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Player 

A close-up, profile view of a middle-aged man with a grey beard and short grey hair, looking slightly to the right. He is wearing a dark jacket with a white collar.

Good afternoon and welcome to the Crown Oil Arena for today's game against Swindon Town.

Welcome, also, to Luke Williams, his players, staff and the visiting supporters who have made the trip up from Wiltshire.

We head into the match on the back of Tuesday's FA Cup win over Maidstone United and I'm really pleased that we're through to the next round. I thought we managed the game superbly well, particularly in the second half, and I was really happy with the performance.

We've seen in recent seasons the financial benefits a good cup run can bring and the excitement it can generate when you progress through the rounds, so we'll look forward to the trip to Carlisle next month.

We're going through a difficult period at this moment in time with respect to injuries and illness. We're down to the bare bones, but there's still a tremendous spirit amongst the squad and I'm really proud of the way the players are supporting each other.

I'm seeing a lot of honesty, hard work and commitment in our performances, which is really, really pleasing, and they're giving their absolute all to try and get results. I can't ask for much more than that.

I hope you'll get behind them this afternoon.

See you back here on Tuesday.

Enjoy the game
Keith

KEITH HILL

— THE MANAGER'S VIEW —

SPOTLAND SCENE

BOOK CLUB

Three new books on Rochdale AFC have hit the physical and digital bookshelves in recent months.

Historian and author **Steven Phillipps** has written his fourth book about the club's players.

'Rochdale AFC Who's Who 1999-2016' catalogues the players who first turned out for Dale from the beginning of the 1999/2000 campaign to the conclusion of last season.

So, if you want a reminder about the likes of Glenville Le Fondre, Duncan Evans and Bamberdele Adebola (and those are their real Christian names), this is the book for you!

The book follows on from Steven's three previous works which covered 1907-1999, meaning there is a biography for every Rochdale player since the club's formation up to the end of last term.

A must for all students of Dale history, the book is available on Amazon (£12) and also from Tony Brown, 4 Adrian Close, Toton, Nottingham NG9 6FL (Cheques for £14 payable to Tony Brown).

Also available on Amazon is a Kindle book written by journalist and Dale fan Chris Fitzgerald.

In **'The Rochdale Connection: The Players' Stories'**, Chris catches up with six former Dale

players to find out just how the club helped them and what, in their opinion, it takes to become an elite footballer.

There are stories from Alan Reeves, Rochdale's own sons Craig Dawson and Matt Gilks, the prolific striker Rickie Lambert, as well as Will Buckley and Glenn Murray.

There are also reflections on the impact the club had on the careers of Paul Butler, Grant Holt, Adam Le Fondre and Paddy McCourt.

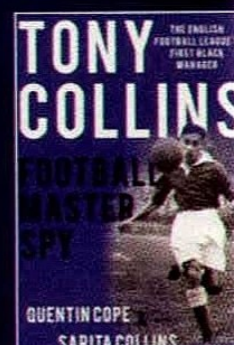
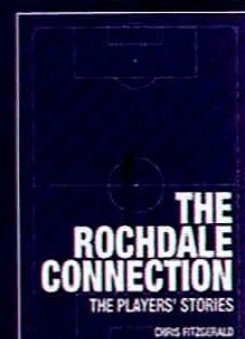
Chris's Kindle book is available on Amazon for £3.50.

Finally, the life and career of former Dale player and manager Tony Collins is celebrated in the book 'Tony Collins: Football Master Spy'.

The book tells the fascinating and enlightening story of Tony's upbringing and his time in the Army during World War 2, particularly when he served in Italy.

It also covers his professional football career, when he had to suffer racial prejudice and scorn, yet he overcame this to discover and nurture players who went on to have careers at the top of the game.

The book is available in the Club Shop, priced £9.99.



'BRING A FRIEND' VOUCHER

Supporters are reminded that Rochdale's League One fixture versus Walsall on Tuesday has been designated as one of the club's 'Bring A Friend' games.

Season ticket holders who purchased during the Special Promotion Period received a selection of vouchers in the back of their book, including a 'Bring a Friend for £5' voucher. This can be used for that match.

Instead of giving your voucher to a Dale fan who usually attends games, why not bring someone who wouldn't normally

come to the Crown Oil Arena on a matchday – let them see what they're missing!

To redeem the relevant voucher, all you need to do is take it to the Ticket Office, either in the run up to the game or on Tuesday night. The vouchers cannot be redeemed at the turnstile, nor can they be redeemed online.

There is a section on the front of each voucher for details, including an email address. This section should be filled in with the name of the supporter you are bringing to the match.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish many happy returns to Swindon fan Courtney Clark, who was 18 yesterday.



Courtney has made the trip to the Crown Oil Arena today and birthday wishes come from Dad, Alan, Barb and Vicky.

MATCH REFEREE

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JOINED LEAGUE LIST: 2014

FIRST LEAGUE GAME:

Oxford U v Burton A, 17/8/02

DALE GAMES:

23/2/16 v Fleetwood T (h), W 1-0

19/7/16 v Blackburn R (h, F), D 1-1

LAST SWINDON GAME:

6/8/16 v Coventry C (h), W 1-0

THIS SEASON:

Games 17

Yellow Cards 61

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ALSO ON THIS DAY...

1983

Dale made it through the first round of the FA Cup with a hard-fought win over fellow Fourth Division outfit, Crewe Alexandra.

When the two sides met at Spotland on the opening day of the season, Dale were 1-0 winners thanks to a Peter Farrell penalty.

The scoreline was repeated in the cup tie and Farrell was again the scorer, this time following an almighty scramble in the Crewe penalty area.

Dale's reward for their victory was a trip to Fourth Division leaders York in round two.

2005

Dale came from 2-0 down to gain a deserved point in a thrilling 2-2 home draw with Chester.

The visitors took a 19th minute lead which was doubled at the same point of the second half to seemingly secure all three points.

But Blair Sturrock quickly pulled one back for Dale, before Rickie Lambert slammed home an 81st minute free-kick to earn the draw.

28 YEARS AGO Saturday 19th November 1988

Huddersfield Town 1, Rochdale 1

Back in the days when they used to regionalise the early rounds of the FA Cup, you could usually be guaranteed an exciting tie not too far from home.

Dale were given one of the closest possible ties with a trip to Huddersfield in 1988/89 and although The Terriers were a division higher, Danny Bergara's men were going well and confident of causing an upset.

This didn't seem likely when Andy May gave Town an early lead, but Dale hit back and levelled just before the break through Neil Edmonds.

That was the end of the scoring, but it led to a famous and thrilling Spotland replay nine days later.

Pictured we see Dale's former Huddersfield defender Dave Sutton (right) challenging Mick Byrne.

OTHER EVENTS



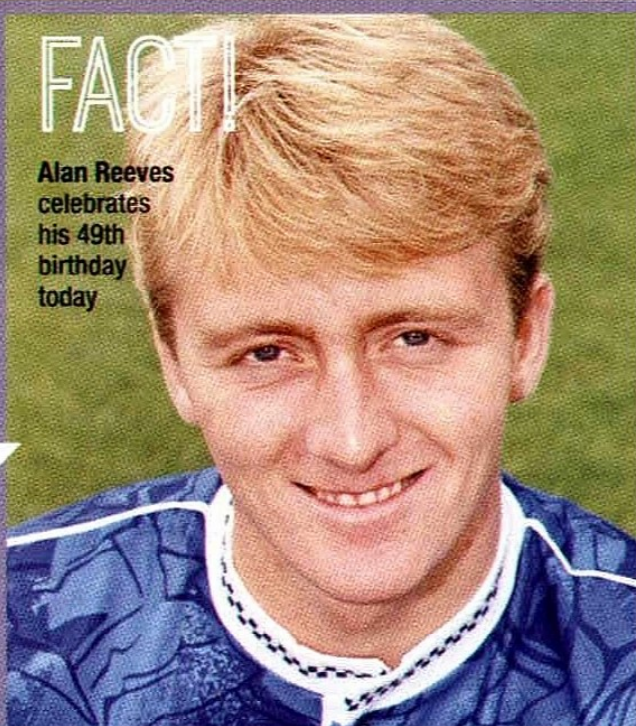
Susie Dent celebrates her 52nd birthday today

- 1942** Fashion designer Calvin Klein was born in New York
- 1964** 'Countdown' lexicographer Susie Dent was born in Woking
- 1965** 'Shetland' actor Douglas Henshall was born in Glasgow
- 1969** Pele scored the 1,000th goal of his career

FIRST AND LAST

FACT!

Alan Reeves celebrates his 49th birthday today



19th November

First

Saturday 19th November 1921
Grimsby (h), L 0-2

Last

Saturday 19th November 2011
Preston (a), W 1-0

IAN GRAY made the first of his 94 appearances for Rochdale in a 0-0 draw at home to Colchester on this day in 1994.

NATHAN ECCLESTON made the last of his seven appearances for Rochdale in their 1-0 win at Preston on this day in 2011.

ALAN REEVES is one of six Rochdale players born on this day, the defender coming into the world in Birkenhead in 1967.

TOP OF THE POPS



Lisa Stansfield was top of the charts 27 years ago

Number One records on this day down the years include:

- 1975** 'Space Oddity' (David Bowie)
- 1983** 'Uptown Girl' (Billy Joel)
- 1989** 'All Around The World' (Lisa Stansfield)



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SWINDON TOWN



The arrival of Tim Sherwood as Director of Football at Swindon Town has provided the welcome boost the club needed.

Prior to Sherwood's appointment nine days ago, The Robins were in the League One relegation zone having lost consecutive league fixtures to Walsall and Scunthorpe.

They followed that up with a hard-earned draw at Eastleigh in the FA Cup and a penalty shoot-out win at Exeter in the Checkatrade Trophy, before last Saturday's impressive 3-0 home defeat of Charlton in front of the Sky cameras.

Swindon are keen to stress that Sherwood isn't replacing Head Coach Luke Williams, who has confirmed he is happy with the new set-up at the County Ground.

"From a selfish point of view it means I can pick things up and learn from someone who has managed at the highest level," he said, referring to Sherwood's time in charge at Tottenham and Aston Villa.

Sherwood has called the challenge an "interesting project" and added, "I've had what many people believe are better options, but at the moment it's the best option for me and I'm pleased to be here."

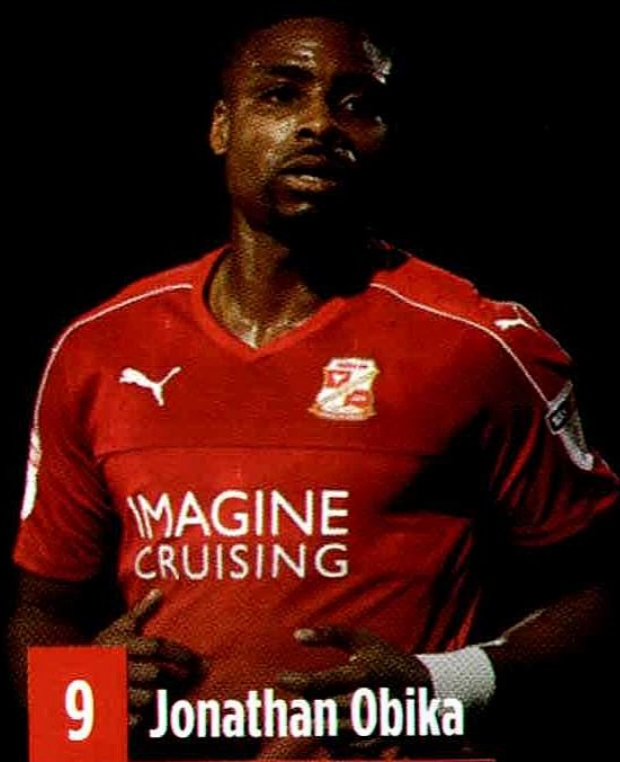


ROBINS TRIVIA

Swindon are the lowest ranked team to win the League Cup. The Robins were in the Third Division when they defeated Arsenal 3-1 in the 1969 final (pictured).

The Robins gained promotion to the Premier League in 1993, although their only season in the top flight was a difficult experience. They finished bottom of the table, winning just five games all season and suffering heavy defeats to Liverpool (0-5), Southampton (1-5), Everton (2-6), Aston Villa (0-5), Newcastle (1-7) and Leeds (0-5).





9 Jonathan Obika

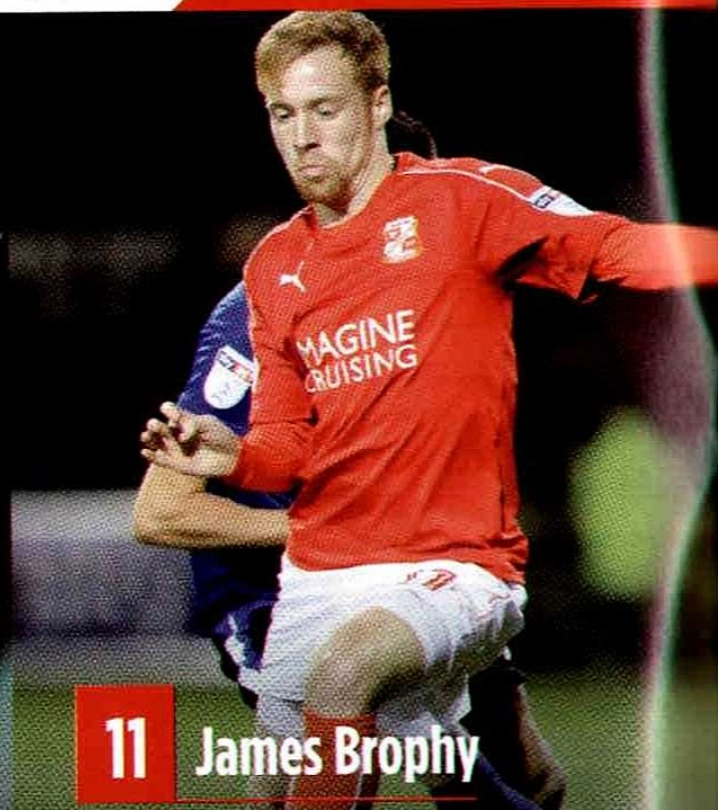
Age: 26

Career: 215 apps/49 goals

Robins: 85 apps/24 goals

Jonathan is a striker who is in his third full season at the County Ground, having played on loan with The Robins in the 2010/11 campaign.

Originally a Tottenham trainee, Jonathan spent time away from Spurs on loan with the likes of Yeovil, Millwall, Peterborough, Charlton and Brighton, before joining Swindon on a permanent basis in September 2014.



11 James Brophy

Age: 22

Career: 45 apps/1 goal

Robins: 45 apps/1 goals

James signed a contract extension with our visitors in the summer following a successful first season in league football.

Usually playing on the left side of defence, the 22-year-old moved to Swindon from non-league football where he was playing for Edgware Town.



15 Tom Smith

Age: 18

Career: 8 apps/1 goal

Robins: 8 apps/1 goals

A highly-rated youngster at the County Ground, Tom penned his maiden professional deal in the summer after progressing through Town's Academy system.

He made his debut in a 3-0 defeat at Preston in April 2015 and scored his first senior goal in Swindon's 3-1 win at Crewe five months later.

18 Jake Evans

Age: 18

Career: 3 apps/0 goals

Robins: 3 apps/0 goals

Jake put pen-to-paper on his first senior contract in April at the conclusion of his scholarship at the County Ground.

The 18-year-old made his debut against Shrewsbury on the final day of last season and came off the bench for his second professional appearance in the 3-0 win over Dale four weeks ago.

33 Luke Norris

Age: 23

Career: 132 apps/26 goals

Robins: 18 apps/1 goal

Luke was signed from Gillingham at the start of this season, penning a three-year deal at the County Ground.

The striker started his career in non-league football with Hitchin, before being snapped-up by Brentford in the summer of 2011.

Luke had successful loan spells with Northampton and Dagenham during his time with The Bees.

23 Nathan Delfouneso

Age: 25

Career: 222 apps/27 goals

Robins: 18 apps/2 goals

Nathan started his career as a trainee at Aston Villa, where he was sent out on loan to Burnley, Leicester, Blackpool and Coventry to further his experience.

The forward left Villa Park for Blackpool in July 2014, but he remained at Bloomfield Road for only a year before linking-up with Blackburn.

With his chances limited at Ewood Park, Nathan ended last season on loan at Bury.



1 LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

A goalkeeper who was on loan at Swindon from Liverpool last season, Lawrence signed a permanent deal with The Robins in the summer.

2 NATHAN THOMPSON

A product of the Academy at the County Ground, Nathan is our visitors' captain and has made around 170 appearances for the club.

3 BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

Recruited from Arsenal in summer 2015, Brandon (20) is a left wing-back who was one of two Swindon players sent-off when they were last at the Crown Oil Arena in April.

4 CONOR THOMAS

Formerly with Coventry, Conor is a midfielder who came through the ranks at the Ricoh Arena and played over 100 times for his hometown club before moving to Swindon in July.

5 ANTON RODGERS

The son of Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers, Anton is in his third season with today's opponents after joining them from Oldham.

The 23-year-old midfielder made a small number of appearances for Brighton and Exeter (loan) at the start of his career.

6 JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE

Initially a trainee at QPR, Jamie is a defender who moved to the County Ground from Hamilton in February.

7 MICHAEL DOUGHTY

On loan at Swindon from QPR, Michael is a midfielder who scored five goals in a previous loan spell at the County Ground in the second half of last season.

The 23-year-old has also played on

loan at Crawley, Aldershot, Stevenage and Gillingham in the EFL.

8 YASER KASIM

Now in his fourth season with The Robins, Yaser is a midfielder who was signed from Brighton and who has represented Iraq at international level.

10 JOHN GODDARD

Recruited from Woking in the summer, John (23) is a former Reading youngster who netted 17 goals in the National League last season.

12 WILL HENRY

Second-choice goalkeeper at the County Ground, Will saved a penalty on his debut for The Robins at the Crown Oil Arena in April.

14 ELLIS IANDOLO

An attack-minded midfielder, Ellis put pen-to-paper on a contract with Swindon in August 2015 after a successful trial spell in Wiltshire.

16 JORDAN STEWART

Capped by Northern Ireland at Under-19 level, Jordan is a forward who joined Town from Glenavon early last season.

20 DARNELL FURLONG

The son of former QPR and Chelsea striker Paul Furlong, Darnell is on loan at Swindon from The Hoops until the end of the season.

The full-back spent time on loan at Cambridge and Northampton last term.

