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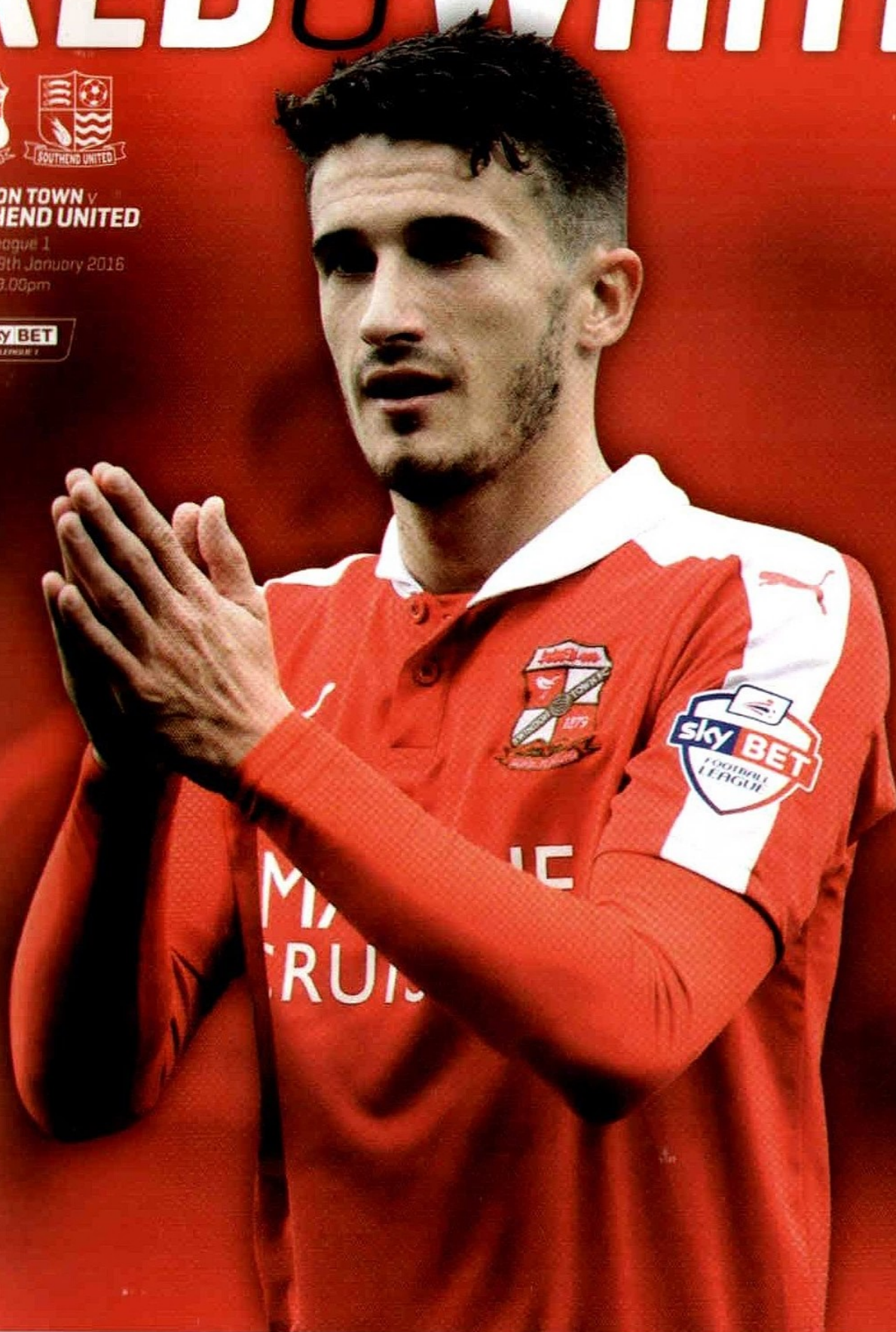


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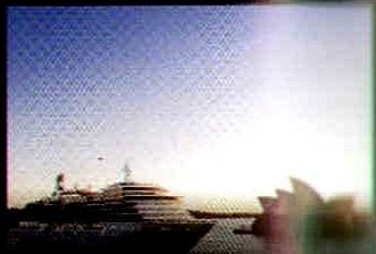


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SOUTHEND UNITED

MANAGER: Phil Brown

○ 01	Daniel Bentley
○ 02	John White
○ 03	Ben Coker
○ 04	Anthony Wordsworth
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○ 06	Luke Prosser
○ 07	David Worrall
○ 08	Michael Timlin
○ 09	David Mooney
○ 10	Jack Payne
○ 11	Myles Weston
○ 12	Will Atkinson
○ 13	Ted Smith
○ 14	Kevan Hurst
○ 15	Cian Bolger
○ 16	Noel Hunt
○ 17	Stephen McLaughlin
○ 18	Ryan Leonard
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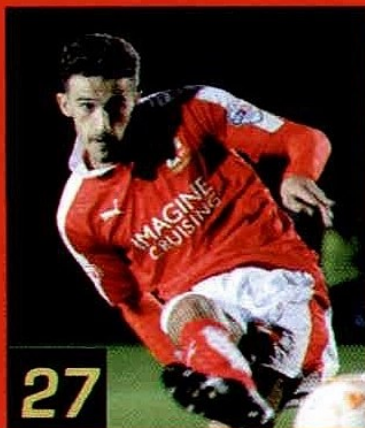
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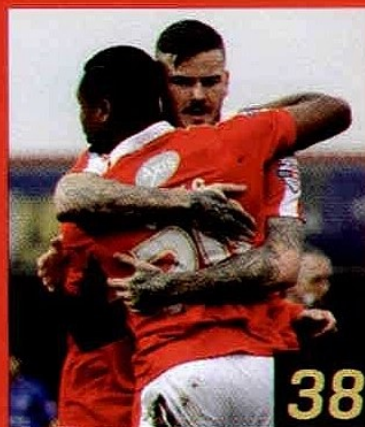
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LUKE WILLIAMS

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Good afternoon and Happy New Year. Welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Southend United.



When I heard the news that Martin Ling had resigned from his position as manager I was totally shocked but more concerned, really. The first emotion is shock but then the second thought immediately is that you hope he is ok. You start to think 'was there anything I could have done?' As for the squad, they were shocked too. Then they probably wondered what was going to happen next.

Getting the boys prepared psychologically for today is part and parcel of the job whether you're a coach or a manager or even an assistant manager. You're always looking to try and get the boys up for each game.

"Spirits are still high and the boys are really looking forward to the game today. They know they're good enough to win..."

We had a development game at Aston Villa this week.

Nathan Thompson played and came through it fine which is great news for us. It also gave us another opportunity to look at the players that are around the squad but aren't necessarily on the pitch week-in, week-out for the first team. As a coaching team, we're always looking for the signs that those players are ready for action and are in good condition.

Spirits are still high and the boys are really looking forward to the game today. They know they're good enough to win and we've put a game plan together that will hopefully be

enough to get the points.

At Roots Hall earlier in the season, it was like a game of basketball and it's not the way I enjoy watching the team play. Certainly the control is something that we've been fighting for all season. To try and combine that control with an attacking edge. We'll be trying to make sure we concentrate on that as usual.

Finally, I'd urge you all to get behind us. All these players need your support in order for them to reach their maximum potential.

Luke Williams
FIRST TEAM COACH

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FROM THE TOP

Good afternoon and welcome back to the CG. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.



It was a real bolt from the blue when I heard the news that Martin Ling has resigned from his position as manager. The board and everybody at the club thought he had settled in quite well. We could all see that on the pitch up to the Christmas period where he steered us away from the relegation zone. In his final game against Burton Albion we were unlucky not to get a result which would have been another scalp against a high-flying team like it was against Walsall. It's a massive thing for Martin to do what he's done and we commend him for that. I know the Chairman has been to see him personally on a number of occasions since he resigned. The club has offered

their continual support and we wish Martin all the best for the future. We look forward to seeing him back at the club soon as a spectator.

Moving onto today's game, Southend have made a flying start on their return to League 1 with a vastly experienced manager at the helm. They've continued that momentum gained from going up through the Play-Offs in what is turning out to be a very interesting division this season.

On the personnel front, Adam El-Abd and Louis Thompson, at this moment in time, have returned to their parent clubs. Both have been nearly ever-present since coming on board.

"The club has offered their continual support and we wish Martin all the best for the future. We look forward to seeing him back at the club soon as a spectator."

We'd like to thank them for their service to the club this season. Hopefully something may be done in the future to bring them back to the County Ground but we shall wait and see.

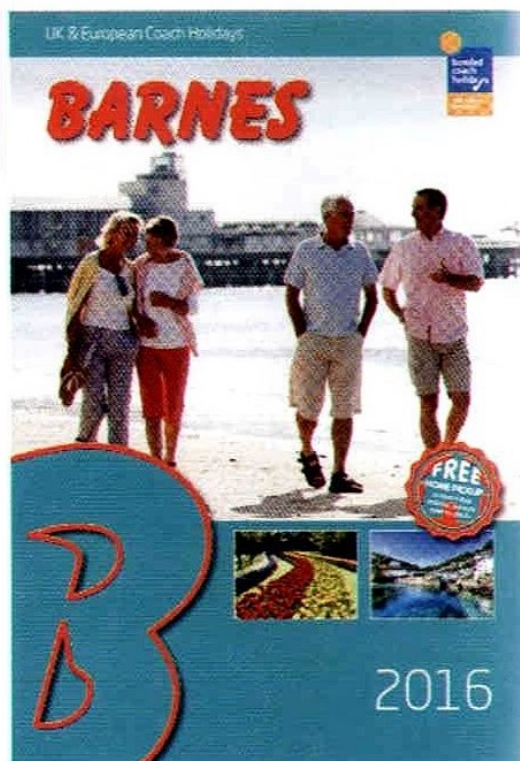
Finally, I would like to re-iterate that we are all fully behind Luke as caretaker manager for the foreseeable future. I hope everyone gets behind him too during this temporary appointment and that he can carry on the team's movement back up the table.

Steve Anderson
GENERAL MANAGER

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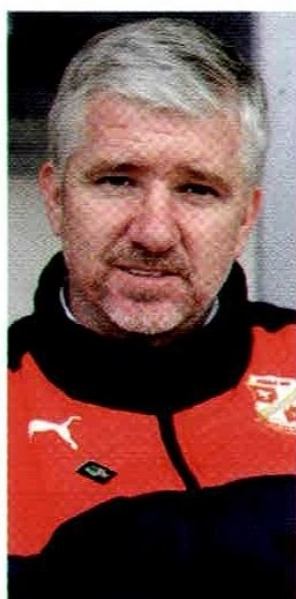
MARTIN LING RESIGNS

Martin Ling has released the following statement following his resignation as manager.

"The decision that I took to stand down from the position as Manager of Swindon Town was not taken lightly.

The club and its supporters have always been very special to me and I would never do anything to jeopardise this relationship but I know that my decision was the right one for me, my family and the club that I love.

I would like to thank Lee Power, the players, staff and supporters of Swindon Town for all the support that they have shown me and I wish them every success for the future."



PORT VALE CLASH REARRANGED



Town's postponed fixture against Port Vale has been re-arranged for Tuesday 12th January with kick-off at 7.45pm.

The original tie was due to be played last Saturday but was called off due to a waterlogged pitch. Any supporters who booked with SAS Travel are advised that the new departure time is 3pm on Tuesday.

LOAN DUO DEPART TOWN



Swindon Town can confirm that Adam El-Abd and Louis Thompson have returned to their parent clubs at the expiration of their loan agreements.

The pair joined from Bristol City and Norwich City respectively and have been virtual ever-presents since their moves to the County Ground.

The club would like to thank the pair for their service to Swindon Town and wish them all the best for their future careers.

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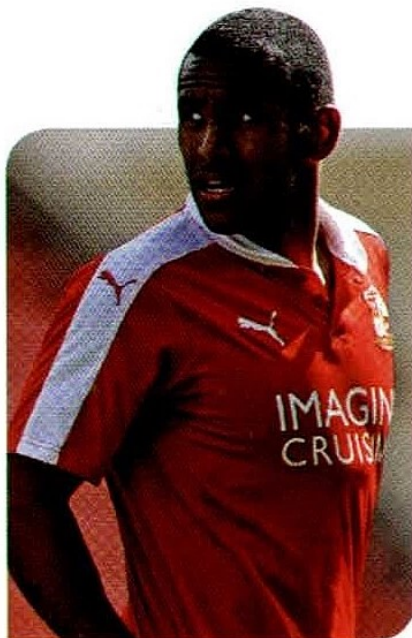
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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for our first game of 2016. Last weekend's postponement has allowed us to come to today's fixture against Southend a little more refreshed than our previous two fixtures, so hopefully this will help us pick up three points.

