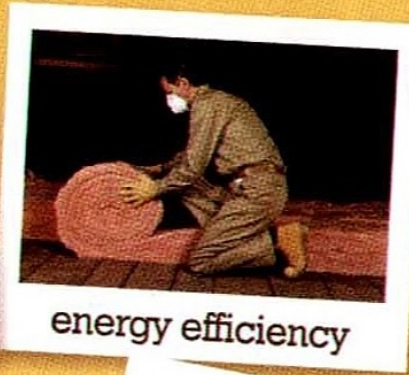
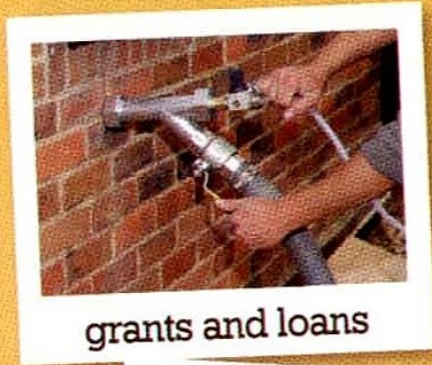
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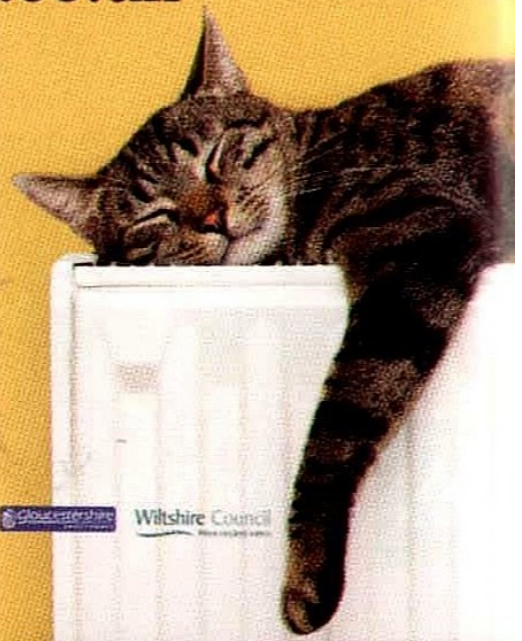
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IN THE

# 80s

## 12. CHRISTMAS GIFTS

*WE* continue our look back at what was acceptable in the 80s by this week casting an eye back on the football gifts that could be found underneath Christmas trees back in the 1980s...

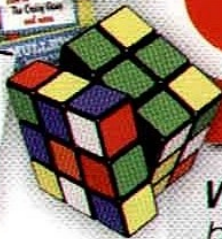
It is nearly that time of year again when dozens of children the land over will be rushing downstairs at silly o'clock in the morning to see what Santa has left them. For football fans, Christmas sees a whole plethora of footballing merchandise released and, whilst kids of today's generation will be hoping for the latest edition of FIFA to play on their shiny new PlayStation 4 or their club's latest strip, football Christmas gifts back in the 80s were simpler and less flashy than their successors today.

For example, when buying a shiny new football shirt back in the 80s, you were provided with a copy of the club badge which you had to sew on yourself, something which is unthinkable today. Replica kits were also considerably cheaper back then. The 'Super Cup' electronic football game made by Tomy was a popular present amongst young football fans whilst Striker, a table-top football game which could be compared to Subbuteo, was the football toy of choice for many young football fanatics.

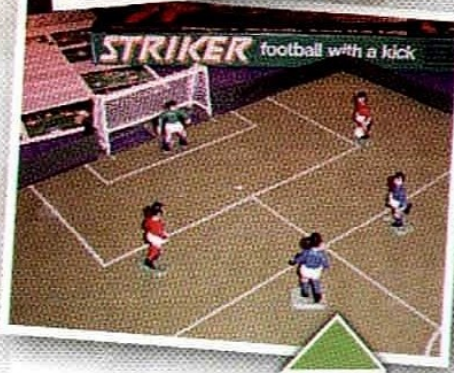
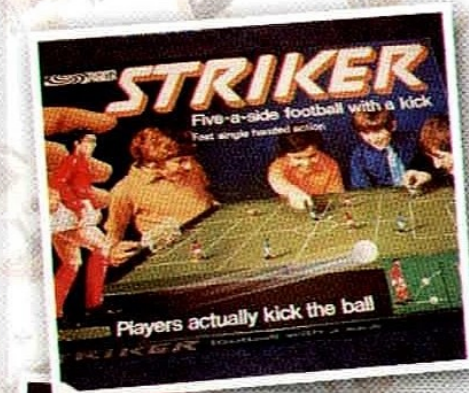
Action man figures dressed in various team colours were also available at Christmas time back

in the 80s complete with little badges and walk-out jackets; something you won't find in the shops this Christmas.

Football Christmas gifts have come a long way since the 80s so, when you open your brand-new PlayStation 4 or Xbox One this Christmas, keep in mind that most children were over the moon with the simplest of gifts back in the 80s...



**ABOVE:** 'Super Cup' was another table-top football game that was a popular Christmas gift. **BELOW:** Action Man figures dressed in the kits of some of England's most popular clubs.



**ABOVE:** 'Striker' was a popular, table-top football game.

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# FINAL

## FINAL SCORE



**Swindon Town:**

**Coventry City:**

Attendance:



**Rockin' Robin's Prediction...**

*1-0 win to Town!*

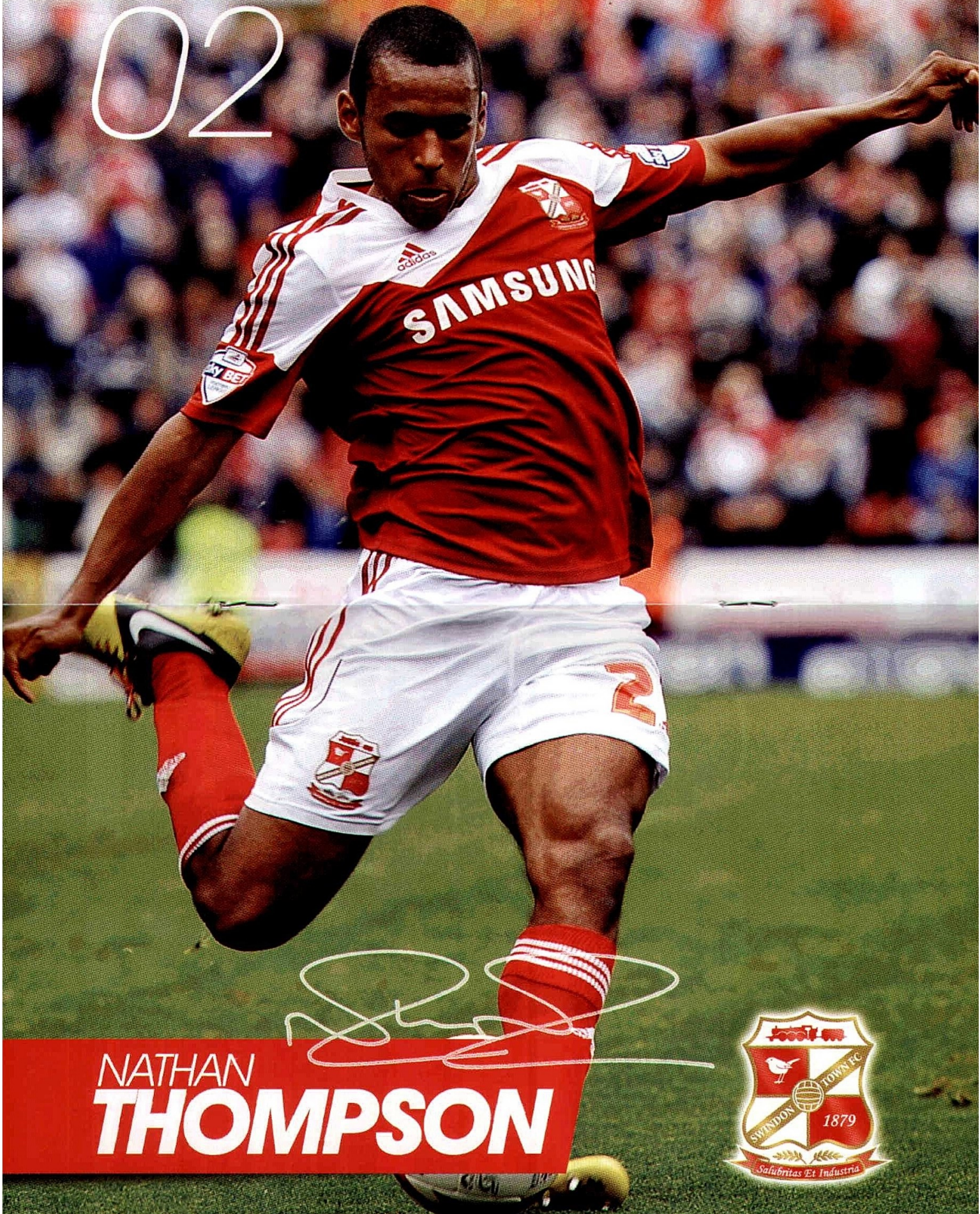
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*Nathan Thompson*

NATHAN  
**THOMPSON**



# junior RED QUIZ

With 50 points up for grabs how many can you score?

