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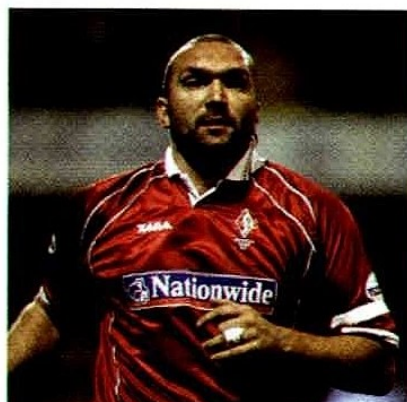
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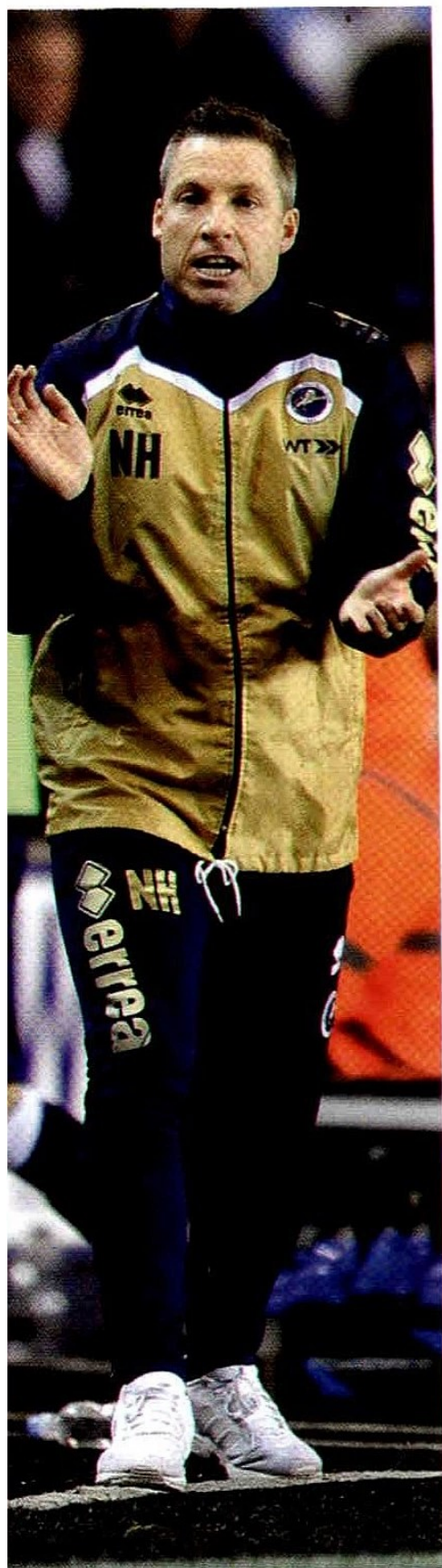
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NEIL HARRIS

MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to The Den for the second of three consecutive home games over the festive period.

I'm sure your Christmas Day was even sweeter after a tremendous victory against Charlton, and I hope that you are in good voice and ready to get behind the boys again today.

I thought your backing last Wednesday was absolutely tremendous and it certainly contributed to a terrific night all round.

Charlton is always a massive match and I was delighted with the way we stuck to the game plan, defended resolutely for the most part and produced the moments of quality in front of goal we needed to win the match.

I thought the boys showed real passion and pride on the night to put in a proper Millwall performance.

As a result of the Charlton victory we find ourselves on the same number of points as at this stage last year.

We then went on to have an excellent second half of the season and I'm looking

forward to the challenge of trying to repeat that this time around.

For the first time this season, I was able to select from a fully fit squad against Charlton, and with everyone available I believe we can be a force in this division.

It did mean that I had some difficult decisions to make and leave out some players who have done well for me. But that level of competition for places is healthy for us and keeps everyone on their toes.

It may be that we will look to bring in a new face or two in January to freshen things up, but I'm pleased with the quality we already have here.

We just need to keep everyone fit and healthy and strive for a bit more consistency than in the first half of the campaign.

Today we face a Swindon side who we know are an expansive attacking team, so we will need to be on top of our game once more to build on last Wednesday's result.

Enjoy the game, and thanks once more for your support.

Neil



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TONY CRAIG

CAPTAIN

I hope everyone had an enjoyable day yesterday and that you have come out this afternoon in good voice ready to get the excesses of Christmas out of your system.

Invariably at this time of year, and especially when the weather starts to get a bit grim, the old question is raised about whether we should have a winter break in this country or not.

From a player’s perspective, it would mean that we could have a little more time with our families and an extra helping of turkey perhaps, but the counter argument is that we would miss the special atmosphere you get on Boxing Day and over the New Year.

From the supporters’ point of view, people can’t wait to get out to a game after sitting indoors eating and drinking all Christmas Day, so I’m sure it wouldn’t be universally popular if there was no football. And the other point against the argument for a winter break is, when do you have it?

