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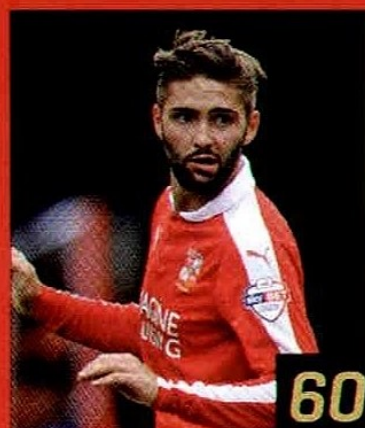
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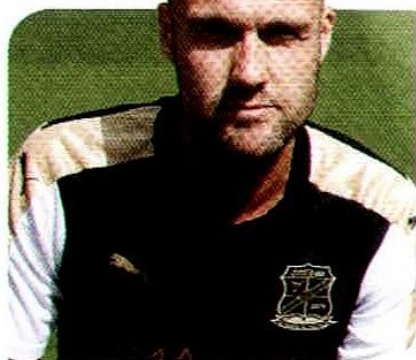
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LUKE WILLIAMS

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Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Crewe Alexandra.



Last weekend's win over Southend after being 2-0 down was very pleasing but I was particularly pleased with the way the players stuck to what we'd asked them to do and didn't fold under pressure. After that first twenty minutes we totally understand the frustration that was being expressed by a lot of people in the crowd. We don't go out there to make mistakes on purpose - far from it. Certain things didn't go according to plan in that opening period but we're trying to control a game and we're trying to control the football so we don't get into too many compromises and 'fight balls' and that doesn't always

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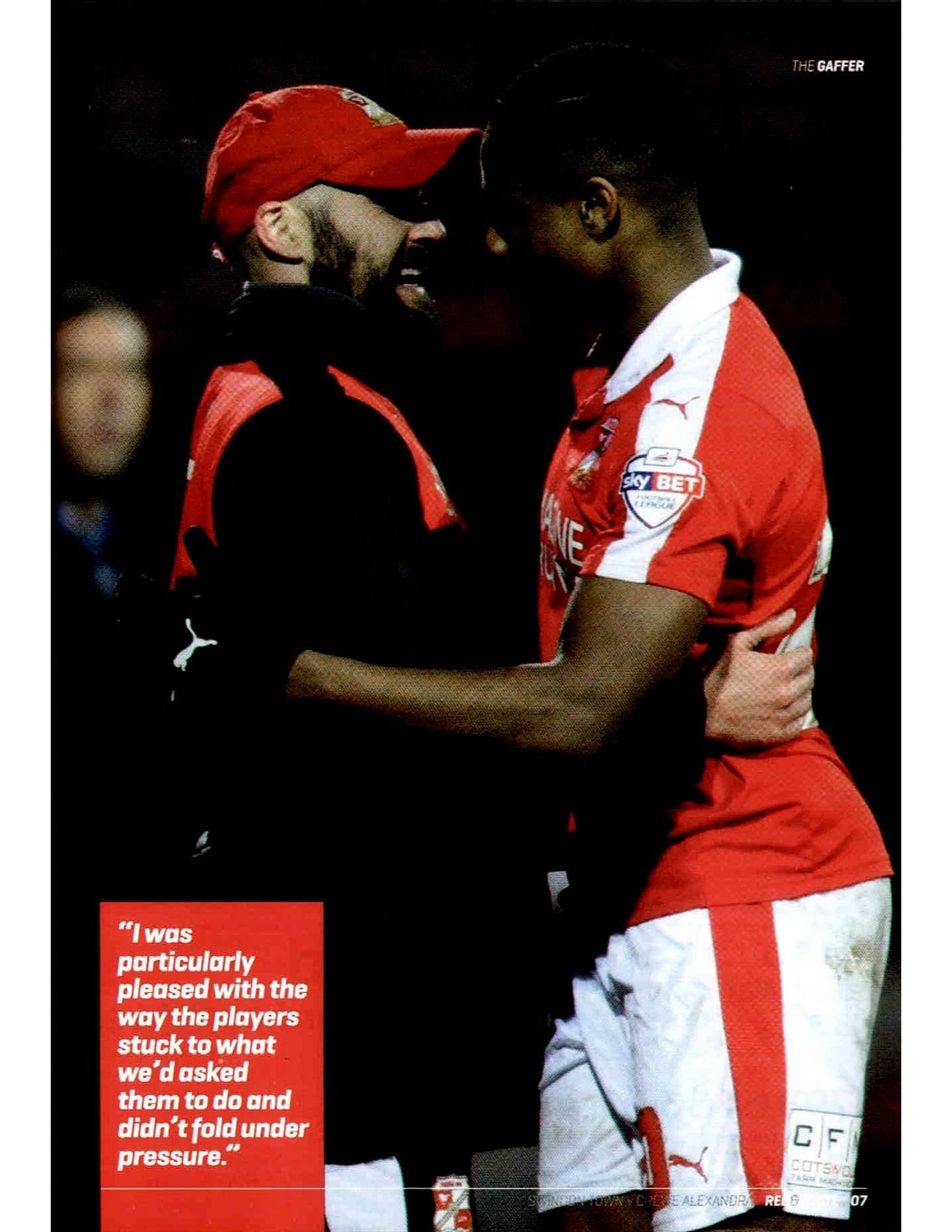
go smoothly. I must admit it was frustrating to have Tuesday's game at Port Vale called off again. In all honesty, we'd rather have played the game because the group feel good, they feel confident and I think we could have taken that feeling into the game and been successful.

I remember the game at Crewe earlier this season being a tough one. Crewe played very well and we had to come back from behind to win. If you look at their league position it could be easy to think that they're not a good side but they clearly are. We've watched them and you can see what they're trying

to achieve but we've got to make sure we dominate them and don't let them get into their stride. Their style of play has served them very well over the past few years and they've brought a number of players through into the first team. They have always competed in League 1 very well. There's a long way to go this season and I wouldn't be at all surprised to see them climb out of the relegation zone.

Enjoy the game this afternoon and remember to keep backing the boys.

Luke Williams
FIRST TEAM COACH



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FROM THE TOP

Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground as we entertain Crewe Alexandra.



Last Saturday's game against Southend was quite simply crazy. The game looked to be dead and buried after just 20 minutes but tremendous credit must go to Luke, Ross and the players for turning things around in the manner that they did. No doubt, those three points will give us a real confidence boost going into today's encounter against the Railwayman.

It was disappointing that the midweek trip to Port Vale was postponed yet again particularly as it would have given us the perfect opportunity to keep momentum going after Southend. As you may have seen, the fixture will be played

(hopefully, weather-permitting) on 2nd February.

Following the cancellation of Port Vale February now becomes a key month with four away fixture Colchester, Gillingham, Peterborough and now that trip to Vale Park, so between now and the end of February is going to have a big bearing on where we finish in the league this season.

Looking ahead to February, the club will be looking to have Season Tickets for 2016/17 on sale in mid-February as has been the case for the past two years. Keep a look out for details which will be released in due course.

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Talking of next season, we are currently in the process of deciding on next season's home and away kits as we enter our second season of the deal with PUMA. I'm sure that everyone will agree that this season's shirts were both a success - particularly the away kit. Hopefully we can choose a design that is not only popular with players and supporters alike but that also pays tribute to this club's rich history and tradition.

Enjoy this afternoon's game.

Steve Anderson
GENERAL MANAGER



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HEADWAY QUIZ NIGHT



Town's Charity of the Year, Headway will be hosting a quiz night here at the County Ground on Thursday 21st January.

ROBINS & NWYFL IN PARTNERSHIP

Swindon Town and the North Wilts Youth Football League (NWyFL) have launched a multi-year partnership which will see the league's prestigious cup-finals return to the County Ground at the end of this season.

The exciting partnership will see NWyFL and Swindon Town collaborating on a series of ongoing initiatives that will benefit youth football in the area and will also strengthen ties with the football club.

The NWyFL has been in existence for over a decade and provides organised football for over 5,000 youngsters throughout the area every weekend. The league boasts over 70 member clubs and plays host to some 300-plus matches every weekend throughout Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Berkshire.

On the partnership, North Wilts League Chairman Andy Ratcliffe said: "The success of this league is built on the goodwill and support of its clubs and together they have over

5,000 young footballers playing football every weekend across all age-groups.

"Throughout our 13-year history there has never been an official collaboration or partnership with Swindon Town - until now and our committee couldn't be more delighted. We've been talking to the club's commercial manager Adam Wainwright about this for some time now, and together we've managed to come up with a really meaningful partnership which will reap rewards for both parties."

North Wilts League Cup Secretary, Darren Howell added: "From the league's perspective we couldn't be more thrilled to partner Swindon Town Football Club. This isn't just about playing our finals on the County Ground pitch, though. Whilst I'm sure that NWyFL players and managers alike will relish the opportunity to play a cup final match there, we're also going to be promoting initiatives such as Pro Red, which gives our clubs and players an opportunity to get discounted STFC match tickets, club shop

PORT VALE CLASH REARRANGED

Town's postponed clash at Port Vale has been re-arranged for Tuesday 2nd February with kick-off at 7.45pm.

The tie has twice been postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

WOLVES SIGN WILL RANDALL

Will Randall has completed a move to Championship side, Wolverhampton Wanderers for an undisclosed fee.



The STFC Academy product has put pen to paper on an 18-month deal at Molineux.

Randall made his senior bow for Swindon at the end of the 2013/14 season and has six appearances to his name this term.

Swindon Town would like to wish Will all the best for his future career.

merchandise and will provide access to first-team squad players at certain times during the season.

"There will also be match-day opportunities where NWyFL players could play on the pitch at half-time on a Football League match day, do pitch-side club parades and participate in events such as penalty shoot-outs - as well as getting to watch matches with their friends and fellow players.

Steve Anderson, the club's General Manager was also delighted to have the NWyFL on board. "This partnership is a further example of our commitment to attracting the next generation of Swindon Town fan to the County Ground.

"We look forward to welcoming the league's cup finals as well as growing this partnership with the NWyFL into the near future and beyond."



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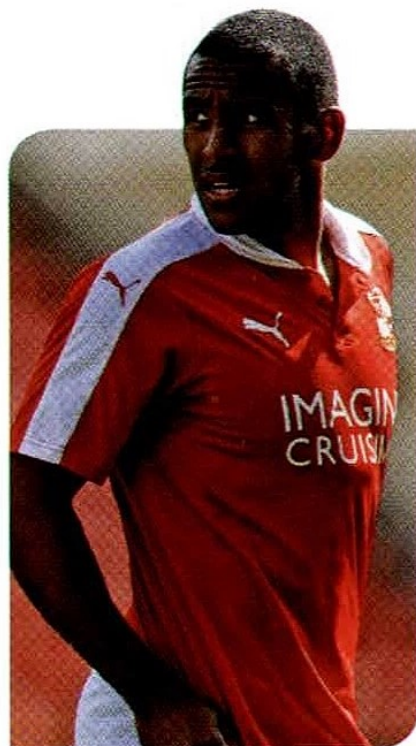
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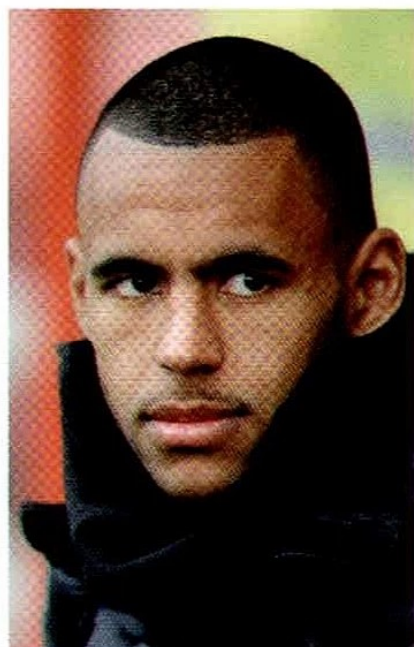
Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground. Our midweek postponement has given us the opportunity to identify what went wrong at the start of last Saturday's match and emphasise what was done well. I personally felt the character shown by the team was incredible and to continue to do what was asked of them in what turned into a hostile atmosphere was commendable.

