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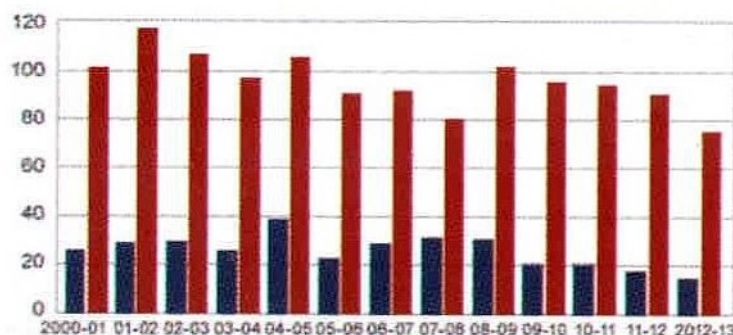
Domestic violence increases 25% during world cup games

On average 2 women a week are killed by a former or current partner that's 104 women a year in the UK alone

People in England & Wales killed by partner or ex-partner

Deaths

■ Male victims ■ Female victims



Source: Home Office

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JUNIOR	£135	£155
JUNIOR LORNE STREET	£145	£160
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9-11 YEARS LORNE STREET*	£80	£80
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MANAGER'S NOTES

# STILL PLENTY TO DO

**HELLO TO YOU ALL, INCLUDING MARK COOPER AND HIS SWINDON TOWN TEAM THAT IS ENJOYING A FINE SEASON SO FAR AND WILL INEVITABLY GIVE US A STERN TEST OF OUR OWN RECENT IMPRESSIVE FORM.**

To be successful and admired any manager has to have a combination of results and performance over a very long season and I feel justified in feeling a cautious level of satisfaction in what we have produced in recent weeks.

We have fulfilled both requirements and credit is due to the lads for how they have turned our season round and not allowed themselves to dwell on defeats so that they become a habit. Setbacks will inevitably continue to occur – as happened in our previous home fixture – but now it is about reacting to them positively so that overall progress is maintained.

And we must show we can continue to do so despite losing Ryan Inniss who has gone back to Crystal Palace because of injury. Naturally we have players who can come in and it is up to them – and the rest of the side – to adapt and make as little of the disruption as possible. Squad strength plays a big part but good sides can do that so our perception of ourselves will be challenged on that score.

Ryan has done really well for us and it's disappointing to lose him in such a way but I wish him well, as I do Chris Lines who has gone on loan to Bristol Rovers. He is a model pro who deserves to be playing regularly and the move will do him the world of good.

Today's game sees us celebrating the work of Kick It Out, football's equality and inclusion organisation, as part of its 'Season of Action'. This season it is giving a special focus to promoting grassroots and community activity, and it is vital clubs like ours lead by example in creating a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment for people from all backgrounds to enjoy their football.

The football community has a responsibility, whether it be as managers, players, staff, administrators or supporters, to take a zero-tolerance approach towards discrimination and show a unified stance in endorsing Kick It Out's message of making our game available to anybody wanting to be involved.

At Port Vale we are very proud of the atmosphere, the behaviour of our fans and the respect that they show towards all players, managers, club officials and to each other.

Enjoy today's match and if you see, hear or are on the receiving end of discriminatory abuse in the stadium today, make sure to report it immediately to a steward, or via the free Kick It Out app.

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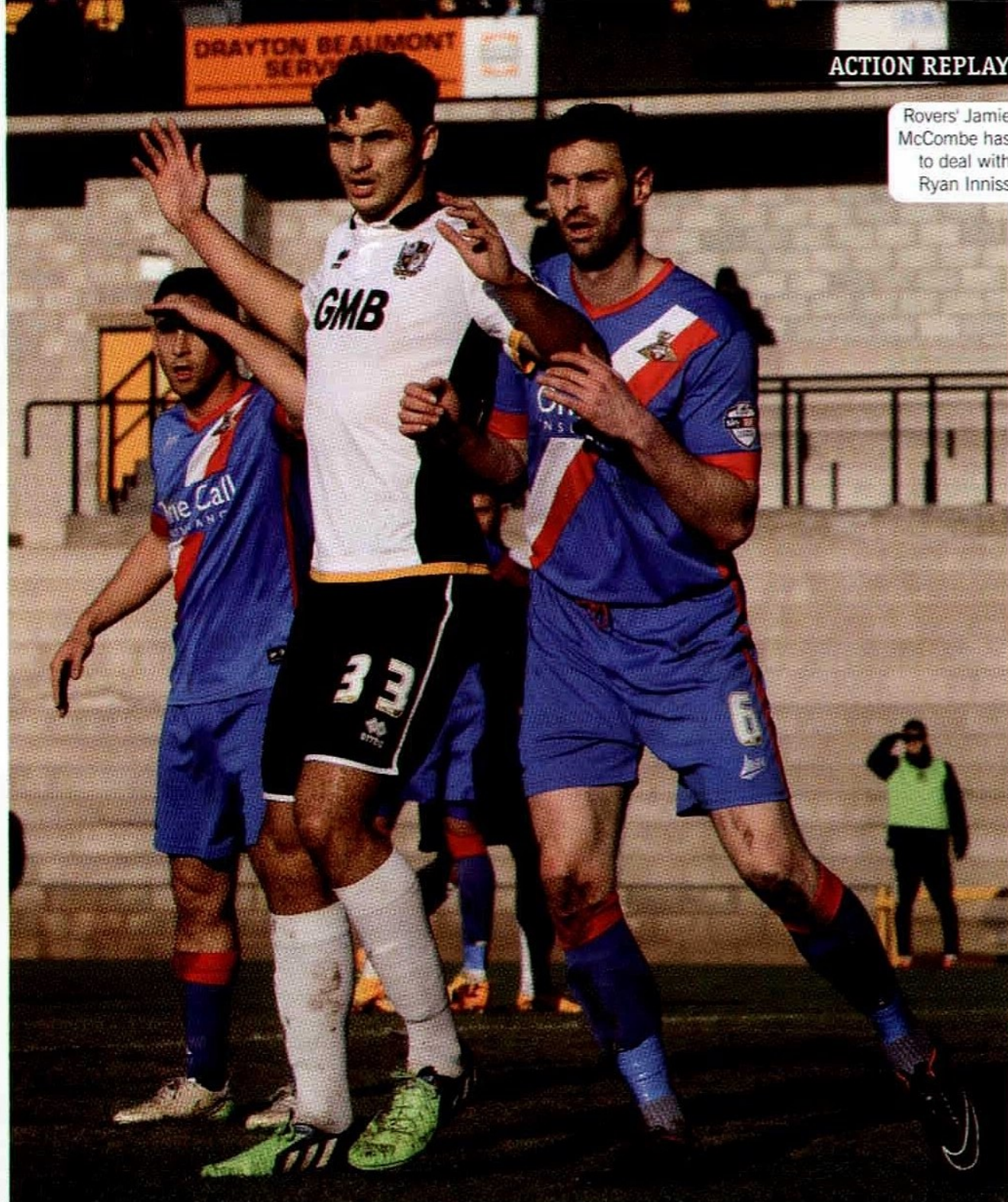
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Rovers' Jamie McCombe has to deal with Ryan Inniss



## FROM THE SIDELINES

### PORT VALE 3 DONCASTER ROVERS 0



Match Report: Dave Johnson | Photos: Gerard Austin

Vale put in another gritty performance to take all three points and to complete a league double at the same time, against an impressive Doncaster Rovers side who had occupied one of the play-off places going into the game. First half strikes from Mark Marshall and Fredi Veseli put the Valiants in the driving seat, but the visitors came back strongly in the second half. But with three minutes of normal time remaining, Byron Moore netted from an acute angle with his first goal for the club, which, along with another clean sheet put the icing on the cake.



**PORT  
VALE**

**3**

**DONCASTER  
ROVERS**

**0**

Marshall 7, Veseli 38, Moore 87

**DATE:** Saturday 21st February 2015

**VENUE:** Vale Park

**COMPETITION:** SkyBet League 1

**ATTENDANCE:** 5,173 including 740 visiting supporters

## PORT VALE

Chris Lines  
Fredri Veseli  
Ryan Inniss  
Chris Robertson  
Carl Dickinson  
Byron Moore  
Michael Brown  
Michael O'Connor  
Mark Marshall  
Ben Williamson  
Tom Pope

### SUBS

Sam Johnson, Adam Yates,  
Ryan McGivern, Chris Birchall,  
Chris Lines, Tommy O'Sullivan,  
Louis Dodds

## DONCASTER ROVERS

Stephen Bywater  
Dean Furman  
Jamie McCombe  
Abdul Razak  
Harry Forrester  
Nathan Tyson  
Andy Butler  
Enda Stevens  
Richie Wellens  
Reece Wabara  
Kyle Bennett

### SUBS

Marko Marosi, Cedric Evina,  
Theo Robinson, Curtis Main,  
Luke McCullough, Uche Ikpeazu,  
Billy Whitehouse



This early header from Tom Pope ought to have served as a warning to Rovers

Byron Moore turns away delighted after grabbing his first goal in a Vale shirt



Chris Robertson attempts to get on the score sheet



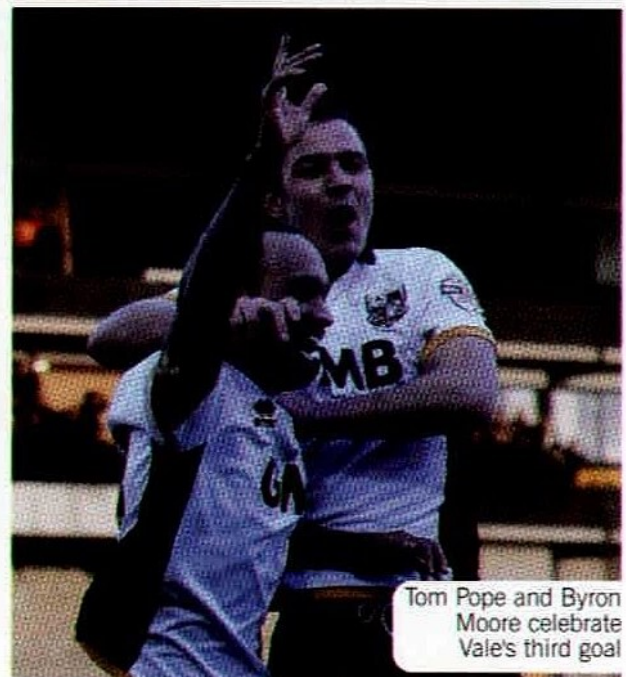
There's no hiding Mark Marshall's delight after opening the scoring



Byron Moore cuts inside late on in the game



Tom Pope and Byron Moore celebrate Vale's third goal



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Carl Dickinson  
shows who is  
boss down  
Vale's left flank



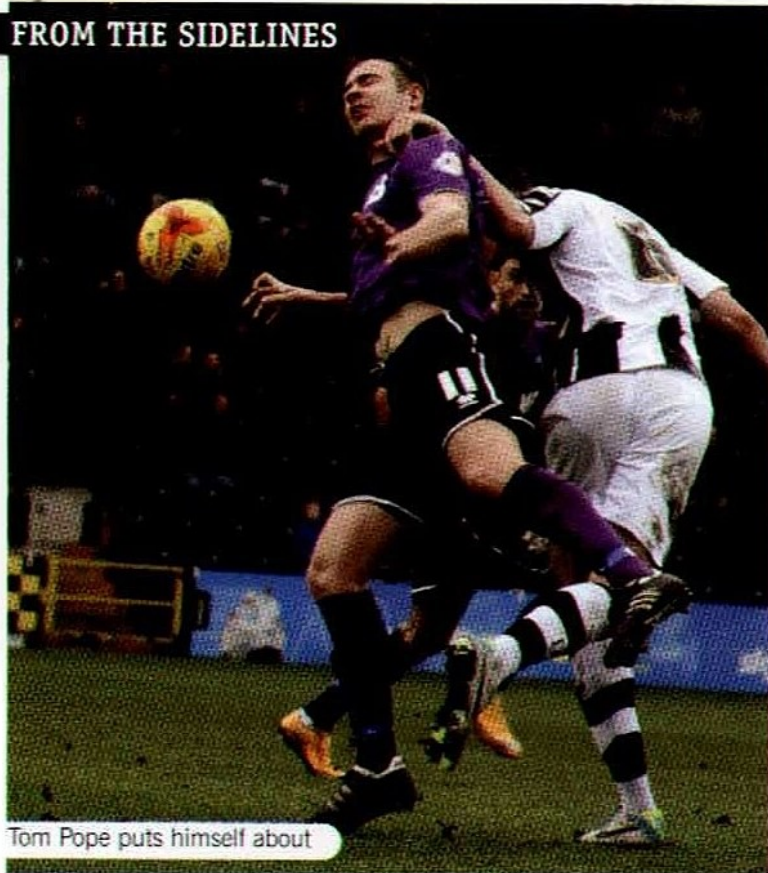
## FROM THE SIDELINES

**NOTTS COUNTY 0 PORT VALE 1**

Match Report: Dave Johnson | Photos: Gerard Austin

Vale chalked up their third success on the bounce and just as satisfying for boss Rob Page, a third clean sheet to go with it at Meadow Lane. Vale had Mark Marshall to thank for the only goal of the game after just seven minutes, but this victory was not down to any single player, it was a team performance worthy of the three points. They didn't dominate the whole ninety minutes and at times it was backs to the wall stuff, but every player out there wearing a Vale shirt gave their all for the cause and deserved to get their rewards.