22 SEAN MURRAY

A midfielder who is in his first season with Swindon, Sean (23) arrived from Watford in August having made 84 appearances for

The Hornets, a small number of which were in their 2014/15 Premier League promotion campaign.

27 BRADLEY BARRY

The nephew of Everton midfielder Gareth Barry, Bradley signed for Town in August 2015 after a successful trial period at the club. The 21-year-old started out with Brighton, but never made their first team.

28 LLOYD JONES

A Welsh international at Under-17 and Under-18 levels, Lloyd is on loan at the County Ground from Liverpool until the end of the season. Aged 21, the central defender has also played on loan at Cheltenham, Accrington and Blackpool.

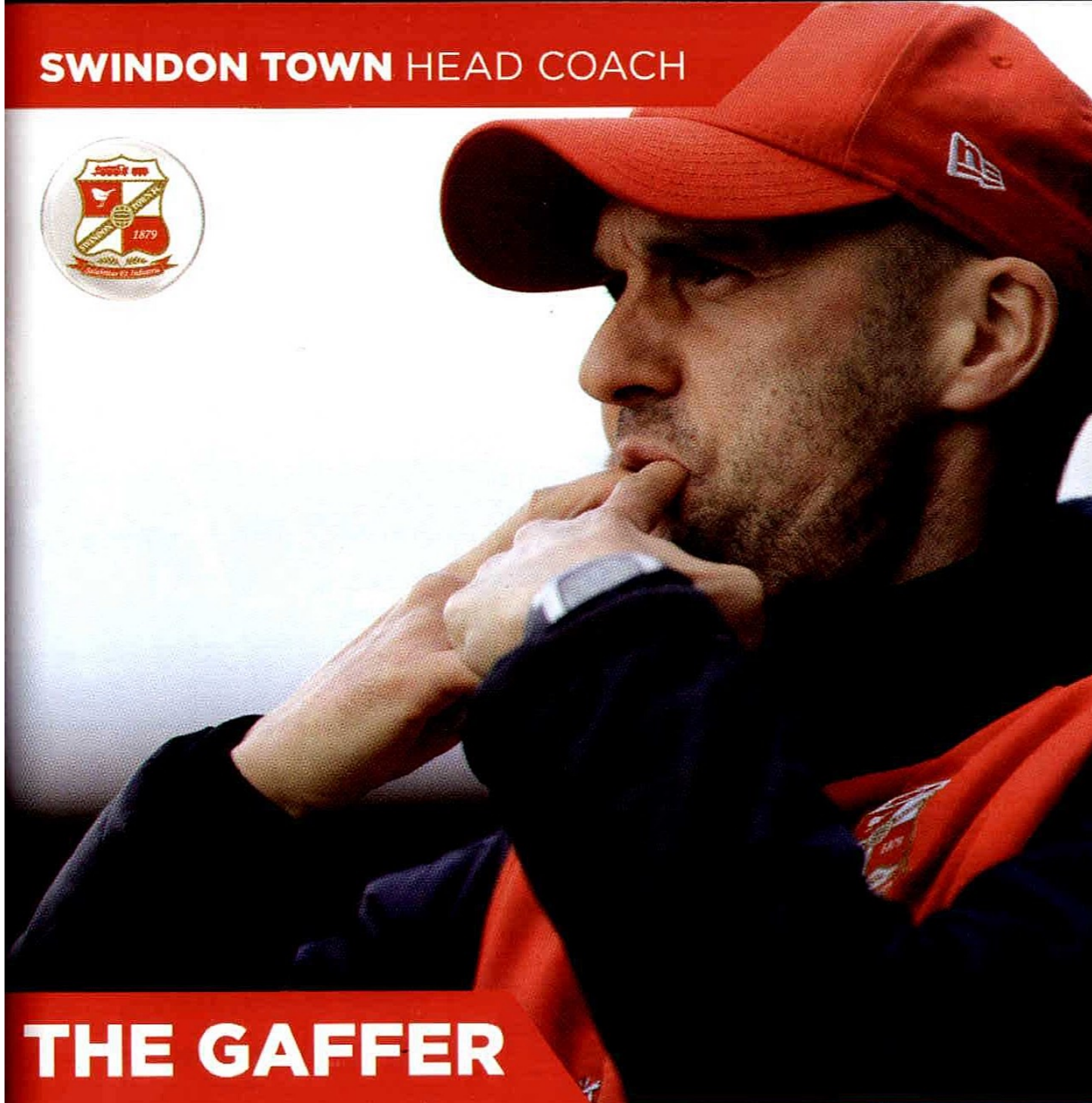
29 RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO

Previously with Brighton's academy, Raphael (26) joined Swindon in the summer of 2013 and recently made his 100th appearance in their defence.

35 JORDAN YOUNG

A graduate of our visitors' youth system, Jordan signed a three year contract with the club in the summer while still a second year scholar. The midfielder became Swindon's fourth-youngest player when he made his debut for the club in February.





THE GAFFER

LUKE WILLIAMS

Born:

London, 1st May 1981

Player:

Norwich (youth),
Bristol Rovers (youth),
Ashford Town

**Manager
(2016-date):**
Swindon

Luke was appointed Head Coach at the County Ground in March.

He had spent three seasons at Brighton, where he was in charge of their Under-21 side and was also a coach with the reserve team, before joining Swindon in the summer of 2013.

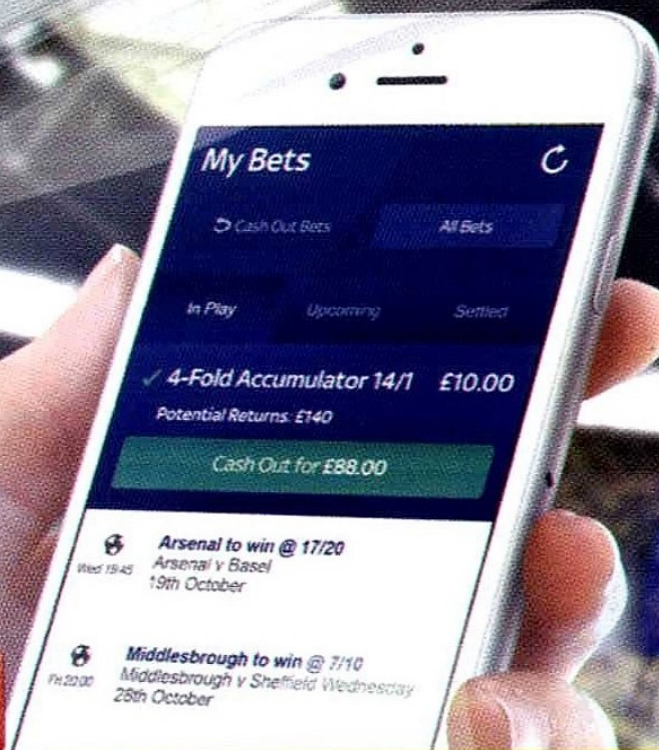
The 35-year-old has also been an FA Skills Coach and has worked at Leyton Orient and West Ham.

After serving as a coach under the previous two Swindon managers, Luke was handed the reins full-time in January until the end of this season.

He made such an impressive start as interim boss that the club rewarded him with a five-year contract to become our visitors' Head Coach.

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WHEN WE PLAY **SWINDON TOWN**



THINGS THAT
SPRING TO MIND
WHEN DALE FACE
TODAY'S
OPPONENTS!

LOU MACARI



It was big news when Swindon appointed Lou Macari as their manager in 1984.

Only seven years earlier he was involved in Manchester United's winning goal in the FA Cup Final against Liverpool and was one of those players you used to see regularly on 'Match of the Day'.

He also had an intriguing name; in fact, two intriguing names that made him sound Italian rather than Scottish!

Macari guided The Robins to the Fourth Division title in 1986 and they again won promotion 12 months later in the first-ever play-offs.

He remained at the County Ground until July 1989 when he left for West Ham.

MAGIC ROUNDABOUT

No, not that strange kids' television programme from the 1970s, but the very confusing part of Swindon's road network outside The Robins' ground.

Constructed in 1972, it consists of five mini-roundabouts arranged around a sixth central, anticlockwise roundabout.

The roundabout was built according to the design of Frank Blackmore of the British Transport and Road Research Laboratory.

Traffic flow around the larger, inner roundabout is anticlockwise and traffic flows in the usual clockwise manner around the five mini-roundabouts and the outer loop.

It allegedly provides a better throughput of traffic than other designs and has an excellent safety record since traffic moves too slowly to do serious damage in the event of a collision.

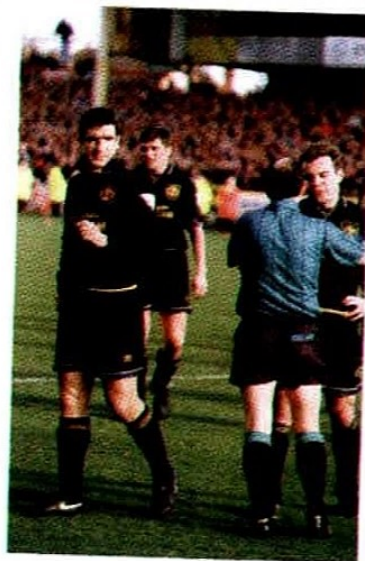
ERIC CANTONA

Younger readers might not believe this, but Swindon played in the Premier League in its second season, 1993/94.

The likes of Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham and Liverpool all descended on the County Ground, as did champions Manchester United one March afternoon.

The Red Devils had enigmatic Frenchman Eric Cantona in their team and ten months before he was aiming flying kicks at Crystal Palace fans, he did it to Swindon's John Moncur, who had the temerity to pull Cantona back after losing the ball.

Cantona was promptly sent-off for his challenge and just for good measure, he received another red card at Arsenal three days later!



FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES

That phrase crops up a lot in football parlance, but in 1990 it cost The Robins a debut season in the old First Division.

Under Ossie Ardiles' management, Town were Second Division play-off winners, but the club later admitted 36 charges of breaching league rules, 35 due to illegal payments made to players.

They were subsequently relegated to the Third Division, giving Sunderland promotion to the top flight and Tranmere to the Second Division.

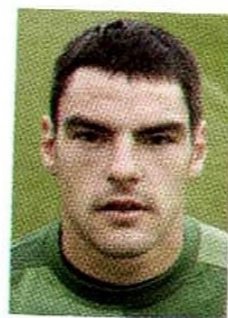
The scandal saw Chairman Brian Hillier given a six-month prison sentence and chief accountant Vince Farrar put on probation. A later appeal saw Swindon allowed to stay in Division Two.

MATT GILKS

The 2006/07 season hadn't started well for Dale.

They lost 1-0 to Walsall and Torquay in their first two games, with the next match a tricky trip to relegated Swindon.

Alan Goodall inexplicably headed into his own goal just before half-time, but Swindon were denied a more deserving margin of victory when Gilks saved TWO penalties in the second half.





SWINDON TOWN PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COMPLETE RECORD

AT SPOTLAND

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
League	9	0	6	3	13	17
FA Cup	2	1	0	1	3	3
TOTAL	11	1	6	4	16	20

OVERALL

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
League	19	1	7	11	22	40
FA Cup	2	1	0	1	3	3
TOTAL	21	2	7	12	25	43

LEAGUE ATTENDANCES

Home Average: 2,250
Away Average: 5,812

Home Highest: 6,617 in 1958/59
Away Highest: 9,558 in 1953/54

Home Lowest: 1,082 in 1984/85
Away Lowest: 2,808 in 1983/84

LEAGUE MILESTONES

First met: 1958/59
Doubles achieved: 0
Doubles conceded: 2

Biggest wins: Home: None
Away: 3-2, 2014/15

Heaviest defeats: Home: 2-4, 2014/15
Away: 0-4, 1985/86

Last home win: None
Last away win: 3-2, 2014/15
Last home draw: 2-2, 2015/16
Last away draw: 1-1, 2010/11
Last home defeat: 2-4, 2014/15
Last away defeat: 0-3, 2016/17



THEIR LAST VISIT



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Rochdale: Lillis, Cannon, McNulty, Allen, Canavan (Rose), Eastham, Mendez-Laing, Camps (Lund), McDermott, Henderson, Bunney (Holt)

Swindon T.: Henry, N Thompson, Rossi Branco, Turnbull, Doughty, Rodgers (Sendles-White), Brophy, L Thompson, Ormonde-Ottewill, Obika, Ajose

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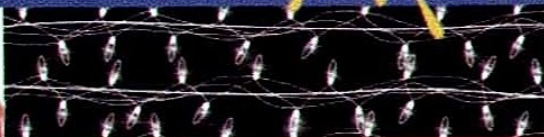
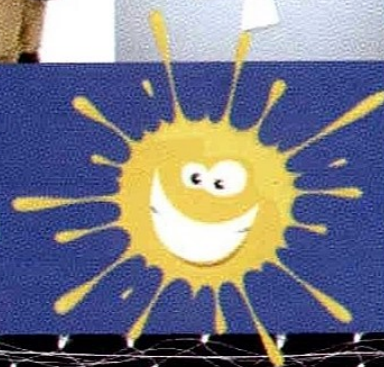
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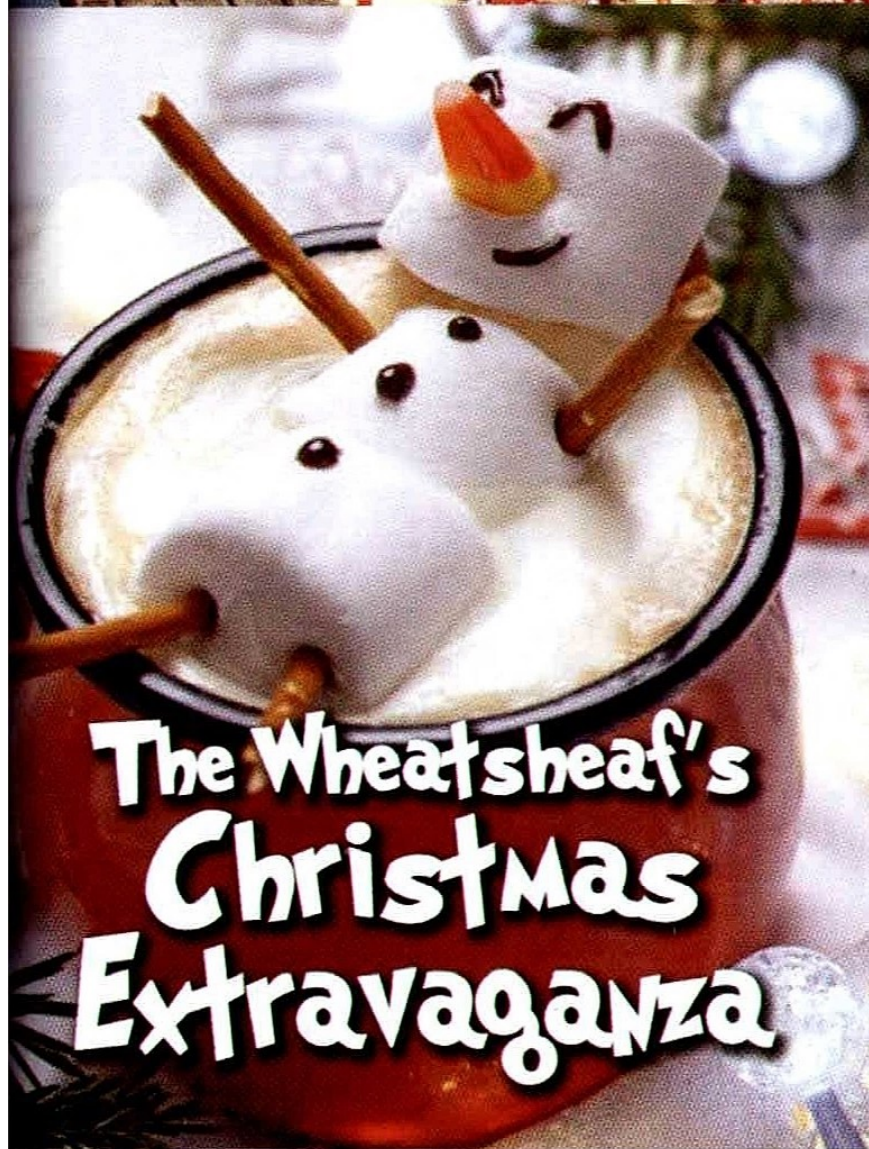
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Grant Holt made his final Rochdale appearance when Swindon were our visitors in April

ROCHDALE v SWINDON TOWN

FIRSTS, LASTS & MOSTS

FIRSTS

LEAGUE FIXTURE

10 Sep 1958
Rochdale 1, Swindon 1

FA CUP TIE

11 Jan 1913, Round 1
Rochdale 0, Swindon 2

LEAGUE CUP TIE

None

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

TROPHY TIE

None

HAT-TRICK

Rochdale: Nathaniel Mendez-Laing,
7 Nov 2015,
Rochdale 3, Swindon 1 (FAC)

Swindon: Paul Rideout, 22 Jan 1983,
Swindon 4, Rochdale 1

PENALTY SCORED

Rochdale: Vernon Allatt, 4 Feb 1984,
Rochdale 3, Swindon 3
Swindon: Paul Rideout, 22 Jan 1983,
Swindon 4, Rochdale 1

OWN GOAL SCORED

Rochdale: Alan Goodall, 12 Aug
2006, Swindon 1, Rochdale 0
Swindon: Nathan Thompson, 14 Apr
2015, Rochdale 2, Swindon 4

RED CARD

Rochdale: John O'Sullivan, 12 Dec
2015, Swindon 2, Rochdale 1
Swindon: Louis Thompson, 30 Apr
2016, Rochdale 2, Swindon 2

ROCHDALE DEBUTANT

Bill Finney, 10 Sep 1958,
Rochdale 1, Swindon 1

ROCHDALE FAREWELL

Peter Nicholson & Barry Wellings,
22 Jan 1983,
Swindon 4, Rochdale 1

ROCHDALE GOAL

Shaun Reid,
23 Feb 1985,
Swindon 2, Rochdale 1

ROCHDALE SCORING

FAREWELL

Bastien Hery,
21 Oct 2014,
Swindon 2, Rochdale 3

LEAGUE FIXTURE

18 Oct 2016
Swindon 3, Rochdale 0

FA CUP TIE

7 Nov 2015, Round 1
Rochdale 3, Swindon 1

LEAGUE CUP TIE

None

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY TIE

None

HAT-TRICK

Rochdale: Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, 7 Nov 2015, Rochdale 3, Swindon 1 (FAC)
Swindon: Ben Gladwin, 14 Apr 2015, Rochdale 2, Swindon 4

PENALTY SCORED

Rochdale: Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, 7 Nov 2015, Rochdale 3, Swindon 1 (FAC)
Swindon: Nicky Ajose, 7 Nov 2015, Rochdale 3, Swindon 1 (FAC)

OWN GOAL SCORED

Rochdale: Alan Goodall, 12 Aug 2006, Swindon 1 Rochdale 0
Swindon: Nathan Thompson, 14 Apr 2015, Rochdale 2, Swindon 4

RED CARD

Rochdale: Joe Bunney, 18 Oct 2016, Swindon 3, Rochdale 0 (Red card later overturned)
Swindon: Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill, 30 Apr 2016, Rochdale 2, Swindon 2

ROCHDALE DEBUTANT

Bobby Grant, 20 Nov 2010, Rochdale 3, Swindon 3

ROCHDALE FAREWELL

Grant Holt & Michael Rose, 30 Apr 2016, Rochdale 2, Swindon 2

ROCHDALE GOAL

Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, 7 Nov 2015, Rochdale 3, Swindon 1 (FAC)

ROCHDALE SCORING FAREWELL

Olly Lancashire, 12 Dec 2015, Swindon 2, Rochdale 1

Vernon Allatt was the first Dale player to score a penalty in this fixture



Shaun Reid opened his scoring account for Rochdale at Swindon in February 1985



Barry Wellings made his final Dale appearance at Swindon in January 1983



Alan Goodall is the only Rochdale player to score an own goal against The Robins



MOSTS

ROCHDALE APPEARANCES

5 Calvin Andrew, Ian Henderson, Matty Lund, Ian McMahon, Michael Rose, Dave Thompson & Bill Williams

ROCHDALE GOALS

3 Nathaniel Mendez-Laing

HAT-TRICKS

Rochdale: 1 Swindon: 2

PENALTIES SCORED

Rochdale: 4 Swindon: 6

OWN GOALS SCORED

Rochdale: 1 Swindon: 1

RED CARDS

Rochdale: 2
Swindon: 2

* Joe Bunney's overturned red card from last month has been included in these statistics

KEY

* FIRST ROCHDALE GOAL

means the first Dale player to open his account for the club against our visitors.