Our weather is fairly unpredictable at this time of year, so you could have a situation where you have a fortnight’s break and find the weather is dry and mild throughout, before resuming and finding that dozens of games are postponed due to rain, frost or

snow. The result then would be a fixture pile up at the end of the season which no-one wants either.

I wouldn’t be surprised if one year, the football authorities try an experiment with a break after the Third Round of the FA Cup perhaps. But for that to happen we would have to do away with replays in the Cup, which would hit the smaller clubs for whom a second game against Premier League opposition, possibly on TV, is a massive financial boost.

There is no obvious answer to this one, but for my money, we should just leave things as they are. If you look at the attendances up and down the country today, you will find that they are amongst the highest of the season for most clubs. It’s an opportunity for friends and family, who don’t always come to games to get along, and who knows, if they see a cracking match they might come back for more.

Hopefully today we can put on a decent performance and continue our recent unbeaten run against Swindon. They will be determined to put one over on us, that’s for sure, so again, we need to be on our metal.

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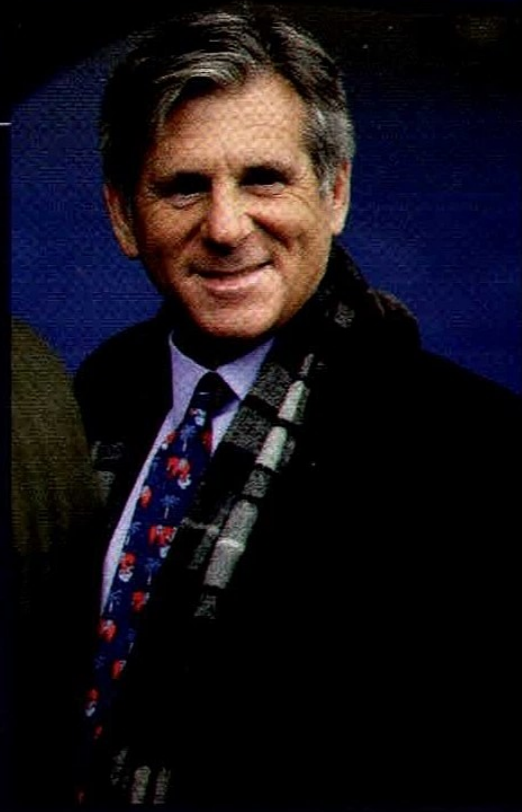
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I hope and trust you have all enjoyed the Christmas festivities and have returned to The Den 'match fit' for this Boxing Day fixture against Swindon Town.

When I look back at the end of 2016, it is clear we have had another very eventful year both on and off the field. In the second half of last season we saw our young team sustain a tremendous challenge for promotion, reaching the Play-Off Final at the end of May.

While we must give credit to Barnsley, our conquerors on the day, who also enjoyed a fantastic run in the second half of the campaign, we were unfortunate to meet them without the services of two of our regular back four, and then to lose a third defender in the first half of the match. Naturally, the result was a disappointment, but I



THE BOARDROOM

JOHN BERYLSON

consider what Neil, David, the staff and the players accomplished as a magnificent achievement.

During the summer we were fortunate not to have the same level of turnover in terms of the playing staff that we had experienced 12 months earlier. Inevitably certain players you would hope to retain move on to pastures new and you have to try to replace them. Like every other Football League club, we were facing the first season in quite some while without the emergency loan window available to us. This presented a challenge in terms of gauging the depth of squad we would need to see us through to January.

The greatest encouragement for me, once again, has been to see the next wave of young players being given their opportunity at senior level. Inevitably there has been a level of inconsistency at times, but we finish the year in a not dissimilar position to that in which we began, so I look forward to an exciting few months ahead of us.

I wrote in the Charlton programme about the latest turn in our ongoing fight to protect our land and vision for the future of this locality, controlled not by an offshore developer but ourselves. We have battled long and hard during 2016 and are determined to keep on doing so.

If on 11th January 2017, Lewisham Council starts the formal compulsory purchase order process, that will lead to a public inquiry before a Planning Inspector who will, in due course, make a recommendation to the Secretary of State in favour or against the Council being permitted to use compulsory purchase powers to seize our land.

Needless to say, we will vigorously contest this and do everything that we possibly can to protect the Club, our Community Trust and our friends and neighbours.

Thanks for your support throughout 2016

Happy New Year to you all.

John

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ONLINE AND IN STORE



Apparently the true purpose of Boxing Day was that it was traditional the day for opening presents, rather than Christmas morning as we are now familiar with. It's because it was the day all the presents were put in boxes – hence Boxing Day - good eh?

Now we all know the real purpose of Boxing Day is two-fold: Every few years it's worth getting up to witness the spectacle that is the Boxing Day Ashes Test at the Melbourne Cricket Club in the hope that our cricketers will restore some pride and take a step closer to bringing home the famous urn. But far more importantly, the day after Christmas Day is for football.