These notes come with a warning but I have a few things I need to get off my chest. Firstly, our goal kicks. The way we have taken our goal kicks is nothing new – it's the same way we did all last season. The theory is by playing out from the back, it allows us to keep possession of the ball and detaches the opponent's striker from the rest of his team. More often than not we do this successfully and the opposition striker has to chase down our defender, then chase down our goalkeeper and then sprint back up the pitch in order to be in an onside position. Although I don't have the data, you can imagine their striker does the lion's share of the running, which is purposefully tactical as it tires his goal-scoring energy.

I can appreciate that on one or two occasions this has been unsuccessful but far outweighing this are the times we have maintained possession from this goal kick and within seconds have gone down the opposite end and scored – I wish I could attach a video to these notes to show this to you. It's a change in mind-set that we use the goal kick to begin the attack, rather than one long-ball lottery to see who can win the header and straight away we're under pressure. I know which one I prefer.

The first goal we conceded on Saturday was simply a misunderstanding between two players. The goal kick worked well and Reffa managed to maintain possession successfully. It was only once we tried to play into midfield that the pass was intercepted and we conceded. I don't like pointing blame at anyone but I can assure you it wasn't Lawrence's fault. He did exactly what is asked of him.

However, the fans didn't feel this way and from that moment forward the negativity every time Lawrence had the ball in his hands was,



quite frankly, disgusting in my eyes. And I don't say that lightly.

In a home match when a team needs their fans, I felt ours had turned against our own players and if it wasn't for each and every player's strength of character, we could have been beaten convincingly.

Nevertheless, to go on and win the game despite all of this enabled the coaching staff to learn a lot about this group of lads. Under such intense pressure, many players would have reverted to playing long balls but they continued to do what all of our coaches – and even our Chairman – has asked of them and to come away with a 4-2 win was their just rewards.

I know this doesn't apply to everyone and I

apologise if you're reading this thinking "that wasn't me". But, to all of our fans, my plea is to stick with us when seemingly it gets tough. I understand frustrations can sometimes boil over but the players on the pitch need you and your encouragement more than you realise. By all means vent after a game but when we're in the moment of conceding a goal, help pick us up and on to victory. We're all aiming for the same result and our fans have a choice: they can actively help us towards it or, without knowing it, hinder us. With your encouragement when we take a knock, you can help instil confidence in us to rectify the situation.

Moving on and today we host a Crewe Alexandra team that currently find themselves bottom of the table. Although there is still a long way to go, Steve Davis will have his players fired up, fighting tooth and nail for every ball. Having been down there ourselves this season, we know every single point is vital and it will be important we stay switched on for the entire 95 minutes.

On a personal note, I was able to play 70 minutes in an Under-17 game this week, which went very well. Although the intensity may not be as high as a first team game, it gave me vital minutes in order to step up my fitness, so I am extremely thankful to Scott Lindsey for allowing me to get involved.

I was also impressed by the technical ability of his team. They mirror our style of play and to see the young lads carry it off with such confidence is a huge credit to Scott. I have no doubt about it, some of his team will be gracing the County Ground pitch very soon.

Nathan Thompson
TEAM CAPTAIN



THE VISITORS

CREWE ALEX

It's been a campaign of struggle so far for the Alex as they currently prop up the rest of the division, six points from safety.

Last season was also a difficult one for Crewe, with Steve Davis's men just escaping the clutches of relegation despite a final-day defeat to Bradford. The Railwaymen only picked up four points from their opening ten league fixtures and were dumped out of the Capital One Cup and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy before the autumn weather had set in. It was the Christmas period that would help to turn Crewe's fortunes around, starting with a 1-0 win over Bristol City at Gresty Road. They would lose just two of their next

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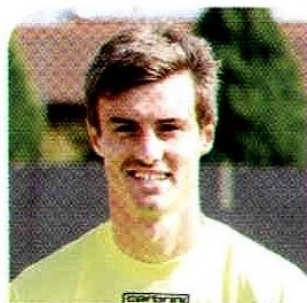


nine fixtures, including six wins. The Alex would taste victory just three more times but just did enough to beat the drop. This term has seen little improvement for the Railwaymen. They have won just five games all season and exited all three cup competitions at the first hurdle including a 1-0 home reverse at the hands of non-league side, Eastleigh in the FA Cup. Interestingly, three of their wins this season have come away from home at Shrewsbury, Barnsley and Colchester. Last time out, they were beaten 5-0 at home by promotion-chasing Coventry City.



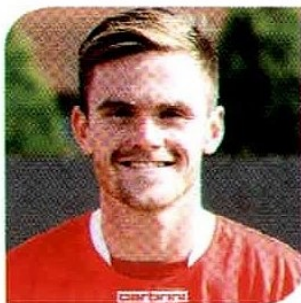
DAVID FOX

THE VISITORS



BEN GARRATT

A graduate of the Crewe academy, Garratt made his debut on the final day of the 2012/13 season having impressed for the club's Under-21s. Made his breakthrough into the team the following campaign and was named the club's Breakthrough Player of the Season. Last season, he was named Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Year. On the international stage, he has been a regular for England's youth squads and went to the U17 World Cup in Mexico.



OLIVER TURTON

A versatile member of Steve Davis's squad, Turton has played at full-back, on the wing and in central midfield since making his debut towards the end of the 2010/11 season. Over the next three campaigns, he would slowly tot up the appearances before going on to make 48 appearances last term – the most of any Crewe player. This season, he has also been a regular fixture for the Alex, making 27 appearances to date.



JON GUTHRIE

Devizes-born, Guthrie once plied his trade in the non-league pyramid with Wiltshire side, Powsey Vale before impressing the Railwaymen while on trial in 2012. After a loan stint with Leek later that year, he established himself in the Crewe Under-21 side before starting his first senior game during the 2012/13 season. Comfortable at both centre-half and left full-back, he has now racked up over 50 appearances for the Alex.



BEN NUGENT

The towering defender is a product of the academy at Cardiff City, graduating from the youth ranks to make a total of 14 appearances during a three-year stint with the Welsh side. During his time with the Bluebirds, he spent time on loan at Peterborough United in 2013/14 before making 29 appearances during a loan stint with Yeovil Town last term. Arrived at Gresty Road on a free transfer in the summer of 2015.



PERRY NG

A versatile young defender who only recently made his first team debut. Ng impressed for the Alex's Under-21 side over the course of 2014/15, earning him a place on the bench on four occasions last term. Spent the latter part of the season on loan at Hyde. This term, he made his senior bow against Oldham Athletic at the end of November and has only one other outing to his name so far. The centre-half is also comfortable operating in either of the full-back positions.



DAVID FOX

Experienced midfielder who joined the Alex in the summer of 2015 after leaving previous club, Colchester United. Fox started his career at Exeter City and Manchester United before making a move to Blackpool in 2006. Over a century of appearances and three years later, he spent a season at Colchester before moving to Norwich City. Was part of the Canaries' squad for four years before moving to the U's in 2014.



JAMES JONES

In his second year as a professional after signing his first contract ahead of the 2014/15 season. The central midfielder made 26 appearances last term before netting his first senior goal in the 3-2 win at Colchester last month. Capped at junior international level by Scotland, Jones was named Crewe's Breakthrough Player of the Year at last May's annual awards. Has 12 appearances to his name so far this season.



BRADDEN INMAN

After starting his career in his native Australia, Inman impressed scouts from Newcastle United and would move to the north-east to link up with the Magpies' academy. Would feature regularly for the Under-21 side before joining the Alex on loan. Made an immediate impact netting eight goals during his stay at Gresty Road. At the expiration of this deal at St. James's Park, he opted against signing a new contract and joined Crewe.



JAMES BAILLIE

The right back signed his first professional contract in the summer of 2014 and made his debut as a substitute on the opening day of the 2014/15 season. He went on to make 14 appearances during his debut season, contributing two assists.

CHRIS ATKINSON

The midfielder came through the Huddersfield Town youth set-up going on to make 13 first appearances and netting one goal for the Terriers. Spent time on loan with the likes of Tranmere, Bradford and Chesterfield before joining the Alex in 2014.

GEORGE COOPER

A highly-rated winger who graduated from the youth ranks into the first team at Gresty Road at the end of the 2013/14 season. Last term, he made 25 first team appearances and was named League One's Young Apprentice of the Year.

**SEMI AJAYI**

Currently on loan from Championship outfit, Cardiff City, Ajayi is due to stay at Crewe until the end of February following injuries to fellow defenders, Harry Davis and George Ray. He came through the ranks at Charlton Athletic before earning a move to the Arsenal academy in 2013. Couldn't make his mark with the Gunners and joined the Bluebirds in June 2015. Made five appearances during a loan spell with AFC Wimbledon earlier this season.

**MARCUS HABER**

The Canadian international joined Crewe in the summer of 2014 after leaving previous club, Stevenage. Started his career with hometown side, Vancouver Whitecaps in 2009 before moving to West Bromwich Albion after just one year. Would not make an appearance for the Baggies but gained experience with loan spells at Exeter City and St. Johnstone in Scotland. Would also spend time on loan at Notts County during his stint at Stevenage.

RYAN COLCLOUGH

DANGER MAN

R&W shines the spotlight on one of Crewe's attacking talents...

Another product of Crewe's renowned academy, Colclough made his debut for the Alex in a draw with Leyton Orient in September 2012 but saw his progress halted by a broken jaw sustained against MK Dons the following week. He recovered towards the end of the 2012/13 campaign and returned to the first team fold, scoring his first goal against AFC Bournemouth. Just four months and ten appearances into the next season, he suffered a hernia injury that would keep him out of the game for 16 months. He made the perfect comeback from injury in March 2015, stepping off the bench to net a last-gasp winner at Sheffield United. He would net once again from his remaining six appearances last term as the Alex avoided the drop. This season, he has been an important part of Crewe's side, contributing seven goals from 27 appearances.



RYAN WINTLE

The teenage winger joined the Alex from North West Counties Premier League side, Alsager Town after impressing while on trial. He was rewarded with an 18-month deal after scoring nine goals in 30 appearances for his previous employers.

BILLY BINGHAM

Formerly with West Ham and Crystal Palace, the youngster made his breakthrough in football with Dagenham & Redbridge, making over 100 appearances and helping the Daggers into League 1. After six years in London, he joined Crewe in the summer of 2015.

CALLUM SAUNDERS

A graduate of the Alex academy, he signed his first professional deal in the summer of 2014. The son of former Wales international, Dean, he made six appearances for Crewe last term after making his debut on the opening day of the season.

FRASER MURDOCH

Put pen to paper on his first professional deal in the summer of 2014 after impressing in youth football. A Scotland youth international, the frontman missed much of last season through injury before playing for the Under-21s at the end of the campaign.



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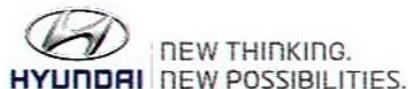
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STEVE DAVIS

Davis is a former Crewe player, making 145 appearances under the stewardship of Dario Gradi at Gresty Road in the 1980s before going on to play for the likes of Barnsley, Burnley and Oxford. Took his first steps in management as a player/manager with Northwich Victoria before taking up a similar role at Nantwich Town. He steered the latter to successive promotions and FA Vase success before moving to Crewe as assistant manager to Gudjon Thordarson. In 2009, when Thordarson was relieved of his duties, he remained as assistant to Dario Gradi when the Alex stalwart took the reins for

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a third time. In November 2011, he was promoted to the hot-seat when Gradi returned to his position as the academy's Director of Football. In his first season, he guided the Alex to promotion via the League 2 Play-Off Final at Wembley. In 2013, he took Crewe to Wembley once again in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy where they defeated Southend 2-0 to lift the trophy.



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Scouting Report

Crewe are likely to line up in a 4-4-2 formation this afternoon. Steve Davis likes his teams to try and play football and move the ball through the midfield. Crewe's fullbacks get nice and high to support attacks and add width to their play allowing their wide players to go inside. One area that Town could look to exploit is Crewe's back four while they can also be outnumbered at times in midfield. An individual that Town will need to be aware of is Ryan Colclough - a tricky winger who can be a bit of a handful.



