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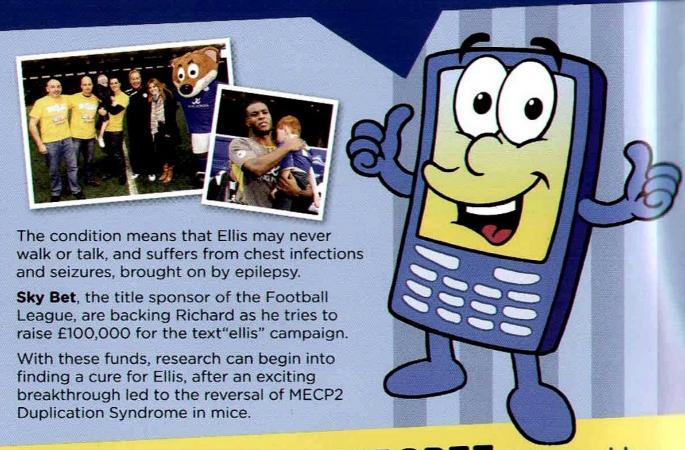






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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Bradford City.



IT'S strange to think that this could be the penultimate set of notes that I compose for the matchday programme this season. On a more sombre note, last week, it was the 25th anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster and it was wonderful to see so many of you retweet the message that we posted on the anniversary last Tuesday. It was rather emotional reading some of the replies from people thanking Swindon Town for our support as well as Town fans who had their own memories of that day.

On the pitch, it's been a wonderful run of games at home recently, with Town competing with the biggest and best in this division. I'm sure this run of games has really got the place bouncing and will set things up very nicely for next season. I'd like to close by

saying a huge thank you to Mike and Nicky Summerbee for their help with the quest column this week, With Mike's very kind help, we managed to track down Nicky all the way to Qatar where he is currently working. I say this every time I speak to a former player but it really was a pleasure to speak to Summerbee 'junior'. His passion for football and for Swindon Town in particular is just magnificent to listen to and you can't help but wear the broadest of smiles when you hear players recall their time at this Football Club with a great deal of pride. I hope you enjoy reading his column, particularly his views on the 2022 World Cup in Qatar definitely well worth a read. Here's to another three points.

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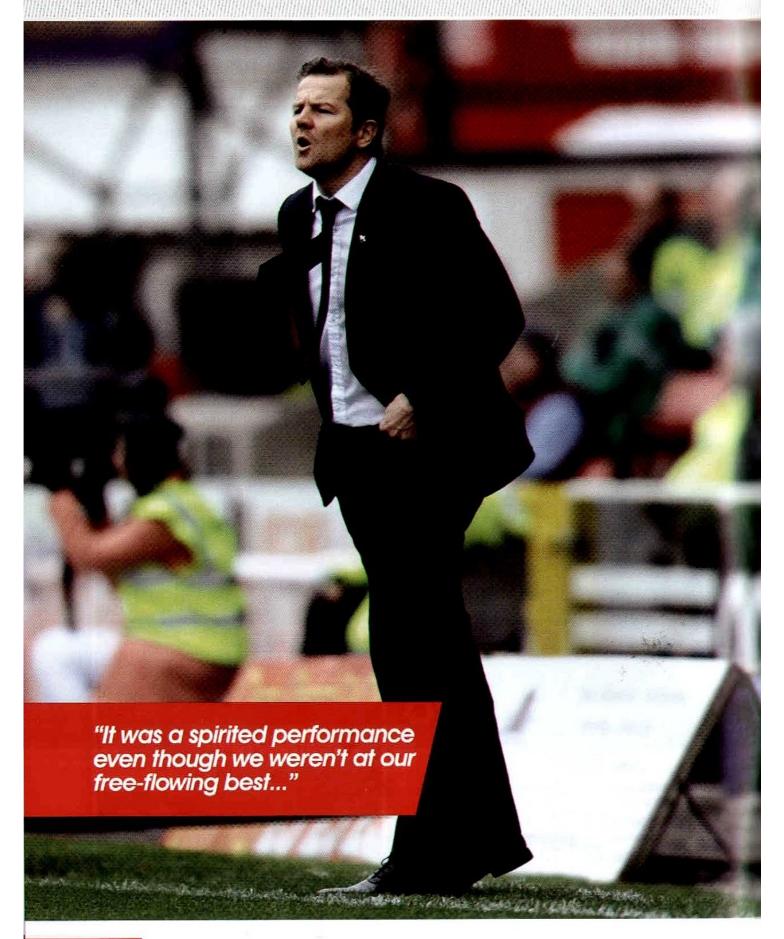
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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Bradford City in this League 1 encounter...



IT was a fantastic victory over Brentford. It was a spirited performance even though we weren't at our free-flowing best at times but we did what we had to do: we managed to deal with the steam train that is Brentford. They are a very good team, so for our very young team to beat them was a fantastic achievement. For me, the most pleasing thing about it was that it was another three points against a team that we've not really got any right to be competing with right now. Preston, Sheffield United and Brentford have come here in recent weeks with massive budgets and big-name players, experienced players and we've managed to get three points over them.

I think we've won 13 games at home this season and that record is up there with the best of them. We've now got to make sure that we keep that going until the end of the season and then kick on again next year with the home form.

This will be the second of two games that we're playing in four days. We played Coventry on Good Friday and I am writing these notes before we play the Sky Blues. I am anticipating a tough game against them. Today against Bradford we will probably look to rotate the squad and freshen it up to make sure that we get good legs all over the pitch.

Bradford are another big club in this division. They've done really well over the last couple of years. Obviously, they got to the Capital One Cup Final and got promotion last year. They have then consolidated in League 1 this year and I'm sure they'll be one of those teams that will be looking to kick on again next year. They gave us a real tough game up at Valley Parade earlier in the season and they've got some

really good players. They've got an experienced manager who has done really well there too. I played against Phil and have come across him a couple of times as a manager. He is a nice guy, he's very competitive and I'm sure he'll want his team to finish off the season very well.

I would just like to end by saying: sometimes it's easy to criticise and shout but let's try and get behind the players and maybe give them that encouragement that might give them that bit of confidence to get us the victory.

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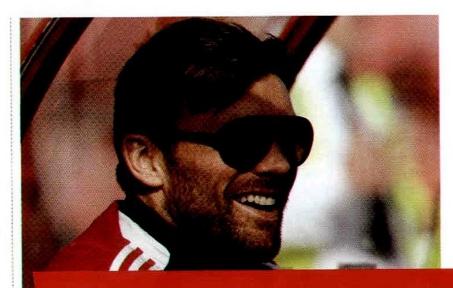


WELCOME back to The County Ground for today's meeting with Bradford City...

IT'S fantastic to see this recent run of form at home, especially when the sun's out, which always helps! It was a very good win against Brentford. They are a really good side. Obviously, the sending-off helped us, nevertheless, they're still a very difficult team to beat; a very disciplined and hard-working team so, it was a good result for us. Last season's results against them are always in the back of vour mind but I think now, we just need to really keep this good form going until the end of the season. That has been a priority from our side and we need to keep it going from here on in.

I watched Bradford's game the other week against Rotherham and heard the commentators speak about the injuries they had. There are certain players missing a lot of football there which is going to have a difference in the season so I think for them to be where they are and to do what they've done is still a good achievement. There is no doubt they would have wanted to do better but I really like Phill Parkinson as a manager and as a guy. I've played under him before and I've got the utmost respect for him and to see him doing well is nice to see. I was at Charlton with him and I had a really good time there. He did a fantastic job while I was there and I really bought into his philosophy.

It will be nice to see him again



"It's fantastic to see this recent run of form at home..."

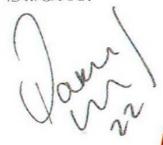
because I haven't seen him in a while. We've kept in touch but it will be nice to congratulate him on the work he's done. I think he's done a really good job.

It's always difficult over Easter with the run of fixtures but the best thing is to realise it will be over before you know it. If you prepare and do things right, it will be over. The season is close to coming to an end again and it's important for all of us to focus on what's ahead of us day by day, game by game. Before you know it, it will have come and aone.

I just hope we continue to progress as a team and a Club. There are a lot of young players who need the support and like it when the fans are behind them. It will be fantastic if we can all get together through thick and thin and stick together to keep progressing because that's the aim for the Club and for all of the players: to keep progressing to hopefully help this Club move on to bigger and better things.

DARREN WARD

TEAM CAPTAIN





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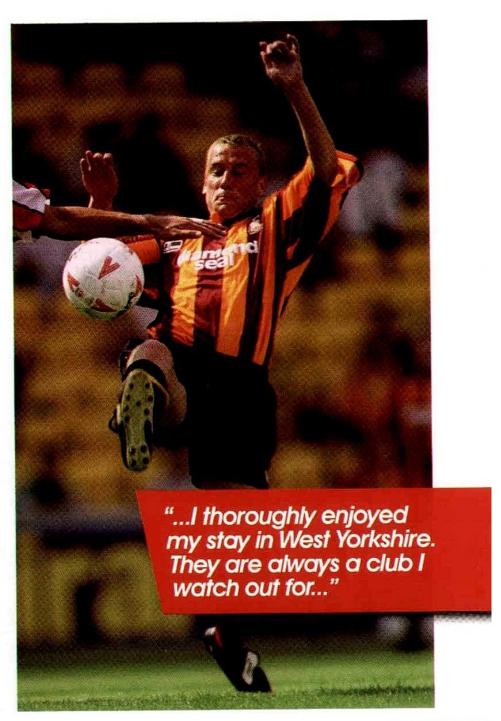
WELCOME to the Directors, Players, Officials and Supporters of Bradford City...

special place in my heart as a football club - I was once their record signing back in March of 1994. During my time at Valley Parade, I had a serious illness but the club and the supporters took me under their wing and looked after me fantastically well. I have never forgotten that and thoroughly enjoyed my stay in West Yorkshire. They are always a club I watch out for, checking their results and how they're doing.

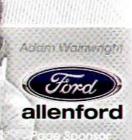
We go into today's game against the Bantams off the back of four wins in our last five matches which is the kind of form we looked for weeks ago to get us back in the Play-Off positions. Unfortunately for us, Peterborough have won three on the bounce to make our Play-Off dream very, very difficult now. I'm writing these notes before the fixture away at Coventry City on Good Friday due to programme print deadlines but I hope that we have got back to winning ways away from home before we face Bradford this afternoon.

I was overseas for the Brentford match but, by all accounts, it was a fantastic game and your support was magnificent. I'm hoping that you come out in numbers to support the team like you did last week.

LEE POWER CHAIRMAN



COMMERCIAL CONVIENT



GOOD afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's game against Bradford City...

I would like to start by offfering a very warm welcome to the STFC Supporters' Club who have kindly sponsored today's match. Year after year, the Supporters' Club do a lot of unseen work like raising important funds for the Youth Team and various refurbishments around The County Ground. We all hope you enjoy your day with us.

