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The Chairman

Andy Pilley welcomes everyone to Highbury this afternoon for Fleetwood Town's first game of 2015

The Visitors

We research our opponents from the south, one of the four teams leading the race for promotion to the Championship

Rochdale Win

Rochdale win - The Cod Army sign off 2014 with three points at Rochdale. All the action on pages 20-21

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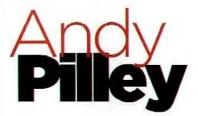


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ood afternoon and welcome to Highbury for our first game of 2015. Our visitors today are Swindon Town and I'd like to extend a particular welcome to their players, officials and supporters on what is their first ever visit to Fleetwood.

Swindon are enjoying a fantastic season and they currently sit in second position in the league table just one point behind leaders Bristol City after 23 games, the exact half way point of the league season.

It's only five weeks since we lost at the County Ground to a late goal after we defended well for the majority of the game and that was the first of a run of four games for us without a win. We were relieved therefore to put an end to that run last Sunday at Rochdale.

Our 2-0 win at Spotland was fully deserved I thought and we took control in the first half with goals from Mark Roberts and Josh Morris. We enjoyed something of a break in the second half when the home team missed a penalty which could have got them back into the match but we saw the game out from that point professionally and fairly comfortably.

The Rochdale win came just 48 hours after we'd been beaten at home by Bradford City. We again dominated the first half but unlike at Rochdale, we failed to capitalise on any of the chances we created and we then conceded a poor goal defensively just before the break.

Once the visitors scored a second half way through the second half, we never really looked like getting back into the game and Bradford were worthy winners on the day.

Our win last Sunday saw us hit the 30 point mark at the half way stage of the season though it remains incredibly tight in League One with just 10 points separating Sheffield United in the 6th and final Play-Off place from 21st placed Crewe in the final relegation position.

It's vital we keep picking up points therefore to stay clear of the area around the bottom four places and whilst today's game looks very difficult for us on paper, we will go into it in confident mood.

2014 was a fantastic year for our Club seeing as it did "little Fleetwood" moving into the third tier of English football for the first time. Who would ever have thought that was possible but here we are and we're all enjoying every single minute of it.

We hit the road again in our next game when we make our first visit to Levton Orient next Saturday before two successive home games against Oldham Athletic a fortnight today and Crawley Town a week later (24th January). We complete the month with a visit to current leaders Bristol City.

Enjoy today's game and your full Highbury match day experience and if you can't get down to Leyton Orient next Saturday, I look forward to seeing the Cod Army here again in two weeks time for a tasty Lancashire derby!



the manager



ood afternoon and welcome to Highbury for our first game of 2015. Our visitors today are Swindon Town and I'd like to extend a particular welcome to their players, officials and supporters on what is their first ever visit to Fleetwood.

I'd like to begin by wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year. 2014 was certainly a very good one for us all at Fleetwood and we're looking to start 2015 in a positive way today.

Our previous two games brought two differing results from what I thought were similar performances. Last time at Highbury we were excellent especially in the first half and should have been leading at half time but just couldn't finish the chances we had created so well.

Once we fell behind it gave Bradford a lead they held by using all their experience and game management.

I must say I was pleased with the way the players approached the game and showed great confidence on the ball but goals change perceptions of games and this was shown 48 hours later against Rochdale.

I think we played some great football in both games but the difference at Spotland was our finishing touch. The pitch was a little tricky following the overnight frost but we passed the ball very

well and created four or five excellent opportunities which we took two.

It was an excellent way to finish the calendar year and a show of great belief from the players to respond to the previous disappointment.

We're always looking to win games but sometimes we don't. What is important for me and my staff at these times is to analyse the game properly and try to build on the aspects the players did well.

We don't hide from any deficiencies we need to address but we try to do this in a way that is clear for the players. The balance is to improve where we can without sacrificing our strengths.

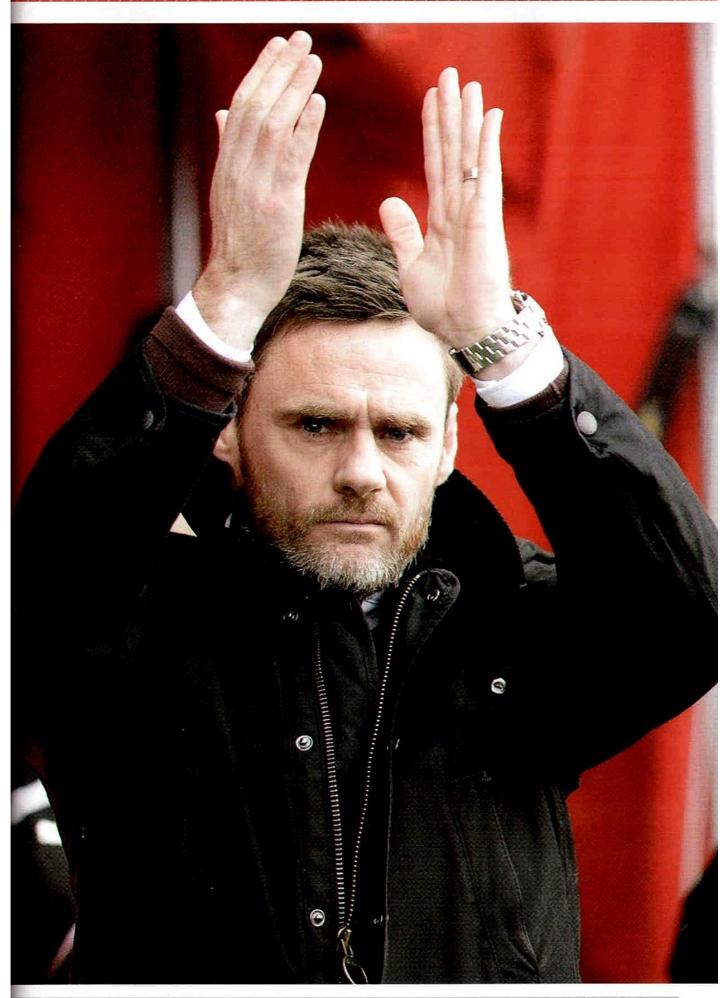
This is a continual process which we take very seriously. We believe we have an excellent group of players to work with and as well as building a strong team, we want the players to also improve as individuals.

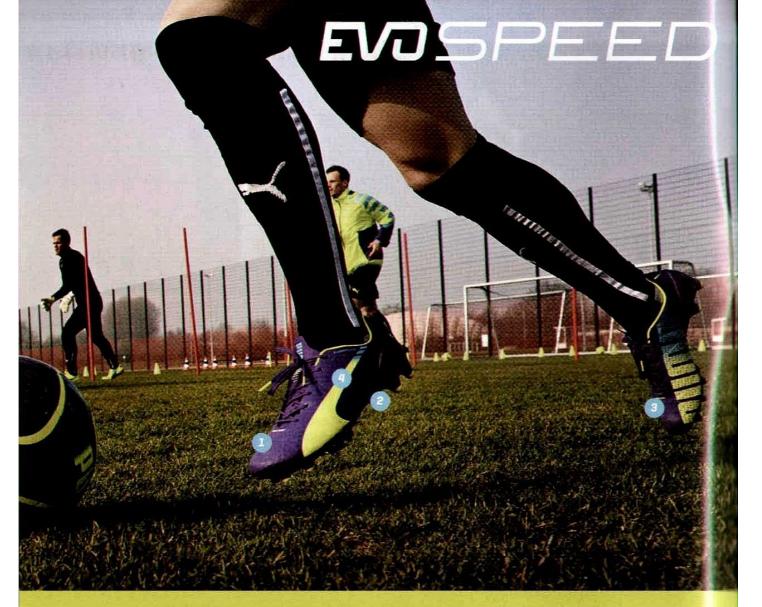
It's a very rewarding part of the job to see players getting better and be more consistent with their performance level.

As we enter the New Year all I can ask is for you to continue the support you showed for your team in 2014 and trust in the work they do day in day out to represent our Club in the best way possible. Enjoy the game.



Graham





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et afternoon and Happy New Year to everyone connected with the Club. 2014 was an unforgettable year for every Fleetwood Town supporter and our aim is to make 2015 an even better one.

It was fantastic to end the year on such a high at Rochdale last Sunday and get the victory our recent displays have merited. The belief has never dropped and we knew if we continued to play as we have then the victories would come.

Of course it was nice to have that winning feeling back in the dressing room and share with the Cod Army on the pitch after the game.

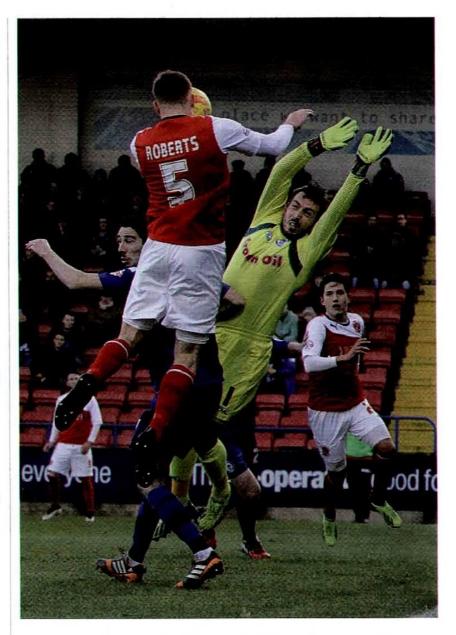
The pleasing thing coming away from Spotland was not just the result but the manner of the performance as well.