COMMERCIAL UPDATE



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Following a great team performance and result the last time out we hope for more of the same today as we look to climb the League 1 table.



I would like to start this set of notes by sharing a testimonial with you all from a hospitality guest last weekend. Neil Crook, industry manager for WISKA UK, said: "Well, what can I say! Great game of football to watch (apart from the first 10 minutes!) and absolutely brilliant hospitality. All of our guests enjoyed their day, and the service, food and overall way we were looked after was superb. I would have no hesitation to organise something like this again with you, as it was just simply excellent. Hopefully (being a Swindon fan) I can do that sooner rather than later!"

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Some of you will have seen this week that we have entered into a two-year partnership with the North Wilts Youth Football League. As part of this, their showcase cup finals will return to the County Ground where potential STFC players of the future will grace the hallowed turf. We will also be working very closely together to promote our Pro Red scheme which will offer reduced tickets to their members with a unique cashback incentive. We believe this is the way forward to attract a new audience to the County Ground which is a legacy we all want to play a part in. Other key stakeholders will include our Football

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We'd like to welcome two new signings to the team: MGS Van and Truck Rental and Springs at Broome Manor Golf Course. The latter offers a superb Sunday carvery from 1pm - £12 for two courses (and can be booked online). As per previous notes, please support us by supporting those that advertise and invest in us.

Onto today, we welcome our very good friends PrePay Solutions new to the table is Arthur J Gallagher & Co as matchball sponsors and last but not least, Churchfields Academy who are long-term sponsors at the football club. Thank you to you all. Enjoy the game and Come on You Reds!

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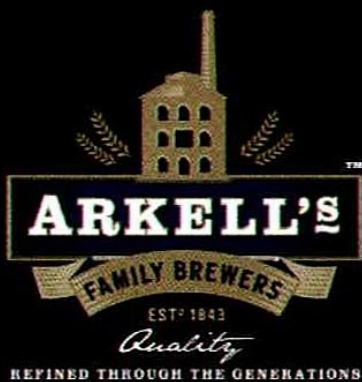
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YASER KASIM

Back in the first team fold after a foot injury had kept him out of action recently, the Iraqi international has set his sights on improving both on and off the pitch in 2016...



Let's start by looking back at last weekend's game against Southend. What a comeback.

Yeah, it was a very good comeback. We were 2-0 down and it was tough because the fans got on top of the players but we went out and proved the doubters wrong. After the first half I was proud of the team at half time but most importantly, we got the win at the end.

You've been out with a persistent foot injury how is that looking now?

The foot is looking good. I'm looking after it so it's good.

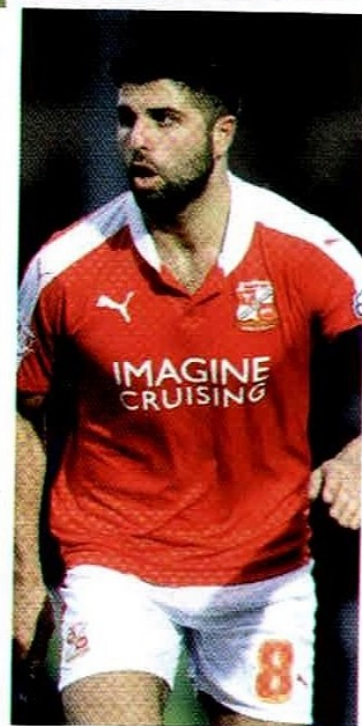
It must have been pleasing to get 90 minutes under your belt again for the first time in nearly a month.

It was very good - it was up and down a little bit with my foot but I got my head back on it and got back in the groove. It was good to show that we don't break down after going 2-0 down. That's been a problem recently after going a goal down but we came back fighting and I enjoyed the game lot.

There's been a lot of change over the past few months. What's it been like as a group of players adapting to those changes?

It's been very much up and down but, personally, I feel that you don't have control over the club as a whole so you just have to do what you do and try your best. That's all I've been

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trying to do - stay at peace with the situation and help the team out on the pitch.

It was a difficult Christmas period for Swindon so the mood must be buoyant again after Southend?
It's just about winning football games. That's the most important thing. Climbing up the ladder will come after that.

Well let's go back even further and reflect on 2015. It was quite a year for you wasn't it?

Yeah, it was an enjoyable year. It started off with representing my country, playing in a massive tournament then coming back and nearly achieving what I wanted to achieve with Swindon which was to get promoted. It was an amazing year and I feel like the past few months have been quite transformative. Even with the changes that have happened at the club I feel like I've grown this year and have taken the positives out of 2015 and can bring what I want to the table in 2016.

If you had to pick one, what was your one standout moment of the past 12 months?

Standout moment? I think that would probably have to be Sheffield United away. Just from a personal point of view I thought I played a good game and then having that belief that we could go and win. It was an amazing moment. Obviously representing my

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country at a major tournament is up there too.

And what about 2016. Have you set yourself any targets for the coming year?
No I haven't at the moment but I've had one or two that I've set outside of football just to keep myself going and to try to become a better person and a better player.

Well the immediate future for yourself and Swindon is Crewe this afternoon. Are you looking forward to pitting your wits against a team that are known for their passing style?

Yeah, I am. To be fair, I've not come across many teams that do play in our league. You hear that one or two teams do try to play but when it does come down to it, I don't see a lot of football being played. I'm just looking forward to going out there, doing the best we can as a team and keep going as best we can.

You missed out on the trip to Gresty Road earlier in the season but a similar result would go down very nicely this afternoon, I imagine?

Yeah - 3-0 would be nice! *laughs*



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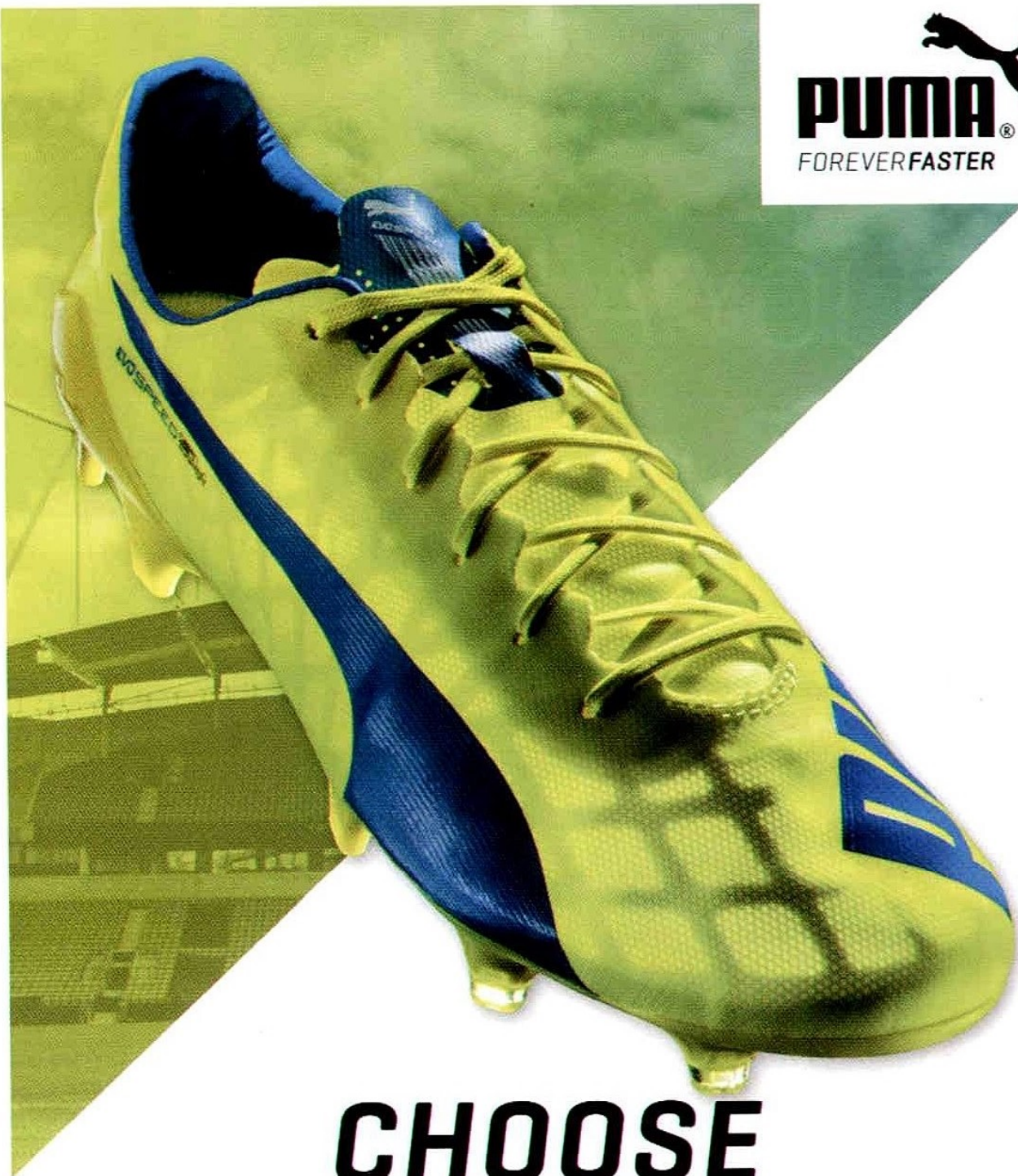


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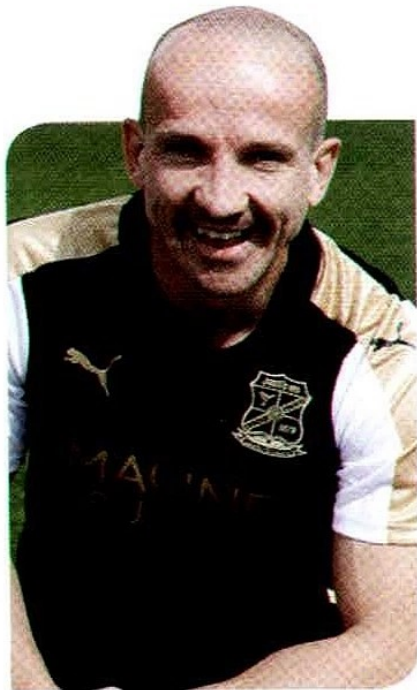
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PAUL GODFREY

Nathan Thompson completed his second development fixture this week and was happy with how the game went. He's now completed this week's training too which gives him three full weeks of training and two development games. As far as I'm concerned, he's fit and available for selection this weekend.



He's no longer injured with no issues and no worries so he now just needs to play himself back into the team. I can't imagine he'll go straight back into the starting XI - not even Nathan would expect to be starting. He's on schedule. It was a nasty tear that took time to heal and we took our time with him, given that he'd had one or two setbacks with some minor groin issues before this last one, so we've just made sure he's 100%. He's probably as fully fit as anyone else in the squad so he's gone as expected and we're very pleased.

The football fixture schedule over Christmas is a nightmare from a medical point of view and anyone in football will tell you that the game after Boxing Day - on the 28th December as it was this year - is the game that everyone is keeping everything crossed for. Playing on Boxing Day just disrupts your Christmas so it's not so much of an issue but the 28th then playing on the 2nd January gives you three games in a little over seven days which is an absolute nightmare. Recovery is not complete, the injury risk goes up and we were very fortunate and I was very happy

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to come through the Burton game on the 28th with no new injuries. After that, Port Vale would have been a big test for us on 2nd so the fact that was called off we were quite pleased because the lads were fully recovered going into Southend and the result perhaps showed that we were more recovered than they were. All these things play a part over the course of the season. Right now, everyone under our roof is fully fit and available for selection.