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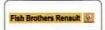










































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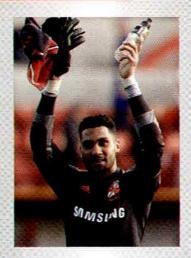
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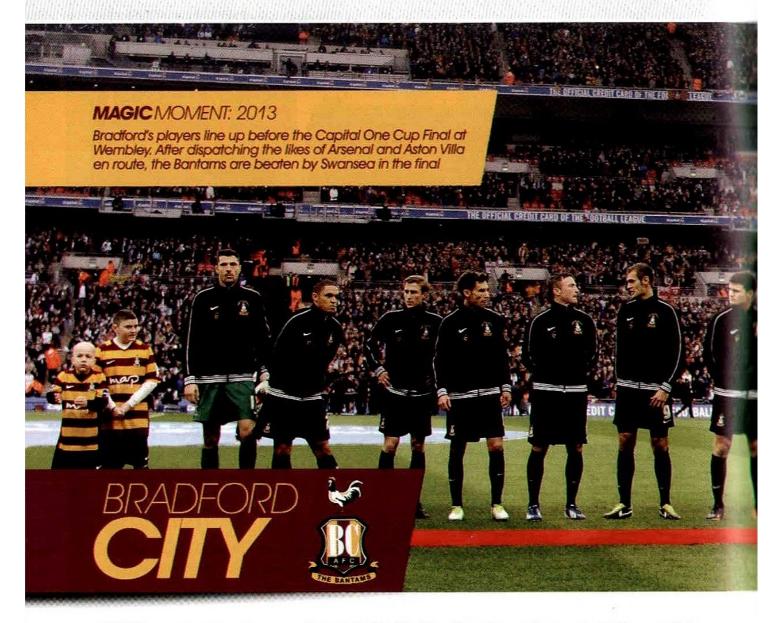
Wes Foderingham

THE Town stopper was the sponsors' choice as Man of the Match against Sheffield United. Foderingham pulled off a wonder-save before Louis Thompson's last-gasp goal sealed the win for Swindon.

Post-match, he was up in the Sponsors' Suite to recieve his complementary bottle of champage.

Wes is pictured with his bubbly below, alongside Simon Carrington of Main Match Sponsors, Cotswold Farm Machinery.





AFTER a season of success in 2012/13, the Bantams have made a solid return to the third tier this term.....

BRADFORD twice came from behind to draw at Bristol City on the opening day and suffered an early exit from the Capital One Cup at Yorkshire rivals, Huddersfield before recording their first victory of the campaign thanks to a 4-0 win over Carlisle at Valley Parade. The Bantams went through the whole of September unbeaten, winning four of their five league games although they were unceremoniously dumped out of the Johnstone's Paint

Trophy, losing 5-0 at Hartlepool United. Through October and November, Phil Parkinson's men went on a run of seven games without a win including an FA Cup defeat at Rotherham before the sequence was broken with a victory at MK Dons thanks to a late winner from Jason Kennedy. That was to be their last win until the middle of February and, over Christmas and New Year, they drew eight of their 13 matches in that period. A 90th minute winner from Carl McHugh secured

all three points over Port Vale before the Bantams repeated the trick four days later against MK Dons. Bradford have won just two of their last ten games, drawing three and losing five of the remainder. One of those victories came at promotion-chasing Leyton Orient at the end of March, where Aaron McLean's goal was enough to secure a 1-0 win for the visitors. After drawing 0-0 at Rotherham, the Bantams welcomed Peterborough United to Valley Parade on Good Friday.



AFTER a playing career that saw him give eleven years of service to Reading, Parkinson cut his teeth in management with Colchester United. In the 2005/06 season, he guided the U's into the Championship as they finished runners up in League 1. After a successful stint at Layer Road that also saw Colchester enjoy a number of cup runs, he departed to take over at Hull City. After just six months at the KC Stadium however, Parkinson moved back down south to become assistant

to Alan Pardew at Chartton in January 2007. Was handed the reins at The Valley after Pardew's exit in 2008 initially on a caretaker basis before being given the job permanently. Guided the Addicks to the Play-Offs in 2010 where they lost to Swindon on penalties. After leaving the London side in January 2011, he was installed as manager at Bradford later that summer. Last term, he guided the Bantams to the Capital One Cup Final and promotion via the League 2 Play-Offs.

FACTFILE:

Nickname: The Bantams

Stadium: Valley Parade Capacity: 25,136





CLUBHONOURS:

Second Division / Championship:

Winners: 1907-08 Runners-Up: 1998-99

Third Division / League 1: Winners: 1984-85

Play-Off Winners: 1995-96

Fourth Division / League 2: Runners-Up: 1981–82

Promoted: 1968-69, 1976-77 Play-Off Winners: 2012-13

Division Three (North): Winners: 1928–29

FA Cup:

Winners: 1911

Football League Cup: Runners-Up: 2013 Third Division North

Challenge Cup: Winners: 1939 Runners-Up: 1938

THE PLAYERS BRADFORD CITY





AFTER plying his trade with non-league sides Harrogate Town and Harrogate Railway, the stopper put pen to paper on a contract with the Bantams in the summer of 2008. Made his debut on the final day of the 2009/10 season at Chesterfield. Came on between the sticks in the Capital One Cup Final last season after Matt Duke had been sent off but started the Play-Off Final win over Northampton. Has been virtually everpresent this term.



A familiar face to Town fans, the full back is a product of the Academy at Anfield. He signed for Bradford in the summer of 2012 after loan spells at Rochdale, Notts County and Swindon earlier in his career. During his time at SN1, Darby scored the penalty that took Swindon to Wembley in 2010 and played in the Play-Off Final defeat to Millwall. He has earned international honours with England's Under-19s.



DOLAN is a graduate of the Academy at Middlesbrough. He spent time on loan at Yeovil Town last term, coming off the bench with two minutes to play in the Play-Off Final win over Brentford at Wembley. At the start of this season, he was loaned to League 2 side, Hartlepool United. He featured regularly for the Victoria Park side and found the net twice for the Pools before moving to Valley Parade on loan.



THOMPSON started his career with Morecambe, making his debut in 1999. He scored the goal that took the Shrimps into the Football League in 2007. After nine years' service, the attack-minded midfielder moved on to join Scunthorpe in May 2008, helping the Iron into the Championship in his first full season. In total, he spent four years at Glanford Park before making the switch to Bradford ahead of last season and played a key part in the Bantams' exploits last term.



THE versatile midfielder, who can also operate in defence, came through the ranks at home-town club, Derby County. Dovle spent an initial loan spell with the Bantams during the 2006/07 season before moving to Hull City in 2007. He spent further time on loan at Barnsley and Preston before moving to Valley Parade on a permanent contract in August of 2012. After featuring regularly for the Bantams in 2012/13, he signed a new deal last summer.



BENNETT came through the ranks at Wolverhampton Wanderers before joining Bury in the summer of 2010. Was a part of the Shakers side that won promotion to League 1 at the end of the 2010/11 campaign before he was snapped up by Doncaster Rovers in July 2011. The midfielder has made over 80 appearances for Donny and spent time on loan at Crawley earlier on this season before joining Bradford on loan in January.

COYR looks at some of the players that could feature this afternoon...



THE experienced centre-half started out with Middlesbrough before moving to Southampton in 2007. He spent just eight months at St Mary's then secured a switch to Stoke City. His time in the Potteries was mainly spent out on loan at a host of different clubs including Preston, Sheffield United and Crystal Palace. After a loan stint at Bradford, he moved to Valley Parade permanently in 2012 and now has over 50 appearances to his name in Bantams colours.



AFTER starting out with home-town club, Sheffield Wednesday, McArdle joined Rochdale and helped the Dale reach League 1 in 2009/10 before departing for Aberdeen. The defender, who can operate across the back four, spent two years in the Granite City then joined Bradford in June 2012. Scored crucial goals last term against Aston Villa in the Cup and against Northampton at Wembley. Has also earned international honous with Northern Ireland.



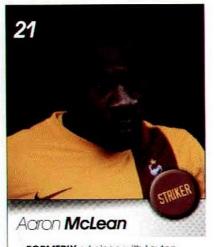
A product of the renowned Academy at Middlesbrough, the wide-man has already faced Town this season, scoring the opening goal for Strewsbury in Swindon's defeat at Greenhous Meadow in August. Prior to his loan stint in Stropshire, Reach had been on loan at Darlington for a short time during the 2011/12 season. He scored three times in his time with the Strews before joining Braaford on loan at the end of January.



ANOTHER familiar face around SN1, the Rome-born attacker first came to England in 2006 and won domestic league honours with Livingston in Scotland before Joining Swindon in 2011. In his time in Witshire, De Vita was part of the side that won League 2 and reached the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final in 2012 before he helped Town reach the League.1 Play-Offs last term. He signed for Bradford last July.



THE experienced front-man is currently on loan from Huddersfield. Stead started his career with the Terriers before joining Blackburn in 2004. He then moved to Sunderland and has since had stints at the likes of Derby, Sheffield United, Ipswich and Bristol City before moving back to Yorkshire last summer. Played at The CG earlier this season for Oldham Athletic before joining the Bantams on loan until the end of the season.



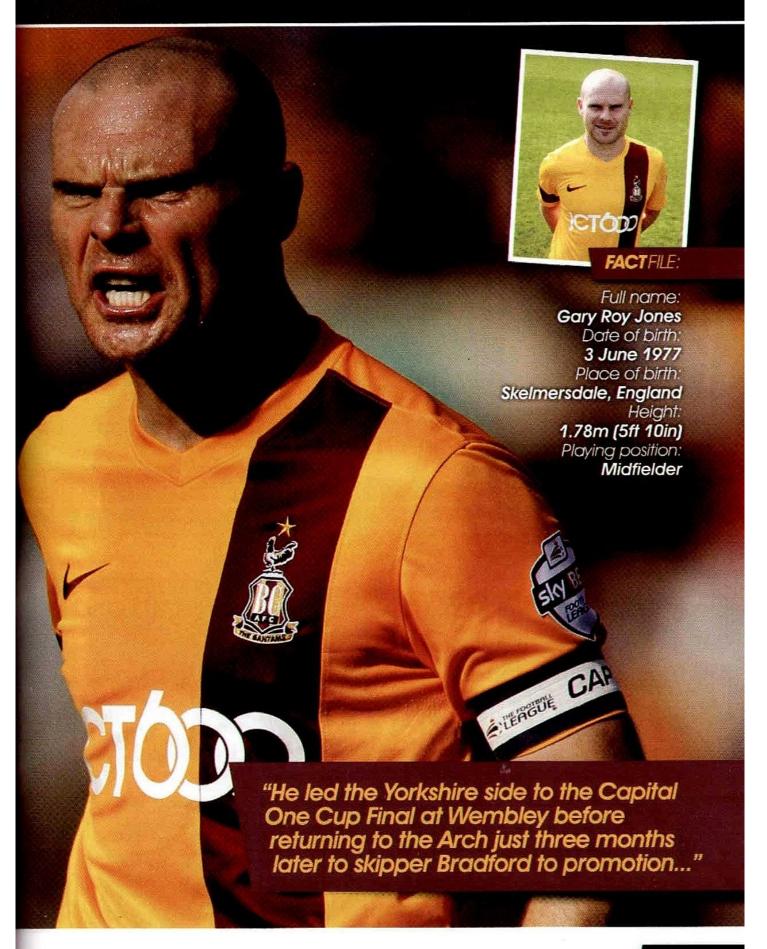
FORMERLY a trainee with Leyton Orient, McLean started out in the non-leagues with Aldershot and Grays before being snapped up by Peterborough in October 2006. In just over three years at London Road, the striker netted over 80 times for Posh, prompting Hull to make a move in 2010. He has since had spells on loan at Ipswich and Birmingham before joining Bradford on a permanent deal in the last January transfer window.