Every player played their part whether in the starting 11 or from the bench and although we had Chris Maxwell to thank for some outstanding saves, the margin of victory could easily have been greater.

Testament to all the lads and staff in playing two games in such a short period but Christmas is always a hectic time

We have worked hard, remained professional and now look forwards to the New Year full of optimism with an unbelievable opportunity there to play for.

The league table is so tight and any team with the ability to put a winning run together can have the second half of the season they desire. We have to make sure that is us.



We all have the commitment to be better and that is brilliant to be part of. Young or experienced, every player wants to push themselves to be the best they can be and together we can achieve what we all believe.

Today we have a tough opponent and a quality outfit but it is up to us to go toe to toe with teams like Swindon and show what we are all about. You play such an important part in our success so keep up your tremendous support and let's make more history together.

Enjoy the game.



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High-flying Swindon Town make the journey to Highbury this afternoon as they look to build on their fantastic start to the first half of the season.

The Robins have been one of the front runners in League One this season, and are currently locked in the scrap for one of the division's two automatic promotion places.

Swindon have shown their credentials with impressive wins against the likes of Sheffield United, Preston North End and Bristol City at the County Ground.

Last season Town were in the hunt for one of the final Play-Off places but fell just short in eighth, a place behind the Blades and have used last season as a platform to build on.

The 2013/14 campaign also marked manager Mark Cooper's first season in charge at the club having previously assisted Kevin McDonald, who he replaced in preseason of that year.

Prior to taking up the reins with





Swindon, Cooper built the majority of his management experience up in non-league football, but also had a spell in charge of Peterborough United when he took over from Darren Ferguson in November 2009.

While in charge of Tamworth, Cooper took the club to the FA Cup third round in consecutive seasons, and forced Stoke City to a replay before losing on penalties in 2006, and bowing out to Norwich City in 2007.

Following on from that, with Kettering Town, who he joined in May 2007, he again performed wonders in the cup by reaching the fourth Round where they lost to Fulham. After brief spells back with Kettering in 2012 and later with AFC Telford in January 2013, Cooper joined Swindon as assistant following McDonald's appointment.

Cooper has made his mark with the Robins, and has used the loan market to his advantage by bringing in the likes of Jack Stephens and Jordan Turnbull from Southampton.

The club have also begun a trend of signing ex-loanees on permanent

deals, with Nathan Byrne and Massimo Luongo joining after spells from Tottenham.

Having been relegated at the end of the 2010/11, just a year after reaching the League One Play-Off final, the Robins bounced back at the first attempt from the Football's League basement division under Paolo Di Canio.

In their first year back in the third tier they reached the Play-Offs before losing on penalties to Brentford in the semi-finals.

This afternoon's meeting will be the first time the Robins have travelled to Highbury, with November's 1-0 defeat for FTFC at the County Ground the only previous meeting between the two clubs.

club factfile Nickname(s) The Robins Founded: 1879 Stadium: County Ground Capacity, 15,728 Chairman: Lee Power Manager: Mark Cooper 2013/14: 8th position







Front man Andy Williams joined Swindon Town in June 2012. Despite spending last season on loan at former club Yeovil Town, he has been integral to Swindon's form this season and showed his talents when he faced Fleetwood earlier this season at the County Ground.

Williams began his career with Hereford United and helped the club rise from the Conference to the Football League in 2006 as their top goalscorer. During their successful 2005/06 campaign he scored 14 goals in 45 appearances, including one in the Play-Off final win against Halifax Town

Following his exploits with Hereford, he earned a move to Bristol Rovers, who had recently been promoted to League One. Whilst at Rovers. Williams struggled in finding the back of the net and scored just four times in 41 games.

After one season with the club, he was loaned back to Hereford for the majority of the 2008/09 season.

Williams spent one further campaign with Bristol Rovers but again struggled for goals and left after rejecting a new two-year deal in May 2010 and opted to join Somerset outfit Yeovil Town.

Whilst with the Glovers, Williams scored 22 league goals in 81 appearances, 16 of those coming in his second season. These proved crucial in helping Yeovil to remain in their respective division.

After two years at Huish Park, Williams was again on the move when he joined Swindon Town who had recently been promoted to the third tier.

After a successful campaign in 2011/12, Williams could not replicate his previous strike rate in his first season. in Wiltshire, although he did score 11 times in 40 league outings.

Last season, following the change of management at the County Ground, the 28-year-old was allowed to return to Yeovil on loan though was unable to help them avoid relegation back to League One after a 12 month stint in the Championship.

Having returned to Swindon Town in the summer, Williams has struck up a prolific partnership with Michael Smith to lead Swindon's promotion charge.



MICHAEL SMITH

Michael Smith joined Town from Charlton Athletic in January for an initial transfer fee of £100,000 and has found the back of the net on a regular basis since.

The 23-year-old began career with Darlington where he scored six goals in 37 appearances. He then had a spell on loan at Workington. The considerable promise which Smith showed at Darlington led to a number of sides taking him on trial in the summer of 2011. These included Stoke City and Watford before he signed a deal with the Charlton Athletic.

Smith's time at Valley Parade was interspersed with loan spells at Accrington Stanley, Newport County, Colchester United and AFC Wimbledon where he gained valuable first team experience.

Following his spell in south west London, Mark Cooper decided to take Smith on permanently in January. He scored a brace on his debut against Shrewsbury Town and has since fitted in perfectly at the County Ground.

MASSIMO LUONGO

Australian international and ex-Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Massimo Luongo joined Swindon Town on a permanent basis in August 2013 following a successful loan spell.

He joined Spurs in January 2011 after a successful trial period before going out on loan to Championship side Ipswich Town on a seasonlong loan for the 2012/13 season. However, following the arrival of Mick McCarthy as manager at Portman Road, Luongo's loan was terminated prematurely.

In March 2013, Swindon signed the midfielder on loan for the remainder of the season, together with fellow teammates Nathan Byrne and Dean Parrett.

Luongo's performances in his first stint at the club tempted them to secure him on a season-long loan for the 2013/14 campaign.

However, by the end of the transfer window, Swindon decided to make the deal permanent, and paid Spurs for the 22-year-old services.





NATHAN THOMPSON

Captain Nathan Thompson progressed through the club's youth academy.

Thompson signed his first professional deal with the Robins in April 2009 before making his debut in October 2010 in a Football League Trophy win over Torquay United. A little under a month later he made his league debut in a 3-0 home defeat by Charlton Athletic.

The 2012/13 season was the rightback's breakthrough season when the club reached the Play-Offs on their return to League One. In April 2013, Thompson was awarded the Player of the Year award after winning more than 60 per cent of the vote.

He repeated the feat again last season and subsequently attracted interest from Peterborough United and Leeds United, but has remained with the Wiltshire outfit.

6 promotions in 10 seasons... That calls for a Carlsberg



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Town beat the Foxes to reach the promised land

First Division Play-Off winners

SWINDON TOWN 4 LEICESTER CITY 3

Wembley, London, 31st May 1993

Glenn Hoddle inspired Swindon to win a seven goal thriller against Leicester City to reach the Premier League for the only time in their history.

The game was a slow burner as neither side were able to make a breakthrough until Hoddle struck three minutes before half-time.

After the break, Swindon scored two within eight minutes to go three goals to the good before being pegged back by the Foxes. Craig Maskell and Shaun Taylor both scored to seemingly put the tie beyond their opponents before .

Leicester's fight back.

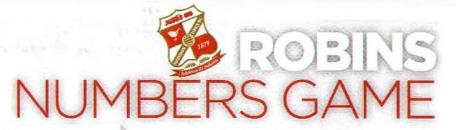
In a frantic 16 minute spell, Julian Joachim, Steve Walsh and Steve Thompson all found the back of the net to level the tie.

As the clock ticked on and extra time looking imminent, Kevin Poole was deemed to have fouled Steve White to give Paul Bodin the chance to score from the spot.

Bodin converted the spot kick and with just minutes remaining the Robins saw the game out to reach the Premier League.

Swindon, under the stewardship of their playermanager Hoddle lasted just one season in the top flight before being relegated back into the Football League.

1879 The year the club was founded





Position Swindon finished in League One last season

Different managers since 1902

How many people are in Swindon's hall of

The year Swindon Town became a professional

The year Swindon entered the Football League

Record overall apperances for Swindon, held by John Trollope

Mark Cooper appointed Swindon manager

low many games current manager Mark Cooper played during his professional footballing career

Capacity at the County Ground

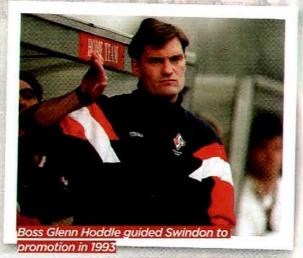
Highest transfer fee paid for a player, David Hopkin from Leeds United in 2000

Highest transfer fee received for a player, Des Hamilton in 1997 and Andy O'Brien in 2001. Both players joined Newcastle United

2012 Promoted as League Two champions



Bobby Campbell Bradford's record goal scorer



1969 League Cup winners

The year they won promotion to the Premier League

Opposition View

DAN JOHNSON

SWINDON TOWN FAN

Swindon Town supporter Dan Johnson rose to the challenge of the #codarmy questionnaire for this weekend's edition. Dan, a football addict who writes for the Swindon Advertiser believes the Robins could have memorable 2015!

