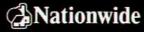






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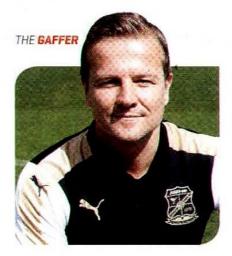
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# MARK — **COOPER**

Welcome back to the County Ground and welcome to Tony Humes, his staff and, of course, his players.

I think it's important to remember that we have a new team that are still coming together and are getting used to each other. Against Burton last weekend, we didn't play with any real devilment or urgency which is something we need to look at. We need to get that urgency back into our play. We're trying to play the same way as last year but with different personnel. We maybe don't have the individuals we had last year so we have to do a bit of tinkering and get a bit more urgency into our game. The only way we can do that is by working. We have to train, work with the players and show them the right way.

The players are a bit disappointed in themselves from last weekend. They didn't really give the right impression or a good account of themselves or show what they're about. I'm sure they'll be determined to put that right today against an in-form Colchester team. If you look at their forward line, they've got some danger there with Marvin Sordell playing in the Premier League last year - they've done well to get him - Gavin Massey, Callum Harriot, George Moncur. They've got a lot of talent, pace and goals there that have caused big teams like Sheffield United a lot of problems so we're going to have to be right at it this afternoon. We're going to try and cause them some problems and get on the front foot.



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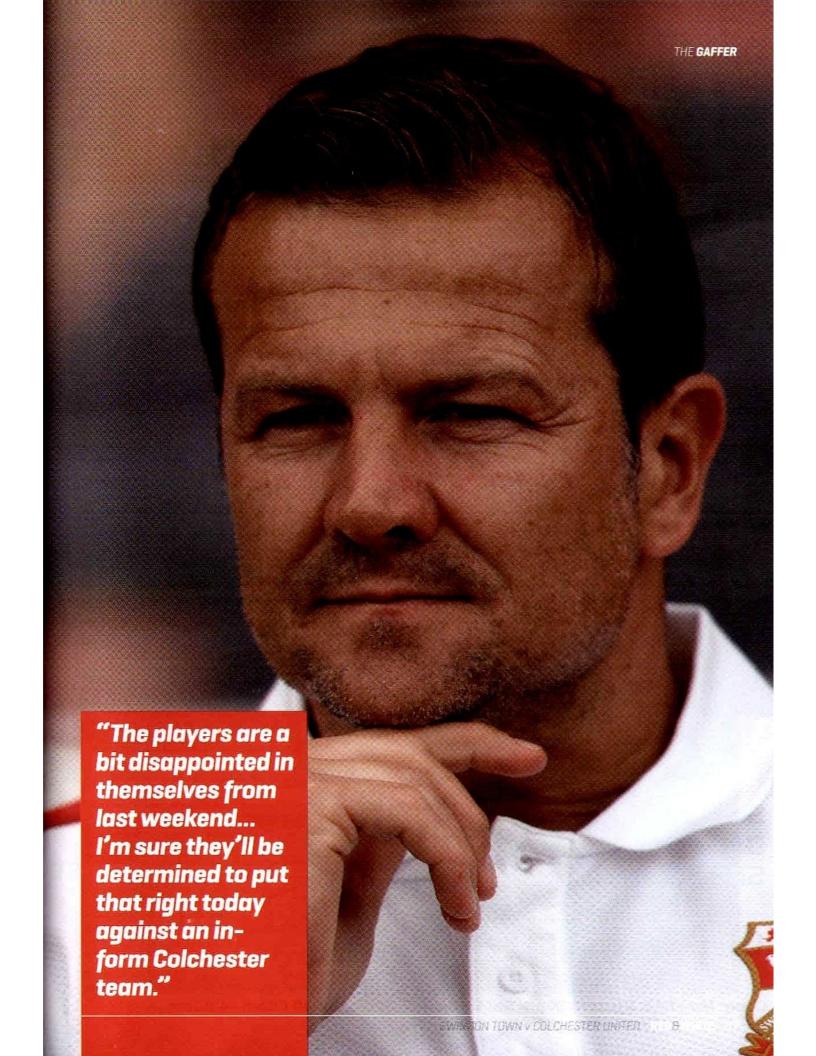
We're a totally different team to last year when Colchester got a draw at the County Ground and they seem to be more of a threat. Last year it was a good game, we missed a lot of chances but Colchester have done well. They obviously don't spend loads of money, they have lots of young players like ourselves and they try and build from the bottom upwards. Good luck to them.

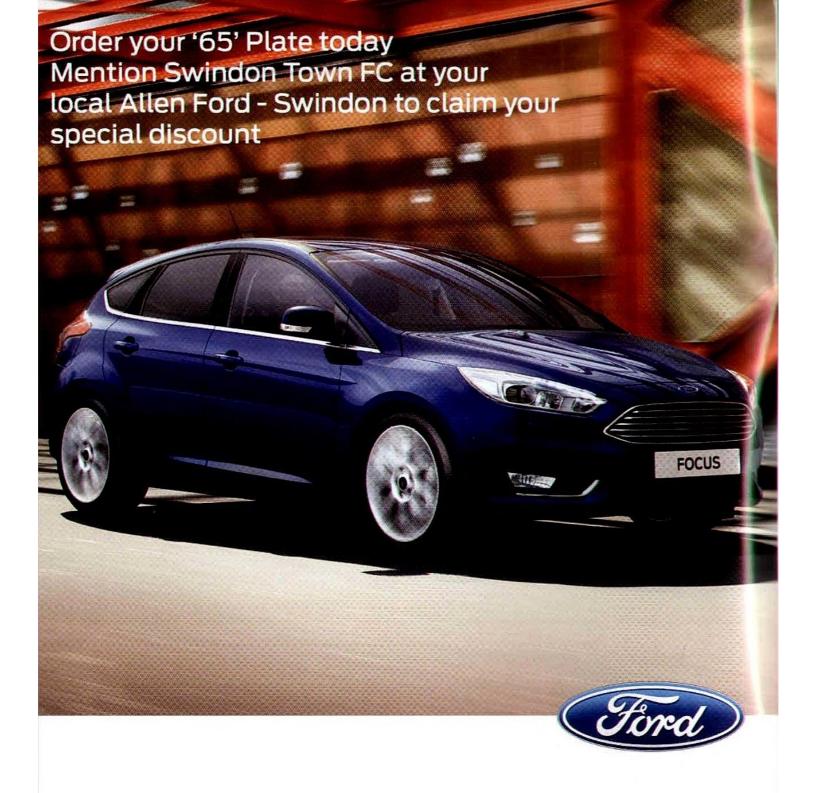
I know the captain has mentioned it in his notes and I agree that these young players need your support but I also understand that we have to give you something to go on. You come and want to be entertained and we didn't give you any entertainment on Saturday. We have to do that.

I think you can put up with us losino games as long as we're having a really good go and we didn't on Saturday. That's the reason why the crowd got a bit frustrated and rightly so. What I will say is that there are a lot of new boys here that are playing a totally different way to what they are used to, coming to this club. It will take them a bit of time but I'm sure if we can get on a run we can get some results behind us and, as always, the players need your support.



Mark Cooper





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Welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Colchester United.

I think we can all agree that last weekend's result against Burton Albion was disappointing. That said, I was impressed with the Brewers' game plan and, if that display was anything to go by, they should be there or thereabouts come the season's end. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink has forged himself a reputation as a manager who instils a real sense of discipline in his team and that was certainly evident. Also, a note of thanks to everyone who donated to the Darcy Ward Foundation last Saturday. It was pleasing to see supporters of Swindon Town give so generously and it was only right that we, as a football club, made our contribution too.

It's been a quiet week around the County Ground. All the hard work put in by our commercial department over the past few months means that all our advertisers and sponsorship partners have now got their branding all around the stadium. Added to the fine job done by Marcus Cassidy in preparing the pitch and our maintenance team who make sure this ground is ready for matchday, we hope that every supporter has a pleasant and safe experience of SN1.

Colchester have won their last two in the league – defeating Sheffield United away and previously unbeaten Gillingham at home is no mean feat and "Also, a note of thanks to everyone who donated to the Darcy Ward Foundation last Saturday. It was pleasing to see supporters of Swindon Town give so generously..."

Mark is going to have to make sure that the team are at their brilliant, scintillating best to get a result this afternoon.

After today, the team face three away games at Doncaster and Blackpool before the derby with Oxford in the second round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Let's hope I'm discussing who I would like to face in round three by the time I come to write my next set of notes when Peterborough come to town on 10th October.

Steve Anderson GENERAL MANAGER

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# COUNTY GROUND **HEADLINES**

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## INTERNATIONAL **VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUN**

Swindon Town hosted the Chilean national Under-17 squad at last Saturday's match with Burton Albion, with the players meeting onloan goalkeeper, Lawrence Vigouroux after the game.

In a trip organised by David Hockaday, the former Town man explained how the visit to SN1 had materialised.

"The League Managers Association were approached by the Chilean FA who were sending their Under-17 team to England," he said. "They then asked me to help organise some accommodation and some games for the Under-17s while they were over here - they host the Under-17 World Cup in October. I got them in at Bisham Abbey and organised three games for them - they played West Ham Under-18s, the Bisham Abbey academy side who are national college champions and QPR's Under-18s."

He added: "Off the back of that I also contacted Swindon Town and got them in on the Saturday to come and see the Town play."

Despite the result, Hockaday says that the youngsters and the staff were impressed with what they saw at the CG.

"They were blown away by the fact that was a stadium for the third tier of English football," he continued. "That's as good as a lot of teams in their top league. They also couldn't believe the quality of the pitch. They came on the pitch afterwards and met Lawrence Vigouroux - Lawrence also spoke to their goalkeeping coach. They did a big team photo and the hospitality that Swindon showed the Chile team was exceptional. They asked me to just say a big 'thank you' to everybody involved - from the stewards, to the car park staff, to the powers that be, to the groundsman - everyone."

Finally, he outlined the Under-17s' plan of action before the tournament kicks-off in Chile next month.

"They left on Monday to go to South Africa then they go back to Chile," he said. "I think they play England's Under-17s in a preparatory game and have USA, Nigeria and Croatia in their group. They are the hosts so are hoping to make it through the group stages and the lottery of knock-out football."

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# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's fixture against Colchester.

While writing these notes, I'm sat frustratingly icing my groin again. In this sport, there's nothing worse than sitting on the sidelines injured and unfortunately, over the past couple of months, it's happened too many times for my liking.