GARY SOMES

AFTER skippering the Bantams in two Wembley finals last season, the midfielder will be hoping to lead by example again this afternoon...

THE experienced midfielder started out with Caernarfon Town before securing a move to Swansea City in the summer of 1997. After less than a season at the Vetch Field. Jones was loaned out to Rochdale in early 1998, starting an association with Dale that would last for nearly 15 years. Between 1998 and 2001, the hard-working midfielder would make over 160 appearances at Spotland before Barnslev parted with £200,000 to take him to Oakwell in 2001. Despite racking up more than a halfcentury of appearances for the Tykes, Jones left South Yorkshire to move back to Rochdale on loan in 2003, turning the move permanent in February 2004. A traditional enforcer in the middle of the park, the midfielder earned himself legendary status at Spotland thanks to his committed performances. In the 2009/10 season, he helped Dale make a bit of history by skippering them to their first promotion in 40 years as they clinched a place in League 1. The following campaign, he helped the Lancashire outfit finish

ninth in their first season back in the third tier. He also denied Town a vital three points at Spotland in November 2010, netting twice for the home side in a 3-3 draw - just two of 19 goals he managed from midfield that campaign. In the 2011/12 season, he played in 50 of Rochdale's 52 first team fixtures but couldn't prevent Dale's slide back into League 2. He finished that campaign as their top assistmaker as well as finishing third on their top scorers list. By the time he left Spotland in the summer of 2012, he was Rochdale's record appearance-holder, with a total of 464 league appearances. Aged 35 when he signed for Bradford, the midfielder proved influential for the Bantams last term. Named as captain at the start of the campaign, he led the Yorkshire side to the Capital One Cup Final at Wembley before returning to the Arch just three months later to skipper Bradford to promotion in the League 2 Play-Off Final. Jones has featured heavily again this term and, at the time of writing, has contributed six goals from the heart of midfield.



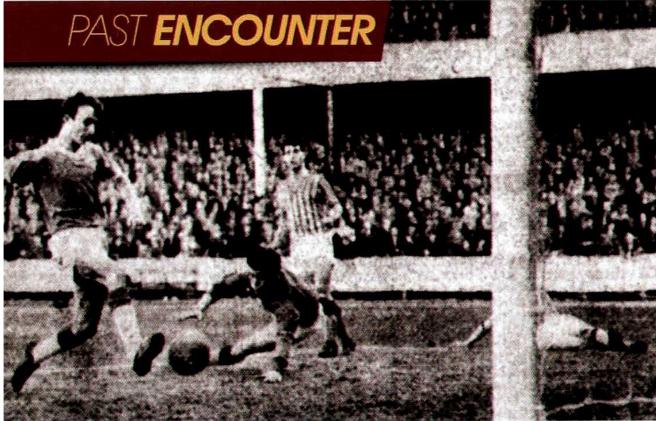
CLUB CONNECTION

STAN HARLAND:

A Swindon Town icon, Harland signed for the club the day before the 1966 World Cup Final. In the early part of his career, the halfback made over 100 appearances for the Bantams between 1961 and 1964 before moving to Carlisle. He would go on to rack up nearly 300 appearances for Town in a six-year stay at The CG. As club captain, he oversaw promotion back to the Second Division in addition to making a little bit of history by lifting the League Cup at Wembley on that March afternoon in 1969.









MAGIC MOMENTS:

1911

BRADFORD win the FA Cup, beating Newcastle United 1-0 after a replay at Old Trafford, Jimmy Spiers scores the only goal.



1996

AS Swindon romp to the Division fwo title, Bradford follow them into the First Division, as former Town favourite, Chris Kamara, guides them to promotion via the Play-Offs.





Date 11.03.1961 Swindon Town 4 Bradford City 0 Affendance 9,678

THERE were nearly 10,000 at SN1 to witness Town take on Bradford in this encounter between two relegationthreatened sides from 1961. Mike Summerbee (pictured left) opened the scoring just short of the half hour. Emie Hunt's penalty on 67 minutes doubled the home side's lead before the same player added a third just ten minutes later. With five minutes to play, Bobby Woodruff scored Swindon's fourth of the afternoon to add a gloss to the final score.



BRADFORD celebrate clinching automatic promotion to the Premiership after victory at Wolverhampton Wanderers.



DAVID Wetheralt's goal against Liverpool at Valley Parade keeps the Bantams in the top flight for another season.





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THE Yorkshire side's second visit to Wembley in the space of a few months ends in victory over Northampton and promotion to League 1.

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LAST week The CG welcomed a new signing: the 2014 Win A Pro Contract winner...



WIN A PRO CONTRACT





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LAST week, 18-year-old Josue Antonio was selected by Mark Cooper as the Swindon Town winner of Samsung's Win A Pro Contract competition.

Josue was awarded a oneyear professional contract at SN1 after him and 19-year-old Oliver Noel joined up with the Town first team for some intense boot-camp training.

Both players made the Samsung Win A Pro Contract Final after progressing through a series of trials and beating off a record-breaking 5,700 entrants to reach the last 22. The 22 finalists competed in an 11-a-side game, in front of the managers and coaching staff of Swindon Town,

Leyton Orient and Wycombe Wanderers.

The Town boss said: "I selected Josue and Oliver to come to boot-camp based on their physical attributes and great attitudes. I was also looking at how I might work with them in the future, looking for things we could develop and how we might shape them.

"I chose Josue as the winner because he is a very young and athletic physical specimen. He has a lot of potential for development and I am looking forward to working with him."

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STANDING STRONG

AFTER a long-term injury kept him sidelined for over a year, defender Troy Archibald-Henville told COYR last week that he is now on a personal mission for the remainder of 2013/14...

A lot has been made this season of the lads coming in from Tottenham but you're almost the forgotten Spurs connection. How did you end up there?

I first got picked up when I was about 14 and I was there until I was 21. I knew a few of the boys when I was there. I knew 'Byrney', I didn't know Massimo but I knew 'Pritch' a bit. He was coming through to the Youth T earn when I was out on loan so I knew of him but didn't know too much. 'Byrney' and Ryan Mason I knew the most out of everyone. The first team I played for, when I was about 10, was a little local team until I was about 11 or 12. Then I moved to a team called Pegasus and that's where I got picked up by Tottenham.

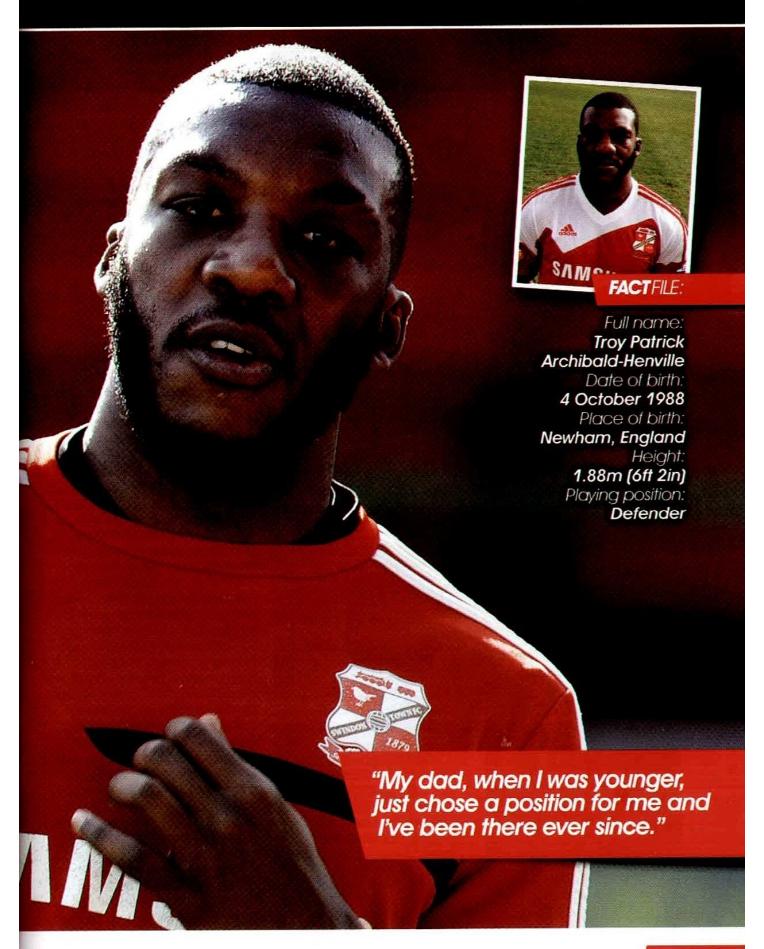
Have you always played as a centre-half or did you play anywhere else?

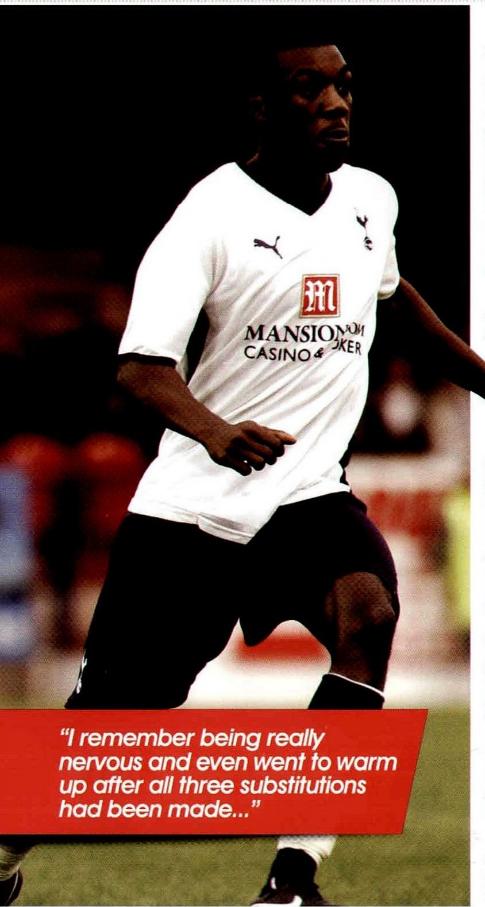
I played centre back at school. In fact, my dad, when I was younger, just chose a position for me and I've been there ever since. I didn't mind though; I played anywhere when I was at school in the

playground. I'd just run everywhere and whenever I played in teams from a young age I played at centre back. When I was a little bit older, in the youth team at Tottenham and in the reserves. played in midfield then and while I was at Exeter, a bit there as well.