What have you made of Swindon's start to the season? You must be a happy Robin!

A very happy and surprised Robin! The first half of the season has been our best start to a League One campaign in nineteen years, it's been a exceptional opening five months.

Did you expect to be sitting in the top two places at the half way stage when the season began back in August?

Absolutely not, after a lacklustre end to last season and a lack of movement in the transfer market, a lot of fans and pundits were expecting the worst, with Four Four Two magazine predicting a 20th place finish.

What are the fans' expectations down at the County Ground this year?

After a summer dominated by a courtroom drama over the clubs ownership, pre-season was put on hold and didn't get underway until a couple of weeks before the start of the season. Looking

at our squad at that time it was hard to predict what lay ahead, but after the chairman Lee Power and manager Mark Cooper had finished in the transfer market at the end of August, expectations were raised with the quality of players signed, and a new style of football was introduced with some great results.

Fleetwood have lost ground on some of their closest rivals in recent weeks after a good start to the season, but are you anticipating a difficult test today?

Despite Fleetwood having a tough time recently. I still expect them to be challenging for a Play-Off place for most of the season. The Cod Army knows more than any other side, momentum is a huge part of the game, and teams who normally achieve promotion the season before carry that form into the next campaign.

What do you know about Fleetwood Town?

Like the majority of football fans watching from afar I've

> been surprised and impressed that any club could achieve six promotions in just a decade. When Swindon lost out on a place in the Championship in the 2010 Play-Off final, Fleetwood had just finished 8th in the Blue Square North, so that shows the level of achievement reached in such a short period of time.

A late Ben Gladwin



header earned the points for you guys against us at the end of November - what was your assessment of the game?

Fleetwood arrived at the County Ground with a plan that many other clubs have deployed in Wiltshire this season of frustrating Swindon with a defensive style of play and trying to score of the break, and it so nearly worked. Paterson, Hitchcock and Evans were a constant nuisance and could easily have scored in the first half, but Swindon controlled the second half and only just managed the victory.

Which Swindon player should the Cod Army be keeping an eye out for today?

With the Asian Cup taking place in Australia over January, Swindon have lost two key players in Yaser Kasim and Massimo Luongo to international duty, with the latter being Town's key man so far this season. However, we still have a talented squad of players, and the Fleetwood backline will do very well to keep Swindon's top goalscorer Andy Williams quiet this afternoon.

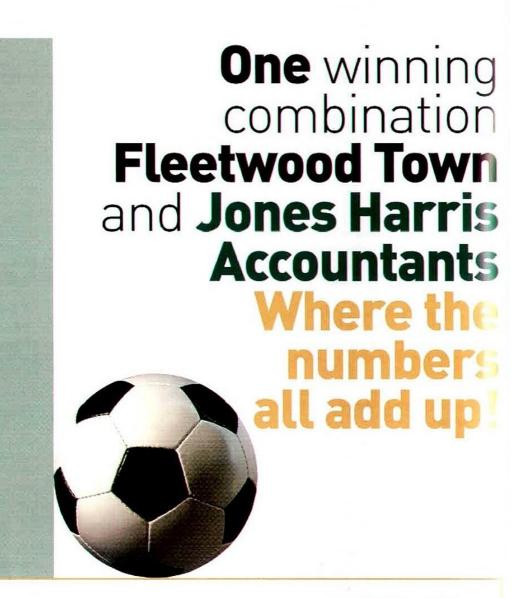
Finally, your prediction?

I can see a high scoring game with Swindon's away form the best I've seen in years. It'll be very difficult for the home side to keep a clean sheet, but Swindon could be without key man & club captain Nathan Thompson. With the Cod Army just three points outside the playoffs, the incentive to climb towards the top six will make for a entertaining first time encounter at Highbury Stadium.



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The Chief Executive's diary

STEVE CURWOOD TALKS IN THE FIRST #codarmy
OF 2015 ABOUT OUR NEW TRAINING FACILITY,
WHICH WILL TAKE A STEP FORWARD THIS
CALENDAR YEAR...



This is my first update of the year on the Club's Poolfoot Farm Training Ground and Community Sport Complex in what will be an exciting year ahead.

Due to issues with the weather and legal issues relating to the drainage on the site we have been unable to crack on as we would have hoped on the grass pitches.

We hope these issues will be resolved in the next few days so we can get back on track with these pitches and have them all delivered very soon.

We have though been able to continue work on the full size all weather 4G pitch, which you will see from the images featured on this page is almost complete. We are hoping to have this part of the complex open and available for use by everyone in the next few weeks, and you will be hearing much more on this in the coming days and weeks.

This pitch will be one the best artificial surfaces available and is FIFA's highest graded standard.

Other works with which we have been able to continue are the foundations for the main community building and the groundsmans compound. The work on the main building will go on throughout this year and should be delivered in the late autumn. The groundsmans building will ready in the spring.

In the meantime we will be accommodated on site in Porta cabins while the main building is completed.

The completion of Pool Foot is an essential and exciting part of the future here at Fleetwood, providing a supremely professional environment for the first team and for the first

time enabling us to seriously develop youth and development players.

At the same time this will provide superb football facilities, also enabling other sports for the community, further enabling us to grow our work in this area and allowing so many fans of the future to be around the Club.

Watch this space for more exciting developments.









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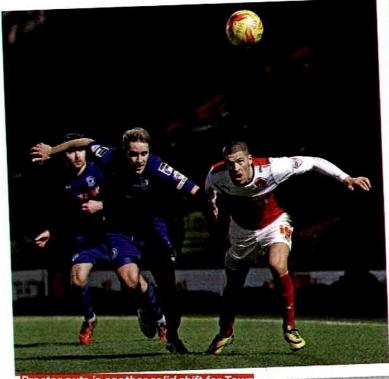


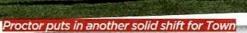


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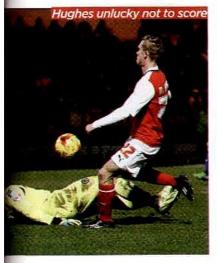


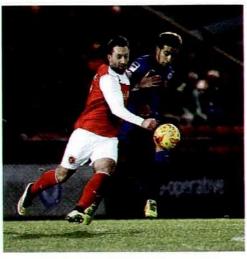


ASSISTANT **MANAGER'S**VIEW

"THE LADS WERE MAGNIFICENT FROM START TO FINISH AND PROBABLY ONE OF **OUR MOST COMPLETE** PERFORMANCES OF THE SEASON."

CHRIS LUCKETTI









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PLAYER VISITS 2014

Over the course of 2014 the Community Trust has organised in excess of 250 player visits at local schools and organisations. The player visits have ranged from primary schools right through to recently where the first team visited Brian House and the Lifeboats before Christmas.

As a Community Trust, player visits are an integral part of the work we do in promoting various projects as well as Fleetwood Town Football Club. It's important for the players to have a presence in the Town they play for and the looks on the kids' faces when they meet their favourite player makes it all worthwhile.

To end the year, this past week Keith Southern, Conor McLaughlin and David Ball visited the Community Trust sports camp at Fleetwood High School to surprise the children. The players answered some tough questions that the children threw at them before taking part in some head to head challenges between one another.

The youngsters put Keith Southern, Conor McLaughlin and David Ball through their paces by making them try



their hand at curling. Although the game was a close affair and the player's competitive nature started to creep in, it was Keith Southern who came out on top narrowly. It was a great way to end the year and it gave the children something to remember before the big day approached.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the Fleetwood Town players and staff who have taken time out of their busy schedules to visit and meet the

> local community. It means a lot to the local schools. organisations and the community as a whole that you care so much to give your time to make someone's day that little bit more special.

We hope you have all enjoyed a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2015.







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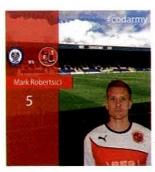
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aftic - GOAAAALLLLLLLLLLLLLLLJOSH MORRIS!

@capboy70 - Really pleased with today's win. Great performance from the every single player. Nice to end 2014 with a win:) @ftfc

@markroberts83 - Nice way to sign off 2014... lads were different class today!! #ftfc



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- a chrismaxwellO1 Now isn't that a better feeling!!!
- ASarcevic What a result! Performances of late have deserved that! Class from the boys.. #FTFC
- @Warrior180 Good win for @ftfc today #codarmy

@FeeneyAlex - Great day today at Spotland



- fantastic result and performance players showed passion, onwards and upwards #CODARMY @ftfc
- @LBThommo Great win for @ftfc today. nice bit of rest before Saturday. Come on

the #codarmy

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a Sheepherd -Loved every second of the 90 minutes

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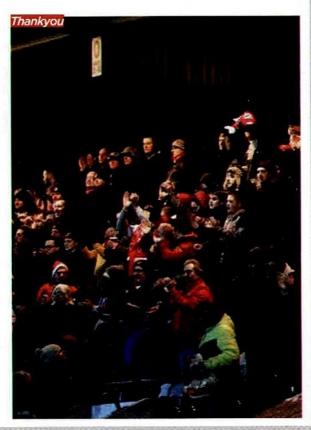
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By James Edwards

own captain Mark Roberts believes that the Club is in a healthy position as it reaches the half way stage of their very first campaign in England's third tier following last season's Play-Off success over Burton Albion at Wembley Stadium.

