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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Peterborough United.



IS anyone else well and truly fed up to the back teeth with this seemingly incessant rain and wind? The New Year's Day postponement was immensely frustrating for everyone at the football club for a number of different reasons, none more so than it creating another busy period of Saturday-Tuesday fixtures. Sometimes it happens in football that cup and league commitments see two sides play each other more than the regulation home and away league fixtures and this is obviously the case with Peterborough and Swindon this season with the two-legged Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area

Final still to come next month. I couldn't pen a set of notes against today's opposition without mentioning a certain Mr. D. Invincible. One of my most vivid football memories is watching the ball drop onto his foot before flying into the back of the net all set against that slightly burnt-out red colour that seems to wash over The County Ground in low-lying sunlight. Following on that theme, one of Invincible's contemporaries, Giuliano Grazioli, has very kindly contributed a column to this edition of COYR. This programme is also packed with all your usual favourites: Tim of the Town is back in training with Fraser Digby and it's also the Town Goalkeeping Coach's turn in Coaches' Corner this week. You'll find those on pages 47 and 73 respectively. Today's visitors are going to be among those at the summit of League 1 come the end of the season. After defeat at London Road on the opening day of this campaign, let's hope Town can reverse their fortunes and keep all three points in Wiltshire this afternoon.

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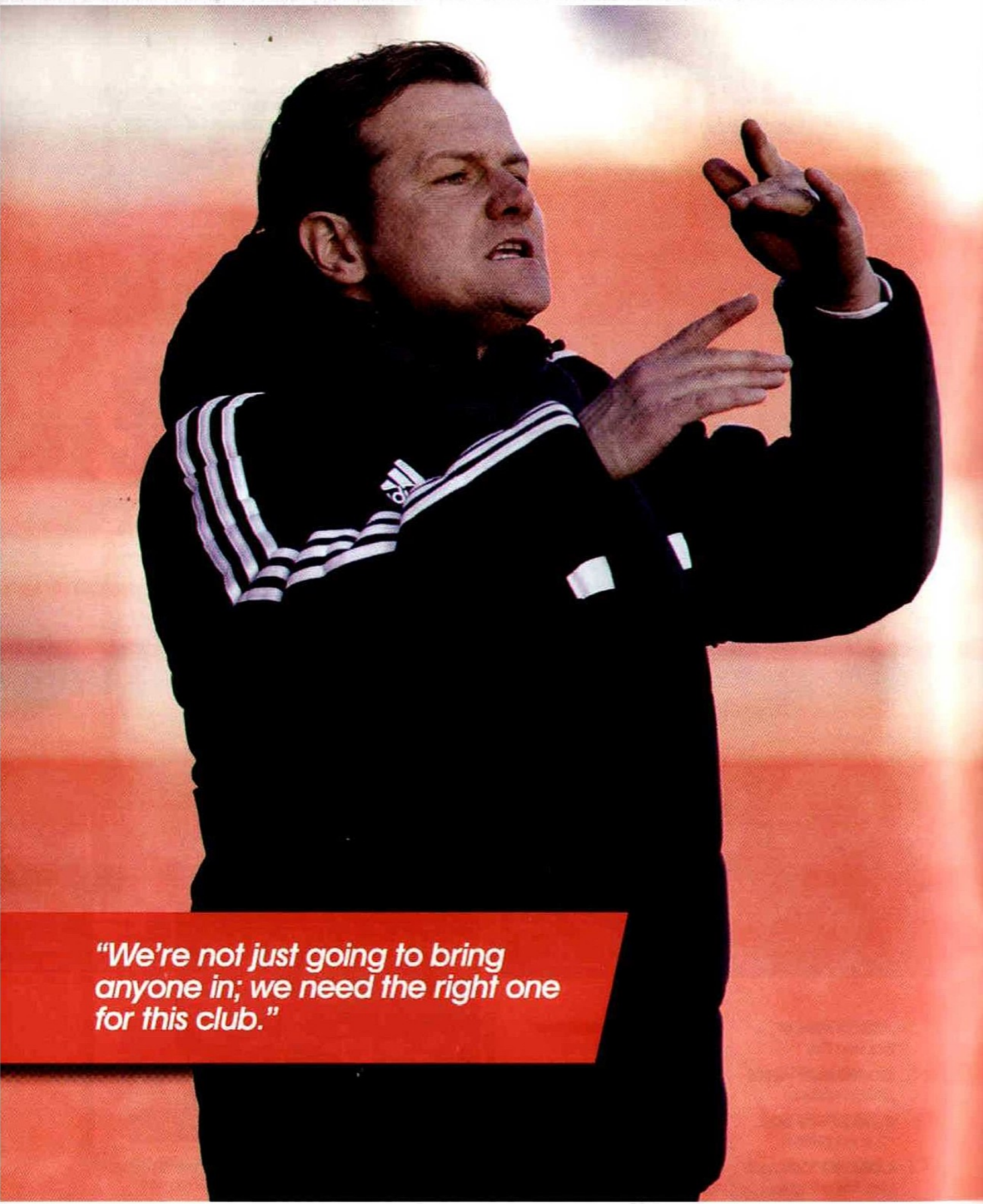
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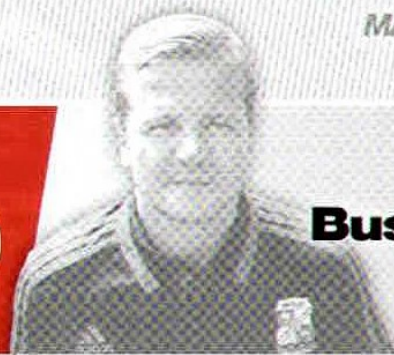
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"We're not just going to bring anyone in; we need the right one for this club."

MARK COOPER



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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Peterborough United in this League 1 encounter...



WE'VE had a mini-break since our last game at Bradford just before the New Year but we won't really know how beneficial it's been until we play again today. Having said that, it's been good to help clear our injuries, illnesses and have a bit of a break mentally as well. I really think it's something the FA and the Premier League need to look at and maybe after the festive period look at introducing a two or three week break. We were all frustrated that the Crawley game was postponed on New Year's Day. I wanted to play them and close that gap but once it is off then we try and make the most of it. The weather recently has really put a spanner in the works in terms of training. We've had to ask Adidas if they've got any flippers, snorkels and masks that they could send

us because the training ground is currently underwater. We've had to try and adapt and go to different places. I would like to say thank you to Lydiard Academy who have been very kind in letting us make use of their 3G facility. I went to watch Peterborough on Saturday in the FA Cup. They played well in the second half and should have won the game. They've got some dangerous players so we've got full respect for the Peterborough team and the management and we know it's going to be a very tough game this afternoon. I think we were very unlucky at London Road earlier in the season. Obviously we were very new; the group had come together days beforehand really and they were still trying to find their fitness and I would say that we deserved something on the

day. We didn't get any points but we did make some friends that day and that's continued throughout the season. I'm not too sure what to expect from January. I think it's well documented that we need a centre-forward and that we're trying to find the right one. We're not just going to bring anyone in; we need the right one for this club. As always, keep getting behind the boys and hopefully we can keep producing the performances at home.

Keep Believing.

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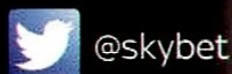
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DARREN WARD



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WELCOME back to The County Ground for today's meeting with Peterborough United...

I'VE tried to enjoy the recent break to be honest and I think the players have too because the lads here have played a lot of football and have trained a lot. Considering that for some of them it's their first maybe second season of football, it can be tough and it can be mentally challenging. After having a string of tough games, sometimes it's good to have time off to mentally refresh and look forward to a very busy few months coming up. If I'm honest, we were all really looking forward to the Crawley game, including myself. I felt really good, and it's funny because we were talking before and we think our preparation went really well so we were looking forward to it but unfortunately due to the weather it had to be cancelled. We've had a couple of days off to re-group and let our bodies and joints settle down a bit, which I think is sometimes important as well. Personally, I've trained every session and played every game so far and, as much as I love doing it, I'm also realistic and honest with myself to know that sometimes I do have to rest, considering my age. Not that I'm feeling my age but I have to take it into consideration. This will be the second time we play Peterborough this season and we still have two more games to come against them. Sometimes it works out like that. I remember



a similar situation playing Southampton a couple of seasons ago with Rickie Lambert up front, which was a good test. Obviously, Peterborough are a good outfit in this league so we can't wait to play against a good side.

There seem to be a few teams at the top of the league that aren't on as good a run that they would like to be. This could work in our favour or they could be slipping into top gear, so we have to have our wits about us and be on our game because we're not going to forget what they've done and the quality they have. After the game on the opening day of the season we were very disappointed that we didn't come away with a point, considering how early it was in the season and how we

had to put a team together. I remember we were sitting in the changing room afterwards and we were gutted not to have got anything, which was a good sign: we knew that, as we go along, we'll progress. A lot of the players there will be the same and we've got to focus on getting the three points. Over the next couple of months there are going to be some really defining games and this is now the period where we've all got to really pull together and drive forward. At times you think to yourself 'we've still got half a season' but it really does fly by now. Once January is out the way, in the blink of an eye, the season will be gone. All of us have to try and be conscious of the fact that there are going to be a lot of hard games and we will need all the support we can get for the players. We need to keep working hard as a club and as fans and pull together to give us a chance to make something of this season.

DARREN WARD
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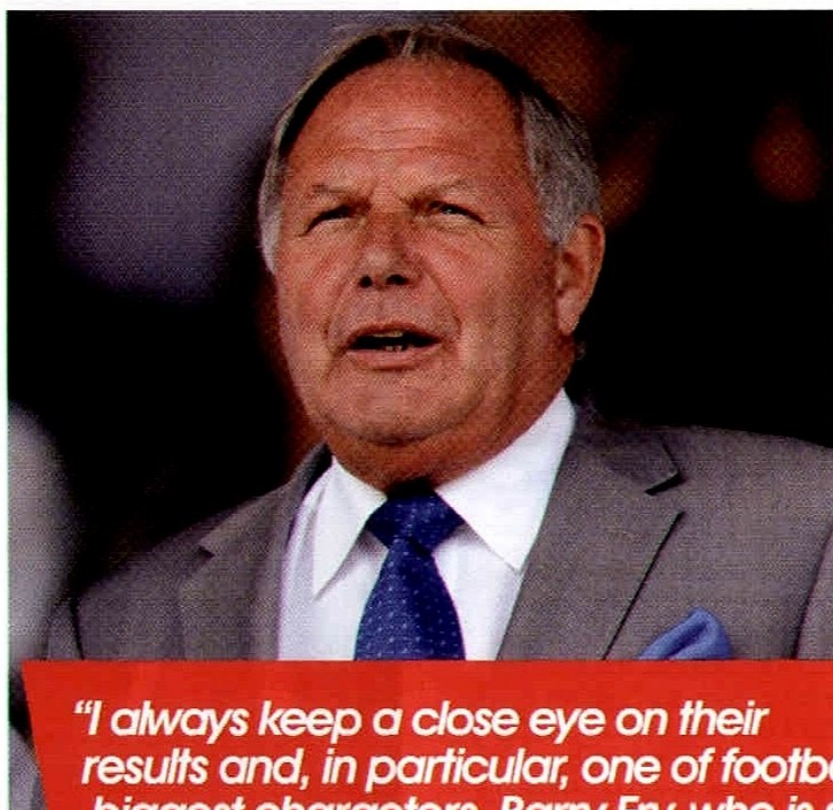


Lee
Power

WELCOME back to The County Ground for this afternoon's League 1 fixture and a warm welcome to the players, management, supporters and Directors of Peterborough United...

TODAY'S visitors, Peterborough, are one of my former clubs. I have still got a lot of friends in Peterborough and I always keep a close eye on their results and, in particular, one of football's biggest characters, Barry Fry, who is still at the club. It just shows you how long Barry has been there as he was manager when I was a player at London Road. He has since gone on to fulfil the role of owner, Chairman and now, he is the Director of Football. Barry was always good for a laugh. I remember in one particular game we had just signed a lad called Martin O'Connor for £350,000 and at half-time we were getting beat. Barry flew into the dressing room in a rage and, whilst letting the team know in no uncertain terms exactly what he thought of our first half performance, he turned around and said to Martin: "and as for you, I would have been better off spending £350,000 on Des O'Connor". After hearing that, half the team fell about the floor laughing and I think Barry, even in his rage, had a little smile to himself. That's the type of character Barry was and we need a few more of them in the game.