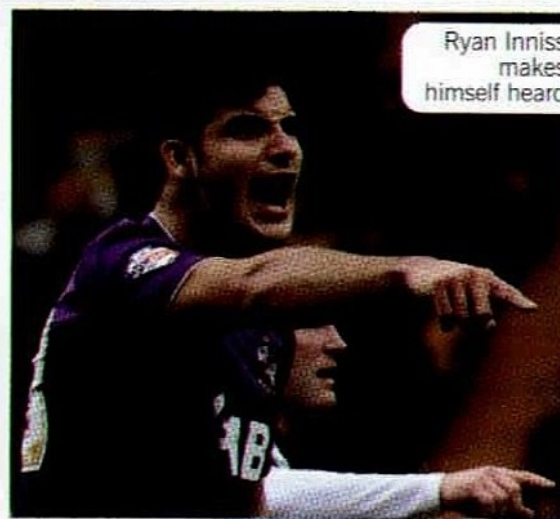
Tom Pope puts himself about



Chris Neal commands his box



Ryan Inniss makes himself heard



Goal scorer Mark Marshall is congratulated by Tom Pope





**NOTTS  
COUNTY**

**0 PORT  
VALE**

**1**

Marshall 7

**DATE:** Saturday 28th February 2015

**VENUE:** Meadow Lane

**COMPETITION:** SkyBet League 1

**ATTENDANCE:** 5,179 including 974 visiting supporters

### WALSALL

Roy Carroll  
Blair Adams  
Hayden Mullins  
Haydn Hollis  
Garry Thompson  
Curtis Thompson  
Liam Noble  
Paddy McCourt  
Balint Bajner  
Mike Edwards  
Jamal Campbell-Rice

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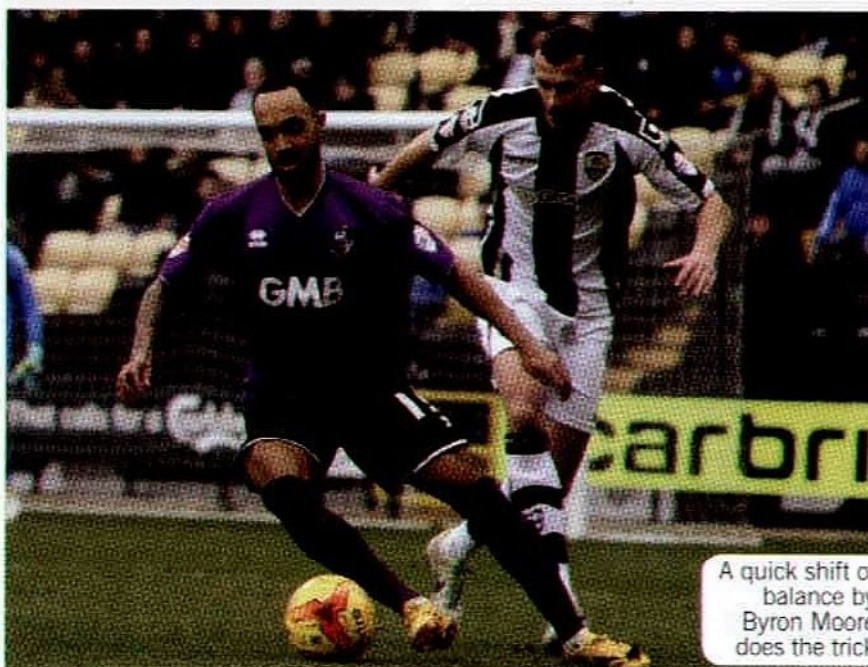
Kevin Pilkington, Alan Smith,  
Will Hayhurst, Sean Newton,  
Gary Jones, Billy Daniels,  
Kaiyne Woolery

### PORT VALE

Chris Neal  
Carl Dickinson  
Chris Robertson  
Ben Williamson  
Tom Pope  
Michael O'Connor  
Michael Brown  
Byron Moore  
Mark Marshall  
Fredenc Veseli  
Ryan Inniss

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Louis Dodds, Chris Lines,  
Tommy O'Sullivan



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# VALE SHORTS

#	Player	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Joined	Career to Date
1	Chris Neal	23.10.85	St Albans	Jul-12	Shrewsbury Town, Preston NE
2	Adam Yates	28.05.83	Stoke-on-Trent	Jul-09	Morecambe, Crewe Alexandra
3	Carl Dickinson	30.03.87	Sutton-in-Ashfield	Jul-13	Stoke, Watford, Leeds (L), Barnsley (L), Coventry (L), Portsmouth (L), Blackpool (L)
4	Chris Robertson	11.10.85	Dundee	Jul-13	Preston NE, Torquay Utd, Chester C (L), Sheffield Utd
5	Ryan McGivern	08.01.90	Newry	Jul-14	Hibernian, Bristol C (L), C Palace (L), Walsall (L), Leicester C (L), Morecambe (L), Manchester City
6	Richard Duffy	30.08.85	Swansea	Jul-12	Exeter City, Millwall, Portsmouth, Coventry City (L), Swansea City
7	Chris Birchall	05.05.84	Stafford	Jan-13	Columbus Crew, LA Galaxy, Brighton & HA, Carlisle Utd (L), St Mirren (L), Coventry City, Port Vale
8	Louis Dodds	08.10.86	Sheffield	Jul-08	Lincoln City (L), Rochdale (L), Northwich Victoria (L), Leicester City
9	Ben Williamson	25.12.88	London	Jul-11	Hyde, Bournemouth (L), Jerez Industrial, Glenn Hoddle Academy, Worthing FC
10	Chris Lines	30.11.85	Bristol	Jul-13	Sheffield Wed, Bristol Rovers
11	Tom Pope	27.08.85	Stoke-on-Trent	Jul-11	Rotherham Utd, Crewe Alexandra
12	Sam Johnson	01.12.92	Newcastle-u-Lyme	Jul-07	Port Vale Youth, Alfreton Town (L)
14	Colin Daniel	15.02.88	Eastwood, Notts	Jul-14	Manisfield, Macclesfield, Grays (L), Crewe Alex, Eastwood Town
15	Michael O'Connor	06.10.87	Belfast	Jul-14	Rotherham, Scunthorpe, Lincoln (L), Crewe
17	Michael Brown	25.01.77	Hartlepool	Jul-14	Leeds, Portsmouth, Wigan, Fulham, Tottenham, Sheff U (L), Portsmouth (L), Hartlepool (L), Manchester City
18	Tommy O'Sullivan	18.01.95	Pontypridd	Mar-15	Cardiff City
19	Byron Moore	24.08.88	Stoke on Trent	Jul-14	Crewe Alex
20	Mark Marshall	09.08.86	Jamaica	Jul-14	Coventry, Barnet, Hereford, Swindon T
21	Frederic Veseli	22.11.92	Switzerland	Jul-14	Ipswich Town, Bury (L), Manchester United, Manchester City
22	Ryan Lloyd	01.02.94	Newcastle-u-Lyme	Jul-02	Port Vale Youth
23	Ryan Boot	09.11.94	Derby	Jul-11	Worcester City (L), Norton United (L), Newcastle Town (L)
24	Nathan Smith	03.04.96	Madeley	Jul-12	Port Vale Youth, Stafford R (L)
26	Alex Nimely	11.05.91	Monrovia	Nov-14	Manchester City, Middlebrough (L), Coventry (L), Crystal Palace (L)
27	Enoch Andoh	01.01.93	Ghana	Nov-14	AEL Limassol, FC Porto
28	Achille Campion	10.03.90	Levallois, France	Sep-14	Norby IF, Baton Rouge Capitals, Belhaven Blazers
29	Kaid Mohamed	23.07.84	Cardiff	Jul-13	Cheltenham, AFC Wimbledon, Bath City, Forest Green Rovers, Swindon T, Cwmbran T, AFC Wimbledon (L), Bristol Rovers (L), Northampton T (L)
38	Aziz Deen-Conteh	14.01.93	Sierra Leone	Nov-14	Chelsea, Ergotelis

# RESERVES & YOUTH



## FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE FIXTURES 2014-15

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 24th	Walsall	2-1
Tue 30th	Shrewsbury (LC)	3-0

### OCTOBER

Wed 15th	WIGAN ATHLETIC	5-1
Wed 22nd	WALSALL (LC)	0-2

### NOVEMBER

Tue 4th	Newcastle Town (SSC)	5-1
Tue 11th	Shrewsbury Town	3-1
Wed 26th	WREXHAM	0-2

### DECEMBER

Wed 3rd	MORECAMBE	4-0
Wed 17th	STOKE (LC)	3-0

### JANUARY

Tue 6th	NORTON U (SSC)	2-1
Wed 27th	Tranmere Rovers	2-1

### FEBRUARY

Wed 18th	Wrexham	3-1
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### MARCH

Tue 10th	TRANMERE ROVERS	2-1
Wed 18th	Wigan Athletic	2pm
Mon 23rd	Morecambe	2pm
Tue 31st	WALSALL	2pm

### APRIL

Wed 1st	Leek Town (SSC)	7.45
Wed 15th	SHREWSBURY TOWN	1pm

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## PORT VALE YOUTH



## NORTH WEST ALLIANCE

**PORT VALE 0  
PRESTON NORTH END 1**

The Vale youth team lost to a last minute penalty in a game that was unusual as both keepers were sent off. A tight game was livened up in the 67th minute when Dan Turner raced clear only for the Preston 'keeper to come racing out of his box to bring him down. A red card resulted but Vale couldn't take advantage from the free kick as Omar Haughton's shot was charged down and Lewis Bergin fired the rebound wide.

In the final minute a Preston striker raced through only for Callum Ferrie to commit a similar foul only this time it was in the box and besides receiving a red card for Ferrie, Preston had a penalty. Vale sub 'keeper Harry Pickering came on but he couldn't save the spot kick.

**Vale team:** Ferrie, Gibbon, Clarke, Reeves, Faulkner, Bergin, Lewis (B.Ede 18), Steele, Kapend, Turner, Haughton

## RESERVES NEWS

### STAFFS SENIOR CUP



In the semi-finals we have been drawn away to Leek Town and this game will be played on Wednesday 1st April, kick off 7.45pm. The other semi-final is between Stafford Rangers and Walsall Wood and the final will be staged at Vale Park on Monday 20th April, kick off 7.45 pm.

### FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CUP

In the semi-finals of the Final Third Development League Cup, the Vale reserve side have been drawn at home to Wigan Athletic on a date still to be determined. The other semi-final is between Derby County and Middlesbrough.



## NEXT PORT VALE RESERVES OUTING

The next scheduled reserve fixture is on Wednesday 18th March, when we will be away to Wigan Athletic. Kick-off is at 2pm at the Robin Park Arena, next door to the DW stadium. It will be a big game in deciding the title this season and only Vale and Wigan can win it.

At the moment Vale need 8 points from 4 games to win the division which could turn out to be a treble with semi-finals in two other competitions looming.


**PORT VALE RESERVES  
FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT  
LEAGUE CUP WEST DIVISION**


	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Shrewsbury Town	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Walsall	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Stoke City	3	0	1	2	1	6	1

League table as at 25th February 2015

**FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT  
LEAGUE WEST DIVISION**


	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan Athletic	9	6	1	2	19	16	19
<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
Walsall	6	3	0	3	9	7	9
Shrewsbury Town	7	2	2	3	12	13	8
Wrexham	7	2	0	5	10	14	6
Tranmere Rovers	6	1	2	3	11	13	5
Morecambe	6	1	1	4	8	18	4

League table as at 5th March 2015

**PORT VALE YOUTH  
NORTH WEST  
YOUTH ALLIANCE**


	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	23	16	3	4	50	25	51
Wigan Athletic	22	14	5	3	54	21	47
Rochdale	21	14	2	5	49	28	44
Preston North End	24	12	6	6	46	24	42
Tranmere Rovers	23	11	7	5	40	35	40
Walsall	21	12	3	6	33	20	39
Burnley	23	11	5	7	54	41	38
Oldham Athletic	20	11	2	7	43	27	35
Blackpool	24	9	5	10	38	39	32
Wrexham	24	8	4	12	41	48	28
<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>
Shrewsbury Town	22	7	5	10	46	46	26
Carlisle United	24	6	8	10	32	50	26
Accrington Stanley	22	3	3	16	24	57	12
Fleetwood Town	22	4	0	18	13	47	12
Morecambe	23	3	1	19	21	70	10

League table as at 5th March 2015


**YOUTH ALLIANCE  
LEAGUE FIXTURES  
2014-15**
**AUGUST**

Sat 2nd	WREXHAM	1-2
Fri 8th	Preston North End	0-3
Sat 16th	ROCHDALE	1-4
Tue 26th	Fleetwood Town	1-0
Sat 30th	Bury (YAC)	3-2

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat 6th	TRANMERE ROVERS	1-1
Sat 13th	Bury	2-4
Wed 17th	Lincoln City (MYC1)	2-2*
Sat 20th	SHREWSBURY	3-2
Sat 27th	ACCRINGTON	2-1

**OCTOBER**

Sat 4th	CARLISLE U (YAC2)	1-2
Sat 11th	BLACKPOOL	0-2
Sat 25th	WALSALL	1-3

**NOVEMBER**

Sat 1st	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	4-1
Thu 6	Ellesmere R (FAYC1)	2-1
Sat 15th	MORECAMBE	1-0
Tue 18th	BURY (FAYC2)	3-4**
Sat 22nd	Wigan Athletic	1-4
Sat 29th	Carlisle United	1-2

**DECEMBER**

Sat 20th	Wrexham	4-0
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**JANUARY**

Sat 3rd	Blackpool	3-2
Sat 24th	Walsall	0-1

**FEBRUARY**

Mon 9th	Burnley	2-2
Sat 14th	FLEETWOOD TOWN	4-0
Wed 25	CARLISLE UNITED	0-0
Sat 28th	BURY	0-3

**MARCH**

Wed 4th	PRESTON NE	0-1
Sat 7th	Shrewsbury Town	2-1
Sat 14th	BURNLEY	11am
Sat 21st	Oldham Athletic	11am
Fri 27th	Accrington Stanley	12pm

**APRIL**

Sat 4th	WIGAN ATHLETIC	11am
Wed 8th	Rochdale	1pm
Sat 11th	Morecambe	11am
Sat 18th	Tranmere Rovers	11am

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**VALE** maintained their play-off push with a hard-fought victory at relegation-threatened **COVENTRY CITY**. However, they made the worst possible start when Jim O'Brien fired the hosts into a fourth minute lead. The Sky Blues failed to kick on as goals from Tom Pope and Mark Marshall turned the game before the break. Sanmi Odelusi came off the bench to make it 2-2, only for Michael O'Connor's superb free-kick to earn Vale the points.