Victory at the home of English football back in May was the second time that Roberts had graced the hallowed turf during his career, having suffered defeat there with Stevenage whilst in their non-league days.

And he admits the pain of losing at Wembley that day spurred him on to succeed back in May when Antoni Sarcevic's solitary goal against the Brewers earned promotion to League One.

Roberts said in an exclusive interview with the matchday programme: "To gain promotion was always our goal for 2014 and to establish ourselves at League One level.

"I think we've done both of those things very successfully, although we're pleased with our achievements we want to kick on and make sure 2015 is another year that we'll all never forget.

"I think all the lads have

acquitted themselves really well. We have put ourselves in a position where we have established ourselves at this level, but again we want to kick on.

"We always want more at this football club and that's us as a group of players and comes from the ambition of the manager and the coaching staff. It is all geared to keep improving and keep moving forward and we'll work hard in the second half of the season.

"There is an opportunity there, we're learning all the time and the gaffer is telling us we're evolving as a team and I think that is clear to see from the performances in recent

"We are competing against some massive football clubs but we try to look beyond that as players because at the end of the day it's 11v11 and it is who wants

determined enough to make sure they come out on top.

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"We'll keep working hard and stick together. We are a tight-knit group and there's a great togetherness and team spirit in the squad so we'll keep building on that and who knows what we can achieve, but it won't be through lack of effort and it won't be through lack of determination.

"One of the huge strengths of this football club is that it's never become complacent over the achievements. They have always strived towards the next goal and that's very important in football because you never want to stay still.

"You always want to keep moving forward, both on and off the pitch and as players you have that responsibility to keep developing as individuals and as a team and make sure we are getting stronger as a result.

"When you speak to the Chairman there's a philosophy at the Club, but it takes time but there's definitely signs that is the future of the football club.

"The next generation of players and we're trying







to improve in all aspects as a Club and I think it is already bearing the fruits. . Barry Nicholson is doing some fantastic things with the development squad and that bridges the gap between youth team football and first team football

"I think that is a really good thing as you see Nick Haughton and Tyler Forbes who have both worked their way into the first team set up. They've had to work for their opportunity in the first team set up and grasped it with both hands."

Roberts, has, as well, tasted success at another of Britain's finest arenas when he lifted the League Two Play-Off final trophy at Old Trafford, the home of the team he has supported from a young age, when his Stevenage side defeated Torquay United.

He continued: "Luckily, it was just a circumstance that transpired the League Two Play-Off final at Old Trafford. The one year it was at Old Trafford I managed to captain a winning team

Everything just seemed to fall into place and everything that happened was perfect for me as a lad that used to sit in the Stretford End.

"To go to Old Trafford and lift a trophy in front of my friends and family was a moment that is very special for both myself and them but then to go back to our Play-Off victory last year I am again very fortunate.

"I have played at Wembley twice before but although I had won and lost I had won there before with Stevenage but the one time I captained them there

I had to walk the steps as a losing captain. So, very much part of my motivation going into that Play-Off final was to erase that back memory because you don't want to walk those steps as a loser especially a losing captain.

Walking up those steps once we had beat Burton and to be greeted by the Chairman and people like Ted Lowery, our vice president, was I suppose fulfilling a lifetime dream.

To lift the trophy there as a captain was again a moment that I got to share with my family and friends and will forever be in my heart.

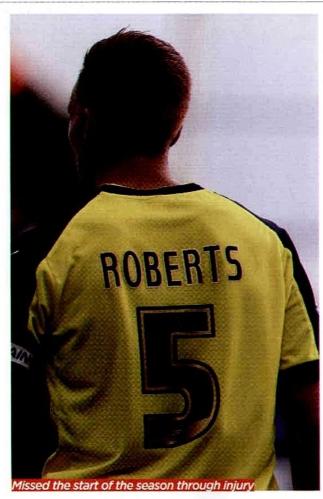
"I think it is very difficult to separate any success from another. I know how fortunate I am and I do realise how fortunate it is that some players don't ever get to experience winning trophies, or lifting trophies or winning championships.

"I had a fantastic time at Stevenage so it is a time I'll never forget as I made some great friends and some great memories there. One of the main reasons I wanted to sign for Fleetwood though was the ambition of the Club.

The fact that the Club wanted to win and it was used to winning. We want to continue on that path and that is what I am all about as a person.

"It seemed to fit the bill for me as a Club and a project and I have really enjoyed my time here so far and continue to do so."

Times haven't always been rosy for the skipper however, as he suffered a nasty cruciate injury earlier in his career when with Crewe Alexandra. but believes that the











setback helped him to become the footballer and the character that he is today.

"It was the first serious injury I had ever had and I was out for quite a long time and I never played for Crewe again," admitted the FTFC skipper.

"It is a type of injury which Jamma (Jamille Matt) is having to deal with right now. You try to pass on the experiences you've had, but it definitely made me more determined to come back strong and better as





you a taste of what could be if you're to remain as a footballer.

"It definitely created a steely edge to my character and thankfully I've been able to get back into the Football League.

"A lot of players don't ever get back but I think what I realised was I knew I had to win my way back as an individual and with the team I was playing for. It was an experience that I would say has benefitted me and hopefully that'll stand me in good stead in the future.

"Football is a rollercoaster and that's something I've learned as I've become more experienced. You have your ups and you have your downs.

"You never get too carried away with your successes and you never get too down on yourself when times aren't so good and injury is one of those times.

"It affects all players and it's about how you deal with it because it can be a very lonely place when you have a long-term injury and you think

about how you are and everyone is out training and you're in the gym.

"A lot of the work is on your own and a lot of the extra work is on your own and that's when you really find out about yourself. It definitely benefitted me with my experience."

Roberts is full of praise for this afternoon's opponents, too, and admitted that he's been impressed with the way Mark Cooper's Robins have performed so far this season.

"They're an excellent side and they've got some quality players. The way Mark Cooper's got them playing, the football, is testament to their position in the table, they've been one of the sides that have set the pace this year.

"When we played at their place we were very organised and although they had a lot of possession we created some really good chances and on another day we could have come away from the County Ground with more to show for our efforts."

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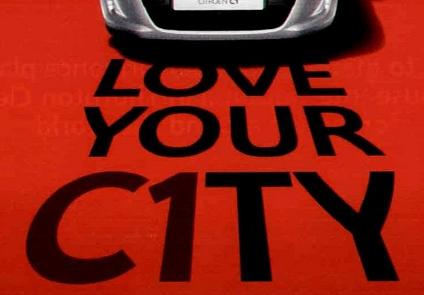












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Bristol City beat Gillingham 3-1 to retain their place at the top of the League One table going into the New Year.

The win at Priestfield was the Robins' 14th win of the season and sees them lead the pack at the halfway point of the season, as they have done for the majority of the campaign.

As for Gillingham they go into this afternoon's trip to Port Vale two points from safety after slipping to their tenth defeat this season.

Swindon head into today's match in second spot and just two points behind Steve Cotterill's side having beaten Vale 1-0 last time out courtesy of an Andy Williams goal.

Despite only managing a 1-1 draw with Crewe Alexandra, Preston North End climbed up to third in the table due to Walsall's eve-catching 3-0 win at stadiummk against Karl Robinson's MK Dons.

A Darren Potter own goal and a Tom Bradshaw brace got the Saddlers the points though defeat sees the Dons slip out of the automatic promotion places and into fourth.

Walsall therefore go into their encounter with Coventry City today having lost just once in nine games, five of those victories. Their visitors on the other hand were held to a goalless draw at home to Chesterfield in their final fixture of 2014.

Rounding off the Play-Off places are Bradford City and Sheffield United. The Bantams beat Notts County 1-0; Billy Knott with the only goal, while Sheffield United's game with Scunthorpe United was postponed.

Bradford's win is their fifth victory in seven league outings while County have lost five from



Bristol City's Grea Cunninaham and Gillinaham's Cody McDonald tangle last Sunday

their last eight, form that has seen them slip out of the top six.

Peterborough's miserable league form at the end of 2014 continued as they drew 0-0 at home with Doncaster Rovers. Failure to win means Darren Ferguson's men have won just once in ten league games.