To begin with, on behalf of the squad, I would like to put on record our thanks and best wishes to Martin Ling. In a short space of time he was able to galvanise the lads after suffering numerous defeats, re-instilling a winning mentality. Although I wasn't able to play under him, it was a pleasure getting to know him and I sincerely hope he gets well soon.

Since I last penned these notes, we have suffered two defeats in the league for the first time since October. Our last home game against Gillingham was disappointing as we were dominating the game, however we became content once we scored the opener and were punished instantly. In all honesty, it was a lovely finish by Bradley Dack but while trying to protect the lead, the gaps between midfield and defence became bigger and enabled the goalscorer time and space to pick his spot and equalise. Gillingham played with a high intensity which will continually disrupt teams this season and if they manage to keep hold of Dack, I see them being promoted this year.

46 hours after the Gillingham game finished the team was back in action against the table toppers, who had nine days' rest due to their game on Boxing Day being postponed. This is somewhat unfair in my book, given that sports science tells us it takes 72 hours for the body to recover after a game. This was an extremely tight affair and we were certainly disappointed we left Burton without at least a point. Their 'keeper made two world class saves at 0-0 to keep them in the game and speaking to the lads afterwards, they said they were exhausted and the second half was a real struggle.

Burton were still fresh and I believe their penalty was a direct consequence of this. Scott Beavon continued to chase lost causes, he kept the ball in play and won his team a penalty. If both teams were coming into the match without playing in nine days, I wonder who would have picked up the three points?

If you follow me on Twitter, you'll have seen the festive schedule is something I take issue with. I can appreciate football over this time of year is tradition but year after year, players are picking up serious injuries during this period. Liverpool's Capital One fixture was clear proof of this as three key players picked up hamstring injuries. In addition to this, in the 10 days between 26th December and 5th January, 19 starting players in the Premier League picked up injuries, of which 13 were muscular.

Having picked up a couple of muscular injuries myself, I can assure you there is always a bigger reason behind these injuries. Muscle fatigue plays a huge part and this isn't purely down to a lack of fitness or cardio-minutes on the training pitch. Rather, it's more to do with high-intensity workloads (such as a game) and inadequate recovery time.

I understand the increase in revenue is huge for football clubs during this festive period but surely the success of the team has to come first? If by reducing the amount of games over Christmas and New Year can ensure we keep key players on the pitch, I believe this has to be the priority. It gives us the best chance of promotion and the financial rewards that come with that, I imagine, outweigh the additional ticket sales for a festive game.


And yes, I can hear many fans' contempt: "These games are a part of our culture and the footballing DNA in this country." And I agree - I was a football fan growing up too. I would go as far as saying all footballers in this country accept Boxing Day and New Year's Day games are sacrosanct and not to be tampered with. But it's the game in between that I believe is detrimental to player's welfare and will continue to hinder club and country's success in their retrospective campaigns.

The final point I'd like to make is that losing three points - although still painful - may be easier to stomach at this stage of the season when we have other games to focus on and prepare for. But I hope that when it comes to the end of the season, we're not in a position where we're two points off the Play-Off zone, wondering if only we could have played Burton later on in the fixture list. And for the record, I would be happy to extend the season by a week in order to facilitate this.

On a lighter note, I would like to finish by thanking you all for the well-wishing messages after the recent under U21 fixture I featured in this week. It was the first time in 16 weeks I was able to play a competitive match and while it will take a couple more fixtures to become match-fit, it felt amazing pulling on that shirt again and I can't wait to get back.

Here's to a return to winning ways.

Nathan Thompson
TEAM CAPTAIN



THE VISITORS

THE VISITORS **SOUTHEND**

Back in the third tier of English football, the Shrimpers have made a solid start to life in League 1 and currently sit just outside the Play-Off places...

Southend won promotion via the Play-Offs after an incredible run of results at the end of the season that saw them finish 5th in the final reckoning. Seven straight wins set up a semi-final clash with Stevenage. The first leg was marred by an horrific clash of heads involving Michael Timlin. The former Town man collided with Bira Dembele and both players were forced to leave the field. Incredibly, Timlin played all 120 minutes of the second leg at Roots Hall just four days later, scoring the goal that rubber-stamped Southend's 4-2 aggregate victory and a place under the arch. At Wembley, the tie also went to extra time. Wycombe took the lead in the 95th minute before Joe Pigott fired home in the 122nd minute to take the match to penalties. It would prove third time

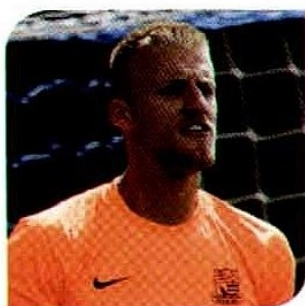
"Daniel Bentley was the hero, keeping out Sam Wood's spot-kick to seal promotion for Phil Brown's men."



lucky for the Shrimpers, who had lost twice in the Play-Offs over the previous three seasons. Daniel Bentley was the hero, keeping out Sam Wood's spot-kick to seal promotion for Phil Brown's men.

This term, Town's 1-0 win at Roots Hall in August contributed to a winless return to League and the Blues had to wait until early September to register a first three points of the campaign: a 2-1 success over Peterborough. They would then go on to win six of their next matches while making progress in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. After a 2-0 win at Colchester on Boxing Day, Southend have lost their last two games conceding seven goals and failing to find the net in the process.

DANIEL BENTLEY



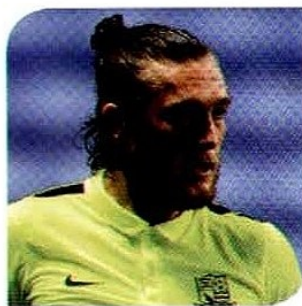
DANIEL BENTLEY

A local lad and a homegrown product of the Southend academy, Bentley made his Shrimpers bow as a substitute against Torquay United in October 2011. Played all but one game of the 2013/14 campaign after establishing himself in the first team and kept 20 clean sheets in all competitions. Having made a name for himself saving penalties earlier in his career, the same skill would make a vital contribution in May's Play-Off final win over Wycombe Wanderers.



JOHN WHITE

White is comfortable operating at centre-half and at left-back even though his preferred position is as a right-back. He started his career at Colchester United, rising through the ranks to make the first team and make over 200 appearances for the U's. He also spent time on loan at Stevenage and at Southend before joining the latter on a free transfer in June 2013 - Phil Brown's first signing as manager.



BEN COKER

Plucked from the non-leagues by Southend after a spell with Colchester United earlier in his career, Coker started his football journey with Histon and Bury Town before signing for the U's in 2010. He made 45 appearances over three seasons in Essex before having his contract terminated and dropping down the football pyramid. After a successful trial with Southend, he moved to Roots Hall in July 2013.



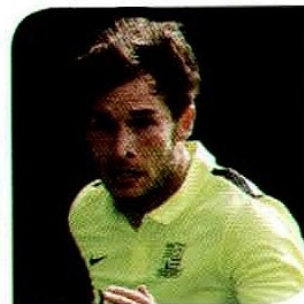
ADAM THOMPSON

A graduate of the youth ranks at Watford, Thompson made a handful of appearances at Vicarage Road during his four-year stay with the Hornets. Spent two separate loan stints with Brentford before further loans with Wycombe Wanderers and Barnet. After a six-month loan spell with Southend at the start of the 2013/14 campaign, he signed a permanent deal at Roots Hall in January 2014. Has been a regular this term since making his first appearance against Bristol Rovers back in November.



JACK PAYNE

A graduate of the youth system at Roots Hall, Payne signed his first professional contract in July 2013 after impressing Phil Brown with his performances in pre-season. That season he featured 15 times for the first team before going on to establish himself as part of the first team last term. He made 28 appearances and scored eight goals as the Blues won promotion to League 1. Has found the net three times this term from 16 appearances.



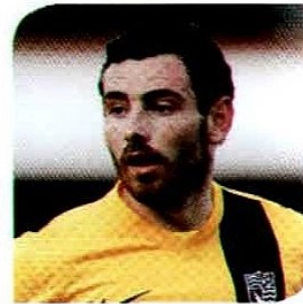
WILL ATKINSON

The midfielder started his career at Hull City with current Shrimpers boss, Phil Brown. Spent time on loan with the likes of Port Vale, Rotherham United and Plymouth Argyle before joining Bradford City. He was part of the Bantams side that enjoyed an incredible 2012/13 season but was released at its conclusion and went on to sign for Southend. Interestingly, Atkinson has won promotion from League 2 with three different sides: Rochdale, Bradford and Southend.



RYAN LEONARD

A graduate of the youth system at Plymouth Argyle, Leonard joined the Shrimpers before the 2011/12 season after impressing while on trial. After a knee injury kept him sidelined for a portion of his first season at the club, he bounced back the following campaign. In 2013/14, he finished as the Supporters' Player of the Season and made nearly 50 appearances for the Blues in all competitions last term scoring one of the goals that took Southend to Wembley.



DAVID WORRALL

The wide-man started his career with Bury before joining West Bromwich Albion. After loan stints away from the Hawthorns with the likes of Accrington Stanley and Shrewsbury Town, he re-joined Bury in January 2010. Three years, a promotion and over 150 appearances later, he moved to Rotherham United. Spent time on loan at Oldham Athletic during his stint with the Millers and signed for Southend in July 2014.



LUKE PROSSER

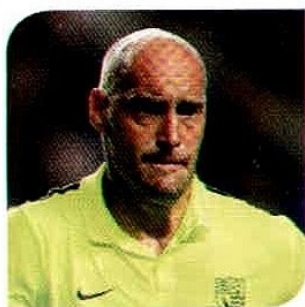
Once a youngster at Tottenham Hotspur, Prosser spent time on loan in the non-leagues - including Salisbury City - before joining Southend from Kidderminster in 2010. Established himself in the team during the 2012/13 season and has been a regular fixture ever since.

LUKE O'NEILL

An August 2015 deadline-day signing from Burnley after initially signing a loan deal with the Blues, the full back made his name with Mansfield after starting his career at Leicester. Spent time in non-league football and on loan at a host of Football League clubs.

STEPHEN McLAUGHLIN

The midfielder is back at Roots Hall on a permanent basis after helping the Blues achieve promotion while on loan from Nottingham Forest last term. Started his career in his native Ireland before joining Forest in 2013.

**ADAM BARRETT**

An experienced head at the back for the Blues and a self-confessed Southend fan, Barrett is in his second spell at Roots Hall. The defender started his career with Leyton Orient before spells at Plymouth Argyle, Mansfield Town and Bristol Rovers. First joined Southend in 2004, helping the Shrimpers go from League Two to the Championship before moving to Crystal Palace after six years at Roots Hall. Was most recently with Gillingham before re-joining Southend.

**NOEL HUNT**

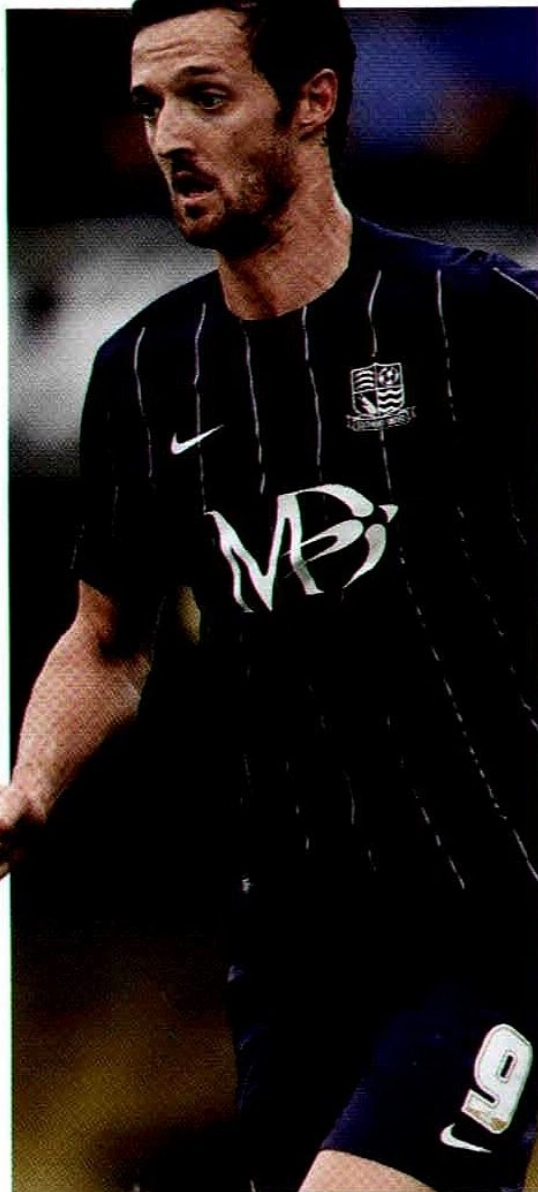
The Irishman started out in his homeland with Shamrock Rovers then moved to Dunfermline Athletic in 2003. After three years with the Pars, he joined Dundee United where he bagged 23 goals in 64 games – a goalscoring rate that alerted Reading to his services. In his five years with the Royals he would help the Berkshire side into the Premier League before leaving in 2013 to join Leeds United. Signed for Southend in the summer of 2015.