MY SCORE:

For 5 points



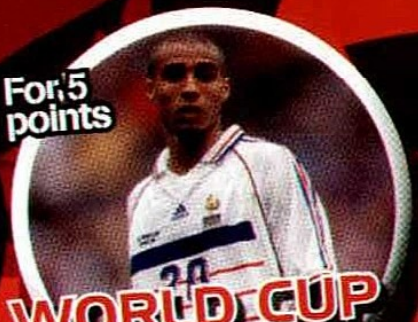
WHO IS THE GRINCH?

For 5 points



WHO'S THE BOSS?

For 5 points



WORLD CUP WINNER?

## TRUE or FALSE



1 point per correct answer

True False

- 1 Swindon Town played against Coventry City in the Premier League...
- 2 Coventry City share the same nickname with Manchester City...
- 3 Tyrell Belford has asked for the 'Toy Story' box set for Christmas...
- 4 The last time Town played at home on Boxing Day was in 2006...
- 5 Eating Brussels Sprouts will make you run faster...

	True	False
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## PREM PICK



For 5 points

Who is the Premier League centre-back?



# THE CONUNDRUM!

Can you reveal the former Premier League Striker? For 5 points

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For 5 points



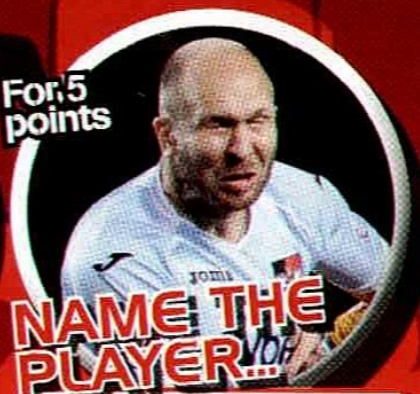
WHOSE BADGE...

For 5 points



NAME THE GROUND...

For 5 points



NAME THE PLAYER...

## PLAYER FACTS

*Yaser Kasim*

**1** I have played for which south coast club?

**2** I have had loan spells with which two clubs?

**3** I have represented which country at U23 level?

1 point per correct answer

## WHOSE KIT

For 2 points




**ANSWERS...**

The Conundrum: Roque Santa Cruz  
 Who is the Grinch: Paul Godfrey  
 Who's the Boss: Paul Robinson  
 World Cup Winner: David Beckham  
 Whose Badge: Nottingham Forest  
 Name the Ground: St Andrew's  
 Name the Player: Sam Kerr  
 True or False: 1 True, 2 True, 3 False, 4 True, 5 False  
 Prem Pick: Chelsea  
 Player Facts: 1 Brighton & Hove Albion, 2 Luton & Houghton, 3 Brentford  
 Whose Kit: Aston Villa

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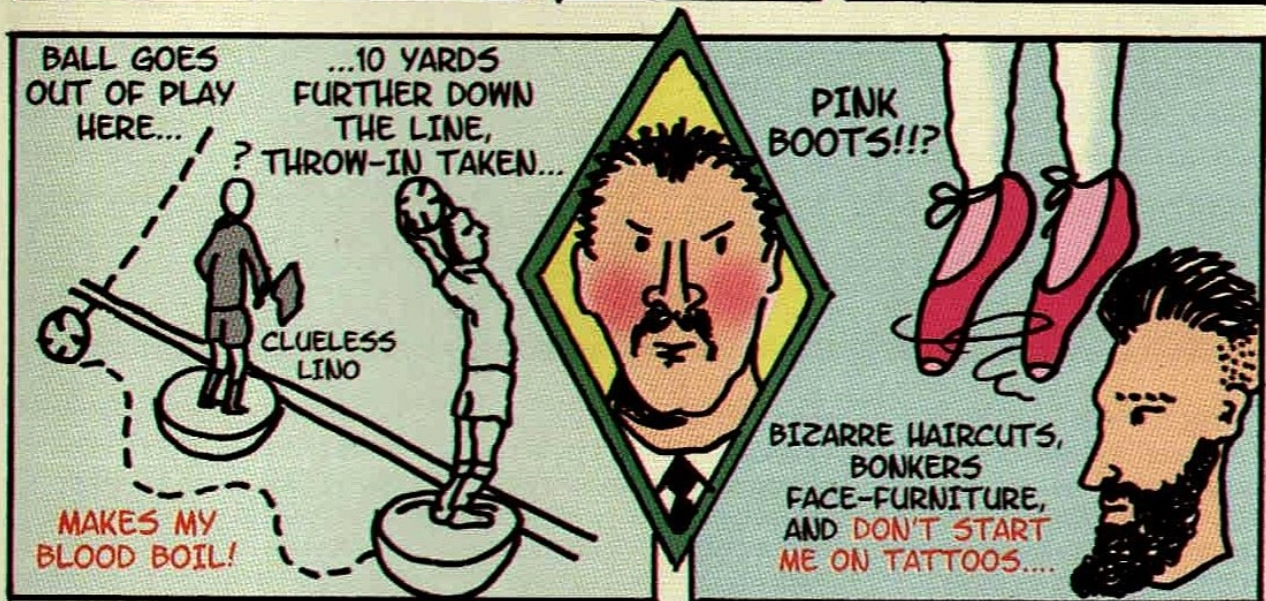
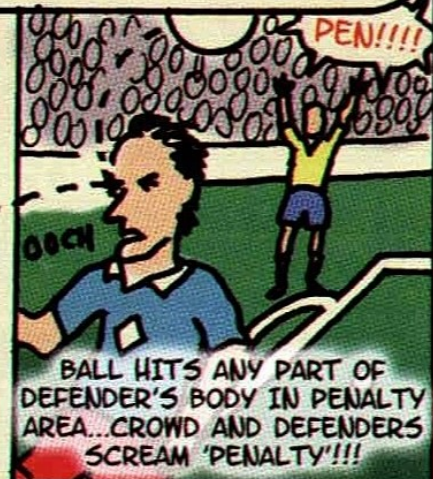
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# TIM OF THE TOWN by Alyn

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION THIS TIME GANG... MY PRESENT TO GRANDAD IS TO LET HIM HAVE A 'RANT' ABOUT THE MODERN GAME... YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!



# ACADEMY FOCUS

Practical Sessions of the  
SFC Under-18s League

The S.F.C  
SUPPORTERS CLUB

**UNDER-18S** Manager Jamie Pitman reflects on a busy end to 2013 after assuming management responsibilities in the summer...



**OVER** the first few months of this season, it's been a huge progression for the lads. We recently played rivals Oxford United, one of the leading teams in the league and we played very well. Although we lost 3-2, we should have got something from the game and it was a massive positive to see that the players have come such a long way in such a short period. Looking back on the opening months, for the First Years it's been a big experience. Along with leaving home for the first time, they've had to make the transition coming into a group where they're on a level playing field and they have had to deal with that aspect of it. Physically and mentally they've developed considerably during the five/six-month period they've been in so far. The Second Years

have improved technically and tactically. Obviously they're now playing a different style to what they're used to so they've come on in that respect. There are a number of players that have improved significantly and I'm looking forward to seeing them develop. After the break, we'll be looking to move on in regards to winning football matches. Technically, we're up there with the best of the Academies but we need a better understanding of how to win football matches. The players will finish today then they're back in on New Year's Day. From a personal perspective, it's been a really quick education for me, to be honest, in terms of understanding how younger players develop at different rates. I've also had to adjust to the demands of coming out of part-time Academy work

into full-time development. I'm certainly enjoying it but I have been frustrated with the results we've been getting. Everyone's working very hard to move things forward on a full-time basis to try and cover the FA Four Corner Module. This week, I've been at an NVQ assessing course run by myself and Paul Smith, the Academy's education officer. The lads must complete a level three NVQ as part of their two-year programme. We are seeing significant improvements in the group as a whole and we are all looking forward to seeing where this group are, come the end of the season and the early part of next season, as a number of the First Year Scholars become Second Year Scholars.