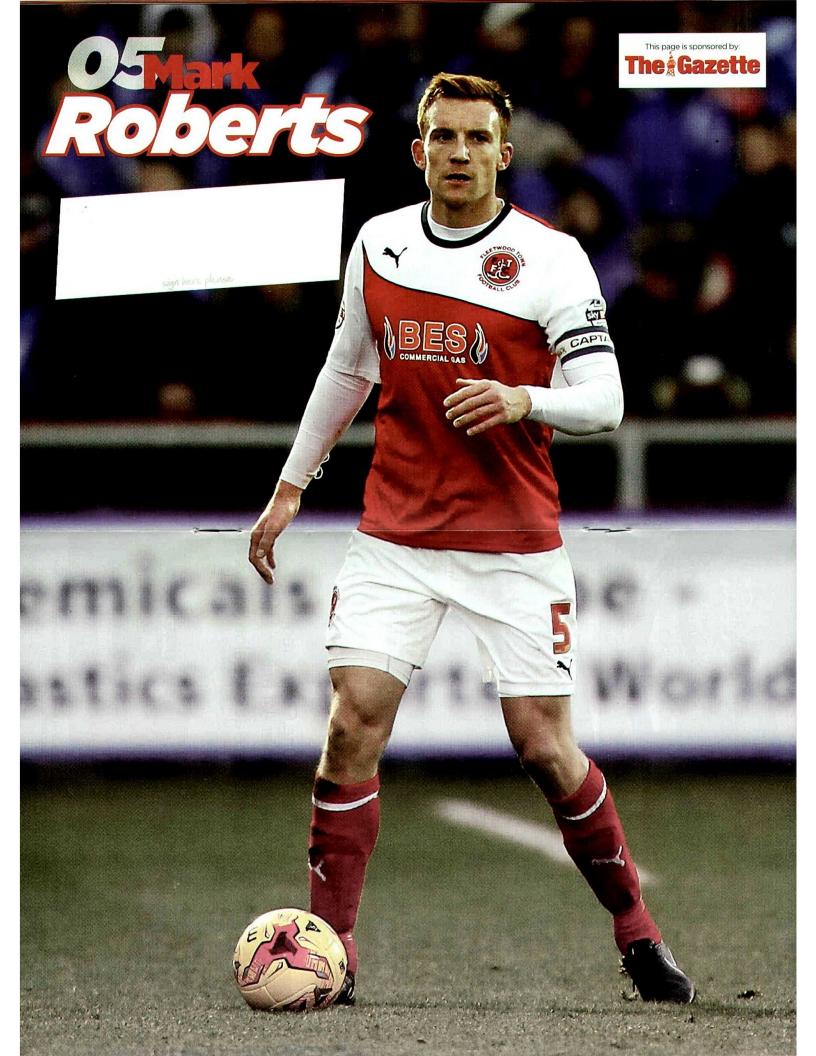
Crawley and Colchester United, two sides down at the bottom of the League One table for much of this season, were only able to manage a 0-0 draw though both would have hoped for all three. It was the start of a new era for Crawley as Dean Saunders is now in charge, replacing John Gregory who is on leave.

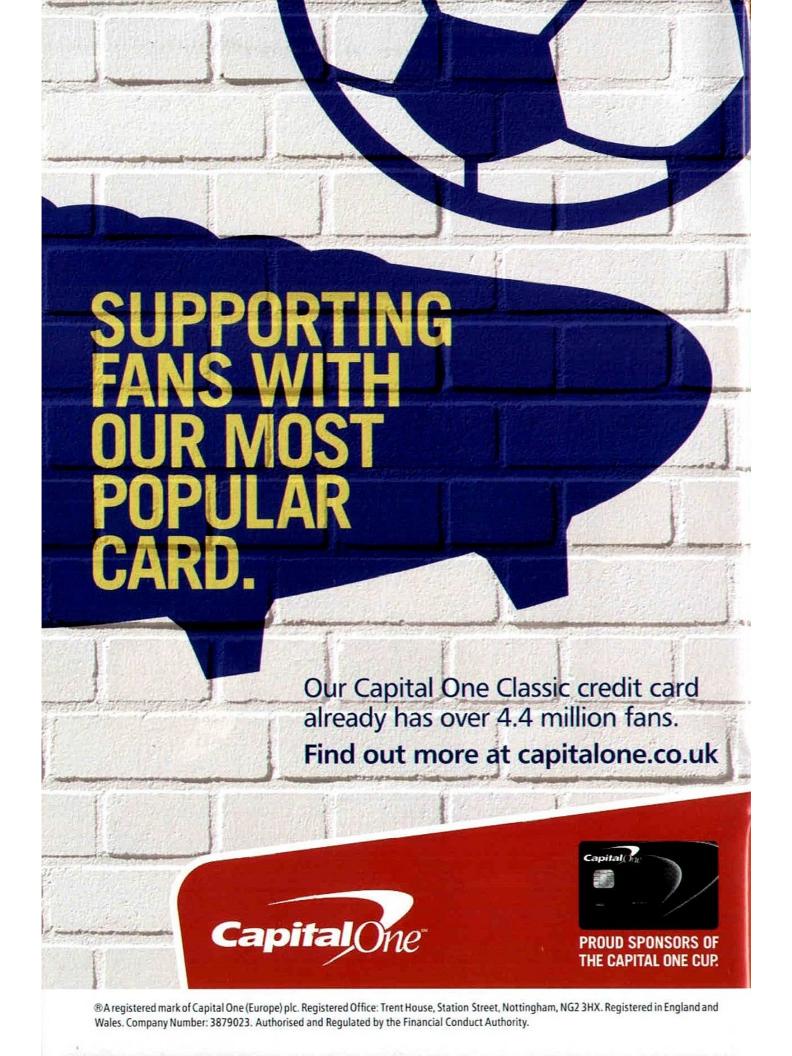
Oldham Athletic are another of the sides looking to make a break into the Play-Offs and faced Barnsley last time out. The other final fixture of 2014 in League One saw Yeovil tackle Leyton Orient.

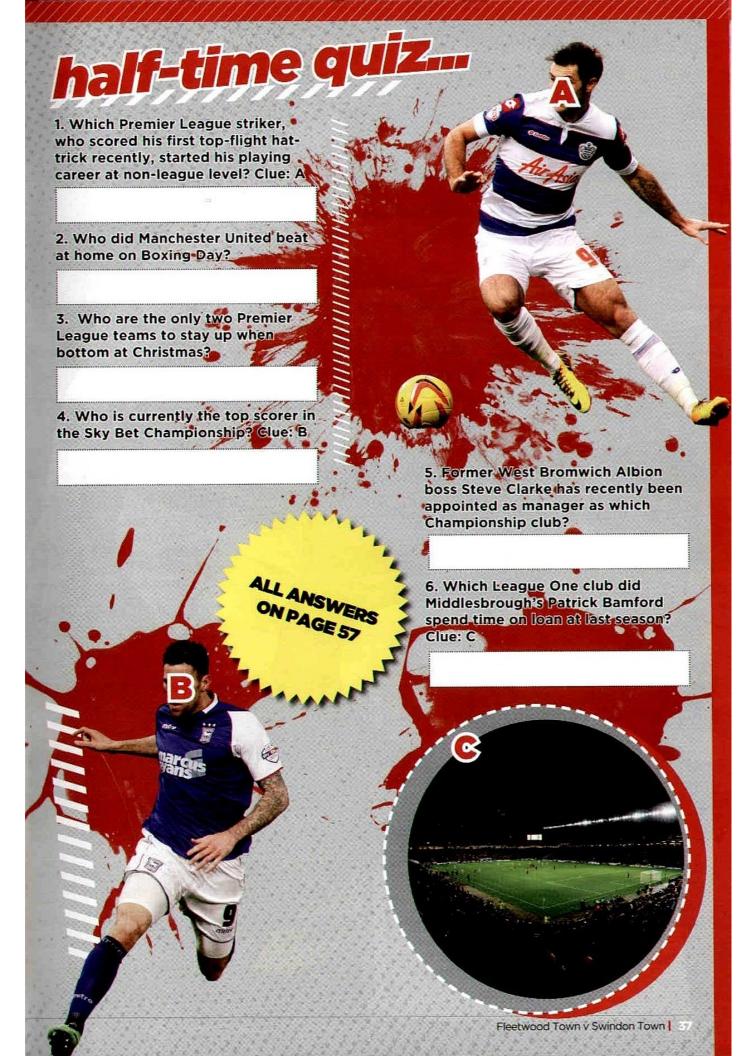
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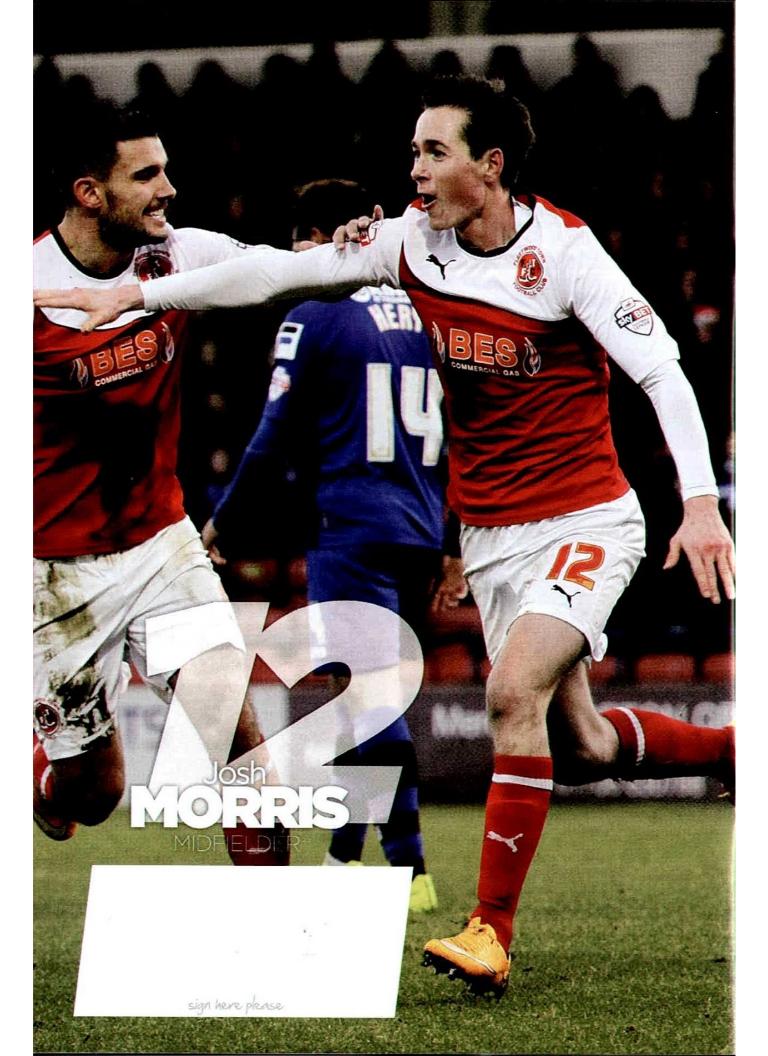
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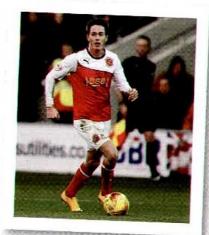
JOSH MORRIS

The winger's loan will finish at Fleetwood Town after this afternoon's game against Swindon Town.