Having learnt a very harsh lesson at Wembley, we made sure that going in to the game against Burton I felt 100% fit. Despite this and with a lack of reserveteam fixtures available, there's no way we can guarantee the body is fully ready to return to first team football.

Annoyingly, and with hindsight, it's probably not a coincidence the groin tweaked in the latter minutes of that game. Nevertheless, I'm doing everything I can in order to put this spell of bad luck behind me and help this team develop, like a captain should.

Reflecting on the game last Saturday, it was one that was highly frustrating for a couple of reasons. Firstly, we've worked hard to make the County Ground a fortress. Over the past couple of years, we've come to expect teams to park the proverbial bus and be content to leave with a solitary point.

When all 11 of the opposing team are behind the ball, trying to break them down becomes extremely difficult. You only have to look at Premier League results on a Saturday afternoon to see how often lesser teams take points off the 'Big Four'. Playing for a point against difficult apposition is part of their campaign strategy. Unfortunately, that's the same tactics we see teams in this division use against us.

Last season, we worked hard to break these types of opponents down to



ensure we collect all three points. But you'll remember, this didn't happen straight away - it took a little time.

In our last two games, we haven't been able to break Burton and Barnsley down. You can only become a better team if you learn from your mistakes and you can be assured that this group of players will certainly do that. With the amount of new players we have, it takes time for the existing players to build new link-ups and it takes time for the new players to learn our ethos. But it's coming. I promise you.

The second reason why I feel it was a frustrating afternoon was the negative atmosphere. I appreciate everyone is entitled to their opinion but with such a young team, constant groans, boos and comments do not help. We know that, nine times out of ten, the fans' heart is in the right place but I can assure you that such vociferous complaints and criticism from the crowd has a direct, detrimental impact on our performance.

Last year, our style of play got us to within one game of Championship

football. It took time for players to learn our philosophy and it didn't click until October. With such a high turnover of players, we have to go through this process again.

My plea to you all is to keep faith and save your criticism until the final whistle as our game depends on players playing freely and having the confidence to express themselves. The team we have at the moment has the potential to exceed last year's performance, so we need our twelfth man behind us.

Today we face a team who, after their recent results, will be high in confidence. Colchester's 'never-say-die' attitude kept them in this league last season. They've taken six points from highflyers, Gillingham and promotion favourites, Sheffield United so will be dangerous opponents this afternoon.

I hope it's an enjoyable game and, most importantly, I hope we get back to winning ways.

Nathan Thompson TEAM CAPTAIN







JAMIE JONES

Jones is currently on a 93-day loan deal at the Weston Homes Community Stadium from Preston North End after injuries to Sam Walker and James Bransgrove. The stopper began his career with Everton before moving on to Leyton Orient, where he would rack up 179 appearances. Last term, while with Preston, he spent time on loan at both Coventry City and Rochdale on loan, making a combined total of 17 appearances.



MATTHEW BRIGGS

The defender initially joined the U's on loan from Millwall for the latter half of last term before turning the move permanent in the summer. A left full-back by trade, Briggs has also played at centre-half. Earlier in his career, he was the youngest ever Premier League player when he made his debut for Fulhern aged 16. While at Craven Cottage he had load stints with the likes of Bristol City and Watford before joining Millwall.



FRANKIE KENT

The young centre-half came through the ranks at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, going on to captain the youth team during the 2013/14 campaign where they enjoyed a successful season in both league and cup. Then a regular in the Under-21s, Kent made his first team bow at Walsall in 2014. Last term, he was a frequent fixture in the heart of the U's defence before injury cut his season short.



TOM EASTMAN

Eastman joined the Us from nearneighbours, Ipswich Town in May 2011. In his first campaign in Essex, the young centre-half impressed enough to pick up the Young Player of the Year award at the end of the season. He then established himself as a regular fixture at the back for Colchester, picking up the Player of the Season award. He retained the title at the end of last term, after an ever-present campaign.



OWEN GARVAN

Garvan signed for the U's at the end of the August transfer window from Crystal Palace. Having started his career with Ipswich Town, the midfielder was a mainstay for the Tractor Boys after bursting onto the scene during the 2005/06 season. In 2010, he made the switch to South London and went on to make over 80 appearances at Selhurst Park. Has spent time on loan with both Millwall and Bolton Wanderers before his release by the Eagles.



JOE EDWARDS

Edwards began his career with Bristol City, spending three seasons with the Ashton Gate side. During his time with the Robins, he would also enjoy loan spells at Bath City, Yeavil Town and Stockport County before signing for the Glovers on a permanent deal, helping them win promotion to the Championship. The defender would go on to take the captain's armband at Huish Park. He signed for Colchester in the summer.



CALLUM HARRIOTT

A graduate of the youth system at Charlton Athletic, the 21-year-old is currently on loan at the Weston Homes Community Stadium until January. The tricky winger has made nearly 50 appearances for the Addicks after making his first team bow at the age of 17. Last term, he managed six goals from his position on the flanks and will be a threat for the U's this afternoon.



GAVIN MASSEY

A tricky forward who started his career with Watford, making a handful of appearances for the Homets. Spent time on loan at Yeovil and at Colchester before moving to Essex on a permanent basis. Has gone on to establish himself in the U's first team, mainly in a wide-left position. In two of the past three seasons, he has picked up the Players' Player of the Year award.



#### JAMIE HARNEY

A defender that was initially brought in on loan from West Ham United before turning his move into a permanent one. With opportunities limited at Upton Park, Harney made his U's debut in a 6-0 hammering at MK Dons.

#### ALEX WYNTER

A versatile defender who is back in Essex after a previous loan spell in 2013/14. After coming through the ranks at Crystal Palace, Wynter started last term on loan at Portsmouth before being snapped up by the U's permanently in January.

#### ALEX GILBEY

Another home grown talent in the U's ranks, Gilbey grew up in the town. Spent time on loan at Newport County, helping the Welsh side into the Football League before establishing himself in the Colchester first team.



#### KANE VINCENT-YOUNG

Recently made his U's first team debut after appearing on the bench earlier this season. The young defender joined Calchester from Tottenham Hotspur after being released by the Premier League side at the end of his scholarship. A regular in the Under-21s last term, Vincent-Young is comfortable playing in either full-back position.



#### MARVIN SORDELL

Sordell joined up with the U's in the surrimer after being released from previous club, Burnley. Having started out at Watford, he impressed enough at Vicarage Road to prompt Bolton Wanderers to snap him up on a permanent deal. Has also spent time with Charlton before joining Burnley ahead of their Premier League campaign last term, going on to make 14 league appearances. Is already off the mark for his new club.

# GEORGE MONCUR

#### DANGER MAN

R&W puts one of Colchester's danger-men under the spotlight...

As well as having a surname that will bring a smile and plenty of memories back to most Town fans at SN1 this afternoon, George has gone on to become one of the first names on the teamsheet since joining the U's from West Ham last term. The son of Swindon legend and STFC Hall of Fame inductee, John, the midfielder spent his formative football years with the Hammers' academy. His first taste of senior football came in the 2011/12 season, when he spent time on loan with AFC Wimbledon in League 2. After appearing for the Iron in an FA Cup tie at Nottingham Forest, he would spend the remainder of the 2013/14 campaign on loan at Partick Thistle in the Scottish top flight. In August 2014, the midfielder joined Colchester on loan and netted on his debut to rescue a point against Oldham. He impressed the U's hierarchy enough to earn a permanent move to Essex in November of last year. His run of apalscoring form towards the end of last season was key in keeping United in League 1; he found the net five times in the final nine games, including a vital goal that secured a 1-0 win against Preston on the last day. Moncur already has four goals to his name this season.



#### SAMMIE SZMODICS

The frontmen has been with the U's from a young age, making his way through the youth system into the first team. After breaking into the team during the 2013/14 season, he was a regular fixture last term.

#### DARREN AMBROSE

Vastly experienced midfielder who is no stranger to the Premier League with the likes of Ipswich Town and Newcastle United. Has also plied his trade with Charlton, Crystal Palace and Birmingham before joining the U's in the summer.

#### MACAULEY BONNE

Another youth team graduate, Bonne was originally with Ipswich Town before signing for the U's. Enjoyed a dream debut, stepping off the bench to head the winning goal against Peterborough United on his 18th birthday. Already has three goals this term.

#### DION SEMBIE-FERRIS

A tricky winger who was snapped up from non-league outfit, St. Neots Town. Broke into the St Noots side at a young age before earning a deal with the U's. Made his first team debut at Cardiff in January 2015.



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moving onto the role of Academy Director. In 2001, he joined the Ipswich Town academy, working his way up to Academy Manager in 2006. He stayed at Portman Road until January 2009 before later taking up a role as Head of Youth at Colchester United. Working with the youngsters at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, Humes would guide the Under-18s to the South East Youth Alliance league title as well lifting the National Youth Alliance Cup. He worked closely with thenmanager, Joe Bunne at bringing

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Scouting Report

The U's biggest threats are arguably their wide players, Harriot and Massey. Both are very quick and pose a real danger to sides, especially when Colchester launch a counter-attack. George Moncur takes up a position in the Number 10' role and is a talented playmaker. Marvin Sordell has joined from Burnley over the summer and he is their focal point as a striker, bringing experience of playing at a higher level to a relatively young side. The U's weak link could be their defence; they could give a chance or two away during the game.

# PROGRAMME VAULT

It was Thomas Dossevi (remember him?) who put Swindon in front against the U's in this encounter from November 2010. In first half injury time however, Ashley Vincent drew the visitors level with a header. Then, shortly after the break, it was Charlie Austin who sealed all three points for the home side with a tidy finish after a well-worked team move.

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## R&W delves into the County Ground archives and looks back

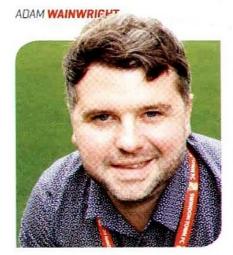








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# COMMERCIAL UPDATE @ allenford



Welcome to our second home game in a week. Following last week's little blip, we're hoping to kick-start our league campaign with a good victory today to send everyone home happy.



Last week, we launched our season-long partnership with 888Sport. All of their signage is now on show and looks very strong. We also welcomed the prizewinners to the 1879 Sponsors Suite as part of the 888Sport programme sponsorship. We've had fantastic feedback from those that attended and we will look to run more of these competitions with 889Sport for your chance to win a day out watching the Town in style. Keep your eye out for more details and don't forget to activate your 888Sport account.