DAVID MOONEY

DANGER MAN

R&W takes a closer look at one of the Shrimpers' attacking threats this afternoon...

Mooney arrived at Southend in the summer as Phil Brown looked to bolster his squad ahead of their return to League 1. The experienced striker began his career in native Ireland with Shamrock Rovers, Longford Town and Cork City before signing for Reading in 2008. While he never made an appearance for the Royals he spent time on loan with the likes of Norwich City, Charlton Athletic and Colchester United ahead of a move to Leyton Orient in 2011. Has found the net against Town for the latter trio including a goal in the second leg of the Play-Off semi-final at the Valley which ended in a penalty shoot-out victory for Swindon. Mooney enjoyed his most prolific spell in front of goal for his last employers, scoring 21 times in all competitions as Orient reached the Play-Off Final at Wembley in 2013/14. Moved to Roots Hall following the O's relegation last term and has six goals to his name this season.

**GARY DEEGAN**

Formerly of Coventry City and Northampton Town, the experienced central midfielder joined Southend in the summer of 2014 after a successful trial. The Irishman has also plied his trade north of the border with Edinburgh side, Hibernian.

KEVAN HURST

A winger who is also comfortable playing in a central position, Hurst has been with the club since the summer of 2012 when he joined on a free transfer from Walsall. Has also represented Boston, Stockport, Chesterfield, Scunthorpe, Carlisle and Morecambe.

CIAN BOLGER

The defender signed for Southend in the summer of 2014 from Championship side, Bolton Wanderers. Prior to joining the Trotters, Bolger had been with Leicester City and has also enjoyed time on loan with Colchester United and a spell with Southend.

MICHAEL TIMLIN

A former Town employee, Timlin started his career with Fulham and spent time on loan with Scunthorpe and Doncaster in the early part of his career. A former Eire Under-21 captain, the midfielder made over a century of appearances at SN1 before joining the Blues.



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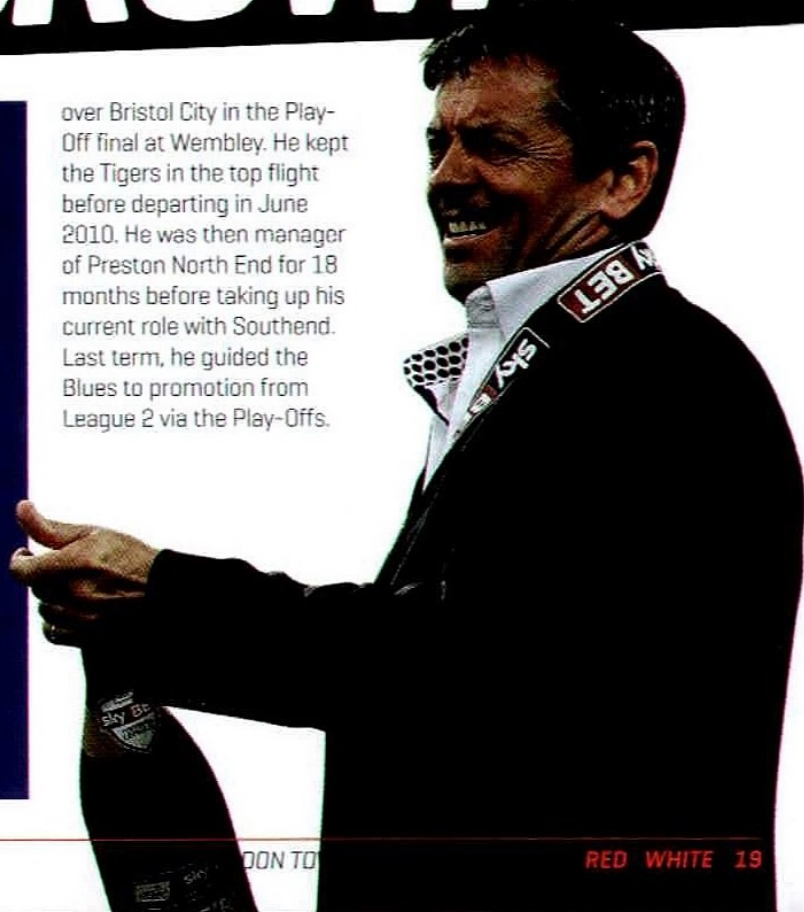
THE GAFFER

PHIL BROWN

Brown's playing career spanned nearly 20 years. After starting out with Hartlepool United, he would rack up over 650 appearances representing the likes of Blackpool, Halifax Town and Bolton Wanderers before taking the reins as caretaker manager with the latter in 1999 following the departure of Colin Todd. When Sam Allardyce was appointed, Brown was his assistant for six years. In 2005, he took his first steps in management with Derby County but his tenure lasted just seven months. His next destination was Hull City where he guided the Yorkshire outfit into the Premier League via a 1-0 win

"His next destination was Hull City where he guided the Yorkshire outfit into the Premier League via a 1-0 win over Bristol City in the Play-Off final at Wembley."

over Bristol City in the Play-Off final at Wembley. He kept the Tigers in the top flight before departing in June 2010. He was then manager of Preston North End for 18 months before taking up his current role with Southend. Last term, he guided the Blues to promotion from League 2 via the Play-Offs.



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Scouting Report

Phil Brown is likely to set his team up to play a 4-4-2 formation this afternoon. David Mooney and Noel Hunt will lead the line with plenty of goals and league experience between them. In the midfield,

Jack Payne should play off the right flank but is left footed so tends to cut in a lot while the Shrimpers could look to utilise Ryan Leonard's long throw. Leftback, Ben Coker will look to get forward a lot and join in with attacks. An aspect of Southend's game that Town will have to pay particular attention to is set pieces and crosses into the box: the Shrimpers have scored 70% of goals from set pieces and crosses so marking will be key for Swindon this afternoon.

PROGRAMME VAULT

This meeting between the two sides during the 1946/47 campaign was the first at the County Ground since the end of World War Two. After a 2-0 defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season, Swindon would run out 2-1 winners at the County Ground. Despite Alf Smirk's strike, goals from Bill Stephens and Maurice Owen secured two points for the home side.



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We wondered why more such work was not produced. We were not as well served by some of our forwards as we should have been, so that the efforts of the others were always being hampered and made almost ineffective. We cannot defend the barracking of players, but we must confess the ineptitude and lack of enthusiasm was exasperating to the onlookers.

Norwich gave a wholehearted display and showed such enthusiasm that they nearly gained both points. It was difficult to realize they were so near the bottom of the League table. In spite of their lowly position they have been as wonderfully supported as our Club has been.

Today we extend a cordial welcome to Southend United who have had a good season and are running at close for position. We trust our team will return to the Queens Park Rangers match form. There should be a fine game.

This evening the Colts make another appearance on the County Ground. Their opponents will be Clacton, the Somerset players who are making a bold bid for promotion from Division II to Division I in the Western League.

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Cardiff City	38	16	3	10	10	3	6	86	28
Q. P. Rangers	38	15	2	3	8	7	4	71	25
Bristol City	39	13	3	4	6	6	7	50	27
SWINDON	40	13	4	2	4	7	10	80	22
Ipswich	30	11	4	4	3	7	7	58	21
Southend	33	9	5	4	5	3	8	65	21
Reading	39	10	5	4	5	3	10	80	22
Bournemouth	39	11	4	3	3	3	11	63	29
Port Vale	38	12	4	3	3	5	13	59	28
Exeter	39	11	6	3	3	4	3	58	31
Bristol Rovers	41	12	5	6	2	2	12	61	28
Walsall	37	8	6	6	2	2	9	65	27
Leeds	38	10	4	8	3	7	9	65	27
C. Palace	39	9	6	5	4	4	11	47	27
Watford	39	11	3	5	3	1	14	57	30
Brighton	39	15	2	6	4	1	5	50	26
Northampton	38	10	3	5	4	1	6	61	20
Notts County	37	9	4	4	1	6	11	57	24
Alfreton	38	6	7	7	4	1	11	44	21
Leyton Orient	36	10	3	11	4	3	14	47	28
Norwich City	41	6	5	11	4	3	12	64	24
Manfield	40	8	5	6	1	2	15	46	20

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Here are the remaining fixtures for the season:

May 17 Leyton Orient Home
" 24 Trowbridge Away
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May 17 Cardiff City Away
" 24 Bristol City Home
" 26 (Whit Monday) Cardiff City Home
" 31 Bristol Rovers Home
June 7 Millwall (League) Home
" 14

The Bristol City Match on May 24th will be the Dick Parkhouse Benefit match.

COLTS' FIXTURES, Western League, Division 2

May 17 Hoffman's Home
At Broome Manor Lane 3.15 p.m.
" 24 Thorneycroft Home
On County Ground at 6.30 p.m.
" 31 Thorneycroft Away



COMMERCIAL UPDATE


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Happy New Year to one and all. Let's start as we mean to go on with a good win in front of the Town faithful today.



It was great to see a bumper crowd in for the visit of Gillingham. The atmosphere was a great one unfortunately Gillingham proved to be a little too strong for us on the day. The suites were also buzzing and it was our busiest fixture of the season to date. Even though the result did not go our way, the day was enjoyed by all with lots of positive feedback. Our hospitality offer in December proved to be very popular with lots of bookings taken. With this in mind, we have extended the offer into the month of January. To take advantage of these discounted hospitality prices, please contact Rachel Burt on 0844 880 1094. To claim the discount your booking must be made in January for any of our remaining games this season. If you are interested in a matchday sponsorship, there is a fantastic 20% discount on offer. Again, please make contact in January to make the most of the limited availability.

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January and February will be a busy time for us as we meet with our mainline sponsors and key partners to discuss the continuation of their association with this fantastic football club. We trust that these meetings prove to be fruitful and we can continue to nurture and grow these relationships.

New business is also very important to the football club as we investigate new potential partnerships moving forward into 2016 and beyond. It's important that they are sustainable but at the same time have the license to grow. We have a number of appointments set up over the forthcoming weeks so we will update you on the outcome of those meetings in due course.

Finally a welcome today to our match sponsors, Barnes Coaches our matchball sponsors, Wisla Limited and our programme sponsors, Key Business Marketing. The latter pair back up the sentiments expressed above: new business relationships that we are looking forward to growing over the coming weeks, months and beyond. We hope you all have an enjoyable day with us.

I'd like to finish these notes by offering my sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Nicholas who sadly passed away before Christmas. Dr. Nicholas was a great custodian and servant of the football club over many years. Rest In Peace.

I'd also like to wish Martin Ling (a hero of mine when I was a young lad watching him in Town colours) all the very best. Hopefully we'll see him back working in football at some point in the future.