Morris, born just down the road in Preston, came through the academy at Blackburn Rovers and made his debut for the Lancashire outfit in a heavy defeat at Manchester United.

A change in manager at Ewood Park saw Morris' first team opportunities limited and the youngster spent time on loan at Rotherham, Yeovil and Carlisle to gain more experience.

Signed by manager Graham Alexander last March on an initial month loan, he helped the Club



seal promotion at Wembley last May and has been a consistent performer in League One for the Cod Army.

Dirty Dozen League One number 12s

Adam Davies	Barnsley
Ben Williams	Bradford City
N/A	Bristol City
Sam Clucas	Chesterfield
Chris Lewington	Colchester United
Simeon Jackson	Coventry City
Joe Walsh	Crawley Town
N/A	Crewe Alexandra
Luke McCullough	Doncaster Rovers
Glenn Morris	Gillingham
Shane Lowry	Leyton Orient
Jordan Spence	Milton Keynes Dons
Jake Cassidy	Notts County
David Mellor	Oldham Athletic
Kyle Vassell	Peterborough United
Sam Johnson	Port Vale
Paul Gallagher	Preston North End
Stephen Dawson	Rochdale
Neil Bishop	Scunthorpe United
Marc McNulty	Sheffield United
Amari'i Bell	Swindon Town
N/A	Walsall
Artur Krysiak	Yeovil Town
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JUNIOR BROWN

For many Fleetwood Town fans seeing the number 12 shirt occupied by Junior Brown became the norm.

Having the ability to play anywhere down the left, Brown signed for the Club just after promotion to the old Blue Square Bet Prem in 2010 under then manager Micky Mellon.

Born in Crewe, Brown quickly became a fans favourite for his ability and direct style of play as he helped Fleetwood gain two promotions in four

Brown went on to make over 100 appearances for Town and even earnt recognition from the England C side when he was called up to face Italy at Highbury in February 2012.

Fleetwood fans waved goodbye to Brown at the end of the 2013/14 season as he left to join League Two outfit Oxford United.

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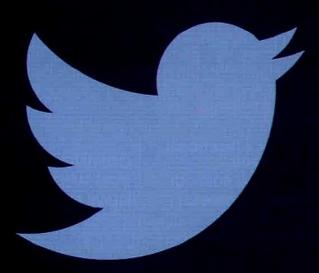
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The Blackpool Gazette reporter ROB STOCKS felt Town were unlucky not to beat today's opponents when they met in November 2014...

> irst of all a very Happy New Year to everyone at Highbury this afternoon.

2014 was, undeniably a very good 12 months for Fleetwood Town and one which will be long remembered.

The Club went to Wembley, won promotion and made a mark in the third tier of English football.

The win at Rochdale on Sunday (I think it was Sunday, I'd lost track of the days by that point) was an important one.

Town were in a rather precarious position after the Boxing Day defeat on home soil.

For the first time in the campaign they found themselves in the bottom half and closer to the drop zone than the Play-Offs.

I must admit I feared the worst when Grezza was forced to name a patched up side at Spotland against Rochdale who have been scoring goals for fun.

I like to be proved wrong and the performance that day was full of guts and showed just how deep this side can dig.

And it provided two goals - both very welcome given the rather concerning December drought.

To be fair Fleetwood could have scored the same number against Bradford City the last time we were all gathered here.

The margins had been agonisingly close, the width of a post, sometimes possibly a bootlace the difference between taking points and leaving empty-handed.

Had Danny Andrew made it to the break, had Stephen Crainey not been rushed into action, things might have been so different.

But today is a chance to make amends and build on that Dale result.

Yes, Swindon are flying high. But Fleetwood proved at the County Ground, and here against Bristol City and Sheffield United, they are well capable of mixing it with the best.

They were unlucky to leave Wiltshire with nothing to show for their troubles.

Maybe the tables can be turned today. I'm just hoping the New Year brings goals and plenty of them.

There are certainly a number in the camp who deserve reward for their graft - not least Jamie Proctor who has impressed me immensely since his return to the side.

Enjoy the game.



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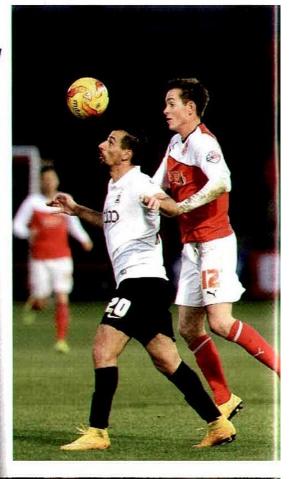
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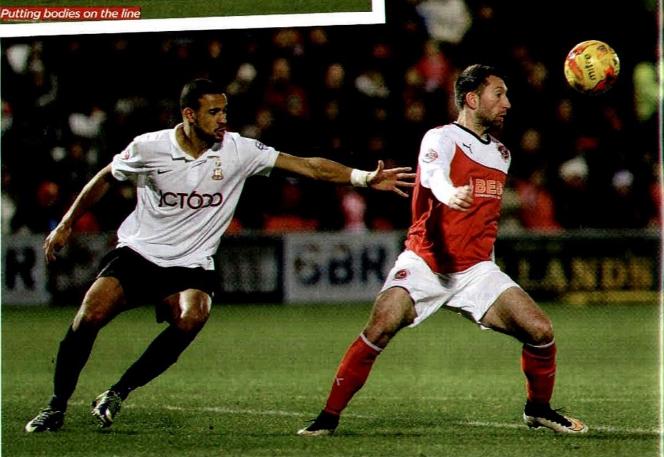
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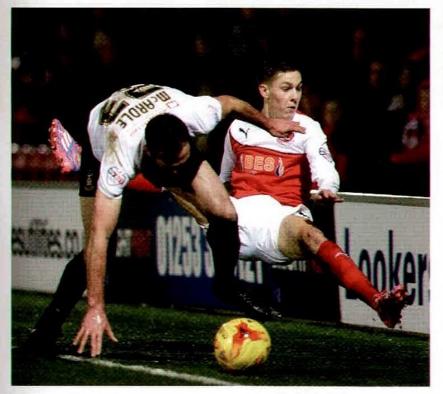














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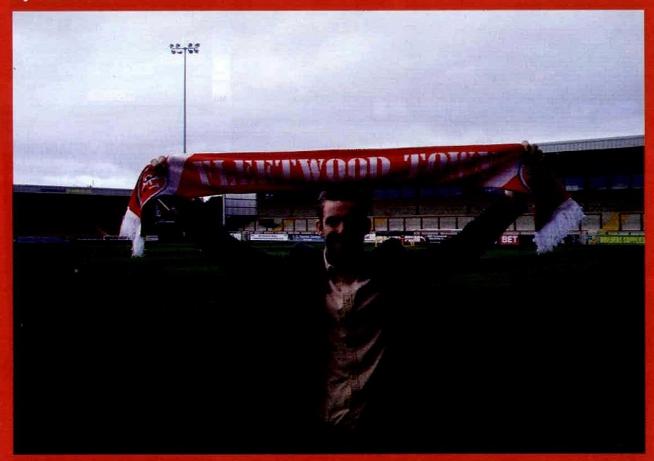




Planning ahead

OURTNEY BUSHEL

By Paul Collier



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I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING **FORWARD TO** THE TRAINING **GROUND BEING** READY NEXT YEAR...THESE REALLY ARE **EXCITING TIMES."**

Forward planning is key in the development of any successful football club. Fleetwood Town is no exception. The responsibility for helping to bring the future to life at **Highbury Stadium falls** to the Courtney Bushell. The recent university graduate is currently combining his long standing interest in football with acquired business acumen.

In his formative years, Courtney who was born in Blackpool and grew up in Carleton, showed considerable ability playing the game as he recalled recently

"I was destined to be interested in football. All of my family are either Manchester City or Manchester United fans and I got into playing at three years old. I started playing for Poulton youth but they didn't actually have an age group for me so I played in their under six team.