We've obviously made our first signing of the window in George Barker from Brighton and Hove Albion earlier this week. He's a player that's been on our radar ever since Luke



"I always keep a close eye on their results and, in particular, one of football's biggest characters, Barry Fry, who is still at the club."

Williams came to the club. I don't think a week has gone by where Luke hasn't asked me to go and get him. I'm not entirely sure whether we bought George for his ability or just to stop Luke giving me earache about him! It goes without saying that we hope he'll settle in and produce the talent that we think he has got.

Finally, I would like to wish

everyone a belated Happy New Year after the game against Crawley was called off on New Year's Day. Keep getting behind the team in 2014 and hopefully we can achieve things together.

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LEE POWER

CHAIRMAN

COMMERCIAL COMMENT



ADAM Wainwright rounds up the latest commercial news from SN1 including JPT Hospitality details and a World Cup tournament...

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World Cup 2014 At SN1...

THE wheels are already in motion exploring all the options for the 2014 Play on the Pitch. This could come in the form of the annual supporters' 11 v 11 package. However, if your local club, company team or even your group of friends wish to hire the pitch, please get in touch. Also, look out for details of a 'World Cup' six-a-side tournament to be held here too.



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MAN OF THE MATCH



Yaser Kasim

THE midfielder maestro stepped off the bench to set Town on their way to victory against Coventry City before Christmas, earning him the Man of the Match award. Kasim's stunning, second-half volley from the edge of the area brought Swindon level on the day and laid the foundations for Miles Storey to net the winner against the Sky Blues at SN1. Main Match Sponsors, Rug Shack, had the pleasure of presenting Yaser with his bottle of champagne in the Sponsors' Suite post-match.



MAGIC MOMENT: 2011

Craig Mackail-Smith celebrates after scoring Peterborough's second goal in the Play-Off Final against Huddersfield Town at Old Trafford.

PETERBOROUGH
UNITED



AFTER their relegation from the Championship last term, Posh are hotly-tipped to make an immediate return to the second tier...

PETERBOROUGH kicked-off 2013/14 at home against the Town, with new signing Britt Assombalonga netting the only goal in a 1-0 win. The victory sparked a run of six straight wins in all competitions which saw them score 23 goals as well as progressing in both the Capital One Cup and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Crawley burst the bubble at the end of August, coming away from London Road with a 2-0 success. Posh stayed unbeaten in the league

until the end of October when they went down by a single goal at Colchester United. In the meantime, progress came in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy while a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Premier League side Sunderland ended their run in the Capital One Cup. November saw Darren Ferguson's men lose three consecutive games including a home loss to Stevenage and defeat at fellow promotion-chasers, Brentford. A 3-0 win at

Newport County booked their place in the Area Final of the JPT against Swindon in February while the pre-Christmas win at Bradford remains the last time they have picked up all three points in the league.

They were held to a draw at Kidderminster in the FA Cup Third Round last weekend and were beaten 3-1 at home by Brentford on New Year's Day having lost all three of their league fixtures between Christmas and New Year.

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Nickname:
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 Stadium:
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Runners Up: 2008-09
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1959-60
Runners Up: 1953-54

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1964-65

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Best result: Semi Final -
1965-66

THE GAFFER: DARREN FERGUSON:

FERGUSON began his football journey at Manchester United under the tutelage of his father, Sir Alex Ferguson. Spent the majority of his playing career at Wolverhampton Wanderers and Wrexham, making over 300 appearances for the Welsh outfit. He took his first steps in management at London Road, where he was appointed manager following the departure of Keith Alexander in 2007. After a

period of stabilisation, he led Posh to automatic promotion in his first full season in charge. The following campaign, he would steer Peterborough to another promotion, finishing second in League One but departed in November 2009. After a spell managing Preston North End, he made a return to London Road and guided Posh back into the Championship via the Play-Offs, beating Huddersfield 3-0 in the final at Old Trafford.

THE PLAYERS



PETERBOROUGH UNITED



Robert Olejnik

THE stopper started his career at Aston Villa, graduating from the youth ranks. After a brief loan spell at Lincoln, he made the move to Falkirk. In a four-year stay north of the border, Olejnik would make over 100 league appearances before sealing a switch to Torquay United. After just one season in Devon, he was snapped up by Peterborough in the summer of 2012 and is closing in on 90 appearances for Posh.



Kgosi Ntlhe

THE left full-back is a product of the Centre of Excellence at London Road and penned his first professional deal in 2011. Made his Posh debut towards the end of the 2011/12 campaign in a 2-2 draw with Watford and netted his first senior goal last term. Has featured regularly in 2013/14 and is now nearing a half-century of appearances for Peterborough. The 19-year old has also earned international honours representing South Africa.



Shaun Brisley

THE commanding centre-half took his first steps in football with Macclesfield Town, graduating into the first team after joining as a trainee. Four-and-a-half years and over 140 appearances later, he joined Posh on loan at the end of January 2012. After impressing in his loan spell, Brisley made the move to London Road permanent later that summer. Was a regular for Posh in the Championship last term and has 14 appearances to his name this season.



Jack Payne

PAYNE graduated from the youth ranks at Gillingham to become a regular at the Priestfield Stadium, making his Gills debut in October 2008. Over 100 league appearances later, he joined Peterborough on loan in January 2013. After impressing during his temporary stint at London Road, Darren Ferguson made the creative midfielder a major transfer target, snapping him up in the summer. Has two league goals to his name this term, both scored against Brentford.



Grant McCann

THE experienced midfielder started his career at West Ham United but made his senior bow during a loan spell at Scottish side, Livingston, in August 1999. McCann then had loan spells at Notts County and Cheltenham before moving to Gloucestershire on a permanent deal in 2003. Since then he has played for Barnsley and Scunthorpe before moving to Peterborough in May 2010. The midfielder has also featured regularly for Northern Ireland at international level.



Joe Newell

CONVERTED from a winger into a central midfielder, Newell is a product of the youth system at London Road. Made his Posh bow in April 2011 in a home draw with Yeovil Town and has gone on to make nearly 60 appearances for Peterborough in all competitions. After one goal in 33 outings last term, Newell is yet to register from nine appearances this season after recovering from an injury at the start of the campaign.

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Mark Little

LITTLE is a graduate of the Academy at Wolverhampton Wanderers and would make 32 appearances in the famous Old Gold. In the early part of his career, he had two separate loan stints at Northampton Town, as well as a brief stay at Chesterfield. He then spent time on loan at London Road towards the end of the 2009/10 campaign before making the move permanent that summer and has since racked up over 150 appearances for Posh.



Michael Bostwick

THE 25-year old began his career with Millwall and had loan spells at Crawley and Rushden before making a permanent move to Ebbsfleet in 2007. After just one season he made the switch to Stevenage. During his time with 'Boro, he would form an integral part of the side that won successive promotions before joining Posh at the start of the 2012/13 campaign. A midfielder by trade, Bostwick can also operate at centre-half.



Danny Swanson

THE attack-minded midfielder started his football life with Berwick before moving to the Scottish Premier League and Dundee United in January 2008. Swanson would go on to make over a century of appearances for the Arabs during his four year spell at Tannadice, with 60 of those coming from the substitutes' bench. Snapped up by Peterborough in the summer of 2012, he is now closing in on 50 league appearances for the Posh.



Tommy Rowe

THE 25-year old began his career at Stockport County, where he graduated from the youth ranks into the first team. He racked up 75 league appearances for the Hatters before moving to Peterborough in the summer of 2009. Now one of the longest-serving members of the current squad, the midfielder has won multiple Player of the Year awards at London Road. He could feature for Posh this afternoon after an injury lay-off.



Lee Tomlin

TOMLIN started out with Rushden and Diamonds, making his senior debut in October 2005. He would score 27 league goals for Rushden, prompting a move to Peterborough in the summer of 2010. Since his move to London Road, the striker has found the net over 30 times in the league including the opening goal at The County Ground when the sides met in December 2010. Has nine goals to his name this term.



Nicky Ajose

A well-known face to Town fans following a successful loan spell in the first half of this season, Ajose is still Swindon's leading scorer this term with ten goals to his name in all competitions including a brace in the derby win over Bristol City. Following his recall to London Road, the former Manchester United trainee started and played nearly an hour of Posh's New Year's Day defeat at the hands of Brentford.

BRITT ASSOMBALONGA

COYR profiles Posh's million-pound man who will be looking to plunder more goals at SN1 this afternoon...

ASSOMBALONGA was born in Zaire, now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo, and moved to London when he was just eight months old. His journey into professional football began with Watford where he learned his trade in the Academy before making his senior bow in the Hornets' 0-0 draw with Coventry in March 2012. However, just one month beforehand, the striker had spent time on loan at Braintree in the Blue Square Bet Premier, where he had made a memorable debut: a goal and a red card in a 3-3 draw at Luton. He would find the net on a further four occasions in the remaining four matches of his loan spell before he returned to Vicarage Road. Last season, he enjoyed a prolific season

on loan at Southend United. Assombalonga netted five goals in his opening six games for the Shrimpers. A further seven goals arrived before Christmas where progress was also made in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy; the 21-year old contributed a strike to help see off Dagenham and Redbridge. After a run of 12 goals in 20 matches and, after notching in a league win over Rochdale in November, the frontman would not find the net again until February 2013 when he netted a late winner at Wycombe. He finished the campaign with 16 goals to his name in all competitions with his final goal of the campaign helping the Shrimpers to a 2-0 victory at Aldershot. This prompted Peterborough to part with £1.5 million in the summer to secure his services – a club record fee. It took him just nine minutes to open his account on the opening day defeat of Swindon back in August and secure a 1-0 win for Posh. He had scored four more goals before the month was over.

After such a magnificent start, Assombalonga then endured a rather dry spell, failing to find the net in nine matches as the season moved from September into October. A goal at Exeter in the FA Cup at the start of November sparked another goal glut: nine in his next eight games including a treble against Tranmere in the FA Cup. His last goal came against Bradford before Christmas and he currently leads the Posh scoring charts with 17 goals in all competitions this term.



FACTFILE:

Full name:

Britt Curtis Assombalonga

Date of birth:

6 December 1992

Place of birth:

Kinshasa, Zaire

Height:

1.77m (5ft 9.5in)

Playing position:

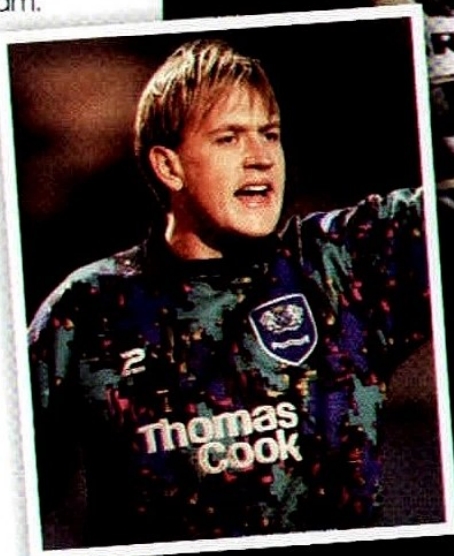
Striker/Winger

"He currently leads the Posh scoring charts with 17 goals in all competitions this term."

CLUB CONNECTION

BART GRIEMINK:

AFTER starting his career in his native Holland, the stopper came to English football when he signed for Birmingham. He signed for Peterborough in 1996 and would make 60 league appearances for Posh before moving to Swindon on loan in February 2000. Joined permanently that summer and went on to rack up over a century of appearances in a four-year stay in Wiltshire before moving to Southend in 2006.



PAST ENCOUNTER



MAGIC MOMENTS:

**1961**

POSH are elected to The Football League ahead of the 1960/61 campaign. Their first season in Division Four sees them lift the Championship.

1974

AFTER relegation back to the basement tier in 1968, United bounce back in 1974, winning the Fourth Division title.

**1992**

KEN Charlery celebrates after scoring both of Peterborough's goals in a 2-1 Play-Off Final win over Stockport County at Wembley.

**2000**

POSH skipper Andy Edwards lifts the Third Division Play-Off trophy at Wembley, after a 1-0 win over Darlington seals their place in Division Two.

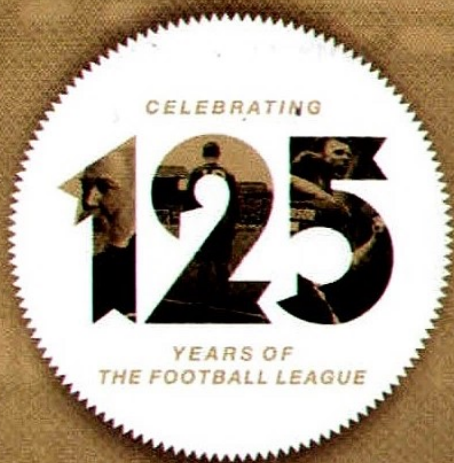
**2009**

PETERBOROUGH celebrate after a home draw with Swindon on the final day of the season that sees them clinch their second promotion in as many seasons.