You were even the Reserve
Team captain at White Hart
Lane and made the First Team
bench a couple of times...

It was good. I was a bit lucky and got my chance because there were a few injuries at the time, It was a season when to done well in the reserves and () there was an opportunity when Juande Ramos had come in. They put me on the bench a few times and there was one game where I was unlucky not to come on. I think it was in my first game against Wigan - we were maybe four goals up and they put on another striker to keep him happy! I remember being really nervous and even went to warm up after all three substitutions had been made without realising, I was that nervous but I liked my first experience being on the bench:





Who else was in your age group at Tottenham?

David Button was in my age group and we played against him the other week when we played Brentford. Jake Livermore played in my age group. I also played with Danny Rose and Andros Townsend. There are a few players around in the lower leagues but those are the more high profile ones. People like Dean Parrett, who was on loan here last season and Joe Martin, who is now at Gillingham, were in my age group. Most of the rest of them dropped out.

Your first loan spell was at Norwich. Talk us through what happened there...

It wasn't really a good
experience. I went
there with good
expectations
but I thought
it was a bit
weird when

I first met the manager. I don't think he'd chosen me to go there; it had been off the back of a scout's recommendation and I thought that seemed a bit weird because he hadn't seen me before. He decided that I wasn't really going to play. There was no call-back clause so I was there until the next window in January but I left halfway through because it looked like I wasn't going to play. I joined in August but actually left in October - I don't think many people knew that. Then I went to train with Exeter and that's how that loan came about. Everything is a learning experience, whether it's good or bad. I learned some stuff at Norwich but not a lot and not what I would have hoped to have learned.

Your next move was to Exeter. Was it a bit of a culture shock moving so far away from London?

It was a bit weird at first moving away but I'd been there training so I half knew what to expect. I liked it there and it was good for me, personally, because the people were really nice to me and treated me well. We also act promoted whilst I was there so it was a successful time too. I really enjoyed it. After Norwich, which was disappointing personally, it was good to get playing and get my career started properly. I met loads of nice people at Exeter. I enjoyed it so much that I went back there and it made sense going back. I was a bit cautious about signing permanently because, when you're a young player, you don't know what to expect. It was different to Tottenham and there were some doubts I had about it. Having said that, I was alad I signed there.

Was Exeter also the first place you encountered troubles with fitting your surname onto the back of your shirt?

(Laughs) I thought about it for a while actually just having 'Troy' on the back but I never got round to it. What happened was, when I was looking into it, it was halfway through the season and it was already registered. Now people are just used to seeing "Archibald-Henville" so I'll just keep that.

Think back to the last day of the 2010/11 season. It's the 89th minute against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough and you pick the ball up midway inside your own half. What happened next?

I just stepped out with the ball!
It had happened one or two
times earlier on in that game
but it had either not worked out
or it had broken down. It just
opened up and I kept going.

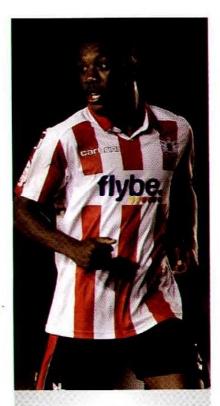
I went past someone on the edge of the box, had a shot and it went in. It was my first goal and I went mad. I didn't really know how to celebrate! Hopefully I can add some more goals soon but I don't know if they'll be the same.

Then came a move to Swindon the summer before last. What was it like coming to a club like this with someone like Paolo Di Canio in charge?

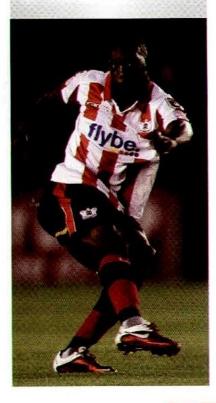
Growing up where I grew up, I supported West Ham when I was younger. So coming to Swindon and speaking to Di Canio seemed a bit surreal those were my first thoughts and emotions. It was a bit disappointing the previous year with Exeter's relegation. When I left Tottenham I wasn't sure how it was going - I wanted to get out and do well and work my way up as high as I could. My ambition was always to try and play as high as I can and it still is, that's why I came to Swindon. They had a good chance of doing well in League 1 and getting in to the Championship and that played a part in me wanting to come here.

You mentioned earlier about playing in midfield so the concept couldn't have been totally alien to you by the time you took to the field against Macclesfield last season?

Where I played for Swindon, I hadn't played before. Usually I was used as a defensive midfielder but Di Canio wanted me to get up and down and get everywhere - that's what was alien to me. If I did it again I'd be better at it but it was a bad game. I think I was an easy target after that but I don't think it was as bad as some people



"I met loads of nice people at Exeter. I enjoyed it so much that I went back there and it made sense going back."





"It's a very personal mission and hopefully the team will benefit from it."



make out. It was the first time I played in that particular part of midfield but I'm not too bothered. I'm glad that now I'm back in the team people aren't talking about that but about other stuff.

Not long afterwards you suffered an injury which would keep you out for a long time. Talk us through what it's like having a long-term injury. What sort of things do you think about during rehab?

After I joined Exeter I'd had a problem with one of my knees. I think I signed and got injured straight away in the warmup before a game - it was a complete freak injury and that had been the longest period I'd been out. When you're injured for that amount of time you just have to stay strong mentally. Sometimes you can get doubts and think "Will I come back? Will I be the same?" - little things like that. Once you're back and once the rust and cobwebs have gone you just get back into it and keep playing. You're almost better for it because, in that time, vou've gotten stronger mentally and know what to expect of yourself. Sometimes, it's better when you've got somebody to work alonaside you and someone to push you in the gym. I spent a lot of time with Jay (McEveley) and we spent time at St. George's Park last summer. We were working a lot and didn't have a lot of time off. Then in the summer, I wasn't sure what was going on. There was a lot of change and I didn't see where my future was going. I thought I'd have to go out on loan to get games. It was nice to be involved in the pre-season tour after being out injured but then another injury came along and that was so frustrating. The majority of my time at

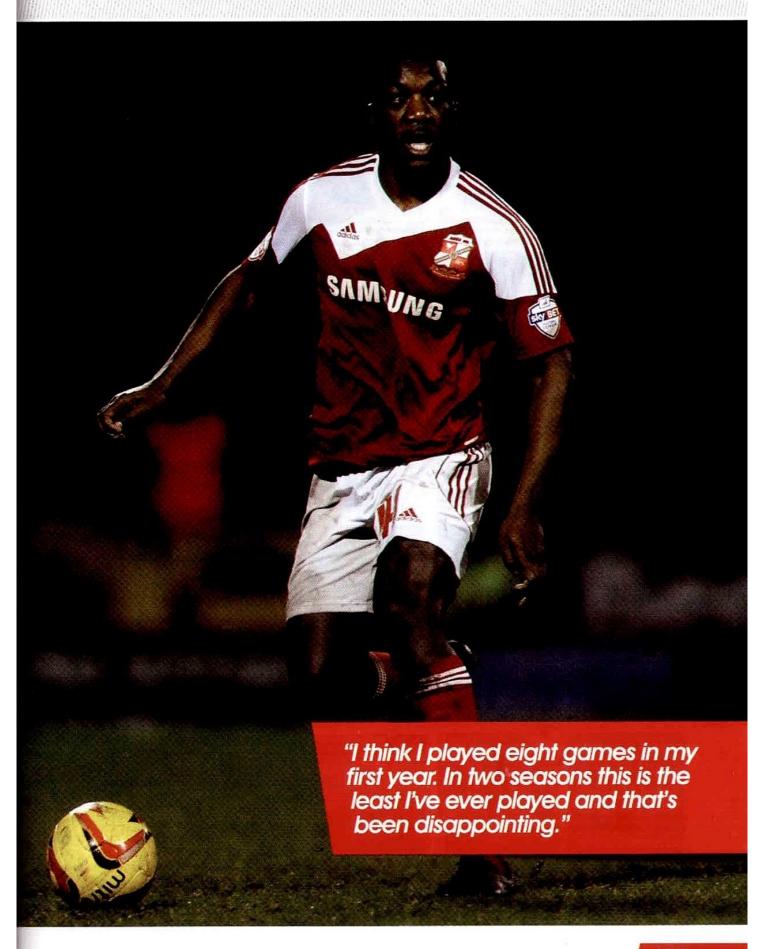
Swindon hasn't gone anywhere near how I would have liked it to have gone. I think I played eight games in my first year. In two seasons this is the least I've ever played and that's been disappointing.

You made your return against Oldham. Describe what it was like to finally be back out on the football pitch.

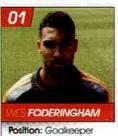
It was weird really. In that first game, the manger had said I might be coming on at half time and to be ready. I hadn't played so much for Swindon; the last game I'd played was over a year before that. I know I'd played a few games on loan at Carlisle but it was just different. It was like nothing I'd experienced before. Even though I got sent off I felt like I came out of it with credit. Obviously, I'm disappointed I got sent off and I was disappointed to lose the game but, personally, it was a good step. It felt like the game gave me a plan for the rest of the season. I felt like I did well and needed to keep coming out and doing as well as I can.

This might be stating the obvious but it must be a great feeling to be back and playing regular football again?

To be honest, I feel like I've been doing well and I think I've earned my position in the team now and I'm doing well enough to play. For me, personally, regardless of the Play-Offs or wherever we finish, it's important for me to do as well as I can and hopefully the team can benefit from me doing as well as I can. That's how I'm looking at it - it's a very personal mission and hopefully the team will benefit from it.



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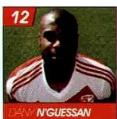




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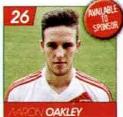
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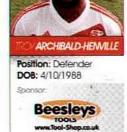
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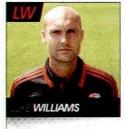
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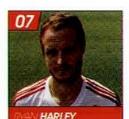


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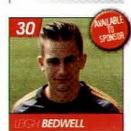
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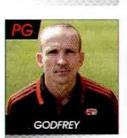
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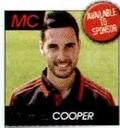
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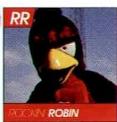
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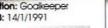








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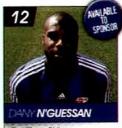
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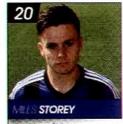


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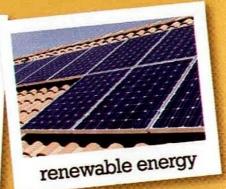
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SHOCK results always send out ripples of varying emotions through the world of football. At the very start of the tournament in Spain, reigning European champions, West Germany, were on the end of a shock result, losing 2-1 to African minnows, Algeria. Also in the group stage, Northern Ireland produced a shock of their own, beating hosts Spain thanks to a goal from Gerry Armstrong. In that first group stage, Norman Whiteside became the voungest player to appear at a World Cup Finals at the age of 17 years and 41 days. Hungary went on to play their part in recording the second highest-ever score at a tournament, beating El Salvador 10-1. The strangest thing from an England point of view? They were eliminated from the tournament having not lost a game. The Semi-Final between West Germany and France was also the first ever World Cup Finals match to be decided by a penalty shoot-out, which the Germans won. Obviously. Italy captain, Dino Zoff also became the oldest player to win the World Cup at the age of 40.