**JAMIE PITMAN**  
UNDER-18S MANAGER



**2013/14 U18s Fixtures:**

Date:	Fixture:	Res:
<b>Sat Aug 10</b>	<b>Oxford United</b>	<b>2-3 L</b>
Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 24	Free	-
<b>Sat Aug 31</b>	<b>Hereford United</b>	<b>4-1 W</b>
Sat Sep 7	Cup 1 (Bye)	-
<b>Sat Sep 14</b>	<b>A.F.C. Bournemouth</b>	<b>3-4 L</b>
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	2-2 D
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	1-7 L
<b>Sat Oct 5</b>	<b>Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth</b>	<b>0-2 L</b>
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	2-3 L
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Cheltenham Town	0-4 L
<b>Tue Oct 29</b>	<b>Cup 5 Hereford United</b>	<b>2-4 L</b>
<b>Sat Nov 2</b>	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	<b>0-2 L</b>
Wed Nov 6	Exeter City FAY1	4-3 W
Sat Nov 16	Torquay United	A - A
<b>Tue Nov 19</b>	<b>Leyton Orient FAY2 (CG)</b>	<b>1-4 L</b>
<b>Sat Nov 23</b>	<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	<b>2-3 L</b>
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Dec 21	Free	
Sat Dec 28	Free	
Sat Jan 4	Free	
<b>Sat Jan 11</b>	<b>Exeter City</b>	<b>H</b>
Sat Jan 18	Free	
Sat Jan 25	Hereford United	A
Sat Feb 1	Free	
Sat Feb 8	Newport County	H
Sat Feb 15	Cup	
Sat Feb 22	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A
<b>Sat Mar 1</b>	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	<b>H</b>
Sat Mar 8	Cup	
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Mar 29	Cup	
Sat Apr 5	Free	
<b>Sat Apr 12</b>	<b>Torquay United</b>	<b>H</b>
Sat Apr 26	Free	
Sat May 3	In Service	

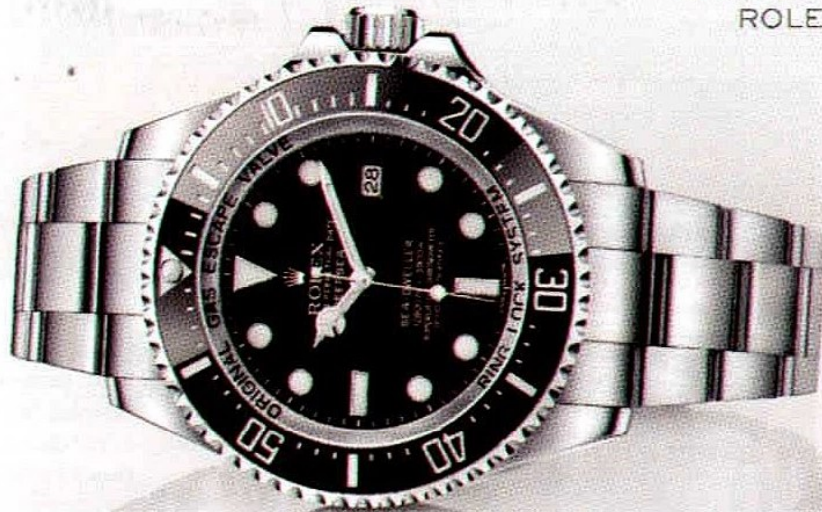
**2013/14 U18s Table:**

Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Oxford Utd	10	6	2	2	+10	20
Bournemouth	9	6	2	1	+9	20
Bristol Rovers	8	5	3	0	+7	18
Cheltenham	9	5	2	2	+10	17
Exeter City	10	5	2	3	+10	17
Plymouth A.	9	4	0	5	0	12
Hereford Utd	8	3	1	4	-4	10
Newport Co.	10	1	2	7	-15	5
<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>4</b>
Torquay Utd	8	1	1	6	-17	4



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# RETRO RED

**DAVE** Wallis takes us back to 1968 when Town booked their place in the League Cup Final at Wembley...

WE have just reached a two-legged tie to decide whether or not we go to Wembley in 2014, and back towards the tail end of 1968 we found ourselves in a similar position in a different tournament.

In November we travelled to Turf Moor to take on Burnley, and Third Division Town faced a club who sat seventh in Division One. Whoever came out on top would face either Arsenal or Spurs at Wembley to decide the winners of the 1968/69 League Cup.

Nationally, few gave 'plucky' Town much of a chance, but that was fine by manager Danny Williams. After all, very few had fancied our chances against First Division Coventry, or soon to be Division Two Champions, Brian Clough's Derby.

So when our skipper Stan Harland gave us the lead a minute before half time it sent a shot across the bows of those journalists gathered expecting to see the Clarets make easy work of their Wiltshire guests.

If those same writers thought order had been restored with Ralph Coates' 64th minute equaliser, they were soon forced to think again when Peter Noble restored our lead just a minute later.

It was back to Swindon with the job half done, as the full-time whistle signalled a magnificent away win for Town.

December 4th 1968, and we ran out at The County Ground on a night that was expected to decide which team took

that Wembley place, and any Town supporters lulled into complacency had their own rude awakening as Burnley grabbed the initiative.

Five minutes after half-time, Frank Casper, father of future Town loanee Chris, netted to bring the aggregate scores level, and while we regrouped Steve Kindon added a second almost immediately.

Now the pendulum had swung the other way and all those newspaper men would have been nodding to each other. Now we would see the Division One outfit stamp their authority and put the upstarts in their place.

'No way', thought John Smith.

In the 57th minute the diminutive Town midfielder scored the goal that levelled the aggregate once more, and even after a further 30 minutes of extra-time, the two teams could not be separated.

Over 210 minutes the tie had finished 3-3, and in these pre-penalty shoot-out days there was only one thing for it. Another game at a neutral venue.

And so to 20th December 1968 (45 years ago) and the game at The Hawthorns, West Bromwich that would decide who would face already-qualified Arsenal in the final. After six goals already, the tie had almost as many left in it.

With the game just seven minutes old, it was John Smith once more who gave us the lead, and incredibly, the



**PICTURED:** Skipper Stan Harland (L) pours the champagne for Peter Noble after victory over Burnley, travelling

Town supporters were hollering for the final whistle when Dave Thomas snatched a 90th minute equaliser to take the tie into extra-time again.

A minute into the added period Casper gave Burnley the lead, and again the media must have thought the football pecking order was about to exert itself.

But Burnley's Arthur Bellamy turned the ball into his own net and the game was up for grabs again, and when Peter Noble controlled a loose ball on his chest and struck from the edge of the penalty area on 108 minutes, the tie was finally decided.

Town had overcome huge odds to win through to the final of the 1968/69 League Cup, and who knew what further glories awaited?

MATCH ACTION:

# CLASSIC CUP TY

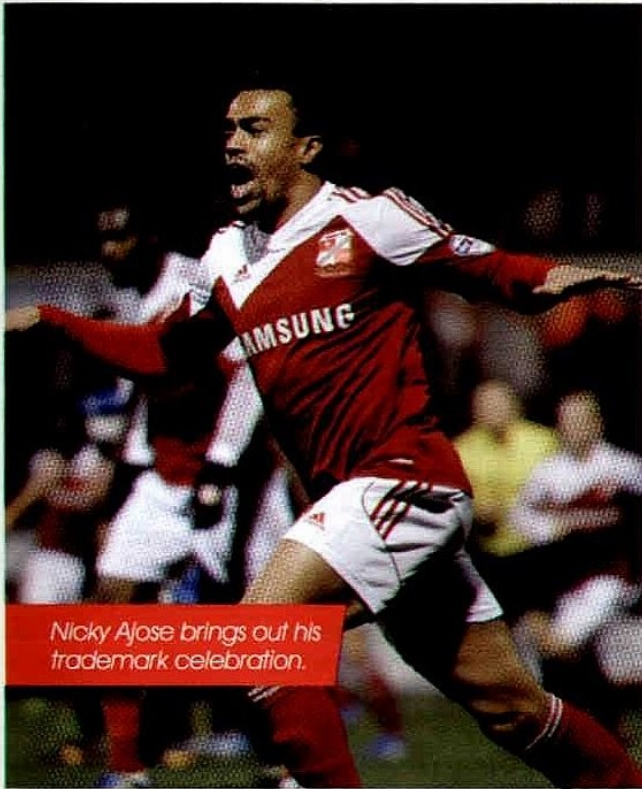
**CLUB** Photographer Rob Noyes was perfectly-placed to capture the action as Town secured a place in the Area Final on penalties...