Date: **02.05.2009**
Peterborough United 2
Swindon Town 2
 Attendance: **10,866**

TOWN headed to London Road on the final day of the 2008/09 campaign with both sides knowing their fate for next season. Swindon however, were not just there to make up the numbers and took the lead through the prolific Simon Cox with 17 minutes played. Peterborough's own goal-machine, Craig Mackail-Smith netted the equaliser five minutes before the break. With London Road still digesting the goal, Cox rattled in a half-volley to hand Town the lead once again. Then, with the clock over the 90-minute mark, Dean Keates curled home a free-kick to earn a share of the spoils.



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CLUB NEWS

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THIS week has witnessed the arrival of a new forward to help bolster Town's attacking options...



GEORGE Barker says that he is hoping to push on during his time at The County Ground.

Town's latest signing spoke to STFC Player shortly after putting pen to paper on his 18-month deal and stated that he will give it his best shot whilst in Wiltshire.

He said: "I started out at Southampton but got released and have been at Brighton during my scholarship. It was hard getting in to the team at Brighton. I played a few games but coming here will give me a chance to push on. I'm here to give it my best shot."

"I play either in the hole or to the left and play off a bigger man," he continued. "I like to get the ball to feet, link up play,

get shots off, assist, slide balls through. I'm more of a link-up player than an out-and-out striker."

Finally, he spoke of his previous relationship with Town's First Team Coach, Luke Williams, as well as some playing members of the squad.

"Knowing Luke (Williams) and a few of the players, I've been in touch with them but I was speaking to Luke on a regular basis," he said. "I played with Rapha (Branco) and Ryan (Harley) – they're two very good players. Yaser (Kasim) as well, he was there for a while and he's done really well here."

To watch the interview in full, log on to STFC Player.

Fixture Changes



A reminder that Town's fixture at Stevenage that was due to be played last Saturday, 4th January 2014, will now be played on Tuesday 14th January 2014. This was due to Stevenage competing in the FA Cup Third Round against Doncaster Rovers. Tickets for this clash will be available on the night only at Stevenage.



THE home clash with Crawley, which was due to be played on New Year's Day, has been rearranged for Tuesday, 25th February with kick-off at 7.45pm. The original fixture was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at SN1. Any tickets purchased for that match will be valid for the rearranged tie.

JPT Area-Final 2nd Leg

THE date of the second leg tie against Peterborough United (W/C 17th February) will be determined by both Southern and Northern Area-Final first leg results. The first leg results may change the selected televised fixture for the second leg.

NATHAN BYRNE

THEY say the sequels are never as good, but that hasn't been the case for Nathan Byrne's second coming at Swindon. Here, the adaptable player talks consistency, new faces and play-off aspirations.

WORDS: Nick Judd

Nathan, you were involved in the club's development game earlier this week. It must have been nice to get a run out after the postponement on New Year's Day, and also good to see one or two players returning from injury?

It was a good opportunity, yes. Most of the lads were involved in the game, so it was good for everyone.

Peterborough are the visitors for the first of three games. You were suspended for the first encounter at the beginning of the season, but what can we expect against them?

I remember the lads were annoyed with the bad start, conceding and going a goal behind, but they said the game was even after that. We're at home this time, so we have a good chance of getting the win we need.

Both sides will be sick of the sight of each other after both legs of the JPT Area-Final...

They're all going to be tough

games, but they're all games both sides need to win. I'm sure we'll be working each other out in the first game. It might be quite tense, like a game of chess, and the games might become more hostile as we go along and as we get to know each other, but hopefully we will get the results.

Do you think the league and cup games will be different at all?

Not really. I just think both teams will be desperate to win each time. I don't think either of us will be looking too far ahead, it will be about focusing on each 90 minutes. I think both teams will set up similarly each time, too. We know Peterborough's strengths already and I'm sure they're aware of how we play, so it'll be a case of figuring it out on the day.

Can we read anything into their recent form? They've won just one of their last six games in all competitions...

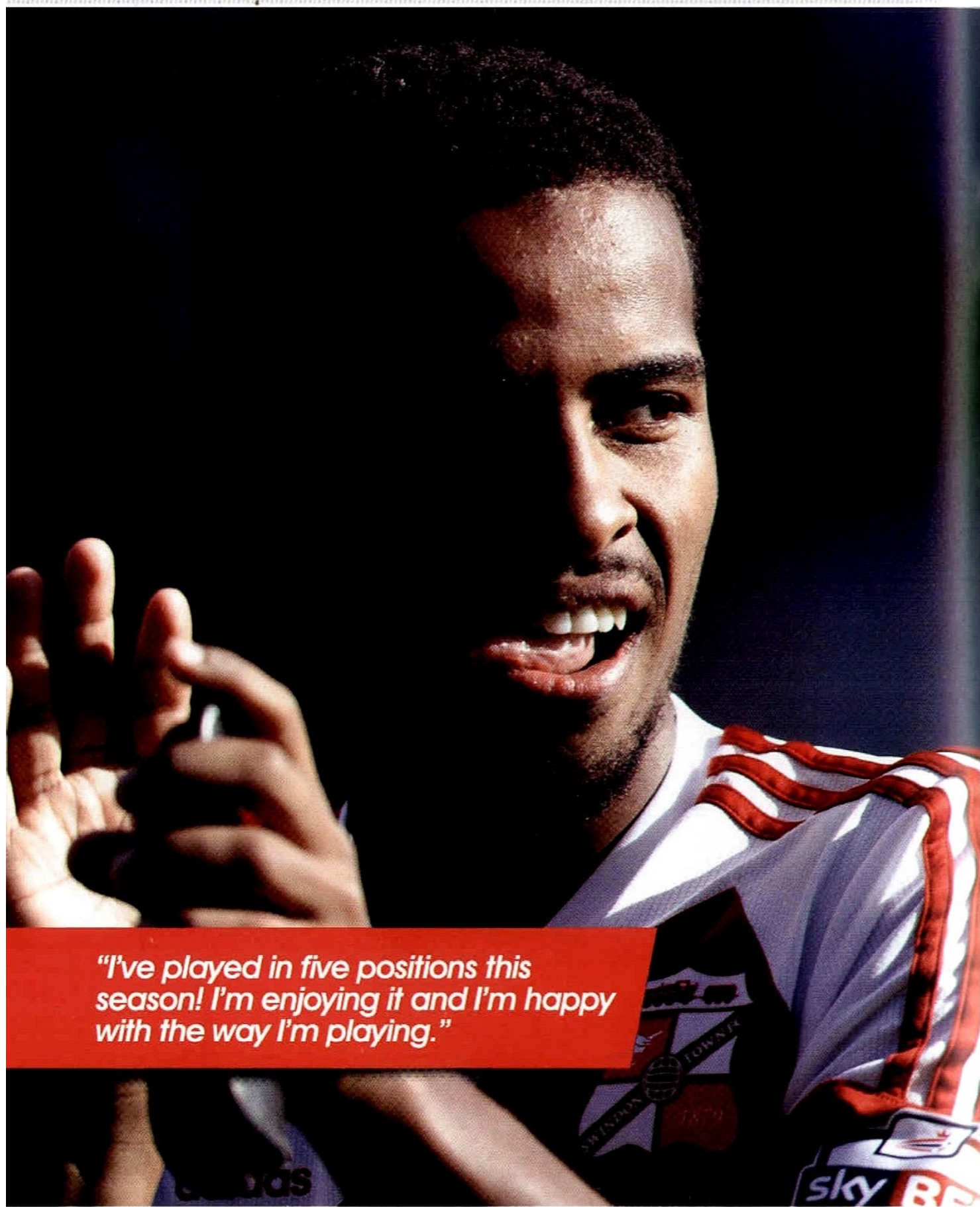
I'm not so sure. They have strength in depth and it's not worth looking into what they've been



FACT FILE:

Full name:
Nathan William Byrne
Date of birth:
5 June 1992
Place of birth:
St Albans, England
Height:
1.78m (5ft 10")
Playing position:
Full-back

"They're all going to be tough games, but they're all games both sides need to win."



"I've played in five positions this season! I'm enjoying it and I'm happy with the way I'm playing."

doing. It's all about this particular 90 minutes and what we can do.

It must be nice to return to action at home after two away games over Christmas and the postponement of the Crawley game?

Definitely. The lads have been doing a lot of travelling over the festive period, so let's just hope the rain has died down this week and the game isn't called off again!

The postponement last week must have been frustrating...

Some of the lads were a bit disappointed because it meant we weren't able to make more of New Year's Eve, but that's just part and parcel of life as a footballer. Like you say, if we'd known before the day of the game we might have done New Year a bit differently, but these things happen. You make sacrifices as a footballer and you won't find any of us complaining about it.

So, your season so far: you returned to the side after your initial suspension and have played in a variety of positions since. Mr. Adaptable!

I've played in five positions this season! I'm enjoying it and I'm happy with the way I'm playing. The manager seems to be fairly happy as well, so I'm just looking to take that on into 2014 and keep trying to get better with every game.

You're now a full-time pro at Swindon as opposed to a loanee: do you feel more settled?

Definitely. I've got a place up here now and I feel really happy. I have a contract, which means I know where I'm going to be, which I haven't had in the past. It enables me to simply focus on football. Previously, when I was

at Tottenham, I went on loan a couple of times and most of my contracts were short, which makes it difficult to get settled and plan for the future. I spent loan spells at Brentford, Bournemouth and Crawley and it's hard moving from club to club as a youngster. Just when you get to know the lads you're off again back to your parent club or a new club on loan. This time has been different, because obviously I knew some of the lads from last season and most of the others I knew from Tottenham.

When you returned to Tottenham after the end of last season, did you know you'd be coming back?

I didn't know. I went back to Tottenham for a week before the summer break and I just assumed I'd be returning to Spurs for the new season. I didn't have a clue until three days before I signed with Swindon.

Were you happy to return?

Yes, definitely, I like the staff here and I like the way we try to play, so I was delighted to come back.

Did you think about the Play-Offs at all in the summer?

We knew those games were going to be hard and I didn't want the season to end that way, but I get over things pretty quickly. Once it's happened, it's happened, there's nothing you can do. You have to move on. Losing on penalties is such a tough way to lose, though, particularly after the lads had done so well to come back into it.

Brentford are up there again and we're lurking behind those play-off spots; how do you see the top six shaping up?



#ASKBYRNEY

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.



Which is your preferred position you've played in?

Ben Straford (on Facebook)

Anywhere where I can attack and get forward.

Worst Christmas present you received?

Emma Broughton (on Facebook)

Shower gels! I mean, I do use shower gel but... The best shower gel is Radox coconut.

Who are the best and worst FIFA players in the squad?

Ben Thompson (on Facebook)

I'm the best, 100 percent [laughs]. Wes is definitely worst, without a doubt. Awful.

Were you given a special diet over Christmas?

Jamie Pincock (on Facebook)

Not really. The manager trusts us, so he simply told us to 'eat sensibly'. That trust is really important and we know what we're doing.

#ASKBYRNEY



Who is the best player you've had to defend against?

Benny Benben & Jordan Alex marvell
(on Facebook)

Gareth Bale in the pre-season friendly. I thought I played well but when you have to mark the most expensive player in the world you know you're going to be in for a tough game! I always want to improve and you can only do that against the best. It was a good feeling to play against him in his last game in England. Actually, he didn't give me the toughest game I've had... that was against Kazenga Lua Lua, again in pre-season, when Spurs played Brighton. He was a really, really good player and gave me a tough half hour.

In the unlikely event that you find yourself eating a sausage sandwich, do you prefer brown or red sauce?

Jerry Alsop (on Facebook)
Red!



I think, for us, we just need to get some back-to-back wins. We've been winning two then losing one or drawing one, there has been no consistency. We need to put a run of six or seven wins together and that will get us into the play-off positions. That's the plan for us in the second half of the season.

It looks as though the top four might have already cemented their place in the mix, so we could be playing for just one or two spots. Would you agree?

Our aim is to stay with the pack and not fall away. We think we've got a good chance of getting into the Play-Offs, so that has to be the aim. Some of the lads who were here last season, the likes of Wes, Wardy, Jay, Massimo and the Thompsons, for example, we will all have benefitted from that experience last year and hopefully we can go all the way this time.