The weird and wonderful in Mexico began with the Mexican Wave, which spread all around the world after the tournament. In Scotland's first round match against Uruguay, Jose Batista was sent off after less

than a minute for a foul on Gordan Strachan. The record stands to this day. Touching briefly on THAT Quarter-Final between England and Argentina, the world witnessed the weird and wonderful of a truly world class player: Diego Maradona's outrageous handball was followed by a goal that underlined his position as one of the game's greats.

What weird and wonderful aspects of football lie in store for us at this summer's tournament in Brazil?



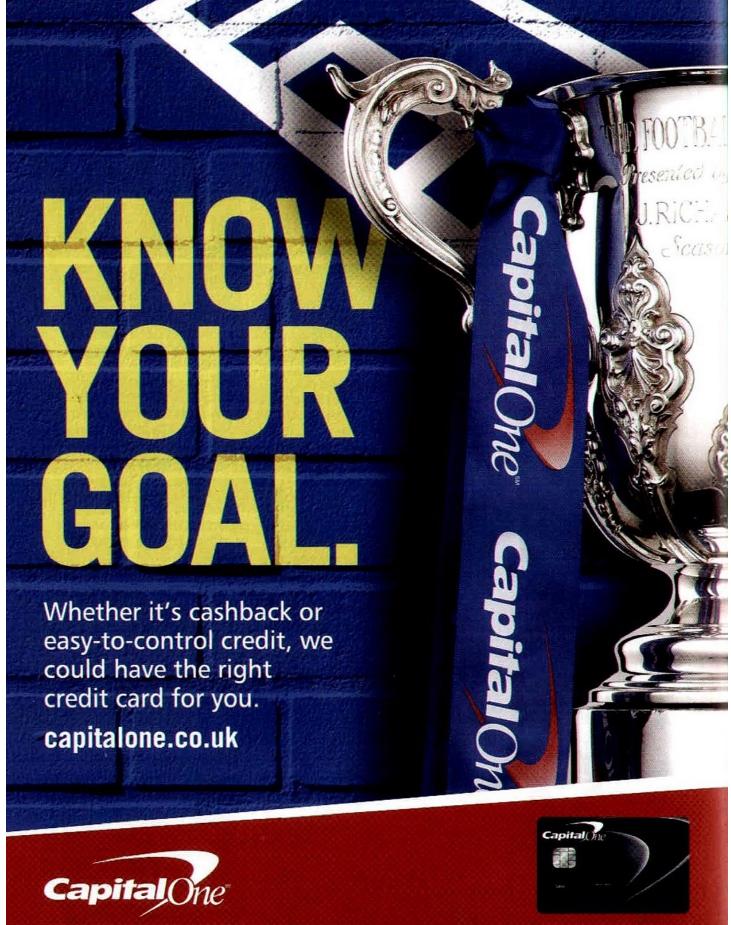
ABOVE: Gordon Strachan lies prostrate on the turf as the referee shows his Uruguayan opponent a red card. The Mexican Wave in full swing.







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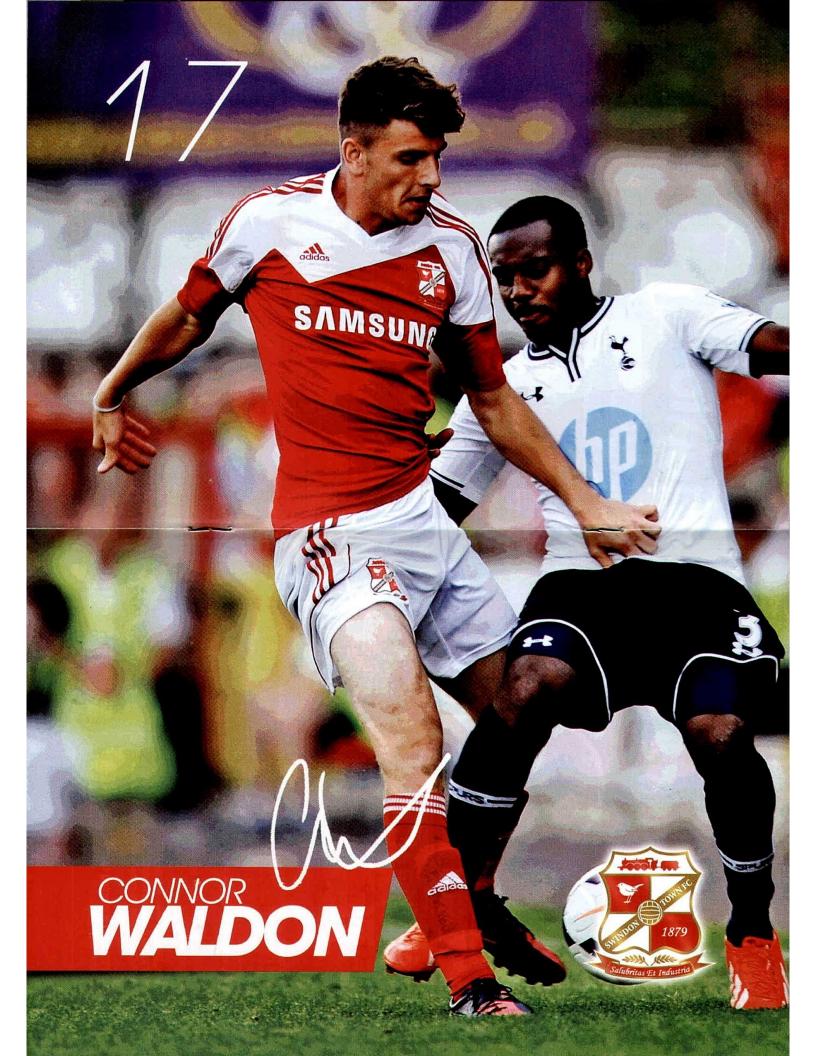
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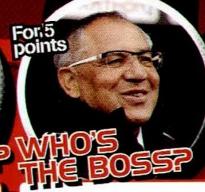
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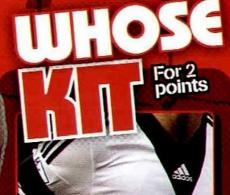




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UNDER-18S Manager Jamie Pitman is back to pen the latest set of Academy notes for COYR...

OVER the course of the season, with the transition into the way the First Team play and the continuity between the Under-18s and them, has taken a lot of time and effort from all the staff within the Academy. The First Team staff as well. Working with them, the players have really got to grips with what they're doing and are trying to implement that at our level. Since Christmas, we've had some really good results: we've won 10 and only lost four so it's been a big transition for them and hopefully, next year, we'll be able to improve that transition even more. The biggest problem we have in our games programme is that, sometimes, the quality of the pitches can affect how you do things. That's not an excuse when you're trying to educate the players to do certain things in a framework but sometimes that becomes difficult with the surfaces we play on. That said, we get good support from the First Team staff, even to the point where the Chairman has said that he's not concerned about results, he just wants one or two players to be able to just fit in to what they're doing in the First Team environment. This is great but we want the players to be able to understand how to win games as well so there's an element of that too. We get plenty of support, the players have worked really hard as well and, next year, there will be even further development. There will be a number of different things going on over the course



of the next month or so to try and improve things again for next year and make sure that the players really concentrate on what it takes to be a professional footballer because it is very difficult. There are a lot of elements to it that people don't see behind the scenes that professional footballers have to do, so we really need to continue educating the players.

With the EPPP audit this year, the one thing it has done is make everything run smoother but there are still a lot of improvements that have to be made. It's a continual process that we have to keep improving. The Academy has had a great record of productivity over the past six to ten years and has produced some good players. Even now we've got Louis and Nathan Thompson in the First Team playing consistently and doing really well. Connor Waldon is also in and around the team, Miles Storey as well. What we have to do is make sure that, as a group, we keep improving those players

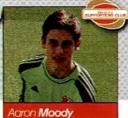
technically and physically and that is a big dedication. The staff around here are very dedicated to try and do that because they know how important that's going to be in the long run for the Football Club.

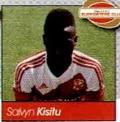
We're lucky that with the funding that we got from the LFE, we sourced some heart-rate betts this vear, which has made a significant difference to the players, showing them and us the intensity of training. It helps with their understanding of training and what's hard, light and medium. Over the summer, the lads will take them away and have a bit of a break because they need it. Sometimes we forget that they're still very young. It's a continual development process for them and a lot of that will be strength and conditioning. We need to get them closer to the First Team quicker and, to do that, they have to take some responsibility themselves.

JAMIE PITMAN UNDER-18S MANAGER

THE FOOTBALL YOUTH ALLIANCE











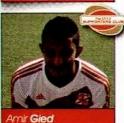




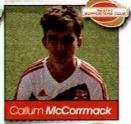




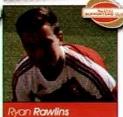


























Proud Spansors of the STFC Under-18 Squad

2013/14 U18s Fixtures:

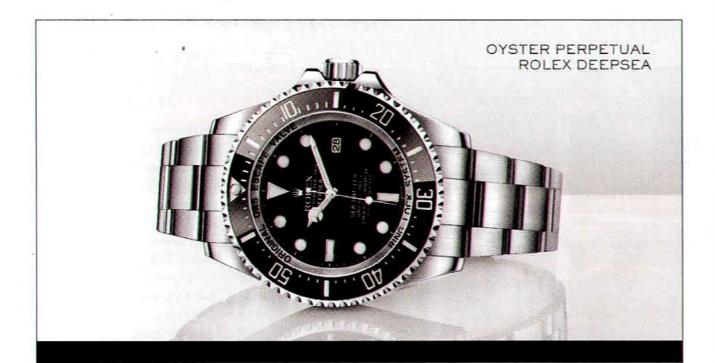
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Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 31	Hereford United	4-1 W
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Sat Sep 14	A.F.C. Bournemouth	3-4 L
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	2-2 D
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	1-7 L
Sat Oct 5	Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth	0-2 L
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	2-3 L
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Chettenham 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)	1-4L
Sat Nov 23	Cheltenham Town	2-3 L
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Feb 22	AFC Bournemouth	1-0 W
Tue Mar 4	Newport County	4-2 W
Sat Mar 8	Torquay United	3-1 W
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	1-3 L
Tue Mar 18	Bristol Rovers	0-1 L
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	0-4L
Tue Apr 8	Exeter City	3-2 W
Sat Apr 12	Torquay United	3-2 W

DUE to a persistent breach of Rule 6.2, The Football League has taken the decision to expel Hereford United from The Football League Youth Aliance Competition.