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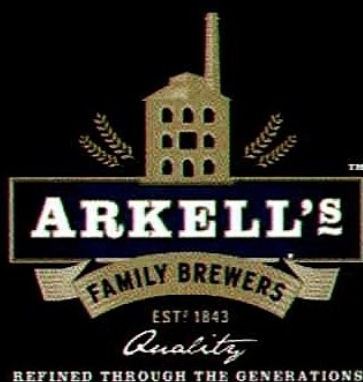
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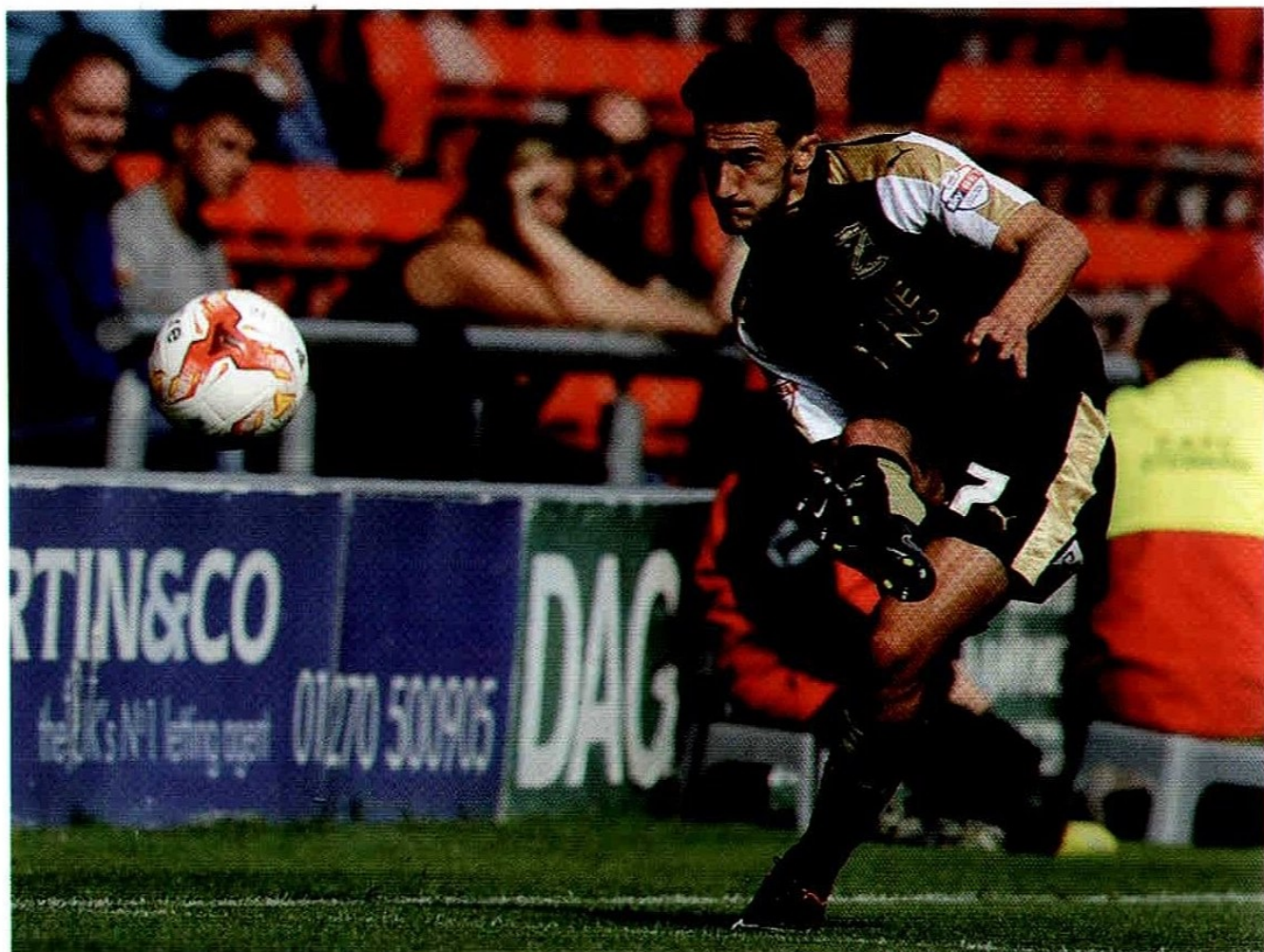
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A regular fixture at the back for Town this term, the defender admits that he couldn't be happier with his first campaign as a senior professional as the 2015/16 season moves into the new year...



It's your first season in senior football. How have you enjoyed it so far?

It's been the best start for me. I've had a good run of games and I've been quite in form. I didn't expect to get this many games but I got my chance and I feel I've taken it well.

You come from a football family, of course...

Yeah, it runs all the way through from my grandad. Everyone knows my uncle, Gareth and hopefully I'm doing the right thing keeping the Barry name in the game.

Do you keep in touch with him on a regular basis?

Yeah I talk to him every week. He's always asking me how I'm getting on down here. We've always been quite close - him and my mum are brother and sister so when I was younger I

always used to watch him and learn from him.

Where did you first start playing football?

I was five years old down in Hastings playing for a team called Hastings Gunners Red. I was there until I was about nine then signed for Brighton. I was there until last season when I came here.

So Luke is someone that's quite familiar to you?

Yeah, definitely. Ever since I was a scholar. In my second year I got to know him quite well because I got called up to the reserves quite a lot.

And a few of the lads here are ex-Brighton too...

When I came to Swindon in the summer I thought it was good because I knew a few familiar faces. It was nice to come in

"I've always been quite an all-round player. When I was at Brighton I used to play in central midfield when I was a scholar but it was too quick in there for me!"

straight away and know the likes of Anton, Rapha, Yaser and even Jon for a bit when he was at Brighton.

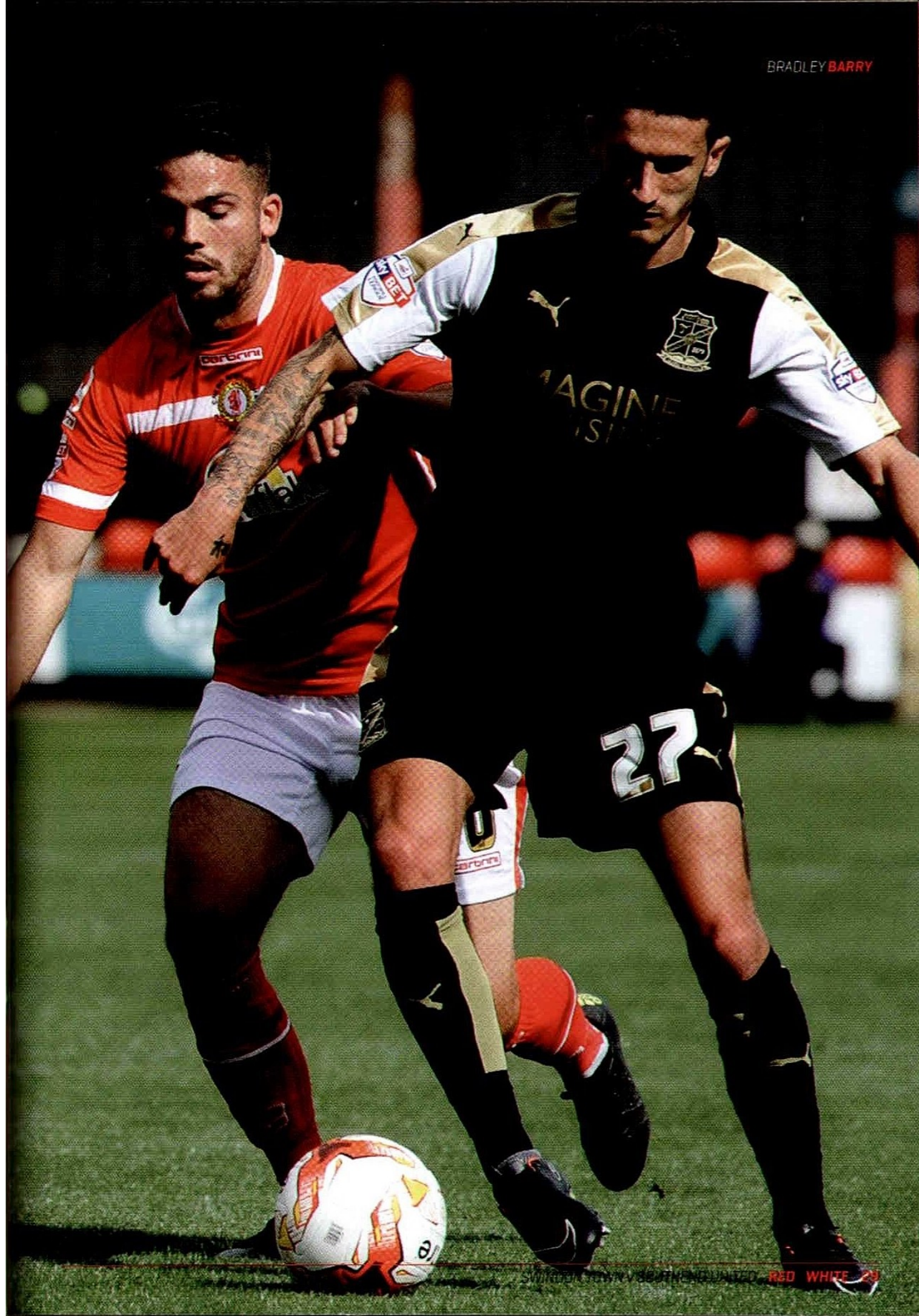
You've played a couple of different positions this season with the changes to the system. How has it been adapting to that?

I've always been quite an all-round player. When I was at Brighton I used to play in central midfield when I was a scholar but it was too quick in there for me! I've been playing right-back and can play right wing-back and centre-back if I need to. Obviously I'm not one of the biggest lads but I can still do a job there.

What do you remember about your debut against Newport County?

One of the best starts I could have had, scoring a penalty.

BRADLEY BARRY



BRADLEY BARRY



When it came to it I thought "oh no, not me." I thought I'd take the sixth one which will be alright because it will be over by the fifth one but then it came to me. I played really well and feel I proved myself so I'm glad I got the opportunity. Then it was a great win against Crewe so it was a good start all-round for me.

Then that game at Oxford where we all know what happened...

I don't! I just remember the ball coming in and that was it! I just blanked out. Ever since then whenever anyone asks what happened or do I remember anything, it's just blank.

Has it been good playing alongside and learning from different defenders this season?

It's a good thing. You never know who is going to be playing because of injuries and stuff like that. You get used to everyone in training so you know where the next pass is going to go and how they're going to play so it's a good thing for me to get used to how everyone plays but also for everyone to get used to how I play.

How would you assess Swindon's results over the festive period?

We had a bit of a rubbish run but it's hard because we played the two best sides in the league stats-

"Hopefully I'm starting my career here at Swindon Town so just to be consistent, keep everything going and make sure I'm happy, which I am. I couldn't be happier!"

wise but we're finding our feet, what we need to do and what we need to work on. Luke's the best at it - he does everything he can for us then at the end of the day it's down to us. As soon as we cross that white line it's our job.

How was your first Christmas as a professional footballer?

It was weird training in the morning but it's just part of the job. It's just another day. I got to see the family still because they don't live miles away so it was good.

What about 2016. Have you set yourself any targets?

Just to carry on where I'm going and to be consistent - that's the main thing. Hopefully I'm starting my career here at Swindon Town so just to be consistent, keep everything going and make sure I'm happy, which I am. I couldn't be happier!

Town have now got two home games in successive weeks. Is it important to come away from those with positive results?

Definitely. It's never nice for a team to come here. This is our pitch, this is the way we play, this is our game.





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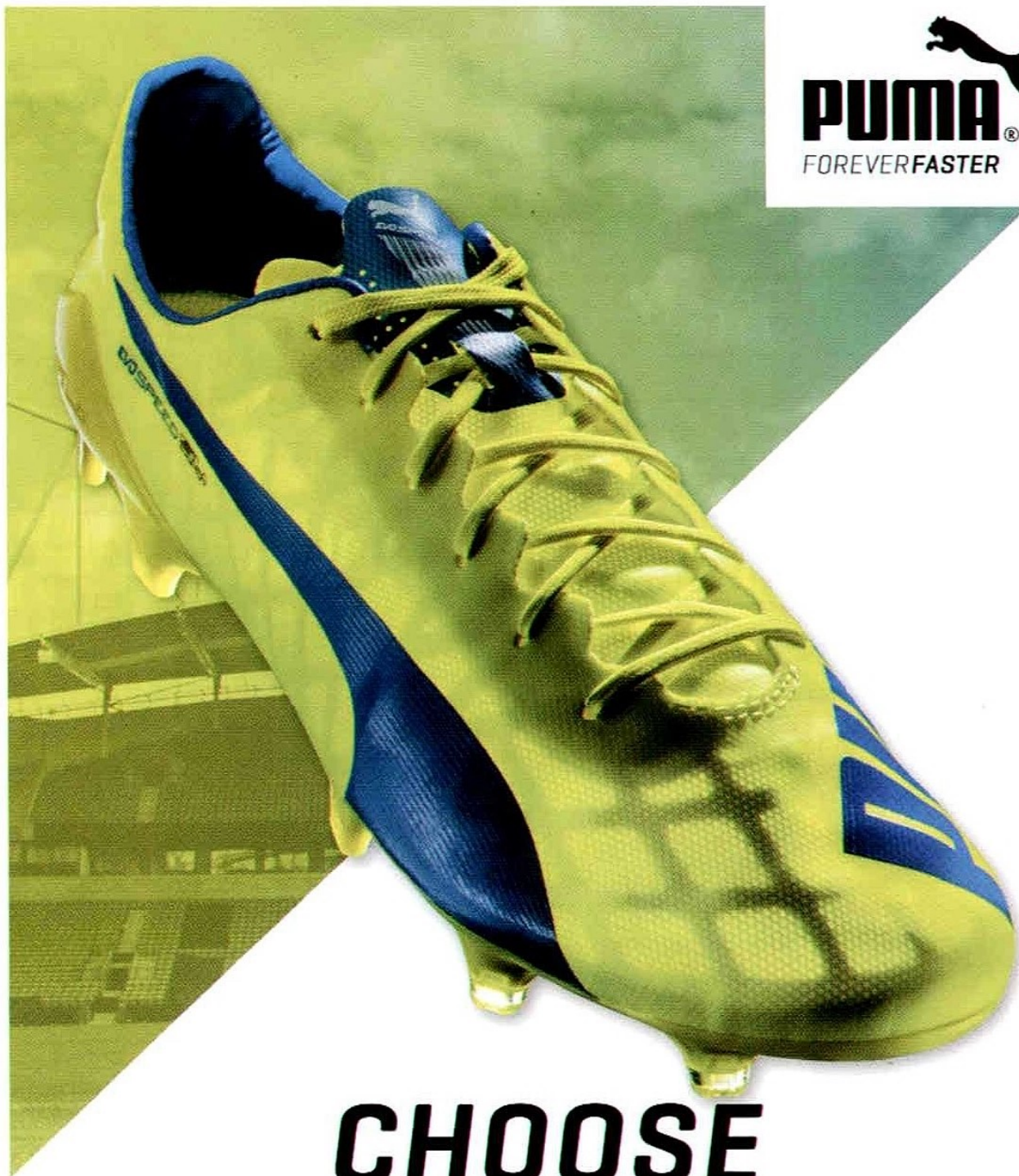


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DRUMMING UP SUPPORT

Famous Town fans are few and far between but Ed Stewart-Lockhart, a Season Ticket holder at SN1, tells the story of one that many might not be aware of...