It must be a fun experience for the Spurs lads to be

playing first-team football together. It's very rare that so many players from the same Academy go on to play for the same first team, isn't it?

I've been with five or six of these lads for a while now and we've played together for so long we know how we all play. We're a tight unit together; the whole squad is, and that really helps.

So, you mentioned you've played in five positions – we know you like to get forward and have a shot on goal, so will we be seeing more than the two you've registered already?

Definitely. I've had a few chances and I'm always looking to help the team with the odd goal. My aim is to get a couple more before the end of the season.

Talking of goals, it looks as though the squad will have a fresh feel in that area this month...

It's always good to have new players coming in and competition for places in that area. If we can enhance our squad then it'll help us get the results we need to push on.





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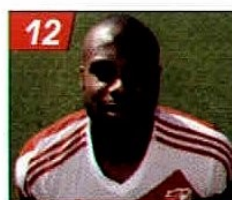


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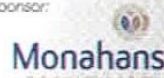


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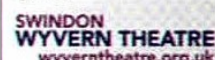


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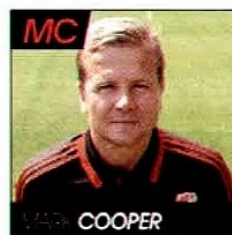


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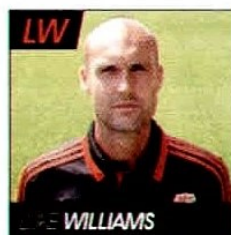


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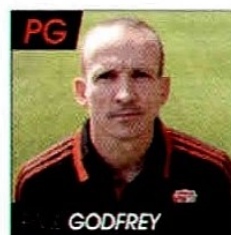


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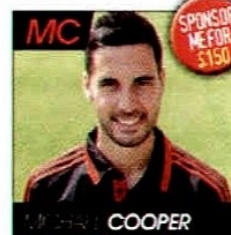


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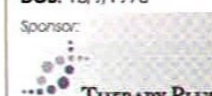
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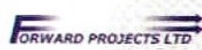


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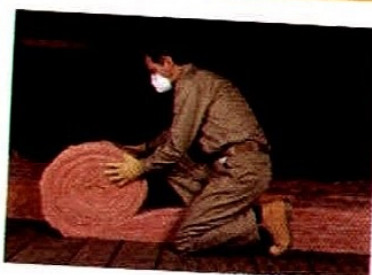


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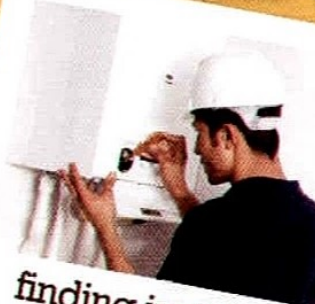
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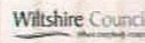
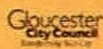
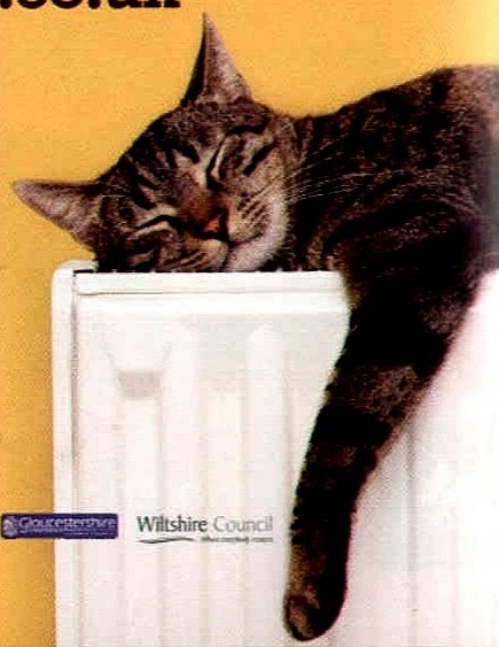


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Even Fraser Digby, in today's Coaches' Corner on page 73, remembers how players had to go to extreme lengths at times to adapt to adverse weather conditions; be it heavy rain, sleet, snow or frozen pitches.

Even First Division clubs like Newcastle and Arsenal playing in well-known arenas like St. James's Park and Highbury were not exempt from mud-bath pitches and heavy snow.

With the game and everything around it evolving to an almost unrecognisable stage, STFC's Head Groundsman, Marcus Cassidy, explains how his job role has changed from that of his predecessors 25 years ago.

"The technology, the equipment and even the education is a massive contributing factor to looking after a pitch these days," he said. "I'm still learning everyday now and you have to keep learning because things change so much."

"Working practices have changed

massively. Gone are the days when groundsman could just go out and roll the pitch non-stop; you have to approach it in a completely different manner."

He continued: "The game is now a lot faster and players are a lot fitter. The value of players has gone up to such an extent now that referees have to worry about player protection which is why a lot of games get called off now - even if they're the same state as they would have been in the 80s."



ABOVE: Arsenal battle Chelsea and the muddy playing surface at Highbury.
BELOW: The Gallowgate End looks on as Newcastle and Manchester United play on in the heavy snow.



ABOVE: Let it snow - Sheffield Wednesday and Tottenham Hotspur 'face-off' at a snowy Hillsborough.

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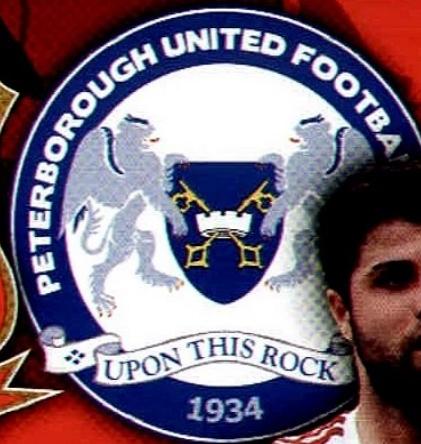


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FINAL SCORE



Swindon Town:

Peterborough Utd:

Attendance:



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

1-0 win to Town!

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Ryan Mason
**RYAN
MASON**



junior **RED** QUIZ

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

MY SCORE:

For 5 points

WHO IS DENNIS?

For 5 points

WHO'S THE BOSS?

For 5 points

WORLD CUP WINNER?

TRUE or FALSE



1 point per correct answer

- 1** On matchdays Mark Cooper wears lucky pink socks...
- 2** Peterborough United were relegated from the Championship last season...
- 3** Peterborough United and Victoria Beckham share the same nickname...
- 4** Darren Ward once appeared in Star Wars as an extra...
- 5** Fraser Digby got a pet tortoise for Christmas and called it Tim...

True False

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PREM PICK



For 5 points

Who is the Premier League boss?



THE CONUNDRUM!

Can you reveal the Football Club nickname?

For 5 points

G E R T H N N U E S



For 5 points



WHOSE BADGE...

For 5 points



NAME THE GROUND...

For 5 points



NAME THE PLAYER...

PLAYER FACTS

Jack Barthram

1 I started my career with which current Premier League side?

2 Who did I make my Town debut against in the Capital One Cup?

3 What is my Swindon Town squad number?

1 point per correct answer

WHOSE KIT

For 2 points



Answers...
The Conundrum: The Gunners.
Who's the Boss: Oscar Garcia.
Who's the Boss: Oscar Garcia.
World Cup Winner: Fernando Torres.
Whose Badge: Chelsea FC.
Name the Ground: Britannia Stadium.
Name the Player: Simon Farnham.
True or False: 1. False, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. False.
Prem Player: Gus Foyler.
Player Facts: 1. Tottenham Hotspur, 2. Torquay United, 3. 23.
Whose Kit: Charlton Athletic.

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TIM OF THE TOWN by Alyn 14



HI GANG! TIM TOWNEND HERE 'ON LOCATION' AT THE COUNTY GROUND! I AM HERE FOR A TRAINING SESSION WITH FRASER DIGBY! I'VE BROUGHT WITH ME ALL THE LUCKY MASCOTS I COULD MUSTER INCLUDING THE ANCIENT MEDAL THAT STARTED THIS WHOLE ADVENTURE!



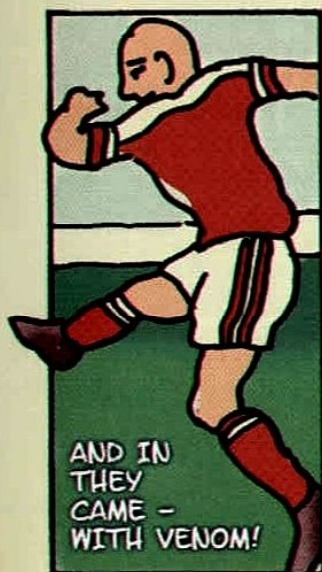
....AND I'M WEARING THE 'PREMIER' TOWN GOALIE SHIRT SIGNED BY ERR... NICKY HAMMOND.... NOW WHERE IS FRASER...?

HE IS STILL UP IN THE STANDS!!! FLIPPIN' HECK - HE'S BEEN UP THERE SINCE THE PORT VALE GAME!

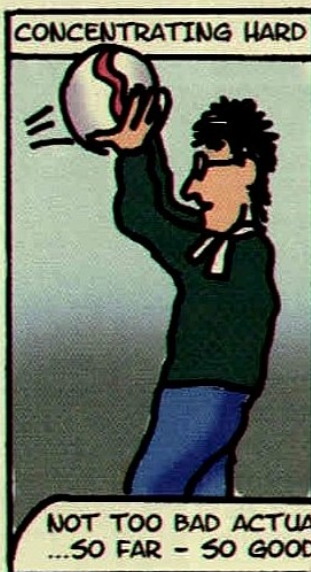


TIM! IF THOSE ARE LUCKY MASCOTS I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE THEM IN THE CHANGING ROOM NOW!

OKAY... IN AT THE DEEP END I WANT SOME HIGH CROSSES FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH...



AND IN THEY CAME - WITH VENOM!



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NOT TOO BAD ACTUALLY ...SO FAR - SO GOOD!



MEANWHILE...

NEXT TIME...I PERFORM WELL IN TRAINING BUT FRASER THEN PUSHES ME HARDER...! BUT A MYSTERY FIGURE MAKES OFF WITH MY PRIZED MEDAL!

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UNDER-18S Manager Jamie Pitman pens his first notes of 2014 following the Academy shut-down over the festive period...



AS mentioned in Jeremy Newton's last set of programme notes, the Academy shut down from the 21st December. Obviously our Under-18s are still young lads and some of them are living away from home so they got about eight or nine days off over the Christmas period. Fortunately, we've been able to invest (thanks to some money from the LFE) in a heart-rate monitor system. We gave all the players a fitness plan to go away with and they have to obviously stick to those fitness plans. We had a look at them when they got back so it's been a break where they could have

a bit of a breather, but also a break where they've still had to do some physical work. Having a bit of equipment like the heart-rate monitors is hugely beneficial for us. Not only is it a great way to make sure that the players work to certain limits, it's a great educational tool for them as well so they can understand what constitutes hard work and what is not so hard - if that makes any sense! They are also now more aware of what's required of them in certain sessions so it's a great learning curve for everybody.

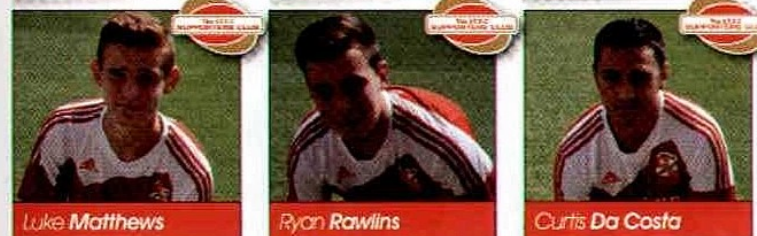
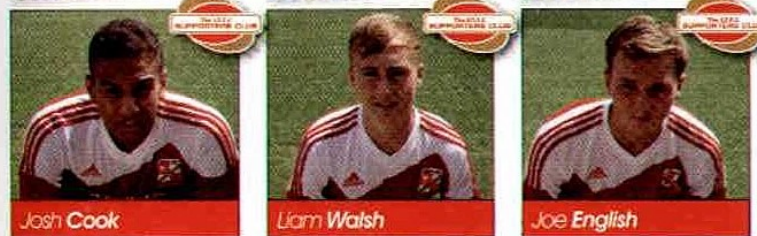
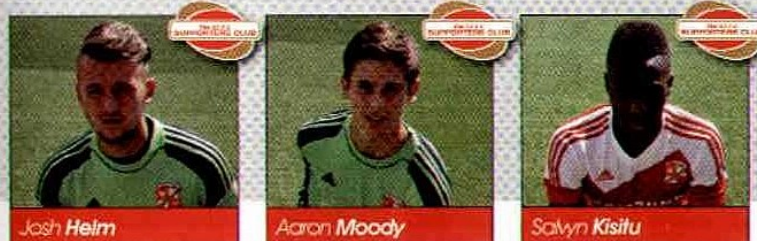
For us coaching staff, we're in the middle of a very busy

period at the moment because of the audit that will be coming up in March, so there's plenty of paperwork to sift through and plenty of different things to organise. We've had a bit of a break but in that break we've all been getting up to speed on our paperwork and everything that is required from each individual coach for the audit so it's still been a busy period in that respect.