Paul Godfrey
PHYSIOTHERAPIST

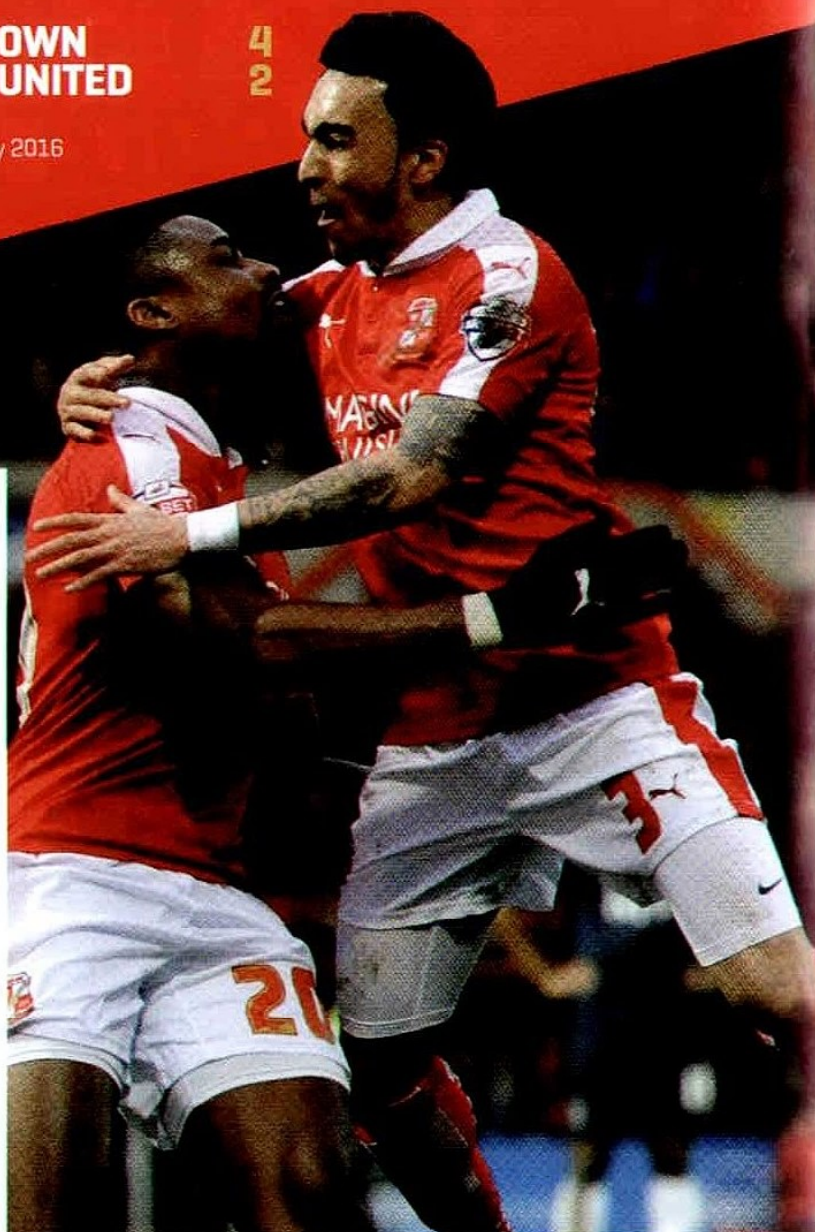
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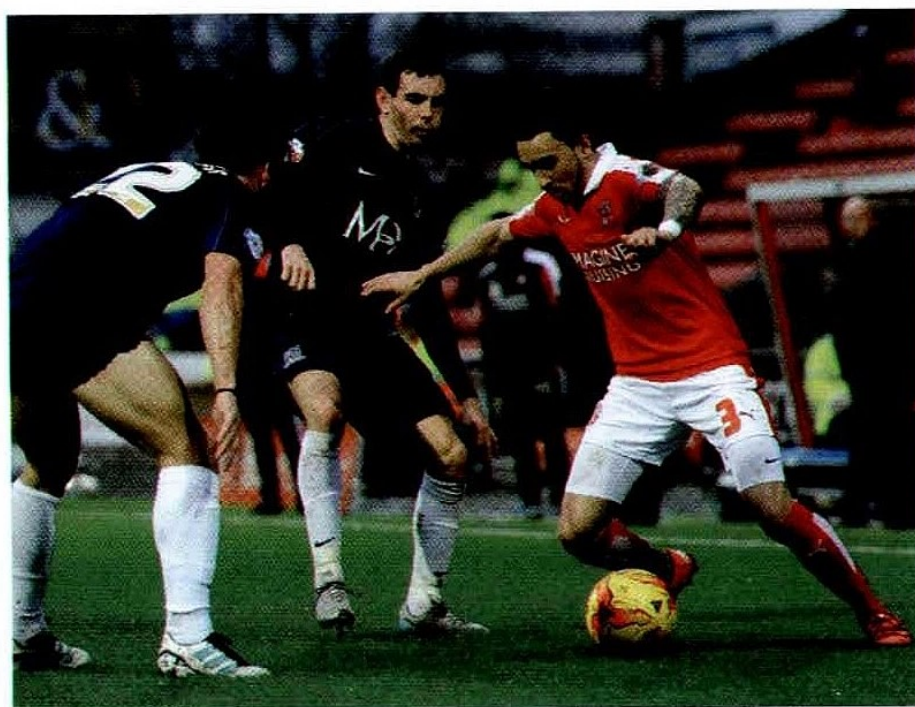


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Favourite Town player: Nathan Thompson



Name: Liam Sandry
Age: 8
School: Oakhurst Primary School
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Hobbies/likes: Football, Darts, Golf
Favourite Town player: Jon Deika



Name: James Michael Southard
Age: 11
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Hobbies/likes: Football, wrestling, video games
Favourite Town player: Raphael Rossi-Branco



Name: Josh Briggs
Age: 7
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Favourite Town player: Nicky Ajose



AWAY MASCOT

Name: Leon Cooley
Age: 8
Hobbies: Football and Rugby



Everyone at Swindon Town would like to wish Honorary President, Mike Spearman a very happy 87th birthday! A former Chairman of the football club, Mike is a regular at both home and away fixtures and is a familiar face to a lot of Town fans. We hope you enjoy your day, Mr Spearman!



Our very own Callum Hampson couldn't resist the opportunity to show off his favourite Christmas gift. Watch out, Goldilocks!



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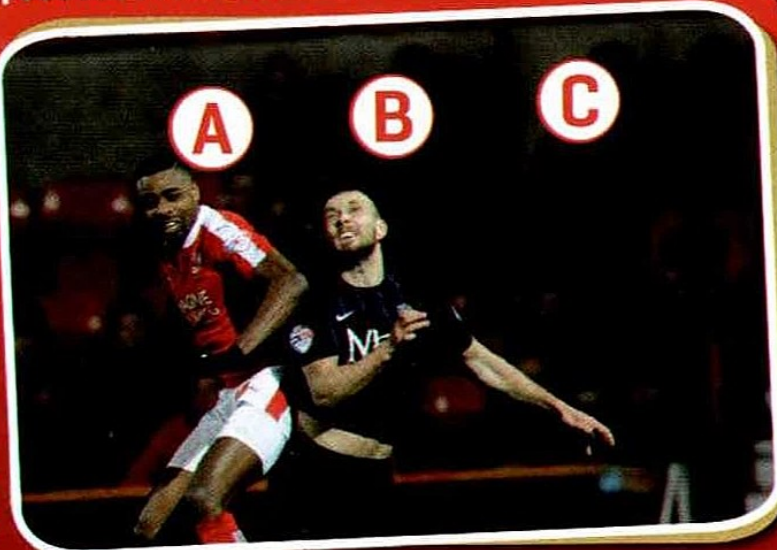
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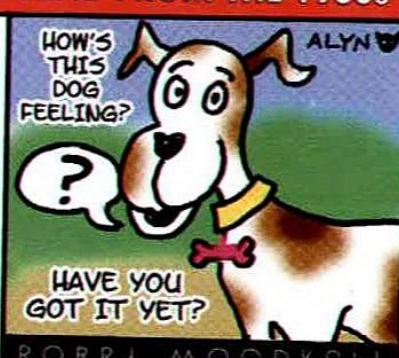


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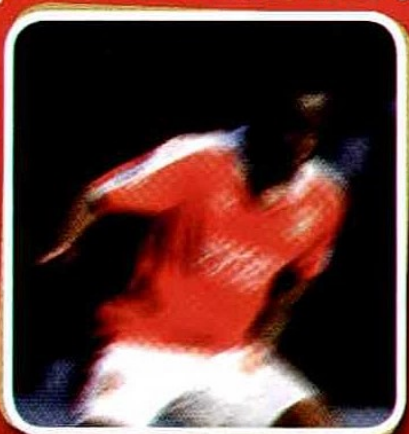


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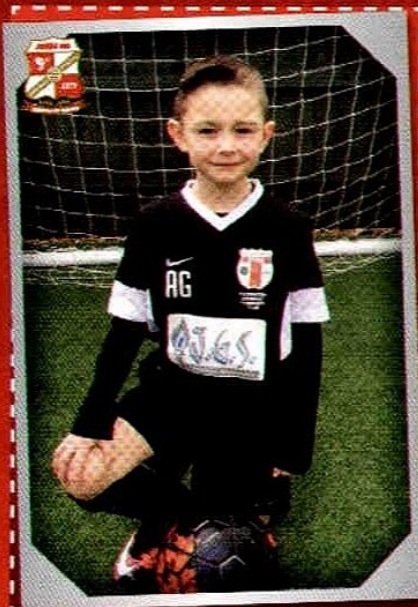
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Happy 8th Birthday to Alfie Gabb. Have a great day love from Mum, Dad and Jade.



Evan (aged 7) spotted Jon Obika shopping in the Co-op in Old Town this week. Jon was kind enough to put down his lunch and pose for a photo with him! Evan is a Season Ticket holder who goes along to the games with his Dad and older brother, Lewis.



'Sto Lat' to Town fans Danuta Otrebska and Barbara Costello who celebrate their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to you both!



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In the forthcoming events, our End of Season presentation night has been confirmed as Thursday 28th April. Details will be announced soon.

For the players' sponsors night, we have booked extra places. These will be drawn as part of the 50/50 draw at the Bury match.

As we welcome Crewe to the County Ground this afternoon I always remember the time I parked my car in what was then the Cattle Market. Halfway through the first half an announcement came on the tannoy that a car had left his lights on - it was mine! As the crowd was small, I waited for a few minutes before going out, as everyone would have seen me. Crewe were also our opponents when we clinched the Division Four title with a then-record 102 points under Lou Macari.

For the last home match of the season, we will again be holding our £1000 draw. If you think you could sell some tickets please contact any committee member.

Let's hope for three points today.

Roger Bunce
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Crewe's visit to SN1 on the opening day of 2011/12 signalled the 'debut' of Town's new manager – the charismatic Paolo Di Canio. His squad of sixteen featured six new signings. Joe Devera, Oliver Risser (who was installed as captain), Jonathan Smith and Raffaele De Vita all started, while Alan McCormack and Alan Connell began on the bench.

Another, defender Alberto Comazzi, had to sit out a one-match suspension that he had picked up in his homeland – Aden Flint stepping up.

Like the giant defender, Billy Bodin had also made just two previous starts but he was selected up front after impressing the new boss in two warm-up games in Italy.

And it was he who gave Swindon the opportunity to go ahead with half-time looming, the referee deciding that a challenge on him from Dave Artell was worthy of a spot kick. The defender, plus teammates Adam Dugdale and Danny Shelley were all cautioned for protesting before

Callum Kennedy struck home from 12 yards.

Town were fortunate to be leading, as Alex had been given numerous chances to punish their hosts during the 45 minutes. Two fell to Shelley and another to Shaun Miller.

Crewe came close to levelling matters early in the second period when Byron Moore saw his effort deflected wide of the post by Flint with Phil Smith beaten but they went further behind just after the hour when new skipper Risser showed good control before firing a bullet of a volley past former City and Rovers keeper Steve Phillips.

McCormack, Connell and Simon Ferry were all introduced in the final half-hour and all had chances to increase Town's advantage, although all were wide of the target.

But the visitors did concede again with 13 minutes left, when Flint sent home a thumping header from a corner. So three points were safely in the bag, with another 90 to follow!