How many famous Swindon Town fans can you name from history? Melinda Messenger? Much past that and most people would be struggling. However, this week, following a petition that gained over 3,000 signatures, marks the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in Cirencester to an avid Town fan who sold millions of records around the globe and is still considered to be one of the greatest drummers of all time.

Cozy Powell was born in Cirencester in 1947 and supported Swindon from childhood, through a little bit of thick and a lot of thin. When not at the County Ground he found time to play for and with some of the biggest names in rock music: Rainbow, Whitesnake, Black Sabbath, Jeff Beck, Brian May and many more. Famed for his ability to combine hard hitting with his jazz influences, Cozy was even successful as a solo artist with his

band Cozy Powell's Hammer, along with future Whitesnake members Bernie Marsden and Neil Murray, and Deep Purple and Rainbow keyboardist Don Airey. Their track 'Dance with the Devil' hit Number 3 on the UK Charts in 1974. Don Airey remembers the time fondly, "Our tour manager Bob Adcock supported Liverpool, Frank Aiello [vocalist], Arsenal, myself Sunderland and Bernie Marsden the Villa. As Swindon were in the fourth tier at the time and us all in the first, Cozy used to take a bit of stick if Swindon had succumbed to the likes of Northampton or Torquay but he was no less staunch in his support for all that." Cozy liked to play football in his replica Swindon kit and the band would always be glued to the BBC results service wherever they were on a Saturday afternoon. Murray recalls that later in his life he even liked to bring the local paper with him on tour in order to catch

"As Swindon were in the fourth tier at the time and us all in the first, Cozy used to take a bit of stick if Swindon had succumbed to the likes of Northampton or Torquay but he was no less staunch in his support for all that."

up on the news from the County Ground. Perhaps most bizarre was Powell's insistence that the sleeve notes from his 1979 solo album 'Over The Top' list him as having appeared 'courtesy of Swindon Town Football Club'!

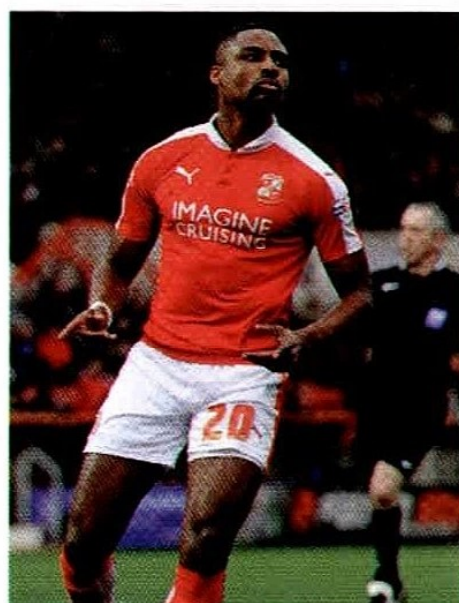
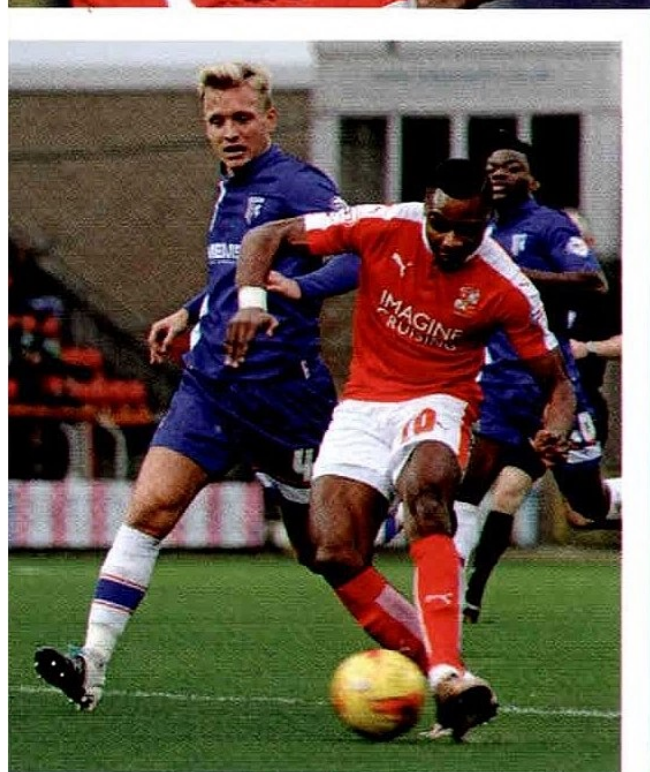
Having played all over the world, Cozy eventually settled near Lambourn. However, he tragically died in a car accident on the M4 on 5th April 1998. He was 50 years old. On Thursday, Brian May and many of Cozy's former bandmates gathered at the Corn Hall in Cirencester to remember one of the West Country's most successful musicians. We should remember him as one of Swindon's biggest fans.



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MASCOTS



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Everyone at Swindon Town was saddened to hear the news that former club Doctor, Dr. John Nicholas had passed away just before Christmas. Dr. Nicholas was a well-known figure at the County Ground for many years, serving under a host of different managers. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time. Rest In Peace.

GOOD LUCK PETE

Town's away trip to Burton was the last time that long-serving driver, Pete Kordula was behind the wheel of the team coach. For the past ten years, Pete has become a familiar face to players, management, staff and supporters alike and we would like to wish him all the best in his new role. Wszystkiego Najlepszego!



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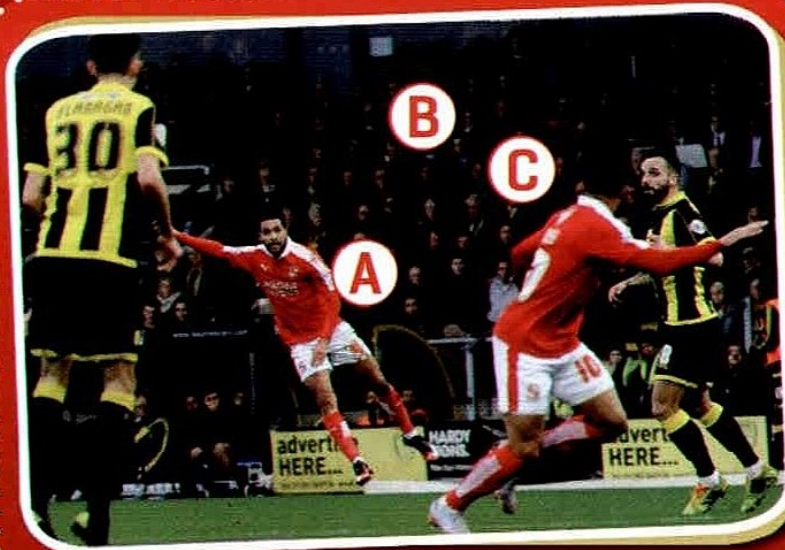
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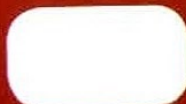
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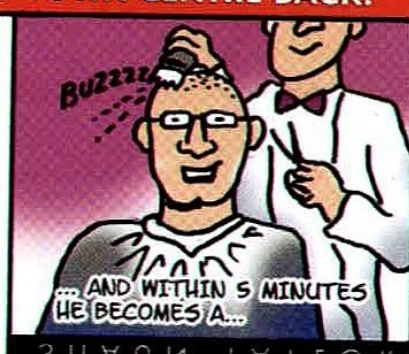
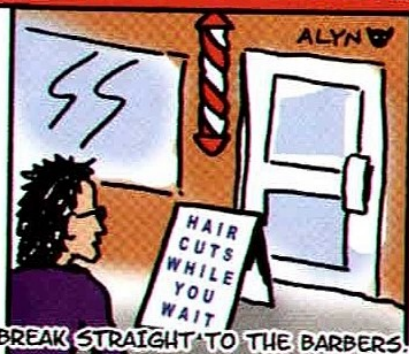
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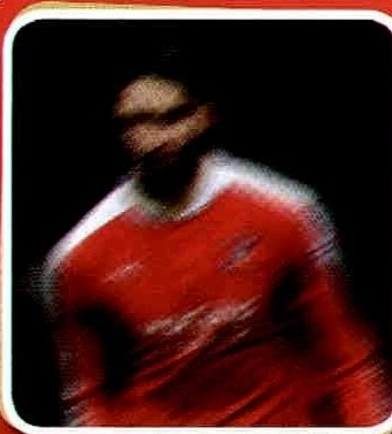
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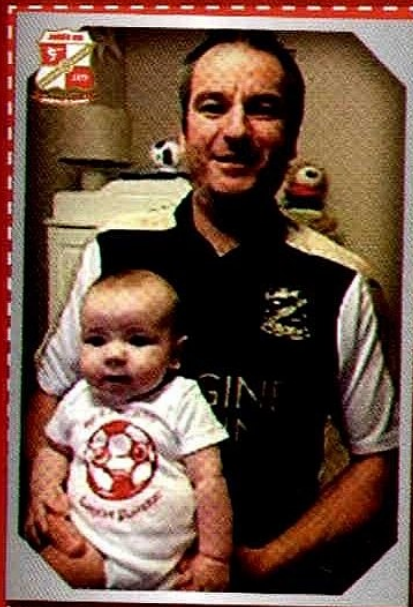
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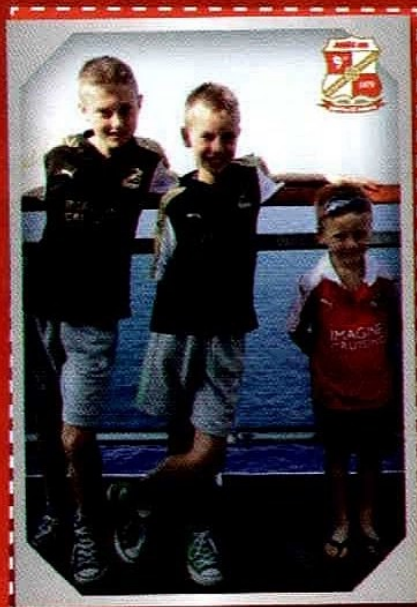
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Pictured is Craig Townsend and his 16 week-old daughter, Scarlett in her first Swindon Town babygrow.



Happy Birthday to Brandon Guy who turned ten on Boxing Day. A Season Ticket holder in the Arkell's Stand, Brandon is pictured here with Callum and Ashton on a cruise last summer proudly wearing their Town kits.



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As I write these notes we are still awaiting the name of our new manager, the appointment we hope will lead to winning some games and a rise up the table.

May I finish by wishing everyone a very happy new year.

Roger Bunce
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SWINDON 3 SOUTHEND 0

League 1, 17 March 2009

Town had slipped into the relegation zone following defeat by a late Jermaine Beckford goal at Leeds three days before the Shrimpers were due at the County Ground.

The tenth-placed Essex side had taken 24 points from their previous ten games.

But it was Swindon who raced into a two-goal lead inside twenty minutes - although it could have been a far different story had it not been for the heroics of Phil Smith, who denied the visitors on three occasions early on.

He was in the right place at the right time to stop a fierce Adam Barrett header and then thwarted Theo Robinson. But his third save was the pick of the bunch, as Gordon Greer looked to have diverted a Lee Barnard effort past him. Smith somehow got his hand to the ball to claw it to safety.

Danny Wilson's men responded to the keeper's efforts by racing to the other end to snatch a 13th minute opener.

A low cross from the right from Anthony

McNamee was tapped home by Reading loanee Hal Robson-Kanu.