Back in the 1950s, matches were played on Christmas Day itself and fixtures would be set so that local derbies were played at this time – with the return match either the following day or two days later.

We should of course remember that, while we nurse our hangovers in the stands today, the players' festivities will have been cut short by booze bans and training sessions, although I'm struggling to have any sympathy if I'm totally honest – sorry lads!

I guess back in the innocent age of the 1960s new-fangled stuff such as nutrition and the banning of a festive beer was unheard of. This might have had something to do with the 66 goals that were scored in the First Division matches on December 26th 1963 – including a 10-1 win for Fulham over Ipswich. Even more bizarrely, Ipswich won the return match 48 hours later 4-2!

One of the first terrace songs I ever heard involved Boxing Day – I'm sure you know it, a wonderful reworking of 'Mary's Boy Child', but a million miles away from Boney M's version!

One Boxing Day memory that sticks in my mind was back in 2000 when Colchester visited The Den. A familiar face took up his place between the sticks in front of me at the Cold Blow Lane end of the ground. Colchester's keeper was a certain Andy Woodman, pictured right, who I had known as a local lad when I played junior Sunday football. He opted not to join the

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MERV PAYNE



team I signed for – a good move as we were probably the worst team ever – but was often at the local park for kickabouts and was that rare find: a kid who wanted to play in goal.

He went on to sign for Palace and then Colchester, and here he was, stood in front of me tasked with keeping out Harris, Sadlier, Cahill, Reid and Ifill. Unfortunately for him it was a day to forget as we ran out 6-1 winners.

The Boxing Days before I learned to drive were a lot more stressful. If we were away – as was often the case – it was usually a case of listening in on the radio – but if we were playing at The Den we had to be there. Back in 1986 me and my Dad (who didn't drive) naively rocked up at the station to travel to watch us play Ipswich at home – only to find that there were no trains running.

Somehow I persuaded Dad to fork out for a taxi which was handily waiting outside the station and whilst he was impressed with the 1-0 win courtesy of a Danis Salman goal, he wasn't too happy with the Christmas-taxi-rate sized hole in his pocket by the time we had returned home!

Let's hope the old tradition of receiving gifts on Boxing Day continues today – with three points wrapped up by the end of the afternoon.

COME ON YOU LIONS!

Merv

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IN MEMORY

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of long-standing fan **John Follett**, born 10th March 1925, who died after a short illness on 31st October, aged 91. From attending his first match at The Den in post-war austerity 1945, right up to his last match, against Sheffield United on 20th August this year, John remained devoted to the Millwall cause. He travelled from his home in Basingstoke (moving there from Camberwell in 1964) to most home matches. He will be greatly missed by sons Colin, Alan and John, and all those who knew him near the halfway line in the West Lower. I will miss you by my side at matches. With love Colin.



Remembering lifelong Millwall fan **David Locke**. Dave had been a lifelong supporter of The Lions, having attended games since he was four years old, some 58 years, at the old and the new Den stadiums.

His father and mother were also lifelong fans, as are his brother, daughter and several of his uncles and cousins.

A true Lionheart who will be missed by us all xx



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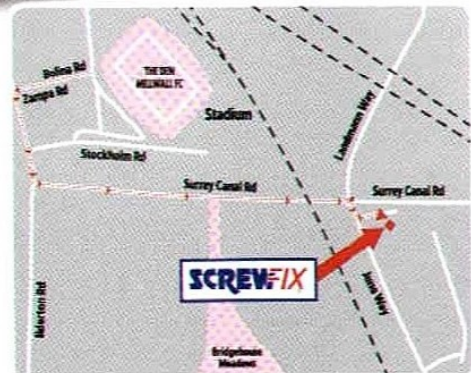
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CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

Help homeless vets keep warm

Lions supporter Ayse Smith has become a familiar figure to fans entering the stadium via the Zampa Road gates during the festive period as she has been collecting sleeping bags for homeless veterans.

Ayse, pictured here with striker Steve Monson, will be at today's game and Gillingham on Friday 30th December, and has urged fellow fans to continue helping out those less fortunate.

She said: "I'm looking for people to donate sleeping bags for homeless veterans.

"Blankets and quilts are OK too, but sleeping bags are better for them to carry around.

"Please have a dig around at home or in your loft.

"I'd like to thank everybody who has donated sleeping bags, gloves and hats over the last couple of weeks. They're very much appreciated, but more are definitely needed."

If you don't have anything spare, but would still like to make a donation, you can buy online at www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/IDIAVLD8MMPA6/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

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Big Kitch is remembered



We were honoured to welcome the family of the late, great Barry Kitchener to The Den on what would have been 'Big Kitch's' 69th birthday weekend.