Consequently, Hereford United's records have been expunged and below is the final South West Division table.

2013/14 U18s Table:

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Exeter	16	10	2	4	+20	32
Bristol Rovers	16	9	5	2	+14	32
Plymouth	16	10	1	5	+13	31
Oxford	16	9	3	4	+13	30
Cheltenham	16	8	2	6	+9	26
Bournemouth	16	6	4	6	0	22
SWINDON	16	5	1	10	-12	16
Torquay	16	2	2	12	-26	8
Newport Co.	16	2	2	12	-31	8
Hereford	0	0	0	0	0	0





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AS the campaign enters a crucial period, Dave Wallis looks back to when Town were on the right and the wrong end of season-defining results....

IMAGINE you've travelled to watch Town for the last game of the season with relegation a real possibility, but having watched us lose you are still on the coach home without knowing whether that has sent us down.

That's what happened almost 49 years ago when supporters watched Town lose 2-1 at Southampton in our last Division Two fixture of the 1964/65 season.

On Saturday 24th April 1965, and with Southampton already consigned to finish just outside the promotion places, they stood between us and the points that could stave off relegation.

We were behind as early as the second minute before Dennis Brown equalised just after the half hour mark. But when Terry Paine grabbed The Saints' second with twenty minutes to go our Division Two place was again in jeopardy.

As the final whistle sounded we were left wondering what the season's outcome was, because the Saints' local rivals Portsmouth weren't due to kick off at Northampton until the evening.

Defeat for Pompey would mean the drop for the Fratton Park outfit through their inferior goal average. A point or better would condemn Town to Division Three instead.

So that's why Bert Head's

team were still on their way back to Wiltshire when the coach pulled over for an update.

With mobile phones still the stuff of science fiction, it required access to a landline for the boss to hear that Pompey had grabbed the point they needed with a 1-1 draw and secured safety at our expense.

That would have soured the atmosphere on the team bus in the remaining miles home.

Contrast those emotions with those almost 31 years later.

Because on 23rd April 1996
Town put paid to Chesterfield at
Saltergate to secure the Division
Two title under manager Steve
McMahon, twelve months after
we had dropped out of what is
now the Championship.

The season had been a romp for Town.

On the day, Steve Cowe started the celebrations with the

opener from distance before the visitors struck an equaliser.

Then it was Peter Thorne who put us back in the driving seat almost immediately, before Wayne Allison rounded off the day and allowed the travelling supporters to commence the title celebrations.

In this instance we still had three games to play such was our dominance over our rivals, the closest of whom would be Oxford United who eventually trailed nine points behind us.

At this stage of the season, results define whole campaigns.

The contrast between a late April day in 1965 and another, just one day short of 31 years later, demonstrates what a fluctuating game football is and surely shows why we love it so.

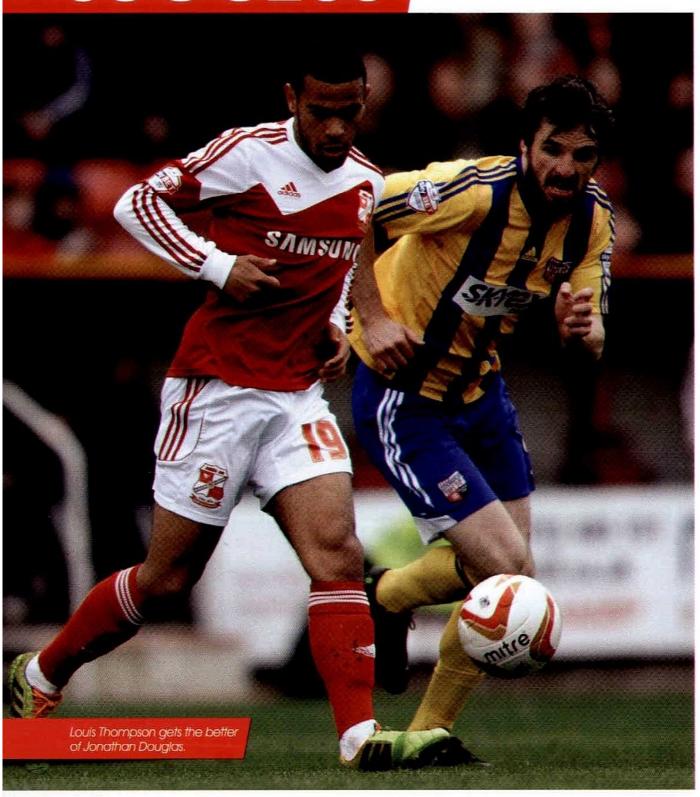
Even if it sometimes tests supporters' patience to the limit.



PICTURED: The Swindon Town 1964/65 squad that tasted relegation.

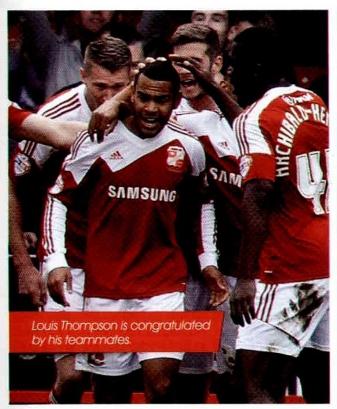
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STFC Club photographer, Rob Noyes, captured the action from Town's victory over the high-flying Bees...

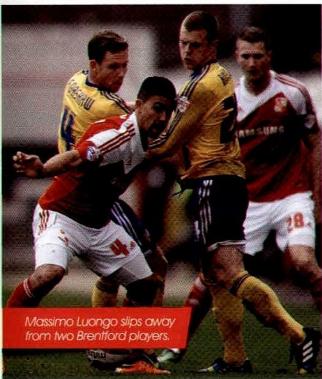


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End Of Season Dinner

DON'T forget about our End of Season Dinner in the Legends Lounge on Tuesday 29th April. Tickets are just £20. For more information or to buy a ticket, just contact any committee member.

Played For Both

today's visitors, Bradford City broke their transfer record when buying a Swindon player. Town brought David 'Bronco' Layne (above) to The County Ground on a free transfer and he went on to score 35 goals in just 46 games in Wiltshire. Bradford City paid £6,000 for his signature.

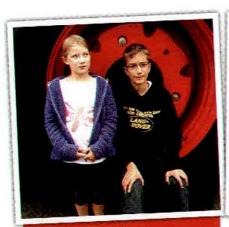
Another player to move in that same direction was Peter Downsborough (above right), the hero of Wembley in 1969



as well as many other games. Having served Swindon so well in 274 matches, he moved on to Bradford and made a further 225 appearances between the sticks for the Bantams.

Half-Time Draw

I'D just like to mention that all of our sellers are fans who are happy to help and take no



Happy Birthday!
JAKE Humphreys will be 14 on.
April 27th, he's at today's game with his Mum, Dad & Sister, Jemma.



A Real Honor!
HONOR Fraser is pictured
leading the team out with Nathan
Thompson at Brunton Park.



Happy Birthday Brenda!
BRENDA Chadwick recieves a special birthday cake from Wes and Miles post match.



commission. All proceeds go into the Supporters' Club funds.

I was speaking to Mike Sullivan last week about the draw they hold at Brentford. Their first prize is just £125 plus the sellers are paid to do it. Many thanks to all our sellers and buyers - we have had a really good season with the 50/50 Half-Time draw.

At our next game at home to

Rotherham on the final day of the season, the first prize will be £1000 so make sure you buy some tickets!

vs Brentford

- Ticket 933 won £535 Mulloy of Swindon
- Ticket 1443 won £60 -J. Hobbs of Cricklade



Happy Birthday Fred!
A very happy birthday to Fred
Brown from all of your friends at
Swindon Town Football Club.



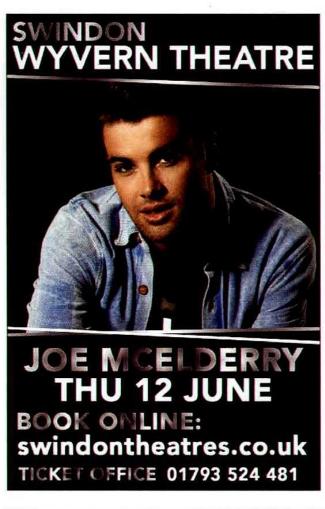
High Five! ROCKIN' Robin gives out some high fives to some junior supporters before the Brentford match.

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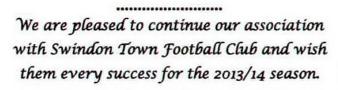




















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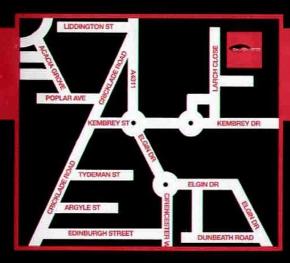
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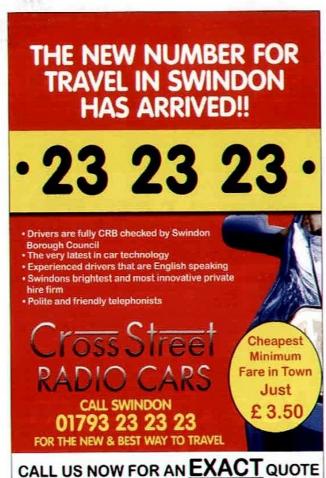


















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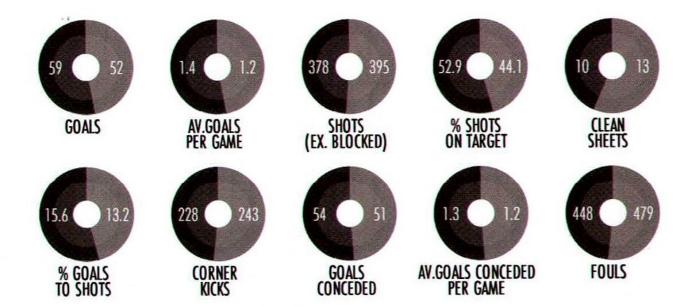
MATCH FACTS

Swindon Town have been beaten just once in their last seven league clashes with Bradford, though the last four games have ended in draws (W2).



MATCH FACTS

The Bantams have recorded just two wins in their previous 10 visits to Swindon in the league (D3 L5).





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2013-14 STAT PACK



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LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

League leaders Wolves have scored 19 goals from outside the box this season; a League One-high.

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Bristol City's Jay Emmanuel-Thomas has scored seven goals from outside the area this season; a league-high.





Swindon Town FC goes green for the NSPCC

Swindon Town FC is working with the NSPCC to end cruelty to children.

Look out for players warming up in NSPCC Go Green T-shirts before today's match.

You can show your support and raise vital funds for children in your community by texting GOGREEN to 70744 to donate £1 to the NSPCC.

For more information about fundraising in Swindon, email caroline.morgan@nspcc.org.uk.