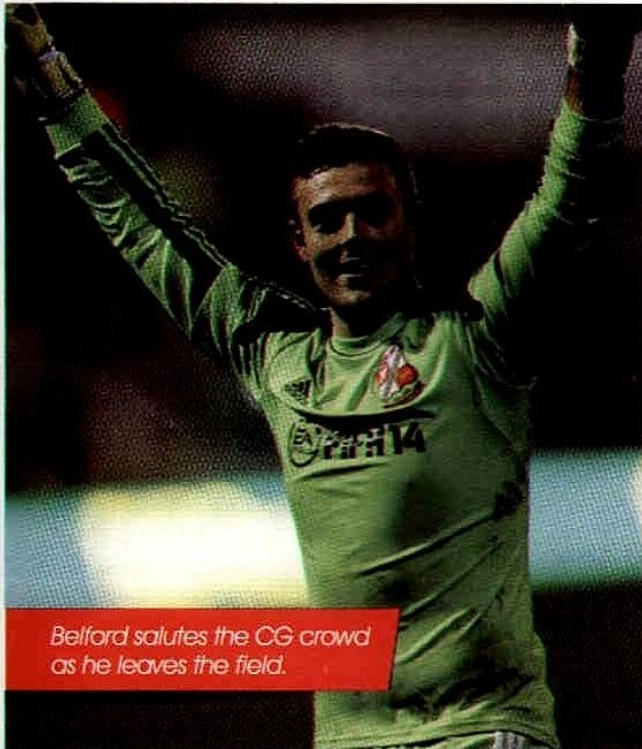
Town's penalty-saving hero is mobbed by his teammates.

# TOWN 1 STEVENAGE 1 (3-1 on penalties)

10.12.13



Nicky Ajose brings out his trademark celebration.



Belford salutes the CG crowd as he leaves the field.



# SUPPORTERS' CLUB



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**TODAY** we welcome Coventry City to The County Ground for an altogether infrequent visit..

**MY** first visit to Highfield Road was during our League Cup run in 1968 when a 2-2 draw gave us a replay at The County Ground. During that game, we scored three goals in the first 23 minutes which handed us a 3-0 win and, as they say, the rest is history. Interestingly, the attendance at The County ground that evening was 23,800! We also took four points off of Coventry in our Premier League season in 1993/94 with Jan Fjortoft hitting a hat-trick in the home game here at SN1. Let's hope that Coventry can sort out their ground problems. I thought it was an excellent stadium when we visited last season.

### Half-Time Draw

**THE** winners from the Stevenage match were...

### vs STEVENAGE

1. Ticket 281 won £339 - D. Edmonds of Calne
2. Ticket 1321 won £40 - L. Bennett of Swindon

### Community Evening

**ON** Tuesday 14th January 2014, we are holding a Community Evening at the Tawny Owl pub, Taw Hill at 7pm. Three players will be in attendance and we will enjoy a two-course meal with choices of beef or gammon and a choice of two desserts. Tickets are £17 or £16 for Supporters' Club members. Please contact ann.alder@virginmedia.com or call at the Supporters' Club table in the Legends Lounge on a matchday.



### Happy Birthday Jonny!

**JONNY** Simpson has been a Town fan for as long as he can remember, his favourite player is Nile Ranger.



### Happy 18th Shannon!

**SHANNON** Hearn celebrated her 18th birthday on the 14th December.



### Happy 80th Rex!

**HAPPY** Birthday to Town fan Rex Hartle, Rex has recently celebrated his 80th birthday.



### Christmas Lunch

**ON** Wednesday last it was the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch, and we were again in a position to help in funding, giving £500 to support the event. It is an excellent occasion and it is thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we are delighted to help with funding.

### End of Season Dinner

**KEEP** your eyes open for our end of season dinner which is scheduled to be held at the club on Tuesday 29th April. All the first team players will be in attendance and award presentations are made to the category winners.

This has become a well-attended event so make sure you get your ticket application

forms which will be attached to our next newsletter along with the choices of menu.

### Away Travel

**DETAILS** of forthcoming trips with SAS Travel are as follows:

#### BRENTFORD: 26/12/2013

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#### BRADFORD CITY: 29/11/2013

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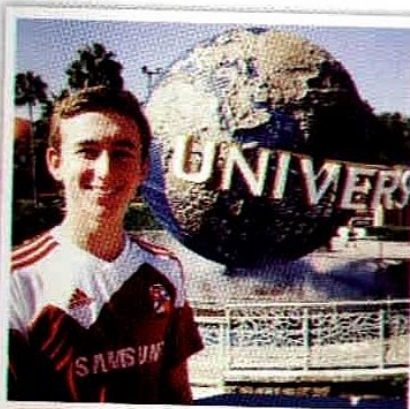
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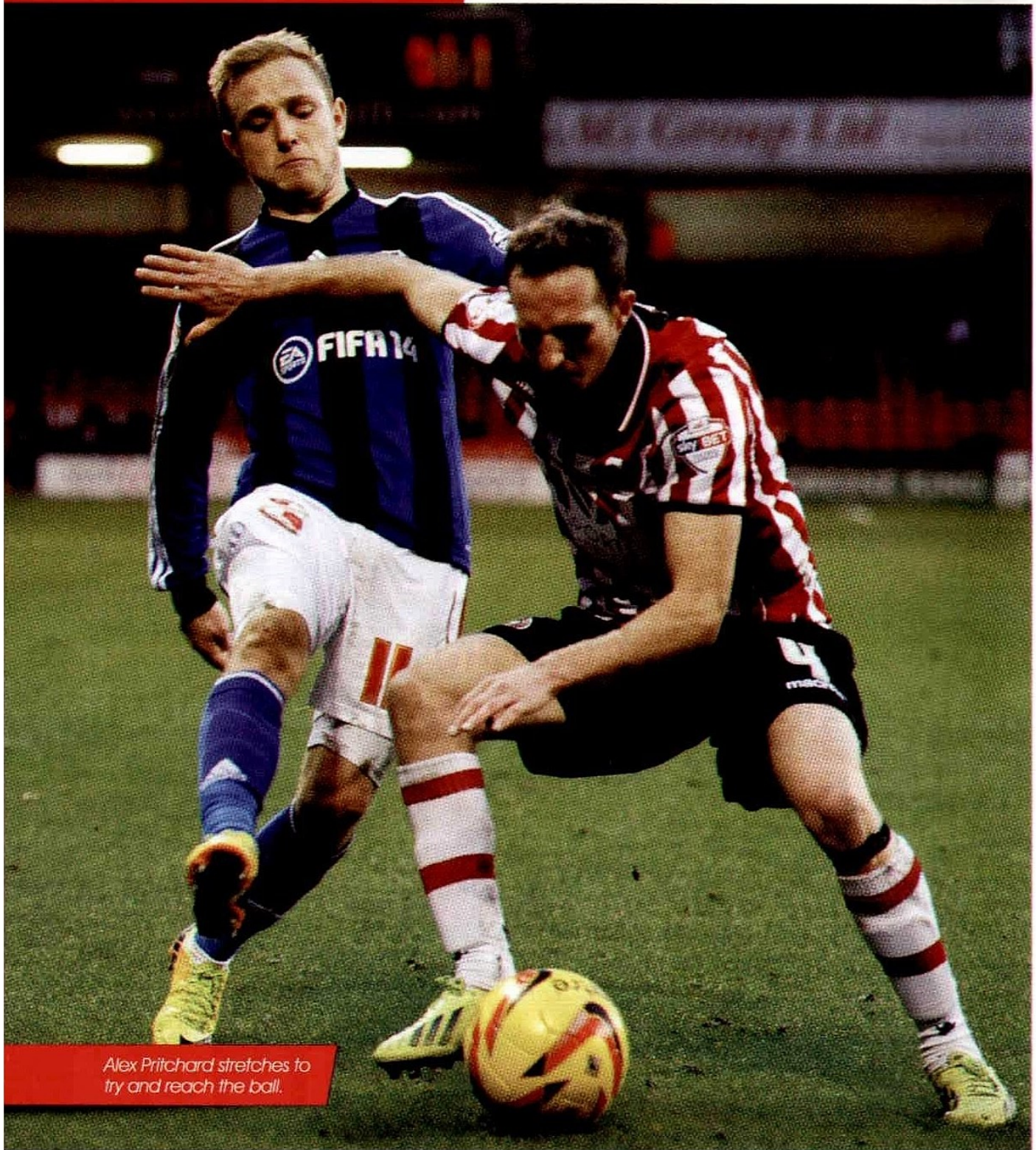
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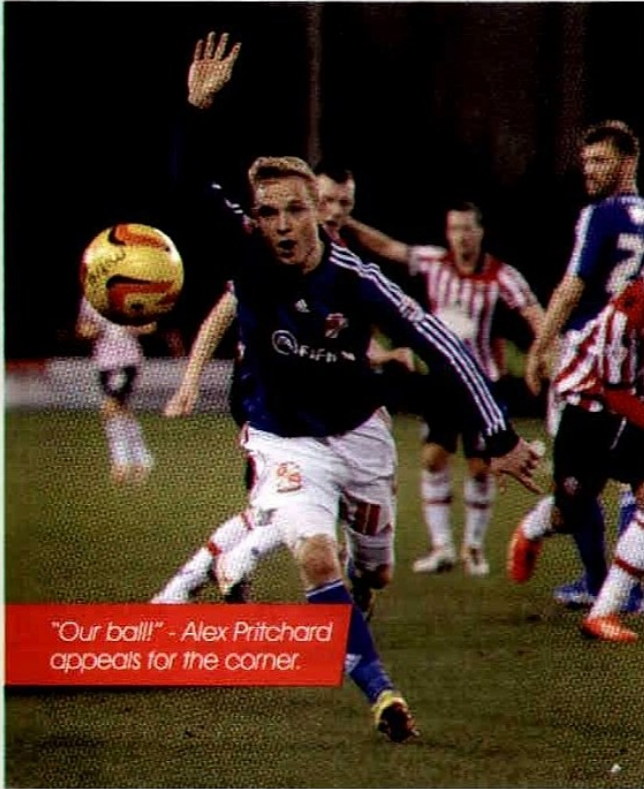
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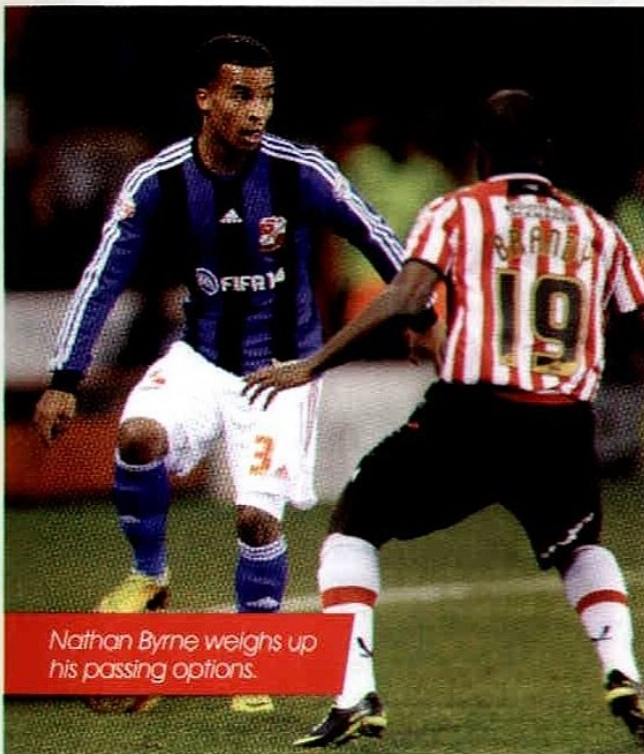
Alex Pritchard stretches to try and reach the ball.