George Waring netted twice to see **BARNSELY** to their fifth-successive league win. Waring, on-loan from Stoke City, poked home the first, before doubling his side's advantage with twenty minutes left. Sam Winnall added a late third to move the Tykes up to eighth place, while **WALSALL** drop to fifteenth.

**BRISTOL CITY** remain ten-points clear at the top of League One following a late-win at struggling **CRAWLEY**. Anthony Wordsworth had cancelled out Aden Flint's headed strike after the break, but Luke Ayling met a free-kick to see the Robins home.

Greg Leigh's fantastic effort helped **CREWE** see-off **SCUNTHORPE** at Gresty Road. Following a goalless first-half, the Man City-loanee let fly for the opener, with Marcus Haber sealing victory less than a minute later. The Railwaymen moved level on points with their opponents and seven points clear of the drop-zone.

**DONCASTER** still occupy the final play-off place after a hard-earned point at **GILLINGHAM**. Harry Forrester put Donny in front in the 40th minute in spectacular fashion,

# Around LEAGUE ONE



only for John Marquis to equalise minutes later.

Second-half goals from Callum Robinson and Joe Garner condemned **MK DONS** to their fifth defeat in seven matches.

**PRESTON** remain in second-place, while the Dons drop to fourth.

**PETERBOROUGH** edged past struggling **LEYTON ORIENT**, as caretaker boss Dave Robertson claimed his third straight win at the helm. John Taylor's cross-come-shot separated the sides, although Ben Alnwick (pictured) denied Orient an equaliser, saving well from Jobi McAnuff and Darius Henderson. Marcus Maddison was sent-off near the end, but Posh held out for a crucial win.



**ROCHDALE** improved their play-off hopes with a narrow win over **COLCHESTER**. Rhys Bennett opened the scoring at Spotland inside six minutes, before Ian Henderson doubled the lead during the second-half. Chris Porter gave the Us' a glimmer of hope when he converted from the spot, but it proved scant consolation for a team now two points from safety.

**FLEETWOOD** moved to within two points of the top-six with a fine win at **SHEFFIELD UNITED**. The visitors raced into a two-goal lead, courtesy of Josh Morris and Nick Haughton goals. Matt Done pulled a goal back for the Blades, but it wasn't enough to prevent defeat.

**SWINDON** swept aside ten-man **NOTTS COUNTY** to re-ignite their promotion-push. It took 58 minutes to make the breakthrough from John Swift's curling shot, with Andy Williams increasing their lead from the spot. County went down to ten-men, as Liam Noble received a second-yellow and Harry Toffolo added a late third.

James Hayter's (pictured) stoppage-time winner gave **YEOVIL'S** survival hopes a major boost. Things had looked ominous when Carl Winchester drilled **OLDHAM** into a first-half lead. Joel Grant brought the Glovers level and after Brian Wilson had been sent-off for the visitors, the Huish Park crowd were sent into raptures by Hayter's late goal.



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Raj's track record speaks for itself and as someone that I have known for a number of years it is really a huge coup for the club to have someone of his calibre working at Vale Park. Raj will be at the game today and I'm sure keen to meet as many of you as possible.

I've been delighted with the uptake of tables and sponsorships for the End of Season 'Casino Vayal' night on the 3rd of May and I anticipate that all tables will go sooner rather than later so act now to avoid missing out on the night of the year!

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4. Aloha means both hello and goodbye in Hawaiian!
5. A spat is a baby oyster!
1. What do you call a lamb with a gun? Lambo
2. What do you call an elephant in a phone box? Stuck!
3. What is a slug? A snail with a housing problem!
4. What animal drops from the sky? Raindeer!
5. What did the canary say when she laid a square egg? Ouch!
6. What do you do with a blue whale? Try to cheer it up!
7. Why is a snail stronger than an elephant? A snail carries its house; an elephant only carries its trunk!
8. Why do tigers eat raw meat? Because they can't cook
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### ISAAC DONAGHEY

**AGE:** 8 years old  
**FROM:** Alsager  
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## MIDFIELD MAESTROS

The man that everyone has been talking about over the last week at Port Vale is Michael O'Connor, after his stunning late winner at Coventry.

Whilst the free kick itself was special, I was even more impressed with O'Connor's role in Vale's second goal last weekend. A very clever chip forward as part of a superb one-two, which was started and finished by Mark Marshall for his 7th of the season so far.

Since taking over from Micky Adams back in September, manager Rob Page has said on several different occasions that he feels he



has one of, if not the strongest, midfields in all of league one. Over the last few weeks that has again been highlighted, with the qualities of Michael Brown and Michael O'Connor being key to Vale's return to form in my view.

O'Connor's free kick at Coventry was just the tip of the iceberg from his performances of late. His superb deliveries from set plays are



Michael O'Connor celebrates his goal at Coventry.

consistent, and he's always been a real engine in the heart of the Vale team since joining the club last summer.

Combine that with the brains and experience of Brown pulling the strings alongside him - and two excellent attacking wingers in Mark Marshall and Byron Moore - then Vale are a real force to be reckoned with in that area.



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# PASSING COMMENT

The decision to hold the 2022 World Cup in the middle of the European domestic season was met with anger across the continent. Richard Scudamore's response about the damage done to England's traditional festive fixture list, however, was rather silly in the circumstances. If missing a Boxing Day fixture was the only problem with this decision I could happily live with it. But it isn't. The business of awarding the 2022 competition to Qatar and the consequences of that decision quite frankly stink to high heaven.



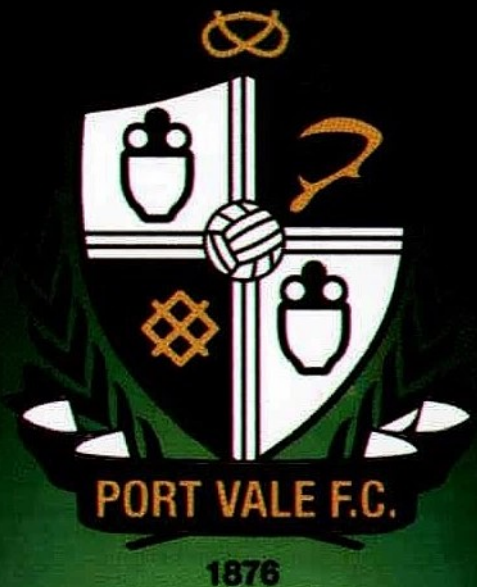
To begin with, the criteria laid down for those countries wishing to bid for the 2022 World Cup finals stated quite clearly that it was to be a June/July tournament. The Qataris claimed that their bid could meet this requirement because they intended to build hi-tech air-conditioned stadiums in which both players and supporters could play and watch in perfectly acceptable temperatures. Despite these reassurances, the FIFA Technical Committee, which examined the viability of each of the bids, expressed serious concerns about the possibility of a summer tournament in Qatar. The first question we need to ask, therefore, is why did FIFA go to the time and expense of appointing and funding the technical examination of each of the bids if the recommendations were to be completely ignored by the voting members? Why give the tournament to a country which could not meet the first criterion of the bid requirements? Those of a more cynical nature might even assume that there were reasons other than footballing ones why the Qataris won the bid!

Sepp Blatter and his FIFA acolytes have argued that giving the tournament to Qatar was fair because the World Cup should "go to new lands" and it was time for the Middle East to have a turn. I have no objection to the principle of sharing the competition. Indeed, of those countries which bid for 2022, Japan, South Korea and the USA had already hosted the tournament so it was only fair to look elsewhere. That left Qatar and Australia as the two alternatives. By 2022 there will have been twenty one World Cup competitions, only five of which will have been held in the southern hemisphere. Only one of the competitions will have been held within twelve hours flying time of Australasia. If the FIFA executives were genuinely concerned with spreading the competition around the planet then surely Australia's bid should have been given more than one vote? Why wasn't it, I wonder?

FIFA's other desire in awarding the World Cup finals was to develop the game by bringing it to more countries. That is a laudable aim. But how exactly will the game be

developed in Qatar? The citizen population of the country is less than that of Stoke and Newcastle-under-Lyme combined. The bulk of the inhabitants are ex-pats and migrant workers, the latter being paid slave wages and in no position to squander cash on football. The total population is still little more than the conurbation of Birmingham. The Qatar Stars League is currently made up of fourteen teams. The record total attendance for a round of seven matches is less than 21,000. Billions of pounds are being spent on stadiums that will most likely be redundant once the World Cup is over. The lives of numerous migrant workers have been lost as a result of the appalling conditions in which they have to live and work while constructing those stadiums.

Holding the 2022 World Cup finals in winter may well be an annoyance to the European national leagues. It is, however, a minor irritation compared to the scandal of awarding the competition to Qatar in the first place.



Three points for the Valiants...

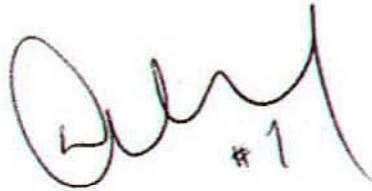



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My Nationality	My Position
ENGLISH	GOALIE
How I would describe myself in three words	
SUBSTANTIAL, IMPERCEPTIBLE, YEARNING	
My boyhood hero and the reason why?	
PETER SCHMEICHEL - PREMIER LEAGUE LEGEND.	
My choice of boots	My favourite ground
NIKE MAGISTA	HOG DAY
Who I room with for away trips	Best player in my position (in English football)
ANY GOALKEEPER - BOOTS OR JOHNNO.	DAVID DE GEA.
My best attributes	
BEARD, HAIR, NOSE.	
My best mate in football	My favourite game
ALL THE CAR SCHOOL - WILLO, MCGINS, FRANKO JESSELI.	CALL OF DUTY - MODERN WARFARE
My boyhood team	Person who makes me laugh
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**4 ANY CURRENT  
PLAYER...**

**ADAM YATES**

**WHY HIM?**

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GEORGE BEST**

**WHY HIM?**

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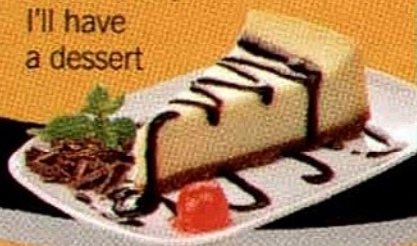


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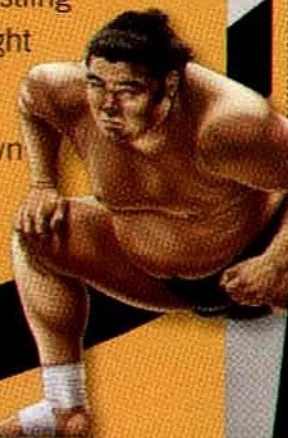
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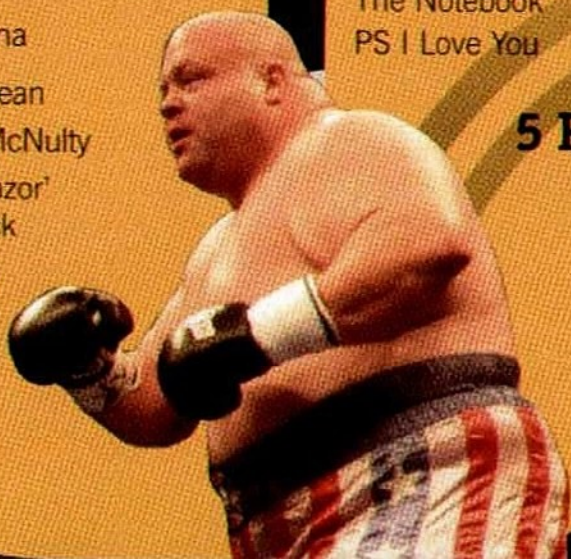
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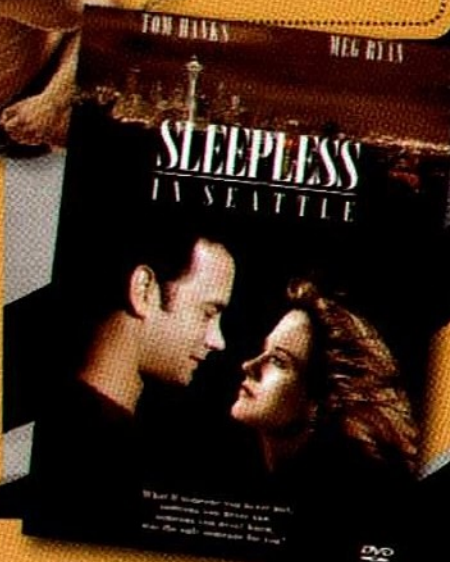
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Butterbean  
Steve McNulty  
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## 5 RANDOM THINGS

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**CHRIS NEAL**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
23/10/85

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
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## LEAGUE ONE TOP FIVES

### GOALS

1	DOYLE	21
2	WILLIAMS	20
3	DONE	16
4	HENDERSON	16
5	GARNER	15

### ASSISTS

1	FREEMAN	12
2	BYRNE	9
3	COX	9
4	DONE	9
5	GALLAGHER	9

### SHOTS ON TARGET

1	GARNER	48
2	SEARS	46
3	PADDY MADDEN	43
4	WILLIAMS	40
5	HENDERSON	37

### MINUTES PER GOAL

1	DOYLE	110
2	WILLIAMS	117
3	MCNULTY	129
4	GARNER	139
5	BRADSHAW	152

### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	DOYLE	49
2	BRADSHAW	41
3	HOURIHANE	40
5	MCLEOD	39
5	PADDY MADDEN	37

### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	MCLAUGHLIN	161
2	FREEMAN	200
3	HOURIHANE	203
4	TOFFOLO	203
5	COX	225

### FOULS

1	MCLEOD	74
2	ADAM CHAMBE...	63
3	PROCTOR	63
4	GARNER	59
5	MORSY	52

### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	PRICE	48
2	OLEJNIK	53
3	GARRATT	54
4	WOODS	54
5	WALKER	54

## LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

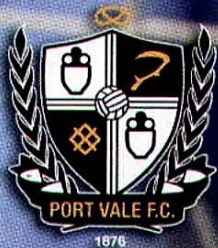
Barnsley have won five straight league games; only Preston (7) have managed a longer run in League One all season.

## LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Preston have scored in all 17 league games at Deepdale this season.