* FIRST SCORING FAREWELL

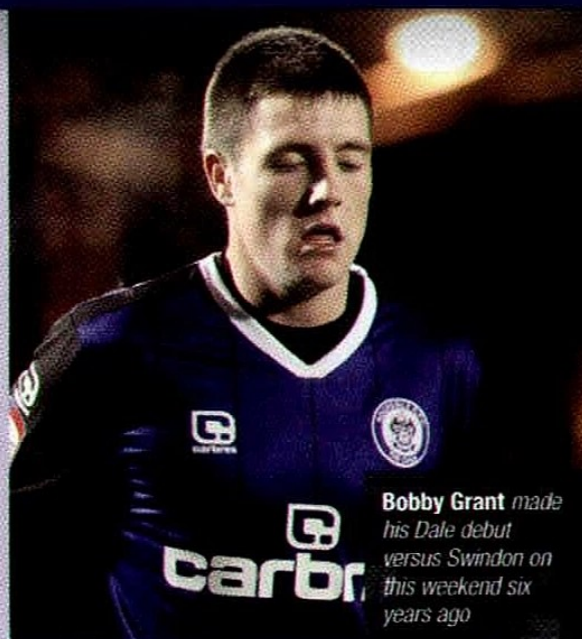
means the first Dale player to net his final goal for the club against our visitors.

* LAST ROCHDALE GOAL

means the most recent Dale player to open his account for the club against our visitors.

* LAST SCORING FAREWELL

means the most recent Dale player to net his final goal for the club against our visitors.



Bobby Grant made his Dale debut versus Swindon on this weekend six years ago



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HALF-TIME QUIZ

MASTERMIND

Which four managers who managed nations at the 1994 World Cup have also managed club sides in England?

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TELLY ADDICTS

On the date shown, Dale played a game that was featured on TV, either as a live broadcast or edited highlights. What was the game and where was it broadcast?

Monday 26th January 2015

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POINTLESS

Four of the five players shown have scored in the Football League for Rochdale against Swindon. Who is the exception?



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THE CHASE

Read the brief description of a game in which Dale came from behind to win in dramatic circumstances. Which game was it?

"A game that was in doubt almost up to kick-off turned into an absolute thriller. When Dale found themselves 2-0 down by the midway point of the second half, their promotion hopes seemed to be hitting the buffers, but from then on it was one-way traffic. Gary Jones scored twice in five minutes, before two late goals wrapped-up a stunning 4-2 victory to cheer-up thousands of drenched travelling Dale fans."

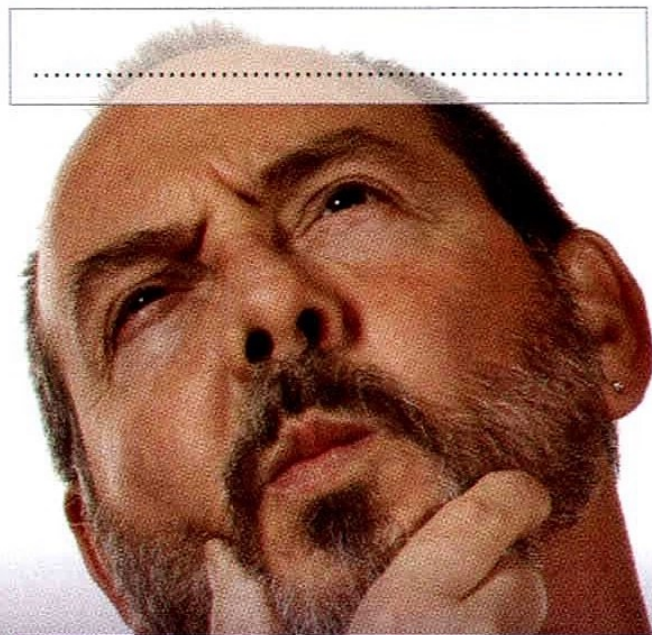
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COUNTDOWN

Rearrange these letters to find a player who has appeared for Dale and Swindon.

HYPER BED ANTS

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Answers

MASTERMIND: Dick Advocaat, Egil Olsen, Jack Charlton & Roy Hodgson
 TELLY ADDICTS: Stoke (h), FA Cup, BT Sport
 POINTLESS: Dave Thompson 1, LES LAWRENCE 0, Mark Hilditch 2, Bastien Hery 1 & Craig Dawson 1
 THE CHASE: Accrington (a), 2009/10
 COUNTDOWN: Stephen Darby

He's old, he's grey, he has a lot to say...

SCRUTATOR

The recent England v Scotland game in the World Cup group stages presented the English and Scottish Football Associations a unique problem.

The match was scheduled to be played on Remembrance weekend and the Football Associations thought it would be a nice touch if shirts could be made to show the iconic red poppy symbol, with which British people so readily resonate.

Before commissioning the shirts, the game's governing body, FIFA, were asked if they objected. Not surprisingly they did and ruled that all political symbols were banned from kits and that our poppy was indeed a political symbol!

Regular readers will know I have little time for FIFA and have long held the view that this institution holds England in contempt, often seeking one-upmanship against our FA.

Bribes aside, what other reason could there be for our bid to host the 2022 World Cup being astonishingly beaten by the football powerhouse of Qatar? This will remain FIFA's crowning glory of incompetence for as long as the institution shall live. Sadly, many Qatar workmen have already died in stadium building incidents. Last June the BBC reported the death toll at 1,200.

"So both teams gave a Churchillian V salute to FIFA and wore them anyway in the same sort of spirit shown by the men who fought in battle."

Nevertheless, in the event, both England and Scotland wore black armbands on which there was a poppy. This contravenes FIFA's rules and so a punishment of a points' deduction might be imposed. Or in Scotland's case, a fine, as they probably haven't got any points to deduct!

But, I digress. Quite how did the faceless bureaucrats of FIFA arrive at their decision that the poppy was political, in a game between England and Scotland? Without the sacrifices

made by these two countries I doubt this match would even have been played, ironically. Had England's opponents not been Scotland, but Germany instead, some sense albeit misplaced, could have been taken from FIFA's decision.

The poppy is our way of showing we have not forgotten and are still grateful to all those who fought and died in all conflicts. For FIFA to rule that as a political symbol is FIFA at its obtuse best.

So both teams gave a Churchillian V salute to FIFA and wore them anyway in the same sort of spirit shown by the men who fought in battle.

Closer to home, however, it went largely unreported that West Brom's James McClean refused to wear the commemorative Albion shirt showing the poppy.

When challenged on his stance he said, "I mourn their deaths like every other decent person and if the poppy was a symbol only for the lost souls of World War One and Two I would wear one; I want to make that 100 per cent clear. But the poppy is used to remember victims of other conflicts since 1945 and this is where the problem starts for me."

"For people from the North of Ireland, such as myself, and specifically those in Derry, scene of the 1972 Bloody Sunday massacre, the poppy has come to mean something very different."

So the West Brom winger has therefore managed to politicise the poppy by refusing to wear one, as opposed to the national team not doing so by wearing one. Of course, there was a suspicion during WWII that Ireland was a little more sympathetic to the Germans in much the same way as football fans adopt an "Anyone but United" stance. Ireland could be accused of an "Anyone but England" approach even when England were facing an awkward match playing Hitler away!

Supporters of Rochdale, however, were delighted to see the team run out at Valley Parade last week wearing a special one-off shirt, complete with a poppy stitched into the design. The club have promised to auction off these match-worn shirts soon, with all monies raised going directly to the British Legion.





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THROUGH

NOVEMBER 2011

Jason Kennedy shapes to block Paul Parry's ball down the left flank

ADAMS GIVES HIS BOSS A BREATHER

**Preston North End 0
Rochdale 1**

League One

Under-fire Rochdale manager Steve Eyre was given a huge shot in the arm when his team pulled-off the shock result of the day at Preston.

Poor league form, allied to an embarrassing FA Cup loss at lowly League Two Bradford a week earlier, had seen Eyre come under increasing pressure from disgruntled fans.

Add to that constant changing of the team, rumours of dressing room bust-ups and more and more recruitment, and it was easy to see why supporters had felt Dale had lost the identity Keith Hill and David Flitcroft had worked so hard to build during their time in charge.

Preston weren't pulling up any trees themselves, but they were still expected to have too much for a battered and bruised Rochdale side.

However, Dale have a history of unexpected results at Preston and this was another one of those.

North End missed some clear cut chances, but when Gary Jones saw his second half penalty saved by goalkeeper Thomas Stuckman, it seemed as though a goalless draw was inevitable.

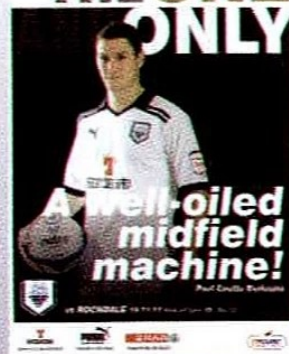
But six minutes from time Harry Bunn wriggled free to put in a low shot that Stuckman could only parry into the path of the onrushing Nicky Adams, who scored into the open goal to win the game for Dale.

Rochdale: Lucas, Holden, Barry-Murphy, Kennedy, Holness, Jordan, Adams (Eccleston), Jones, Bergkamp (Akpa Akpro), Grimes (Tuttle), Bunn

Att: 10,456

Referee: O Langford (West Midlands)

THE ONE ONLY



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SWINDON had to come from behind to draw 1-1 at AFC Wimbledon in a League Two fixture. Alan Connell scored for The Robins in the 76th minute.

10
YEARS
AGO

THE YEARS

NOVEMBER 2006

Darrell Clarke slides in to concede a throw-in at Underhill

VULNERABLE DALE GIFT KANDOL HAT-TRICK

**Barnet 3
Rochdale 2**

League Two

Dale lost their fourth consecutive league match after dire defending gifted Barnet all three points at Underhill.

Despite taking the lead midway through the first half and later fighting back after falling behind, Steve Parkin's men were eventually undone by an injury time goal that saw home striker Tresor Kandol complete his hat-trick.

It all started so well when, in the 21st minute, Darrell Clarke scored from close range after Chris Dagnall had headed down a deep cross.

Shortly before the break Nicky Bailey was allowed to run at the Dale defence

unchallenged and his neat through ball was converted by Kandol.

Three minutes after the interval a long kick downfield caused panic in the Dale defence and Kandol nipped in front of James Sharp to head over the onrushing Matt Gilks.

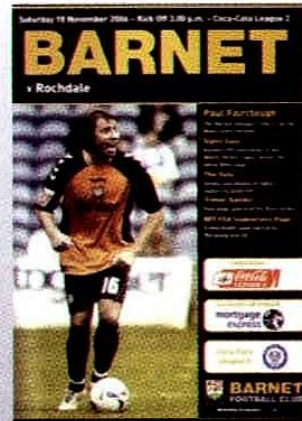
Just before the hour mark it was 2-2 when Glenn Murray scored his first goal for the club with a fine header from Alan Goodall's cross.

But that still wasn't enough for a point as Kandol popped up in stoppage time to head home after Andy Hessenthaler found him at the far post.

Rochdale: Gilks, Jackson, Goodall, Clarke (Cooksey), Sharp, Stanton, Brown, Jones, Sako, Murray (Rundle), Dagnall

Att: 1,972

Referee: GJ Sutton (Lincolnshire)



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SWINDON were 1-0 winners at Torquay, where Christian Roberts scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot.



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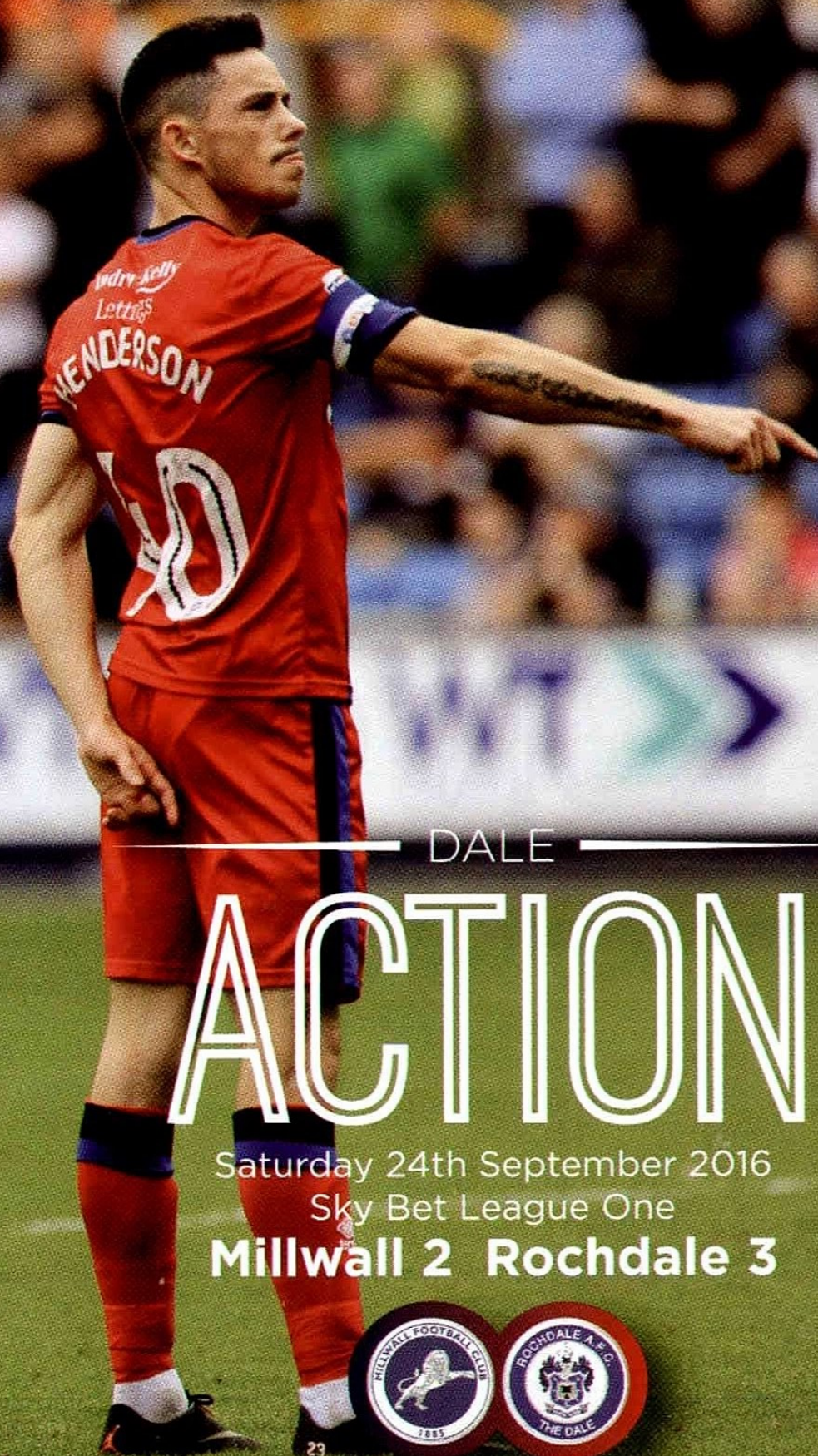
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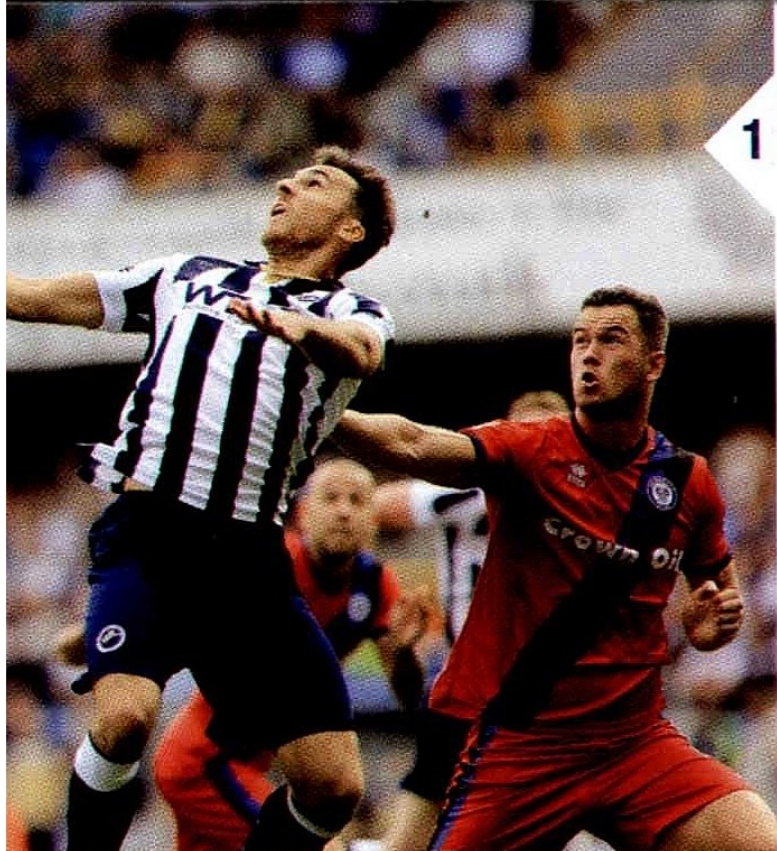
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ACTION