"I played for Poulton youth until I was ten and then I joined Staining. At eight years of age I managed to be accepted into the Blackburn Rovers School of Excellence where I went four times a week.

"The chance of getting into their Academy though was extremely slim. I think that there were about 60 kids and only one or two got picked. Sadly, I didn't make it but it was still a really good experience.

"I later had trials with Liverpool and I also had one with Manchester United, I then did 12 weeks at Liverpool's Academy which was good. The group got split in half after six weeks and I made it through while the other half got released.

"Liverpool though decided against taking me on so I went back to playing for Poulton Town. However, when I was 16 I tore a ligament in my knee and that kept me out for about a year. I never really got back to full fitness.

"I went into the sixth form where I had an interest in sport and business which led me on to university where I studied for an Honours degree in Sports Marketing at Leeds Metropolitian."

While at university, Courtney contacted the Club nearest to his home in Carleton as he recalled "We were required to do a two week placement and I came in here (Fleetwood Town) in January 2013.

"I worked in the commercial department and also worked with the marketing team. I ended up doing a further four or five short spells at the Club during the remainder of my spell at university.

"The culmination of my time here was being asked to work at Wembley in the summer for the Play-Off final. It was just a fantastic day and great to see the team get promoted.

"I worked that day in hospitality which was just huge. It was great to see 7,000 people go all the way to London from the little town of Fleetwood."

After the euphoria of the team winning the Play-Off, Courtney went away on holiday for two weeks.

When he returned, he became a permanent member of staff at Highbury Stadium and was duly appointed Business Development Officer.

He explained his position in a little more detail "The role is very varied and I do get involved in all sorts of things. At the moment, I am very involved in the new training ground development and I have been working with Steve Curwood and Martin Booker quite heavily on that.

"I have recently put together a full business plan relating to the new complex. I have also been to see some other centres similar to what we are building in Thornton. Last month, for example. I went to Stockport sports village which was a great experience and I have also visited Finch Farm which is Everton's training ground; that was also great to see. "

On a day to day basis, Courtney also works with Martin Booker as he explained "We go out and meet the Club partners and sponsors. I also take bookings

for hospitality which in turn leads to matchday.

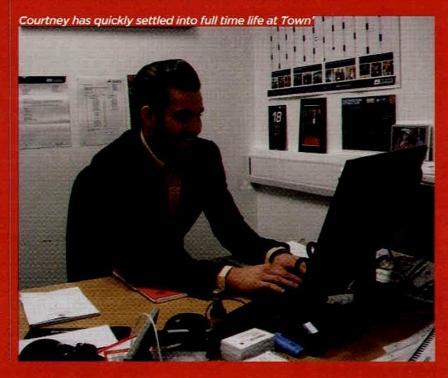
"I am located in the Parkside Suite for the games where I assist and host the guests. I get to meet and know the regulars which is good for customer relations as we get to know what people want and expect which can only be good really."

Finally, Courtney was keen to highlight his delight to be working for Fleetwood Town and expressed his feelings accordingly "Being here gives me an extra drive to do well for a Club which has been on the up for the past ten years.

"Everyone has got behind Fleetwood Town and, like everyone else; I just want us to continue to succeed. I am very much looking forward to the training ground being ready next year, having being involved in it from the start.

"I am sure that it is going to be amazing once it is finished. These really are exciting times."

Such optimistic words are spoken with utter conviction by the Club's newest recruit who is buoyant about the future of Fleetwood Town.



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

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FTFC Junior Talk

by Andy Smart @FleetwoodTwnJrs Facebook.com/FleetwoodTownJrs

U11s review

After our brilliant U8s review, I thought it would be fantastic to run a review on the team that I coach alongside Kevin Mcguirk and Brian Simey.

We are a great team of kids who are all best friends, but also a great group of parents too. I want to thank them all for their constant support over the past four years.

STEVEN McGUIRK - Still by far the goalkeeper with the best potential we have seen. If we can get the distribution right and a bit more ownership of his box he will be some goalkeeper!

TOM MERCY - Tom didn't have it easy when playing as part of the 7-a-side team but after a tough start to the season, hes not looked back, I'm not sure Tom knows how good he can be, but his coaches see it.

KYLE MYERSCOUGH - All we can say to Kyle is well done. To come back from a broken ankle and be back in the swing of things after a few months is amazing. He's almost in top gear.

NATHAN SIMEY - Starting to understand that he can be a great player. Nathan is strong and with a sweet left foot. Again has had it tough but seems to have turned a corner, keep going Nath!

MILLY DAWSON - Outstanding this season. So athletic, keeps things simple. We are finding it difficult to substitute Milly at the moment!

COREY CAMPBELL - Starting to show strength and had one





game against Poulton where he set himself the standard. Sweet Left foot!

JOHN GREENE - We have big plans for John and think he has fantastic leadership qualities too. Once we get him playing how he can consistently, we will have some player!

CHRIS HARDINGHAM -

Outstanding season so far, so fast and skillfull. All we ask is he keeps improving and learning new skills to beat a man. Well done Chris.

FRANCIS DONNELLY - Francis has the potential to be the leading scorer in the league. He knows where to the goal is. He is also a nightmare for defenders as he never gives them a second.

HARRY SMART - Superb season so far and he's come a long way from being timid. At points he's driven the team on and has been so disciplined in his new role.

JOE McDOWALL - What can we say about Joe, when he is on his game, he is frightening. I would have hated playing against Joe





when I was his age. Same as Chris, keep learning new skills Captain!

JORDAN BEAVERS - Just so lucky to have Jordan on board. Not just because he is such an amazing self taught footballer but also because he sets the standard on behaviour and attitude.

KYLE DAVIDSON - Kyle had such a tough start to the season but has turned that totally on its head. Three goals in two again sets the standard, and his link up play is as good as anyones in the team.

JOSEPH GORDON - If Joe can just understand that we are only just touching the sides with regards his talent, he could be frightening. We have had glimpses of a very special footballer, keep going Joe!

BAILEY STIRZAKER - What a player he can be, I feel hes only at about 40% of his potential. Hes a leader and the leading scorer too. Bailey has the ability to play comfortably in all positions. Keep at it Bay and you will be one hell of



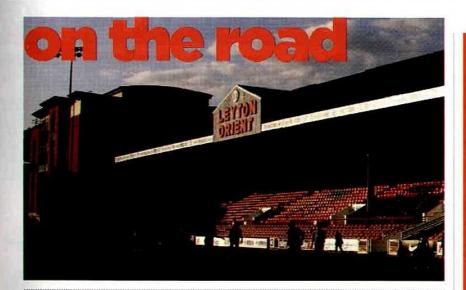
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The capital will be the first place that Fleetwood Town visit on their travels in 2015 when they face Leyton Orient on January 10th.

Orient have endured a difficult first half to the season and find themselves in the lower reaches of the division.

Former Italy international Fabio Liverani replaced Mauro Milanese as Orient manager at the start of December, as the latter reverted back to his previous role as Sporting Director.

Liverani, who had a seven-match spell in charge of Genoa last year, signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with the Brisbane Road outfit..

HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR?

Leave the M25 at Junction 27 and take the M11 towards London. At the end of the motorway keep in the right hand lane and follow the signs for the North Circular A406 (W). At the bottom of the flyover where the roads merge, move into the left-hand lane for the A104, then

at the roundabout turn left onto the A104 towards Leytonstone.

After about one mile, take the second exit continuing on the A104 towards Walthamstow & Leyton.

Half a mile further on, turn left at the traffic lights into Leyton Green Road (signposted to Leyton Leisure Lagoon & Lea Valley Sports).

Continue along this road and as you reach a large elevated block of flats on your right turn left into a short slip road that runs past the bus garage and then left into Leyton High Road.

Continue along Leyton High Road passing the Leyton Midland Road overground station. After passing a Jet Garage and as the High Road bears around to the left then the ground is beyond the High Road to the right.

HOW TO GET THERE BY TRAIN?

The nearest tube station is Leyton (about a 1/4 of a mile away) which is on the Central Line.

Come out of the station and turn

TICKET PRICES

On the day, Cod Army supporters will be situated in the East Stand which is on the side of the Brisbane Road ground.

Ticket information is as follows: Adults - £23; Concessions - £15; Under 18's - £5.

Please note under 18 prices rise to £6 if purchased on matchday, while adults increase to £25 and concessions to £16.

Concessions apply to over 65's, students with a valid ID card and current serving members of the armed forces with proof of affiliation.

Travel, as always, will be provided with coaches departing at 6am and are priced at £12.50 for season ticket holders and £25.00 for non-season ticket holders.

right down Leyton High Road. Cross over the road to the other side and continue down it.

You will come to Coronation Gardens on your left and the floodlights of the ground can be clearly seen behind them. Take the next left past the gardens into Buckingham Road for the ground.

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Food on offer inside includes a range of Shire Foods Pies; Chicken Balti (£2.50), Meat (£2.50). Plus Pizza Pods (£2.50), Pasties (£2.50), Sausage Rolls (£2.20), Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.20), Cheeseburgers (£3.40), Burgers (£3.20), Chicken Burgers (£3.40), Veggie Burgers (£3.20) and Soup (£1.30).