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## MATCH FACTS

Port Vale have failed to score in four of their last six games against Swindon Town.



## MATCH FACTS

Swindon Town have won each of their last six meetings with Port Vale.



**GOALS**



**AV.GOALS PER GAME**



**SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)**



**% SHOTS ON TARGET**



**CLEAN SHEETS**



**% GOALS TO SHOTS**



**CORNER KICKS**



**GOALS CONCEDED**



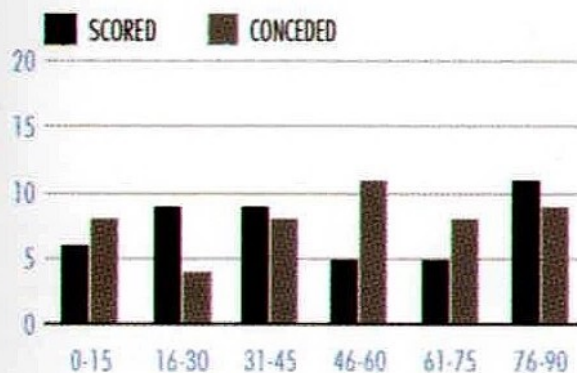
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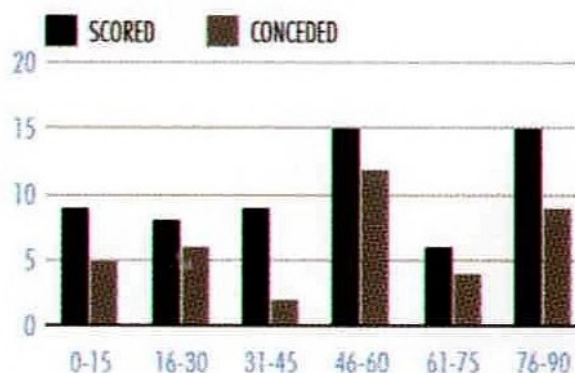
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## GOAL TIMES



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# ON THE SPOT ANDY WILLIAMS



Striker Andy Williams scored Swindon's winner against Port Vale in December - but then again he scores against pretty much everybody.

The 28-year-old striker has netted 21 goals this season, including one in the 3-0 win at home to Notts County last Saturday which kept the Robins within two points of the automatic promotion places.

Williams was brought to Swindon from Yeovil by Paolo Di Canio in 2012.

He missed the majority of last season with a cruciate knee injury, but is certainly making up for lost time this season.

Speaking in January, the former Bristol Rovers and Hereford forward told BBC Wiltshire that he is enjoying life at Swindon.

He said: "I'm definitely more mature. I've put in more work and it's down to some of the coaching I have had as well.

"I learnt a lot under Mr Di Canio before he left, and I'm starting to show some of that now. I've also done a lot under Luke Williams (Swindon coach) which is starting to pay off."

NAME:  
**ANDREW  
WILLIAMS**

DATE OF BIRTH:  
**14 AUGUST 1986**

PLACE OF BIRTH:  
**HEREFORD  
ENGLAND**

SQUAD  
NUMBER:

**10**

POSITION:  
**STRIKER**

YOUTH CLUB CAREER:  
2002-2004  
**HEREFORD UNITED**



SENIOR CLUB CAREER:  
2004-2007  
**HEREFORD UNITED**



2007-2010  
**BRISTOL ROVERS**



2008-2009  
**HEREFORD UNITED (L)**



2009  
**HEREFORD UNITED (L)**



2010-2012  
**YEOVIL TOWN**



2012-  
**SWINDON TOWN**



2013-2014  
**YEOVIL TOWN (L)**



**346**

SENIOR CLUB  
APPEARANCES

**88**

SENIOR CLUB  
GOALS



# IN THE AREA SWINDON TOWN



## 1. WES FODERINGHAM

The shot-stopper came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy before moving to Crystal Palace. He was virtually ever-present as Swindon made the League One play-offs in 2012/13.

## 2. NATHAN THOMPSON

A product of the STFC Academy, Thompson made his breakthrough into the first team during 2012/13 campaign. The two-time Player of the Year winner is the club captain.

## 3. NATHAN BYRNE

A versatile member of Mark Cooper's squad, playing at left-back, right-back, wing-back and even an advanced role on the right wing.

## 4. MASSIMO LUONGO

Luongo joined Swindon from Tottenham on a season-long loan before completing a permanent move just before transfer deadline day. Luongo was part of the Socceroos squad at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

## 5. JACK STEPHENS

The defender joined Swindon from Southampton after initially joining the Robins on loan from the Hampshire club.

## 6. JORDAN TURNBULL

On loan from Southampton, the centre-back started out in the Academy at Swindon before moving to Southampton in 2007. In recent seasons he has featured regularly for the Under-21 sides at St. Mary's.

## 7. BEN GLADWIN

Signed from Marlow FC, the central midfielder had plied his trade in the non-leagues before moving to Wiltshire after impressing on trial. Formerly with the Academy at Reading.

## 8. YASER KASIM

A former player with Brighton and Hove Albion's Academy side, Kasim, who represented Iraq at international level, he penned a permanent deal with the Town ahead of the 2013/14 campaign.

## 9. MICHAEL SMITH

A January 2014 signing from Charlton Athletic, Smith learned his trade with the renowned Wallsend Boys Club. Began his career with Darlington.

## 10. ANDY WILLIAMS

Formerly with Bristol Rovers and Hereford United, Williams joined Town in the summer of 2012 after an impressive campaign in front of goal with Yeovil Town in 2011/12.

## 14. JOHN SWIFT

Midfielder Swift is a product of the youth academy at Stamford Bridge and made his senior bow as a late substitute in the Blues' final fixture of the 2013/14 campaign at Cardiff. Joined on loan from Chelsea until the end of the season.

## 15. HARRY TOFFOLO

A former FA Youth Cup winner with Norwich City, the young defender is currently on loan at The County Ground from the Canaries.

## 18. GEORGE BARKER

Barker is a product of the youth system at Brighton and Hove Albion and made his Seagulls debut in March 2013, coming on as a substitute at Barnsley.

## 19. LOUIS THOMPSON

The youngster came up through the ranks at the STFC Academy and made his debut for the first team whilst still a first year scholar at Leicester City in January 2012. He has represented Wales at youth level.

## 20. JONATHAN OBIKA

After a brief spell on loan at The County Ground in 2011, Obika is now back in Wiltshire on a permanent deal having joined on deadline day from Tottenham Hotspur.

## 23. JACK BARTHRAM

The versatile youngster, who can play in defence or in midfield, penned a one-year deal with Swindon at the start of the 2013/14 campaign.

## 24. JERMAINE HYLTON

The pacy striker penned a two and a half year contract with Swindon in the January 2015 transfer window, joining from non-league side, Redditch United.

## 25. TYRELL BELFORD

Belford signed a deal with Town in the summer of 2013 following his release from Liverpool's Academy and provides cover for Wes Foderingham.

## 26. ANTON RODGERS

Having started his career at Chelsea, Rodgers broke into the professional game with Brighton and Hove Albion. Anton, who joined Swindon in the summer of 2014, is the son of Liverpool manager, Brendan.

## 29. RAPHAEL ROSSI BRANCO

Formerly with the academy at Brighton and Hove Albion, the Brazilian centre-half penned a deal with Town in the summer of 2013 after a successful trial period.

## 30. HARRY AGOMBAR

Midfielder Agombar has plied his trade at home with Macclesfield Town and Grays Athletic and abroad with the likes of Partizan Belgrade of Serbia and Maltese side, Floriana.

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GROUND CAPACITY:

**14,983**

NICKNAME:

**ROBINS**

GROUNDS:

**1881 THE CROFT  
1896 COUNTY GROUND**

YEAR FORMED  
**1881**

RECORD WINS LEAGUE

**9-1**

**VS LUTON TOWN**  
Division 3(S),  
28 August 1920



RECORD WINS CUP

**10-1**

**VS FARNHAM  
U BREWERIES**  
FA Cup 1st Round R  
28 November 1988



RECORD DEFEAT:

**1-10**

**VS MANCHESTER CITY**  
FA CUP 4TH ROUND REPLAY,  
25 JANUARY 1930



MOST LEAGUE  
GOALS IN  
AGGREGATE:

**216  
HARRY  
MORRIS**  
1926-33

MOST LEAGUE  
GOALS IN ONE  
MATCH: 5

**FIVE**

**HARRY MORRIS**

vs QPR, Division 3(S), 18 December 1926;  
vs Norwich City, Division 3(S), 26 April 1930;

**KEITH EAST**

vs Mansfield Town, Division 3, 20 November 1965

MOST LEAGUE  
APPEARANCES:

**770  
JOHN  
TROLLOPE**  
1960-80

MOST LEAGUE  
GOALS IN A SEASON:

**100**  
DIVISION 3(S),  
1926-27



v ARSENAL | FA Cup 3rd Round, 15 January 1972  
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## CLUB HONOURS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

FL2 CHAMPIONS 2011-12;

BEST SEASON: 1992-93 PROMOTED TO PREMIERSHIP  
VIA PLAY-OFFS;

1995-96 DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS;

1962-62, 1968-69 DIVISION 3 RUNNERS-UP;

1985-86 DIVISION 4 CHAMPIONS

FA CUP: SEMI-FINALS 1910, 1912

LEAGUE CUP: WINNERS 1969

JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY: RUNNERS-UP 2012

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: WINNERS 1970

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DAVE JOHNSON

"LONDON IS THE BEST CITY IN THE WORLD. IT'S A SEA PORT WHERE HUNDREDS OF LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN AND WHERE FOOTBALL IS PLAYED."

Michael Essien

"WE SIGNED TO PLAY UNTIL THE DAY WE DIED, AND WE DID."

Jimmy Graves (or should that be Greaves)

"IT'S AN INCREDIBLE RISE TO STARDOM; AT 17 YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO GET A CALL FROM MICHAEL JACKSON."

Gordon Strachan on Wayne Rooney

"WE DON'T TALK ABOUT GOING HIGHER THAN FIFTH, WE JUST WANT TO PLAY WELL, THEN WITH A BIT OF LUCK WE CAN GO HIGHER THAN FIFTH."

Tottenham's Kevin Prince Boateng

"I PREFER IT IN NEWCASTLE, KNOWING ALL THE PEOPLE WANT ME HERE. THEY LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND SAY, 'I WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU.'"

David Ginola

"IT'S A NO-WIN GAME FOR US, ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE WE COULD WIN BY WINNING."

Gary Doherty

"I DO GO TO FOOTBALL SOMETIMES BUT I DON'T KNOW THE OFFSIDE RULE, OR FREE KICKS - OR SIDE KICKS - OR WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLED."

Victoria Beckham

"WE KNOW HOW TO SCORE GOALS, BE STRONG IN DEFENCE AND KILL TEAMS IN THE FIRST HALF."

William Gallas

"MY REPUTATION WILL ALWAYS PRECEDE ME UNTIL THE DAY I DIE - FOR SOME PEOPLE THAT PROBABLY CAN'T BE QUICKLY ENOUGH."

Joey Barton

"I CAN SEE THE CARROT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL."

Stuart Pearce

"IF I WAS A SUPER HERO I WOULD BE BATMAN, HE'S GOT THE LEAST SILLY TIGHTS."

Paul Robinson

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"I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE BIGGER OR SMALLER THAN MARADONA."

Kevin Keegan

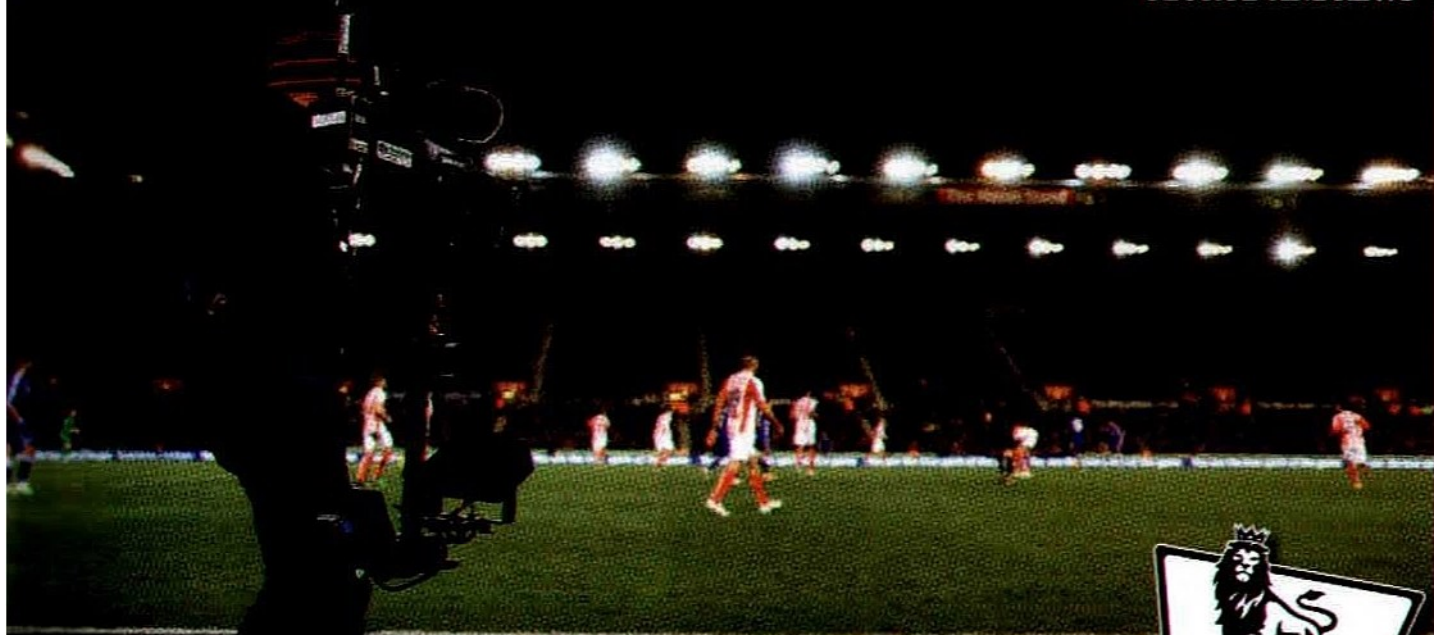
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# OPINIONATED

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE'S NEW TELEVISION DEAL, TOTALLING £5.136 BILLION, HAS BROUGHT BIG SMILES FROM THE LEAGUE'S SUITS AND GROANS FROM EVERYONE ELSE. AT SOME POINT THE BUBBLE WILL BURST BUT THERE IS NO SIGN OF IT HAPPENING ANY TIME SOON.