The lads were back in on New Year's Day and we've continued to do our fitness work and training sessions but it's been very difficult with the weather. We've been fortunate that the Next Generation Gym have been able to accommodate us and we've still been able to do some physical work and some football work at the same time without the effects of the weather.

Our next scheduled fixture was at Exeter today but, obviously, that depends on the state of the pitches up at the training ground and the weather over the next few days but fingers crossed the game has gone ahead. Now we're into the New Year the lads have to start recognising that they have to start performing and winning games. Hopefully against a decent footballing side in Exeter, we'll start to turn the corner.

JAMIE PITMAN
UNDER-18S MANAGER



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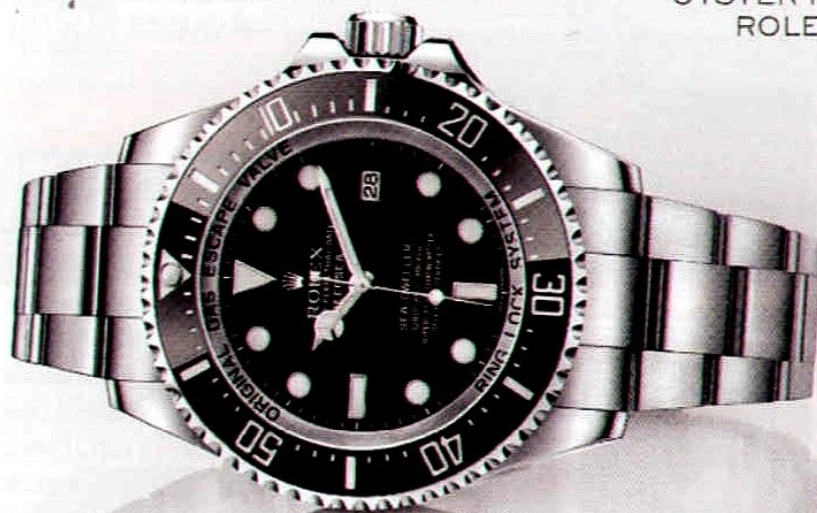
2013/14 U18s Fixtures:

Date:	Fixture:	Res:
Sat Aug 10	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 31	Hereford United	4-1 W
Sat Sep 7	Cup 1 (Bye)	-
Sat Sep 14	A.F.C. Bournemouth	3-4 L
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	2-2 D
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	1-7 L
Sat Oct 5	Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth	0-2 L
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	2-3 L
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Cheltenham Town	0-4 L
Tue Oct 29	Cup 5 Hereford United	2-4 L
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	0-2 L
Wed Nov 6	Exeter City FAY1	4-3 W
Tue Nov 19	Leyton Orient FAY2 (CG)	1-4 L
Sat Nov 23	Cheltenham Town	2-3 L
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Jan 11	Exeter City	H
Sat Jan 18	Torquay United	A
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
Sat Mar 1	Bristol Rovers	H
Sat Mar 8	Cup	
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Mar 29	Cup	
Sat Apr 5	Free	
Sat Apr 12	Torquay United	H
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
SWINDON	9	1	1	7	-9	4
Torquay Utd	8	1	1	6	-17	4

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IN January 1930, we travelled for an away fixture in round three of the FA Cup to face a club two divisions higher than our Division Three (South) status, and before the month of January was out, the cup saw Town play in front of an astounding number of spectators, conjure up an unexpected result and produce an entry into the club record books that still stands today.

Town were paired with an outfit from Old Trafford 84 years ago today.

Manchester United lay 14th in Division One while Town stood 12th in the regionalised Division Three, and the Alan Hansens of the day would no doubt have given us little chance.

But with just under half an hour played, 5ft 5in inside forward Joe Eddleston gave us the lead, a half-time advantage that was doubled by fellow forward Les Roberts in the second period.

And that's the way it stayed.

United might not have been the global brand they are today but they were no slouches, and just maybe the defeat inflicted by their lowly Wiltshire guests helped galvanise them into becoming European champions and monopolisers of the footballing world.

The win left Town preparing for round four, and we were handed the chance to complete a humbling of the entire city of Manchester when the velvet bag produced Swindon Town and Manchester City in consecutive balls.



PICTURED: Swindon Town Football Club 1929/30 Season.

This time we were to play at The County Ground and an obliging own goal from City's Phil McCloy took the tie to a Maine Road replay.

The Manc annihilation was still on then as Town took to the pitch on 29th January.

But not for long.

Tommy Johnson and Eric Brook both scored for the home side, but they certainly didn't steal the glory. That's because Tommy Tait scored a hat trick while Bobby Marshall notched an incredible five as Town were defeated by ten goals to one!

Club goal scoring legend Harry Morris of course got our consolation goal.

So we had had our day in the sun but ultimately the team from the blue half of Manchester, and who sat second in the Division One table, restored the honour that their red

counterparts had been unable to.

Thankfully, the score is still our record cup defeat, and one that we all hope we never see beaten.

But just as small clubs today hope for a money-spinning tie, the silver lining surely came from the payday that came Town's way that January.

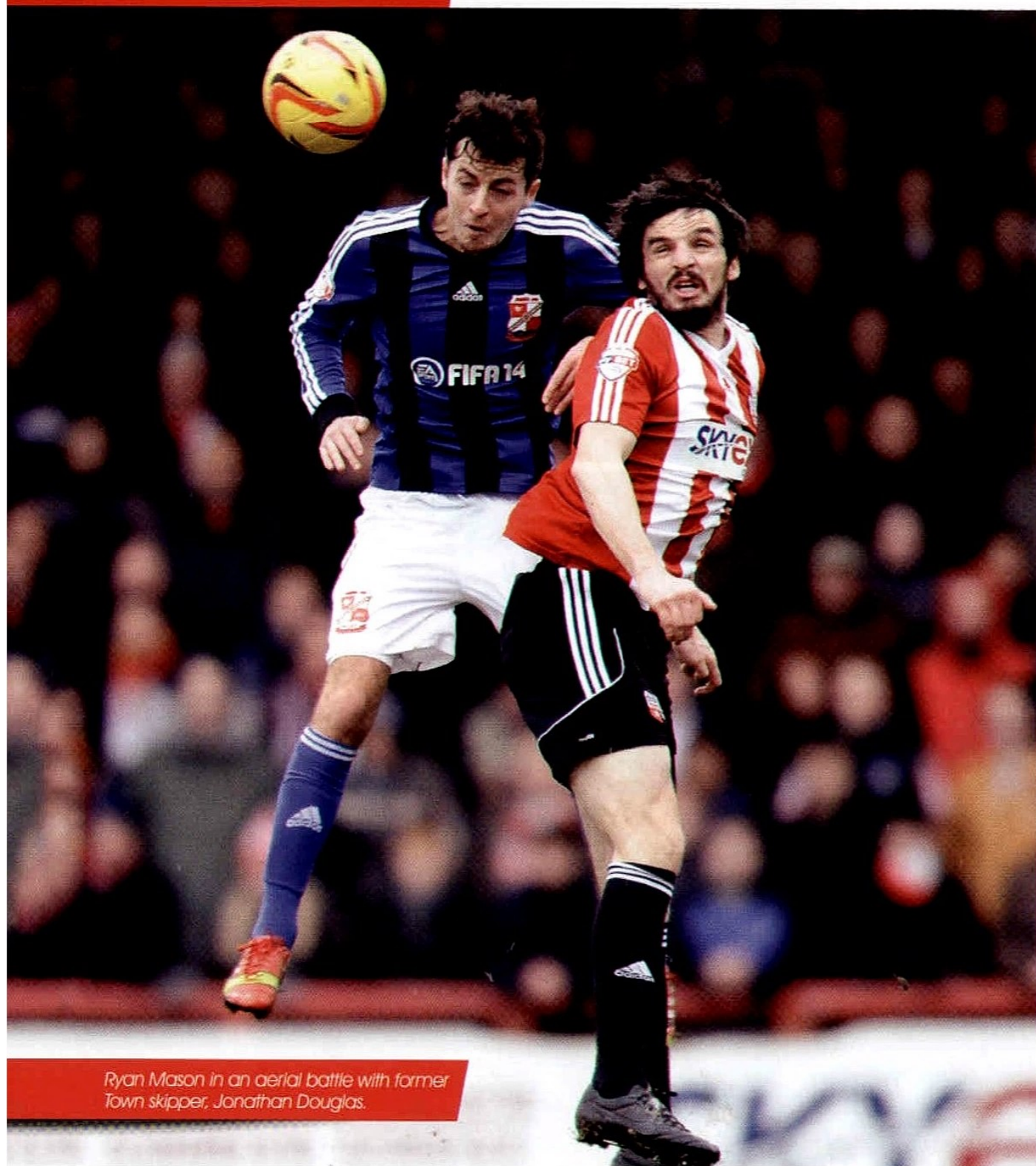
With over 33,000 attending the match at Old Trafford, a mightily impressive 23,697 watched our home draw with City before almost twice as many witnessed the massive capitulation at Maine Road.

Gates of in excess of 100,000 had swelled Town's coffers.

In comparison, just 92,499 watched the final as Arsenal beat Huddersfield 2-0, with the spectacle of the German airship Graf Zeppelin hovering over Wembley.

BEE STING

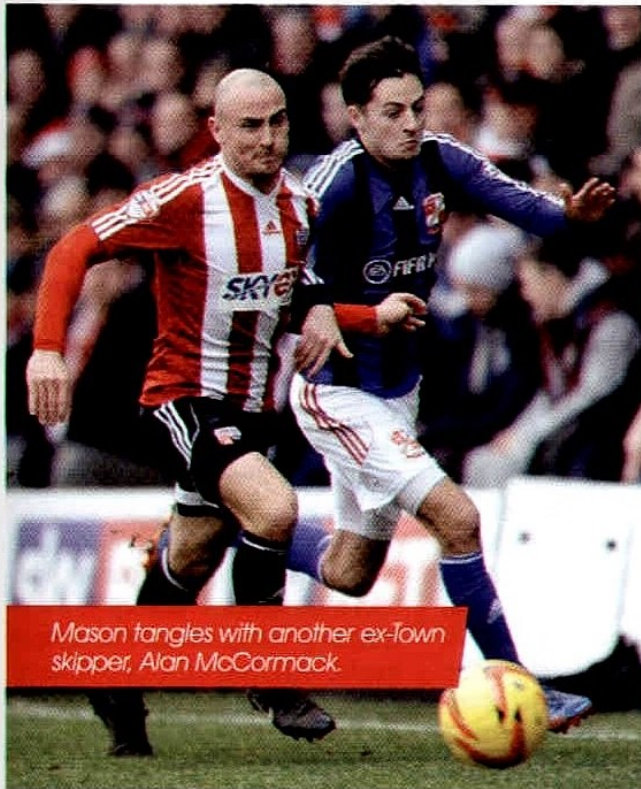
CLUB Photographer Rob Noyes was at Griffin Park on Boxing Day as the Town were beaten by the promotion-chasing Bees in West London...



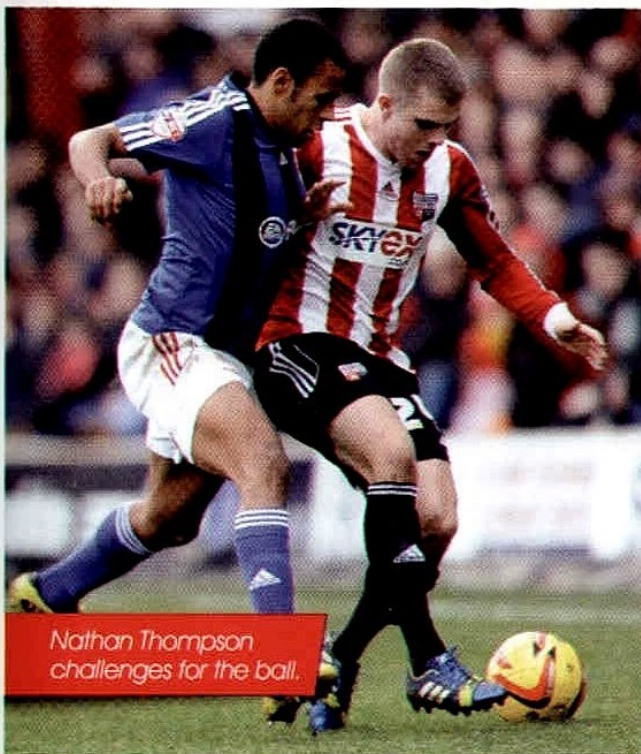
Ryan Mason in an aerial battle with former Town skipper, Jonathan Douglas.