Since the last set of notes, McDonald's Swindon have come on board with an advertising package, as this relationship continues to go from strength to strength. Avon Tyres have also committed to us for a season with a view to next as we continue to seek new business potential, harness these relationships and grow them for mutual benefit.

We are currently in talks with Wincanton, the Wyvern Theatre and Withy King

and will hopefully be looking to confirm tailored packages with both in the coming weeks as the season begins to gather pace.

Thank you to our good friends, the Supporters Club who sponsored the match last time out. We've had glowing testimonials from many of their members who won the prize draw to sample our hospitality on Saturday. The funds you have raised and continue to raise for the club is a fantastic achievement which takes a considerable amount of voluntary hours and dedication to the cause. Thank you all for your efforts and hard work.

This week, Mark Cooper and I travelled out onto the Fosseway to spend time with one of our main sponsors, Simon Carrington from Cotswold Farm Machinery. CFM sponsor the shorts this season. It was a chance for Mark to spend some time with a major sponsor to show the club's appreciation and get to know a little more about the dynamics of his business. Mark even

drove a tractor and passed the tractor test with flying colours! Simon was very grateful of the time taken out of the gaffer's busy schedule and the gesture was very much appreciated. Thanks for your continued support, Simon and Janet of CFM.

Onto today, we welcome match sponsors, Dave Cobb Transport Limited. Dave is an avid Town fan and supports us with a number of sponsorships. We are hoping today is the first of many again and we go on to claim all three points. Joining us as programme sponsors are yet more avid Town fans who have been following the fortunes of the club for many a year. The Bowler party like to support the club commercially, adding to their Season Ticket commitment. They have been supporting us in this way for several seasons. Thank you and enjoy your day with us.

Adam Wainwright COMMERCIAL MANAGER

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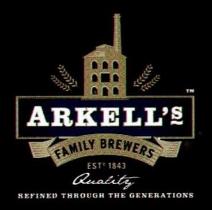


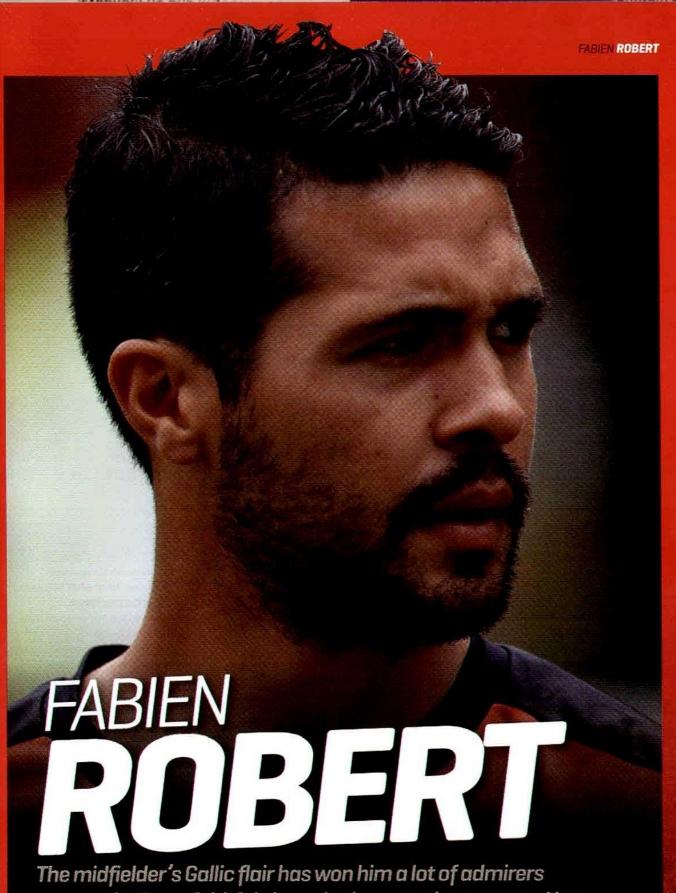
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The midfielder's Gallic flair has won him a lot of admirers among the Town faithful since signing over the summer. Now, after two defeats on the spin, the midfielder says that he aims to thrive under the pressure to perform.



#### Let's start by clearing something up because Wikipedia says that you're the brother of a well-known footballer...

\*laughs\* No, he's not my brother! Wikipedia made a mistake because we have got the same roots. My father comes from an island called La Réunion and Laurent Robert comes from the same island. It's a small island in the Indian Ocean - it's beautiful.

#### So, where did you first start playing football?

I started playing for a small club called Lanester - it's close to Lorient, about five minutes away. Then, I went to Lorient at nine or ten and... I don't know the word...?

#### ...came through the academy?

Yes! I came through the academy and played for every team until the professional team.

Lorient have nurtured a lot of talent over the past decade

#### or so. Did you play alongside anvone like André-Pierre Gignac or Kévin Gameiro?

Oh, I played with a lot of players who are in the Premier League now. Lorient was a very good team when I was there. It was top six or top seven every year so they had a lot of good players: Gignac who plays now in Mexico, [Laurent] Koscielny for Arsenal, [Francis] Coquelin for Arsenal, [Morgan] Amalfitano who plays for West Ham, Joel Campbell at Arsenal, [Jérémie] Aliadière who played for Arsenal - a lot of players from Arsenal! You know the way Swindon play? A lot of possession? We played the same way in Lorient. That's why I like to play in Swindon because we want to control the game and we did that in Lorient with a very good team.

#### Here you've played in a more central position as well as out on the wing. Where did you fit in at Lorient?

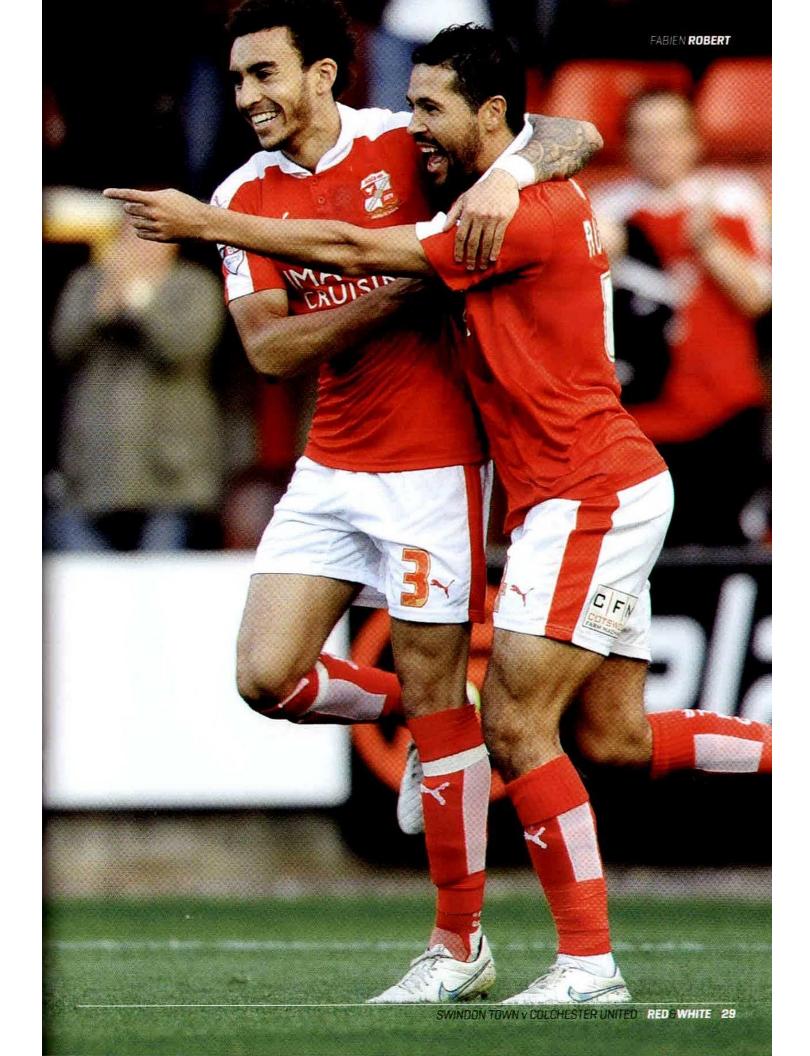
I played in a central position. I play like a...how can I say?

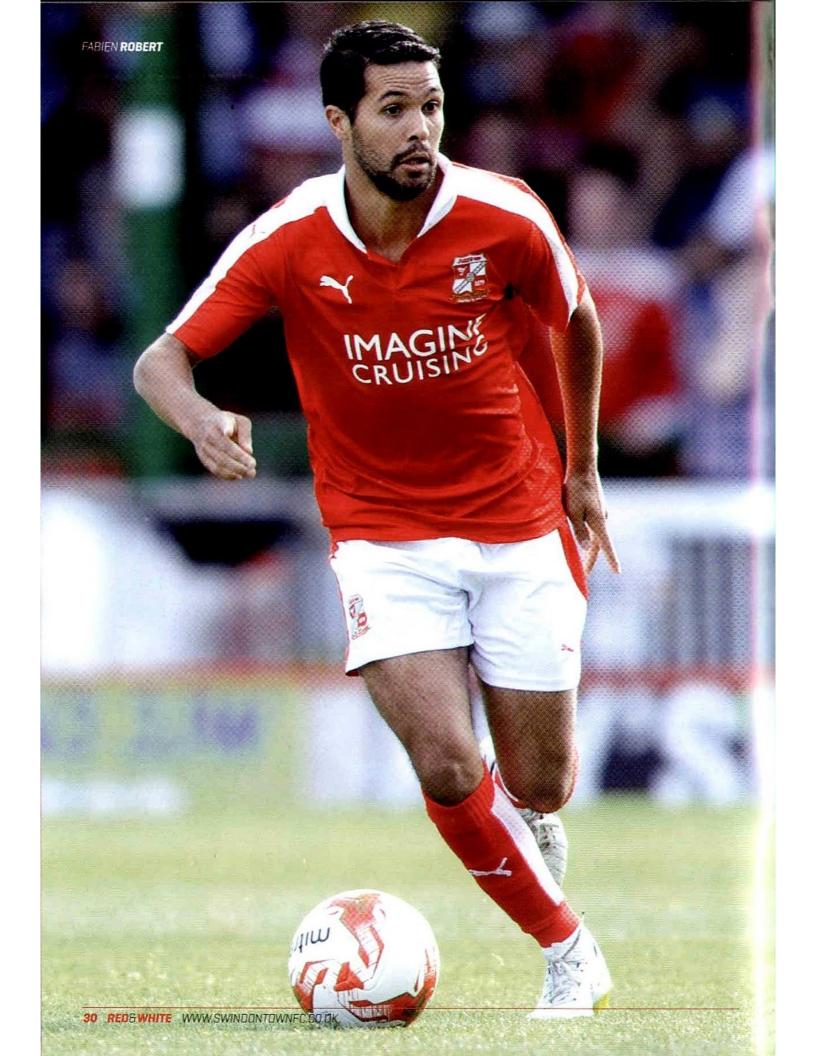
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A 'number 10' sometimes but sometimes like a false 9 like Fàbregas at Barcelona.