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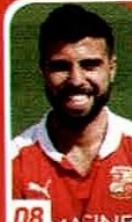
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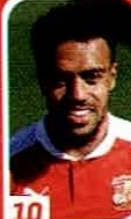

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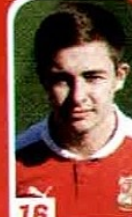

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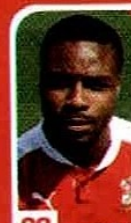
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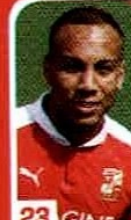
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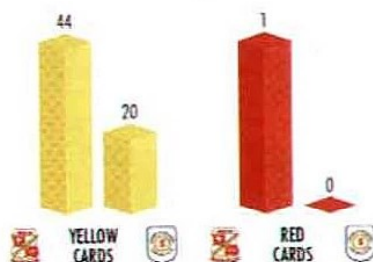
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CREWE ALEXANDRA



MATCH FACTS

Swindon are unbeaten in their last six home league games against Crewe, winning each of the last four by at least a two-goal margin (D2).



MATCH FACTS

The Railwaymen haven't beaten Swindon since October 2012, drawing two and losing four since then.



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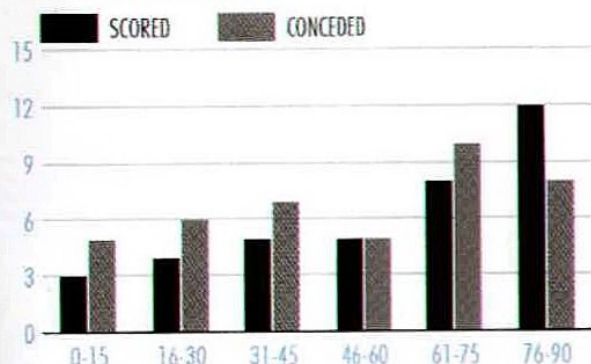


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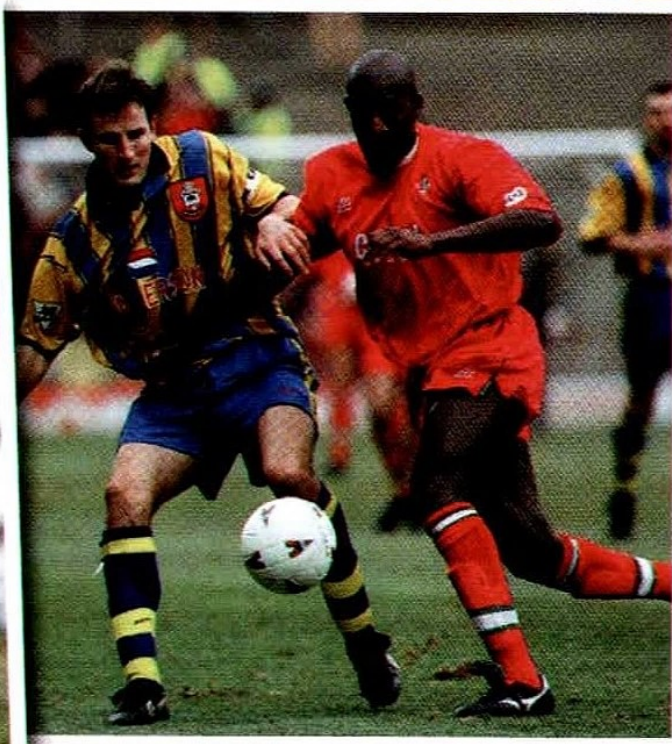
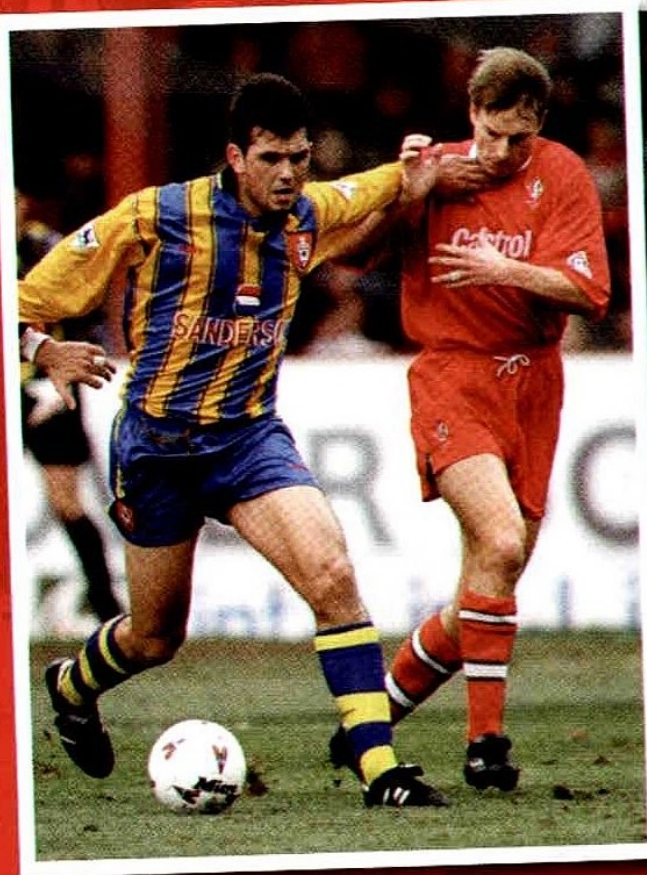
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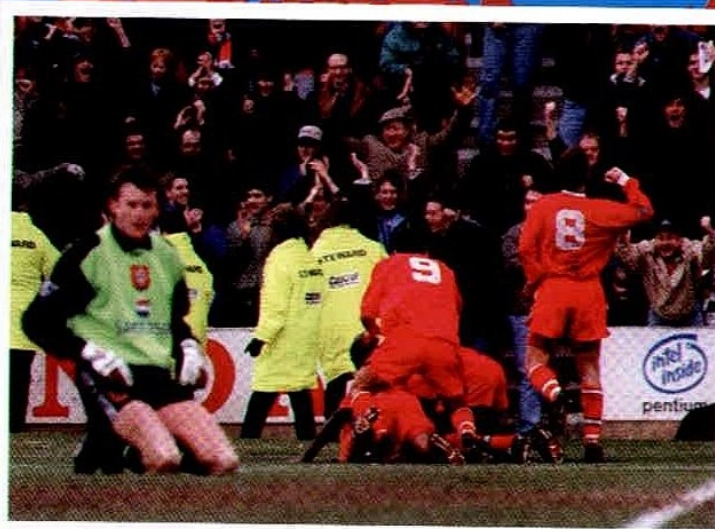
Prior to the FA Cup victory over Oldham Athletic, Town had made further inroads at the top of the Second Division thanks to a win at Swansea City. A dominant display at the Vetch Field, characterised by the performances of Martin Ling, Ty Gooden and Tony Grant in the midfield was punctuated by just one goal courtesy of skipper, Shaun Taylor who struck in the 28th minute. Gooden's corner dropped to the big defender in the box and with a trusty swing of his right boot, he sent the ball into the back of the net and sealed all three points for the visitors.

Ling's late strike against Oldham had set up a tie against Premier League outfit, Southampton in the 5th round of the FA Cup, the second time top flight opposition would visit the County Ground that season following Blackburn Rovers' trip to SN1 in the Coca-Cola Cup earlier in the campaign. Over 15,000 squeezed into the stadium when Saints,

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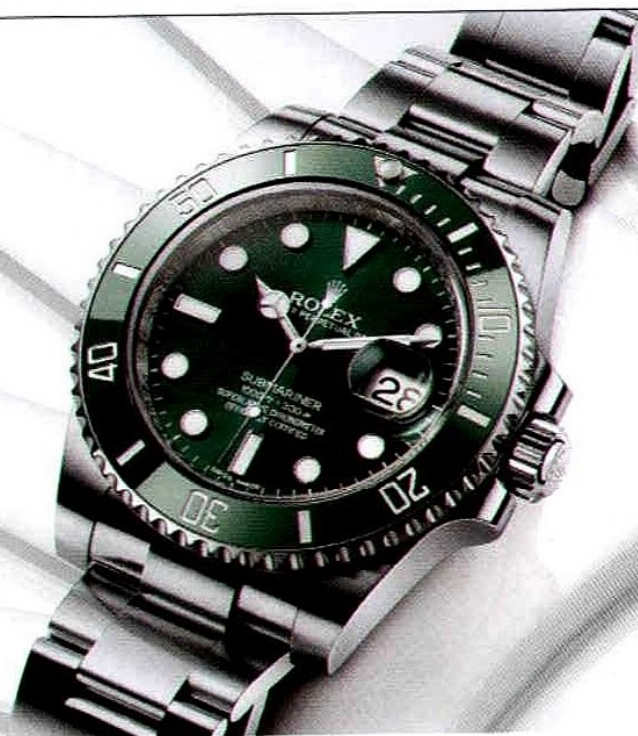
AS FEBRUARY PROGRESSED, TOWN WELCOME TOP FLIGHT OPPOSITION TO THE COUNTY GROUND IN THE FA CUP...



who had seen off Town's fellow Division Two promotion-chasers, Crewe Alexandra in the last round, came to town.

Saints had the better of the opening exchanges with Gordon Watson and Tommy Widdrington both going close, the latter shooting straight at Digby after a flowing, one-touch passing move had presented him with the opportunity. After withstanding that early pressure, Steve McMahon's men took the lead in spectacular fashion. A Southampton throw-in in front of the Intel Stand was won by the Town and the ball dropped at the feet of Wayne Allison inside his own half. He touched the ball inside to Kevin Horlock whose pass was worked to Peter Thorne on the edge of the centre circle inside the Saints half. He laid the ball off to Paul Allen who was lurking in support then set off towards the visitors' goal. He received Allen's return pass before playing a first-time ball into the path of Horlock, who had continued his run forward after starting the move. Town's midfield goal machine took the ball in his stride before clipping a shot into the far corner of the net over the advancing Dave Beasant to give Swindon the lead and spark a thunderous roar from the capacity crowd. After the break, the visitors could have levelled through Simon Charlton but, having thrown himself at Neil Shipperly's cross, could only direct his diving header into the ground and over the bar. Fraser Digby was kept busy by Saints' forward line and Town's defence stood firm until 13 minutes from time. Matt Le Tissier's pin-point delivery from a corner was met by Watson who had made a run towards the ball on the edge of the six-yard box. His goal-bound header travelled across to the far corner where Ling could not prevent it from going in, taking the tie to a replay at the Dell.

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Last week, the Trust was one of 90 signatories on a letter sent by the Football Supporters' Federation to the FA, outlining a desire to see more cup final seats reserved for fans of the two teams playing.

Currently around 20,000 tickets are set aside for the FA's football family – with only 71 percent of the audience for Arsenal's victory over Aston Villa last season affiliated to either club. However, this could soon change after the governing body responded to the letter by suggesting that an agreement could be reached.

An FA spokesman responded to the FSF by saying: "Without pre-empting the outcome of the review, it is hoped a solution can be found that provides

more tickets for competing clubs."

It's great to see supporters of clubs across the country coming together to try to influence change in the game – even if it is for an event which many of us, Town included, are unlikely to ever get the chance to attend in the first place.

Meanwhile, on a more local front, the Trust has begun the new year where 2015 left off, in pursuit of new and re-engaged Robins fans in the Swindon region. All being well, we'll have a few announcements on that front in the next few weeks.

Finally, thank you and congratulations to Mike Boswell who won the recent auction for a full set of Premier League

programmes, with a bid of £108.50, all of which goes towards the Red Army Fund.

We're still taking pledges to the RAF – from £1 per month. Simply visit www.redarmyfund.co.uk to find out more or find us outside the County Ground before home Saturday matchdays, rain or shine.

As for today, let's hope for the same sort of performance as we saw in the final hour against Southend. The less said about those opening 30 minutes the better!

Back the boys. Come on you Reds.

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JORDAN TURNBULL



JORDAN TURNBULL

After the disappointment of Tuesday's postponement at Port Vale, the on-loan Southampton man is predicting a good game of football this afternoon with Crewe Alexandra in town...



Speaking to **RSW** this week, Turnbull reflected on last weekend's win over Southend that saw Town come from two goals down to run out 4-2 winners.