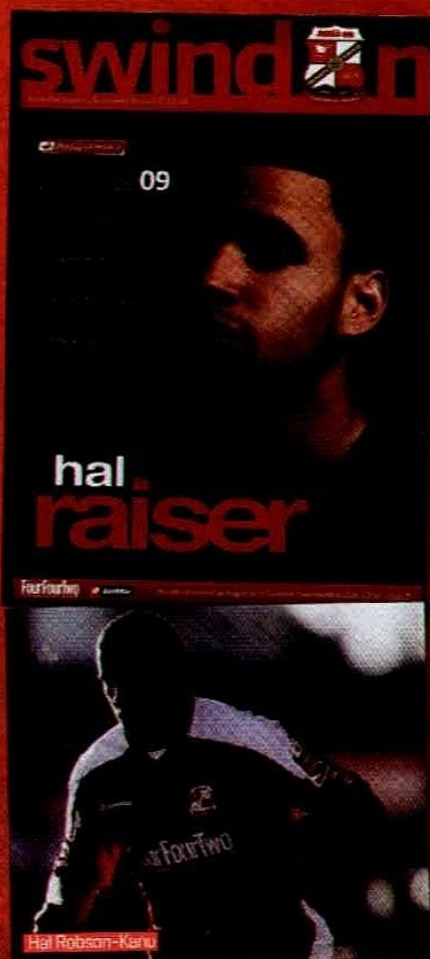
That lead was doubled within six minutes when Osei Sankofa was adjudged to have impeded Billy Paynter in the area. Simon Cox hit the penalty past former Town youngster Steve Mildenhall and into the bottom left corner.

And it could have been 4-0 by the half hour, both Sean Morrison and Paynter failing to find the target with headers.

A further opportunity came on 52 minutes when another loanee, Owain Tudur Jones, brought Mildenhall into action. But chances for either side were at a premium during a quiet second half.

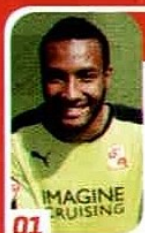
However, Swindon were handed the chance to add a third goal in the final minute of normal time. A Michael Timlin was ended when he was upended by Robinson and referee Karl Evans again pointed to the spot, Cox firing home his 22nd goal of the season.

Within a week the he had hit another five to take his side well clear of danger.





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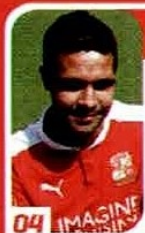


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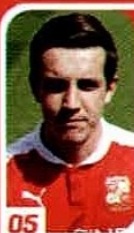
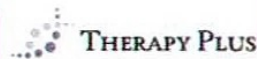


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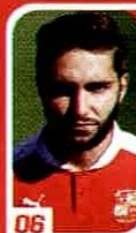
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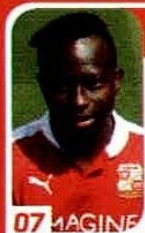
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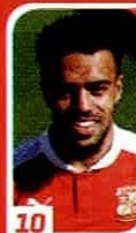
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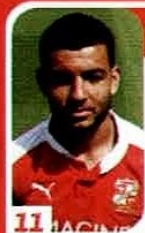
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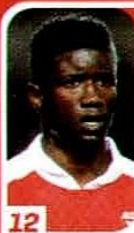
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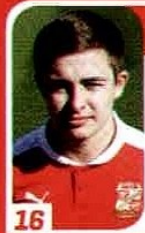


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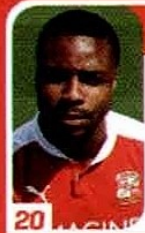
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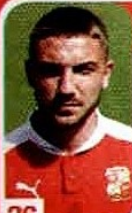


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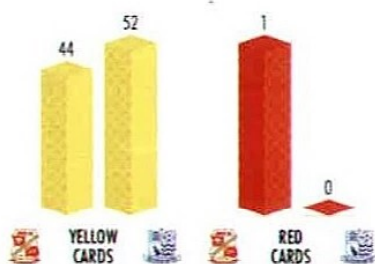
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MATCH FACTS

Swindon won the reverse fixture in August courtesy of a 62nd minute strike from Fabien Robert, extending their unbeaten run against Southend to six games (W5 D1).



MATCH FACTS

Southend have lost their last three trips to the County Ground, after going four unbeaten previously (W2 D2).



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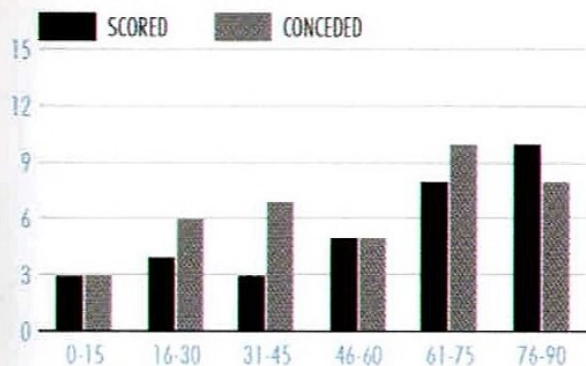


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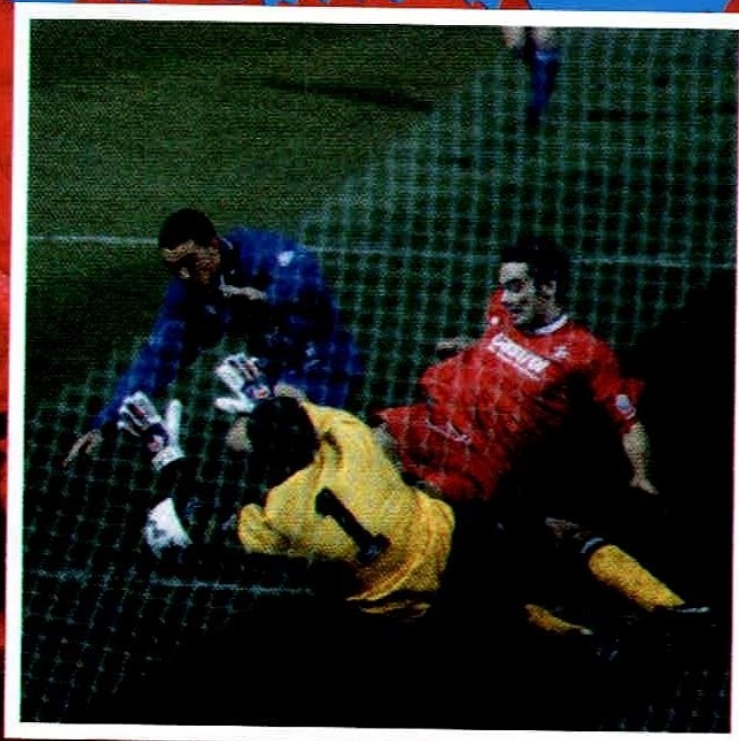
After defeat against York City the last time out, Town would return to winning ways against another Yorkshire side - Hull City - at the County Ground. Following a goalless first half, the home side made the breakthrough early in the second forty-five. Paul Bodin set Ty Gooden free down the left-hand side. His cross was met perfectly by Peter Thorne who cushioned a header into the back of the net. Thorne could have added another and Gooden was kept out by the goalkeeper before Town doubled their advantage. Tony Grant, signed on loan from Everton, thundered into a tackle in midfield to win the ball back and found Wayne Allison on the halfway line. The striker turned and played a lofted through-ball into the path of Grant who had continued his run forward. Spotting Roy Carroll off his line, Grant's next touch was a first-time half volley that looped over the 'keeper and in. The Tigers' Bobby Davison found himself one-on-one with Fraser Digby but volleyed over the bar as the visitors looked for a way back into proceedings.

Swindon put a gloss on the scoreline when a corner was met by

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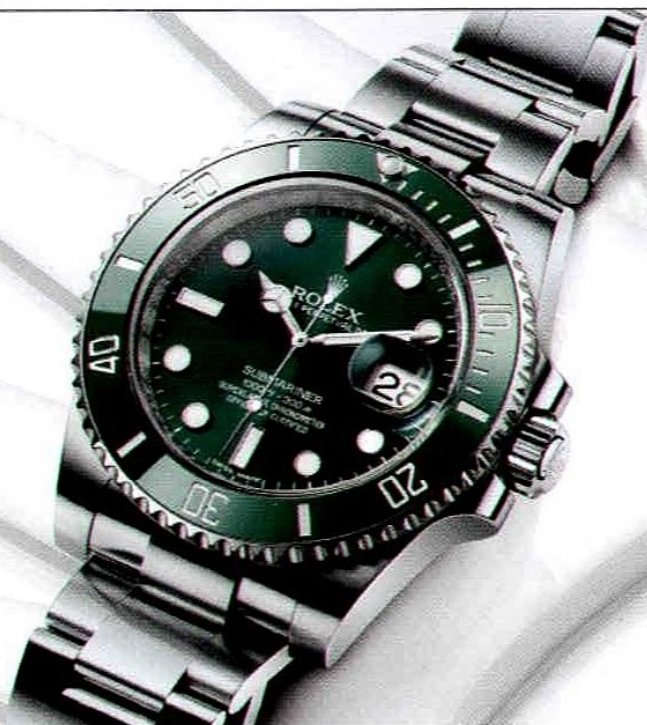
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Allison and his header was touched home by the lurking Kevin Horlock inside the six yard box. Town's next outing was due to be an FA Cup tie against Oldham Athletic but that was postponed meaning Carlisle were the subsequent visitors to SN1. After squandering chances in the first half Martin Ling's endeavour to harry a defender on the edge of the area forced a hurried backpass to the goalkeeper. Tony Caig's clearance went straight to the feet of Thorne who took a touch and blasted Town in front. Steve McMahon's men added a second when they kept the pressure on after building an attack. Ling worked the ball to Gooden on the right and his cross was headed in by Allison. The visitors halved the deficit when Warren Aspinall took advantage of some defensive hesitation and squared the ball for Rory Delap to fire in.

The re-arranged FA Cup tie the following Wednesday saw Town frustrated against the Latics and they spurned an opportunity to take the lead when Allison was hauled down on the edge of the box. However, Horlock's penalty was turned around the post by a diving Paul Gerrard. In the last minute of normal time, the home side found the winning goal. A cross-field pass was headed back across the box and picked out Ling who had found space between two defenders. The substitute launched into an acrobatic bicycle kick and sent the ball flying into the back of the net to tee up a quarter final meeting with Southampton.

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Our aim is to gain some kind of financial independence that allows us to make a difference for the club we all love. We want to improve the council-owned stadium, we want to inject fresh enthusiasm into the supporters with some new ideas, we want to attract the next generation of supporters who are so avidly glued to the Premier League on Sky Sports and much more.

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FABIEN ROBERT

After experiencing the English festive football tradition for the first time, the Frenchman is looking forward to kicking-off 2016 against the Shrimpers this afternoon.



Town tasted defeat twice over Christmas at the hands of Gillingham and Burton Albion but Robert says that he enjoyed the atmosphere that both matches produced. "It was the first time [I experienced it]," he said. "The atmosphere in the stadium was really great. It was busy in both the stadiums – at Swindon and Burton – so it was a good time. Unfortunately we lost both games."

Last Saturday's fixture at Port Vale was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, something that the midfielder believes will help Swindon in the long run.

"I think it's a good thing," he said. "Burton didn't play before so at the end of the game they were

more fresh so it was an important thing and I think it [the break] is better for us for the next game. We're going to be fresh and we can play a good game."

Robert recalled the last time Town met Southend earlier on in the season when he was the matchwinner on a searing day in Essex.

"It was really hot," he smiled. "It was good for me to be honest. For the other lads I don't think they liked the hot weather but for me it was nice. They are 7th in the table – that is a surprise for me so we will see today but if we play the way we played before and last month we have a chance to win."

"If you win three games in a row you're top ten. If you lose three games in a row you're near the bottom."

While he admits that he sets no personal targets whenever the calendar ticks around to 1st January, Robert has urged Town to re-create the form they found before Christmas and to start looking up the League 1 table.

"I just take game after game because everything goes quick in this league," he said. "If you win three games in a row you're top ten. If you lose three games in a row you're near the bottom. If we play the way we played last month then we can get at least top ten."

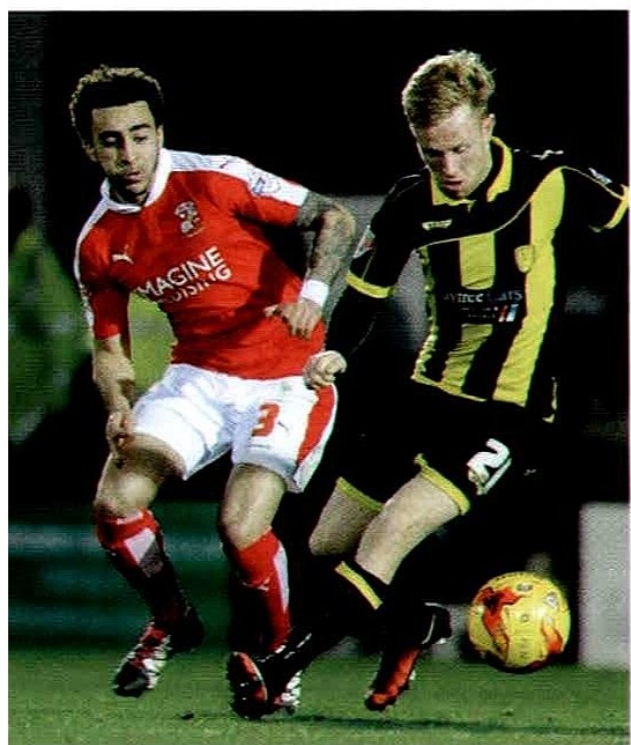
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SEAN WOOD

This weekend we're in a futsal tournament where West Bromwich Albion, Brentford and Swansea will all visit us. In the Under-9s to Under-12s phase we tend to play a lot of futsal in December and January because of the weather.