Joining wife Hazel at the Shrewsbury match were daughters Donna McElroy and Nikki Thirkill-Kitchener, Nikki's partner Jodie Thirkill-Kitchener, grand children and a first-ever visit to The Den for the latest addition to the family, for Nikki and Jodie's baby girl Maeve.

The family met up with plenty of familiar faces from years gone by including Kitch's ex team-mates Trevor Lee and Bryan King, plus Steve Hutchins, who presented Hazel with a special framed shirt worn by Kitch on his 500th appearance for the club.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Welcome!



An excited Master George Alfie Garston is ready for his first trip to The Den on Boxing Day. Love Mummy and Daddy xx

MSC NEWS

The MSC committee brings you a round-up of all the latest fan-related news.

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It's always good to have a home game on Boxing Day and so welcome to everybody here today. Here's hoping for a belated gift of three points.

MSC Man of the Match Award



For the second time this season, we're seeing double. Ben Thompson won the Man of the Match vote for our games against Southend United and AFC Wimbledon. Ben is pictured receiving his trophies from Ray Cannon and Rainer Wazinski, plus Frankie Wiszk and Frankie Wiszk Jr.

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Lions Live winner

Dave Stevenson was the lucky winner of match tickets after solving the show's main competition. He visited the Blue Bus to collect his prize from Lions Live presenter Danielle Lake and MSC committee member Dave Hart.

Season ticket of the month winner

The winner for November was Robert Tame, who sits in Barry Kitchener Upper Block 5. His prize was four tickets for a Stadium Tour. Congratulations Robert!

If you're thinking of buying a half season ticket for yourself or a friend or relation, remember that entry to this draw is one of the benefits that you'll also receive.

MFC/MSC meeting

The MSC held its first meeting with our new club CEO in November. The full minutes of this, and all previous meetings are available on the MSC website. If you've not had the opportunity to find these, extracts are here and more will follow in an upcoming matchday programme. Although the Regeneration was discussed, that item is not repeated here, as the comments are now clearly out of date.

First impressions and initial plans of the CEO

Steve (Kavanagh) sees a club steeped in history, and is proud and privileged to represent the club. It will be an extremely difficult job but the initial plan is to get to know everybody; the fans and the staff, while continuing with the day job. There is a clean sheet of paper and if we all pull in the same direction, things will work well, although there are bound to be differences of opinion.

As is known, this is Steve's third club and he feels he's always had an open, honest and good relationship with supporters - however that group was constructed - to the extent that Charlton fans are still in contact and Southend supporters' messages have been lovely. Even those fans with whom there have previously been strong debates, have sent kind messages. We probably won't always agree, but if we work in a constructive way, we will have an open relationship.

Bob said, with Andy (Ambler) it was a constructive relationship, where we usually agreed. We all had the same goals/desires - to improve the club, win games, and make money.

The MSC mentioned that Andy had suggested a fans' survey to gauge the views of the supporters. Steve pointed out that

this fits well with the EFL 'whole game solution'. Steve's last act as Southend CEO was a curry with Southend Supporters' Trust, where he said to them that they need to make sure their voices are heard.

The MSC asked Steve how Millwall are viewed by other clubs and Steve replied that we're generally seen as a 'fantastic club with a great chairman'. It's professionally run and working hard on its issues; Andy's are difficult shoes to fill, given his status in the game. Does Steve have ideas on how to increase attendances? There's no magic wand, but the plan is to sit down with the staff and revisit ideas, try some again and see if there are any new initiatives. Although we may feel that club demographics are against us, many clubs have similar problems. Steve has already learnt that the Chairman is frustrated by attendances. Here the Community Trust can help us by opening the door to a potential new audience.

Steve said that it would be great to reach a similar position with Millwall that Charlton now enjoy with Greenwich Council.

Future of FotB position

Steve's met Pete and had a short briefing on the role but has yet to form a full view. It's clear that Pete's role has developed and is quite different to similar roles at other clubs. Steve would like to understand the MSC's position as, in Steve's eyes, the MSC is the core group for engagement with the supporters. There were conversations at Southend between different supporters' clubs and Steve arranged a meeting across the groups, within agreed parameters. Steve needs to find out the issues surrounding the position and, clearly, the Chairman's views need to be incorporated. It was pointed out that the clock is ticking, as the current term of office ends in April 2017.

Poppy sales

The key message is that neither the club nor anybody associated threw Sean off site when he was setting up to sell before the Southend game, or call the police, and would never do so; he had been invited by the club. When the club heard what had happened, they tried to bring him back, but Sean did not want to exacerbate the situation. Just by trying to collect money for the RBL, a situation escalated due to the fault of nobody at the club. The MSC recognises the work of Alan Williams here and records its thanks.

Regeneration

Thursday 15th December saw the adjournment, until 11 January 2017, of Lewisham Council's decision regarding enforcement of CPOs for land surrounding the Den. Concerns around the club's being able to meet Academy status criteria have brought a pause for further consideration.