"Everyone can agree that it was a nervy first ten/fifteen/twenty minutes but we definitely grew into the game," he said. "We were disappointed to be two goals down but we got ourselves back into the game and it was a great win at the end of the day.

"It shows a lot of character and fight in us that we can come back from two early goals. I think the timing of the goals was perfect for us and the strikers did fantastic but it was a great team performance when you consider the entire 90 minutes. We'll look forward

from that and put in a great performance today."

Tuesday's fixture at Port Vale was called off for a second time due to a waterlogged pitch and the defender admits that it was frustrating having the match called off at short notice.

"It is frustrating," he said. "We prepared to play on Tuesday then last minute it gets cancelled again but we're football players and that's something you've got to deal with from time to time. We trained later than usual and got some fitness in then started preparing for today's game."

Turnbull then recalled Swindon's victory at Gresty Road earlier in the campaign and declared that he

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was looking forward to a good game of football this afternoon.

"It was a difficult game," he remembered. "We fell behind but we came back, great character again shown by the lads. We've watched a few clips so we know it will be a difficult game but we're confident we can get a win at home.

"We find it does suit us when teams come here to play football and play us at our own game. We're really good at keeping hold of the ball so hopefully they come and give us a good game of football and we come out on top."



When Town fan, Dan Castle approached R&W recently, we thought his unique shirt collection deserved to be shown off to the wider Swindon Town family. All the shirts shown on this page are part of his collection.

A supporter for over 25 years, Dan explains how he started his collection. "I started following Swindon in 1989 but didn't care much about replica shirts back then because it was all about what brands you wore to matches not about wearing the team shirt," he said. "Then when I moved away from Swindon I liked the fact that wearing an STFC shirt about in Norwich, London and then Birmingham, people would come up

to you and talk about STFC, Swindon and Wiltshire. My first shirt was the old 1995 Mizuno 'dog collar' shirt that I bought at the club shop which I kept the tags for.

"Before I started getting Swindon shirts, I had been collecting England shirts and already had a few of those going back to when Admiral made them. It seemed natural to go back and try and get every shirt from the

"It is good that we fans care about our history."

seasons I had been watching Town and from that point, even further back into the 80s. This was before Ebay and so much of what I found came from long slogs around charity shops in Swindon every time I came



DAN NAMED FIVE OF HIS FAVOURITE SHIRTS FROM THE COLLECTION:

1. 1986/87 CHRIS KAMARA

Chris is such an icon now and to think I have the number 4 shirt that he wore back in 1986/87 season. 'Unbelievable Jeff'!

2. 1985/86 KENNY ALLEN

I recently found a picture of him wearing the exact shirt with Kamara, Lou Macari and the rest of the team in the dressing room against Burnley. Swindon had just broken a club record for consecutive wins. It's as near as a fan as you can get to having a bit of club history.

3. 1993 JAN AGE FJORTOFT

Jan is my all-time favourite Town player. He just had so much joy on his face when he scored for us. Although he did sometimes wear short sleeves his trademark 'aeroplane' always looked better in long sleeves. I loved the yellow and green Premier League shirt as well. It's such a confident shirt (Brazil colours) for our short time in the top flight.

4. 1991 DUNCAN SHEARER

Duncan Shearer is a close second to Jan. I think he is still the best striker I have seen since I started watching Town. Again, I was lucky enough to get this shirt from somebody who had worked at the club in the early 90s.

5. 2015 JON OBIKA

Although the outcome was not what anybody wanted, I managed to get hold of Obika's Play-Off Final shirt. Jonathan is a great player and he will only continue to get better.

back from London. Bit by bit I managed to complete my collection back to my first season in 1989. From then on it just became about having the shirt from each season."

He added: "I now have nearly every replica home, away and third shirt dating back to 1986 but around 12 years ago my focus shifted from replica shirts to player-worn/issued shirts. I have around 40 of these at present.

"There are many shirts from ex-players that it would be great to have. People like me keep them for sentimental reasons and it is good that we fans care about our history. Shirts associated with my favourite players - Huddle, Shearer, Fjortoft and Ling I would love to find. Otherwise there are a few odd shirts like last season's player-only issue purple third shirt that I would like to get hold of because of its association with the amazing Sheffield United away game."



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JEREMY NEWTON

Will Randall's been here a long time so it's good to see him progress through the age groups to earn a move to Wolverhampton Wanderers.



He's had to put up with a lot psychologically; he sustained a major injury and was out for 14-18 months a while ago, which is a long time. To come through that and continue his progress is testament to his attitude and his mental strength to try and achieve what he wanted to achieve. No doubt he will continue to listen, learn and implement during the next stage of his development at Wolves. I know Scott Sellars, the U21 manager at Wolves and I'm sure Scott's wealth of experience and knowledge is something that Will can tap into and take into the next stage of his development.

It's always nice to see players come through, especially ones that have been here a long time. It shows that if the commitment, desire and application is there from the players and their families then they can achieve their goal. This has been an 11-year process at the club so there is a lot of

hard work that he's put in along with the dedication of all the academy staff. Will has worked with lots of coaches through his academy career and every one of them had an input into his development. This will give the other academy players a major boost and hopefully the first and second years can use this as a yardstick to where they need to be in order to achieve their goals.

The Under-18s are continuing their fantastic run of games. We've included some Under-17s games too recently running out 4-1 winners against Wolves. The game was used primarily for the first years to get some game time along with first team captain, Nathan Thompson on his road to recovery. The second years are in their final year and it's important that they give themselves the best opportunity to achieve their professional contracts. I've been in meetings at the college this week with regards to their

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academic progress to make sure that they are adhering to their requirements from a college point of view but more importantly completing the initial framework from their apprenticeship scheme. It's pleasing to see that they're all on target and not only achieving but are taking extra units of work to increase their grades further and come out with a better achievement at the end of their framework. Only when the second years complete their apprentice framework, we as a club can sit down and give them a decision on their futures for the following season. This is no different to our current Under-16s who will be told of their apprenticeship offers at the start of March. We have six spaces available for next year's intake and we feel that these six will be taken from our U16s. Our Head of Education will be in contact with all the schools in the U16 age group to make sure that they are achieving A-C grade in their core subjects of English, maths and science. It's paramount that the U16 players achieve these grades in order to be considered for an apprenticeship programme. This is in line with the LFE who work with us alongside the Football League in subsidising the apprenticeship scheme. Along with our day release programme for the U12s, U13s and U14s, all schools are contacted to make sure that the players are all hitting their own unique targets.

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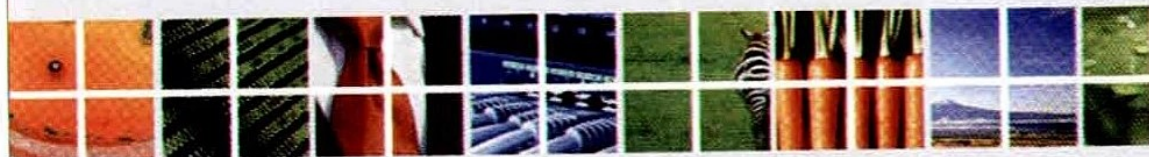
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SCOTT LINDSEY

I was pleased with the way we started the game at Portsmouth last weekend. I'd mentioned it the previous week about how you can lose a game depending on how you start. That happened the week before so we had to learn from that. We went to Portsmouth and found ourselves 4-0 up after twenty minutes which is fantastic.

The boys played some really good stuff and won the game 6-2. They've heard me say before that if you can win a game 10-0 then win a game 10-0 but I wasn't too bothered about that. We'd got ourselves into a good position early on in the game so I wanted us to showcase the different actions that we work on in training. It was a perfect opportunity for us to do that. In the second half we were up against the wind a bit but we still played in a manner where we dominated possession and I felt we came away winning comfortably against a good academy side and performed to a high standard.

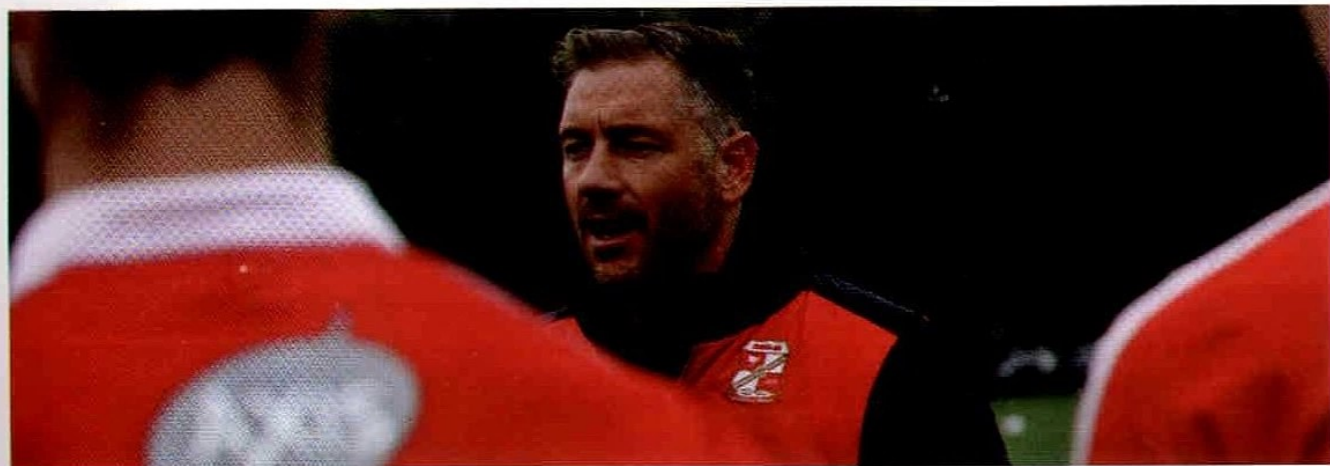
On Tuesday we played Wolverhampton Wanderers in

an Under-17s game. It gave a chance for a few of the boys who have not played recently to play and what's pleasing for me is that these boys come straight into the team and play exactly how I want them to. It shows that they take on board what I'm coaching even though some of them haven't had a lot of game time. What helped was the experience of Nathan Thompson. We cleared it with Wolves that we were planning on playing Nathan after his long term injury and the plan was for him to play 60 minutes. I've got to say that his presence on the pitch and in the dressing room was a great learning tool for the players to play alongside such a great player and a brilliant captain. He was outstanding.


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We go to a Championship club where the facilities are ridiculous: a multi-million pound facility with indoor pitches and 3G pitches, hundreds of full-time staff then we turn up on a rickety old minibus and play in the manner that we do and win the game comfortably. It just shows that we're doing something right at this football club. We're producing players that we sell to these big clubs such as Will Randall. Will has been at the club since the age of seven. He's worked extremely hard with some good coaches and we've coached him in the right way in the youth team and in the first team. He's going to have a bright future.

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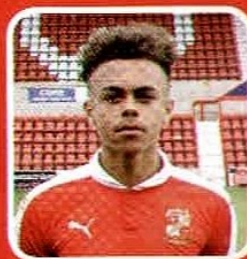
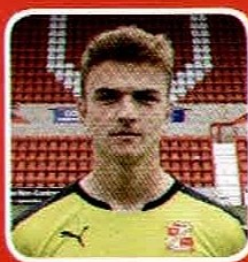
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GIRLS DEVELOPMENT

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STFC are delighted to start the next phase of coaching for our FFD Programme. Eight new sessions will be taking place all over Wiltshire over the next few months. We are part of the Football League Trust's Female Football Development programme (FFD) run by 55 clubs across the country which aims to get women and girls playing the game.

Getting so many girls involved in the programme that are new to football and the massive retention rates shows the power that football clubs have in their communities. The programme focuses on having fun as well as the social and health benefits of playing football. This innovative approach has led to football clubs running brand new activities that appeal to girls who wouldn't normally

be interested in football such as Soccercise and Zumba Fitness Football, which are football-based aerobics sessions.