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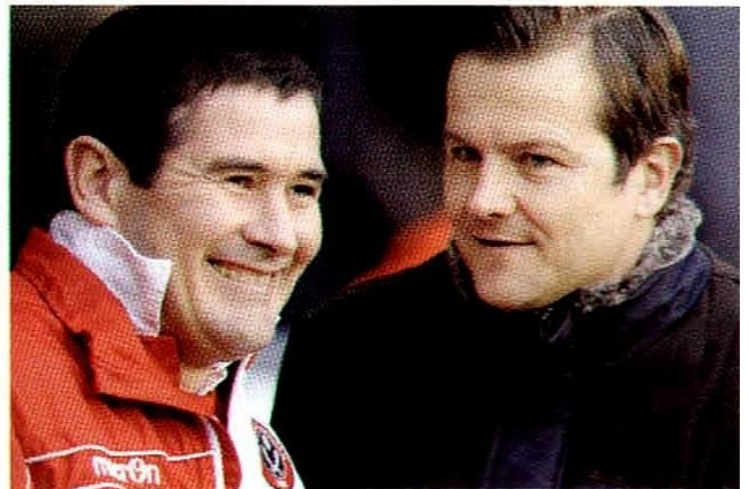
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"Our ball!" - Alex Pritchard appeals for the corner.



Nathan Byrne weighs up his passing options.

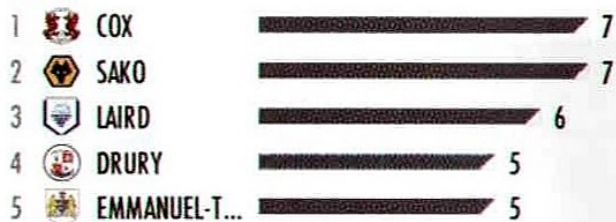


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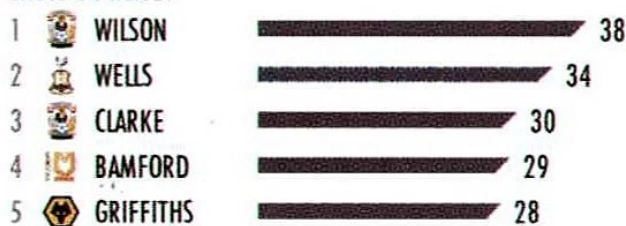
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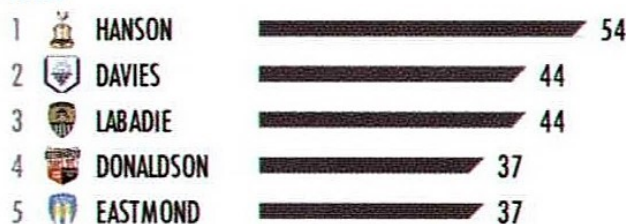
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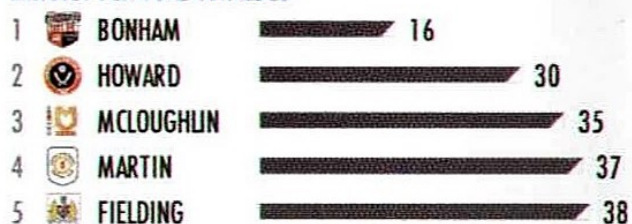
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## MATCH FACTS

Coventry are unbeaten in five away league games, winning three and drawing two.



**GOALS**



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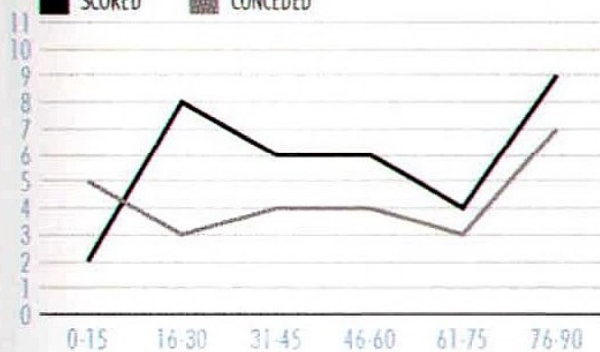
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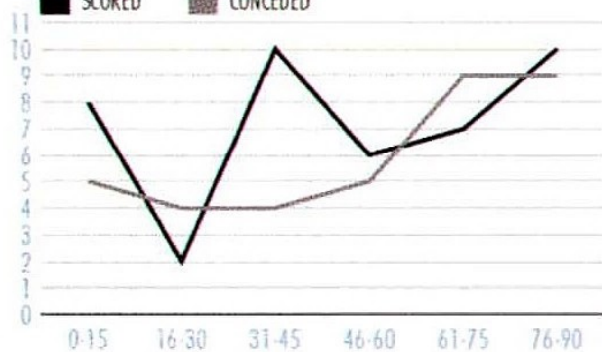
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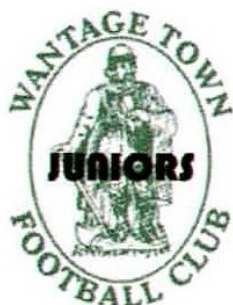
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# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Coventry City...



**WE** would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Swindon Town Football in the Community, to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. We would like to thank all of you who have supported us again this year and those of you that have engaged in many of our programmes throughout 2013. It's been another great year for our FITC programme and Jon and I would like to sincerely thank all of our staff, both full-time and part-time, who have done a fantastic and professional job on our behalf throughout the year.

### **Saturday Team Club**

**WE'D** like to extend a warm, festive welcome to Wantage Town and Lydiard Youth who are here on our Saturday Team Club package for our last game of 2013. We'd like to say a big thank you to Toni Cooper who has organised the Wantage Town contingent and Lydiard who are here today with Steve Moore. We hope you have had a really enjoyable morning with us and let's hope you can enjoy an exciting game with the right result for Swindon Town.

### **Extra Time**

**WE** were delighted to take over 40 of our participants

who engage in our Extra Time Programme for the Over-60s to the Blundson House Hotel for their annual Christmas dinner. The two groups, that meet on a Tuesday for the men and on a Wednesday for the women, have had another great year participating in a number of activities throughout the calendar year. Beth Thompson, who leads on the project, stated: "It is so encouraging to see people from the age of 60 up to 80 having such a great time on our programme. The friendships that have been formed since setting up the project over five years ago are just amazing. The groups now have formed firm

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friendships and arrange their own activities outside of the Extra Time programme, such as theatre trips and bowls weekends. I am really looking forward to continuing the programme in 2014."