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Mason tangles with another ex-Town skipper, Alan McCormack.



Nathan Thompson challenges for the ball.



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TODAY we welcome Peterborough United to The County Ground for this mouth-watering tie...

Half-Time Draw

THE winners from the Coventry City match were...

vs COVENTRY CITY

1. Ticket 1117 won £567 -
R. Birt of Swindon
2. Ticket 900 won £60 -
M. Hedges of High Wycombe

Another excellent draw; so far this season we have paid out over £7,500 in prizes so make sure you purchase a ticket every match.

Nicky Ajose

HELLO, thank you and goodbye to Nicky Ajose, who scored 10 goals in 21 games in his recent loan period until he had to return to Peterborough, and we may

see him in our opponents' line-up today. Such is the transfer system: a player is sold on by one club and supporters never have a chance to say goodbye. I always remember Steve White returning to SN1 and when he was subbed near the end of the match, he received a standing ovation as he left the pitch.

Fickle Football

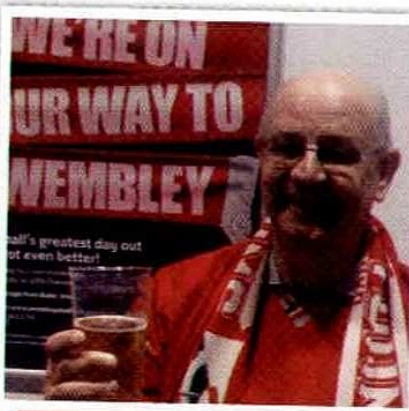
AS football fans, we have different mood swings throughout the 90 minutes.

How fickle could we be in season 1962/63: as Easter approached, we were in the running for our first ever promotion. In that period you played three games Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday. Our first game on Good



Town on Tour!

OLIVER Barry and his godfather Dave Catton wearing their colours at Universal Studios, Florida.



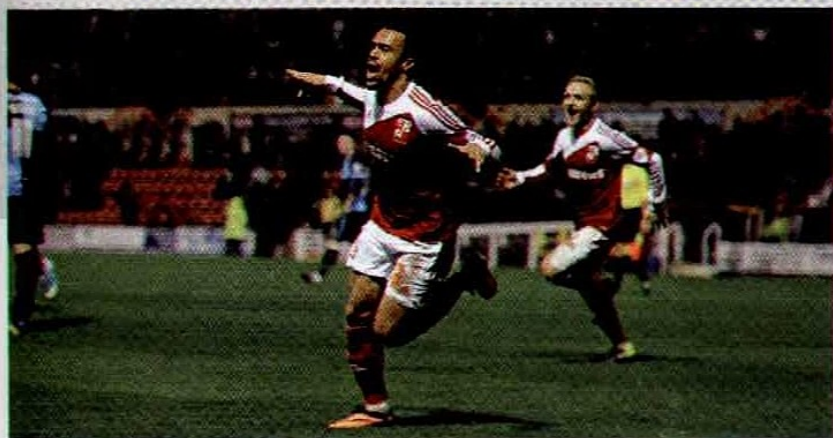
Happy Birthday Stuart!

STUART Hunneyball is with us today celebrating his birthday, let us hope you witness a fine win.



Happy Birthday Mark!

WE welcome Mark Bowler and his guests to the Sponsors' Suite to celebrate his 50th birthday.



Friday was against Peterborough, who were also in the promotion race and 23,239 were at The County Ground to see the Town lose 2-3 despite Ernie Hunt scoring in the first minute. The next day, we were home to Colchester and a 6-1 win had everyone forgetting the previous day's result. However, the gate was just 12,159 - almost 50% of that on the Friday. Fickle fans or what! Monday saw us lose 3-1 at Peterborough but we finished the season in 2nd place, with Northampton as champions, and Peterborough in 6th.

Social Evening

DON'T forget about our next planned social evening at

The White Hart at Stratton on February 11th, with a sit down two-course meal, some 1st team squad players in attendance, opportunity for photos, Q&A session, lighthearted quiz, all compered by Swindon Town legend Phil King.

Ticket prices are £16 for Supporters' Club members and £17.50 for non-members, everyone is welcome. To book, contact us by email: enquiries@swindontownsupportersclub.com or at the Supporters' Club table in the Legends Lounge on matchdays.

ROGER BUNCE

**STFC SUPPORTERS' CLUB
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Happy Birthday Lizzie!

HAPPY birthday with much love from Big Jon and everyone from the Members' Suite.



Happy Birthday Megan!

A very happy 70th Birthday to Megan Mills from all her family and friends!

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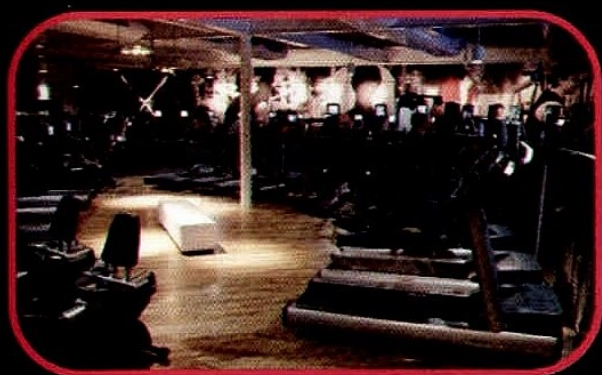
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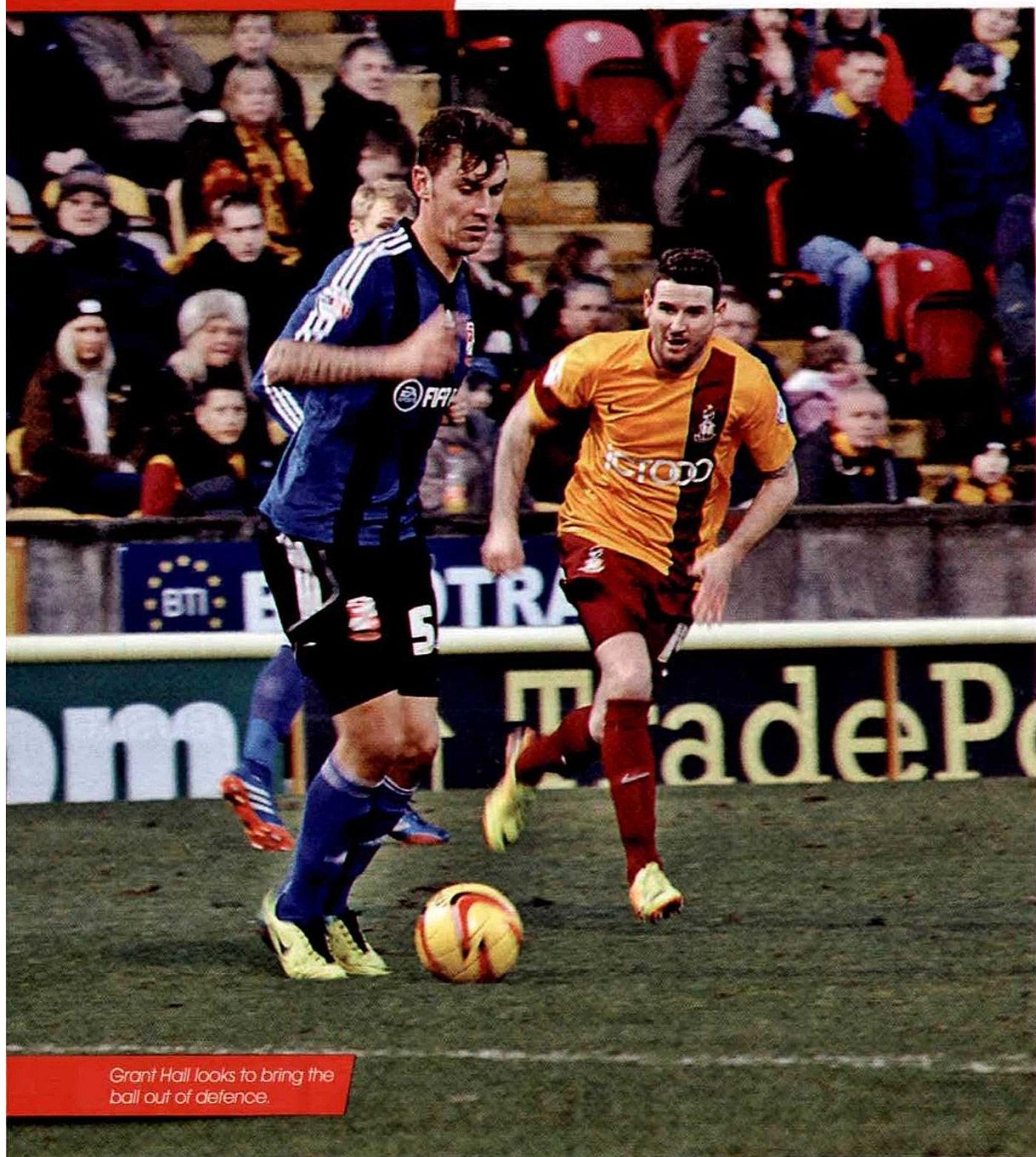
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A SORE POINT

TOWN'S final match of 2013 saw them travel to the Coral Windows Stadium...

Photos: Gary Chadwick, Bradford City FC



Grant Hall looks to bring the ball out of defence.

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Yaser Kasim and Nathan Thompson close in.








Louis Thompson sets his sights on the bouncing ball.








LEAGUE ONE TOP FIVES

GOALS

1		CLARKE	15
2		BAMFORD	14
3		LOWE	14
4		WELLS	14
5		WILSON	14

ASSISTS

1		COX	8
2		PRINGLE	8
3		SAKO	7
4		BAKER	6
5		EMMANUEL-T...	6






SHOTS ON TARGET

1		BAMFORD	40
2		WILSON	39
3		CLARKE	36
4		WELLS	34
5		DONALDSON	32






MINUTES PER GOAL

1		GRAY	45
2		LASIMANT	53
3		FOLEY	53
4		STOCKLEY	54
5		MAGUIRE	59

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		EMMANUEL-T...	55
2		LOWE	54
3		WELLS	46
4		BAMFORD	44
5		BALDOCK	39






MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		MIKE WEST	24
2		MCFADZEAN	63
3		MCLAUGHLIN	63
4		WESTLAKE	72
5		HALL	76

FOULS

1		HANSON	63
2		DAVIES	47
3		DONALDSON	44
4		LABADIE	44
5		EASTMOND	42

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		BONHAM	16
2		HOWARD	30
3		MCLAUGHLIN	35
4		MARTIN	37
5		FIELDING	38

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Brentford have won seven consecutive League One games; the record this season is Leyton Orient's run of eight (Aug-Sep).

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Promotion-chasing Peterborough have taken fewer points from their last 10 games than any other League One side (seven).

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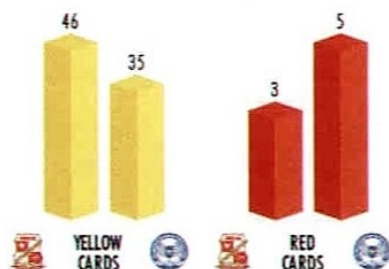
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PETERBOROUGH UNITED



MATCH FACTS

Swindon hold just one win over the Posh in their last ten league games (D4 L5).



MATCH FACTS

Peterborough have found the net in each of their last seven against the Robins.