#### So between Lorient and Swindon Town what happens? Fill in the gap for us...

I started playing very well then the French Under-19, 20 and 23s called me up. I was almost every time with the French national team so it was a good start. After that, I was on the bench for two seasons at Lorient so I went on loan to Boulogne who were also in Ligue 1 at the time so it was a good move. We went down so I went back to Lorient and there were still really good players so I wanted to leave Lorient and went to Doncaster on loan, I did well there. It was really a great experience for me. Honestly, it was the best experience of my life in Doncaster, They wanted me to join them after my loan but Lorient asked for a lot of money because I have a long contract. They (Doncaster) went down as well so they don't have the money and I go back to





Lorient. After this, they also changed the manager at Lorient. Before, it was Gourcuff - he's a famous manager in France. We played really good football with him. A new manager comes in and didn't want me involved in the team so I waited for the end of my contract. I wanted to go back to England and new I'm here at Swindon.

#### How have you settled in?

It's ok. When I was at Doncaster there were a lot of French players - maybe ten and that was too much. Here there are two or three maybe four that can speak French and it's better for integration. I can speak with a lot of English players and that's better for the atmosphere in the dressing room.

#### Have you discovered a French community in Swindon?

No, not yet.

So, you can start one if you really wanted to? Maybel If they want to join me no problem!

#### On the pitch, you're in the team, playing well and scoring goals so the supporters give you your own chant. That must be pleasing to hear?

Yeah it's very nice for me. I appreciate that very much. The fans are very nice with me since I came to Swindon so it's a good feeling.

#### The last couple of games have not gone quite so well for Swindon, though...

It's difficult when you change the team. I think we

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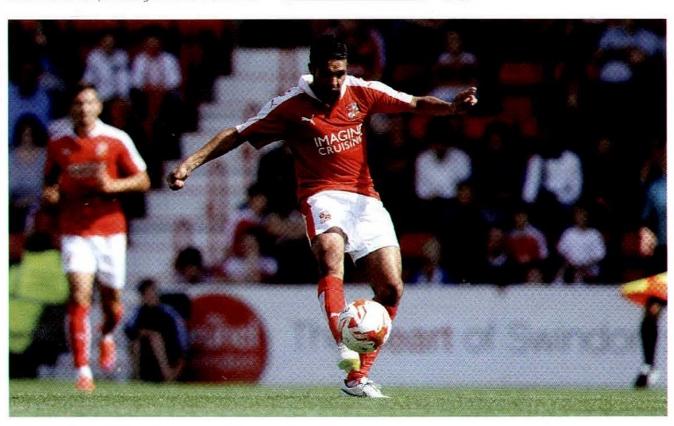
are still looking for what is the best way to play with the players we've got. We have to find that as fast as possible of course. We have a lot of work. When I come in preseason it was a different team and between pre-season and the start of the season it's, again, a different team so it's a lot of changes and we have to work on this.

#### Mark Cooper has a lot midfielders to choose from now. Do you enjoy that competition?

In this league, we have a lot of games so you have to get a lot of players. You can't start every game in a season - your body can't do that and if you see the top teams, they have got big squads so it's not a problem. I'm not afraid about competition. I think if I do my best, I play.

#### After those two defeats, Swindon are back at home again and have a chance to pick up three points against Colchester today...

We have to win. It's two defeats in the last two and I think it's good when you have pressure on you. Maybe we think "oh, we have a good squad, a good team, good players and we can go up easily" but it's not easy, especially in England - every game is tough. I think, sometimes, it's good to lose and you can 'get up' after. If we win against Colchester, I think it could be a real start





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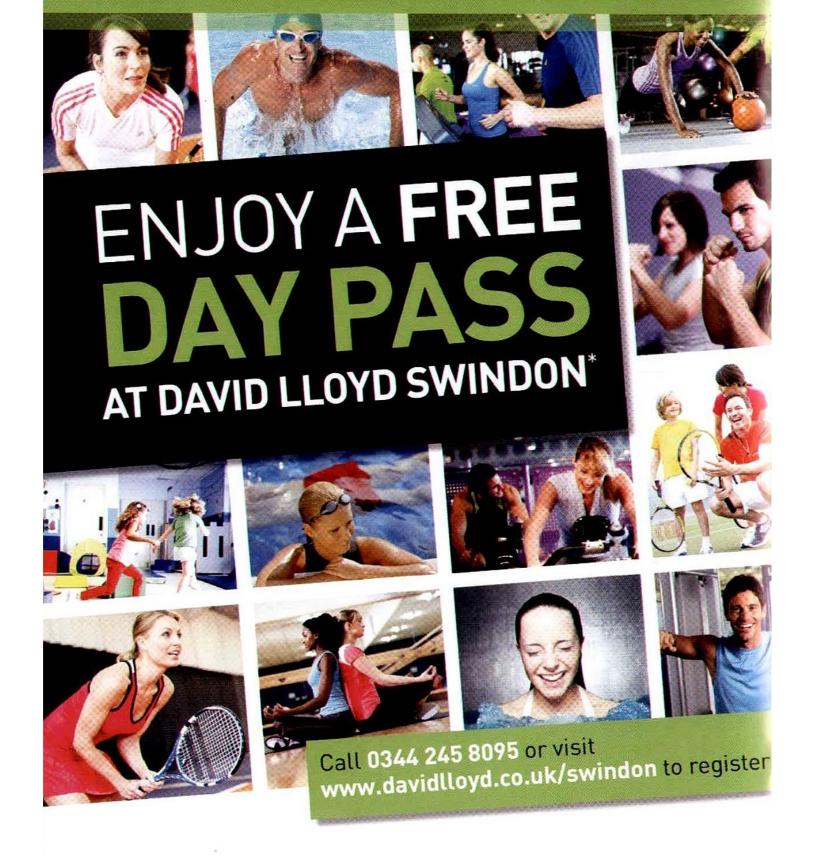
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# MARCUS CASSIDY

It's been a very strange summer - the shortest window we've ever had to get the pitch ready for the new season.

With the team training on the pitch up until the Play-Off Final and with the Everton friendly being so early, the window to get the pitch ready in time went down from about nine weeks to six and a half.

Because of that short window, the club invested in some permination sheets which acted as an incubator. In other words it sped up the germination process so we probably saved ourselves a week or a week and a half which doesn't sound a lot but it really is, Ideally, the grass needs 12 weeks to grow but we've forced it on and done it in just over half that time.

It's very good at the moment and I'm really pleased. We're now going into a dormant period where the growth slows down and we're going from autumn into winter. It's imperative that we keep the

grass and the soil strong. If we on into the winter and the grass is a little bit thin and it's not so healthy, then the pitch will just get worse and worse. It's about making it as strong as possible by doing what we're doing to it now.

Grass is a living plant so, like humans get cold, grass also gets diseases. There are times when, due to our climate, the fertiliser might go through quicker if it's been raining, the grass might look (to me, anyway) a bit yellow so it's about keeping it as healthy as possible.

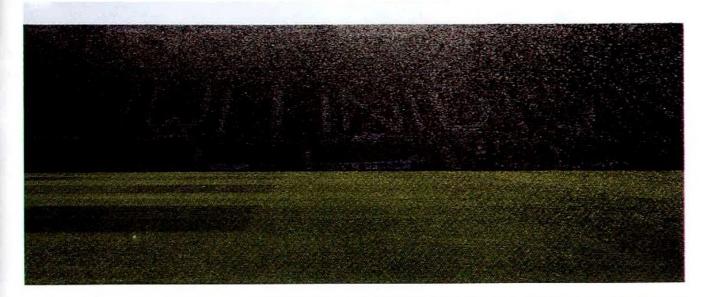
Planning is a massive part of the job at this time of year. We've got to look at the fixtures and the weather and plan ahead. Sometimes, we might not be able to do certain applications if the weather is bad so we've got to plan our

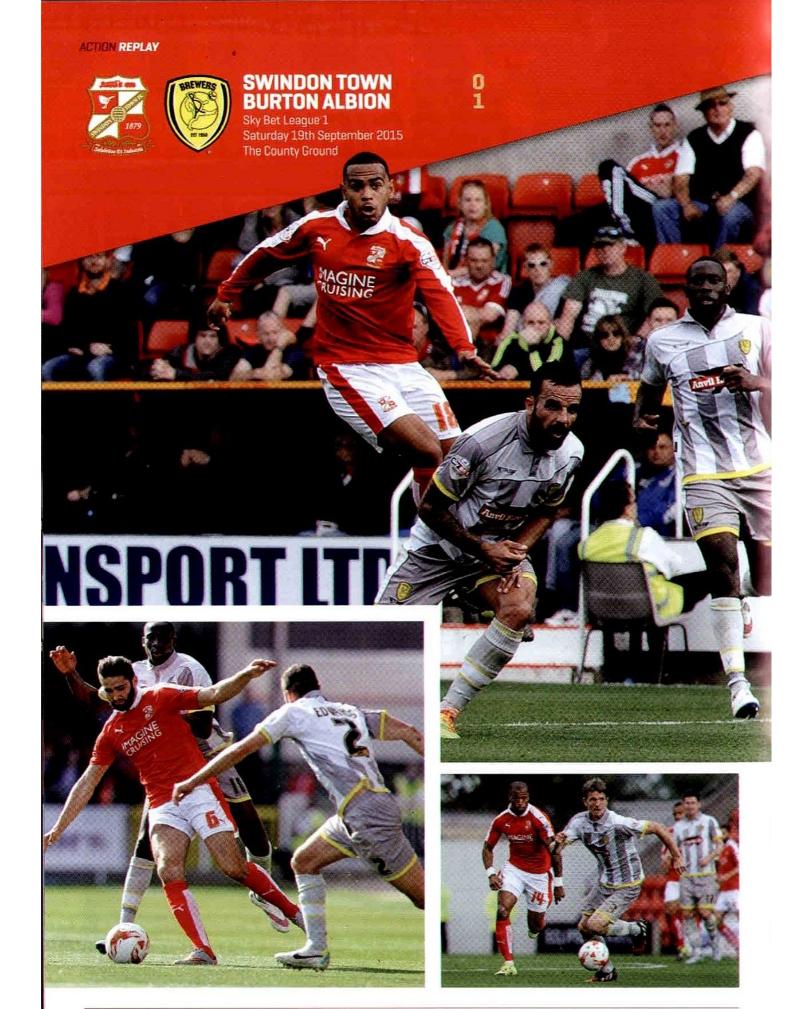
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spiking and make sure that's done in time. We also have to plan our chemical application and our fertiliser application to make sure it kicks in so, when we have the game, the recovery period is a lot quicker.