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FOOTBALLIN THE COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Our Zambians Visitors Get Involved

OUR five Zambian visitors have certainly got stuck into the thick of things at our FITC Trust with the three coaches all engaging in our Easter Holiday Development Courses. Patrick, Filad and the Chairman, Bata, have all been assisting our coaches on the holiday courses not just here at Swindon Town but also at Chippenham, Stratton Community Centre and Lambourn, to name but a few. Whilst the three coaches have worked on the courses, two players have enjoyed the professional experience of training with the Swindon Town Youth Team. Jamie Pitman has been very welcoming of our two players, Albert and Mick, who have both done really well in settling

in despite some cold weather at the start. The evenings have seen them go to such fixtures as Reading v Leicester, Arsenal v Wigan in the FA Cup Semi-Final with them due to go to the Chelsea v Sunderland game at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. It has been a really enliahtenina experience for both them and us and it has forged our partnership to a new level which fits in nicely with us going over to Livingstone in Zambia in October/November 2014. Above are some snapshots of their wonderful experience last Thursday at the Swindon Robins speedway fixture against Belle Vue. We'd like to thank Alun Rossiter and everybody connected with Swindon Robins for making our quests so welcome.

High Commissioner Of Zambia

TODAY we would like to offer a warm welcome to His Excellency, Mr Paul Lumbi, who is here to meet our Zambian visitors. They return to their native land on Thursday 24th April. Today's visit has been set up by Andrew Deuchar, an STFC trustee, with a welcomina reception with Simon Stevenette. the Club Chaplain, who has already, very kindly, greeted our guest when he invited them for afternoon tea on their first week in the UK. They also attended the church service on Palm Sunday. We are really excited about today's visit and we sincerely hope that Mr Paul Lumbi has a great day with us and he enjoys the company of our visitors as much as we have over the past two weeks.

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Easter Courses

THE last two weeks have been a huge success with us coaching some 400 up-and-coming young players in Swindon and the surrounding area, encompassing places such as Ashton Keynes, Chippenham and Lamboum. The weather has been very kind to us and all the participants have appeared to have had a areat time on the courses. The next date for your calendar is the Whitsun half-term, where we have taken bookings already. To avoid disappointment, please book your places early. To book or for further information, please contact the office on 01793 421303.

Great Day At Home To Brentford

OUR Under-12 girls were treated to being special guests in our Executive Room before the game against Brentford where they enjoyed chicken and chips before sitting down and watching, what I feel, was one of the best games of the season. The girls were

absolutely over the moon when they welcomed Man of the Match, Louis Thompson and were able to all receive a personal autograph before having the below picture taken. We'd like to say a big thank you to Kirsteen Fraser who hosted the girls on Saturday afternoon so well, making them go away with big smiles on their faces.

Swindon Rockets

TODAY we'd also like to welcome the local Wheelchair Football Club, Swindon Rockets, who are here with a bucket collection to raise valuable funds. They meet every Monday at Nova Hread School under the committed guidance of Rachel Lambert. They are planning to host a festival of football in Swindon in the summer which I will keep you posted about as it is fantastic to watch these vounasters participate in a structured football situation the same as their ablebodied counterparts. They are a terrific group of people and we are very proud and privileged that we are able to help them today.

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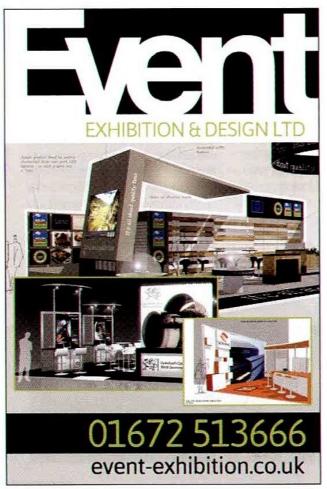
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2013/14 STFC Ladies

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Forest Green	17	10	1	6	18	31
Plymouth Argyle	14	9	3	2	26	30
Chichester City	16	9	5	2	24	26*
Larkhall Athletic	17	8	2	7	5	25
Southampton	17	7	0	10	-4	21
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COYR tracked down a former player for both clubs who is now based in the Middle-East...

I had seven and a half years at Swindon. I went there after finishing school on an apprenticeship and moved away from home. I struggled in the first year but then progressed through under different managers. I started with Lou Macari and went right through to John Gorman. I don't think you ever forget the club where you make your debut. I don't think people thought I'd make it but I learned so much off the different managers. I then got the chance to play in the Premiership and without Swindon I wouldn't have made it as a footballer. It all worked out for me but a good friend of mine is Paul Hunt - we came through together. Ossie Ardiles liked Paul but didn't like me. Then Glenn Hoddle came in, liked me but didn't like Paul so much so, it just goes to show how it goes sometimes. I actually started off playing as a centre forward. One day in training he said "Nick, go and cross a few balls in" I went and did that and he thought "hold on, we've got something

special here" so then I went and played as a full-back/wing-back. Like I say, it was special times at Swindon. It took me straight to the Premiership. You always wonder what it's like playing at big stadiums like Anfield and Old Trafford and, all of a sudden, I went from breaking into the team to playing in the Play-Offs then in the Premiership. You're pretty fearless at that age and you just want to get there and fee! what it's like. At Swindon, we learned the hard way. We didn't really get relegated until the last few weeks but it was all about the experience of playing: if you make any mistake, you get punished for it. I do remember that, at Swindon the place was bouncing. Even going to Wembley, when we drove back on the M4 there were Swindon fans everywhere. When we got off the junction the streets were packed and you couldn't move the bus! It was a fantastic feeling. We had an open-deck bus and you realised what it meant to the fans: everyone got behind the club.

My time at Bradford was a bit different to the other half of my career. Things hadn't really gone as well as the first part of my career and I played for a few clubs but I did two years there. It was a difficult time because they were feeling the backlash of being in the Premiership. It was tough: Brian Robson came in with Colin Todd and tried to keep us up but we went down. It's a great club and a good place to play but they struggled because it wasn't managed properly. They're now back on their feet and it's great to see. They have a massive fan base and it was great to see their run to the League Cup Final last year. Even though they got beat, it was what the club and the fans needed. The manager has done really well and hopefully they, like Swindon, will get back up towards the top flight. For the fans more than anything. They're loyal and stick with the club no matter what.

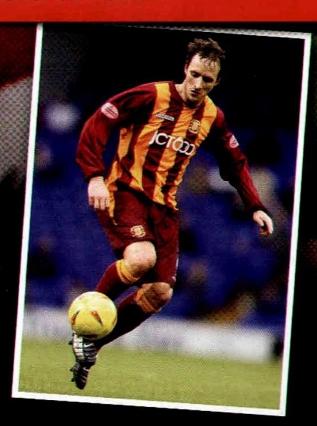
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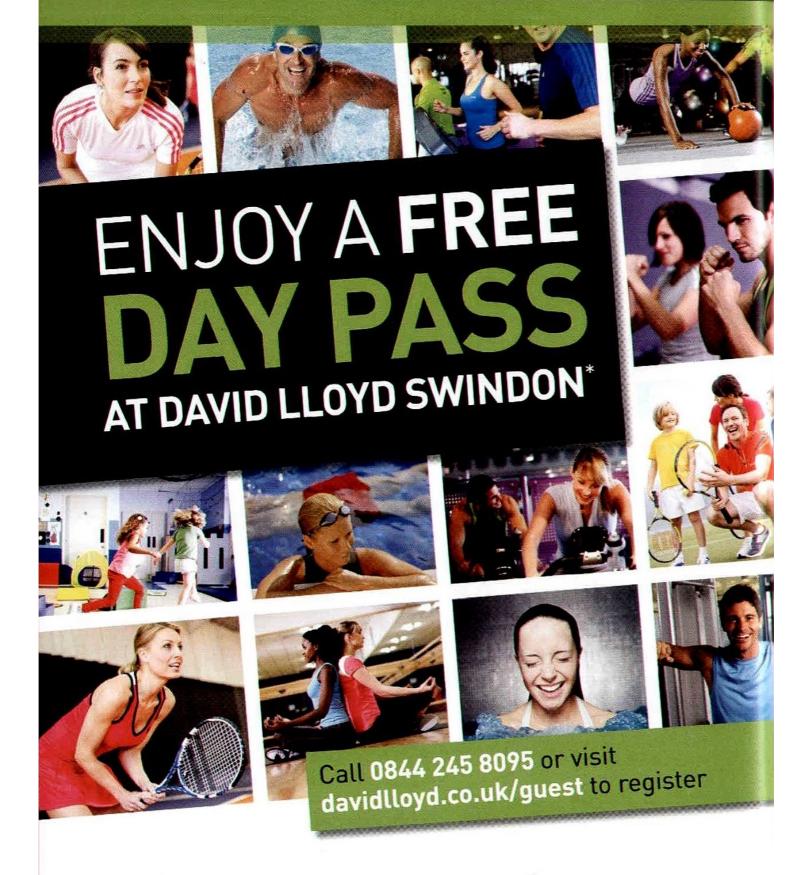


Cup out here in 2022. I also work covering the league here commentating on the games. They have got so much infrastructure going on here. Some people are a bit naive in England - they don't know what this country is all about. They will do the World Cup and it will be spectacular. It will be one of the wonders of the world. Whether it happens in the winter or in the summer, it won't make a difference. They already have air conditioning in the stadiums now. Everything is getting built and it's all systems go. We have the like of Raul and Zico out here. There are a lot of big names and they are all part of this force driving the World Cup forward.

I always keep an eye on everything and I always hope that everything is going well. I have fond memories of playing for both clubs but perhaps, for me, more so for Swindon because it was good times and so much happened. That's where my career took off.

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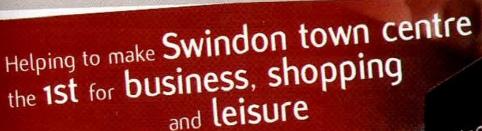


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COACHES' CORNER



ON reflection, I feel this season has been good. I've learnt a lot and enjoyed myself along the way. The boys have done really well considering that, for most of them, it's been their first full senior season in football.



WITH the end of the season approaching, the players can now look forward to some time off. They can be expected to take some limited time off where they just relax and step away from exercise completely. However, as preseason approaches, they are to start their own fitness work to ensure that when they come back to training, they can hit the ground running. They will all be issued with fitness plans. individually tailored to what they need coupled with some basic cardio to stop them from becoming deconditioned. We put our faith in them to follow these programmes and do them wholeheartedly so that when they come back, they're not in a position where they're liable to pick up an injury, are way behind the bulk of the

squad with their fitness or have acquired unnecessary body weight. Here at Swindon, our players a very professional and throughout the season only indulge in certain foods and drink in moderation. I'll expect them to carry on the same throughout the off-season,

They're athletes and, what's more, professionals. Just because they haven't got fixtures every week, that doesn't mean they should switch off from their obligations and what they need to do to keep themselves in good shape. We plan on completing numerous physical and anthropometrical tests before the squad splits for the summer. The results gained from these tests will then be used as a benchmark for each player when they come back to start pre-season training. We expect

the boys to come back and be on a manageable level. It isn't uncommon for them to have lost some level of fitness but not to be greatly under their previously-set, end-of-season mark.