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MATTHEW BAILES

Age: 6 School: Charles Saer Primary School Favourite player: Matty Blair



ZACK MORRIS

Age: 5 School: Stanah Primary School Favourite player: Steven Schumacher

Fancy meeting your favourite Fleetwood players? Looking inside the Fleetwood dressing room where Graham Alexander and the team prepare before kick off? The mascot package is very popular with our young Fleetwood fans and is the perfect way to experience a match day.

THE MASCOT PACKAGE

- Aged between 4-11 years of age
- The mascot will run out of the tunnel with a player prior to Kickoff.
- The mascot will receive a Fleetwood Town football signed by all players.
- The mascots will feature in the matchday programme.
- The package includes two adult tickets to accompany the mascot.
- Official photographs taken with players and match official.

THE COST

• It costs £60 for the mascot and two accompanying adult tickets for the game. The following games are still available:

Crawley Town; Scunthorpe; Rochdale; Coventry; Yeovil Town; MK Dons; Colchester. All other home league games have been sold out!

Please book early by contacting the Community Trust on (01253) 775080 ext. 3 or via email community@fleetwoodtownfc.com

HALF-TIME QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Charlie Austin: 2. Manchester United: 3. West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland; 4.Daryl Murphy; 5. Reading; 6. Milton Keynes Dons













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Fleetwood Town supporter Carl Grimshaw claimed the cash prize in the last 50/50 draw of 2014 on Boxing Day.

Mr Grimshaw collected an impressive £821, a real Christmas bonus. Carl, whose winning ticket was

number 19540, purchased his ticket from the Parkside Suite, the lottery agent Laura Farley. The 50/50 team would like to wish everyone a

New Year and good luck for today's draw against Swindon Town.



youth **team**



With the curtain closing on the first half of the 2014/15 Youth Alliance League season; it has already been a memorable campaign for Fleetwood Town's youth team.

Craig Madden's side have enjoyed a respectable start to their league season, which has also included a historic FA Youth Cup run, to the third round stage of the competition.

Following an opening day defeat at Shrewsbury Town, the Cod Army recorded their first league win of the season away at Accrington Stanley, with goals from Jonny Conway and Louis Myers securing maximum points.

Town's short-term fortunes seemed to take somewhat of a dip following the win at Stanley, and they had to wait until the 18th October for their next win, which came in a 3-2 victory over neighbours, Morecambe.

Louis Myers had given the Cod Army the lead in first half stoppage time, before quick-fire goals at the start of the second half from Adam Reynolds and Cameron

Rigby gave the visitors the advantage.

Michael Muscat then equalised on the hour with a header. before Myers found his second of the game late on to win the game for Town.

A few days later, Fleetwood advanced to the second round of the FA Youth Cup following a 1-0 win over Accrington at Highbury.

Liam Wood's stunning finish in the 59th minute was enough to send Fleetwood into the hat, in what was to be the start of a historic adventure for Madden's side.

Having scored the winner, Wood then stated his delight to the club website: "I'm

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delighted to get my name on the score-sheet. It's a special day and I'm just glad that it was capped off with a win.

"To score the winning goal and to send Fleetwood Town through to the next round is truly amazing. It's the best feeling in the world and I am delighted, we fully deserved it."

Fleetwood were rewarded with a tie against Sheffield United in the second round, which would be played at Highbury in the middle of November.

Town continued their fine form with a 4-3 victory over Carlisle United the following Saturday.

Goals from Conor Smith, a double from defender Muscat, and Shane Glean had given the Cod Army a four goal cushion.

However, the Cumbrians grabbed a quick-fire trio of goals, with Jason Blackhorne's penalty, and goals from Jake Elliot and Jack Bradbury to set up a tense finish.

Coach Mark Bowley revealed his delight after the win: "In the first half the lads did





exceptionally well and it was a well-earned victory in the end. despite the nervy end to it."

It was four wins from four the following week, with a Myers double securing a 2-1 win over Tranmere Rovers.

Town secured a place in the third round of the FA Youth Cup later that month, following a 3-1 win against the Blades.

Despite trailing to a Dominic Calvert-Lewis strike. Fleetwood roared back in style, with Glean, Myers and Jordan Hancox securing a third round tie away at Premier League Sunderland.

After the win, Steve Carlin, a Sunderland supporter himself, was ecstatic with the team's performance.

"I thought the boys were outstanding. Their heart, their desire, their strength, the way they passed the ball on Highbury was just a pleasure to watch.

"They wanted everything more than Sheffield United, and just the way they played was fantastic tonight."

A month later. Fleetwood travelled up to the North East to take on Sunderland in the third round, and despite a 4-0 defeat it was still a proud and historic night for the Club.



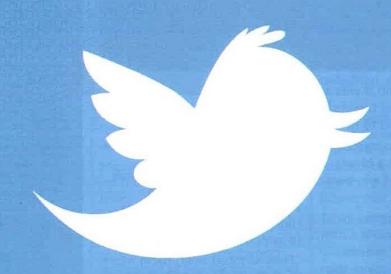
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2	Swindon Town	23	7	3	2	21	12	7	2	2	23	10	+22	47
3	Preston North End	23	6	4	1	20	12	7	2	3	16	9	+15	45
4	Milton Keynes Dons	22	8	2	2	33	12	5	3	2	15	10	+26	44
5	Bradford City	23	4	3	5	15	16	6	3	2	16	10	+5	36
6	Sheffield United	22	4	4	3	12	10	5	2	4	16	16	+2	33
7	Chesterfield	23	5	3	3	16	14	3	5	4	16	17	+1	32
8	Rochdale	23	3	3	6	13	16	6	1	4	26	15	+8	31
9	Notts County	22	3	2	6	12	16.	5	5	1	15	8	+3	31
10	Péterborough	23	4	3	5	14	16	5	1	5	16	13	+1	31
11	Walsall	23	4	4	3	13	10	3	5	4	10	12	+1	30
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14	Doncaster Rovers	22	2	3	5	8	13	6	3	3	15	14	-4	30
15	Port Vale	23	5	2	4	16	15	3	3	6	13	17	-3	29
16	Barnsley	22	4	2	5	21	21	3	3	5	11	14	-3	26
17	Coventry City	23	4	5	3	13	14	2	3	6	11	17	-7	26
18	Scunthorpe United	21	4	1	5	11	16	3	4	4	17	20	-8	26
19	Gillingham	23	4	4	4	17	18	2	3	6	10	17	-8	25
20	Crawley Town	23	4	4	4	12	17	1	4	6	9	19	-15	23
21	Crewe Alexandra	23	4	3	5	11	18	2	2	7	9	23	-21	23
22	Leyton Orient	22	2	3	6	15	17	3	4	4	14	17	-5	22
23	Colchester United	23	2	2	7	12	20	3	4	5	15	20	-13	21
24	Yeovil Town	22	1	4	6	5	16	4	1	6	14	17	-14	20

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ROBB COBB TURNS BACK TO CLOCKS TEN YEARS AGO WITH A BIZARRE CHANGE OF LINESMAN AGAINST ATHERTON...

n this very afternoon in 2005 we were 4th in the North West Counties League Division One and visiting the bottom club **Atherton Collieries who** we had beaten 3-0 in the reverse fixture in October.

Town had been out of sorts in the previous few games but this looked like a good chance for a few goals and a nice win to bring in the New Year in style. The previous Saturday's Christmas derby clash at home to Squires Gate had fallen foul to a waterlogged pitch so we were desperate to see a game. The usual low attendance here was swollen to 80, probably

because Collieries had won the local derby 3-0 away against Atherton LR on Boxing Day.

The first half went according to plan on the glutinous surface with Lennie Reid scoring his fourth goal of the season for Town with a cross cum shot from the right which looped over the goalkeeper.

Towards half-time Atherton were pinned back and Stuart Beech marked his first appearance back at the Club by going agonisingly close.

Fleetwood's best player, who had been playing for Farsley Celtic while at Leeds University, saw his header pushed against the bar.

Manager Tony Greenwood wasn't happy with a bizarre substitution in the first half.

Someone in a tracksuit from the home dugout was recruited as a linesman when the match referee limped off injured and handed the whistle to his senior assistant.

"We told the ref that this wasn't Sunday football but it made no difference" fumed Greenwood. "Usually a referee will appeal for a volunteer but this one simply went straight to Atherton's dugout."

In the second half striker Lee Catlow just failed to get on the end of a Richard Duffy cross and Kevin Barnes twice wasted good opportunities before Fleetwood paid for their wastefulness.

Atherton forced the ball home after two or three shots were blocked in a melee fifteen minutes from time. Two points had been dropped against a team that was there for the taking and who were relegated well before the end of the season.

I still have the match programme which was an A4 sheet folded in two.

The Town team was Banks, Dashti, Rigby, Cook, Cygal, Beech, Reid, Cheal, Hughes, Catlow, Barnes. Subs. Miller, Duffy, Cooper.

Swindon Town were playing in Football League Division Two on the same afternoon and had a home game against Bournemouth.

A crowd of 7,158 saw The Cherries streak ahead through James Hayter after only five minutes but Town drew level ten minutes later from a Tommy Mooney shot.

Mooney won the game late on with a looping header to the back post and the home crowd seemed to suck it in via the goal post.

At the end of that season Swindon failed to gain promotion by losing on penalties to Brighton in the Play-Off semi-finals.

Finally, I would like to take this chance to wish a Happy New Year to you all!



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