The MSC will be meeting with the club to discuss their plans for next steps and offering any assistance that might be helpful. Visit the MSC website and follow @Official_MSC on Twitter for the latest news.

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The MSC is independent of the football club and aims to represent its members' views as fairly as possible through our regular consultation with the club.

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HALF SEASON REVIEW (PART 1)

The first half of the season has been exceptional. As we are now in the Christmas holidays, I hope to share with Millwall fans some of the success stories from the last few months.

MCT delivers school curricular and extra-curricular sports programmes with over 45 sessions per week across our two core boroughs of Lewisham and Southwark.

MCT also supports large community events such as Lewisham People's Day and Bermondsey Festival.

We have attracted new funding from the Premier League to deliver their Primary Stars programme.

The programme aims to develop skills and ambition both on and off the sports field with resources for girls and boys aged 5-11 years and provides a real opportunity to further our reach in the schools around Lewisham and Southwark.

Via the London Mayor's Fund, MCT has secured new funding for increased levels of female engagement to support the delivery and development of both existing and new programmes.

This has given us the chance to increase the amount of sport participation in the local community.

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MCT won funding from DWP to deliver employability programmes in sport and construction for males, females, over 50's and care leavers.

The development of Walking Sports for Older People has been remarkable in attracting a core group of older people that attend on a regular basis and we are still engaging new participants to date.

We have developed a positive relationship with the people who attend and we aim to help support individuals with confidence, provide an opportunity to socialise with others, and to stay fit and healthy by taking part in different sports at walking pace.

The free walking sport for older peoples' programme in Southwark is an opportunity to meet new people while having fun, and may help people with dementia to stay fit and healthy.

In disability, funding has been recently won from Wembley Stadium Trust to deliver a new football programme for the hard of hearing. MCT is fully committed to increasing the number of structured and regular sports and physical activities available to residents of all ages with disabilities. MCT offers a number of programmes that specifically target disabled people of all ages, taking place within both Lewisham and Southwark.

Merry Christmas to all fans from MCT

Steve Bradshaw
CEO



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WITH DARREN HUNT



WALSALL MIDFIELDER SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION UNTIL JUNE 2018

Reece Flanagan has signed a new deal with the League One club after his current deal was set to come to an end in June 2017.

The 22-year-old midfielder has made 35 appearances for the Saddlers, but is yet to play for the club having torn his anterior cruciate knee ligament back in April.

Manager Jon Whitney praised the midfielder last month and has decided to reward him with a new deal as he reaches the final stages of his rehabilitation.

He told the club's official website: "Reece was establishing himself as

a first team player and an important member of the group.

"He was unfortunate when and where his injury happened, but credit to him, he's dealt with it fantastically well and I think he'll come back a fitter and stronger person."

Flanagan admitted he was thrilled at the new deal, saying: "Initially my target to return was Christmas, but when I had my operation, the injury was worse than first thought so I'm looking at January now.

"I can just concentrate on getting back fit and hopefully playing some part this year."

ANKLE INJURY RULES IPSWICH ACE TEDDY OUT

Teddy Bishop, 20, could be out for up to four weeks after landing awkwardly on his ankle.

The midfielder recently played a part in a draw with Cardiff City before Christmas, but now it seems he could spend a month out of action.

Boss Mick McCarthy told the Tractor Boys' website: "Bish rocked his ankle in training and he landed awkwardly. He's had a scan and it is ligament damage. He will be out for two to four weeks."



NORWICH PROSPECT SIGNS NEW DEAL

Exciting midfielder Louis Thompson has agreed a new two-and-a-half year deal at Norwich City.

The 21-year-old joined the Canaries from Swindon Town on transfer deadline day in September 2014 in a deal reportedly worth up to £1.3m.

The Wales U21s international has spent the majority of the past two seasons back on loan at Swindon Town. However, he made his Norwich debut in the EFL Cup in August.

Thompson has also agreed an option to extend his deal for a further 12 months.

He told the club's official website: "It's my first season really playing here and I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

"I'm hoping this can be the beginning for me and I can push on from here. The manager has had faith in me, which I'm thankful for.

"I hope I've repaid that in some way in the games that I've played and long may that continue."



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TODAY'S VISITORS

Swindon Town enter The Den this afternoon looking to bring an end to a run that has seen The Robins fail to beat Millwall in seven previous encounters, of which The Lions have won four and drawn three.



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FLUMMOXING FEAST OF FIXTURES

Millwall know a thing or two about busy playing schedules – today's game against Swindon Town is The Lions' sixth game in 23 days.

However, spare a thought for The Robins, who way back in April 1911 faced a fixture pile up of epic proportions when they were forced to play a whopping 13 games in 29 days!

In order to complete all their fixtures by the mandatory end date of 30th April, Swindon ended up having to play on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of the final week of the season - with only one game being at home!