GOALS



AV. GOALS PER GAME



SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)



% SHOTS ON TARGET



CLEAN SHEETS



% GOALS TO SHOTS



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GOALS CONCEDED

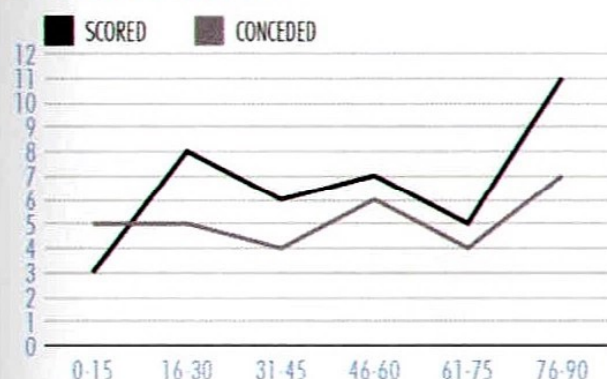


AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME

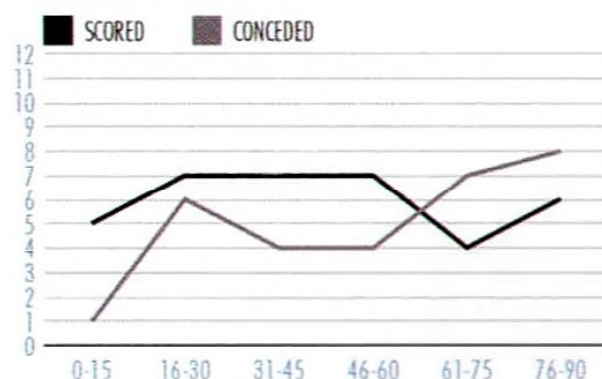


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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Peterborough United...



Saturday Team Club

WE would like to welcome today's Saturday Team Club, Highworth Juniors Under-8s who have been organised by Matt Pratley. We would also like to offer a warm welcome to the players and teams from the Twilight Programme which we deliver as part of the Swindon Street Games programme, run through Swindon Borough Council. Dave Chapple, one of our full-time Community Officers who leads on the programme, said: "We are really looking forward to today with the lads coming in and taking part in a mini-tournament/festival. We hope they have a great day with us and they enjoy this afternoon's match against Peterborough."

Girls Centre For Excellence

LAST Saturday, 4th January, we had a full day's football programme which encompassed our Girls' Centre for Football Excellence with the age groups from Under-10s through to Under-16s being able to sample the matchday experience. Our Under-10s and 11s played tough local opposition provided by Mark Collett, Chairman of Highworth Town Juniors. Our Under-10s were narrowly defeated 10-8 with the Under-11s losing 6-2. Our Under-13 girls travelled to London where they took on teams such as Tottenham Hotspur, Brentford and Enfield in the Capital Cup. The girls gave a good account of themselves and finished as runners-up on the day. Our Under-

15s were matched up against Highworth Town's Under-14 boys' team and, after a disappointing first half which saw them trailing 3-0 at the break, they gave a very good account of themselves in the second half, losing in the end, 3-1. The Under-16s and Under-12s played our local rivals, Yeovil Town, with the Under-16s winning 3-0 and Jon Holloway's Under-12s winning by a convincing six goals to nil. The day was a huge success, giving the girls valuable experience, particularly for those who will be travelling to Sweden to participate in the Gothia Cup in July 2014.

Weekly Sessions

OUR After-School Club, Soccer Centres, Mini-Soccer and Tiny Tots programmes have kicked-

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off in the week commencing 6th January, with the sessions being delivered at local schools and sports centres in Swindon and the surrounding area. We are delighted to launch the opening of a new session at the Oasis Leisure Centre which will be an advanced session for 10-12 year olds who are showing promise within our programmes. They will be invited to receive extra, professional coaching sessions which hopefully may give them an opportunity to progress onto the Centre of Excellence programme.

U13 Girls Community Cup

BACK in November, we ran our local, annual schools' Girls' Under-13s competition with Dorcan beating last year's winners, Kingsdown, in a closely-contested final. Dorcan Technology College will now go on to represent Swindon Town FITC in the Area Finals to

be staged at Oxford United on Wednesday 15th January. The girls will be competing against AFC Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Crawley, Portsmouth and our local rivals, Oxford and Reading. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Wendy Craig and her team the best of luck in a couple of weeks' time.

Swindon Town Ladies

OUR Swindon Town Ladies First Team return to league action on Sunday with a tough away fixture at Keynsham Town. They have made an excellent start to the season where they currently lie 2nd in the table and we would like to wish them all the very best for 2014 where we hope, at the end of the season, they will be celebrating promotion. Jason Brizzell and Kim Reeves have done an excellent job with their team and are very optimistic that the girls can hopefully clinch promotion to the league above.

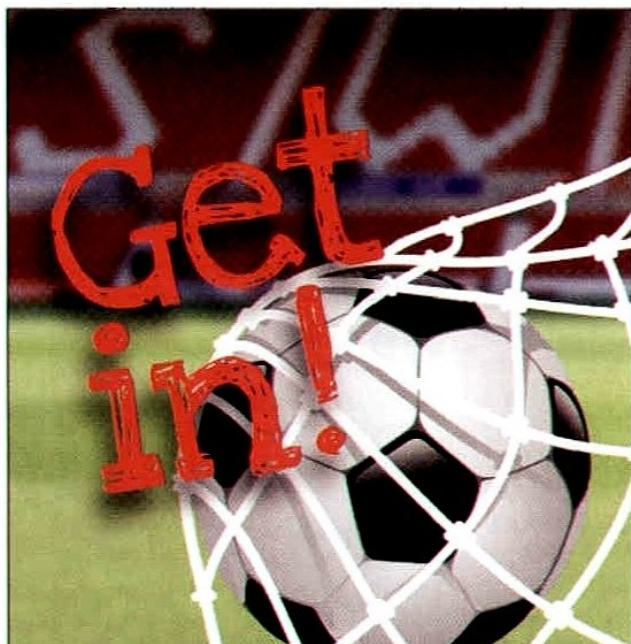


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OUTSIDE THE BOX

Giuliano
Grazioli

THIS week's guest columnist has a foot in both camps, having worn a blue and a red shirt during his playing days...



FIRSTLY, I would like to say a big thank you to both sets of fans for their support during my playing career and to wish my former team mate and friend Gary Breen a successful future in his new coaching role at Posh. It's great to see two of my former clubs pushing for promotion into the Championship, teams that reflect their respective managers in entertaining the fans and playing the game in the correct way.

This is a fixture that holds both good and bad memories for me. I was to make my professional debut for Peterborough coming on as a second half substitute against Swindon on my 21st birthday

but, some six years later, playing in the Red of the Robins, I was sent off in what was Roy Evans' first game in charge. Not the best start in front of the new gaffer but, luckily for me, I was quickly forgiven and enjoyed some wonderful times under Roy and Razor.

Although I never set the world alight for both clubs, I had some fantastic moments during my time at London Road and The County Ground. For Peterborough: scoring five goals against Barnet and the derby goal against Cambridge. For Swindon, I got to play in Division One, which is now the Championship and not forgetting the goal in the

derby match against Oxford. Playing with some great players: Neil Ruddock, George Ndah, Matthew Etherington, Simon Davies. Working under some great managers: Roy Evans and, of course, Barry Fry. Teammates who are now close friends: Alan Young, Danny Invincible, Greg Heald, Gary Breen and Scott McGleish.

I wish both clubs every success in the future and thank you for giving me the opportunity to fulfil my dreams and for giving me such wonderful memories.

Up the Robins and Up the Posh.

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI
GUEST WRITER



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COACHES' CORNER



THE former Town stopper and current Goalkeeping Coach reminisces about playing in adverse weather conditions in this week's column...

IT'S been funny over Christmas because I've had 10 years out of the game, then I've come back into football again, so at Christmas I've been used to a week off, then nothing, whereas now we're back in. The gaffer gave all the lads Christmas Day off this year then we were travelling away to Brentford for Boxing Day so, in your mind, you know that you have that one day at Christmas then, once that's over, you're thinking about the Boxing Day game and getting yourself prepared. Being a coach, it's very similar to being a player, where you're concentrating on the games. Up until we had the game cancelled, we didn't have a day off over Christmas because you're in working every day either playing games, training or going on long trips away like the one we had to Bradford. The weather recently has been absolutely dreadful but, to be honest, I used to love the wet conditions when I was playing. I did a session with the lads a week or so ago where they would make a save then slide a further ten/ fifteen yards. However, it's so wet that we've gone past that now where the conditions are awful to train in and we've had to find alternative ways to train. This can be difficult but we have not really missed a session which has been good. We've used the 3G pitch at Lydiard Academy and it has been great to use a facility like that because we can get some good work in with the players. Looking back at the Crawley



"To be honest, I used to love the wet conditions when I was playing."

game which was postponed, I've had people say to me 'you would have played in those conditions'. We probably would have done but the pitch would have been wrecked for the rest of the season! I remember when we were in the Premier League and we played at home on New Year's Day. The pitch was absolutely frozen solid and I had to wear trainers with pimples on the bottom and a pair of padded trousers. In this day and age the match would have been called off, full stop. I remember sometimes out here, we'd have to find out which way we were playing before we went out and the lads who were playing on the

wing in front of the Shrivensham Road Stand or what is now the Don Rogers Stand, would have to wear shoes with rubber pimples underneath - it was that firm - whereas on the other side, they could get away with small studs. There is a lot more to consider these days and on New Year's Day it was only going to get worse. Turning attention to this afternoon, Peterborough are a good team and they've got some good players. It will be a difficult test for us but one I think we're capable of overcoming.

FRASER DIGBY
GOALKEEPING COACH

PREMIER MOMENT:

PLAYER
FACT

Roy WEGERLE:

The forward made seven appearances whilst on loan at Swindon during the 1987/88 season, netting once.

Nicky HAMMOND:

After replacing Fraser Digby at Hillsborough, Hammond would start the next seven of Swindon's fixtures.

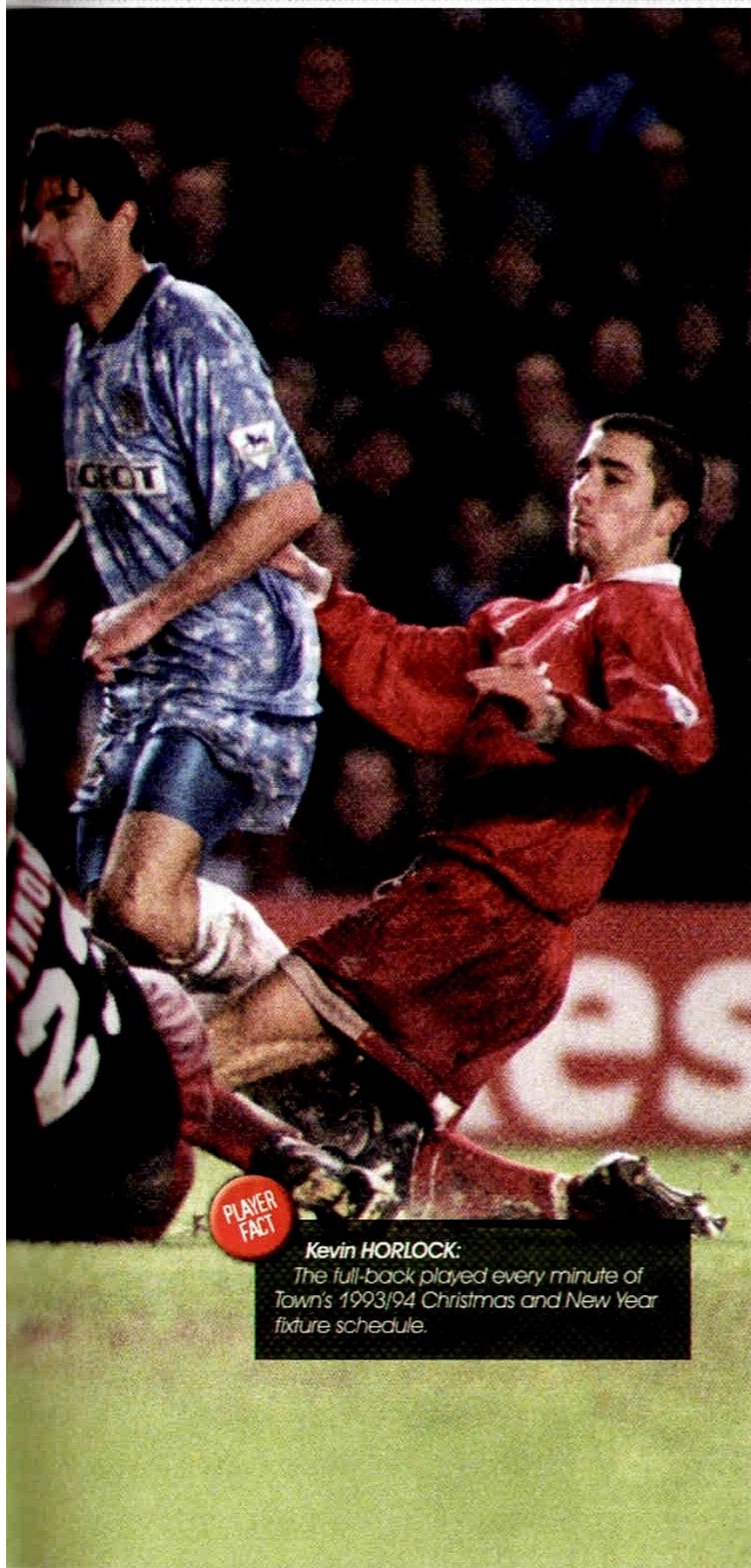
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PLAYER
FACT

Kevin HORLOCK:

The full-back played every minute of Town's 1993/94 Christmas and New Year fixture schedule.