### Football and Futsal Education Programme

WE were delighted to host an open day for our Football and Futsal Education Programme which we delivered from 12.30 to 2.30pm at Croft on Saturday 7th December. We had nearly 40 youngsters attending with the standard of the trial being of a very high category. If any of you who didn't attend the trial would be interested in signing up for this

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### Swindon Town Ladies

SWINDON Town Ladies have been knocked off top spot in the South West Combination Women's Football League after their match with Southampton Saints was postponed last weekend. The week before, the Ladies had beaten The University of Portsmouth 4-0 but have now been replaced at the summit by Chichester City.

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#### **How would you review Swindon Town's season so far?**

In the games I have seen them play it's been quite difficult to judge, in a sense, because they have either dominated late on and really got into the game or they have been slow starters. I have been at games where you would love to see them start the way they have finished and almost finish the way they have started games by taking the pace out of the game and isolating certain situations which put them up against difficult opposition. However, I have been very impressed overall so far. They are a young team and they can only get better.

#### **What has been your standout moment of the season so far?**

My standout moment would have to be one of the first games that I was in attendance for when Town beat Crewe 5-0. In general, the whole team performance was just outstanding and I have been lucky enough to be involved in a certain amount of games this season for BBC Wiltshire where they have dominated and played some stunning football.



#### **Which of the Town players have impressed you this season?**

I have been very impressed by some of the individual performances I have been lucky enough to witness so far. Young Nathan Thompson at the back, for me, is a strong sort of character and he's played himself into being an established first team player and has a lot of potential to go from strength to strength. In the middle of the park Yaser Kasim is a great, great player and has done tremendously well considering he didn't get many games last season.

One disappointing thing for me, because I grew up with him whilst he was a youngster when I was at Bristol City, is that I haven't had enough of a chance to see Ryan Harley in action as of yet this season. He is a very good ball player and he can create opportunities out of nothing. I have covered one game that he has been involved in and he was at the heart of everything good Swindon did that day.

Nicky Ajose for me has been a decent performer this season and Nile Ranger on his day is a dangerous player. He holds the ball up and brings others into play and has been outstanding at times this season.

#### **Who has been your star performer?**

Out of all those players I have just mentioned it has to be Yaser Kasim for my star performer so far. Kasim in the middle of the park is superb but Ryan Mason and Massimo Luongo run Yaser close. Those three in the middle of the park have been sensational at times so far. But Yaser Kasim is without a doubt the player I have enjoyed watching the most; he's just a little magician in the engine room.

#### **Finally then, out of the games you have seen this season, what has been the best Town goal you have witnessed?**

For me, it has to be Alex Pritchard's free-kick at Rotherham; that has been the standout goal for me so far. I know it was only basic but Nile Ranger's finish against Bristol City when he swivelled before lashing home was also a decent goal. However, it has to be Pritchard's goal against Rotherham: he is superb at set pieces.

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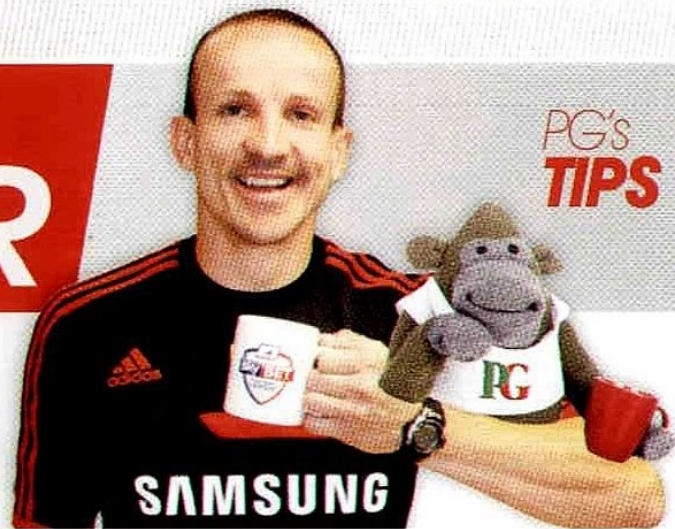
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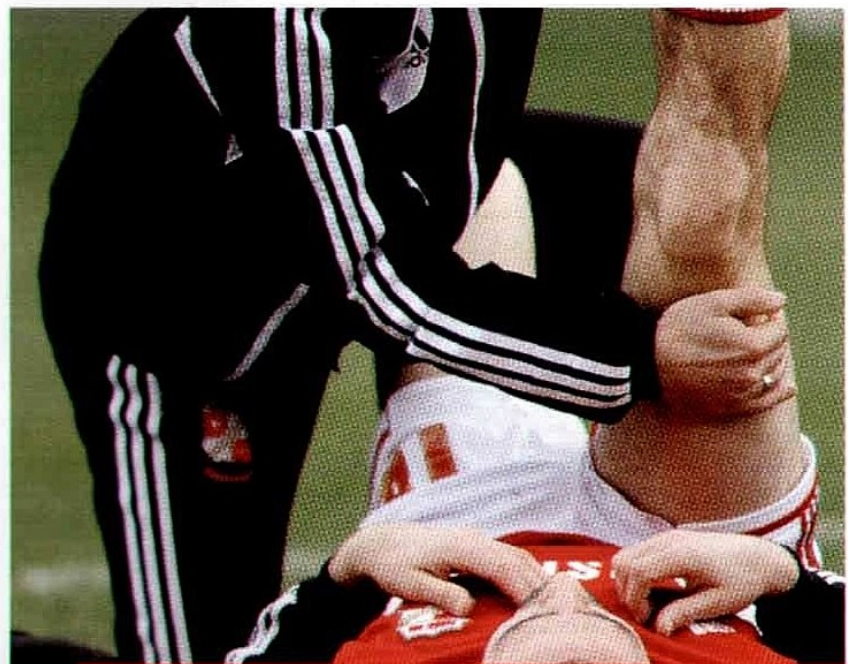
# COACHES' CORNER

PG's  
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**TOWN** Physio Paul Godfrey is back with a new edition of PG's Tips. This week, he offers advice on hamstring strains...



**THE** hamstring muscle group is situated at the back of the thigh and there are three muscles in each group per leg. Tears or 'strains' to these muscles are the most prevalent in professional football and despite the increasing research into this injury, the causes of such injuries are still poorly understood and there remain many possible variables. This means that the treatment and ultimately the prevention of this type of injury has become the 'Holy Grail' within professional football and within the wider sports medicine community. Once the strain has occurred, it is essential that an immediate application of ice and compression is applied to the injured area to reduce further bleeding and swelling. Within 48 hours, an accurate assessment of the extent of the strain is undertaken (usually via MRI scan) and from that a more accurate prognosis can be ascertained as to when the injury might be healed. The weeks following a hamstring strain involve considerable rehabilitation but, in summary, our players undergo a progressive regime of soft tissue manipulation, stretching, a range of movement exercises, strength work and proprioceptive retraining. Rehab progresses onto further more sport specific activities like



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jogging, running, sprinting and then football specific ball drills. This entire process can take between 2-3 weeks up to 12 weeks depending on how bad the initial injury was. However, once injured, the risk of re-injury becomes a significant issue and one that physiotherapists are constantly trying to reduce. This season, working with the club's

Sports Scientist (Mike Cooper) we have managed (through our training programmes) to so far prevent any hamstring injuries within the squad, so fingers crossed that this continues! Merry Christmas and I hope you all have a Happy New Year..

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**Ian WRIGHT:**

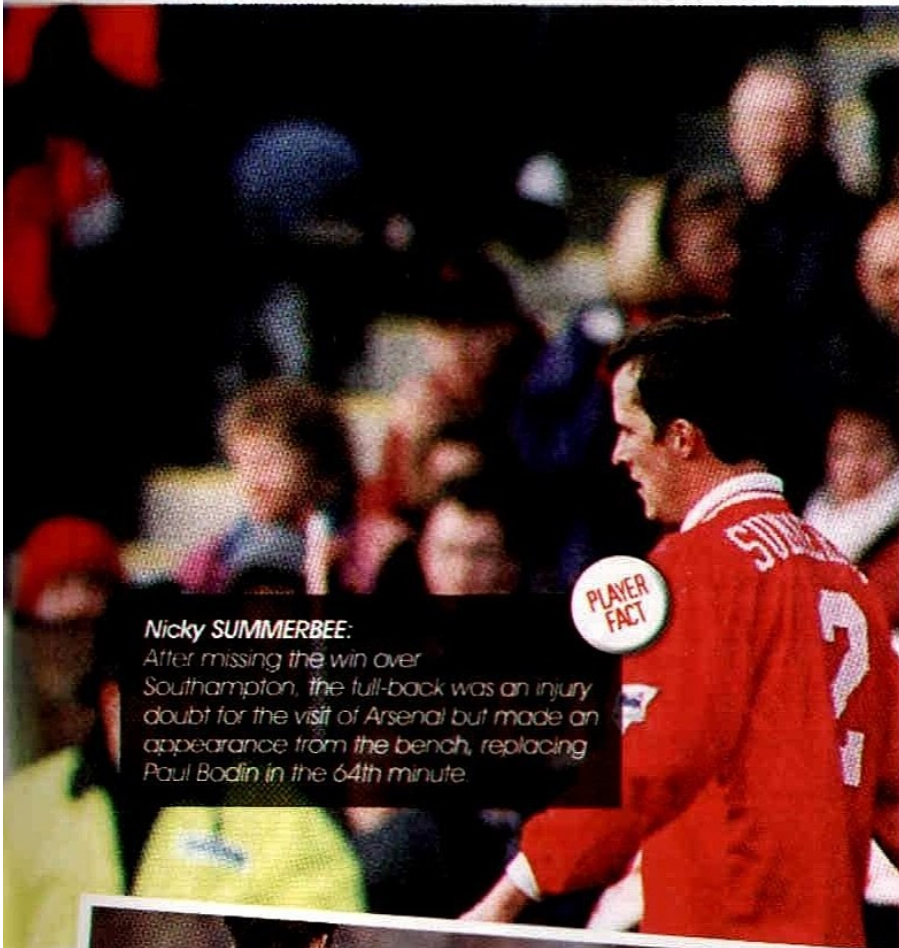
*Pictured here celebrating his goal. Wright's effort at SN1 was one of 22 he would notch for the Gunners during the 1993/94 campaign.*