It was a testament to their resilience that they came out of it all with a League and Cup double.

Of their 13 games, nine were Southern League fixtures (equivalent to the third tier) which culminated in Town winning their first title by a five-point margin from Herbert Chapman's Northampton.

The remaining four games were Southern Charity Cup ties, with the semi-final stage having already been reached four months earlier - at the end of November

DUEL FALLS FOUL OF FUEL SHORTAGE

Millwall's scheduled Division Three South Christmas Day fixture (yes, matches used to be played on the day itself!) at Swindon Town in 1956 was called off.

Not because players from either side had over-indulged on Christmas Eve, or due to adverse winter weather conditions. Quite simply, petrol rationing was in force - and with no public transport in operation, there was no option left but to postpone the game.



ROBINS READY TO FLY AGAIN?

The roar that greeted Paul Robinson's Play-Off Final winner for Millwall against Swindon Town at Wembley in May 2010 shook the very foundations of the new Wembley Stadium to its core.

That result sparked a yo-yo period for The Robins, who were relegated to the basement division the following season (2010/11) only to finish the 2011/12 campaign as League Two champions under the guidance of former West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday and Celtic striker Paolo Di Canio.

Di Canio also led his team out at Wembley in the Final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy during a successful first year at the helm, only to lose 2-0 to Chesterfield.

After reaching the Play-Off Semi-Finals 12 months later, where they eventually lost to Brentford on penalties in the second leg after netting a dramatic injury-time equaliser, Town made it back to Wembley yet again at the end of the 2014/15 campaign.

On this occasion, and now under the stewardship of Mark Cooper, Swindon's young side were overwhelmed 4-0 by Preston North End in the Final.

Following Cooper's departure from the County Ground, The Robins have had Lee Power, Martin Ling and now Luke Williams in the hotseat.



TO BE A LION, A ROBIN...OR BOTH

There has been a steady stream of players moving between Millwall and Swindon Town over the past few years, most recently defenders Darren Ward and Andy Frampton.

Previous players to have swapped south east London for Wiltshire include some notable names in the club's history, starting with midfielder Curtis Weston, who at the age of 17 years 119 days, beat the 125-year-old record of James F. M. Pnnsep to become the youngest ever player to feature in an FA Cup Final,

coming on as a late sub for Lions player-manager Dennis Wise in the 2004 Final against Manchester United.

Ironically Wise went on to sign Weston in July 2006 when, now managing Swindon, he recruited his former Den team-mate.

Strikers Gary Alexander, Sam Parkin and Moses Ashikodi all featured for The Robins at some stage of their careers, as did goalkeeper Rhys Evans, well remembered by staff at The Den for driving a fluorescent yellow sports car!



RIGHT, SAID FRED - I'M OFF!

The January transfer window may be fast approaching on the horizon, but the movement of players between clubs used to be a whole lot easier.

Just take the time in 1925 when future Robins player Fred Laycock decided that he had had enough of playing for his then club Barrow. With no agents on the scene in those days, and as legend has it, young Fred took it upon himself to manoeuvre a move away from Barrow and duly left the field during their Third Division North fixture at Rotherham - to sign for another club! His new employers, Nelson, were promptly punished by the FA, with a fine of five guineas, just over a fiver.

THE LIKELY LADS

1 LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Goalkeeper Lawrence signed a permanent deal at Swindon in the summer of 2016 after enjoying a loan stint in Wiltshire during 2015/16. He was snapped up by Tottenham in 2012 before moving to Anfield in the summer of 2014 after leaving White Hart Lane. The former Chilean youth international was a regular for the U21s side at Anfield before his move to the County Ground.

2 NATHAN THOMPSON

A product of Town's Academy, Nathan made his breakthrough into the first team during the 2012/13 campaign and was a regular as Swindon made the League One Play-Offs. Twice voted Player of the Year Thompson is the current skipper at the County Ground. He missed a few games with a hamstring injury sustained in November, but should be available today.

3 BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL

Brandon celebrated his 21st birthday just four days before Christmas and will be hoping for an extra reason to celebrate this afternoon. The left wing-back joined from Arsenal in 2015 having served his scholarship with the Gunners. A regular fixture on the left side for Town over the course of 2015/16, Brandon is hoping to continue his progress this season.

5 ANTON RODGERS

Midfielder Anton, the son of Celtic manager, Brendan, joined Swindon in the summer of 2014 after leaving Oldham Athletic. Having started his career at Chelsea, Rodgers broke into the professional game with Brighton and Hove Albion. A regular fixture last term, he has now racked up over 50 appearances for The Robins.

7 MICHAEL DOUGHTY

A graduate of the youth ranks at QPR, Doughty is back on loan for the whole 2016/17 season after spending the latter part of last term at the County Ground. The Welsh midfielder has spent time on loan with Stevenage and Gillingham and has also represented the R's in the Premier League and the Championship.