AFTER successive draws at Anfield and Hillsborough, Town travelled to Highfield Road looking to extend their unbeaten spell away from home...

WHEN Sky Sports' scheduled live game was postponed, the broadcaster's next port of call was Town's fixture with Coventry City. After a goal-less first half, the home side made the breakthrough with just over 15 minutes left to play. The Sky Blues broke from the edge of their own box and Roy Wegerle was sent clear on the right flank. With Kevin Horlock in his wake, the frontman advanced to the corner of the six yard box before smashing the ball high into the roof of the net past Nicky Hammond. The home side could have doubled their advantage when Peter Nalovu hit the post with an opportunistic effort then Hammond stood up to deny substitute Micky Quinn. The latter then fed the former but Nalovu's effort was hacked off the line. With minutes left to play, the Sky pictures were lost with the home side still leading. In the 90th minute and with Town pressing for an equaliser, a long, cross-field pass picked out Martin Ling on the right wing. His whipped ball into the area picked out Andy Mutch who arrived right on cue between two Coventry defenders to slam home a volley and earn a point for Swindon. Speaking post-match, the striker felt the point had been deserved. "We left it late," he said. "I thought we worked hard tonight. I think Coventry played well at times and we were fortunate in a way to get an equaliser but I think it was deserved. We got a draw in the end which we're pleased with."

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Saturday Jan 18, 3pm

vs Shrewsbury Town (H)

Saturday Jan 25, 3pm

vs Walsall (A)

Tuesday Jan 28, 7.45pm

vs Oldham Athletic (H)

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MATCHSTATS

KEY: 1 = Number of goals scored,
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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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	2-1 W	9,291 (1,219)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Thu Dec 26	Brentford	A	2-3 L	8,333 (1,016)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sun Dec 29	Bradford City	A	1-1 D	13,461 (not available)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley

JANUARY

Sat Jan 11	Peterborough Utd.	H	3.00pm						
Tue Jan 14	Stevenage	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 18	Gillingham	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	3.00pm						
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	7.45pm						

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 1	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm						
Wed Feb 5	P'boro Utd. JPT AF1	A	7.15pm						
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						
Tue Feb 25	Crawley Town	A	7.45pm						

MARCH

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						
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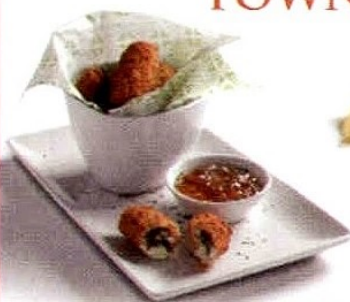
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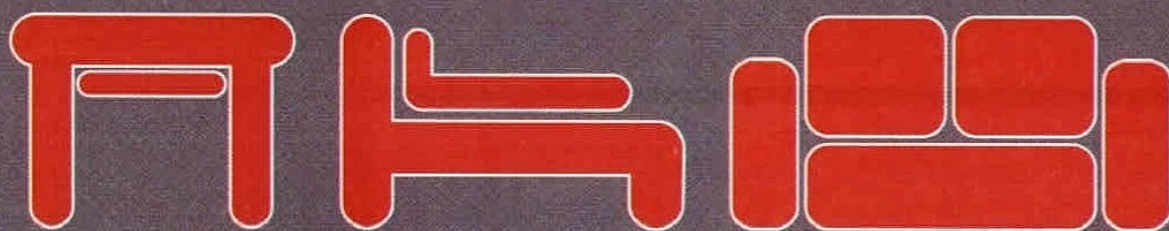
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Sky Bet League 1 Table:

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POS	TEAM	P	W	HOME			A	W	AWAY			A	GD	PTS
				L	F	A			L	F	A			
1	Brentford	24	9	1	2	23	10	7	3	2	19	13	+19	52
2	Leyton Orient	24	6	2	2	20	10	9	4	1	30	13	+27	51
3	Wolves	25	8	3	2	21	8	6	4	2	18	11	+20	49
4	Preston	24	5	5	2	17	15	8	3	1	18	9	+11	47
5	Peterborough	24	7	1	4	13	12	5	2	5	23	18	+6	39
6	Rotherham	24	3	6	3	19	20	7	2	3	19	12	+6	38
7	Walsall	24	5	2	4	13	13	5	5	3	14	9	+5	37
8	Port Vale	24	6	3	3	19	16	5	0	7	17	21	-1	36
9	SWINDON	23	8	1	2	26	14	2	3	7	14	17	+9	34
10	Coventry	24	7	3	3	30	27	5	3	3	22	15	+10	32*
11	MK Dons	23	6	3	3	21	14	3	2	6	15	18	+4	32
12	Bradford	24	4	5	3	21	13	3	5	4	14	16	+6	31
13	Crawley	23	5	4	4	13	15	2	4	4	12	15	-5	29
14	Gillingham	25	5	4	5	18	18	3	1	7	15	24	-9	29
15	Colchester	24	4	3	5	15	17	2	7	3	13	15	-4	28
16	Carlisle	24	5	2	5	17	22	2	4	6	9	17	-13	27
17	Shrewsbury	25	4	4	6	12	12	2	4	5	12	17	-5	26
18	Sheff Utd	24	5	4	3	16	12	1	3	8	7	19	-8	25
19	Oldham	23	3	3	4	10	11	3	3	7	16	21	-6	24
20	Tranmere	24	2	4	5	14	24	4	2	7	14	20	-16	24
21	Crewe	24	4	4	4	13	19	2	2	8	9	28	-25	24
22	Bristol C	23	3	5	5	17	18	1	5	4	16	18	-3	22
23	Notts Co	25	5	1	6	18	13	1	2	10	12	25	-8	21
24	Stevenage	23	2	2	6	10	17	3	2	8	12	25	-20	19

STFC Player Stats:

No.	Player	SBL	FAC	CAP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	23	-	3	-	26	-	3	-	121
2	Nathan Thompson	21	-	2	-	23	1	7	-	53(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	17(1)	1	2	2	22(1)	2	4	2	30(2)
4	Massimo Luongo	23	1	2(1)	3	29(1)	6	3	-	38(1)
5	Grant Hall	23	1	3	3	30	-	4	-	30
6	Tijane Freitas Reis	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3
7	Ryan Harley	9(3)	(1)	1	1(1)	11(5)	-	2	-	11(5)
8	Ryan Mason	9(5)	1	1(1)	1	12(6)	5	3	-	12(6)
9	Nile Ranger	13(2)	1	2	(1)	16(3)	6	-	-	16(3)
10	Andy Williams	3	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	49(3)
11	Alex Pritchard	19(2)	1	3	3	27(2)	5	7	-	27(2)
12	Dany N'Guessan	8(7)	1	1	2(1)	12(8)	8	2	-	12(8)
14	Jay McEveley	17	1	1	2	21	-	6	1	62(1)
15	Yaser Kasim	21(1)	1	3	1(1)	26(2)	1	9	-	26(2)
16	Mark Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
19	Louis Thompson	7(6)	-	2(1)	2	11(7)	-	3	-	12(11)
20	Miles Storey	2(5)	-	(2)	-	2(7)	1	1	-	4(22)
21	Alex Smith	1(2)	-	1(1)	-	2(3)	-	-	-	2(3)
22	Darren Ward	23	1	3	3	30	-	-	-	73
23	Jack Barthram	1(6)	(1)	1	2	4(7)	1	2	-	4(7)
24	Lee Cox	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	2(6)
25	Tyrell Belford	-	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	4
26	Aaron Oakley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27	Harry Agornibor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	(1)	-	-	1	1(1)	-	1	-	1(1)
30	Leigh Bedwell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
33	Nicky Ajose	12(4)	(1)	1	3	16(5)	10	-	-	16(5)
34	Mohammed Elgabbas	(6)	-	(1)	1(2)	1(9)	-	-	-	1(9)
39	Ben Gladwin	(2)	-	-	(1)	(3)	-	-	-	(3)

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Joshua Durham: Age: 9
 School: Swindon Academy
 Hobbies: Boxing and football
 Favourite player: Wes Foderingham



Josiah Kay: Age: 13
 School: Crowdy's Hill School
 Hobbies: Films, swimming, football and computer games
 Favourite player: Darren Ward



Joshua Fryer: Age: 6
 School: St. Mary's School
 Hobbies: Football and Tae Kwon Do
 Favourite player: Wes Foderingham



Nathan Harding: Age: 12
 School: Birkdale High School, Southport
 Hobbies: Scootering and X-Box
 Favourite player: Massimo Luongo



Sam Burkey: Age: 10
 School: Queens Crescent, Chippenham
 Hobbies: Goalkeeping/Football and Tae Kwon Do
 Favourite player: Darren Ward

LAST WORD

BBC WILTSHIRE



I'D like to start by wishing a happy and prosperous New Year to you all as we head into the second half of the season with it all to play for.

IF you would have said to me at the start of August that Town would be fighting for a play-off place at the beginning of the New Year, I would have told you that you'd set your glasses to the rose-tinted setting and your cup was definitely half full.

The squad had changed drastically, the manager was new and there were a lot of questions being asked about how they would perform in a very tough league. There have been bumps and blips along the way but on the whole the football has been good and performances from players like Luongo, McEveley and Pritchard have impressed me.

So what should we expect from the team now? The team has exceeded the expectations of most of the supporters I have spoken to over the past few months but with this comes the familiar sense of grim realism reserved for football fans where a total implosion is just around the corner.

Now I don't expect that to happen at The County Ground but we've already seen a situation develop with Swindon's attacking options where Nicky Ajose has gone back to Peterborough, Mohammed Elgobas has left and Nile Ranger... is Nile Ranger.

At the time of writing, Swindon have so far signed the Brighton striker George Barker, a twenty-two year old who so far, has



only made eleven career appearances. Town fans would be forgiven for not knowing who he is and not getting that excited about him, but this isn't the first time a young striker has arrived at SN1 hoping to build a reputation in Wiltshire.

Can you remember where you were when a twenty-two year old by the name of Peter Thorne travelled south from Blackburn to make Swindon his home? He went on to score thirty two goals in ninety one appearances for the club. Sam Parkin is another one who came here without playing a single league game for his parent club and then there's this bloke who was a virtual unknown when he arrived called Charlie. I think we all

know how he got on.

Don't get me wrong and think I've borrowed the red glasses that others have worn before me. I'm well aware that for every Charlie Austin-esque success, there's a Charlie Griffin waiting in the wings to make you more cautious about giving young players a chance (although some would argue that Griffin wasn't given enough of a shot at league football).

I'm looking forward to seeing Barker in action and I'm hoping we can see him match the feats of the young players who have gone before him.

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

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Mark HAYWOOD

Assistants:
Antony COGGINS
Grant TAYLOR

4th Official:
Adam MATTHEWS



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Manager: Darren FERGUSON

● 1	Bobby OLEJNIK (GK)
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● 4	Shaun BRISLEY
● 6	Michael BOSTWICK
● 7	Danny SWANSON
● 8	Jack PAYNE
● 9	Britt ASSOMBALONGA
● 10	Lee TOMLIN
● 11	Grant McCANN
● 12	Kyle VASSELL
● 13	Joe DAY (GK)
● 14	Tommy ROWE
● 15	Jermaine ANDERSON
● 16	Daniel KEARNS
● 17	Joe NEWELL
● 18	Kane FERDINAND
● 19	Nathaniel MENDEZ-LAING
● 20	Nathaniel KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
● 21	Nicky AJOSE
● 22	Hogan EPHRAIM
● 23	Tyrone BARNETT
● 25	Peter GRANT
● 26	Michael RICHENS
● 27	Charlie COULSON
● 29	Alex LYNCH (GK)
● 30	Charlie HORTON (GK)
● 31	Mark LITTLE
● 32	Tom CONLON
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