This fresh injection of money should give the clubs no excuse not to slash the cost for the fans on the terraces and the Chief Executive of the Premier League, Richard Scudamore, hinted that could happen when he announced the new deal. The Premier League might suggest to clubs that they should make the game more affordable for supporters, but they will never enforce it and neither will the spineless FA who are terrified of upsetting the men with the money. I think we all know what will really

happen - the whole circus will continue just as before with players and their agents getting richer and the gap between the haves and the have-nots getting wider.



Interestingly the Premier League says they do intend to invest £56 million in grassroots football - nice of them to spare the loose change. Dedicated followers of non-league football have seen the decline of facilities over the past two decades with once proud leagues at the very lowest levels of the game close to becoming extinct.

The figures involved in the new deal are mind-blowing and the total increase of 70 per cent on the last deal works out at more than £100,000 a minute for each game. Last season the top club Manchester City earned £95 million and Cardiff City who were relegated picked up £62 million. In the first season of the new deal the club that finishes bottom will pick up £99 million and the Premier League Champions will pocket £156 million. The new deal will further widen the gap between the Premier League and Europe and the top flight and the Championship, Leagues One and Two. The overall picture is depressing as the game at the top level gets that bit further away.

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The Georgie Boy,  
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# TOP BOYS SWINDON TOWN



## FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF SWINDON TOWN'S 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

### MIKE SUMMERBEE

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of honours under the Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, where player-manager, he has since been a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.



MIKE SUMMERBEE

### DON ROGERS

England U-23 winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as the Robins won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall before reuniting with Stan Harland at Yeovil Town in March 1977. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

### PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in exchange for Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969-70 and made 274 League appearances

prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975-76 and won promotion in 1976-77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.

### JOE BUTLER

Versatile midfielder Joe Butler was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1969-70 and 1972-73. He turned professional with hometown Newcastle United in September 1960, given his League debut against Manchester City in April 1964, but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and joined Swindon in August 1965. Starring in their 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, he was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and helped the Robins to win the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. He netted 18 goals in 342 League games prior to joining Aldershot in March 1976, then played for Witney Town. Settling in Swindon, he has run a taxi firm.

### JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his



JOHN TROLLOPE



COLIN CALDERWOOD

League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later Swindon's youth team boss, he was awarded the MBE.

### COLIN CALDERWOOD

Central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and was 'Player of the Year' as Swindon stormed to the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also starred as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He later managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian, since assisting Chris Hughton at various clubs.

### FRASER DIGBY

England U-21 goalkeeper Fraser Digby was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Initially with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986, appearing in their 1986-87 promotion campaign. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring



FRASER DIGBY

as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons including their 1993 Wembley triumph and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title success, he had a testimonial match in July 1997 and played 417 League games, joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

### ALAN McLOUGHLIN

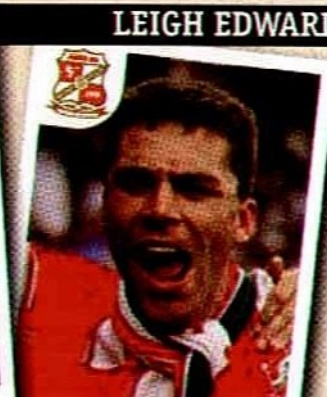
Republic of Ireland international midfielder Alan McLoughlin was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final in 1989-90. Starting with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1986 and helped qualify for the play-offs in successive years. He scored 19 times in 106 League games before sold to Southampton for £1,000,000 in December 1990. Moving to Portsmouth in February 1992, he was ever-present as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-93. He joined Wigan Athletic in November 1999, then played for Rochdale and Forest Green Rovers, since holding coaching posts.

### SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as the Robins won promotion to the Premier League in 1992-93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and



ALAN McLOUGHLIN



SHAUN TAYLOR

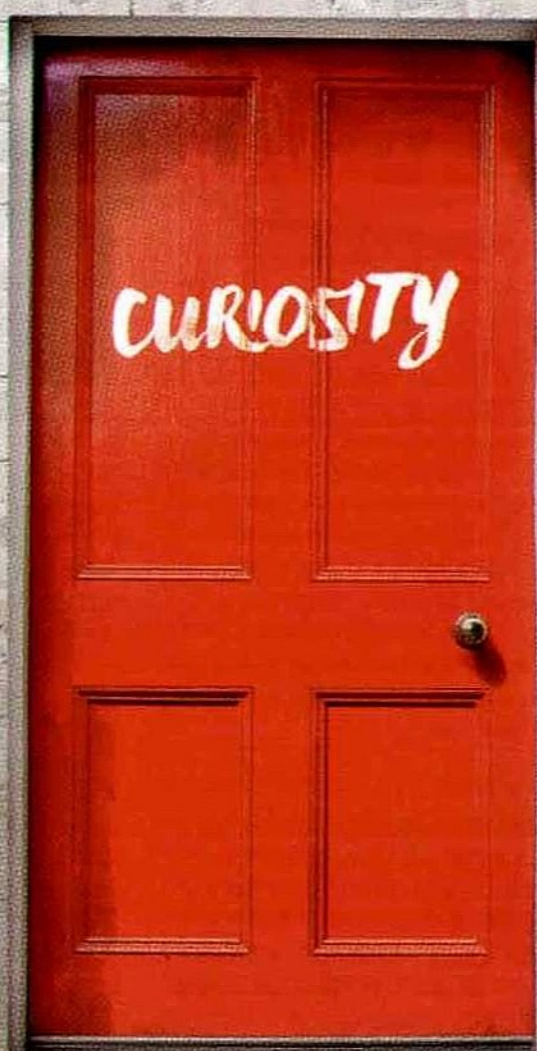
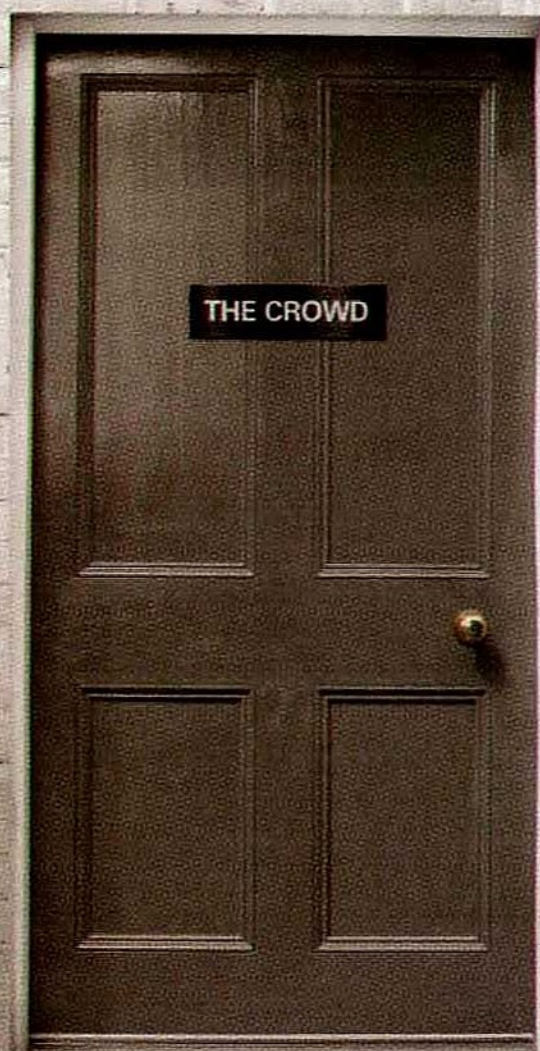
netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98. He has since coached at Exeter City and Torquay United.

### LEE PEACOCK

Former Scotland U-21 striker Lee Peacock was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town won promotion in 2006-07. Initially with Carlisle United, he helped them to win the Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion in 1996-97. He joined Mansfield Town in October 1997 and moved via Manchester City to Bristol City in August 2000. Starring as they won the LDV Vans Trophy and reached the Second Division play-offs in 2002-03, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in July 2004. He moved to Swindon in January 2006 and netted 20 goals in 125 League games before joining Grimsby Town in January 2010, then Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh.



LEE PEACOCK



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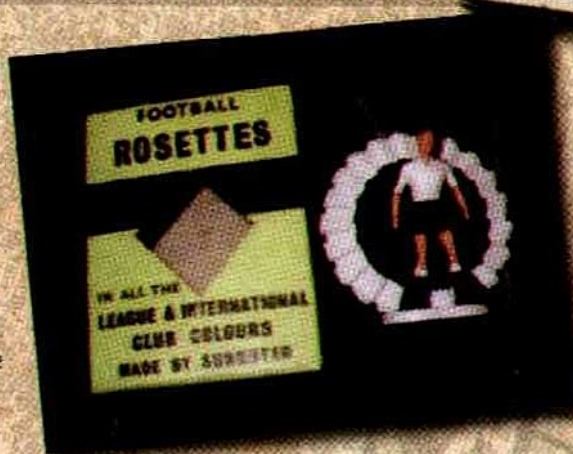
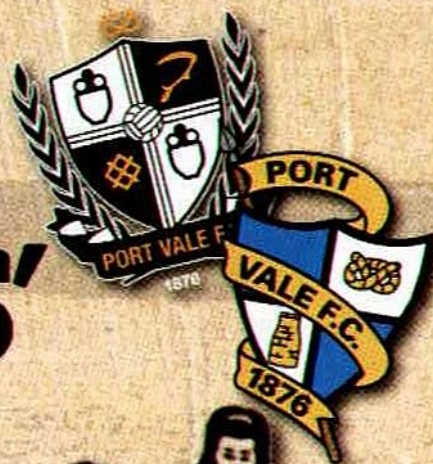
I must apologise for the last article as the illustrations finished up a little small due the amount of text, so less words and more colour pictures this week. This week's subject is items associated with "Subbuteo", the table soccer game. I assume most people now play football games on a console but as a child in the late 1950s and early 1960s Subbuteo was the game to play. At Leek High School we had a league that stretched from Hill Top, Brown Edge through Baddeley Green to Werrington and Wetley Rocks.

By the time I had a set they were the 3D figures similar to the ones still on sale today, but in the late 50s they were 2D made out of celluloid that had to be pressed out of a flat sheet and then slotted into a base. Here you can see an outfield player and the goalie from a Vale set that I picked up some years ago.

One of the accessories you could buy around that time was a Subbuteo plastic rosette that had a clip on the back to allow you to put it through a buttonhole. I had another idea and cut off the clip to get a flat back and then nailed it onto my black & white painted wooden rattle, obviously it would be seen as a lethal weapon these days at games. No idea where

mine went to eventually, so I no longer have the rosette.

The final item today is one I'm not sure when they were produced or for what reason. If you know I'd be happy to hear from at [lindon.c.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:lindon.c.roberts@gmail.com). This is a small clear plastic "badge", obviously cut from a larger sheet that has a Vale Subbuteo player and the Port Vale name. The size is 25cm by 20cm.



Just in case you are wondering where the name Subbuteo comes from the creator of the game, Peter Adolph, had tried to register the game as "Hobby" but this was turned down. So he turned creative and named it after a bird of prey, commonly known as the Eurasian Hobby, whose scientific name is *Falco subbuteo*.

Lindon Roberts  
Port Vale Volunteers' Group

# DEFINING MOMENTS

**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS TEN KEY MATCHES AND EVENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED SWINDON TOWN'S POST-WAR ERA.**



## 1963 PROMOTION WINNERS

Swindon Town clinched promotion to the Second Division for the first time on 14th May 1963 as Roger Smart's late goal secured a 1-0 victory over Shrewsbury Town in front of 20,273 at the County Ground. Bert Head's young side had won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester United 6-1 and finished Third Division runners-up.

## 1969 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

Third Division giantkillers Swindon Town defeated Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the League Cup final at Wembley Stadium on 15th March 1969. Danny Williams' side had beaten Torquay United 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn Rovers 1-0, Coventry City 3-0, Derby County 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 to reach the League Cup final. Roger Smart gave Swindon a 35th minute lead against Arsenal but Bobby Gould equalised on 84 minutes before Don Rogers scored twice in extra-time. The Robins also won promotion that season, losing 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' and finishing Third Division runners-up on goal average.

## 1970 SWINDON'S ITALIAN JOB

Swindon Town beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final on 28th May 1970. Fred Ford had replaced Danny Williams as manager the previous summer and Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division in 1969-70, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn Rovers 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe United 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round. In the Anglo-Italian Cup, Arthur Horsfield scored twice as the Robins hammered Juventus 4-0 at the County Ground en route to the final. Two goals by Peter Noble plus another from Arthur Horsfield defeated Napoli in Italy.

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## 1980 LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALISTS

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. The Robins defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1 and Wimbledon 2-1 before strikes by Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland plus two own goals overcame Arsenal 4-3 after extra-time in the fifth round replay to reach the semi-finals for the second time. Goals from Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes gave Swindon a 2-1 first-leg victory over Wolves in front of 25,650 at the County Ground on 22nd January 1980 but Wolves won 3-1 in the second-leg at Molineux three weeks later to triumph 4-3 on aggregate and went on to lift the trophy.

## 1986 RECORD BREAKING CHAMPIONS

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985-86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the League Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

## 1987

### PROMOTION PLAY-OFF WINNERS

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986-87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. The Robins beat Wigan Athletic 3-2 in the semi-finals, then fought back from a 1-0 first-leg defeat to draw 2-2 with Gillingham in the final. Two goals by Steve White clinched a 2-0 victory in the final replay at Selhurst Park on 29th May 1987.



LOU MACARI

## 1990

### SWINDON DENIED PROMOTION

Swindon Town won the 1989-90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Ossie Ardiles' side had soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke City and signed David Kerslake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They beat Blackburn Rovers 4-2 in the play-off semi-finals, then Gary Bennett's own goal defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the Wembley final on 28th May 1990.