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**Nicky SUMMERBEE:**

After missing the win over Southampton, the full-back was an injury doubt for the visit of Arsenal but made an appearance from the bench, replacing Paul Bodin in the 64th minute.



**AFTER** picking up three points before Christmas with a win over Southampton, Town's hopes of building on the festive cheer were dashed by the visiting Gunners who profited from Swindon's defensive seasonal goodwill...

**THE** game was just 19 minutes old when Ian Wright broke free down the right and squared for Kevin Campbell to slide

home the opener. The pair repeated the trick seven minutes later when Wright's through-ball bisected the Town back four and set Campbell clear on goal. He made no mistake, slotting the ball beyond Digby and making the score 2-0 inside half an hour. After the break, Arsenal made it three when Parlour picked out Campbell for the striker to notch his hat-trick. Having been instrumental in the first two goals, Wright got onto the scoresheet with a stunning strike in the 90th minute. Receiving the ball from Nigel Winterburn some way from goal, the frontman looked up and chipped a delightful effort over Fraser Digby and into the net to complete Swindon's misery.



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### vs Brentford (A)

Thursday Dec 26, 12.30pm

### vs Bradford City (A)

Sunday Dec 29, 3pm



### vs Crawley Town (H)

Wednesday Jan 1, 3pm

### vs Peterborough Utd (H)

Saturday Jan 11, 3pm

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## AWAY FIXTURES:








**vs Brentford**  
Thurs Dec 26, 12.30pm

Adults	Seats: £21	Tables: £20
O60	£15	£14
Students (full-time)	£13	£12
Juniors U18	£5	£5

**SAS Travel Details:**  
Departs CG at 9am, £13 Adults, £11 Juniors, £1 Supporters' Club Discount (when showing membership card).




**vs Bradford City**  
Sun Dec 29, 3pm

Adults	Price: £20
O60	£14
Student (full-time)	£14
Juniors U16	£12

**SAS Travel Details:**  
Departs CG at 8am, £24 Adults, £22 Juniors, £2 Supporters' Club Discount (when showing membership card).

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# MATCH STATS

**KEY:** 1 = Number of goals scored,  
First substitution, Second substitution, Third substitution

		RES	ATT	STARTING XI					
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat Aug 3	Peterborough United	A	0-1 L	7,178 (741)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Tue Aug 6	Torquay United CAP1	H	1-0 W	5,662 (282)	Foderingham	Barthram	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 10	Stevenage	H	1-0 W	7,133 (217)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-2 L	4,943 (545)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 24	Gillingham	H	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham	N Thompson 1	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Aug 27	QPR CAP2	A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Sat Aug 31	Crewe Alexandra	H	5-0 W	7,419 (193)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
Sat Sep 7	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-1 D	7,738 (639)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 14	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-3 L	19,388 (1,591)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 21	Bristol City	H	3-2 W	11,598 (2,538)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Sep 24	Chelsea CAP3	H	0-2 L	14,924 (3,433)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 28	Preston North End	A	1-2 L	9,296 (386)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat Oct 5	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-0 W	7,889 (188)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Oct 8	Plymouth Argyle JPT2	H	2-1 W	4,211 (364)	Belford	Branco	Ward	Hall	Barthram 1
Sat Oct 12	Rotherham United	A	4-0 W	8,103 (540)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Fri Oct 18	Notts. County	H	2-0 W	8,188 (249)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Oct 22	Walsall	H	1-3 L	8,188 (202)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Oct 26	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2 L	3,837 (293)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Barthram
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sat Nov 2	Port Vale	H	5-2 W	7,637 (327)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 9	Macclesfield FA CUP1	A	0-4 L	1,835 (305)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Nov 12	Wycombe W. JPT AGF	H	2-1 W	3,940 (221)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 16	Colchester United	A	2-1 W	3,334 (323)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 23	Leyton Orient	H	1-3 L	8,634 (562)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Nov 26	Crawley Town	A	0-0 D	2,868 (316)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Nov 30	Carlisle United	H	3-1 W	7,671 (238)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Tue Dec 10	Stevenage JPT ASF	H	1-1 D 3-1p	3,804 (79)	Belford	Barthram	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	A	0-1 L	15,430 (551)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Dec 21	Coventry City	H	3.00pm						
Thu Dec 26	Brentford	A	12.30pm						
Sun Dec 29	Bradford City	A	3.00pm						
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Wed Jan 1	Crawley Town	H	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 4	Stevenage	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 11	Peterborough Utd.	H	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 18	Gillingham	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	3.00pm						
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	7.45pm						
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat Feb 1	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm						
W/C Feb 3	P'boro Utd. JPT AF1	A	TBC						
Sat Feb 8	Port Vale	A	3.00pm						
Sat Feb 15	Colchester United	H	3.00pm						
W/C Feb 17	P'boro Utd. JPT AF2	H	TBC						
Sat Feb 22	Leyton Orient	A	3.00pm						
<b>MARCH</b>									
Sat Mar 1	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00pm						
Sat Mar 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H	3.00pm						
Tue Mar 11	Wolverhampton W.	H	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 15	Bristol City	A	3.00pm						
Sat Mar 22	Preston North End	H	3.00pm						
Tue Mar 25	Tranmere Rovers	A	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 29	Sheffield United	H	3.00pm						
<b>APRIL</b>									
Sat Apr 5	Carlisle United	A	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 12	Brentford	H	3.00pm						
Fri Apr 18	Coventry City	A	7.45pm						
Mon Apr 21	Bradford City	H	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 26	Notts. County	A	3.00pm						
<b>MAY</b>									
Sat May 3	Rotherham United	H	3.00pm						



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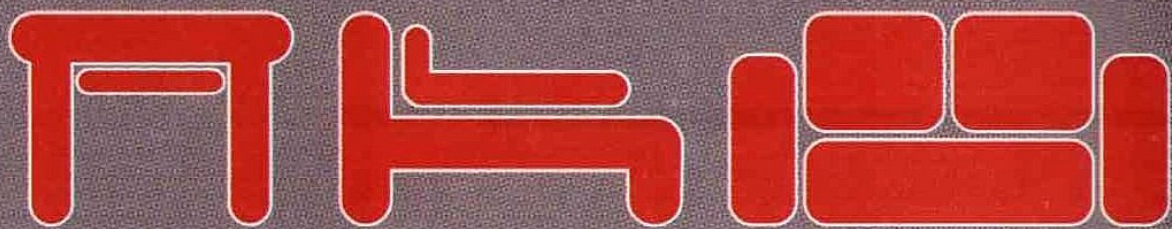
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## Sky Bet League 1 Table:

\*Coventry deducted 10 pts

POS	TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Leyton Orient	20	6	2	1	18	7	7	3	1	25	11	+25	44
2	Wolves	20	7	2	2	18	7	6	2	1	14	6	+19	43
3	Brentford	20	7	1	2	17	7	5	3	2	13	12	+11	40
4	Preston	20	4	5	1	14	10	6	3	1	16	9	+11	38
5	Peterborough	20	6	1	3	10	8	5	2	3	20	12	+10	36
6	Rotherham	20	3	5	2	15	14	6	2	2	18	10	+9	34
7	Bradford	20	4	4	2	20	11	3	5	2	13	11	+11	30
8	<b>SWINDON</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>30</b>
9	Walsall	20	3	2	4	9	12	5	4	2	12	6	+3	30
10	Port Vale	20	4	3	3	15	15	5	0	5	15	15	0	30
11	Coventry	20	6	2	3	25	24	4	3	2	18	12	+7	25*
12	MK Dons	19	5	2	3	18	14	2	2	5	12	15	+1	25
13	Carlisle	20	4	2	4	15	20	2	4	4	8	13	-10	24
14	Crawley	20	4	4	3	12	13	1	4	4	9	13	-5	23
15	Shrewsbury	20	4	4	3	12	8	1	3	5	9	15	-2	22
16	Oldham	19	3	3	2	9	7	3	1	7	14	19	-3	22
17	Gillingham	21	4	3	4	14	14	2	1	7	13	23	-10	22
18	Colchester	20	3	3	4	10	15	1	6	3	11	15	-9	21
19	Sheff Utd	20	4	3	3	12	10	1	2	7	6	17	-9	20
20	Tranmere	20	2	3	4	12	21	3	2	6	12	17	-14	20
21	Stevenage	20	2	1	6	10	17	3	2	6	11	17	-13	18
22	Notts Co	21	4	0	6	14	12	1	2	8	11	22	-9	17
23	Crewe	20	3	3	4	10	17	1	2	7	7	25	-25	17
24	Bristol C	20	1	5	5	12	17	1	4	4	15	17	-7	15

## STFC Player Stats:

No.	Player	GBL1	FAC	CAP	LPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	20	-	3	-	23	-	2	-	118
2	Nathan Thompson	19	-	2	-	21	1	7	-	51(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	14(1)	1	2	2	19(1)	2	4	2	27(2)
4	Massimo Luongo	20	1	2(1)	3	26(1)	6	3	-	35(1)
5	Grant Hall	20	1	3	3	27	-	4	-	27
6	Tijane Fretas Reis	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3
7	Ryan Harley	8(3)	(1)	1	1(1)	10(5)	-	2	-	10(5)
8	Ryan Mason	7(5)	1	1(1)	1	10(6)	4	3	-	10(6)
9	Nile Ranger	11(2)	1	2	(1)	14(3)	6	-	-	14(3)
10	Andy Williams	3	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	49(3)
11	Alex Pritchard	16(2)	1	3	3	24(2)	4	7	-	24(2)
12	Dany N'Guesson	8(7)	1	1	2(1)	12(8)	8	2	-	12(8)
14	Jay McEveley	15	1	1	2	19	-	6	1	60(1)
15	Yaser Kasim	18(1)	1	3	1(1)	23(2)	-	7	-	23(2)
16	Mark Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
19	Louis Thompson	6(6)	-	2(1)	2	10(7)	-	3	-	11(11)
20	Miles Storey	2(2)	-	(2)	-	2(4)	-	1	-	4(19)
21	Alex Smith	1(2)	-	1(1)	-	2(3)	-	-	-	2(3)
22	Darren Ward	20	1	3	3	27	-	-	-	70
23	Jack Barthram	1(4)	(1)	1	2	4(5)	1	1	-	4(5)
24	Lee Cox	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	2(6)
25	Tyrell Belford	-	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	4
26	Aaron Oakley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27	Harry Agambar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
29	Raphael Ross Branco	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
30	Leigh Bedwell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
33	Nicky Ajose	9(4)	(1)	1	3	13(5)	9	-	-	13(5)
34	Mohammed Elgobas	(6)	-	(1)	1(2)	1(9)	-	-	-	1(9)
39	Ben Gladwin	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	(1)

## TODAY'S MASCOTS



### Lewis Twitchen:

Age: 4  
 School: Barney Lodge Nursery  
 Hobbies: Swindon Town FC  
 Favourite player: Alex Pritchard



### Bailey Shewry:

Age: 10  
 School: St. Leonard's, Blunsdon  
 Plays For: Blunsdon FC and also the school team  
 Hobbies: Football and fishing  
 Favourite player: Miles Storey

# LAST WORD

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**BEFORE** the season started there was a lot of talk surrounding Town's proposed playing style and how it would work during the winter months when the pitches had cut up and become more difficult to play on...

**WELL**, here we are, nearing the end of December with speculation in some newspapers that we're heading for a long winter with three months' worth of snow which will mean frozen pitches and the worst conditions in which to play passing football. With the loan window closed, we'll now see what this team is really made of when it comes to the most gruelling part of the season.

Mark Cooper has spoken about the importance of desire as a characteristic within his squad and it being something which can't be coached. From speaking to players like Massimo Luongo and both Nathan and Louis Thompson, I get the same sense of grit and determination from them as when I spoke to members of the England rugby team before they beat Argentina and George Groves in the week leading up to his fight with Carl Froch.

This time of the season weeds out the weak and we will see the mental toughness of the squad come to the fore. I know there has been talk of inconsistency but we have to look at how the team has responded to Mark Cooper's requests. He asks for better away form; they win at Colchester. He wants more from his defence following the loss at home to Leyton Orient; they keep a clean sheet at



Crawley.

Mark Cooper has said he wants players who will run through brick walls for the team and, if it is something he could teach to his squad, then he would be employed by Jose Mourinho. However, as I think we've seen in recent weeks even one of the masters of man-management is having a few problems with the energy levels of his side. 'Coops' on the other hand has assembled a squad that whilst being young,

trusts him and will follow him.

He knows how to handle them and is right when he says there will be ups and downs as this is a season of consolidation from which to progress.

We'll see over the coming weeks how the weather and fixture list affects the team but have faith because the fight is there.

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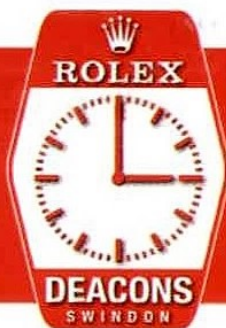
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Manager: Mark **COOPER**

(GK) Wes <b>FODERINGHAM</b>	1	●
Nathan <b>THOMPSON</b>	2	●
Nathan <b>BYRNE</b>	3	●
Massimo <b>LUONGO</b>	4	●
Grant <b>HALL</b>	5	●
Tijane <b>FREITAS REIS</b>	6	●
Ryan <b>HARLEY</b>	7	●
Ryan <b>MASON</b>	8	●
Nile <b>RANGER</b>	9	●
Alex <b>PRITCHARD</b>	11	●
Dany <b>N'GUESSAN</b>	12	●
Jay <b>McEVELEY</b>	14	●
Yaser <b>KASIM</b>	15	●
Mark <b>FRANCIS</b>	16	●
Connor <b>WALDON</b>	17	●
Alex <b>FERGUSON</b>	18	●
Louis <b>THOMPSON</b>	19	●
Miles <b>STOREY</b>	20	●
Alex <b>SMITH</b>	21	●
(CAPT) Darren <b>WARD</b>	22	●
Jack <b>BARTHAM</b>	23	●
(GK) Tyrrell <b>BELFORD</b>	25	●
Aaron <b>OAKLEY</b>	26	●
Harry <b>AGOMBAR</b>	27	●
Raphael <b>BRANCO</b>	29	●
(GK) Leigh <b>BEDWELL</b>	30	●
Nicky <b>AJOSE</b>	33	●
Mohammed <b>ELGABAS</b>	34	●
Kayden <b>JACKSON</b>	35	●
Ben <b>GLADWIN</b>	39	●

## Match Officials

Referee:  
Gavin **WARD**

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Kevin **JOHNSON**

4th Official:  
Adrian **TRANTER**



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## Coventry City

Manager: Steven **PRESSLEY**

● 1	Joe <b>MURPHY</b> (GK)
● 2	Cyrus <b>CHRISTIE</b>
● 3	Blair <b>ADAMS</b>
● 4	Andrew <b>WEBSTER</b>
● 6	Conor <b>THOMAS</b>
● 7	John <b>FLECK</b>
● 8	Carl <b>BAKER</b> (CAPT)
● 9	Leon <b>CLARKE</b>
● 10	Mathieu <b>MANSET</b>
● 12	Chris <b>MAGUIRE</b>
● 13	Lee <b>BURGE</b> (GK)
● 14	Franck <b>MOUSSA</b>
● 15	Dan <b>SEBORNE</b>
● 16	Adam <b>BARTON</b>
● 17	Billy <b>DANIELS</b>
● 18	Aaron <b>PHILLIPS</b>
● 19	Jordan <b>WILLIS</b>
● 20	Callum <b>WILSON</b>
● 21	Chris <b>DAGNALL</b>
● 24	Jordan <b>CLARKE</b>
● 30	Louis <b>GARNER</b>
● 31	Ryan <b>HAYNES</b>
● 32	Leon <b>LOBJOIT</b>
● 33	Ben <b>MAUND</b>
● 34	Lewis <b>RANKIN</b>
● 35	Alex <b>GOTT</b> (GK)
● 36	James <b>MADDISON</b>
● 37	George <b>THOMAS</b>
● 38	Courtney <b>BAKER-RICHARDSON</b>
● 39	Ivor <b>LAWTON</b>

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