The cutting eases off now while the planning picks up. If we can get it strong going into the winter there is less to do to the pitch. If it's strong then it becomes about match preparation and match repair. So, we'll get out there before the game, get it ready and then we'll repair it as soon as possible after the game. We've got a group of 10-12 matchday volunteers to make sure the pitch is 'put to bed'. Then, with any bad weather we do have, we know the pitch is playable for the next game.

Marcus Cassidy HEAD GROUNDSMAN







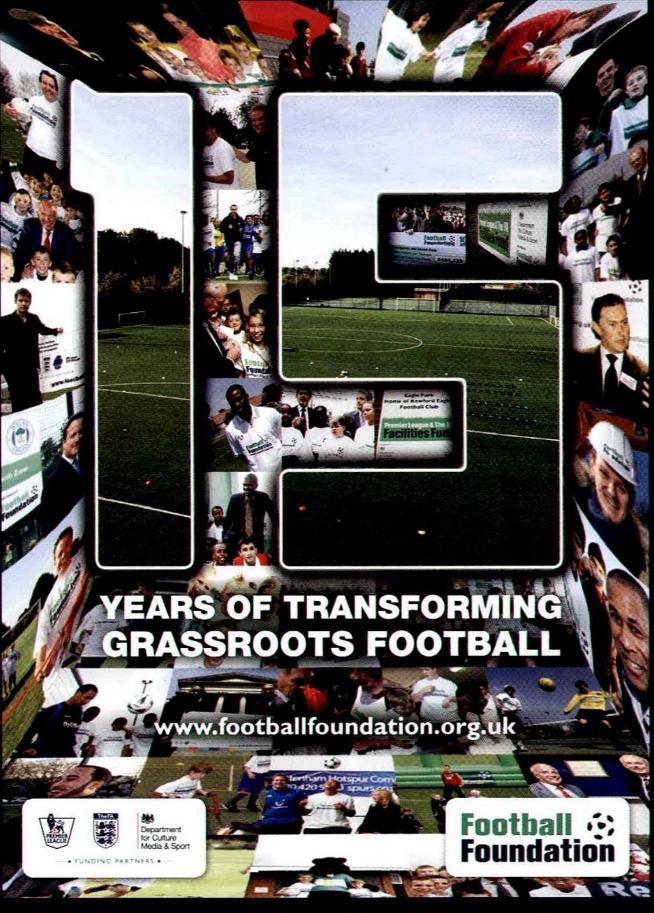












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# MESSAGE BOARD



Happy birthday to Jonathan Parks, an avid Swindon fan currently living in Southampton. Jon travels to support Swindon at home and away and is known for his ability to recall a wide range of Swindon stats covering a number of years! We hope he had a very special day last Saturday against Burton. Lots of love from Jo, Jacci, Simon & Georgie xxxx

Happy Birthday to Sandra Tucker who is at the game today with the family. Today has got to be a winner.

# **FEATURE HERE!**

If you'd like to feature on this page, please e-mail us at programme@swindontownfc.co.uk with your message and your face could be the next to appear!

# MASCOT

Name: Jack Holborow

School: Covingham Park Primary

Teams played for: Stratton Juniors and Swindon Town Football

in the Community

Hobbies/likes: Football

[Swindon & Arsenal]

and Star Wars

Favourite Town player: Jermaine Hylton



# MASCOT

Name: Oliver Holborow Age: 8

School: Covingham Park

Teams played for: Swindon Advanced

Centre, Reading ADC and Stratton Juniors U8s - Foxes

Hobbies/likes: Football (Swindon & Arsenal) and Star wars

Favourite Town player: Louis Thompson



# MASCOT

Name: Rory Stephen Favourite U's player: Joe Edwards

Hobbies: Loves playing any sport, football, rugby, golf and swimming as well as learning to fly fish with his father and catch his own trout.

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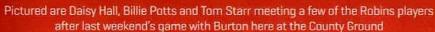
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Our sponsored match last week saw nine members enjoying a day at the club along with former Town 'keeper Jimmy Allan (pictured alongside myself and Shaun Skinner and also during his playing days here at the County Ground). I understand that the food was excellent and everyone including Jimmy had an enjoyable afternoon. Jimmy was much in demand and heard many memories of his time at Swindon.

The 50/50 winner was D. Coe of Swindon with ticket 885 winning £500. Second prize went to P. Auton of Swindon. Ticket number 1192 won £55.

In other recent draws, C. Cherill won a

programme for every home game this season. R. Tilling and N. Davies both won a seat to Coventry with SAS travel [thanks to Saily Ann and Marc].

If you would like to be at the next sponsored match v Rochdale, to be included in the draw just join the Supporters Club at any home match. At the moment, we are in the process of funding a scaffolding and platform for the academy to assist in their progress.

We will be helping the club with the Senior Christmas Party so watch this space.

### Roger Bunce

SUPPORTERS CLUB CHAIRMAN

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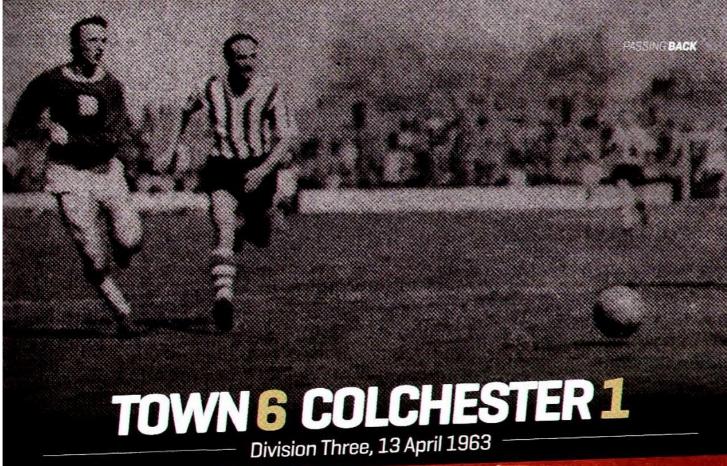
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"Either side of the interval, the amateur centreforward hit a six-minute hat-trickone of the quickest in the club's history - giving Swindon a commanding 4-1 advantage."

Following a home defeat to promotion rivals
Peterborough on Good
Friday 1963, Town looked in real danger of being ousted from a top two spot. The 'Posh' were now just one point behind and Coventry three - but they had three games in hand.

Colchester, three points off the bottom four, arrived at the County Ground just 24 hours later. Swindon made three changes, with Eric Weaver making his first appearance of the season on the left wing. The veteran Maurice Owen came in at right-back in place of 18-year-old Colin Huxford, while another 18-year-old stepped up for his League debut - Willie Harber deputising for Bobby Woodruff at left-half.

There was a touch of déjà vu in the first quarter of the game as United equalised an early opener from Town, with Peterborough having dealt a similar blow.

But this time the hosts did not let their lead go to waste - one that had been given to them by Mike Summerbee in the eighth minute - as John Stevens, a radar technician in the RAF, took over.

Either side of the interval, the amateur centre-forward hit a six-minute hat-trick - one of the quickest in the club's history - giving Swindon a commanding 4-1 advantage.

The first came in a goalmouth scramble following a Weaver corner, the second from a storming run through the middle and the third from a bullet header from a Summerbee corner on the other flank.

Stevens then set up Ernie Hunt for a fifth Town goal midway through the second period, before Hunt himself rounded off the scoring five







minutes from time.

Both the next two games were lost but, as Coventry faltered with only one victory from their last seven fixtures, four wins from the final six saw Swindon safely over the promotion line on 14 May.



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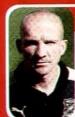
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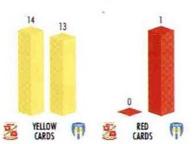
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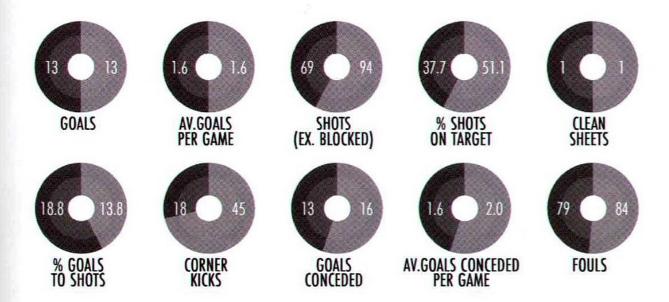
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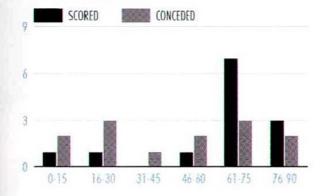


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# **GOAL TIMES**





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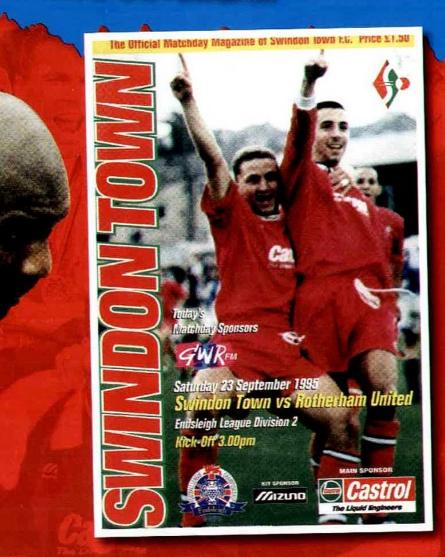