The nature of being an athlete requires you to look after your body. The off-season is the time to take advantage of the sacrifices that you've had to make but do that in moderation. Our sauad are dedicated, they work hard and they know what's right and wrong for them. We trust these boys; we have done all season and we'll continue to do so. The message from us over the summer is: "go and enjoy yourselves, have fun, but let's keep one eye on next season."

MICHAEL COOPER

SPORTS SCIENTIST









TOWN recorded their first top-flight away win of the campaign at the last time of asking in West London...

THE game was an hour old when John Moncur was stood over a free-kick tight to the touchline on the left of the area. He whipped the ball in across the face of the six-yard box where Shaun Taylor arrived with a flying, diving header at the far post to open the scoring in front of the travelling fans. QPR hauled themselves level in the 73rd minute when Ray Wilkins chipped a free kick over the Town back-line. Les Ferdinand ghosted in to stab home the equaliser.

Just five minutes later, Town were back in front. Paul Bodin's cross from the left picked out Keith Scott. His glancing header clattered back off the upright into the path of Jan Åge Fjørtoft. The predatory striker was alive to the loose ball and bundled it over the line. With 90 minutes on the clock, a low ball into Nicky Summerbee found the full-back with his back to goal on the left-hand side of the box. He spun the defender before striking a left-footed effort goalwards. The shot took a deflection off the covering defender which wrong-footed the goalkeeper and sneaked inside the near post to seal all three points for the Town.



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Saturday May 3, 3pm

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Junior (15 and under)	£12.00
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Disabled	£15.00

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ue Aug 6	Torquay United CAP1		1-0 W	5,662 (282)	Foderingham	Barthram	Ward	Hall	Byrne
	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
	Gillingham	Н	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham	N Thompson 1	Ward	Hall	McEveley
	QPR CAP2	A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
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Sat Sep 14	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-3 L	19,388 (1,591)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
	Bristol City	H	3-2 W	11,598 (2,538)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
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Tue Oct 8	Plymouth Argyle JPT2		2-1 W	4,211 (364)	Belford	Branco	Ward	Hall	Barthram
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	Waisall	H	1-3 L	8,188 (202)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Oct 26	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2L	3,837 (293)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Barthram
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Sat Nov 9	Macclesfield FA CUP1	A	0-4 L	1,835 (305)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Nov 12	Wycombe W. JPT AQE		2-1 W	3,940 (221)	Betford	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEvele
Sat Nav 16	Colchester United	A	2-1 W	3,334 (323)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Nov 23	Levion 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
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Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	A	0-1 L	15,430 (551)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEvele
Sat Dec 21	Coventry City	H	2-1 W	9,291 (1,219)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall	McEveler
	Brentford	A	2-3 L		Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
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Sat Jan 18	Gillingham Chevrolum Tourn	1	3-1 W	6,134 (372)			Ward	Branco	McEvele
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H		7,448 (227)	Foderingham	N Thompson			
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	1-1 D	4,059 (422)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	Reckord
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Wed Feb 5	P'boro Utd. JPT AF1	A	2-2 D	3,312 (304)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco	McEvele
Sat Feb 8	Port Vale	A	3-2 W	5,306 (284)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne 1
Fri Feb 14	Colchester United	H	0-0 D	6,683 (96)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	A-Henville	Byrne
Mon Feb 17	P'boro Utd. JPT AF2	H	1-1D 2-30	6,825 (383)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	A-Henville	Branco
Sat Feb 22	Leyton Orient	A	0-2 L	5,091 (765)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	A-Henville	Reckord
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	Wolverhampton W.		1-4 L	9,670 (2,140)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Branco	McEvele
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4	Rotherham	42	9	9	3	41	28	13	4	4	36	21	+28	79
5	Preston	42	10	9	2	36	23	11	7	3	27	17	+23	79
6	Peterborough	42	13	2	6	30	20	8	2	11	34	34	+10	67
7	SWINDON	42	13	3	5	38	25	4	6	11	21	29	+5	60
8	MK Dons	42	8	4	9	26	25	9	3	9	32	32	+1	58
9	Port Vale	42	12	3	6	33	28	5	3	13	24	42	-13	57
10	Walsall	42	7	6	8	20	26	7	8	6	25	17	+2	56
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17	Olaham	41	7	5	8	21	26	5	6	10	25	31	-11	47
18	Colchester	42	7	5	9	25	27	4	8	9	23	32	-11	46
19	Tranmere	42	6	7	8	29	37	6	3	12	22	36	-22	46
20	Notts Co	42	10	2	9	37	28	3	2	16	22	46	-15	43
21	Carisie	41	8	5	8	26	30	3	5	12	15	37	-26	43
22	Crewe	42	6	6	9	24	33	5	4	12	25	45	-29	43
23	Shrewsbury	42	6	7	8	19	21	3	7	11	19	31	-14	41
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1	Wes Foderingham	37	N-N	3	2	42	-	3	W.	137
2	Nathan Thompson	38		2	1	41	1	12		71(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	27(6)	1	2	3(1)	33(7)	4	5	2	41(8)
4	Massimo Luongo	40	1	2(1)	5	48(1)	6	5		57(1)
5	Grant Hall	26(1)	1	3	3	33(1)	10.7	6	7.47	33(1)
6	Tijane Freitas Reis	2(4)	-	1	(1)	3(5)		2	-	3(5)
7	Ryan Harley	16(5)	(1)	1-1-	1(1)	18(7)	1	2	67.57	18(7)
8	Ryan Mason	13(5)	1	1(1)	1	16(6)	5	4		16(6)
9	Nile Ranger	19(4)		2	1(1)	23(5)	10	933	200	23(5)
10	Andy Williams	3		1	-	4	1			49(3)
11	Alex Pillchard	30(3)	1	3	4	39(3)	7	10	110	39(3)
12	Dany N'Guessan	14(10)	1	1	4(1)	20(11)	8	2		20(11)
14	Jay McEveley	27(1)	1	1	3	32(1)	350	9	2	73(2)
15	Yaser Kasim	35(2)	1	3	3(1)	42(3)	2	12	-	42(3)
16	Mark Francis	n miki	120	W.F.N	1074E5	HERE	055	33	S. T. V.	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	(2)	-		-	(2)				(3)
19	Louis Thompson	16(10)	17.75	2(1)	4	22(11)	2	4	1350	23(15)
20	Miles Storey	6(9)	-	(2)	-	6(11)	3	1		8(26)
21	Alex Smith	5(3)	1	1(1)	22272	6(4)	10		5000	6(4)
22	Darren Ward	36	1	3	5	45			-	88
23	Jack Barthram	2(8)	(1)	-1-	2	5(9)		3		5(9)
24	Lee Cox	2(1)	-		(1)	2(2)	-			4(7)
25	Tyrrell Belford	5	10		3	9	4	200	55.5	9
28	Michael Smith	16	-			16	6	1	-	16
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	9(2)		Year	3	12(2)	100	6		12(2)
30	Leigh Bedwell			-	-			-	-	(1)
33	George Barker	2(5)	100	7.00	00000	2(5)	093			2(5)
34	Jamle Reckord	3(2)			-	3(2)		2	-	3(2)
39	Ben Gladwin	4(5)	4.50		(3)	4(8)	6	1	6233	4(8)
40	Jack Stephens	6	-	-		6	-	3		6
41	Troy Archibald-Henville	10(1)		400	1	nn	4	4	1	11(1)

TODAY'S MASCOTS





Robert Counsell: Age: 6 Favourite player: Massimo Luongo





Joe Maskelyne: Age: 13 Favourite player: All of them!





Oliver Burt: Age: 13 Favourite player: Nathan Byrne





Adam Butcher: Age: 10 Favourite player: Nathan Thompson





Lucas Butcher: Age: 7 Favourite player: Louis Thompson





Alfie Williams: Age: 6 Favourite player: James Hanson

LAST VORD

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EVERY now and then, the voice within the fan might just waver, and the Doubting Thomas perks up.

"THIS lot aren't going to go anywhere, you spend all that money going up and down the country, is it really worth it?"

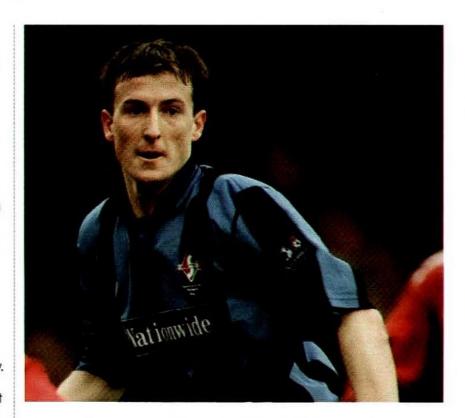
Most of us, usually at some darker time in Club history, will have got out of bed at some ungodly hour and opened the car door - or started the walk to the station - bleary-eyed and felt our loyalties suddenly come into sharp focus before a football journey.

It tends to be at these unlikely times that something crops up to restore faith, as if the gods must take us to our very limits before settling back down, suitably amused.

Such was the feeling back in 1998 when I went to Valley Parade near the end of January. It was one of those Steve McMahon seasons that, even at that time of year, was tailing off. Looking back at the archives, the team were searching for their first goal since Christmas, and the humiliation of an FA Cup exit to then non-league Stevenage was still fresh.

Sometimes it's the company you keep that is the thing that perks you up, but most unexpectedly, it was the match that was the memorable thing, even though both sides were sitting in the middle of the table.

Bradford, under Chris Kamara at the time, had a pretty useful looking team on reflection. Gary Walsh was in goal, Darren Moore and Andy O'Brien in defence,



Jamle Lawrence in midfield and Robbie Blake up front.

15,000 rolled up, and they made a terrific noise, all the more so when Edinho rounded Fraser Digby to give the home side the lead. Although time blurs the memory as to many details, the game seemed passionate, energetic and full of endeavour from both teams. From that point alone, it felt worth the trip.

And then, from the visiting perspective, the ideal finale arrived, as Chris Hay volleyed in an injury-time equaliser with perfect precision in front of the Town fans to make it 1-1.

The whole journey was worth it, and you remembered why you invested all that time and emotional energy in the first place.

Plenty of goals I've seen have got lost in the mist of my archaic brain since then, but that Hay volley is still sharp and vivid.

Today may not provide that finish – in fact it probably won't – but the possibility it might is one big reason why we're all here in the first place.

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 - 9 NIIE RANGER Alex PRITCHARD 11
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 - Jay McEVELEY 15 Yaser KASIM

- Mark FRANCIS 16
- Connor WALDON 17 Alex FERGUSON 18
- 0 Louis THOMPSON 19
 - 0 Miles STOREY 20
- Alex SMITH 21 0 (CAPT) Darren WARD 22
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 - . Agron OAKLEY 26
 - Harry AGOMBAR 27 Michael SMITH 28
- Raphael BRANCO 29 .
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