Saturday 24th September 2016
Sky Bet League One

Millwall 2 Rochdale 3

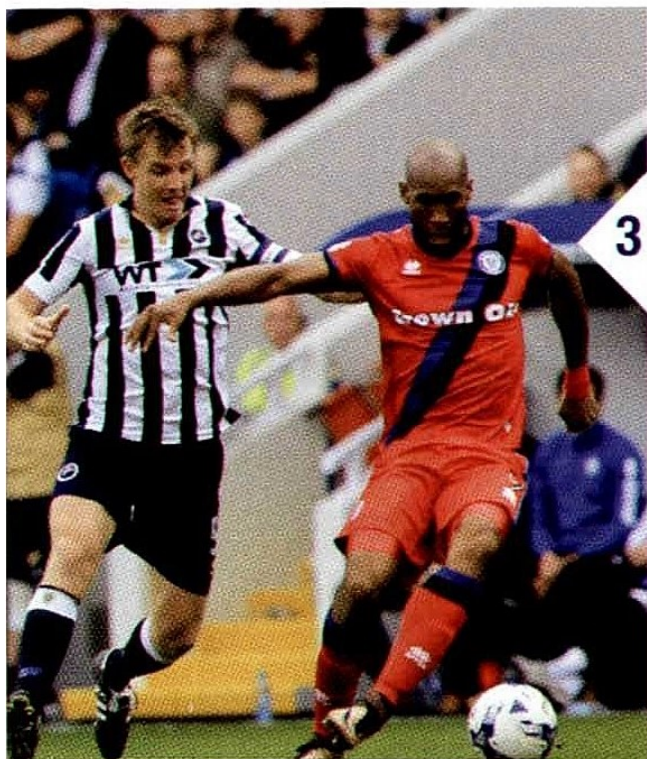


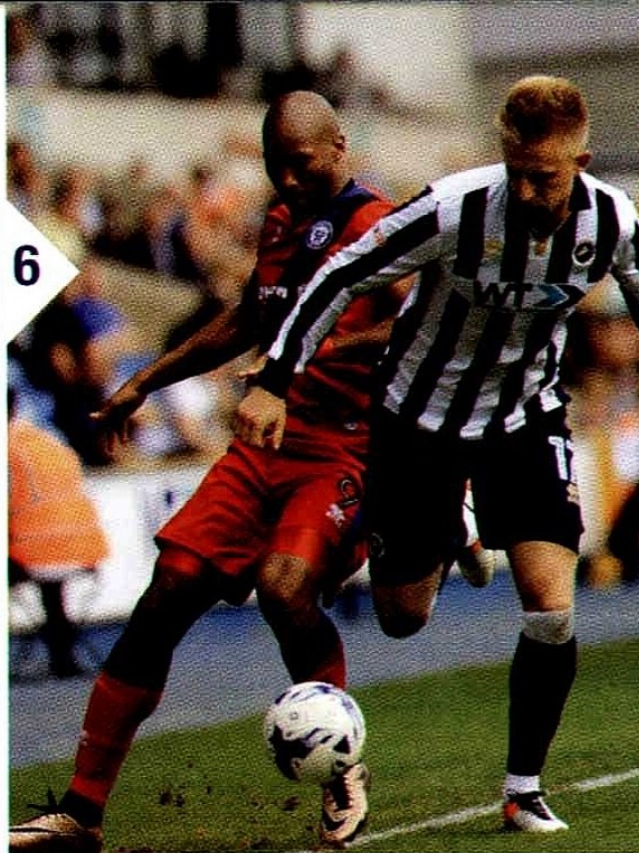
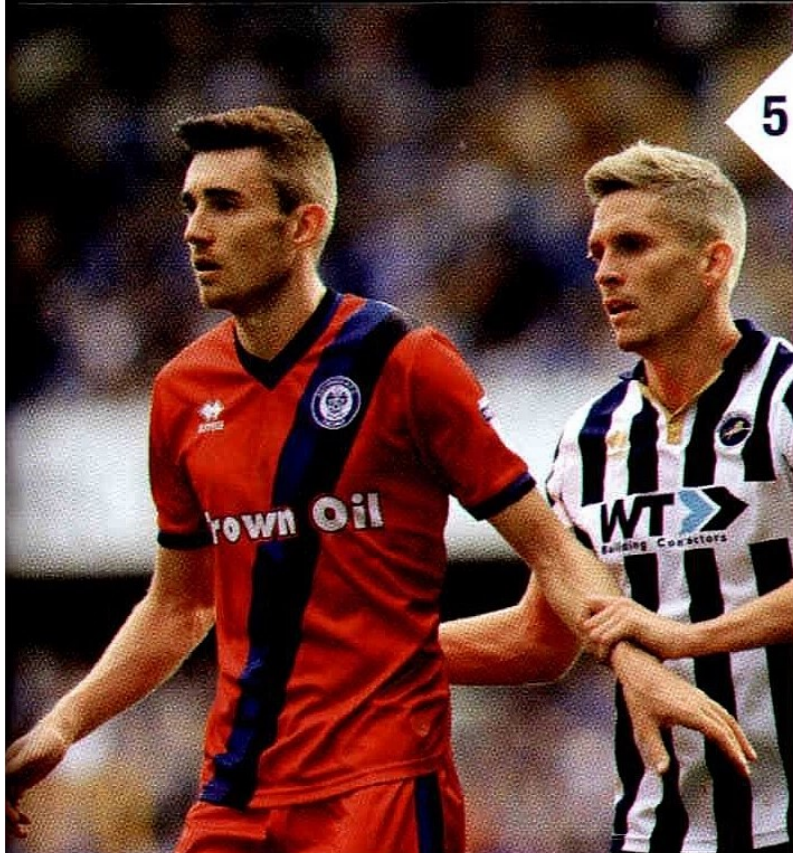


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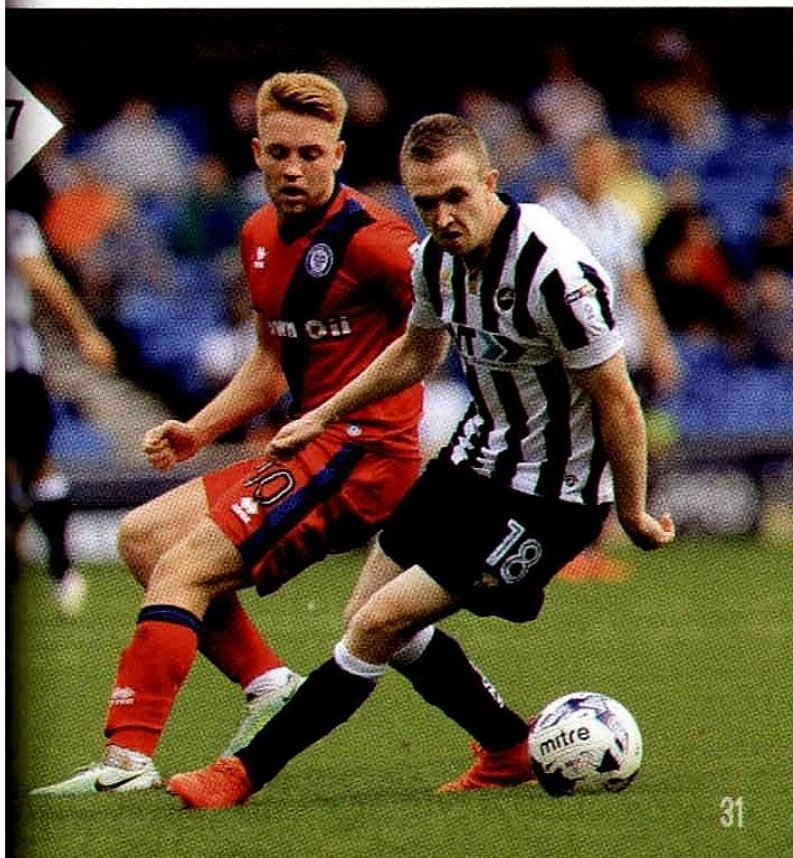


- 1 **Harrison McGahey** and the falling Lee Gregory watch for the ball
- 2 **Joe Bunney** holds-up a Millwall attack after tracking back
- 3 **Calvin Andrew** shows neat control as he tries to get away from Tony Craig
- 4 **Joe Bunney** and David Worrall wonder where the ball has gone
- 5 **Matty Lund** and Steve Morison wait patiently at a throw-in
- 6 **Calvin Andrew** keeps the ball in play and looks to get past Byron Webster
- 7 **Callum Camps** keeps Shane Ferguson in check
- 8 **Calvin Andrew** gets above the defence to head Dale's equaliser, making the score 2-2

Pictures by Daniel Youngs

Keith Hill

"For us to concede two and win a game at Millwall, you've got to give a lot of credit to the players' appetite, ability and never-say-die attitude. That's superb, but we need a little bit more of that."



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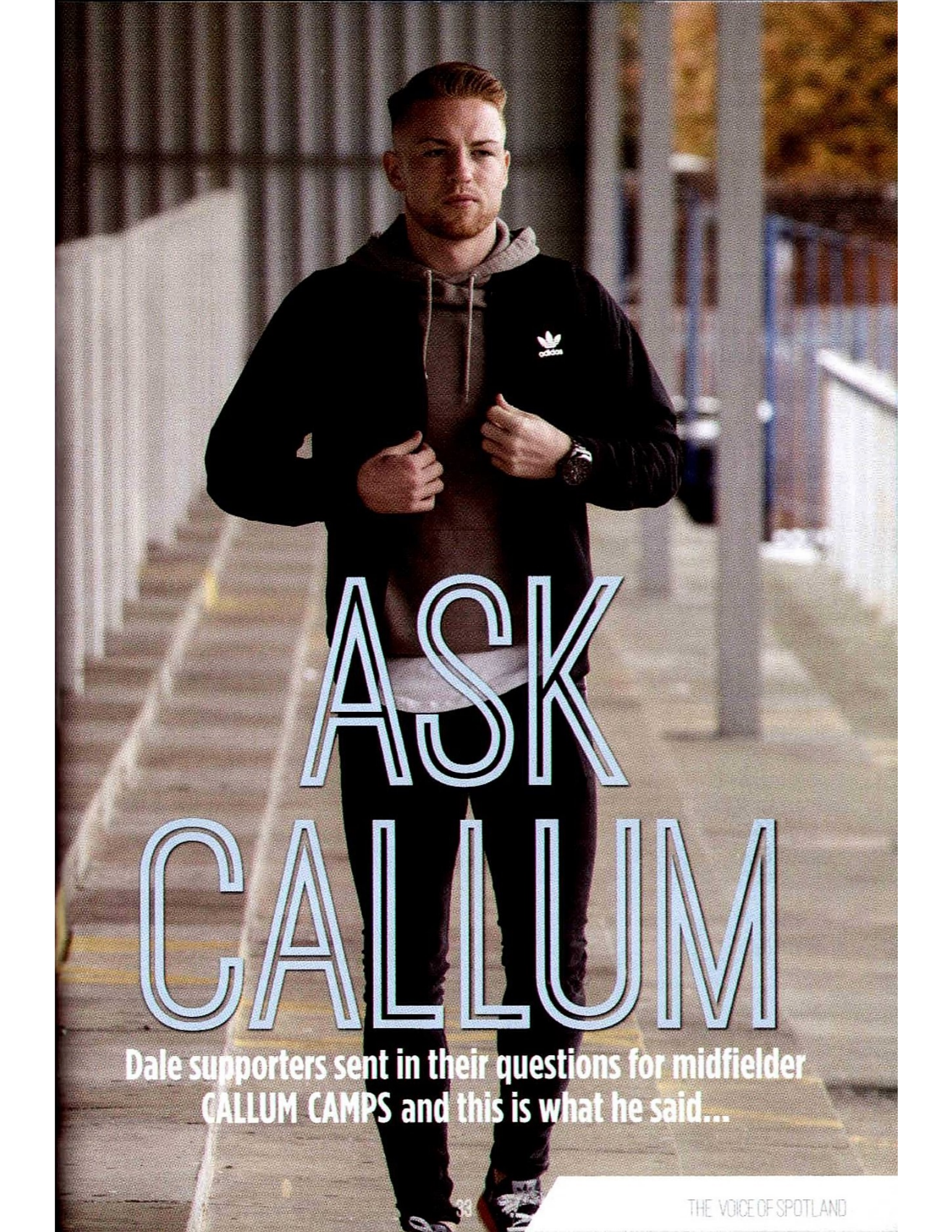
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A full-page photograph of a man, Callum Camps, standing outdoors in what appears to be a stadium or sports ground. He is wearing a black Adidas hoodie with the logo on the left chest, a grey hoodie underneath, and dark trousers. He has short, light-colored hair and a beard, and is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. His hands are near his chest, and he is wearing a watch on his left wrist. The background is slightly blurred, showing stadium seating and structures.

ASK CALLUM

Dale supporters sent in their questions for midfielder
CALLUM CAMPS and this is what he said...

You've been wearing the captain's armband recently. Is it an honour to do that?

Definitely. I've played for Rochdale since I was 12-years-old so it's a brilliant feeling. I definitely feel proud to wear it and I'm really happy that the manager has asked me to.

You're one of the most senior players in the midfield at this moment in time. Are you enjoying the responsibility?

I'm really enjoying it. I'm only 20-years-old so it's a great learning curve for me. We have experience in the defence and in the attack and because we work as a team, the players around me are helping me. It's good knowing that people believe in me and trust in me to be there.

You've scored some great goals for the club. What is your favourite?

It has got to be the one I scored against Oldham in the derby last season – the one from 30-yards that went in off the underside of the bar. I don't know how it went in! I remember

having passes to the left and to the right of me, but I just decided to shoot. I really don't know why, to be honest, but I'm glad I did. I think whoever was on either side of me would have had something to say if I had missed!

What does your pre-match preparation involve?

It doesn't involve anything unusual, to be honest. I like to relax and get focussed on the game. If it's a three o'clock kick-off at home, I'll get up at around 10 o'clock, watch a bit of TV, have some food and then get to the ground. If we're playing away, once I'm on the coach I'll put my headphones on and watch a film.

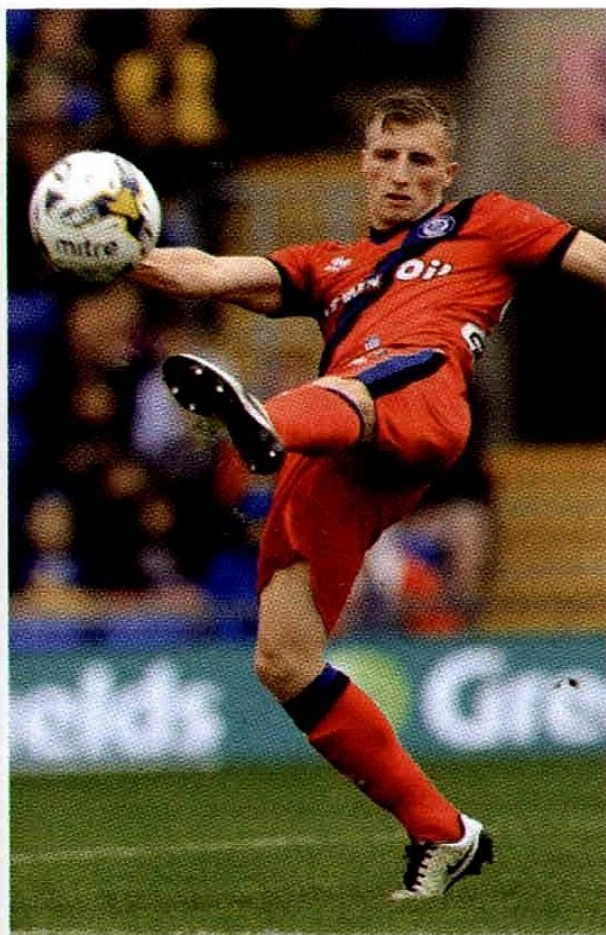
What is your most memorable game in a Dale shirt?

The one that stands out for me was when I made my full debut against Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup.

We won the game and I remember getting into Team of the Week. It was also amazing to have so many players who had come through the club's academy in the squad that day. It was good for us all to come through together, play in the same game and do really well.



WONDER STRIKE: Callum celebrates his goal at Oldham in March



BEST FRIEND: Jamie Allen

You're one of several Academy products to be playing regular football for the first team. What's it like to be playing football with the same group of players you've known since you were a teenager?

It's really good to see the people you've been playing with for the last few years playing week in and week out - it's brilliant that we've all come through together and we're all doing well. I think it's great that the club and the Academy are doing so well at bringing young players through.

Who is your best friend in football?

Jamie Allen. I've known him for a long time because I played in the youth team with him. I actually stayed at his house for nearly three years while I was in digs, so he has done a lot for me over the last few years.

If you could have a super power, what would it be?

I'd love to be able to fly so I could go wherever I wanted, whenever I wanted.