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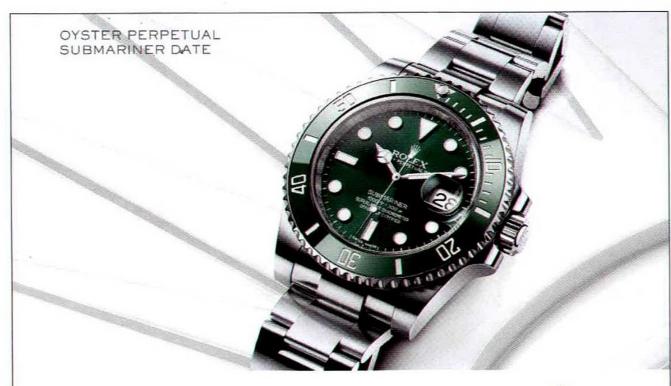
After the euphoria of Blackburn just days earlier, Town could have been forgiven for putting in a display that would have quite happily worn the cliche after the Lord Mayor's show' - it took Steve McMahon's men 38 minutes to register a shot on target against Rotherham at the County Ground; Paul Bodin's left-footed strike being comfortably saved by Matthew Clarke in the Millers' goal. There was nothing that the visitors' goalkeeper could have done about the goal that eventually did win the game for Swindon. Ty Gooden picked the ball up around 30 yards from the target before unleashing a cracking drive that flew into the top corner. Wayne Allison and Peter Thorne both went close before the end but the home side had to be content with one goal as the margin of victory. A week later, Swindon were back on the road at Wrexham. The player/manager set up Swindon's first, crossing for Allison to head home from close range. Kevin Horlock would then turn provider, curling a free-kick over to the far post where Allison nodded in his and Town's second of the afternoon. Karl Connolly tapped in to give the hosts a lifeline before



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half-time then, just after the re-start, he netted the equaliser after being left free on the left-hand edge of the box. Peter Thorne then converted Gooden's cross with a diving header to nudge Swindon back in front but the Welsh side promptly responded through Connolly, who bagged his hat-trick in the process. Then, when Frank Talia could only parry a corner back out into the box, Barry Hunter was in the right place to turn the ball into the back of the net, hand the hosts a 4-3 win and condemn the visitors to their first league defeat of the campaign. The following Wednesday, Town headed to Blackburn Rovers hoping to overturn a 3-2 first leg deficit at the home of the reigning Premier League champions. Having hauled his team back into the tie when they found themselves 2-0 down at SN1, Alan Shearer was the Rovers standard-bearer once again, heading in a corner after 37 minutes to give Swindon an almighty mountain to climb. With seven minutes to play, he found the net once again with a precise, side-footed finish across Digby to send Rovers into the next round.





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The home defeat by Burton Albion last weekend was a very demoralising experience for every one of the Town supporters that were present - I'm sure many shared the feeling that the playing tempo was slow and uninspiring and the successes of last season and the fabulous exciting away wins at Southend and Crewe from the past few weeks all seemed a distant memory.

We've continued to see a modern style of football that pleases some and antagonises others - but we have to remember that, on past performance and over the longer term, this style has paid off - delivering some scintillating displays in the last year.

It's for this reason we all need to stay patient and give whatever support we can. Our home results have been less than spectacular this season,

winning only one out of five fixtures so far and so it's time for us, as supporters, to step up our game.

Let's not watch idly - as everyone knows, home support is vital to a team's success. The style we play does not necessarily encourage the edge-of-the-seat, passionate support we need but, as fans, we should try and play our part and give our boys the vocal advantage they sometimes need.

Aside from a few key fixtures. namely Bristol City and the Play-Offs, the atmosphere at home matches has been sadly lacking for some time however this is an area that we as supporters can help.

As the tannoy announcer often states "Let's make some noise for the Swindon boys" and do what we can to get the matches started off in the

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right way. It's often the minutes building up to kick-off that set the atmosphere and at kick-off itself we should be hearing a crescendo of noise!

It's not easy but we have seen over the years that when we join together as a collective force, we can make a fantastic noise that will inspire the team to great heights and drown out the very best of away support.

One of our objectives is to use the Red Army Fund to help deliver greater fan engagement and we want to do what we can to build the pre-match atmosphere - a little bit of money can go a long way in this

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HENRIK OJAMAA IMAGINE CRUISING HENRIK



# He brings Champions League and international experience to Mark Cooper's squad and now, the former Legia Warsaw man says that he is looking forward to playing his part at SN1...

The Estonian international revealed that the welcoming nature of Town's playing staff has enabled him to settle quickly in Wiltshire and says that he was pleased to have finally stepped onto the field in Swindon's famous red and white.

"Of course, I'm very pleased to play," he said. "It's a shame about the result but it's something to build on because we need to be better from a result and a performance point of view. For me to play was great and something to build on.

"I've settled in really well. It helps that all the players and the staff are really welcoming. They have made me feel right at home and have made the transition very easy so with that, I'm very happy and looking forward to being a part of this team for the season.

"It was a good experience to play in front of the home fans for the first time. It's a shame we couldn't give them something to cheer about but there are a lot more games to come. Maybe you're due to have a blip in form at some point in the season as a team. So if you get that out of the way early then maybe that's for the best. I really think we're going to go on and pick up some great results in a row now."

Ojamaa has been deployed in a wide position by Mark Cooper in his two appearances so far and has told Town fans to expect more of his direct running at pace.

"That's something I'm good at," he explained. "Hopefully I can create us many more opportunities to score and maybe get some shots in myself. That's something I feel "We can only focus on ourselves and learn the mistakes from last week and keep improving together as a team."

I can bring to the table for the benefit of the team."

With in-form Colchester in town this afternoon, the forward declared that Town are solely focusing on improving their own performances.

He continued: "They've had some good results of late but we know that if we apply ourselves correctly and play the way we can, that it doesn't matter what kind of form the opposition are in. We're going to be better. We can only focus on ourselves and learn the mistakes from last week and keep improving together as a team."



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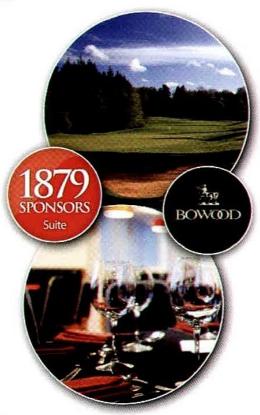
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# JEREMY NEWTON

We are pleased to announce that Jayden Bogle has agreed a contract extension with the club which sees him tied to the club until the end of



Along with the contract extension of Jayden Mitchell-Lawson, who committed to the club last year to the same period, we feel that these players will develop even further at Swindon Town and hopefully, at some stage, will be included in the first team squad. Having said that, it is hoped that all players in the academy strive to become first team players and with the boss, the first team staff and the club hierarchy wanting to know what we've got coming through hopefully, they can see that we've got some special talent developing in the

younger age groups and right. through the academy. Jayden has played Under-18s football already this season and it is hoped that others in the Under-16s will be included throughout the season to see how far away they are from making the transition into the Under-18s the following season.

In terms of the games programme, last weekend, the Under-18s and Under-16s played Bournemouth and both came out victorious with good performances. They travel down to Exeter today. The Under-9s to

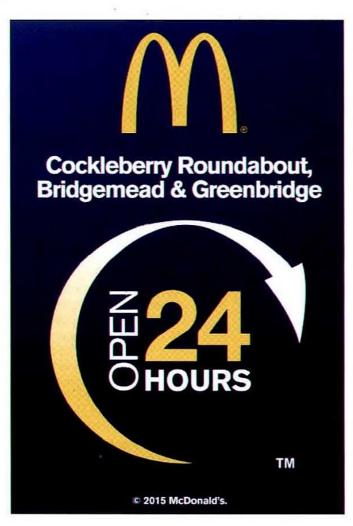
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Under-15s played Plymouth and there were good performances all-round from all age groups. The Under-9s to Under-15s will play Cheltenham this weekend.

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Last Friday saw our first Under-6 session take place and the standards were very good with the ten players selected to represent the club. That now sees us running an Under-6, Under-7 and Under-8 'preacademy'. They now have three years 'pre-academy' before they sign their first contracts at Swindon Town, Long-term, this will see our players develop even more with that extra couple of years of development time in the academy. Subsequently, this will further increase our numbers of local players in the system. At present, we have 92% of our academy (across all age groups) travelling from within a 30-mile radius of the County Ground. Hopefully we will continue to produce local players with the view to them representing their local professional football club.

Jeremy Newton ACADEMY MANAGER





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# SCOTT LINDSEY

Our lost result was a 1-0 win at home to Bournemouth which was a pleasing performance.

We dominated the first half for sure and in the second half. they owned the ball a little bit more than they did in the first half. We were quite compact, hard to break down and, of course, when we had the ball. we kept it well. So I am really pleased and it was the first time we have kept a clean sheet for a while so full credit to the boys because we had done work on that at the beginning of the week. Beating a team who are a Premier League outfit made me proud.

People talk about results not being important with the youth team and that it's all about development. However, results breed confidence and promote a good environment to work in. Yes, it's always nice to win because you can take that into the week of training - everyone comes in bubblier on a Monday

if we have won a game on a Saturday and done well. Then the standard of training is lifted and we take that through the week and on to the next game. At this age, confidence is everything. On the other side of the coin, if you're losing games, I think it's hard to get out of that. So, we performed really well and we also did this in front of the manager. The gaffer managed to watch the whole first half and about 10 minutes of the second half before having to make his way back to the County Ground for their fixture against Burton Albion. He spoke to the boys before the game and at half-time, which is encouraging for them because you don't see many managers from the Football League doing that with their youth team on a Saturday morning. It's incredible really and it obviously gives the boys

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a lift which is good all round.

I've always tried to make it a happy environment no matter what the score is. I want the players to come through the door every morning and enjoy the environment that they work in. There is no point making it into a prison. By all means, they know it's disciplined in a way that they all know their boundaries and the rules but they have to enjoy themselves as well and I do firmly believe that, if they are enjoying it, they learn more.