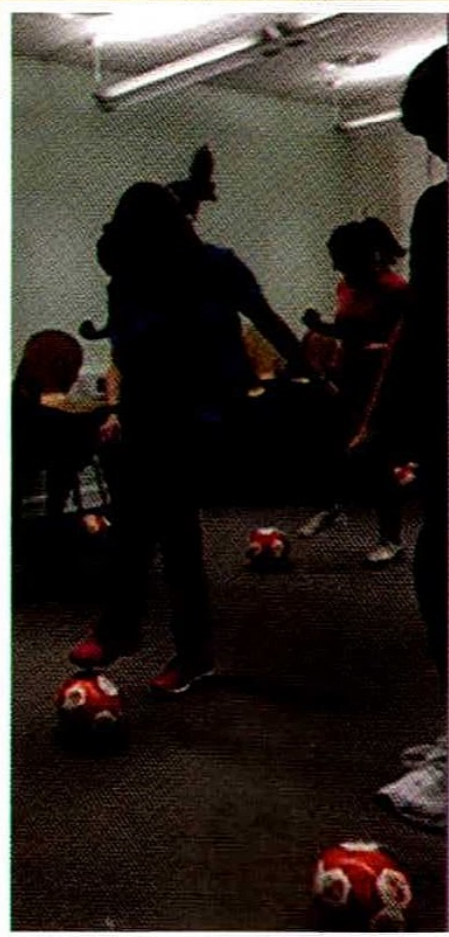
We have launched Soccercise for Women which starts at Commonweal C6 Gym on Thursday 21st January between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. This session is a fitness session for women aged 14- 25 and anyone can join! Please contact Tom Cox on 01793 421303 or email tom@stfc-fitc.co.uk to book your place.

We are also running sessions at Intel, Warneford, Kinsgdown, Jon Bentley and Ridgeway with us aiming to coach over 120 female participants.

Enjoy today's game and let's hope for three points.

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Good afternoon and welcome everyone to today's important fixture against Crewe Alexandra. We have had a really busy start to 2016 with lots of hard work being undertaken in preparation for all our activities and events for this year. One of the big things that will be happening this year is our football education programme which we are setting up with Commonweal school which will be known as our C6 Football Education Programme. Most of the groundwork has been undertaken and next week sees us start the process of interviewing nearly 70 students for a possible 36 places. It has been a lot of hard work and we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Keith Defter the Headteacher and all his staff at Commonweal for their professionalism and support to enable us to get to this position.

WALKING FOOTBALL

We have kicked-off our Walking Football programme which is being headed by Mitch Coombes who is a university post-grad student. The project is being delivered on Wednesdays from 10.30-11.30 at the cricket club where we have had small numbers so far but are hoping to increase participation in order to look at the possibility of setting up a walking football team to compete and play friendly matches to start with against

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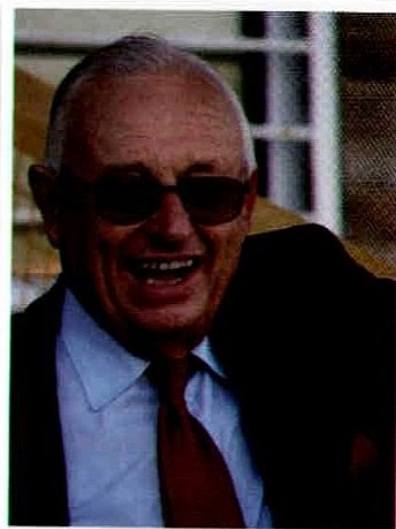


other like-minded football clubs. If there is a keen interest it is hoped that a formal competitive league can be formed. If you are over 50 years of age with a keen interest in football and would like to take part, please do not hesitate in contacting Mitch on 01793 421303.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Today, we are delighted to be celebrating Mr Michael Spearman's 87th birthday at this afternoon's match. We are sure you are all aware that Mike has been a tremendous servant to the club and the STFC FITC Trust where he holds the prestigious position of Honorary Patron. Mike has recently had to deal with the passing of his younger brother, Henry who sadly passed away in early January and will be sadly missed by Mike and his wife, Olive.

Mike has been a great ambassador for Swindon Town Football Club and particularly for STFC FITC Trust where he was our chairman for many years. Jon and I would like to take this opportunity, along with all our staff, to wish him a very happy birthday and we would like to sincerely thank him for all his support and hard work over the past 20 years.



DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

LINK CENTRE

Swindon Borough

Mon:	4.00-5.00	4-5yrs
	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
Sat:	9.15-10.00	3-4yrs Tots
	8.30-9.15	3-4yrs Tots

STRATTON

Grange Drive

Tues:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
Wed:	1.00-1.45	2-3yrs Tots
	1.45-2.30	3-4yrs Tots
	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
	5.00-6.00	5-14yrs GK
Fri:	3.30-4.30	4-5yrs

CRICKLADE

Fri:	5.30-6.30	5-7yrs
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CROFT

Swindon Borough

Sat:	9.00-10.00	7-8yrs
	10.00-11.00	4-6yrs
Mon:	1.00-1.45	3-4yrs Tots
	1.45-2.30	3-4yrs Tots

HAYDON CENTRE

Swindon Borough

Thurs:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

OASIS

Mon:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs/11-14yrs
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RIDGEWAY

Wed:	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs
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DORCAN

Swindon Borough

Mon:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Tues:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Thurs:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Fri:	5.00-6.00	5-6yrs
	6.00-7.00	6-7yrs

BEVERSBROOK

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

Link Centre

Mon:	5.00-6.00	8-12yrs
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Stratton

Tues:	4.30-5.30	5-10yrs
Thurs:	4.30-5.30	7-12yrs


Dorcan

Friday:	5.30-6.30	11-14yrs
	5.30-6.30	11-15yrs
(Advanced girls, invite only)		

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SUPER SAMMY SAYS

Welcome back to the County Ground today after another trip to the Potteries was scuppered by the wet weather on Tuesday. That's twice now that Shaun Hodgetts has researched the intricacies of Port Vale's starting line up. Third time lucky on the 2nd of February please!

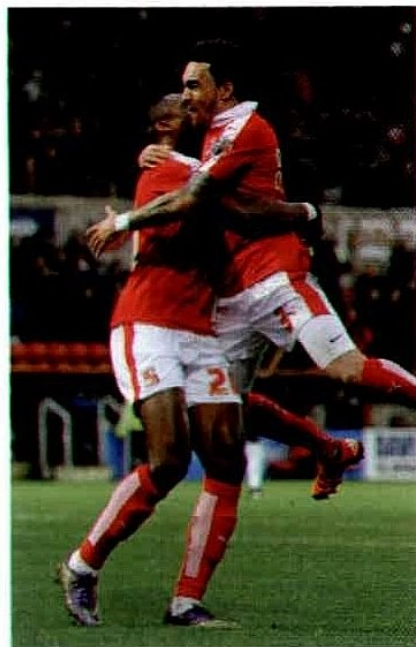
A week ago I flirted with the idea of not coming to the Southend United match. I'm delighted common sense prevailed! I can't remember enjoying a match so much in the last couple of seasons.

The team obviously had a disappointing first 30 minutes but the performance thereon in was magnificent. I think the wet conditions added to the spectacle: you're always guaranteed a few defensive gaffes, as shown when Nicky Ajose capitalised on a defensive error to race clear in the final minutes to put the result beyond any doubt.

Southend looked like a really good side in the first half. Full of energy and endeavour and were good value to be in front. Swindon's response, though was first class. They had already forced the Southend goalkeeper, Dan Bentley into a couple of fantastic saves before Nicky Ajose pulled one back. The timing of Jon Obika's equaliser was pivotal as Swindon were really on top in the last minutes of the first half and I would expect that there was a real contrast between the two dressing rooms at half time.

The second half was just a brilliant performance. The whole team's defending was vastly improved, chances were created and the two goals to win the match were wonderfully taken.

Jon Obika's second was a brilliant individual goal. I must come clean however and admit that I was screaming for him to pass it from the top of the Arkell's just before he drove the ball into the far corner. As Steve White said in his commentary, Nicky Ajose's last minute goal was a brilliant finish. That's the hardest chance for any striker - one-on-one with an eye to think about what you're going to do. Nicky is so cool and deadly in those situations, it never crosses your mind that he may fluff his lines.



I think the two strikers are beginning to form a really encouraging partnership and I honestly believe that given their ages they have the potential to become household names at this club. Jon has already nicked my song!

It wasn't all about those two though. It was a fine second half performance from all the team and a great way for Luke Williams to start his time in charge.

It's always a bit of a body blow when there's a Premier League-free weekend but the FA Cup threw up some interesting plots. We all saw what a competent team Exeter City are on their day when they knocked Swindon out of the Capital One Cup earlier in the season. As soon as I saw Liverpool's side I knew they were in trouble. Ultimately Liverpool's power and fitness levels were enough to take them back to Anfield for a replay but not before suffering

a real shock. The young striker Tom Nicholls again caught my eye and he'll be playing at a higher level very soon I'm sure of it. He kept me out of Exeter's starting line-up too often for me to let it go!

There was to be no repeat of the exploits of Bradford last season as Chelsea saw off Scunthorpe comfortably at Stamford Bridge. I was pleased to see Ruben Loftus-Cheek score his first goal for the club. I've watched a lot of U21 football over the last few years and he is one of many Chelsea academy graduates who may see some game time under Gus Hiddink in the remainder of the season. Especially with Chelsea very unlikely to be battling in that top six.

I commented on Southampton v Chelsea in the U21s last week and despite the away team's total dominance they couldn't find a way past Fraser Forster in goal and the familiar figure of Jack Stephens in central defence. Back at Southampton after his loan spell at Middlesbrough, he was the best player on the pitch. I'm sure he would be welcomed back to this club with open arms if he becomes available.

I'd like to wish all the players that have departed in the last fortnight the very best in their future careers. A special mention for Will Randall. He's been a member of the set-up since seven years old and I'm sure all the coaching staff throughout the levels at the club can take enormous satisfaction in another player making great strides in the game. I wish Will all the best as he looks to establish himself in the Wolves first team squad.

Back to the League action against Crewe this afternoon and a repeat of last Saturday will do just fine. That is all.

Come On You Reds!
Sam

ON THE ROAD



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Tuesday & Thursday 7pm-8pm

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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



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Under-18 - £9 | **Disabled** - £13 | **Helper** - Free

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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/O65	£19	£15
Young Adults (17-19)	£12	£12
Juniors (U17)	£8	£8
Juniors (U11)	£2	£2
Junior Red (U11)	FREE*	FREE*

B GRADE:

	SIDES	T.END
Adults	£23	£18
Student/O65	£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 O65:

Aged 65 on fixture date

CONC. STUDENT:

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CONC. DISABLED:

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YOUNG ADULT:

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JUNIORS UNDER 17:

Aged 16 or under on fixture date

JUNIORS UNDER 11:

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Saturday 12th March / Kick-Off: 3.00pm
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2015/16 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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AUGUST

Sat 8	Bradford City	H	FL1	4-1	8,090	1,025	2	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 11	Exeter City	H	CAP1	1-2	4,693	506	-	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 15	Bury	A	FL1	2-2	3,947	439	4	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 18	Port Vale	H	FL1	2-2	7,026	249	9	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 22	Southend United	A	FL1	1-0	5,839	580	6	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 29	Sheffield United	H	FL1	0-2	8,614	1,117	8	Vigouroux	Turnbull	Branco	Williams	K. Stewart

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	Newport County	A	JPT1	1-1*	1,434	453	-	Belford	Barry	Brophy	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 5	Crewe Alexandra	A	FL1	3-1	4,400	417	6	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 12	Barnsley	A	FL1	1-4	8,227	351	8	Vigouroux	Barry	Williams	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 19	Burton Albion	H	FL1	0-1	7,005	203	10	Vigouroux	N. Thompson	Williams	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 26	Colchester United	H	FL1	1-2	6,687	212	17	Belford	Turnbull	Williams	Branco	Kasim
Tue 29	Doncaster Rovers	A	FL1	2-2	4,693	203	14	Belford	Brophy	Williams	Turnbull	Branco

OCTOBER

Sat 3	Blackpool	A	FL1	0-1	6,704	772	17	Vigouroux	Barry	Brophy	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 6	Oxford United	A	JPT2	0-2	9,013	1,179	-	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 10	Peterborough United	H	FL1	1-2	7,025	439	19	Vigouroux	Brophy	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Sat 17	Millwall	A	FL1	0-2	8,524	561	20	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Tue 20	Oldham Athletic	H	FL1	1-2	6,430	141	23	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	El-Abd	Branco
Sat 24	Coventry City	H	FL1	2-2	8,309	1,886	23	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 31	Wigan Athletic	A	FL1	0-1	8,466	529	23	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco

NOVEMBER

Sat 7	Rochdale	A	FL1	1-3	2,060	116	-	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 14	Scunthorpe United	H	FL1	2-1	6,957	320	20	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	FL1	1-5	2,880	243	22	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Tue 24	Walsall	H	FL1	2-1	6,385	282	20	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 28	Chesterfield	A	FL1	4-0	5,540	255	17	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	El-Abd

DECEMBER

Sat 12	Rochdale	H	FL1	2-1	7,149	177	16	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 19	Shrewsbury Town	A	FL1	1-0	5,115	467	14	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 26	Gillingham	H	FL1	1-3	9,228	488	15	Vigouroux	Barry	El-Abd	Turnbull	Branco
Mon 28	Burton Albion	A	FL1	0-1	4,816	910	16	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	El-Abd

JANUARY

Sat 9	Southend United	H	FL1	4-2	7,162	620	18	Vigouroux	Barry	Ormonde-Ottewill	Turnbull	Branco
Sat 16	Crewe Alexandra	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 23	Sheffield United	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 30	Barnsley	H	FL1	15.00								

FEBRUARY

Tue 2	Port Vale	A	FL1	19.45								
Sat 6	Gillingham	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 13	Colchester United	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 20	Blackpool	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 27	Peterborough United	A	FL1	15.00								

MARCH

Tue 1	Doncaster Rovers	H	FL1	19.45								
Sat 5	Oldham Athletic	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 12	Millwall	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 19	Coventry City	A	FL1	15.00								
Fri 25	Wigan Athletic	H	FL1	15.00								
Mon 28	Scunthorpe United	A	FL1	15.00								

APRIL

Sat 2	Fleetwood Town	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 9	Bradford City	A	FL1	15.00								
Sat 16	Bury	H	FL1	15.00								
Tue 19	Walsall	A	FL1	19.45								
Sat 23	Chesterfield	H	FL1	15.00								
Sat 30	Rochdale	A	FL1	15.00								

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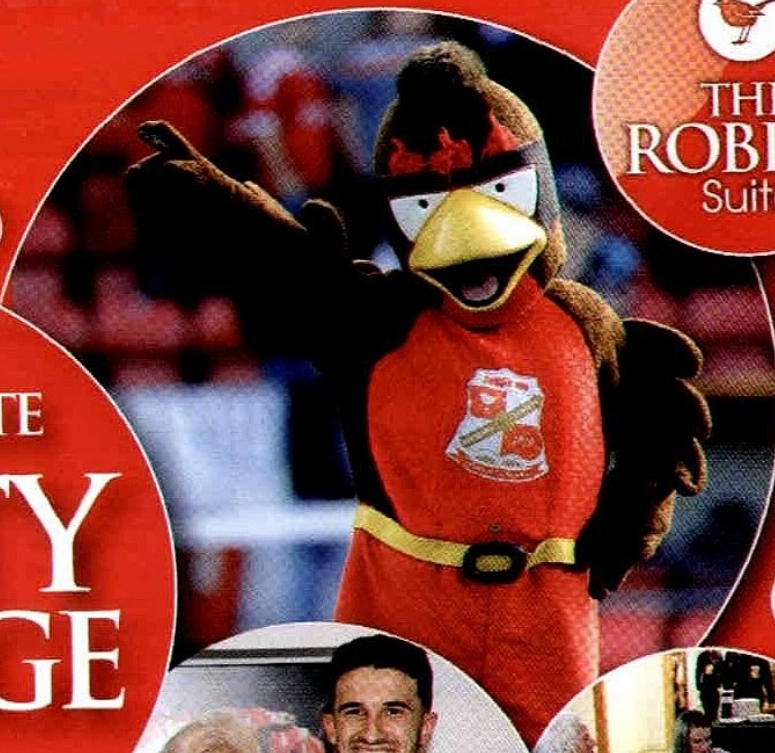
Sun 8	Shrewsbury Town	H	FL1	12.30								
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*Win 7-6 on penalties



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Williams	Kasim	K. Stewart	Robert	Obika	Byrne	Randall	Brophy	
Williams	Kasim	K. Stewart	M. Smith	Obika	Byrne	Robert	Rodgers	
Williams	Kasim	Rodgers	Robert	M. Smith	Byrne	Traore	K. Stewart	
Williams	Kasim	Rodgers	Robert	M. Smith	Byrne	Traore	K. Stewart	Storey
Traore	Kasim	Rodgers	Robert	M. Smith	Byrne	Storey		
K. Stewart	Traore	Rodgers	Robert	Randall	Marshall	T. Smith	Iandolo	
Brophy	Traore	Rodgers	Robert	Ajose	Thomas	T. Smith	Iandolo	
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L. Thompson	Robert	Rodgers	Gladwin	Ajose ²	Obika	Iandolo	Brophy	Balmy
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Traore	Kasim	Rodgers	Robert	Ajose ²	Obika ²	Balmy	Hylton	

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		HOME						AWAY						GD	PTS
		P	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	26	10	2	1	29	11	5	3	5	22	21	19	50	
3	Walsall	25	7	3	3	19	13	7	4	1	22	10	18	49	
4	Coventry	26	8	5	0	27	14	5	4	4	20	11	22	48	
5	Wigan	26	7	4	2	21	10	5	5	3	20	17	14	45	
6	Peterborough	25	6	3	3	26	19	6	1	6	26	19	14	40	
7	Sheff Utd	25	7	1	5	27	21	3	6	3	15	16	5	37	
8	Millwall	25	5	1	6	14	17	6	3	4	24	18	3	37	
9	Southend	25	6	2	5	14	17	4	5	3	19	17	-1	37	
10	Port Vale	25	7	4	1	20	11	3	2	8	9	16	2	36	
11	Rochdale	25	6	2	4	19	15	3	5	5	15	15	4	34	
12	Doncaster	25	5	4	3	16	11	4	3	6	15	22	-2	34	
13	Bradford	23	4	4	2	11	9	5	3	5	13	17	-2	34	
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	25	5	2	6	22	22	4	2	6	15	19	-4	31	
17	Chesterfield	26	3	3	7	22	24	6	0	7	14	19	-7	30	
18	Barnsley	24	5	2	6	17	16	3	1	7	17	25	-7	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	25	5	2	5	11	13	2	2	9	10	21	-13	25	
22	Bldham	24	1	4	8	14	27	2	8	1	12	11	-12	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	23	0	3	0	26	0	4	0
02	Nathan Thompson	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0
03	Brandon Ormonde-Ottowill	14	0	2	0	16	0	0	0
04	Fabien Robert	14(8)	4	2(1)	0	16(9)	4	4	0
05	Jordan Williams	9	0	1	0	10	0	1	0
06	Jordan Turnbull	22	0	4	0	26	0	4	1
07	Drissa Traore	11(4)	0	2	0	13(4)	0	2	0
08	Yasser Kasim	16(2)	0	2	0	18(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	20	11	2	1	22	12	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 Balmby	(7)	0	(1)	0	(8)	0	2	0
20	Jonathan Obika	11(5)	7	3	1	14(5)	8	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(7)	0	1(1)	0	3(8)	0	1	0
25	Tyrell Belford	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
26	Anton Rodgers	17(4)	2	3	1	20(4)	3	1	0
27	Bradley Barry	16	0	3	0	19	0	5	0
28	Ellis Iandolo	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0	0	0
29	Raphael Rossi-Branco	23	1	4	0	26	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 Djamaa	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 9th January

Blackpool 0-1 Port Vale
Oldham 1-2 Millwall
Rochdale 2-3 Chesterfield
Swindon 4-2 Southend

Tuesday 12th January

Coventry 1-1 Walsall
Wigan 3-3 Sheff Utd

Today

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

Tuesday 26th January

Blackpool v Sheff Utd
Bradford v Barnsley
Bury v Crewe
Doncaster v Port Vale
Fleetwood v Walsall
Peterborough v Burton
Shrewsbury v Oldham



PRESSING MATTERS

Two decades ago, I could only have dreamt that I would be writing my own column as the editor of Swindon Town's matchday programme.

On Saturday 20th January, 1996 I climbed the steps of the north stand as a wide-eyed, rosy-cheeked (it was cold) seven-year-old and witnessed my first ever football match: Swindon Town against Hull City. In fact, Sir Bobby Robson's famous quote springs to mind – "It's a small boy clambering up stadium steps for the very first time, gripping his father's hand, gawping at that hallowed stretch of turf beneath him and, without being able to do a thing about it, falling in love."

I know – so far this column has been so saccharine that it should come with a government health warning but it's remarkable how much I remember from the game: the seemingly off-green of the pitch (in fact, quite similar to the 'petrol green' Castrol GTX third shirt from the following season), that unmistakeable smell of burgers and cigarette smoke, the itch from the collar of that season's shirt that I had received as a birthday present, proudly displaying "Otrebski 11" on the reverse. People naturally assumed that Ryan Giggs was the inspiration behind the choice of number but a certain attack-minded converted midfielder who grazed on goals that season was the real reason. I still remember Tony Grant's lob nestling in the back of the net, I still remember the corner of the Stratton Bank which was still a terrace after the redevelopment of the old Shrivenham Road stand and I still remember asking my dad why the away supporters were singing different songs.

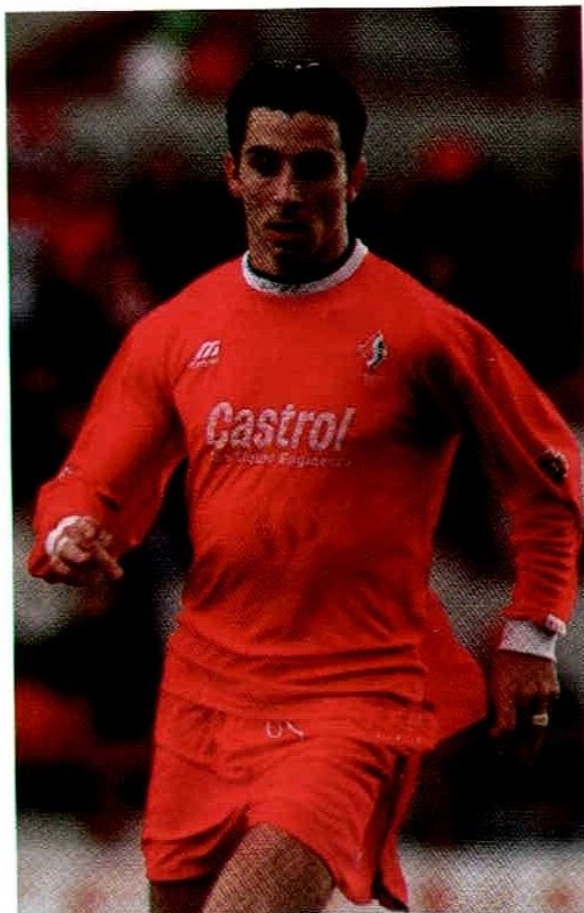
Twenty years on and I'm still in the Arkell's stand on matchdays. And loving every minute.

Last Saturday was probably up there in terms of one of the biggest emotional rollercoaster rides I've been on watching the Town. To go from being pretty much rock bottom twenty minutes in, to that renewed sense of hope at half time to the utter euphoria at Jon Obika's second goal. I was even half-tempted to tweet from the official club account after Nicky Ajose's breakaway goal, 'think Sir Don's second at Wembley in '69 and you'll have a vague idea of how it looked'. I'm glad I didn't though. I could already imagine the torrents of abuse that would have come my way...

In a similar vein, I saw my counterpart at Ipswich Town went viral earlier this week when he tweeted that he'd missed Leeds' opener at Portman Road so was unable to relay what had happened to those following the updates online. The perils of manning an official Twitter account! After the postponement earlier this week, here's hoping Town can continue the form from last Saturday and come out on top in the 'Railway Derby'.

Enjoy the game.

Tom Otrebski
RED & WHITE EDITOR





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