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Joe Rafferty could make his 150th appearance for Rochdale this afternoon

LEAGUE ONE STATISTICS 2016/17

Best Home Win

5-0, Scunthorpe U v Gillingham, 20/8/16

Best Away Win

4-1, MK Dons at Fleetwood T, 24/9/16

4-1, Scunthorpe U at Walsall, 27/9/16

4-1, Southend U at Bury, 12/11/16

4-1, Sheffield U at Chesterfield, 13/11/16

Highest Aggregate

6 goals

5-1, Peterborough U v Millwall, 16/8/16

3-3, Walsall v Bury, 27/8/16

3-3, Chesterfield v Gillingham, 27/9/16

3-3, MK Dons v Bristol R, 18/10/16

3-3, Bradford C v Sheffield U, 22/10/16

2-4, Shrewsbury T v Northampton T, 22/10/16

Most Goals in a Match

3 goals

Ryan Colclough (MK Dons) v Fleetwood T (a), 24/9/16

Josh Morris (Scunthorpe U) v Walsall (a), 27/9/16

Matty Taylor (Bristol R) v MK Dons (a), 18/10/16

Leading Scorers (League only)

14- Josh Morris (Scunthorpe U)

Highest Attendances

20,972, Bradford C v Sheffield U, 22/10/16

20,495, Sheffield U v MK Dons, 29/10/16

19,699, Sheffield U v Port Vale, 15/10/16

Lowest Attendances

2,176, Rochdale v MK Dons, 20/8/16

2,211, Bury v AFC Wimbledon, 18/10/16

2,274, Rochdale v AFC Wimbledon, 27/8/16

LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2016/17

Pos	Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Scunthorpe United	17	11	4	2	37	16	21	37
2	Bradford City	17	8	8	1	26	14	12	32
3	Sheffield United	16	9	4	3	30	19	11	31
4	Bolton Wanderers	17	9	4	4	20	12	8	31
5	Peterborough United	17	7	5	5	27	19	8	26
6	Bristol Rovers	17	7	5	5	26	27	-1	26
7	Port Vale	17	7	4	6	22	25	-3	25
8	Northampton Town	17	6	6	5	28	25	3	24
9	Millwall	16	7	3	6	29	27	2	24
10	AFC Wimbledon	17	6	6	5	23	21	2	24
11	Rochdale	17	7	3	7	19	22	-3	24
12	Southend United	17	6	5	6	22	26	-4	23
13	Fleetwood Town	17	6	4	7	24	23	1	22
14	Walsall	16	5	7	4	21	22	-1	22
15	Charlton Athletic	16	4	8	4	18	17	1	20
16	Bury	17	6	2	9	25	29	-4	20
17	Gillingham	17	5	5	7	24	30	-6	20
18	Coventry City	17	4	7	6	15	18	-3	19
19	Swindon Town	17	5	4	8	19	23	-4	19
20	Oxford United	17	5	4	8	18	22	-4	19
21	Milton Keynes Dons	17	4	5	8	21	26	-5	17
22	Oldham Athletic	17	3	7	7	9	18	-9	16
23	Shrewsbury Town	17	3	5	9	18	29	-11	14
24	Chesterfield	17	3	3	11	17	28	-11	12

LEAGUE ONE ATTENDANCES 2016/17

TEAM	HIGHEST	LOWEST	AVERAGE
AFC Wimbledon	4826	4163	4577
Bolton	17486	12727	14668
Bradford	20972	16112	17910
Bristol R	10088	7805	9199
Bury	8007	2211	4181
Charlton	14460	8745	11045
Chesterfield	8451	4598	5935
Coventry	10296	7870	8902
Fleetwood	4004	2509	2986
Gillingham	8670	5079	6179
Millwall	9787	7898	8805
MK Dons	12340	7652	9429
Northampton	6908	5157	5991
Oldham	4394	2911	3581
Oxford	11042	6939	8367
Peterborough	9157	3964	5508
Port Vale	5605	3494	4412
Rochdale	6011	2176	3669
Scunthorpe	6243	3718	4417
Sheffield U	20495	17410	19295
Shrewsbury	5491	4314	5030
Southend	8141	5507	6602
Swindon	9023	6048	6868
Walsall	6719	3970	5089



ROCHDALE AFC 2016/17

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition	Res	Pts	Pos	Att	Away	Starting Players							
Sat 6 Aug	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	L 2-3	-	16	3243	718	Lillis	Rafferty	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	Camps (87)	CANNON
Tue 9 Aug	CHESTERFIELD (EFLC1)	W 3-1	-	-	1436	267	Lillis	Rafferty	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	McDermott (80)	CANNON
Sat 13 Aug	Sheffield United	D 1-1	1	16	19399	511	Lillis	Rafferty	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	McDermott	CANNON
Tue 16 Aug	Port Vale	L 0-1	1	21	3941	175	Lillis	Cannon (64)	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	McDermott (61)	Tanser
Sat 20 Aug	MILTON KEYNES DONS	L 0-1	1	22	2176	212	Logan	Cannon	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	Mendez-Laing (80)	Lund
Tue 23 Aug	Queens Park Rangers (EFLC2)	L 1-2	-	-	3928	211	Logan	Rafferty (78)	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	McDermott	LUND
Sat 27 Aug	AFC WIMBLEDON	D 1-1	2	23	2274	279	Logan	Cannon	McNulty	ALLEN	Canavan	McGahey	McDermott (46)	Lund
Sat 3 Sep	Oxford United	L 0-1	2	24	6939	232	Logan	Rafferty	McNulty	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	Mendez-Laing	Cannon
Tue 6 Sep	SUNDERLAND (CT1)	D 1-1	-	-	1184	235	Lillis	Rafferty	Tanser	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	Camps	Lund
Sat 10 Sep	Bristol Rovers	D 2-2	3	24	8057	137	Lillis	Rafferty	Tanser (46)	Allen	Canavan	McGahey	CAMPS (76)	Lund
Sat 17 Sep	FLEETWOOD TOWN	W 2-1	6	23	2499	299	Lillis	Vincenti	Bunney	Keane	McNulty	McGahey	Camps	LUND
Sat 24 Sep	Millwall	W 3-2	9	18	8143	228	Lillis	Thompson (61)	Bunney	Keane	Canavan	McGahey (45)	CAMPS	Lund
Tue 27 Sep	BOLTON WANDERERS	W 1-0	12	15	6011	3374	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Allen	Canavan	Keane	Camps	Lund
Sat 1 Oct	Charlton Athletic	W 1-0	15	11	14460	415	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Allen (56)	Canavan	Keane	Camps	Lund
Tue 4 Oct	NOTTS COUNTY (CT1)	W 2-1	-	-	1147	65	Lillis	Rafferty	Tanser	Cannon	Canavan	McGahey	Camps (50)	Morley
Sat 8 Oct	SOUTHEND UNITED	W 3-0	18	6	2600	222	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Cannon	CANAVAN	Keane	Camps	Morley
Sat 15 Oct	BURY*	W 2-0	21	4	5344	1780	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Camps	Canavan	Keane	MENDEZ-LAING (89)	Lund
Tue 18 Oct	Swindon Town	L 0-3	21	5	6048	149	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Camps	Canavan	Keane	Mendez-Laing (46)	Lund
Sat 22 Oct	Coventry City	L 0-2	21	9	8133	355	Lillis	Rafferty (58)	Bunney	Camps (67)	Canavan	Keane	Cannon	Lund
Sat 29 Oct	OLDHAM ATHLETIC*	W 1-0	24	6	5204	1995	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	Camps	Canavan	Keane	Cannon (71)	LUND
Sun 6 Nov	Maidstone United (FAC1)	D 1-1	-	-	2227	174	Lillis	Rafferty	Bunney	CAMPS	Canavan	McGahey	Cannon	Lund
Wed 9 Nov	Hartlepool United (CT1)	W 2-1	-	-	380	30	Lillis	Rafferty	Tanser	Morley	McGahey	McNulty	Thompson (56)	Cannon
Sat 12 Nov	Bradford City	L 0-4	24	10	18205	730	Lillis	Rafferty (62)	Bunney (69)	Camps	Canavan	Keane	Cannon	Morley
Tue 15 Nov	MAIDSTONE UNITED (FAC1r)	W 2-0	-	-	1350	132	Logan	Rafferty	Bunney	Camps	McGahey	McNulty	Cannon (45)	Mendez
Sat 19 Nov	SWINDON TOWN	H	3.00											
Tue 22 Nov	WALSALL	H	7.45											
Sat 26 Nov	Gillingham	A	3.00											
Sat 3 Dec	Carlisle United (FAC2)	A	3.00											
Tue 6 Dec	CHESTERFIELD (CT2)	H	7.30											
Sat 10 Dec	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	3.00											
Sat 17 Dec	Northampton Town	A	3.00											
Mon 26 Dec	CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00											
Fri 30 Dec	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	7.45											
Mon 2 Jan	Walsall	A	3.00											
Sat 7 Jan	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	3.00											
Sat 14 Jan	Southend United	A	3.00											
Sat 21 Jan	OXFORD UNITED	H	3.00											
Sat 28 Jan	AFC Wimbledon	A	3.00											
Sat 4 Feb	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00											
Sat 11 Feb	Fleetwood Town	A	3.00											
Tue 14 Feb	Bolton Wanderers	A	8.00											
Sat 18 Feb	MILLWALL	H	3.00											
Sat 25 Feb	Peterborough United	A	3.00											
Tue 28 Feb	PORT VALE	H	7.45											
Sat 4 Mar	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	3.00											
Sat 11 Mar	Milton Keynes Dons	A	3.00											
Tue 14 Mar	Scunthorpe United	A	7.45											
Sat 18 Mar	GILLINGHAM	H	3.00											
Sat 25 Mar	Chesterfield	A	3.00											
Sat 1 Apr	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3.00											
Sat 8 Apr	Shrewsbury Town	A	3.00											
Thu 13 Apr	Bury	A	7.45											
Mon 17 Apr	COVENTRY CITY	H	3.00											
Sat 22 Apr	Oldham Athletic	A	3.00											
Sun 30 Apr	BRADFORD CITY	H	12.00											

KEY

Home Games **BOLD CAPITALS**

Time of Substitution (45)

Player Booked

Player Sent Off

Goals scored eg **ANDREW 2**

* All ticket game

‡ Won 4-2 on pens

				Substitutes						
CANNON	Mendez-Laing (59)	HENDERSON	Bunney (56)	Andrew (56)	McDermott (59)	Odelusi (87)	Tanser	Morley	Barry-Murphy	Diba
CANNON	Andrew (90)	HENDERSON	Odelusi (68)	MENDEZ-LAING (68)	Thompson (80)	Bunney (90)	Camps	Tanser	Morley	Diba
CANNON (78)	Andrew	Henderson	Mendez-Laing (68)	Odelusi (68)	Camps (78)	Bunney	Thompson	Tanser	Morley	Logan
Tanser (58)	Andrew	Henderson	Mendez-Laing	Camps (58)	Odelusi (81)	Thompson (64)	Bunney	Tanser	Morley	Logan
Lund	Bunney (60)	Henderson	Thompson (68)	Andrew (60)	McDermott (68)	Davies (80)	Camps	Tanser	Odelusi	Lillis
LUND	Cannon (62)	Henderson	Thompson (63)	Mendez-Laing (62)	Davies (63)	Andrew (78)	Camps	Tanser	Odelusi	Lillis
Lund (37)	Davies (56)	Henderson	Mendez-Laing	Camps (46)	Andrew (56)	Odelusi (57)	Rafferty	Thompson	Tanser	Lillis
Cannon (67)	Davies (76)	Henderson	Odelusi (70)	McDermott (67)	Bunney (70)	Vincenti (76)	Tanser	Keane	Morley	Lillis
Lund (34)	Vincenti (64)	HENDERSON	Bunney	Mendez-Laing (61)	Davies (61)	Odelusi (82)	McNulty	McDermott	Keane	Logan
Lund	Vincenti (66)	HENDERSON	Bunney	McNulty (46)	Andrew (66)	Keane (76)	Davies	McDermott	Odelusi	Logan
LUND	McDermott (64)	Henderson (76)	Thompson (63)	DAVIES (63)	Odelusi (64)	Andrew (76)	Morley	Hollins	Barry-Murphy	Logan
Lund	ANDREW	HENDERSON	McDermott (52)	Rafferty (45)	Davies (52)	Odelusi (61)	Allen	Noble-Lazarus	Rathbone	Logan
Lund	Andrew	Henderson (27)	Thompson (81)	DAVIES (27)	Odelusi (81)	McGahey	McDermott	Noble-Lazarus	Rathbone	Logan
Lund	ANDREW	Davies (84)	Thompson (90)	McDermott (56)	Odelusi (84)	McGahey (90)	Noble-Lazarus	Rathbone	Morley	Logan
Morley	Thompson (46)	Odelusi	Noble-Lazarus (75)	DAVIES (46)	Rathbone (50)	Mendez-Laing (75)	McDermott	Barry-Murphy	Hollins	Logan
Morley (70)	ANDREW	Davies (90)	Thompson (19)	MENDEZ-LAING (19)	Rathbone (70)	Odelusi (90)	McDermott	McGahey	Noble-Lazarus	Logan
Lund	Andrew	Davies (69)	HENDERSON	Cannon (69)	Odelusi (90)	McDermott	McGahey	Morley	Rathbone	Logan
Lund (14)	Andrew	Davies (46)	Henderson	Cannon (46)	Rathbone (46)	Odelusi (64)	McDermott	McGahey	Morley	Logan
Lund	Andrew (78)	Rathbone	Henderson	Mendez-Laing (58)	Davies (67)	McDermott (78)	Odelusi	McGahey	Morley	Logan
LUND	Andrew	Davies (88)	Mendez-Laing (68)	Thompson (68)	Rathbone (71)	Odelusi (88)	McDermott	Morley	McNulty	Logan
Lund (34)	Davies	Rathbone (64)	Mendez-Laing (86)	McDermott (64)	McNulty (64)	Noble-Lazarus (86)	Morley	Tanser	Gillam	Logan
Cannon (90)	GILLAM	Rathbone	NOBLE-LAZARUS	Barry-Murphy (56, 77)	Mendez-Laing (60)	Bunney (77)	McDermott	Hollins	McCormack	Diba
Morley (48)	Davies	Thompson	Mendez-Laing	Noble-Lazarus (48)	McNulty (62)	McGahey (69)	Tanser	Gillam	Hollins	Logan
Mendez-Laing	DAVIES 2 (70)	Thompson	Noble-Lazarus (85)	Rathbone (45)	Tanser (70)	Morley (85)	Gillam	Hollins	Kemgn-Kuemo	Lillis

APPEARANCES & STATISTICS



CORRECT AT 18/11/16

Player	16/17 League		16/17 Other		Dale Career League		Dale Career Other		Dale Career Total		Overall Career Total	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Allen	9	1	3	-	107	10	15	-	122	10	122	10
Andrew	10(5)	3	1(1)	-	77	14	16	1	93	15	323	32
Barry-Murphy	-	-	(1)	-	66	1	11	-	77	1	434	15
Bunney	13(1)	-	3(2)	-	87	15	13	-	100	15	100	15
Camps	12(3)	2	4	1	61	8	12	1	73	9	73	9
Canavan	16	1	5	-	27	2	5	-	32	2	209	18
Cannon	10(2)	2	6	1	55	2	12	1	67	3	67	3
Collis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	-
Davies	8(5)	2	2(3)	3	13	2	5	3	18	5	313	62
Diba Musangu	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Gillam	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Henderson	13	4	3	2	153	53	19	3	172	56	451	90
Hooper	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	3	-
Keane	10(1)	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	11	-	399	10
Lillis	14	-	5	-	185	-	26	-	211	-	270	-
Logan	3	-	2	-	22	-	8	-	30	-	190	-
Lund	11	2	3	1	94	13	15	2	109	15	161	20
McDermott	5(5)	-	2(1)	-	47	2	9	1	56	3	133	12
McCahey	9(2)	-	7	-	11	-	7	-	18	-	60	-
McNulty	7(2)	-	4(1)	-	55	-	11	-	66	-	305	7
Mendez-Laing	10(2)	2	2(5)	1	45	9	10	4	55	13	192	26
Morley	2	-	2(1)	-	2	-	3	-	5	-	5	-
Noble-Lazarus	(1)	-	3(1)	1	30	2	9	2	39	4	92	7
Odelusi	1(12)	-	2(1)	1	13	-	3	1	16	1	54	6
Rafferty	12(1)	-	7	-	127	2	22	1	149	3	149	3
Rathbone	1(3)	-	2(2)	-	4	-	4	-	8	-	8	-
Tanser	2	-	3(1)	-	40	1	14	1	54	2	54	2
Thompson	7(2)	-	4(1)	-	156	15	21	2	177	17	230	22
Vincenti	2(1)	-	1	-	120	26	20	5	140	31	265	47

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ON SIDE



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AWARDS APPLAUSE

The divisional award winners have been announced for the month of October.

The accolade of 'League One Player of the Month' was awarded to Bolton striker Zach Clough (pictured), who scored five goals - a tally that contributed to half of his side's total for the month.

The 21-year-old hotshot has progressed through Bolton's youth system, having joined the club at eight years of age, and made his first team debut in style at 19, scoring the winning goal against Wigan in the FA Cup third round.

Last season, with Bolton locked in a relegation battle, Clough turned down a £2 million move to Bristol City stating he wanted to "stay at the club I love". His goals and his loyalty have made him a fan favourite at the Macron Stadium.

The 'League One Manager of the Month' was awarded to Bolton boss Phil Parkinson, who guided The Wanderers to five wins and into an automatic promotion spot.



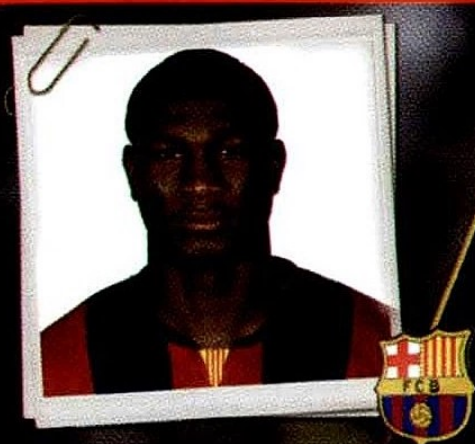
OLÉ MOSES, BARÇA PLAYER JOINS FLEETWOOD!

Fleetwood's new signing made his league debut last Saturday in The Cod Army's 2-1 defeat to Port Vale having joined the club from Barcelona.

Yes that's not a typo! Fleetwood manager Uwe Rosler has signed Nigerian defender Godswill Ekpolo (pictured) following him being released by the La Liga giants.

Ekpolo spent 11 years at Camp Nou, captaining the club's U21 side and then playing for the B team last season.

Despite never having played for the first team, the youngster should be considered a prospect having been schooled in the same B team that produced players such as striker Bojan Krkic of Stoke and winger Gerard Deulofeu, who plays for Everton.



TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

Sky Bet League One

AFC Wimbledon v Bury	Oxford U v Coventry C
Bolton W v Millwall	Scunthorpe U v Oldham A
Bristol R v MK Dons	Sheffield U v Shrewsbury T
Charlton A v Port Vale	Southend U v Bradford C
Fleetwood T v Chesterfield	Walsall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Peterborough U	

LOCO-MOTIVE FOR SHRIMPERS WIN

Southend striker Nile Ranger certainly had reason to celebrate following The Shrimpers 4-1 win at Bury last Saturday.