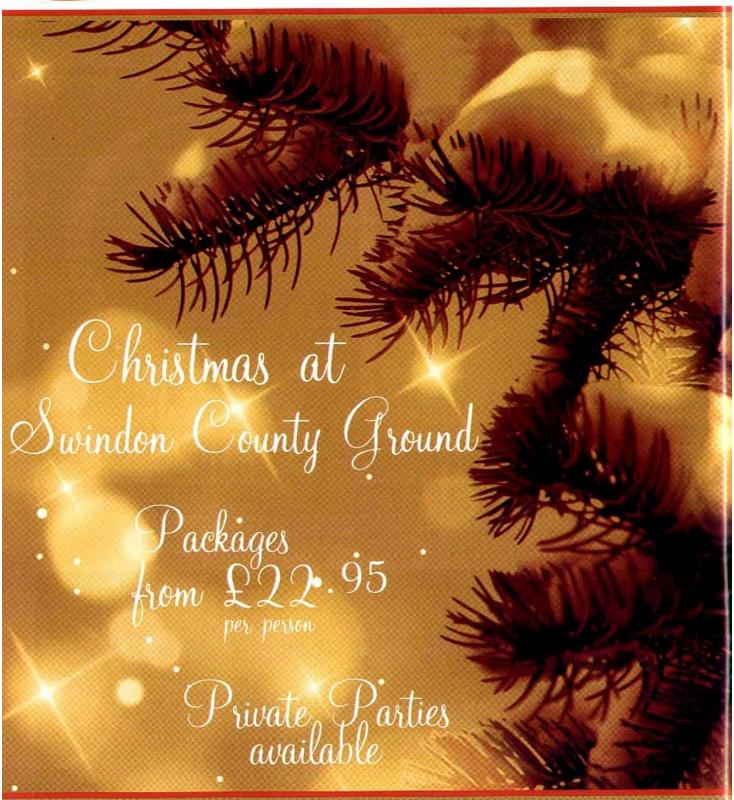
We played another development game this week against Plymouth in what is called the Final Third Development League It is a reserve game, in effect. We had a number of pros playing with us as well.

Scott Lindsey UNDER-18S MANAGER









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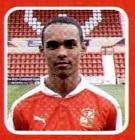


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The Reds continued their unbeaten start to the season after a trip to Exeter City LFC saw Town Ladies walk away with a 2-1 win. This was be Town's toughest challenge of the season to date and an opportunity to put right the disappointing conclusion of last season, which saw this fixture sink any promotion hopes after a 3-1 loss. The Ladies made the journey with a slightly depleted side: four first team regulars were missing but the depth of the squad provided opportunities for others to step up and fight for their place in the starting XI. The first half saw few opportunities with both teams cancelling each other out and it wasn't until midway through the second half when Exeter went ahead. Town showed their fighting spirit to get back on level terms with a goal from Meg Vella on 75

minutes. From then on, Town took hold of the game and came out eventual winners with a goal from Mag Attenborough seven minutes from time. This was far from one of the Ladies' best performances but shows they have the determination and drive that comes with grinding out the desired result even when things aren't going to plan. This result put Town top of the table after Keynsham LFC suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Cheltenham Town LFC. The team travel away to title challengers Chichester City LFC this Sunday who also have a 100% record with four wins. For match scores and updates please follow us on twitter: 

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### GIRLS DEVELOPMENT

Swindon Town Ladies Development got their league campaign underway on the 6th September losing 4-3 to Melksham Town but, since then, have recorded two wins which includes beating local rivals Swindon Spitfires Development, 5-2. They currently sit top of the Wiltshire Women's County League. This weekend the development team are at home to Highworth Town LFC. Kick-off is at 2pm at Lambourne Sports Club.

Swindon Town Ladies Under-18s are currently sitting third in the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football league after two games. They lost 4-2 at Oxford City in their opening fixture but bounced back to win 8-2 at Milton United Ladies. The Under-18s are playing at home this Saturday against Winchester City Flyers LFC. Kick-off is at 10:30am at Lambourne Sports Club.

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# REMEMBERING RHIANNON BROWN

Andy Lovegrove will be runnning the Bournemouth Marathon on 4th October in memory of Rhiamon Brown and to raise awareness and funds for Rhi's Gools. Andy is a close family friend and has known Rhiamnon for 14 years. Rhiamnon's passion for football was a sight to behold and I really hope as many of you can support Andy with a small donation to this worthwhile cause.

Rhi's Goals was set up when we suddenly and tragically lost Rhiannon Brown on 21st January 2015. Rhiannon was a talented goalkeeper who had been an integral part of the Girls Development Programme for three years within Football in the Community. Rhiannon had also generously given her time to working as a volunteer on the Trust's Holiday Development Courses, while also assisting as a coach on a wooldy basis with the Centre for Excellence U10s.



In true Rhiannon spirit, she has left her legacy with Rhi's Coats, which is a fund set up to aid gifted and talented female footballers achieve their aspirations and dreams. The fund will provide a platform for girls who are not able to access football as well as creating opportunities for females to gain coaching qualifications. Rhiannon was loved by all who knew her and her spirit will always live on through football.

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# FOOTBALL LEAGUE NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETION

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on Tuesday 13th October from 4pm-6pm with the boys from the same year groups pitting their wits against each other on Wednesday 14th October. All the information has been sent out to local secondary schools and we are hoping to have at least two teams from every school. If you are in years 10 and 11, please speak to your PE department where your teachers will have full details of the tournament. The closing date for each of the competitions is Wednesday 30th September.

## ANNUAL 6-A-SIDE

The annual local 6-a-side which feeds into the national competition will also take place with the girls Under-13s tournament aimed at years seven and eight will kick off on the 3G pitch at Dorcan Academy on 4th November between 4-6pm. Again, please speak to the PE departments at your schools so you don't miss out on the chance to play in this very prestigious national competition. The boys Under-11 tournament will also take place in November with the date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

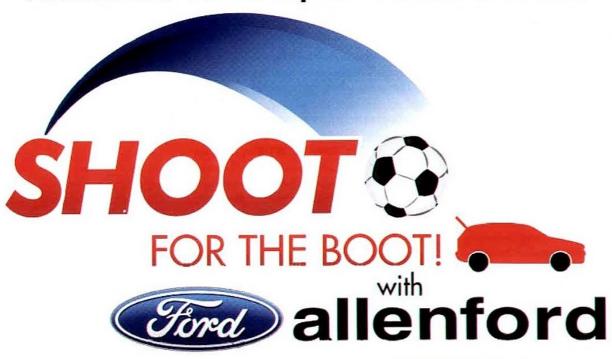
### SPECIAL NEEDS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Our annual Special Needs Festival will take place at the Croft Leisure Centre in Old Town on Thursday 16th October where we are hoping to have over 100 young participants from all over the county taking part with various disabilities from down's syndrome and cerebral palsy to ADHD and autism. As an FITC trust. we are currently delivering weekly sessions in many of the special needs schools throughout the county in preparation for this very special day that we have now run for the past two years in mid-October. If any of you out there would like to find out more about this event, please do not hesitate in contacting myself, Clive Maquire, on 01793 421303 or emailing clive@ stfc-fitc.co.uk.





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# SUPER — SAMMY SAYS

Last Saturday's match is not really one I want to waste much time thinking about.

Many teams that have come to Wiltshire in the past 18 months have unsuccessfully tried to stifle Town's passing game. Burton, however, were very well-drilled from the kickoff and, after Stuart Beavon fired them into a first half lead, they had the slight advantage they needed to hang on to.

I think there was a number of factors that added to the flat performance. Like I said in last weekend's notes, it's going to take a few games for the new recruits to find their feet. The front three on Saturday had never played together before and that understanding is not going to develop overnight. It will certainly take a few weeks for the manager to be set on his best team.

The hot temperatures probably added to the somewhat pedestrian pace of the game and, when a team is sitting in, it can be very difficult to break them down. I played in many similar matches, even during my time at Town. If you are having an off-day you are looking around at your teammates for someone to inject sone urgency or to create an opportunity with a bit of individual brilliance. This, in turn, builds momentum and raises the atmosphere. Unfortunately, on Saturday this didn't happen, although the substitutions added a little bit more energy in the latter stages.

Having said all that, Wes Thomas looked sharp on his home debut and if one of his opportunities goes in then you're talking about a different result. Those are the thin margins you're always talking about in football. When the team dominates the ball as much as they did on Saturday you need to be giving your forwards more opportunities to work the goalkeeper.

I was a young professional at Chelsea when Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink was in the first team and he's probably not one I'd have expected to go on and become a manager, especially not in the bottom tier of English football, as it was when he took the Burton job. Fair play to him for going and starting his

managerial career at that level. A lot of their success has been built on a fine defensive record and they looked a team that could be in-and-around the top six again.

After the game I was off to Fairford Town for the inaugural 'Audience with Sam Parkin'. An event to raise some money for the football club. It was brilliantly hosted by the one-time BBC Wiltshire match commentator, Chris Wise. It was great fun and actually quite emotional at times as I recounted tales from the past 20 years, of course paying special attention to my time at this football club. I would have been delighted with 10 people in attendance so to see a full suite staring back at me really was pleasing.

It's funny how, as soon as the questions were opened to the floor, everyone has a story to tell from that tortuous night at the Withdean in the rain. Having my former Town physic, Dick Mackey in the room allowed me to tell the whole tale once again. I can still picture us soaked, me covered in blood and still in my kit as I waited to get my face re-arranged in Brighton AGE in the early hours after our Play-Off defeat.

For those that don't remember, Dan Harding (we later became loswich teammates) caught me with a stray boot leading me to lose two teeth. The quick-thinking Mr Mackey found them on the running track and popped



them in milk. They were unceremoniously shoved back in later that night with the added help of a makeshift paper clip brace.

If I told you ten years on, I was in the dentist this week still having problems, you'd think I was on a wind-up. Play-Off defeat scars still remain deep in my household in more ways than one.

Despite being unable to recount tales of Premier League appearances or international honours, I tried to give the supporters an honest idea of what the last 15 years as a professional footballer has been like for me. Countless great times and also, with the many injuries I've suffered, some very challenging periods, none more so than the last 12 months when I've tried to come to terms with no longer having a ball at my feet [or in my case, my head]. I hope the people that attended found it interesting, even if a few started the evening shaking their heads during a game of true or false when they found out I'd appeared on Blue Peter as a 14-year old in full Chelsea kit flirting with Anthea Turnerl

On to Colchester United this afternoon. An important game so the team doesn't get detached from the top six. Last season saw two draws between the clubs in games that Lattended.

Colchester were a difficult proposition and ended the season with some great. results to stay in the division. They've had a decent start and have added further quality. especially in the front areas where they have real pace and quality.

During the week, a few of the squad have had some game time against a Plymouth side in a development game at Supermarine, including the returning Jon Obika and Jermaine Hylton. Even more decisions for the coaching staff to make this afternoon.

Come On You Reds! Sam

# ON-THE ROAD





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Tuesday & Thursday 7pm-8pm

Before all home fixtures until 30 minutes prior to kick off

All seats must be paid for at time of booking.

Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.

Credit/debit card payment will be taken at time of booking.

All U16's must be accompanied by an adult

At any other time supporters can call the office on 01793 536757 and leave a message on the answer phone and SAS Travel will reply as soon as possible. Alternatively, email sastravel@sky.com for further details.

You can now follow SAS Travel on Twitter - for all the latest away travel news, follow @SAS\_Travel

# The following guidelines are designed to allow SAS Travel to ensure that they can take as many fans as want to travel with them to each away game.

- As a general rule, SAS Travel have to order coaches one week before the fixture date. Therefore if you leave booking until within this time, they cannot always guarantee that there will still be spaces available.
- After this time, SAS Travel will always try (alongside their coach provider) to source further coaches and meet all the demand for spaces, although they cannot run a coach unless economically viable to do so.
- SAS Travel tend to open games for booking around three weeks before the fixture date and usually have three fixtures booking at any one time. This may increase to four due to fixture rearrangements.
- SAS Travel advise that the best policy is to book as early as you can to ensure that you get the spaces that you want.

### DONCASTER ROVERS 29/09/2015 £22 Members / £24 Non Members

Departs County Ground at 1.30pm



### BLACKPOOL 03/10/2015

£24 Members / £26 Non Members Departs County Ground at 8.00am

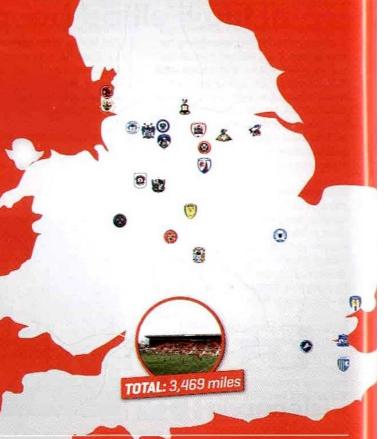


# OXFORD UNITED 06/10/2015

£9 Members / £10 Non Members Departs County Ground at 5.15pm

# 2015/16 MILEAGE

Barnsley - 182 miles Blackpool - 200 miles Bradford - 205 miles Burton - 120 miles Bury - 173 miles Chesterfield - 156 miles Colchester - 154 miles Coventry - 88 miles Crewe - 131 miles Doncaster - 176 miles Fleetwood - 205 miles Gillingham - 134 miles Millwall - 85 miles
Oldham - 172 miles
Peterborough - 112 miles
Port Vale - 124 miles
Rochdale - 179 miles
Scunthorpe - 198 miles
Sheff Utd - 166 miles
Shrewsbury - 121 miles
Southend - 137 miles
Walsall - 86 miles
Wigan - 165 miles
TOTAL: 3,469 miles



# TICKET **DETAILS**

### **O**XFORD UNITED

Town's derby clash with Oxford United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy will be played on Tuesday 6th October with kick-off at 7.45pm. The fixture will be ALL TICKET. No tickets will be available on the day of the match. Swindon Town have been allocated 1,206 tickets for this game.

### North Stand (home and away)

Adult - £15 Over 65/U18/Students\* - £10 Under-13 - E5 Under-7 - Free (with paying adult)

### **Ticket Priority windows**

Monday 28th September - General sale (Tickets during the general sale window will only be sold to supporters who are on the Swindon Town database no later than 05/09/2015]

### Tickets can be purchased:

Online - www.eticketing.co.uk/swindontown On the phone - 08718761993 option 1 (£2 booking fee per ticket applies] In person - STFC Store

### To view how many points you have, follow these easy steps:

**HOME TICKETS** 

Go to the STFC Ticketing website

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Saturday 10th October / Kick-Off: 3pm

Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

Tuesday 20th October / Kick-Off: 7.45pm

Grade B Fixture, see prices to the right

Saturday 24th October / Kick-Off: 3pm

Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

Saturday 14th November / Kick-Off: 3pm

Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

www.eticketing.co.uk/ swindontown

- Log-in with your email address and password
- Select 'my account' which is located at the top right of the page.



Your points total will be displayed in the top righthand comer of the page

If you have purchased tickets before but have not yet activated your account go to the e-ticketing website and select 'welcome log in'. On this page, you will see 'activate account'.

You will need your client reference and surname to log in. If you do not know your client reference then please email store@swindontownfc.co.uk or call the Store on 08718761993 (option 2).

If you would like to check your points via the Store or have any queries, please email store@ swindontownfc.co.uk or visit the Store in person at the County Ground. (Please do this in advance of sales periods. Once sales have started, the STFC store is expected to be very busy).

AWAY TICKETS

# 15/16 TICKET PRICES

In an attempt to encourage younger supporters to the CG, prices have been slashed for Junior fans with Under-11s without a Junior Red membership getting in for just £2. Fans under the age of 17 have also seen a drop in matchday prices. Price categories have also changed from Gold, Silver and Bronze to A Grade and B Grade fixtures.

A GRADE:	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£25	£19
Student/065	£19	£15
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£B	£8
Juniors (U11)	£2	£2
Junior Red [U11]	FREE*	FREE*
B GRADE:	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£23	£18
Student/065	£18	£14
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12

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### ADULT:

Juniors [U17]

Juniors [U11]

Junior Red (U11)

Aged 19-64 on fixture date

### CONC. SENIOR 065:

Aged 65 on fixture date

### CONC. STUDENT:

In Full Time Education

### CONC. DISABLED:

Registered disabled only

### YOUNG ADULT:

Aged 17-19 on fixture date

### **JUNIORS UNDER 17:**

Aged 16 or under on fixture date

### JUNIORS UNDER 11:

Aged 10 or under on fixture date

\*To qualify for a FREE Under 11s ticket, children need to join the Junior Red scheme for a one-off payment of £30. Proof of age will be required at the time of purchase. Under 11s must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. There is a maximum of two free tickets per full paying Adult, Junior Red tickets must be purchased through STFC either in store or by ringing 0871 876 1993 and selection option 2.

 Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the FastPlant Town End.

\*\*\*Student tickets must be purchased before matchday.

You can book tickets online or by phone: 0871 876 1993

## **DONCASTER R** vs SWINDON TOWN E Sy Ball Tuesday 29th September / Kick-Off: 7.45pm Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk **BLACKPOOL** vs SWINDON TOWN Saturday 3rd October / Kick-Off: 3pm Ticket prices at www.swindontewnfc.co.uk **OXFORD UNITED vs SWINDON TOWN** A DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF Tuesday 6th October / Kick-Off: 7.45pm Ticket prices listed above MILLWALL vs SWINDON TOWN

Saturday 17th October / Kick-Off: 3pm

Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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# Julia's House in Wiltshire

We've found a site for our new hospice!



We pleased to announce that we have found the site for our new hospice – it will be in the heart of Devizes. Wiltshire Council has accepted an offer from us on two disused office buildings. There's plenty of work to be done converting and refurbishing them, but we're hoping to have a fantastic new hospice ready for our Wiltshire families by Autumn 2017.

# We can't do it without you!

What we need now is the support of you - the public.

With just 6 per cent of our total annual funding coming from government, support throughout the county will be vital if we are to achieve our dream of expanding the reach of our outstanding model of care through a dedicated Wiltshire hospice and extensive home-based community care service.

We would like to hear from Wiltshire individuals, businesses, community groups, schools, sports clubs and anybody who is keen to make a difference to such an important project.

There are many ways to offer your support, so if you would like to donate, fundraise, discuss sponsorship packages, volunteer or simply find out more, please contact Ged Montgomery on 01980 677105 or email ged.montgomery@juliashouse.org



www.juliashouse.org

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Wigan v Millwall



# PRESSING **MATTERS**

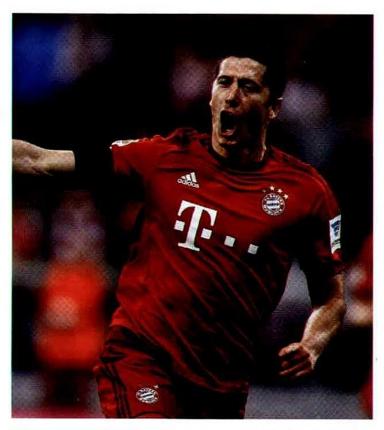
We're only approaching the end of September but we are, astonishingly, on the tenth programme of the season already. What's the saying about time flying...

It's been a common theme at the County Ground for the past couple of seasons that sides will come here and make life difficult for Swindon Town. It's become almost the default answer to any pre-match question put to players and management and I've lost count of the amount of times I've typed those words or something similar when putting together the matchday programme.

But we can't get away from it: teams know that they are going to come to Wiltshire, sit back and let Town have the ball before waiting for their moment to pounce.

It's good to hear that Jayden Bogle has put pen to paper on a deal with the club that sees him remain at SN1 until 2018. For those of you who don't recognise the name, Jayden scored all of Town's goals at the Milk Cup in the summer... from a full-back position! If you haven't seen them yet, have a look on the internet and dig them out because they are well worth watching.

I'm writing these notes while keeping a very close eye on the exploits of Robert Lewandowski: the Polish international netted five goals in nine minutes for Bayern Munich against Wolfsburg in midweek. Although we might have come close with James Collins against Portsmouth a couple of years ago, I don't think I'll ever witness that sort of display ever again. And that got me thinking: with that world class calibre of striker seemingly now at a premium, is the traditional role of a centre forward dying out? Or just unfashionable at the moment with a 'Number 10' or a 'False 9' being the preferred choice? Or am I simply reading too much into this? Take a moment now to name your top three forwards currently in world football. How many of them would you class as centre-forwards? Lewandowski? Karim Benzema? Zlatan Ibrahimovic? Players like Luis Suarez, Lionel Messi and Sergio Aquero, while they are all deadly finishers, in my opinion, aren't centre-forwards. Lewandowski is probably the benchmark. Clearly, the mechanics of football formations have changed even in my lifetime and I'm not advocating a return to the big, beefy frontman whose physical presence and aerial prowess becomes his identity but, at the very top level, it seems as though the Roy Race goal-getter type, who



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excels at every aspect of leading the attack is currently in decline. Feel free to disagree. Interestingly, talking to someone after last Saturday's game, they suggested that Charlie Austin's style of play was more akin to that of an inside forward a la Ernie Hunt. What do you make of that ...?

This is the last home game before Town make the short trip up the A420 to face our friends in yellow in the next round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. In preparation, I think a YouTube session watching Turbo's double at the Manor is in order...

Tom Otrebski RED&WHITE EDITOR



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