## 1993

### SWINDON REACH TOP-FLIGHT

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and Ross MacLaren's return inspired a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a remarkable 6-4 win at Birmingham City and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. The Robins defeated Tranmere Rovers 5-4 on aggregate in the semi-finals, then goals from Glenn Hoddle, Craig Maskell, Shaun Taylor and Paul Bodin secured a thrilling 4-3 victory over Leicester City in the final watched by 73,802 at Wembley Stadium on 31st May 1993.



## 1996

### HIGH-FLYING ROBINS

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995-96.

They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.

## 2012

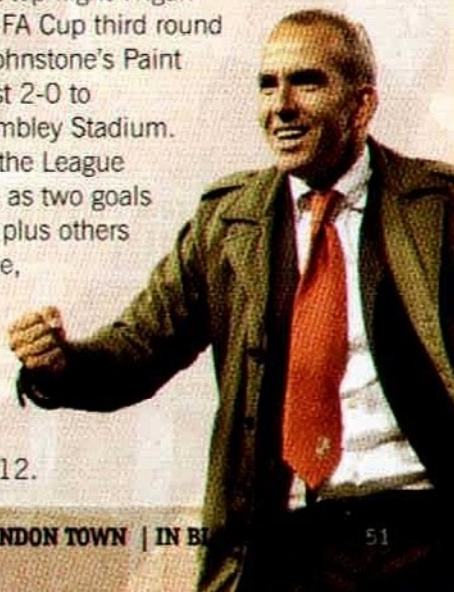
### SWINDON'S TITLE TRIUMPH

Paolo Di Canio managed Swindon Town to the League Two title in 2011-12. The Robins kicked off with a 3-0 win at home to Crewe but lost their next four games before just one defeat in 21 matches, including a club record ten successive wins, catapulted them to the top. They beat top-flight Wigan Athletic 2-1 in the FA Cup third round and reached the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final but lost 2-0 to Chesterfield at Wembley Stadium. Swindon clinched the League Two title in style as two goals by Paul Benson plus others from Matt Ritchie, Aden Flint and Alan Connell beat Port Vale 5-0 at the County Ground on 28th May 2012.

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Swindon clinched the League

Two title in style as two goals by Paul Benson plus others from Matt Ritchie, Aden Flint and Alan Connell beat Port Vale 5-0 at the County Ground on 28th May 2012.



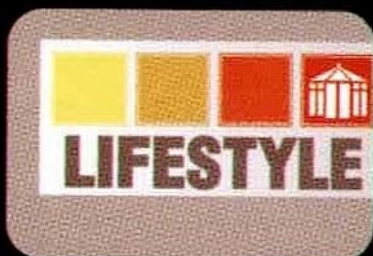
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1. Who did Alex Ferguson succeed as manager of Manchester United?

2. Gareth Bale started his professional career at which club?



3. Who was the first Brazilian to play in English football?

4. Who did Pep Guardiola succeed as manager of Barcelona?

5. What name comes next on this list – Tony Parkes, Graeme Souness, Mark Hughes?



6. What happened in England's opening 1966 World Cup match against Uruguay that had never happened before?

7. Which TV presenter stepped down from the commentary box to run the line in a match between Arsenal and Liverpool in 1972?

8. Which Croatian striker played in the 2008 European Championships despite having a kidney transplant in 2007?

# THROUGH THE LEAGUES QUIZ

**CAN YOU MOVE THROUGH THE LEAGUES AND FINISH BY WINNING THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE?**



9. Which former Ajax, Barcelona and Liverpool striker's international career spanned over four decades?

10. Name three post-war England internationals whose name contains three Os.

11. Who was the first manager from outside the British Isles to lead out an English club at Wembley Stadium for a cup final?



**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

12. Which teams take part in a derby match known as 'Superclasico'?

Can you move through the leagues and finish by winning the Champions League? Enlist the help of your mates and try our quiz, but be warned, it is not going to be easy!

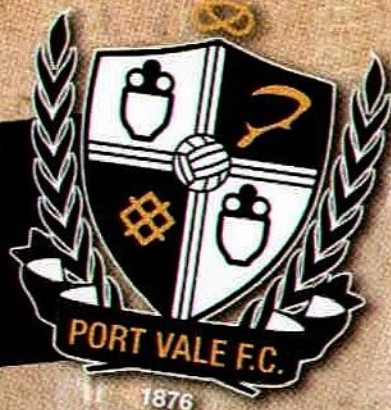
Answer questions 1 and 2 correctly to win promotion from League Two, and then it gets more difficult as you move through the leagues.

Correct answers to questions 3, 4 & 5 will see you top League One and then to reach the Premier League you have to get numbers 6, 7 & 8 right.

Three more correct answers will see you crowned Champions of England and then you have one left to answer in order to win the Champions League. You have to answer all twelve correctly to be successful – good luck!

**Answers on page Page 63**

# TODAY'S THE DAY MARCH 14TH



## PORT VALE STATISTICIAN PHIL SHERWIN LOOKS AT EVENTS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY.

March 14th has been a good day for the Vale to play as we have never lost at home on this date, winning five and drawing three.

The last time we played on this date was in the 2008-09 season when we faced Darlington at home in League Two.

Danny Carlton gave Darlington a 26th minute lead only for Louis Dodds to level matters on the stroke of half time. Dodds is the only Vale player on duty that afternoon to

be still at the club. Six minutes into the second half Rob Taylor (now Tranmere) put us 2-1 ahead and Marc Richards (now Northampton) clinched a 3-1 win for the Vale in the 78th minute.



Swindon Town were in League One and on the same afternoon lost 1-0 at Leeds United. Jermaine Beckford scored the only goal of the game in the 87th minute and was sent off three minutes

later. The Swindon team included former Vale striker Billy Paynter.

On 14th March 1998 Vale were in the Championship drop zone and faced an important relegation battle at home to Manchester City who were a point ahead of us (for any young fans, honest it is true!). Martin Foyle gave us a 13th minute lead only for Gerard Wiekens to equalise in the 61st minute. Twelve minutes later though Gareth Ainsworth scored the winner as Vale won 2-1 to swap places with City. The crowd of 13,122 was the last time that we had over 13,000 for a league game at Vale Park. At the end of

## IN OTHER NEWS ON THIS DAY | MARCH 14

**1863**

Casey Jones, the legendary American railroad engineer was born. Older fans may remember that he was immortalised in a 1960's TV series with a catchy theme tune. He died in 1900, when his



train, the Cannonball Express, crashed. 17 different songs have been made about him.

**1933**

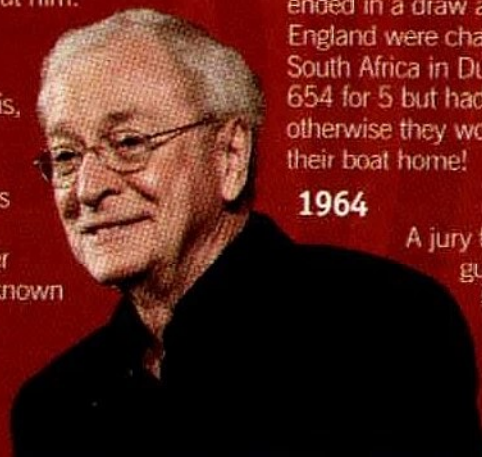
Not a lot of people know this, but Maurice Joseph Micklewhite was born in South London. He later became better known as the actor Sir Michael Caine.

**1939**

The longest ever cricket test match ended in a draw after ten days. England were chasing 696 to beat South Africa in Durban and were 654 for 5 but had to call a halt otherwise they would have missed their boat home!

**1964**

A jury found Jack Ruby guilty of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, who was accused of killing



that season Vale stayed up whilst Man City and Stoke both went down to League One level.

Swindon were in the same division and won 2-1 at QPR. Nigel Quashie put QPR in front only for Mark Walters to equalise. Swindon then had 'keeper Fraser Digby sent off but still won the match with a goal by Iffy Onuora. In those days substitute goalkeepers were still a thing of the future.

On 14th March 1970 Vale were in third place in Division Four chasing promotion and faced an away game at struggling Workington. Vale hadn't lost for six games but they fell behind after just 90 seconds when Johnny Martin scored. Tommy Spratt made it 2-0 on the half hour mark and Martin scored again before half time. Vale scored in the 70th minute with a header by Derbyshire cricketer Ian Buxton and Bobby Gough scored five minutes from time but they lost 3-2. It was the only time that season Vale conceded 3 goals in a game and



IFFY ONUORA

they were eventually promoted.

It was the last time Vale visited Workington and they dropped out of the league in 1977 with Wimbledon taking their

place. They still play at the same ground in the Evo-Stik Premier League.



JIMMY QUINN

Swindon were in the old Second Division and defeated Preston 1-0 at the County Ground. Peter Noble scored the only goal of the game and the Preston side included future Vale defender Graham Hawkins.

On 14th March 1987 Vale were in the old Third Division and faced a home game against struggling Bristol Rovers. Rovers played in shirts with orange and yellow quarters with yellow shorts, making them look like a team of court jesters, but they took a 5th minute lead through Gary Penrice. Andy Jones levelled for the Vale from the penalty spot in the 23rd minute and Ray Walker put us in front by half time. Jones scored again in the second half as did Paul Maguire as Vale ran out 4-1 winners.

The Bristol side concluded former Vale striker Bob Newton, who was well received at our game at Chesterfield in January. Swindon were in the same division and won 3-1 at Chesterfield. Jimmy Quinn, who once had a trial at the Vale, and Steve White with two scored their goals.



American president JF Kennedy. It couldn't have been a difficult decision as the Ruby killing was seen live by millions on TV!

#### 1982

Sidath Wettimuny scored Sri Lanka's first test cricket century, in Pakistan. They were granted test status in 1981.

#### 1991

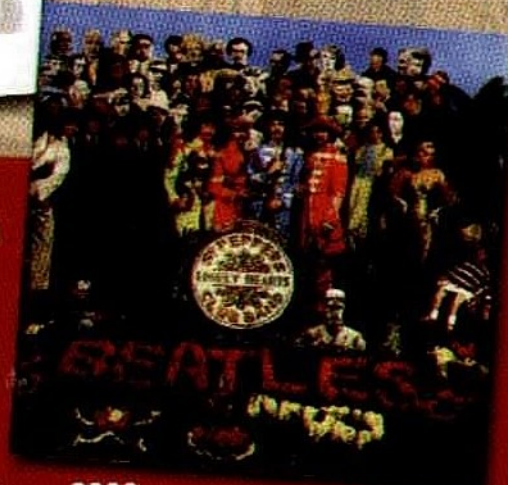
The Birmingham Six were released from prison after 16 years. Their convictions for being behind the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974 were quashed.

#### 2001

Peter Blake, who designed the famous album cover for the Beatles' 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band', sued for royalties without success. He had originally been paid just £200 for one of the most iconic album covers ever.

#### 2003

Coronation Street fans may be interested to know that Richard Hillmann tried to drown the whole of the Platt family. Unfortunately he failed, and he was the only one who died.





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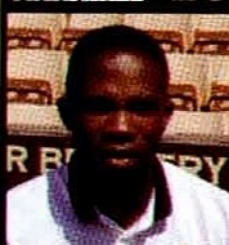
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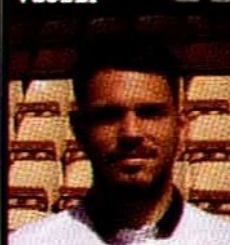
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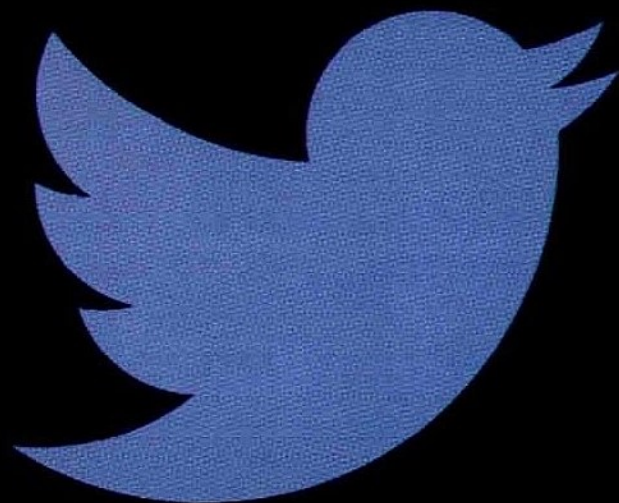


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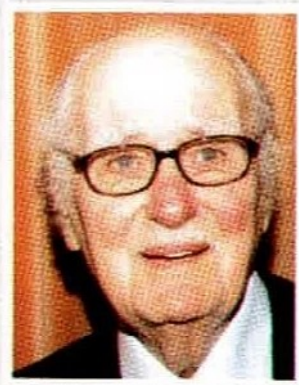


# IN OFF THE POSTIE



## IN MEMORY OF OWEN POWELL MBE

19TH APRIL 1920-  
18TH FEBRUARY 2015



On the 18th February 2015 at the age of 94, we lost you Owen Powell. Vale colours through and through. His life had been an eventful one; he was a life-long Port Vale supporter and season ticket holder. We owe him our respect. Owen Powell we miss you.

Written by Oscar Gomersall – Age 13



Today's fixture against Swindon Town has been dedicated to celebrating the work of Kick It Out, football's equality and inclusion organisation, as part of its 'Season of Action'.

Founded in 1993, Kick It Out has altered the landscape of football by educating, raising awareness and campaigning to make the game a more safe, welcoming and comfortable environment free of all forms of discrimination, prejudiced attitudes and abusive behaviour.

Roisin Wood, Director of Kick It Out, gives an overview as to the level of activity the organisation is undertaking during its 'Season of Action', which runs from August 2014 to May 2015, to enhance its message and display the wide-ranging approach to its work across the game....

"The 'Season of Action' was introduced last season to recognise our 20th anniversary and we've decided to continue with this format as we feel it provides the best platform to demonstrate the level of work we deliver throughout the year.