8 YASER KASIM

A former Brighton & Hove Albion Academy graduate, Kasim penned a permanent deal with Town ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. During his time at the Arpeggio

FROM THE BENCH...

Former Coventry midfielder Conor Thomas, who once had a loan spell at Liverpool, is an option from the bench after signing a three-year deal at Swindon in the summer.

Attacking midfielder Sean Murray joined on a free transfer from Premier League outfit Watford and has also represented the Republic of Ireland at U17, U19 and U21 levels.

Highly-rated youngster Tom Smith signed his first professional contract in the summer after coming through the Academy system. He made his Town debut in 2015 at Preston North End.

Stadium, the classy holding midfielder spent time on loan at Luton Town and Macclesfield Town. Yaser has also represented Iraq at international level and played for his country at the 2015 Asian Cup in Australia.

20 DARNELL FURLONG

On loan at the County Ground until the end of the 2016/17 campaign from Queens Park Rangers, Darnell is the son of former R's striker, Paul. On the books at Loftus Road for nearly a decade now, the full-back spent time on loan at Cambridge United and Northampton Town last season.

24 JERMAINE HYLTON

The pacy striker was snapped up from non-League Redditch United in January 2015, signing a two-and-a-half year deal. Formerly with Birmingham City and Kidderminster Harriers before breaking into the Redditch side, Hylton made his Town bow as a substitute in the televised win at Coventry City and netted his first goal against Peterborough United.

28 LLOYD JONES

The defender joined Town on a season-long loan from Liverpool in August 2016. Plymouth-born Jones moved to Anfield from his hometown club in 2011 and has been a regular in the Liverpool Academy sides ever since. As well as being named on the first team bench for the Reds, Jones has also spent time out on loan with Cheltenham Town, Accrington Stanley and Blackpool and has been capped by Wales at U17 and U18 levels.

29 RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO

Formerly with the Academy at Brighton, the Brazilian centre-half penned a deal with The Robins in the summer of 2013 after a successful trial period. He stepped off the bench to make his League debut in a 1-1 draw at Bradford City later that season. A regular fixture in Town's defensive unit over the past two years, Branco was part of the squad beaten in the 2015 League One Play-Off Final.

33 LUKE NORRIS

Striker Norris arrived at the County Ground on a three-year deal from Gillingham at the start of the 2016/17 campaign. The front man started his career in non-League football with Hitchin Town before being snapped up by Brentford. In the summer of 2014, he departed The Bees to sign for Gillingham and netted eight times for the Kent club in 2015/16.

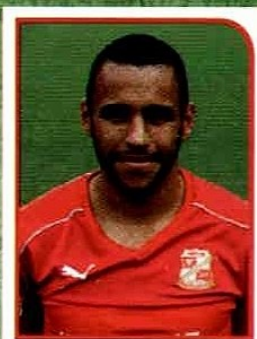




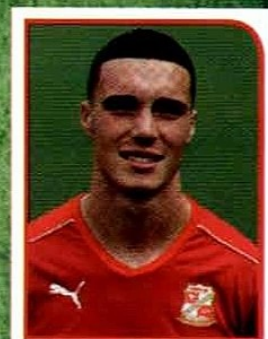
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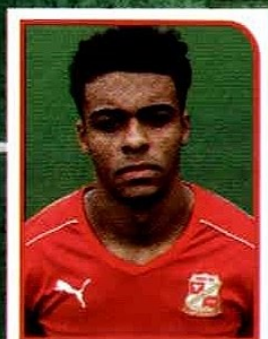
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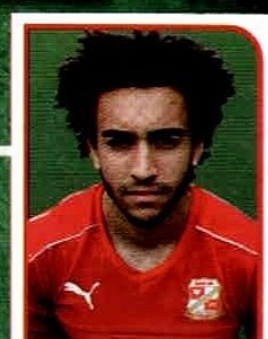
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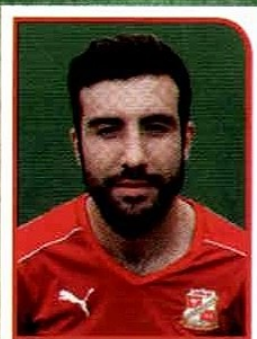
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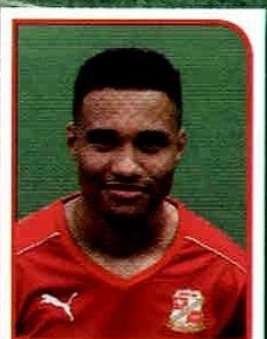
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7 Michael **Doughty**



33 Luke **Norris**



24 Jermaine **Hylton**

THE UNLIKELY LADS

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** profiles **10 big-name Swindon Town** players not usually associated with the club.