His brace of goals in the match ended a personal goal drought that stretched back an incredible 735 days to when Ranger scored for former club Blackpool in a Championship fixture versus Leeds United.

Rangers' two year drought is down more to his loss of game time than loss of form, but nevertheless he will be glad to be back scoring!

Manager Phil Brown's post-match comments were interesting for what he attributed the victory to - the train!

Brown told the assembled media that when Southend played Bolton earlier in the season, a 1-1 draw was down, he felt, to his players being leg weary after a seven hour coach trip on the motorway.

A change in travel arrangements for last Saturday's match saw the team catch the 11am departing train from London Euston to Manchester, arriving at Piccadilly at 1pm.

When asked by the press if that left their schedule to make a 3pm kick off a little tight, Brown commented: "Virgin were running perfectly for us. It narrows the day down to a 12 hour day as opposed to a 36/48 hour period of time.

"I've got some big boys in there, but after a seven hour journey you can't expect them to perform to their best, so hats off to Virgin today!"

Has he never heard of the dreaded 'leaves on the line' at this time of year crippling the train network?



OIL FIELDS OF DREAMS

Before Bolton's 1-0 defeat away to Peterborough last Sunday, an interesting news scoop by a journalist for The Sun claimed Wanderers are attracting shock interest from a Saudi Arabian group who want to buy the League One title chasers.

The journalist went on to say the Middle East investors have contacted a London-based lawyer to investigate the cost of taking over at the Macron Stadium.

In March of this year a takeover consortium of former player Dean Holdsworth and Ken Anderson saved the club from administration and potential liquidation. New cash injection is thought to be wanted to bankroll a bid to get back into the Premier League.

Two words spring to mind when I hear talk of Middle East buyers - Munto Finance! Readers may recall these fictitious sheikhs who bought Notts County when they were a League Two side in 2009, promised lavish spending on players to secure Premier League football within five years and installed former England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson (pictured) as manager, only to sell the club five months later saddled with £7 million of debts!

Beware Bolton, sometimes all that glitters is not black gold.



IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND

Oldham have made the brave move of slashing admission prices for fans to the lowest price in League One for a five-match trial to try to lure lapsed supporters back into the habit of attending games at Boundary Park.

The trial sees adult admission prices reduced to £15 (if tickets bought in advance) for all parts of the ground.

Disappointingly, the first trial game against AFC Wimbledon last Saturday saw a decrease of 538 paying supporters compared with their previous Saturday league game versus Bristol Rovers.

Some good news has been received by the rumoured cash-strapped club, however. Their FA Cup match at non-league opponents Lincoln City has been chosen as a live TV game, landing the club a £72,000 windfall for the inconvenience of moving the match to a Monday night.

FA Cup Round 2
 
Lincoln City
 v
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ANORAK'S CORNER



Ian Henderson has joined an exclusive group of Dale players this season.

With goals against Chesterfield in the EFL Cup and Sunderland in the Checkatrade Trophy, 'Hendo' has now scored for Dale in all four competitions the team take part in.

Before this season he had only found the net in the league and FA Cup, but he has now added two more to complete the set.

This means he is only the ninth Rochdale player to achieve such a scoring feat, as we now reveal in chronological order.

STEVE TAYLOR

L: 46
FAC: 5
EFLC: 3
EFLT: 2



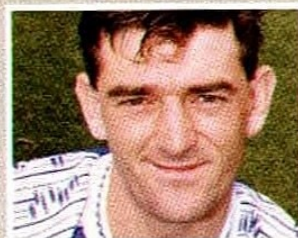
ANDY MILNER

L: 25
FAC: 1
EFLC: 5
EFLT: 2



STEVE WHITEHALL

L: 75
FAC: 3
EFLC: 4
EFLT: 10



MARK STUART

L: 41
FAC: 1
EFLC: 1
EFLT: 2



JOHN DEARY

L: 10
FAC: 3
EFLC: 1
EFLT: 1



CLIVE PLATT

L: 30
FAC: 5
EFLC: 1
EFLT: 1



KEVIN TOWNSON

L: 25
FAC: 1
EFLC: 3
EFLT: 1



GRANT HOLT

L: 37
FAC: 5
EFLC: 1
EFLT: 2



IAN HENDERSON

L: 51
FAC: 1
EFLC: 1
EFLT: 1



Unfortunately, we are still waiting for someone to score in the four main competitions *and the play-offs...*

PLAYING AWAY

On Saturday 22nd October, I have to confess we didn't follow Dale to Coventry (maybe as well given the result) but instead went a little further east to see Nottingham Forest against Cardiff City in the Championship.

This was partly to visit some friends who live near Nottingham and partly to help with my slow progress towards seeing a game at all 92 league clubs. Number 75 in fact, so 17 to go.

Our match experience was interesting in a number of ways. Firstly, our friend JD is quite badly incapacitated following a series of strokes; the Forest staff were just brilliant with us. Their Mobility Coordinator chose the easiest seats for us to reach, personally met us and escorted us to them via a lift and the stewards were wonderful in helping JD up and down the few remaining steps.

At a time when football gets so much bad press it was uplifting to be treated so well and we have emailed Forest to thank them.

As for the game, it made a fascinating contrast with our fortnightly stints at the Dale. Being in a much larger crowd (around 16,500) and at some distance above the pitch makes the game seem somewhat more remote. I tell friends that one of the pleasures of being at the Crown Oil Arena is that when you shout at players or officials they can often hear you – and on some occasions have been known to respond!

I always imagine that managers and

coaches sitting in dugouts must get the worst possible view of the pitch. I seem to remember in the early Hillcroft days how David Flitcroft would often spend the first half of games in the far corner of the away stand and correspond with KH by phone. This seemed to me a hugely sensible way of getting a fuller view of the game.

On the other hand I can see that being in the dugout makes communication with players possible and also that fans often like to see their manager animated on the touchline – as indeed Neil Warnock was (see later).

Watching Forest from relatively high up gave me less sense of real involvement in the match, but a fascinating tactical view. I was once taken to the Bernabeu to watch Real Madrid and we sat in the fifth tier of what is an extremely steeply banked stadium. The match seemed a million miles away, but, from our bird's eye view of the players' positions, you could sometimes see goals coming well before they were actually scored.

It's also entertaining to watch and listen to the crowd when you're not much involved in who wins. The man screaming for a free-kick or penalty when, as an impartial observer, you can see clearly there was no foul – well at Rochdale I know that would be us, just as incensed by an apparent miscarriage of justice – and sometimes just as wrong!

The standard of play didn't seem to me to be vastly different from League One. Both teams were near the foot of the Championship table at the time and Barnsley in particular have so far made a fairly successful upward transition.

But it was interesting to see how incredibly motivated Cardiff were, this being Neil Warnock's third game in charge. If you want a short-term boost he can clearly make a phenomenal difference (though he never stays anywhere long).

Forest, by contrast, seemed slow and almost resigned once the first Cardiff goal went in; the 2-1 defeat flattered them.

Finally, it was good to renew acquaintance (so-to-speak) with two players. Rickie Lambert, still for me one of the two or three most skilful players I've ever seen play for Dale, strolled around the Forest half for 20 minutes or so, before disappointingly being hurt challenging the goalkeeper and was carried off on a stretcher. Good to see he's already back playing.

Cardiff had Anthony Pilkington up front, still a really speedy and dangerous proposition, although he missed one of the sitters of the season.

Lots of Dale fans will remember him from our game at Huddersfield during our first League One stint when he suffered what at the time felt, looked and sounded like the most horrible injury I've ever seen in a completely fair challenge with Joe Widdowson.

I thought Pilkington's foot had come off at first and it was 20 minutes before he was carried off and another year, I think, before he played again. Widdowson was distraught and it's good to know Pilkington's career has not just revived, but actually taken him briefly to the Premier League with Norwich.

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JOSHUA MCCORMACK

Rochdale's youngest-ever signing, Joshua McCormack, was in the squad for the Checkatrade Trophy match at Hartlepool United last week.



The five-year-old, who is suffering from a terminal brain tumour, was named by Keith Hill as one of Dale's seven substitutes for the match at Victoria Park. He was given squad number 55.

Sadly, Joshua was too poorly to attend the game, but his shirt hung proudly in the dressing room before the match and took pride of place on the substitutes'

bench. His name also appeared on the teamsheet.

Hill commented: "It was a real honour to name Joshua McCormack as a substitute for tonight's game.

"He has touched the hearts of everyone at Rochdale Football Club since we met him for the first time back in February.

"No child should have to go through what Joshua is going through and we, as a club and a group of players, will continue to do whatever we can to support him and his family.

"We hope this one small gesture can bring some light to his family during this difficult time."

Joshua is currently being cared for at Derian House Children's Hospice and Hill, his backroom staff and the players, visited the young Dale fan there the day after the 2-1 win at Hartlepool.

They presented Joshua and his family with his matchday shirt and an official teamsheet, as well as his very own junior Dale shirt which was signed by all of the players.

During the visit, Joshua joined the players on a tour of the Hospice so they could learn first-hand about the wonderful facilities they have there.

Situated in Chorley, Derian House provides palliative, specialist respite and



end of life care for children and young adults throughout the North West region. The care and support they provide costs in excess of £3.75 million a year, with less than 9% of the funding coming from central government.

Joshua, who is from Rochdale, was diagnosed with a brain tumour last year and his family were given the devastating news at the end of September that his illness is now terminal.

Since diagnosis, Rochdale Football Club has supported the family where possible. In February, the players presented Joshua and his Mum with a cheque to help towards a fundraising campaign for treatment, whilst the youngster was mascot for the day when Dale faced MK Dons in August.

It was a real honour and very a humbling experience to visit Joshua at the hospice and it was fantastic to be able to raise his spirits during the visit. We continue to send our love and well wishes to Joshua and his family.



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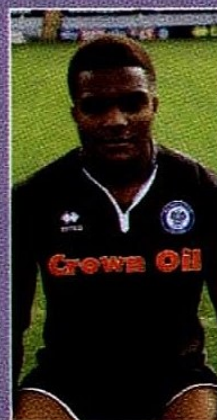
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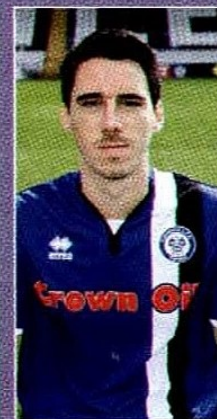
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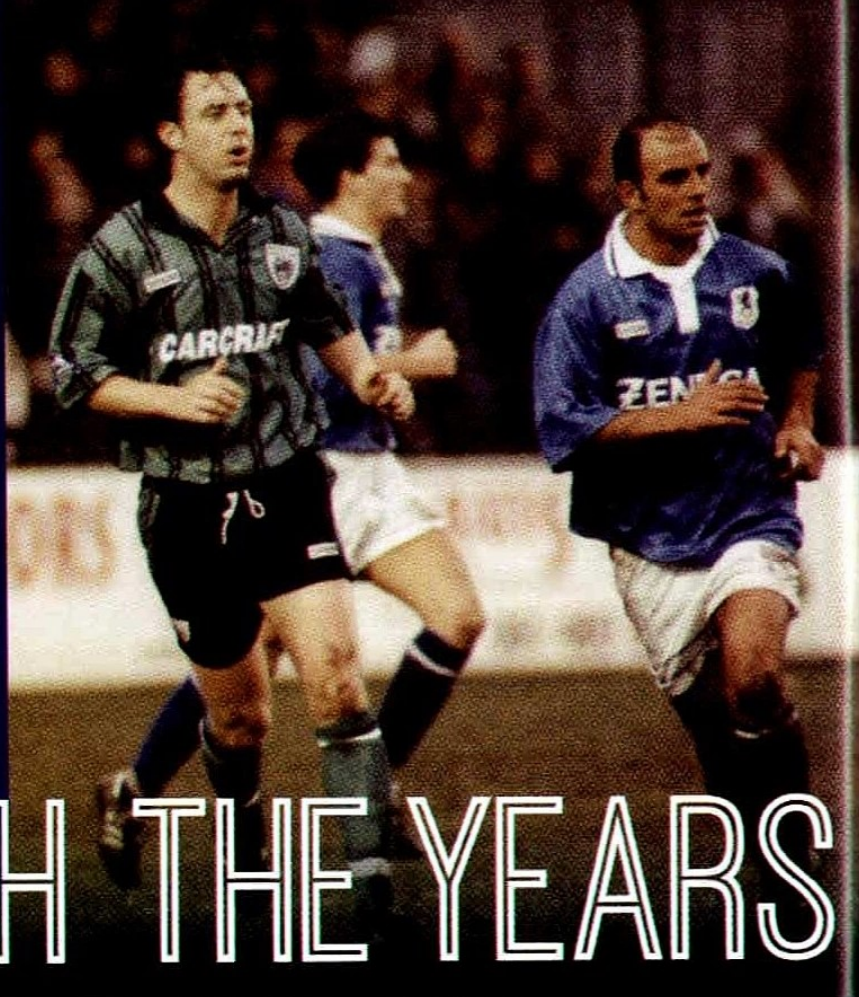
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YEARS AGO

Keith Hill
keeps his eye
on
Macclesfield's
Phil Power 20
years ago

NOVEMBER 1996

THROUGH THE YEARS



DALE SEE OFF THE NON-LEAGUE BIG BOYS

**Macclesfield Town 0
Rochdale 2**

Division Three

Dale put their league woes behind them to pick-up an easier-than-expected FA Cup win at Macclesfield.

Graham Barrow's lads were still looking for their first away success of the season in Division Three, while The Silkmen were second in the Conference.

Dale had also suffered several poor results against non-league sides over the years and they travelled to the Moss Rose as outsiders in many onlookers' eyes.

However, Dale showed their Football League class in this game and their passage to round two was never seriously tested.

An early goal would settle any nerves and it arrived in the tenth minute.

Mark Stuart did well to work his way to the byline, Macclesfield failed to clear properly and John Deary hammered the loose ball into the net.

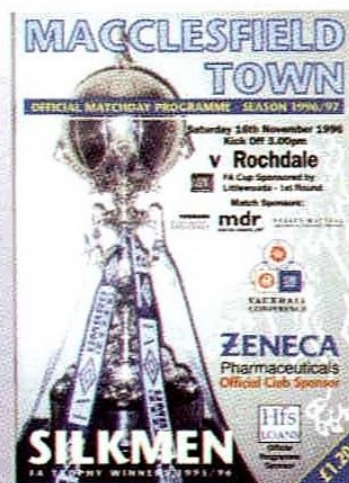
Just after the half-hour mark, Dale doubled their lead to effectively end the contest.

A high ball was swung over from the left and Alan Johnson rose above everyone else to glance a header into the bottom corner.

Rochdale: Gray, Fensome, Farrell, Johnson, Hill, Gouck, Deary, Painter, Leonard, Whitehall, Stuart

Att: 3,134

Referee: RD Fumandiz (Doncaster)



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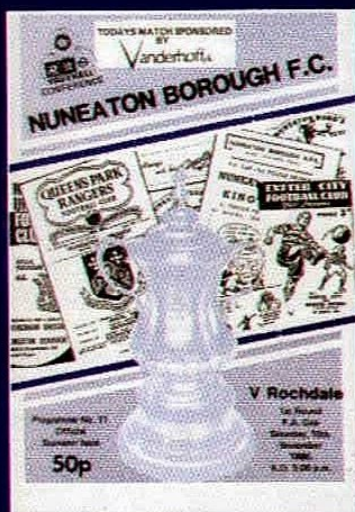
SWINDON were 3-0 winners over Barnsley in a First Division game at the County Ground. Mark Walters, Ty Gooden and Steve Finney netted the goals in the second half.

THROUGH THE YEARS

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NOVEMBER
1986



**Nuneaton Borough 0
Rochdale 3**

FA Cup

JUST THE TICKET

Dale forgot their poor league form and position to ease into the second round of the FA Cup.

Their last two FA Cup ties against non-league opposition in Altrincham and Telford had ended in embarrassing defeats and Dale fans travelled to the Midlands fearful of Vic Halom's men becoming another scalp.

But by half-time, Dale had one foot in round two and soon added a third goal to conform their progress.

Robbie Wakenshaw opened the scoring with a rare header after Nuneaton failed to take one of many opportunities to clear the ball.

Former Dale defender Everton Carr struck a shot against the post for the home side, before Neil Mills rounded-off a good move to make it 2-0.

Seven minutes after the interval Ian Johnson scored after being set-up by Mills and Dale were in round two.

Rochdale: Redfern, Johnson, Grant, Smart, Bramhall, C Hudson, Reid, McHale, Mills, Conning, Wakenshaw

Att: 3,586

Referee: D Hutchinson (Harrogate)

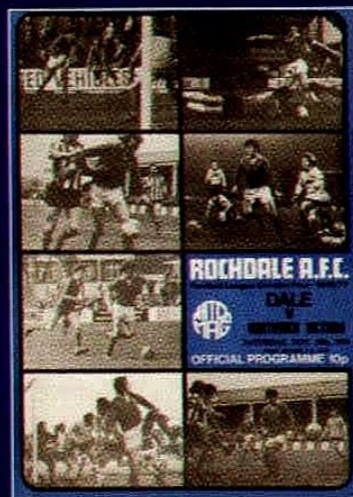


SWINDON were 4-0 winners over Farnborough, in a tie played at the County Ground even though Town were originally drawn as the away team. Peter Coyne, Bryan Wade, Jimmy Gilligan and Mark Gardiner were the scorers.

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NOVEMBER
1976



**Rochdale 1
Northwich Victoria 1**

FA Cup

DALE PRODUCE THE BEST - AND WORST - IN FACUP CLASH

Dale took a break from their impressive league form, but they were held to a disappointing home draw by Northwich Victoria in the FA Cup.

Pre-match promises were that Dale would make their fans forget FA Cup losses to the likes of Bangor and Grantham in the 1970s, but instead they produced an inconsistent performance that allowed their Northern Premier League visitors to earn a deserved replay.

Vics were a dogged, determined side who gave Dale little encouragement that it would be an easy afternoon.

Dale eventually took the lead early in the second half through Dave Helliwell, who was quickest to react when Nigel O'Loughlin's shot was blocked.

Northwich equalised when Frank Corrigan dispossessed Alan Tarbuck before sliding the ball across for Albie Nieman to score.

Dale: Poole, Hallows, Lacey, Boslem, Summerscales, O'Loughlin, Melledew, Helliwell, Whelan, Mullington, Tarbuck

Att: 3,641

Referee: N Midgley (Salford)



SWINDON enjoyed a much better FA Cup afternoon as they thrashed Bromley 7-0 at the County Ground. There were two goals each for Dave Syrett, David Moss and Trevor Anderson, after Ray McHale had opened the scoring.