Our Foundation Phase starts at the Under-6s age group and runs to Under-12s. Our 'pre-academy' runs for the Under-6s, Under-7s and Under-8s. All players in these age groups still play with their local teams while training with us. For our Under-8s, we arrange around 12-15 games against other academies to see what level our players are currently at. U8s who have developed to a level we feel is enough to be offered a contract with Swindon Town will sign ready for the U9s season. U9s to U12s will then be reviewed each year and players will need to earn another year's contract with Swindon. After Under-12s they go into the Development Phase where they are led by Alan McLoughlin and it becomes more about tactical knowledge and understanding of different formations and systems involved incorporated into a six-weekly cycle. My role is to make sure that all our players in the Foundation Phase have fun but also master technique and are composed and creative on the ball.

As our programme is so intense and our players may be with us on four or five occasions over the course of a week, it limits the boys' opportunities to do other sports. With Tom Huelin (lead academy sports scientist) and Dan Watson (Foundation Phase strength and conditioning coach) we've discovered different ways of allowing our lads to play other sports that relate to the physical nature of football while keeping it a fun activity that they can do with their teammates. That way, if it doesn't work out with us for whatever reason, they still have had an opportunity to try other sports. We've put on martial arts sessions, boxing workshops, a fun-based but physical dance session and we're also looking at gymnastics and tennis too. They're also screened at the start, the middle and at the end of the season. This all links into the multi-sport aspect of our foundation: can we create athletes that can play football?

All of our Foundation Phase coaches buy into our philosophy and are excellent with their respective age groups. We do a lot on mastering the football in game-related practises and we are seeing massive benefits in our players' ability to deal with the ball under pressure and make

creative decisions. Before Christmas we played Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur which was great for the boys. On merit, the boys will go and play up an age group which is meant challenge them. Sometimes we might even do the opposite and drop them down an age group.

Recently we've looked at Bio Banding players with their growth/maturity level – in simple terms, game formats which work best for our players at certain ages. U6-U8s play 6v6 and 7v7, U9s and U10s play 7v7, U11s play 9v9 and U12s play 11v11 on a three-quarter size pitch and goals. It's all about long-term development and variety with our games programme as well as formats and pitch sizes which are important too. We will do what we think is best for every individual, with constant group meetings and player reviews every 12 weeks with parents. The proof will come at the end of the programme although decisions we make are solely the best for every individual and discussions for player development will take place with all academy staff involved followed by the player and their parents.

The football techniques will develop with the positive learning environment we create at Swindon Town. Everything we do will be fun for our players to want to come to football and learn. They are still children and we have to make sure that we develop the person as well as nurture their talent. We all want to do the best we can to see as many players from the Foundation Phase make it into our first team squad.

Twice a month we look to play against a Category One or Category Two club (Man Utd, Tottenham, Southampton, Stoke, Leicester, Liverpool and Swansea to name a few) which gives us six games a month alongside our usual games programme which includes Oxford, Bristol Rovers, Cheltenham, Plymouth, Exeter, Yeovil and Bournemouth. We know we've got players that need to be challenged and these extra games are probably most important to make sure that they're getting that challenge.

Sean Wood
ACADEMY PHASE COACH





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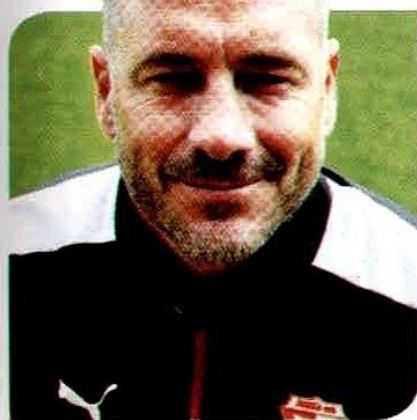
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SCOTT LINDSEY

We gave the boys a bit of time off over Christmas for them to spend time with their families so it was important for them to get some downtime.



We gave them a fitness programme to go away with which they did and looking at them this week, it looks like they've all worked extremely hard because they've come back in good shape and they look raring to go.

We played Plymouth Argyle on Tuesday and lost 2-1. I spent most of my pre-match team talk explaining how we should start the game: we'd had time off and had also just experienced a very long journey and an early start. It was important that we approached the game quickly with a really high tempo and made sure that we brought the game to them. Sadly, we didn't do that and we found ourselves 2-0 down after ten minutes. We then got our flow and we started passing and

played with a tempo that we should have started with. From then on we were the better side: we created chances and we got ourselves back into the game with some good forward play. Jordan Young finished well then just before the break we got a penalty which we didn't convert. We came in at half time relatively pleased. The second half was pretty much the same; we dominated the ball, created chances and we should have had a penalty. Having awarded us one earlier in the game and being in the 90th minute, I believe the referee wasn't brave enough to give it which was disappointing because we deserved something out of the game. I told the players afterwards that we have to learn from our mistakes and we have

to take responsibility for losing a game of football.

I had a chat with Shaun Taylor before the game - their manager. He had worked with Martin Ling at Torquay so was concerned about him and was asking questions about the direction the club will go in next.

I'd like to finish by wishing Martin all the best. He is a man that I have a great admiration and respect for and in the time I worked with him, I felt a good relationship was growing with him. I'd like to wish him all the best in whatever he ends up doing.

Scott Lindsey
UNDER-18S MANAGER

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GIRLS DEVELOPMENT

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game.

Hopefully we will be celebrating three points at 5pm this evening.

The Girls Programme has had a busy festive period with fixtures against Southampton and Yeovil Town Ladies. Our Under-12s, 13s and 15s made the short journey to the south coast and came back with some positive results. The U15s cruised to a 3-0 victory with goals from Sophie Roberts and Lilly Withers. The U13s won 5-2 and the

U12s lost 5-3 despite leading the game 2-0. Our U16s played against a strong Yeovil U18 team and lost to the more physical outfit from Somerset 4-0 but the U14s won 9-0 against Yeovil U14s to make it a successful day at Stanley Park. I would like to thank Pete Hussey from Stanley Park for allowing us to use the 3G pitch to ensure that the game went ahead.

The U10s/11s played in a fantastic match against Robins FC drawing 3-3. The girls led 3-1 but the boys fought back to level with two late goals.

We look forward to fixtures in the next few weeks against Norwich City and Northampton Town as we start our build-up to the Barcelona Cup and Gothia Cup. It's always exciting when we start the New Year and know that these tournaments are on the horizon. Hopefully we can give a good account of ourselves and do Swindon proud!

COYR

Shane Hewlett
FEMALE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

STFC LADIES

Town Ladies return to action this Sunday with their first game of 2016 being an FA Cup second round tie versus Tottenham Hotspur LFC. This will be the first time the teams have met in any competition and it is setup to be a competitive one. Spurs currently compete in the FA Women's Southern Premier league which is a league above town but with only 10 places between the sides and Town still unbeaten this season in all competitions, the Ladies go into the tie in a confident and upbeat mood.

Roger Reeves, the founder of the Ladies team and a previous manager said: "Be it the Men's or Women's FA Cup, we all know the magic it can bring and everyone dreams of being part of it. We have a great chance of causing an upset against the Women's Premier League Southern Division outfit. This FA Cup clash is one of the biggest moments in our club's history and the squad is one of the best teams we have had."

Despite the weather conditions recently, the Ladies have been working hard to ensure they are physically and mentally prepared for Sunday's clash. Town Ladies team captain, Michelle Rich said:

"We are really looking forward to Sunday. Being undefeated so far this season, the Ladies are brimming with confidence and it's contagious. We have spent the past two weeks preparing in training at a high-intensity ready for the next round of the FA Cup. We are technically classed as the underdogs with them being the league above but with the current mood in the camp we feel ready to grasp this opportunity and that's the beauty of the FA Cup. With a bit of luck and preparation we are more than capable of progressing to the next round."

If the Ladies taste victory this weekend they could potentially be up against a Women's Super League 2 team in the 3rd round. This fixture is scheduled to take place at Shrivensham FC this Sunday KO 2pm, so please come along and show the Ladies the support they deserve.

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3 Chichester City LFC	8	10	19
4 Swindon Town LFC	7	11	17
5 Keynsham Town LFC	8	8	16
6 Maidenhead United	11	-4	15
7 Southampton Saints LFC	13	-9	13
8 Cheltenham Town LFC	8	-8	9
9 Shanklin LFC	10	-17	6
10 St Nicholas LFC	12	-19	3

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1 Brighton & Hove Albion WFC	17	29	41
2 Charlton Athletic WFC	14	25	32
3 Coventry United LFC	14	36	30
4 Cardiff City LFC	13	29	30
5 Portsmouth FC Ladies	15	20	29
6 Tottenham Hotspur LFC	15	-1	22
7 C & K Basildon LFC	15	-10	19
8 West Ham United LFC	15	-22	14
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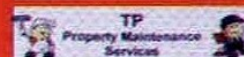
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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy new year. Let's hope we can start climbing up the table with a successful win today over our visitors, Southend United.

Jon and I would also like to wish Martin Ling the very best for the future. We really appreciated his support and interest in our Football in the Community programme, particularly our forthcoming educational programme which kicks off with Commonweal 6th form in September 2016. We have had nearly 70 applicants apply for a limited 35 places which just shows you the massive interest in this wonderful opportunity for post-16 students to study for the next two years on A-Levels, BTECs and vocational qualifications while training, undertaking work experience within our various programmes and also playing in matchday situations against other professional clubs from around the south west region.

We are very much looking forward to 2016 with a busy schedule ahead. All of our development courses are in place throughout the year with us going to places such as Chippenham, Bradford upon Avon, Marlborough, Lambourn and Wantage to name but a few. All of the afore-named courses will run parallel to our mainstream courses which we deliver here at STFC during all half-terms. The first one for your diary for 2016 will be the February half-term course which runs from 16th February to the 19th February. Places are starting to go so to avoid disappointment please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01793 421303



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We were delighted to deliver a Christmas course in 2015 which was just for two days but next year, as the holidays fall, we can deliver a three-day course with the dates being 19th, 20th and 21st December 2016.

Our after-school clubs all kick-off this week with our Soccer Centres commencing from Monday 4th January with lots of local youngsters attending these popular weekly sessions. We are really hoping this year to drive numbers forward to increase participation within local schools and also local leisure centres in Swindon and the surrounding areas. Again, information on all these can be found on our website or on the online booking system mentioned previously.

The third course for our Football Fans in Training programme commences on Thursday 28th January 2016 here at Swindon Town where we offer 30 places to male 35-65 year olds who would like to change their lifestyle and lead a healthier life moving into 2016. The two previous groups have proved to be a great success so if you'd like more information - we only have a handful of places available - please contact Jon Holloway or Shane Hewlett at STFITC.



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	6.00-7.00	6-7yrs

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Wed:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs/8-11yrs
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GIRLS CENTRES

Link Centre

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SUPER SAMMY SAYS

Firstly I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities. With last winter being my first without football, I can safely say I enjoyed this Christmas a lot more than I did last year.

I was very shocked and saddened to learn that Martin Ling had decided to step down as manager in the days following the defeat to Burton. I was chuffed with the appointment when it was announced in November and I don't think there can be any doubt that in his short time as manager, the team's performance had picked up significantly. Martin's been very brave in talking about his problems in the past and his health has to come first. I'm sure it was a very difficult decision for him to take considering his obvious love for the club. I know we're all together in wishing him all the very best for the future. I thoroughly enjoyed playing in his Leyton Orient team and it's been great to see him again in the last couple of months. He leaves the team in a healthier position than he inherited it in and a number of the players in the squad have returned to form under his guidance. I'm sure the disruption has been minimal due to the presence of Luke Williams on the training ground. As I pen these notes it's not yet been confirmed who will be next in the hot seat but I'm sure nothing too drastic has changed day-to-day.

It was a shame to see the game at Port Vale fall foul of the weather. It's always a sickener for the players after they've sacrificed a lot over the festive period and missed out on the New Year celebrations. Port Vale's pitch has always been a bit temperamental so it's a shame the call hadn't come a little earlier. As soon as I heard the game was off I remembered suffering a similar fate during my Swindon Town career away at Port Vale. Unfortunately we had already travelled up the M6 the day before and only learnt of the postponement on

the way to the ground on the Saturday afternoon. It was a bitterly cold day and my main memory is of Andy King telling us over breakfast that the frozen pitch would be playable as they had a load of wood-fired bins on the pitch thawing it out... I don't know why that amused us players but it did and it was no surprise when the coach turned around and headed south!

I think the rearranged game played on a Tuesday night was the 3-3 game that saw us come back from 3-0 behind to nick a draw. I've heard lots of great stories from that night. It ended up being a very significant point given the way we ultimately edged out Port Vale to reach the playoffs.