"The support of Premier League and Football League clubs has been crucial throughout the history of Kick It Out, and dedicating games to the 'Season of Action' and hosting non-

matchday activities to promote our ethos has an incredible impact.

"For example, 1,114,323 spectators attended nominated 'Season of Action' fixtures across the Premier League and Football League during the 2013/14 season. With many professional football clubs acting as the hub for their local community, reinforcing their commitment to equality and diversity is vital.

"This year's 'Season of Action' has a specific focus on promoting grassroots and community activity and professional football clubs have a responsibility to spread the message of inclusivity, unity and togetherness to all of their local stakeholders throughout the season and beyond.

"As an organisation, we are determined to strengthen our presence at the grassroots and community level to help further educate the future players, coaches, fans and administrators of the game on the need to banish all forms of discrimination, prejudiced attitudes and abusive behaviour from football.

"We are leading a real drive to engage more with grassroots and community projects, and supporters groups – especially through our 'Fans for Diversity' campaign with the Football Supporters' Federation – and have several exciting initiatives running throughout the 'Season of Action'.

"We are providing supplementary resources, running a national educational competition, delivering

school workshops, developing our partnership work with County FAs, and facilitating player visits led by our 'Next 20' ambassadors from the Premier League, Football League and Women's Super League.

"There will also be a series of regional and national conferences delivered by our Mentoring and Leadership Project as we look to provide more aspiring individuals eager to break into the football industry with job opportunities, work placements and qualifications.

"As always, a big push is being made to publicise our reporting mechanisms – the Kick It Out app, our online reporting form and Freephone service – far and wide. One incident is one too many, and we must ensure there is a policy of zero tolerance from the professional game through to the grassroots and community level of football.

"Everybody in football has a part to play in tackling discrimination. Everything we do is built on partnership work and we want to hear from anybody during our 'Season of Action' who would like to get involved and support what we do for the benefit of football. Thank you for your support!"

Do you want to play a more active role in Kick It Out's 'Season of Action'? You can get in touch with the organisation by calling **0207 253 0162**, emailing [info@kickitout.org](mailto:info@kickitout.org) and via Twitter on [@kickitout](https://twitter.com/kickitout).



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# SUPPORTERS' CLUB

## GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND WELCOME BACK TO VALE PARK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING LEAGUE 1 FIXTURE.

We are doing extremely well in the league at the moment and find ourselves only two points away from the play offs. A win away to Coventry was exactly what we needed after last week's miserable defeat to Oldham.

This afternoon, I would like to offer a very warm welcome to the team, staff and supporters of Swindon Town FC. The Robins have only won two out of their last six games, drawing one and losing three. They are currently going through a high court winding up petition, which I'm sure is worrying for all parties involved. Hopefully, things will be sorted out soon and the Robins can focus on staying towards the top of the league table.

I would just like to remind everyone any kind of discriminatory abuse is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Vale Park. We are currently working very closely with the club, the police and kick it out and would urge anyone who witnesses any discriminatory behaviour, of any kind, to contact your nearest steward, to allow them to deal with it quickly and efficiently.



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Port Vale Supporters' Club hold meetings monthly and everyone is welcome, the next one will take place on Thursday 2nd April... More details to follow.

## GETTING IN TOUCH








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So, let's make some noise, remain united and get behind the lads today.

Ally  
Supporters' Club Chair



# STATS 2014-15

Date	H/A	Opposition	Score	Att (Away)	Pos	Pts							
<b>AUGUST 2014</b>													
Sat 9	H	Walsall	D 1-1	7,050 (1,145)	13	1	Johnson	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
Tue 12	H	Hartlepool United (LC1)	W 6-2	2,824 (79)	-	-	Johnson	Dickinson	Robertson	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Sat 16	A	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	6,437 (600)	7	1	Johnson	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Tue 19	A	Oldham Athletic	D 1-1	3,592 (749)	9	5	Johnson	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Sat 23	H	Notts County	L 0-2	5,090 (381)	16	5	Johnson	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Tue 26	H	Cardiff City (LC2)	L 3-2	4,390 (313)	-	-	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Brown	McGivern	Robertson	Dodds
Sat 30	H	Chesterfield	L 1-2	5,593 (828)	18	5	Johnson	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>													
Sat 6	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	6,024 (262)	20	5	Neal	Dickinson	Brown	Veseli	McGivern	Robertson	Jennings
Sat 13	A	Crewe Alexandra	L 1-2	6,357 (2,240)	22	5	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Moore
Tue 16	H	Bristol City	L 0-3	4,050 (421)	23	5	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Sat 20	H	Barnsley	W 2-1	5,415 (830)	21	8	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
Sat 27	A	Bradford City	D 1-1	12,703 (300)	22	9	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>													
Sat 4	A	Fleetwood Town	L 0-1	4,196 (1301)	22	9	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
Tue 7	A	Preston North End (JPT2)	L 2-3	3,836 (286)	-	-	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	Zubar	Brown	Dodds
Sat 11	H	Yeovil Town	W 4-1	4,798 (179)	19	12	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	Zubar	Lines	Dodds
Sat 18	A	Preston North End	L 0-2	9,381 (612)	22	12	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	Zubar	Lines	Dodds
Tue 21	H	Scunthorpe United	D 2-2	3,590 (145)	18	13	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Dodds
Sat 25	H	Leyton Orient	W 3-0	4,773 (324)	16	16	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
<b>NOVEMBER 2014</b>													
Sat 1	A	Colchester United	W 2-1	3,571 (182)	13	19	Neal	Streete	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Sat 8	H	MK Dons (FAC1)	L 3-4	4,120 (314)	-	-	Neal	Streete	Duffy	Yates	McGivern	Lines	Birchall
Sat 15	H	Rochdale	W 1-0	5,043 (566)	12	22	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Lines	Dodds
Sat 22	A	MK Dons	L 0-1	12,007 (762)	15	22	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Lines	Dodds
Sat 29	A	Gillingham	D 2-2	4,799 (131)	19	23	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Brown	Dodds
<b>DECEMBER 2014</b>													
Sat 13	H	Coventry City	L 0-2	5,321 (708)	16	23	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Brown	Moore
Sat 20	A	Crawley Town	W 2-1	2,320 (183)	15	26	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Duffy	Dodds	Brown
Fri 26	H	Sheffield United	W 2-1	8,524 (2,594)	12	29	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Duffy	Dodds	Brown
Sun 28	A	Swindon Town	L 0-1	4,783 (173)	15	29	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Duffy	Dodds	Brown
<b>JANUARY 2015</b>													
Sat 3	H	Gillingham	W 2-1	4,783 (166)	8	32	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Duffy	Dodds	Brown
Sat 10	A	Chesterfield	L 0-3	7,034 (1,087)	10	32	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Duffy	Dodds	Brown
Sat 17	H	Peterborough United	W 2-1	4,446 (244)	9	35	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Dodds	Brown
Sat 24	H	Crewe Alexandra	L 0-1	8,002 (1,384)	12	35	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Dodds	Brown
Sat 31	A	Barnsley	L 1-2	8,660 (335)	14	35	Neal	Dickinson	Yates	Veseli	Robertson	Daniel	Lines
<b>FEBRUARY 2015</b>													
Sat 7	H	Bradford City	D 2-2	5,205 (895)	14	36	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	Robertson	Daniel	Lines
Tue 10	A	Bristol City	L 1-3	10,890 (136)	16	36	Neal	Dickinson	Duffy	Veseli	Robertson	Birchall	Brown
Sat 14	A	Walsall	W 1-0	4,504 (723)	14	39	Neal	Dickinson	Inniss	Veseli	Robertson	Moore	Brown
Sat 21	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-0	5,173 (740)	12	42	Neal	Dickinson	Inniss	Veseli	Robertson	Moore	Brown
Sat 28	A	Notts County	W 1-0	5,179 (974)	9	45	Neal	Dickinson	Inniss	Veseli	Robertson	Moore	Brown
<b>MARCH 2015</b>													
Tue 3	H	Oldham Athletic	L 0-1	4,423 (236)	13	45	Neal	Dickinson	Inniss	Veseli	Robertson	Moore	Brown
Sat 7	A	Coventry City	W 3-2	9,446 (1745)	11	48	Neal	Dickinson	Inniss	Veseli	Robertson	Moore	Brown
Sat 14	H	Swindon Town	15:00										
Tue 17	H	Crawley Town	19:45										
Sat 21	A	Sheffield United	15:00										
Sat 28	A	Leyton Orient	15:00										
<b>APRIL 2015</b>													
Fri 3	H	Colchester United	15:00										
Mon 6	A	Rochdale	15:00										
Sat 11	H	MK Dons	15:00										
Tue 14	A	Scunthorpe United	19:45										
Fri 17	H	Preston North End	19:45										
Sat 25	A	Yeovil Town	15:00										
<b>MAY 2015</b>													
Sun 3	H	Fleetwood Town	12:15										



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O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope	Neal, Robertson, Dods, Daniel, Brown, Jennings, Moore	
O'Connor 1	Jennings	Daniel	Pope	Duffy, Williamson, Lines, Johnson, Moore, Marshall, Veseli	
O'Connor	Marshall 1	Williamson ■	Pope	Neal, Birchall, Dods, Brown, Jennings, Moore, Slew	
O'Connor	Marshall	Moore	Pope	Duffy, Birchall, Dods, Williamson, Johnson, Daniel, Slew 1	
O'Connor	Marshall ■	Slew 1	Pope	Birchall, McDods, Williamson, Johnson, Brown, Jennings, Veseli	
O'Connor	Daniel	Brown	Pope	Yates, Dods, Williamson, Jennings, Moore, Marshall, Slew	
O'Connor 1	Marshall 1	Slew	Pope	Robertson, Williamson, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Jennings, Moore	
O'Connor	Marshall	Slew	Pope ■	Robertson, Birchall, Williamson, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Moore	
O'Connor	Marshall	Slew ■	Pope	Birchall, Williamson, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Moore, Zubar	
Birchall	Marshall	Lines	Pope 2	Robertson, Williamson, Johnson, Daniel, Moore	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope 2	Birchall, Johnson, Daniel 1, Brown, Moore, Lloyd, Stodd	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope ■	McGivern, Birchall, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Moore, Steele	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson 1	Pope	Birchall 1, Johnson, Brown, Moore, Veseli, Slew, Stodd	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson 1	Slew	Dods, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Veseli, Steele, NGuessan	
O'Connor ■	Marshall ■ 1	Williamson	NGuessan	Dods, Johnson, Daniel 1, Brown, Veseli, Slew, Panayiotou	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan 2	Dickinson, Dods, Johnson, Daniel, Brown, Moore, Slew	
O'Connor	Marshall	Brown 1	NGuessan	Birchall, Dods, Williamson, Johnson, Moore, Slew, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Brown	NGuessan	McGivern, Duffy, Birchall, Dods, Williamson, Boot, Campion	
O'Connor ■	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan 1	McGivern, Duffy, Birchall, Daniel, Lloyd, Boot, Campion	
Duffy	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan	Duffy, Birchall, Dods, Lloyd, Boot, Nimely, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan	Robertson, Birchall, Moore, Lloyd, Boot, Nimely, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson 1	NGuessan 1	Robertson, Birchall, Lines, Johnson, Daniel, Nimely, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan	Robertson, Birchall, Lines, Johnson, Daniel, Moore, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson 1	NGuessan	Robertson, Birchall, Lines, Johnson, Daniel 1, Lloyd, Campion	
O'Connor ■	Marshall	Williamson	NGuessan	Robertson, Birchall, Lines, Johnson, Daniel, Moore, Campion	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson 1	Birchall 1	Duffy, Lines, Johnson, Daniel, Moore, Campion, NGuessan	
O'Connor ■	Marshall	Williamson	Birchall	Duffy, Lines, Pope, Johnson, Daniel, Moore, NGuessan	
O'Connor ■	Marshall	Williamson	Pope	McGivern, Duffy, Birchall, Johnson, Brown, Moore, Lloyd	
O'Connor 1	Marshall	Brown	Pope	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Johnson, Luer, O'Sullivan, Campion 1	
O'Connor	Marshall 1	Campion	Pope	Yates, McGivern, Lines, Johnson, Luer, O'Sullivan, Moore	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope ■ 1	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Lines, Johnson, Luer, O'Sullivan	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Dods, Lines, Johnson, O'Sullivan	
O'Connor	Marshall 1	Williamson	Pope ■	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Dods, Lines, Johnson, O'Sullivan	
O'Connor	Marshall	Williamson	Pope	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Dods, Lines, Johnson, Daniel	
O'Connor 1	Marshall 1	Williamson	Pope 1	Yates, McGivern, Birchall, Dods, Lines, Johnson, Daniel	

## LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bristol City	36	24	7	5	70	32	38	79
2 Preston	34	19	9	6	55	30	25	66
3 Swindon	35	19	7	9	62	38	24	64
4 MK Dons	35	18	8	9	68	37	31	62
5 Sheff Utd	34	15	8	11	48	41	7	53
6 Doncaster	35	13	11	11	44	43	1	50
7 Barnsley	35	15	5	15	47	48	1	50
8 Peterborough	35	15	5	15	43	44	1	50
9 Bradford	34	13	10	11	43	39	4	49
10 Chesterfield	34	13	9	12	49	45	4	48
11 Port Vale	35	14	6	15	45	48	-3	48
12 Fleetwood	35	13	9	13	36	39	-3	48
13 Rochdale	33	14	5	14	58	44	14	47
14 Gillingham	36	12	10	13	50	61	1	46
15 Olham	34	12	10	12	43	50	7	46
16 Walsall	35	11	11	13	34	39	-5	44
17 Scunthorpe	34	11	9	14	46	62	-16	42
18 Crewe	35	12	6	17	34	59	-25	42
19 Notts County	34	11	8	15	34	43	-9	41
20 Coventry	35	8	13	14	37	49	-12	37
21 Leyton Orient	34	9	8	17	44	52	-8	35
22 Colchester	35	9	7	19	40	58	-18	34
23 Crawley	35	8	10	17	36	60	-24	34
24 Yeovil	36	8	9	19	28	53	-25	33