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Catching up with...

TONY COLLINS

Tom Webster caught up with former Dale player-manager Tony Collins ...



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This is a far cry from football today where many players have everything done for them, even in the lower leagues. But when Tony Collins was paving his way into the professional game, things were completely different.

Collins really is a man who has done it all. Being told he needed to enlist for the army during the Second World War was understandably a scary time for his family. Tony's dad used to say, "Why doesn't Churchill send his own son?"

Tony ended up being stationed in Italy where he played football for the army team. There were scouts watching them play and even though Tony was courted by Italian club Padova, it was Sheffield Wednesday for whom he signed when he left the army.

He had spells with Wednesday and Crystal Palace, as well as time with Watford. Whilst playing for The Hornets he was watched by the then England manager, Walter Winterbottom, although

he never received a call-up.

The game that Winterbottom decided to attend was played on a pitch like a mud bath and players were ankle deep in mud, conditions in which no footballer could show their true talents.

As it was, there were no further visits from the England manager and subsequently there was no call-up.

Collins signed for Dale in 1959 and moved his family to Edenfield Road. "It was time to settle in somewhere because of the age of the children," he said and settle in he did.

Manager Jack Marshall left for Blackburn Rovers and all the players kept on at Collins to apply for the position.

After a chat with Marshall, Tony applied for the job and was given the opportunity of being player-manager. This actually made him the first-ever black manager in the Football League.

"It was good for me knowing that the players were all behind me, but it was also good for them as they knew what they were getting with me and that also gave them security," he recalled.

Collins described the Rochdale pitch as "not bad, but there was a slope" and that the changing rooms were "difficult for the opposition".

There was also a real struggle with the floodlights on a windy night as they swayed in the wind!

Finances were extremely tight, but this wouldn't stop Collins. "There was an occasion when we had no balls for training, so I actually went down to the sports warehouse and bought a ball with my own money," he told us.

In fact, Tony said that a local school where he coached children had more footballs than the club!

Collins also recalls the team's kit, saying: "Our kit was black and white stripes, which looked dull where the two colours had run, white shorts and red

socks. We had red socks because they were cheaper than black!

"We did eventually get a new kit and I felt that that this was important as we more looked professional."

Things that were similar about the club back then compared to now were that they had to find a player for cheap and work with what they had.

Tony did this successfully with players such as David Cross and, most notably, the great Reg Jenkins, who cost £2,300. This was the highest transfer that Collins ever paid for a player as manager of Rochdale.

The one that got away, however, was George Graham. He became available for £6,000 and Tony went to the board to ask for the funds.

"Freddie Radcliffe, who was a good chairman, was always great and said 'Yes, let's do it'. However, he couldn't get the other board members to agree to the transfer."

Without doubt the greatest achievement for Tony whilst he was manager at Rochdale was getting to the League Cup Final in 1962 when we were runners-up to Norwich City. Collins to this day is still the only Rochdale manager to take us to a major final, which he says made him "very proud" and rightly so!

After leaving Dale, Tony had a very successful career working in assistant manager and scouting roles for and with characters such as Don Revie, Brian Clough (in his infamous 44 days at Leeds United) and also Sir Alex Ferguson.

Whilst working at Bristol City he drove the length of the United Kingdom scouting players whilst still living in Rochdale.

When asked if the travelling was difficult, Collins simply said "It's not difficult if you love the game," which is a statement any real football fan can relate to!

THE DESERT DALE FAN

Dale Supporter DYLAN PEACOCK brings us his views from the Middle East...

The fireworks were set off weeks ago. The bonfire has long since been put out. The nights are drawing shorter. It's time to for the yearly search for the football scarf. The neighbours might even have their Christmas tree up. The clocks have gone back. Winter is more or less upon us, even if it is still November.

For me in Kuwait, this means that all of the English football matches are now suddenly kicking off later into the evening and the short winter nights! Kuwait does not observe daylight saving and so the change in the English time means that everything shifts an hour later in Kuwait because England's clocks have moved back an hour and the time is earlier. Got that? Good.

As someone living in the Middle East who follows both local football as well as the game back in England, I have gained more knowledge and a feeling for the internationalism of football.

I don't mean the idea of international teams, but the idea of players, supporters and anyone involved in the sport travelling abroad and around the world to ply their trade or follow their team. I'd say that I am an 'internationalist' football fan - I'm following football in multiple countries at the same time!

Today, I'm going to talk about internationalism and the idea of football players. As an English fan following football in the Middle East, it is natural to look out for English players plying their trade over here; alas, none spring to mind.

Of course, the same happens in reverse too, I look out for Middle Eastern players who play for English (or British) clubs. And there have been some pretty good, well-known ones.

"You might be wondering as to why I'm going off on a tangent and discussing footballers from faraway lands and their impact upon the English game"

Mohamed Salah, formerly of Chelsea, is an Egyptian international, whilst a bit closer to home, Omani international Ali Al-Habsi played in goal for (my once-local team) Wigan Athletic.

What I'm saying is that whilst there have been, and still of course are, footballers from Middle Eastern nations playing in

England, most seem to have worn the colours of a 'top' team, rather than one of the quality which Dale might face on a week-to-week basis.

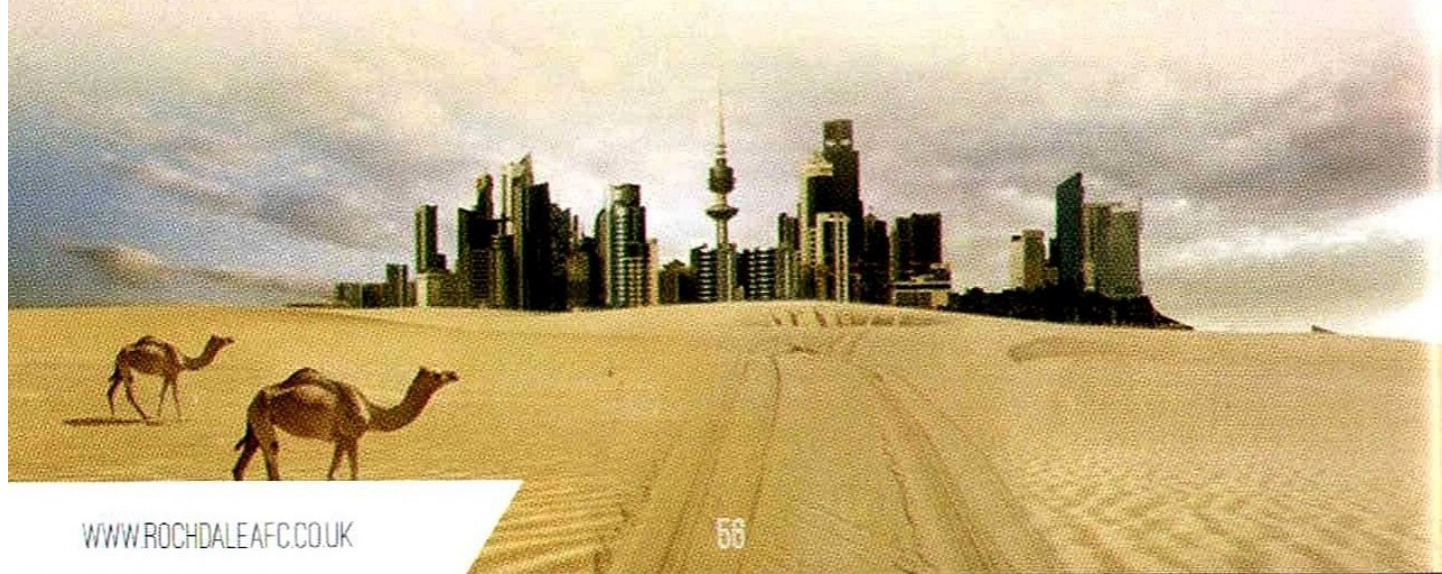
You might be wondering as to why I'm going off on a tangent and discussing footballers from faraway lands and their impact upon the English game.

Maybe our visitors from Wiltshire have gathered why I have chosen a match against their team to write this article. Or maybe not. Either way, I will explain.

I am discussing this today because of the fact that Swindon Town possess in their ranks a Middle Eastern footballer, one of the few, maybe the only one who is currently playing in League One. That man? 2015 Iraqi footballer of the year, Yaser Kasim.

It isn't often that there is a link between a Dale match and the Middle East, but this might well be one of the few occasions where the result of a match at the Crown Oil Arena is followed in the Middle East by more than a handful of expatriate Dale supporters!

To summarise, there is lots of footballing talent over here in the Middle East, which could greatly enrich the English game. It just needs to be noticed by the wider world...



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His father has been quoted "God willing one day he might play for the Dale!"



My name is Xavier Harris and I am five-years-old. I love football, playing football and watching my favourite team, Rochdale. I also enjoy swimming and playing on my Xbox.

I didn't know that I was going to be a mascot today - it was special treat for me and my family as my Daddy is very poorly. My Mummy and Daddy's friends arranged it for us and I can't wait for my Mum and Dad to watch me walk out onto the pitch today with my favourite team.

BIRTHDAY TREAT

Ralph Ambrose lives in Norden with his mum, dad and little brother Rubens.

He loves football and currently plays for Bridge FC as a tough-tackling defender.

Ralph attends Whittaker Moss Primary School and has lots of friends there, many of whom are celebrating his birthday with him today.



HALF-TIME CHALLENGE MATCH

The popular half-time entertainment at the match today features Tonaccliffe Primary School, Whitworth up against St Gabriel's Primary School, Castleton.

As always, please get behind these excited players and gave them a day to remember.

At the local derby against Oldham Athletic, we witnessed a classic encounter between our Ladies Under-11s and St Joseph's Primary School, Shaw which resulted in a 3-2 victory for our girls with a hat-trick from Ellie Fergus.

All the players enjoyed their day out immensely, especially with the result for Rochdale as well.



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For our recent visit to Manchester Futsal arena, all players were picked into mixed teams for the first time, between them winning two, drawing one and losing two.

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PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS AT ROCHDALE FC

We were set to run our first Friday evening session last night at Soccer Factory from 5.00-7.00pm.

There is no cost to play 5-a-sides for two hours every week through funding through the Premier League Community Foundation.

The offer is open to anyone aged 12 years and over.

We are also giving away complimentary tickets for Dale home matches.

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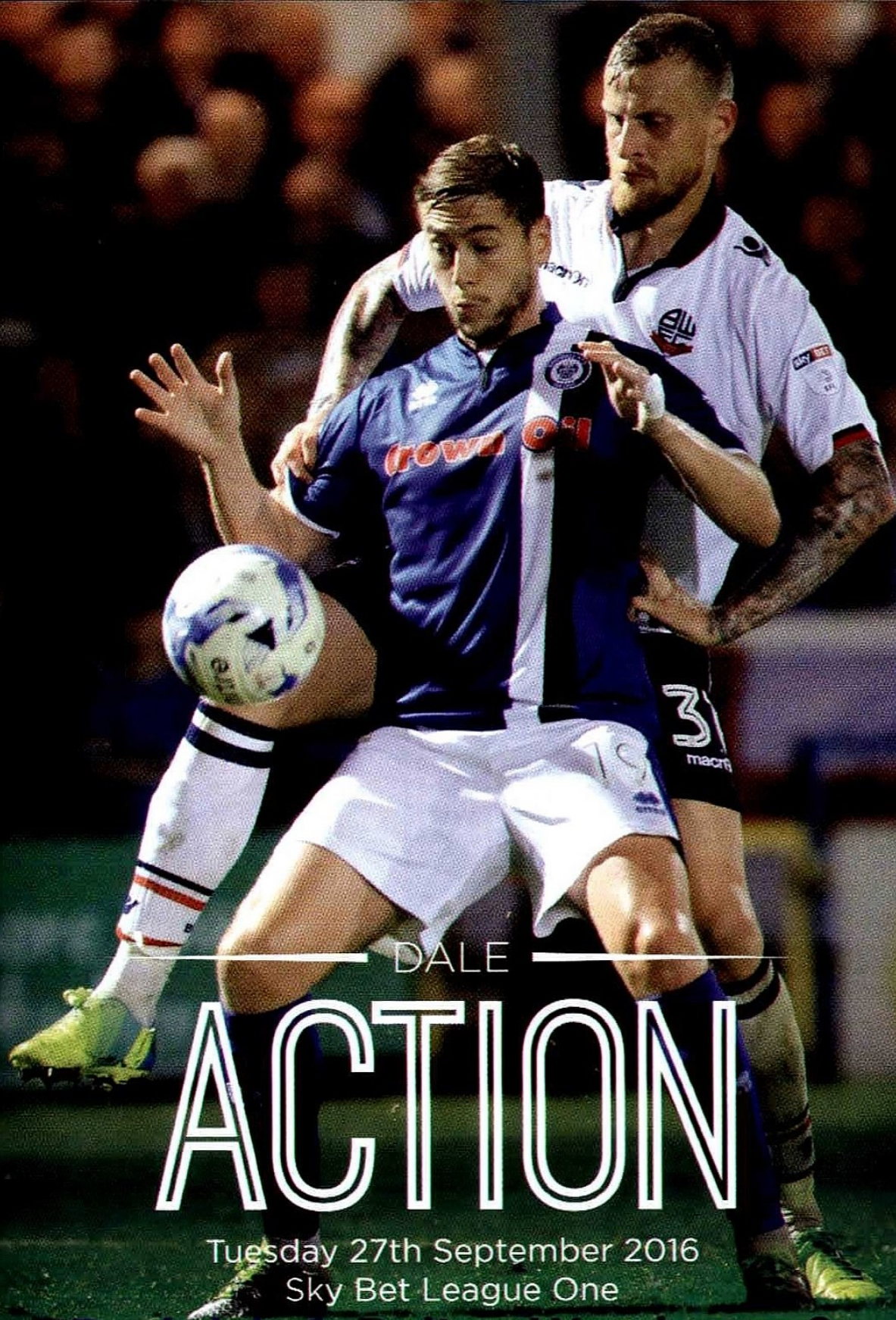
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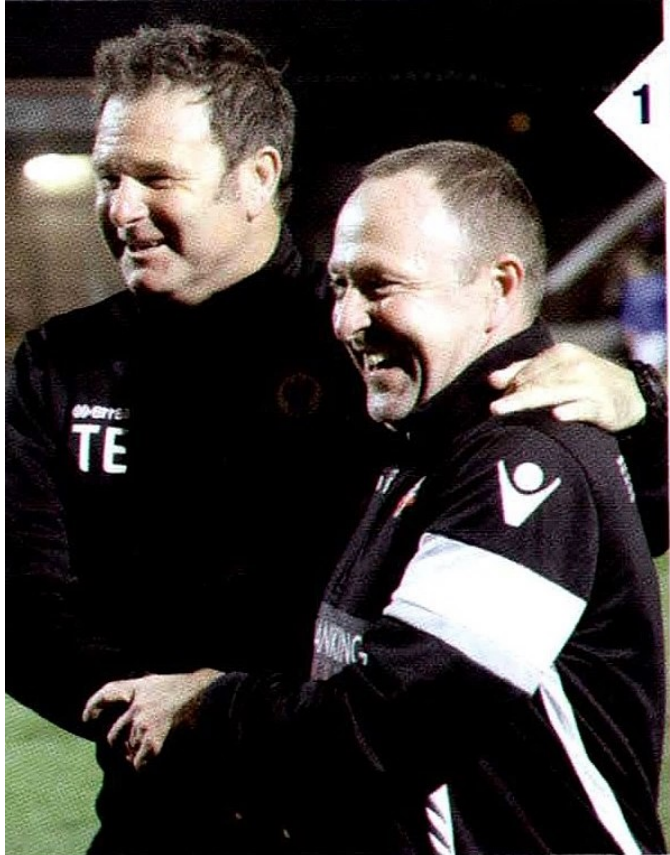
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Tuesday 27th September 2016
Sky Bet League One

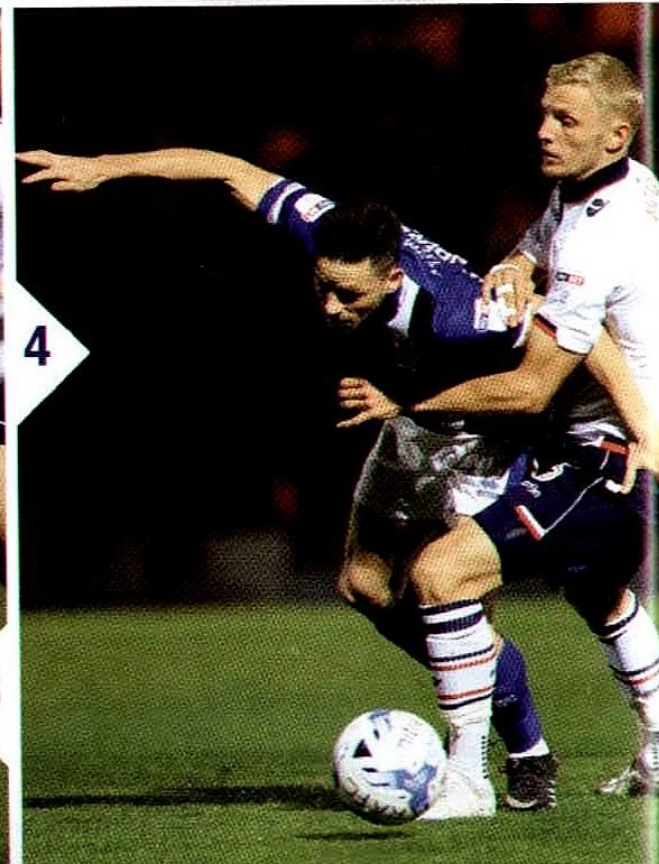
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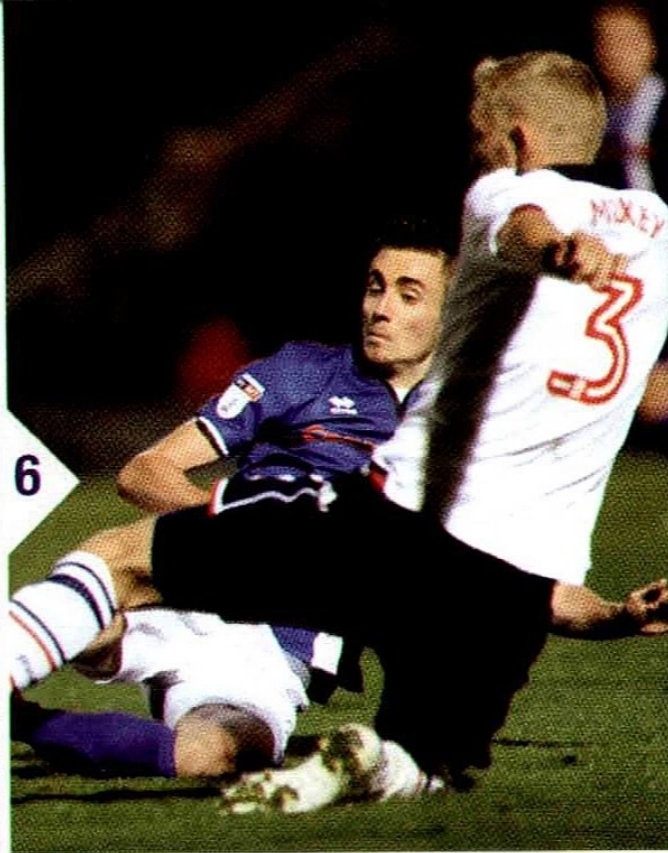