I can remember the scenes in the dressing room that night like it was yesterday. Very few things in professional football can surpass a last minute goal, especially one that completes a miraculous recovery. We had Rory Fallon's chest to thank that night for our leveller. Rory was one of the best impact substitutes I played with in my career. I spoke to him during my radio programme a few weeks back and alongside recovering from a serious knee injury, he's now running a successful artisan ice cream business in Yorkshire with his wife. More and more of my footballing peers are reaching the end of their football careers so it's great finding out how former teammates are getting on and what they are turning their hands to. Over the last six months I've caught up with Rory, Matt Heywood, Eric Sabin, Stef Miglioranza, Brian Howard and Rhys Evans to name a few. When I think of memories like that night

at Vale Park it's no surprise that we have all remained mates.

2016 is going to be a massive year for sport with the Olympic Games and the European Championships. To have three home nations and the Republic of Ireland involved in the Euros is a mouthwatering prospect. I think the draw was pretty kind to England and the Welsh and unfortunately not so nice to the Irish. A summer holiday for me is not complete unless you're searching out a TV screen by the sea to watch an obscure group game encounter. I can recount so many great memories from holidays abroad involving international football. France '98 was watched with my youth team compatriots in Cyprus. Euro 2000 from Greece with some of the young Chelsea professionals and the German World Cup in 2006 from Ibiza with a group of friends from home. No matter where I've found myself in the world I'll do my utmost to watch every game I possibly can. I might even get over to France in the summer to take in the atmosphere for real.

Back to more pressing matters and the opportunity to achieve a league double over Southend United this afternoon. The team somewhat rode their luck at Roots Hall in late August to win 1-0 in the searing Essex sunshine. They're currently occupying a position just outside the Play-Offs so it'll be a very difficult match today. After two successive defeats I'm sure the players and staff are motivated to get back to winning ways to start 2016 with a real bang.

Come On You Reds!
Sam

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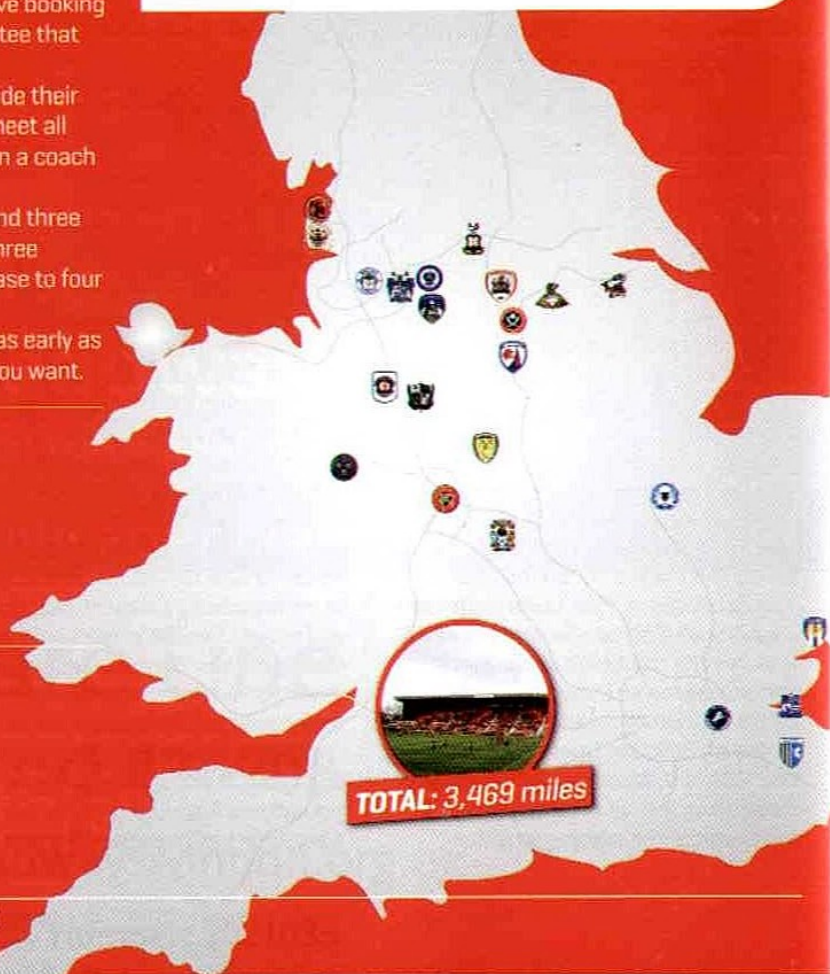


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Adults	£23	£18
Student/065	£18	£14
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£8
Juniors (U11)	£2	£2
Junior Red (U11)	FREE*	FREE*

ADULT:

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
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HOME TICKETS

SWINDON TOWN vs CREWE ALEXANDRA



Saturday 16th January / Kick-Off: 3pm
Grade B Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs BARNLEY



Saturday 30th January / Kick-Off: 3pm
Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs BLACKPOOL



Saturday 20th February / Kick-Off: 3pm
Grade A Fixture, see prices to the right

SWINDON TOWN vs DONCASTER ROVERS



Tuesday 1st March / Kick-Off: 7.45pm
Grade B Fixture, see prices to the right

AWAY TICKETS

PORT VALE vs SWINDON TOWN



Tuesday 12th January / Kick-Off: 7.45pm
Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

SHEFFIELD UNITED vs SWINDON TOWN



Saturday 23rd January / Kick-Off: 3pm
Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

GILLINGHAM vs SWINDON TOWN



Saturday 6th February / Kick-Off: 3pm
Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

COLCHESTER UTD vs SWINDON TOWN



Saturday 13th February / Kick-Off: 3pm
Ticket prices at www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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£375 INC VAT (Min 6 people)
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GAME CENTRE



	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Burton	24	9	3	1	21	9	7	0	4	11	10	13	51
2 Gillingham	25	10	2	1	29	11	5	3	4	20	18	20	50
3 Walsall	24	7	3	3	19	13	7	3	1	21	9	18	48
4 Coventry	25	8	4	0	26	13	5	4	4	20	11	22	47
5 Wigan	24	6	3	2	15	5	5	5	3	20	17	13	41
6 Peterborough	25	6	3	3	26	19	6	1	6	26	19	14	40
7 Southend	24	6	2	5	14	17	4	5	2	17	13	1	37
8 Sheff Utd	24	7	1	5	27	21	3	5	3	12	13	5	36
9 Rochdale	24	6	2	3	17	12	3	5	5	15	15	5	34
10 Millwall	24	5	1	6	14	17	5	3	4	22	17	2	34
11 Doncaster	25	5	4	3	16	11	4	3	6	15	22	-2	34
12 Bradford	23	4	4	2	11	9	5	3	5	13	17	-2	34
13 Port Vale	24	7	4	1	20	11	2	2	8	8	16	1	33
14 Bury	24	5	4	2	18	15	4	2	7	15	22	-4	33
15 Scunthorpe	25	5	3	5	10	12	4	2	6	18	19	-3	32
16 Swindon	24	4	2	6	18	20	4	2	6	15	19	-6	28
17 Barnsley	24	5	2	6	17	16	3	1	7	17	25	-7	27
18 Chesterfield	25	3	3	7	22	24	5	0	7	11	17	-8	27
19 Fleetwood	24	5	3	4	22	12	2	2	8	10	22	-2	26
20 Shrewsbury	25	3	2	7	15	17	4	3	6	16	25	-11	26
21 Blackpool	24	5	2	4	11	12	2	2	9	10	21	-12	25
22 Oldham	23	1	4	7	13	25	2	8	1	12	11	-11	21
23 Colchester	25	3	4	5	19	22	2	2	9	15	37	-25	21
24 Crewe	24	2	3	8	12	27	3	2	6	11	17	-21	20



	LEAGUE		CUP		15/16 TOTAL			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	YEL	RED
01 Lawrence Vigouroux	22	0	3	0	25	0	4	0
02 Nathan Thompson	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0
03 Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill	13	0	2	0	15	0	0	0
04 Fabien Robert	13(8)	4	2(1)	0	15(9)	4	4	0
05 Jordan Williams	9	0	1	0	10	0	1	0
06 Jordan Turnbull	21	0	4	0	25	0	4	1
07 Drissa Traore	10(4)	0	2	0	12(4)	0	2	0
08 Yaser Kasim	15(2)	0	2	0	17(2)	0	5	0
09 Michael Smith	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
10 Nathan Byrne	5	3	1	0	6	3	1	0
10 Nicky Ajose	19	9	2	1	21	10	0	0
11 Kevin Stewart	3(2)	0	2	0	5(2)	0	1	0
12 Momar Bangoura	1	0	(1)	0	1(1)	0	0	0
14 Wes Thomas	5(1)	2	0	0	5(1)	2	0	0
15 James Brophy	8(5)	0	2(1)	0	10(7)	0	4	0
16 Jordan Stewart	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
17 Ben Gladwin	13	2	0	0	13	2	3	0
18 Louis Thompson	11(2)	2	1	0	12(2)	2	5	0
19 Jeremy Balmy	(5)	0	(1)	0	(7)	0	2	0
20 Jonathan Obika	10(5)	5	3	1	13(5)	6	0	0
21 Will Randall	(4)	0	1(1)	0	1(5)	0	0	0
22 Lee Marshall	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
24 Jermaine Hylton	2(6)	0	1(1)	0	3(7)	0	1	0
25 Tyrell Belford	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
26 Anton Rodgers	16(4)	2	3	1	19(4)	3	1	0
27 Bradley Barry	15	0	3	0	18	0	5	0
28 Ellis Iandolo	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0	0	0
29 Raphael Rossi-Branco	22	1	4	0	25	1	6	1
30 Miles Storey	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0	0	0
31 Tom Smith	(1)	1	(1)	0	(2)	1	0	0
32 Henrik Ojamaa	7(2)	1	1(1)	0	8(3)	0	0	0
34 Adam El-Abd	13	0	1	0	14	0	4	0



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Saturday 2nd January

Barnsley 2-1 Millwall
Burton 1-0 Blackpool
Chesterfield 7-1 Shrewsbury
Crewe 0-5 Coventry
Fleetwood 2-0 Bury
Gillingham 3-0 Bradford
Oldham 1-1 Colchester
Scunthorpe 1-1 Wigan
Sheff Utd 2-3 Peterborough
Southend 0-3 Doncaster
Walsall 0-3 Rochdale

Thursday 7th January

Wigan v Gillingham

Today

Blackpool v Port Vale
Oldham v Millwall
Rochdale v Chesterfield
Swindon v Southend

Tuesday 12th January

Coventry v Walsall
Port Vale v Swindon
Wigan v Sheff Utd

Saturday 16th January

Blackpool v Scunthorpe
Bradford v Oldham
Bury v Walsall
Colchester v Sheff Utd
Coventry v Burton
Doncaster v Gillingham
Peterborough v Southend
Rochdale v Fleetwood
Shrewsbury v Barnsley
Swindon v Crewe
Wigan v Chesterfield

Sunday 17th January

Millwall v Port Vale

Tuesday 19th January

Colchester v Fleetwood

Saturday 23rd January

Barnsley v Rochdale
Burton v Shrewsbury
Chesterfield v Millwall
Crewe v Wigan
Fleetwood v Doncaster
Gillingham v Peterborough
Oldham v Bury
Port Vale v Bradford
Scunthorpe v Colchester
Sheff Utd v Swindon
Southend v Coventry
Walsall v Blackpool



PRESSING MATTERS

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. I hope that news of last weekend's postponement reached you before you had set off for Port Vale...

Frustration was the main feeling I took away from Saturday. After the disappointment of the defeats over Christmas, I was looking forward to another game but, alas, Mother Nature intervened.

Since my last set of notes we were all shocked to hear the news that Martin Ling had resigned from his position as manager. News like this always tends to sharpen our focus onto what really is important in life. All of us love this wonderful game for a variety of different reasons. We argue over it, we debate its nuances and some of us would follow it blindly to the ends of the Earth. When you strip all of that back, it is just a game and when it starts to affect someone's life it's important to take a step away from it all.

Martin was an absolute pleasure to work with and was someone that I've always looked up to as he was one of those on the field when I watched my first ever game of football as part of Town's 1995/96 vintage. One's health really is most important so I would like to wish Martin all the very best for the future.

Today's visitors stir up memories of the first meeting back in August. I have never been so hot, sticky and uncomfortable watching a game of football from that press box at Roots Hall. Fabien Robert's winning goal made the whole thing worthwhile but how much has changed since then.

Talking of travels, I'd like to reserve the final word for Pete Kordula, who recently stepped down from his role as the team's coach driver after ten years of service. I know the players and management have expressed their own notes of thanks in private but I would like to say a big thank you for all the memories of those away trips, Pete and the best of luck in your new role!

Tom Otrebski
RED & WHITE EDITOR



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