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Today's Fixtures

Kick-off at 2.00pm unless stated



Bristol City v Gillingham  
Chesterfield v Coventry City  
Colchester United v Crawley Town  
Doncaster Rovers v Peterborough United  
Fleetwood Town v Rochdale  
Leyton Orient v Yeovil Town  
Notts County v Bradford City  
Oldham Athletic v Barnsley  
Port Vale v Swindon Town  
Preston NE v Crewe Alexandra  
Scunthorpe United v Sheffield United  
Walsall v MK Dons

### Midweek Fixtures

Kick-off at 7.45pm unless stated



Bristol City v Crewe Alexandra  
Chesterfield v Gillingham  
Colchester United v Yeovil Town  
Doncaster Rovers v Swindon Town  
Fleetwood Town v Coventry City  
Leyton Orient v Barnsley  
Notts County v Rochdale  
Oldham Athletic v MK Dons  
Port Vale v Crawley Town  
Preston NE v Peterborough United  
Walsall v Sheffield United

### THROUGH THE LEAGUES QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ron Atkinson, 2. Southampton, 3. Mirandinha, 4. Frank Rijkaard, 5. Paul Ince (Blackburn Rovers managers), 6. England failed to score at Wembley, 7. Jimmy Hill, 8. Ivan Klasnic, 9. Jari Litmanen (1989 to 2010), 10. Peter Osgood, Ian Storey-Moore & Tony Woodcock, 11. Stockport County's Danny Bergara, 12. River Plate and Boca Juniors

# ON THE ROAD TO... SHEFFIELD UNITED

**DATE:** Saturday 21st March | **KICK OFF:** 3.00pm

**VENUE:** Bramall Lane | **COMPETITION:** SkyBet League One



**SAT NAV:** S2 4SU

## TICKET INFORMATION:

Adults:	<b>£19.50</b>
Over 60s:	<b>£13.00</b>
Young Adults 17-21:	<b>£11.00</b>
Full time students*:	<b>£11.00</b>
Under 17:	<b>£7.50</b>

\*With valid NUS card

## COACH TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Departure Time:	<b>11.30am</b>
Adults:	<b>£13.00</b>
Concessions:	<b>£11.50</b>

## DIRECTIONS:

Exit the M1 at J29 and take the A617 (Chesterfield). Take the 3rd exit at the roundabout onto the A61 and continue to the Earl of Arundel and Surrey public house. Turn left and continue into Bramall Lane.

## OVERVIEW OF BRAMALL LANE:

Bramall Lane has to me been one of the most under-rated grounds in the country. The construction of three large modern looking stands, plus the filling in of the corners (albeit one corner is filled with administrative offices), makes it a great ground and one that has

character. Both sides of the ground have large single tiered stands. Whilst the GAC (South) Stand is a fairly plain looking stand, the Visit Malta Stand which sits opposite, is probably the smartest looking stand at Bramall Lane. This stand has had the corners to either side of it filled in, by offices on one side and a family seated area on the other, called the Fortina Spa Corner, in a corporate sponsorship deal. At the back of the stand are a row of executive boxes and on its roof is a small gable, reminiscent of when many older grounds featured them. At one end is the Kop Stand, which is slightly disappointing as it has two large supporting pillars. Opposite is the Jessica Ennis (Bramall Lane) Stand, which during the summer of 2006 was extended around one corner of the stadium to meet the GAC. Also the roof was replaced with a new cantilever structure, allowing the supporting pillars of the old roof to be removed; giving fans more cover and an unimpeded view of the playing action. This stand is two tiered and

also has an electric scoreboard, perched between the two. The stadium is balanced, with all four stands being of the same height.

## WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE HOUSED:

Away fans are housed in the upper tier of the Jessica Ennis (aka the Bramall Lane) Stand at one end of the ground, where around 3,000 supporters can be accommodated. Be prepared to be searched on entry to the ground. The club has automatic turnstiles requiring you to insert your ticket into the bar reader.

## WHERE TO EAT & DRINK:

The adjacent London Road is full of culinary wonders, from greasy fast food to noodle shops and Turkish, Thai, Greek, Chinese and Mexican restaurants. In the city centre you will find the Moor Fisheries on Cumberland Street – a highly rated chippy. There are a number of pubs near the railway station which welcome away fans, including the Globe, the Howard, the Sheffield Tap (on the station itself but no football colours!) and the Rutland Arms on Brown Street, a real ale pub only a few minutes walk from the station and on route to the ground. Avoid The Railway, The Cricketers Arms and The Sheaf House Hotel, home fans drinking places!

## THE BLADES FACTFILE

**GROUND NAME:** Bramall Lane  
**CAPACITY:** 32,702  
**ADDRESS:** Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU  
**TEL NO:** 08716632439  
**NICKNAME:** The Blades  
**PITCH SIZE:** 112 x 72 yards  
**WEBSITE:** www.sufc.co.uk



# ON THE ROAD TO... LEYTON ORIENT

**DATE:** Saturday 28th March | **KICK OFF:** 3.00pm

**VENUE:** Brisbane Road | **COMPETITION:** SkyBet League One

**SAT NAV:** E10 5NF

## TICKET INFORMATION:

Pay in advance

Adults: **£23.00**

Over 65: **£15.00**

Students\*: **£15.00**

Under 18: **£5.00**

\*With valid NUS card

Pay on the day

Adults: **£25.00**

Over 65: **£16.00**

Students\*: **£16.00**

Under 18: **£16.00**

\*With valid NUS card

## COACH TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Departure time: **8.45am**

Adults: **£17.00**

Concessions: **£15.50**

## DIRECTIONS:

Take M6 S to J1 with M1. Take M1 S to J6A with M25. Take M25 clockwise (s/p Potters Bar) to J27. Here take M11 S (s/p Chigwell) to J4. Join the A406 S (s/p Ilford) for 1 mile to the junction with A12. Take the A12 S (s/p Leyton) for about 2 miles into Leyton. At Leyton Station turn right into High Road. The ground is on the 7th road on the left.

## OVERVIEW OF MATCHROOM STADIUM:

Better known as Brisbane Road, the Os moved to the stadium in 1937. Recent redevelopment has certainly been unique with residential apartments built into the corners of the ground bringing much needed revenue into the club! As FA rules state that alcohol should not be drunk in view of the

pitch or smoke inside the stadium, there is the dilemma of whether the owners of the flats should be allowed a glass of wine and cigarette on the balcony during a match - after paying London property prices!!

Behind one goal is the Tommy Johnston South Stand (capacity 1,336) opened 1999, interestingly built above the level of the pitch, resulting in fans climbing a short flight of steps to get in the front of the stand.

The Main (East) Stand opened in 1956, despite being reduced in length, is still a fair size.

Unfortunately the roof does not cover all the seats which have been installed on the terrace at the front, plus there are number of pillars to obstruct the view.

Opposite is the new all seated West Stand, capacity 2,872. The tall structure above it houses the club offices, resulting in it looking like an office block with a viewing gallery.

At the top of the stand is a fair sized viewing gallery for press etc, the roof having Perspex panels allowing light on the pitch.

The North End is the most recent addition to the stadium, opened at

the beginning of the 07 - 08 season. It seats 1,351 fans and looks similar to the South Stand.

## WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE HOUSED:

Up to 1,000 Valiants can be accommodated in the left hand section of the Main Stand, but beware the pillars which restrict the view.

## WHERE TO DRINK:

As the ground is so near the main shopping road there are plenty of places to eat within easy reach. To find the one recommended by our regular fish aficionado, go through the park, which is behind the South Stand, to the main road. On the opposite side of the road you will see a café on one corner and a chippy on the other - the fish and chip bar passed the travelling Valiant trial with flying colours.

## WHERE TO EAT:

Just like places to eat there are plenty of watering holes for the thirsty traveller a couple of hundred yards from the ground. Again pass along the park and explore the A112 High Road where you should find somewhere to suit.

## THE ORIENT FACTFILE

**STADIUM:** Matchroom Stadium (Brisbane Rd)

**CAPACITY:** 9,271 (all seated)

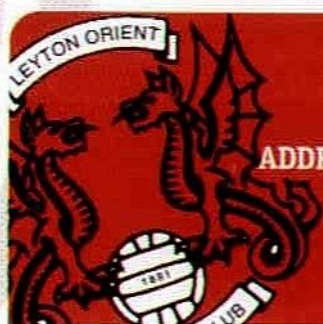
**ADDRESS:** Brisbane Road, Leyton, London, E10 5NF

**TEL NO:** 0870 310 1881

**NICKNAME:** The O's

**PITCH SIZE:** 115 x 80 yds

**WEBSITE:** www.leytonorient.co.uk

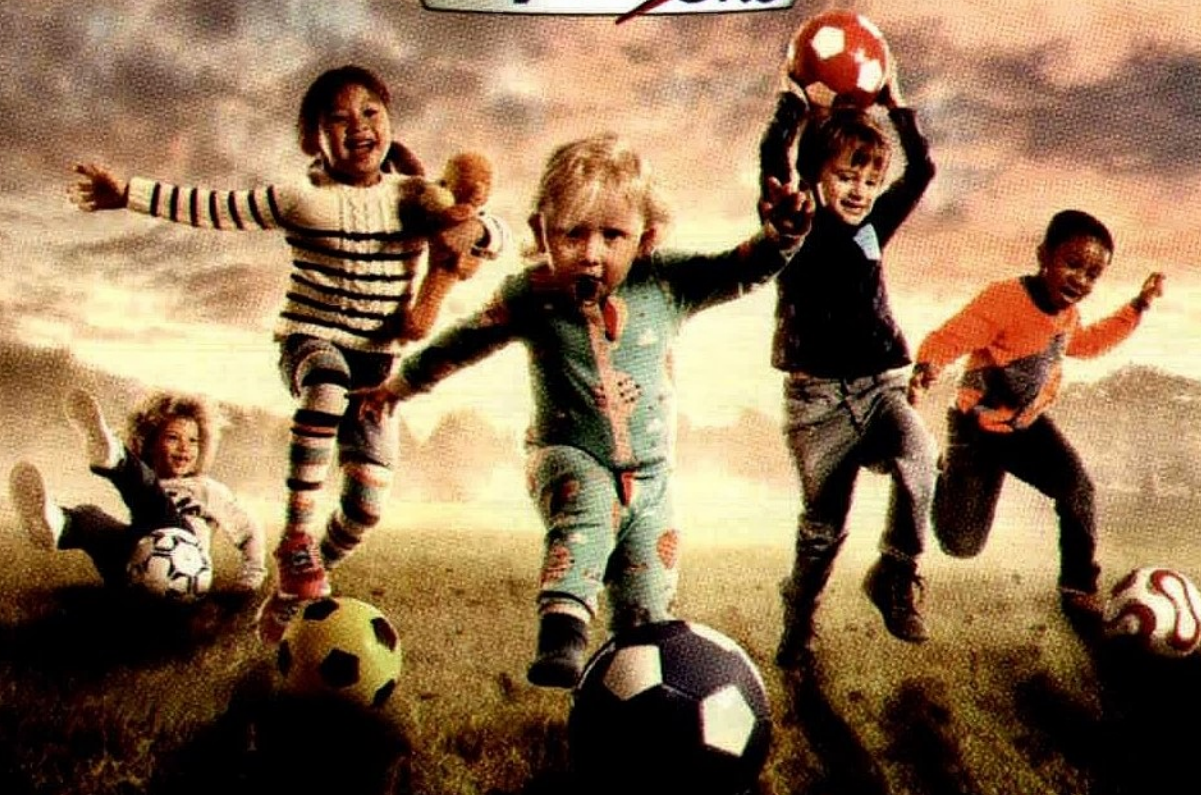


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## PORT VALE

Manager:  
Rob PAGE

1	Chris NEAL	
2	Adam YATES	
3	Carl DICKINSON	
4	Chris ROBERTSON	
5	Ryan MCGIVERN	
6	Richard DUFFY	
7	Chris BIRCHALL	
8	Louis DODDS	
9	Ben WILLIAMSON	
10	Chris LINES	
11	Tom POPE	
12	Sam JOHNSON	
14	Colin DANIEL	
15	Michael O'CONNOR	
17	Michael BROWN	
18	Tommy O'SULLIVAN	
19	Byron MOORE	
20	Mark MARSHALL	
21	Frederic VESELI	
22	Ryan LLOYD	
23	Ryan BOOT	
24	Nathan SMITH	
26	Alex NIMELY	
27	Enoch ANDOH	
28	Achille CAMPION	
29	Kaid MOHAMED	
38	Aziz DEEN-CONTEH	



## SWINDON TOWN

Manager:  
Mark COOPER

1	Wes FODERINGHAM	
2	Nathan THOMPSON	
3	Nathan BYRNE	
4	Massimo LUONGO	
5	Jack STEPHENS	
6	Jordan TURNBULL	
7	Ben GLADWIN	
8	Yaser KASIM	
9	Michael SMITH	
10	Andy WILLIAMS	
14	John SWIFT	
15	Harry TOFFOLO	
16	Connor WALDON	
18	George BARKER	
19	Louis THOMPSON	
20	Jonathan OBIKA	
23	Jack BARTHRAM	
24	Jermaine HYLTON	
25	Tyrell BELFORD	
26	Anton RODGERS	
27	Josue ANTONIO	
28	Tom SMITH	
29	Raphael ROSSI BRANCO	
30	Harry AGOMBAR	
31	Will RANDALL	
32	Lee MARSHALL	
33	Tom HOLLAND	

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:  
Andrew Madley

ASSISTANT REFEREES:  
Mr B. Cropp  
Mr S. Meredith

FOURTH OFFICIAL:  
Mr M. Parry



## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Fixtures kick-off at 5.00pm, unless stated

Bristol City v Gillingham  
Chesterfield v Coventry  
Colchester v Crawley  
Doncaster v Peterborough  
Fleetwood v Rochdale  
Leyton Orient v Yeovil  
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**NEXT AT VALE PARK**  
**PORT VALE v CRAWLEY TOWN**  
Tuesday 17th March 2015  
Kick-Off: 19:45  
Vale Park



**NEXT ON THE ROAD**  
**SHEFFIELD UNITED v PORT VALE**  
Saturday 21st March 2015  
Kick-Off: 15:00  
Bramall Lane



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