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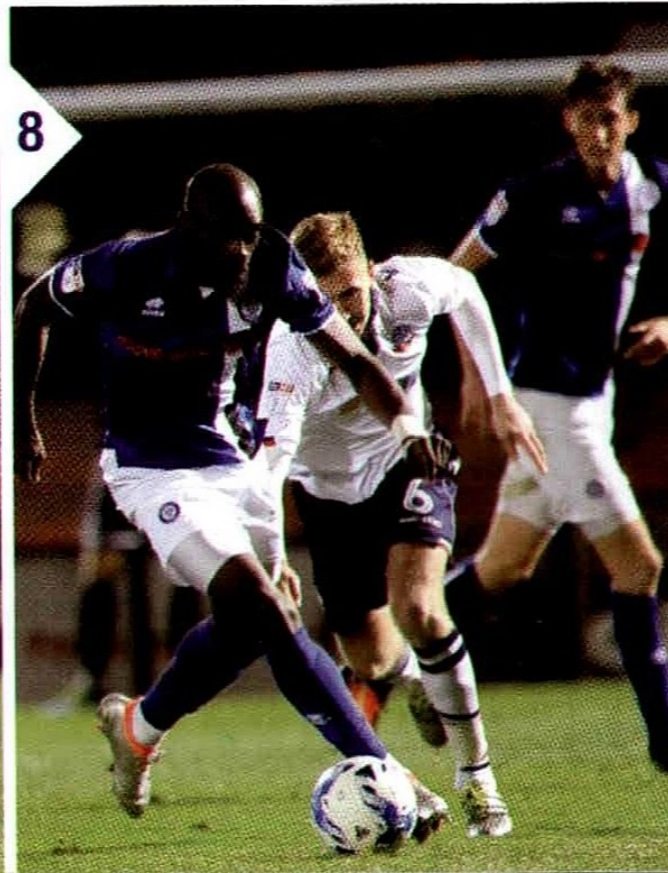


- 1 **Tony Ellis** shares a joke with Steve Parkin, the man who brought him to Rochdale
- 2 **Callum Camps** gets away from Liam Trotter
- 3 **Jamie Allen** has his ankle tapped by David Wheeler
- 4 **Ian Henderson** is stopped in his tracks by Dean Moxey
- 5 **Calvin Andrew** struggles to force his way round Liam Trotter
- 6 **Matty Lund** and Dean Moxey slide in for a 50-50 challenge
- 7 **Joe Bunney** wins the ball from Sammy Ameobi
- 8 **Sanmi Odelusi** gets away from Josh Vela

Pictures by Daniel Youngs

Keith Hill

"It was a really tight encounter, but I thought we played well and I think we defended well. We didn't look under any major threat too many times and I thought we managed the game quite well."



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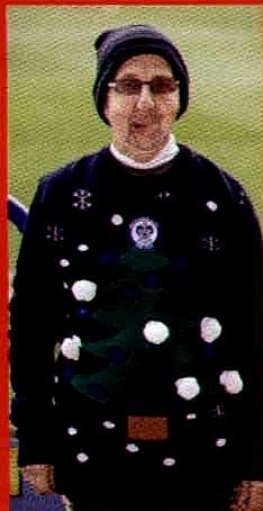
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Look out for Callum, who will be three next April and is today's mascot. He will have the honour of leading the teams out onto the pitch and presenting the matchball. Good luck Callum!

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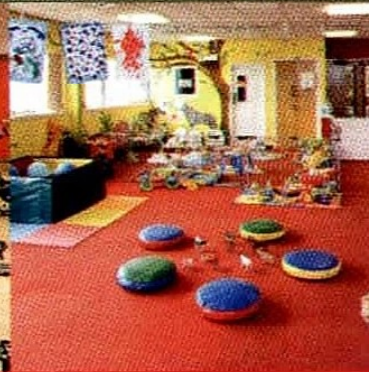
Matty Lund receives the Man of the Match award from Crown Oil following the 1-0 win over Oldham.

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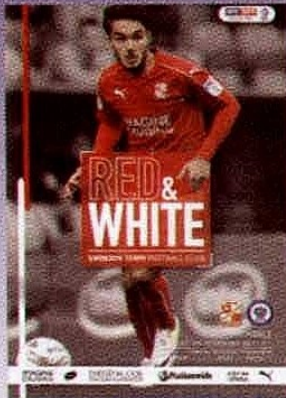


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TRAVELLERS



Tuesday 18th October 2016
Sky Bet League One
SWINDON TOWN 3
ROCHDALE 0



This week Travellers Tales will be a little different. We will not start from Rochdale, but from South Wales.
Yes, you've got it. This is The Exiles report.

The Travellers:

Mike and Chris (Mike's son), plus teenagers Megan, Isobel and Oliver
Departure Time: 6.00pm (from South Wales)

Mode of Transport: Car

Each year we look forward to the fixture list when it is published in the middle of June and whilst most Dale fans will drool over the first home game, us Exiles from South Wales seek out the Bristol, Swindon and Oxford dates to pencil in our diaries for an 'away day' not too far from home.

One of the disadvantages of living down here is the scarcity of league football. Whereas Rochdale has around 10 Football League teams within a half-hour drive, where we live there is only Newport, Cardiff and Bristol – and two of those are at the bottom of their respective divisions!

However, when The Dale were League Two it was easy to snatch a trip (incognito of course) on the Newport Supporters Club coach and get a ride to Spotland and back almost from the doorstep. Cheltenham was also an easily accessible venue.

The following season Dale were promoted to League One and we had Bristol City and Yeovil on our list, but by the end of that season they both exited League One in opposite directions,

although Bristol Rovers' promotion replaced the absence of Bristol City.

So an away day at Swindon is one of the key dates for us, providing the thrill of navigating the 'Magic Roundabouts' which appear to have characterised the Swindon roads network over the last couple of decades.

NOT GLAD ALL OVER

On our first visit, Dale were victorious with a last minute strike making it 3-2, but last season we lost 2-1, primarily due to John O'Sullivan being sent-off and thus playing with ten for most of the game.

One thing that really galls me about Swindon is the 'Glad All Over' tune that the PA system belches out each time

Town score.

I would dearly like to take a megaphone and sing "Sad All Over" for the benefit of the Swindon fans when Dale score, but I don't think I would be allowed in with one of those and if I used it, I would probably have an early escort out of the ground!

BRIDGE BUILDING

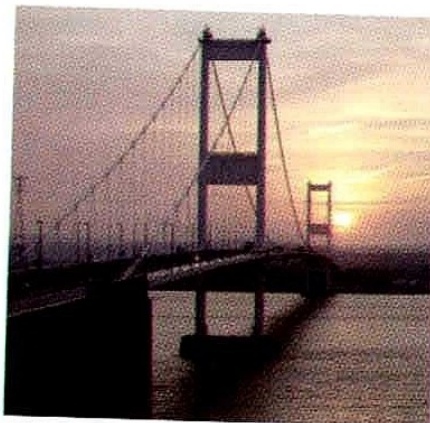
Since this was a Tuesday evening match we planned an early 6pm start, with a three-generation party comprising Mike and Chris (Mike's son), as well as teenagers Megan, Isobel and Oliver.

With Dale being fourth from the top having won their last five games and Swindon sitting fifth from the bottom not having won any of their last five games, we were quite optimistic.

Not long after setting off, the teenagers in the back seat tucked into their packed evening meal, whilst Chris did the driving and Mike did the navigating. That arrangement worked well until we hit the Magic Roundabout!

Our route was very straightforward once over the beautiful Old Severn Bridge in the evening sunshine. This was constructed (as a celebration?) in the year of England's World Cup victory.

From there we joined the M4 across a very flat countryside for about 45



Which way to Swindon?

TALES

miles eastwards towards Swindon. Traffic was moderately heavy, but nothing like the M62 would have been at that time of day.

When we reached the Wiltshire border it was rather quiet. Our sat-nav had suggested exiting the M4 somewhat earlier than we did, since we preferred the advice offered on the Swindon website which proved to be very easy to follow.

"HAS ANYONE SEEN A PROGRAMME SELLER?"

On previous occasions we have parked on the cricket ground behind the stadium, but spotting its location in the dark whilst navigating the "Magic Roundabouts" presented a bit of a challenge

Fortunately, observant teenager Oliver remembered the way from our last visit and soon we were back on track, parking up just after 7 o'clock.

Swindon is a no-cash-at-the-turnstiles ground, so the preliminaries involved obtaining tickets from the visitors' ticket kiosk which, sensibly, is conveniently situated close to the stand that accommodates visitors.

We didn't see any programme sellers, but were assured by the stewards that they would be hawking their wares in the stands. They didn't.

ROBIN'S NEST

We were the early arrivals and were located in the Arkells Stand, which is situated on one side of the pitch, covering the final third of the playing area towards the scoreboard end.

The County Ground is large compared with Spotland and so even with a 6,000 gate, the place still looked sparsely populated. After we took our seats we counted just 42 in the Don Rogers Stand opposite.

The pre-match 'entertainment' consisted of music blaring out from the PA system and we were treated to a rendition of 'Rockin' Robin', the 1958 hit song which I hadn't heard for years.

Then an enormous hen with a grotesque beak made an appearance walking round the pitch, which made me question what it was supposed to be.

Chris deduced that it was in fact a Robin – the club mascot. Then it clicked – the relationship between the music and the mascot; Swindon's nickname is The Robins!

DEFINITELY NOT GLAD ALL OVER

Whilst the home stands filled up a bit later, there was still not much noise from that direction when the game started.

Contrast that with the very vocal 'Pearl Street Gang' who let everybody know which team we were supporting!

And so it continued during the early stages of the game when Dale seemed to be teasing their opponents and not much play entered our defensive half.

However, midway through the first half, our enthusiastic chanting was not quite as enthusiastic.

When you go in at half-time two down, miss a penalty and have a player sent-off in the second period, you get the impression that this was going to be rather like a bad day at the office.

And when 'Glad All Over' was belted out from the PA system for the third time, several Dale supporters made their way to the exit.

R17 GETS A MENTION...

The route back to the M4 was very straightforward and it gave me time to think.

GLAD ALL OVER THE DAVE CLARK FIVE



No, we really weren't!

One thing that always intrigues me when travelling by road is the imaginative personalised number plates that can be spotted.

Leaving the ground we travelled behind N 5TFC which, no doubt, belonged to a Swindon Town supporter. It's bit like R17ALE, which was still probably garaged in Rochdale on this occasion. Quaint, isn't it?

From the M4, we returned back again via the Severn Bridge. It costs nothing to leave England, but we have to fork out a £6.60 bridge toll to get back into Wales. Strange logic.

However, looking on the bright side, Dale still occupied a place in the play-off positions and we didn't have a four hour trek to get back home.

Before the Supporters Club coach would have reached Birmingham, we were all home enjoying our supper.

Three things we learned from this trip:-

1. Don't always trust a sat-nav.
2. Buy a programme outside the ground, preferably before the game.
3. League table positions mean nothing until the last day of the season.

Here's to the next time. It's just got to get better.

Many thanks to Mike Commins for stepping into the Travellers Tales breach for this game.

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Saturday 26th November 2016

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Sky Bet League One



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BY ROAD

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Follow the M25 clockwise, passing over the Dartford Crossing, before leaving at junction 2 (s/p London, Canterbury A2, M2). Take the A2/M2 to junction 4, where you leave for the A278 towards Gillingham, going straight across two roundabouts.

At the third roundabout turn left onto the A2 towards Gillingham town centre. At the traffic light junction with the A231, turn right into Nelson Road and passing the small bus station, take a right turn into Gillingham Road. The ground is down on your right.

BY RAIL

Despite the distance involved, getting to Gillingham by train is actually quite straightforward.

The ground is about a ten minute walk from Gillingham Railway Station, which is served by trains from London Victoria (every 15 mins), Charing Cross (every 30 mins), St Pancras and Stratford International (both located on the same line, every 30 mins). It is worth noting that the quickest trains leave from St Pancras (journey time around 45 mins) and Stratford International (journey time 37 mins).

To get to the ground, turn left out of the station and follow the road until you come to a crossroads. Go straight on into Priestfield Road. The visitors' turnstiles are at the far end of this road.

BY COACH

The club have put on a coach to Priestfield Stadium. It will leave Littleborough Railway Station (7.15am), Rochdale Town Hall (7.30am) and the Crown Oil Arena (8.00am). The fare is £29.

Seats can be booked in the Club Shop or by calling 0844 826 1907 (option 3).

WHERE TO PARK

There is a 'Residents Only' parking scheme in operation around the ground, so if you want to street park it will mean driving a bit further away to do so. There is a cheap pay and display car park (£1.40 for four hours) on Railway Street near the railway station.

THE AWAY END

Dale fans will again be housed in the Brian Moore Stand which, in case anyone has forgotten, is of the temporary variety and very uncovered, so although Gillingham hand out free mags if it rains, still be prepared to get wet!

PRICES

Adults: £10 Senior Citizens/Under-18s: £5

Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 under-18s): £25

These tickets are currently on sale at the Crown Oil Arena and will remain so until 3.00pm on Friday 25th November.

All prices increase by £2 on the day of the game.



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LEAGUE ONE



AT THE CROWN OIL ARENA

WALSALL

Tuesday 22nd November 2016 | Kick-Off 7.45pm | Sky Bet League One

NEWS

Although an injury-time equaliser denied them victory at MK Dons last Saturday, Walsall go into this afternoon's home game against Gillingham on a six-match unbeaten run in League One.

The Saddlers lost 4-1 at home to Scunthorpe at the end of September, but have since picked up 12 points from six games to move up to 14th place in the table and only three points from the top six.

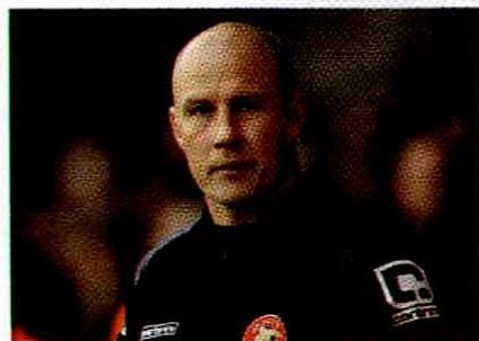
Such good league form makes their FA Cup exit at home to Macclesfield a fortnight ago unexplainable, but they hit back with a win at Leicester in the Checkatrade Trophy to earn a home tie with Oldham in round two.

IN CHARGE

JON WHITNEY

Jon was appointed Walsall manager on a permanent basis in June, having worked as interim boss for the final two months of last season.

A defender in his playing days, Jon made almost 200 league appearances for Huddersfield, Wigan (loan), Hull and Lincoln.



THEIR RECORD HERE

Walsall have visited the Crown Oil Arena on 30 previous occasions in league and cup football, winning ten times, drawing eight and losing 12.

Their best wins here were 2-0 successes in February 1923, February 1960 and December 1994, while The Saddlers' worst result at the Crown Oil Arena came in December 1921 when they went down to a 7-0 defeat.

THEIR LAST VISIT

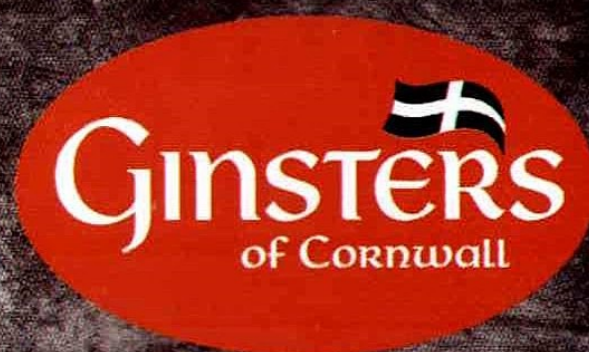
Walsall were Dale's first midweek league visitors of last season and gave a competent performance that suggested they might be a surprise contender for the top six.

The Saddlers scored twice in quick succession in the second half to lead 2-0 and although Calvin Andrew pulled one back for Dale, the visitors held on for a deserved 2-1 win.

PRICES

Main Stand: Adults £22, Senior Citizens/Young Persons £16, Juniors £5
Pearl Street Stand: Adults £20, Senior Citizens/Young Persons £14, Juniors £5
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Joe Rafferty	2
Scott Tanser	3
Jim McNulty	4
Niall Canavan	5
Harrison McGahey	6
Peter Vincenti	7
Matty Lund	8
Calvin Andrew	9
Callum Camps	10
Nathaniel Mendez-Laing	11
Donal McDermott	12
Ollie Rathbone	14
Joe Thompson	15
Reuben Noble-Lazarus	16
James Hooper	17
Keith Keane	18
Steven Davies	19
Brian Barry-Murphy	20
Jonathan Diba Musangu (GK)	21
Steve Collis (GK)	23
Jamie Allen	24
Conrad Logan (GK)	25
Andy Cannon	27
Aaron Morley	28
Sanmi Odelusi	29
Matty Gillam	36
Joe Bunney	39
Ian Henderson	40
Andy Hollins	45

SWINDON TOWN

1	Lawrence Vigoroux (GK)
2	Nathan Thompson
3	Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill
4	Conor Thomas
5	Anton Rodgers
6	Jamie Sendles-White
7	Michael Doughty
8	Yaser Kasim
9	Jonathan Obika
10	John Goddard
11	James Brophy
12	Will Henry (GK)
14	Ellis Iandolo
15	Tom Smith
16	Jordan Stewart
18	Jake Evans
20	Darnell Furlong
22	Sean Murray
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