MIKE SUMMERBEE

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

DAVE MACKAY

Former Scotland international wing-half Dave had a spell as Swindon Town's player-manager. Mackay helped Hearts win all three major Scottish honours before moving to Spurs in March 1959, skipping their 1960-61 'double' success and two further FA Cup triumphs. Dave joined Derby County in July 1968 and was joint 'Footballer of the Year' as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69. Swindon's player-boss from May 1971 until November 1972, scoring once in 26 League games, he managed Nottingham Forest, Derby's 1974-75 League title, Walsall, Doncaster and Birmingham. He died in March 2015.

OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie made two League appearances for Swindon in 1989-90. Together with Ricky Villa, World Cup winner Ossie made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped Spurs win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. Appointed Swindon's player-boss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989-90 Second Division Play-Off Final success, only to be denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.

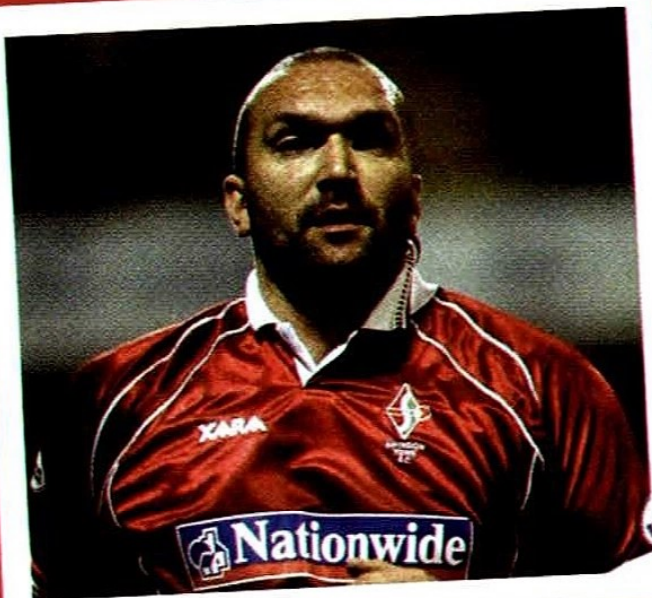
GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn was player-manager as The Robins reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. Glenn moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming The Robins' player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games for Swindon, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 Play-Off Final triumph and later managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

BRIAN MARWOOD

Former England international winger Brian helped Swindon win promotion to the top-flight in 1992-93. Signing professional for Hull City in February 1978, he was leading marksman in their 1982-83 promotion triumph and moved to Sheffield Wednesday for £115,000 in August 1984. Brian joined Arsenal for £600,000 in March 1988 and starred in their 1988-89 League Championship success, moving to Sheffield United for £350,000 in September 1990. Joining Swindon in March 1993, he scored once in 11 League games and joined Barnet in August 1993. He became PFA chairman and has since worked in the media.

Neil Ruddock



TERRY FENWICK

Versatile defender Fenwick was capped 20 times by England before joining Swindon. Signing professional for Crystal Palace in December 1976, he featured in their 1978-79 Second Division title triumph and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980. Fenwick scored in the 1982 FA Cup Final, then skippered Rangers to the Second Division title in 1982-83 and 1986 League Cup Final. Reunited with Venables at Tottenham Hotspur in December 1987, he joined Swindon in September 1993 and made 28 League appearances whilst at the County Ground. He later managed Portsmouth and Northampton Town.

FRANK McAVENNIE

Former Scotland international striker Frank had a loan spell at Swindon Town in 1993-94. He started for St Mirren before joining West Ham in June 1985 and was top scorer as they were third in the top-flight in 1985-86. Moving to Celtic in October 1987, Frank scored twice in their 1988 Scottish Cup Final triumph and rejoined West Ham in March 1989. He helped win promotion in 1990-91, moving to Aston Villa in August 1992, then Celtic again. Loaned to Swindon in February 1994, he made seven League appearances before rejoining St Mirren. McAvennie's colourful life story is titled 'Scoring - An Expert's Guide'.

NEIL WEBB

Midfielder Neil was capped 26 times by England before joining The Robins. The son of former Reading favourite Dougie Webb, he turned professional with the Royals in November 1980 and moved to Portsmouth in July 1982. Neil helped win the Third Division title in 1982-83, then moved to Nottingham Forest in June 1985 and scored in their 1989 League Cup final triumph. Sold to Manchester United for £1.5m in June 1989, he was an FA Cup winner in 1990 and rejoined Forest in November 1992. Neil was loaned to Swindon in October 1994, making six League appearances, then played for Grimsby Town.

NEIL RUDDOCK

Ex-England international central defender Neil 'Razor' Ruddock played for Swindon during the 2001-2 campaign. A former Millwall apprentice, 'Razor' turned professional in March 1986, moving to Spurs a month later. He returned to The Den in June 1988 and joined Southampton in February 1989. Appearing in the 1992 ZDS Cup Final, Razor rejoined Spurs in July 1992 and joined Liverpool for £2.5m in July 1993. He started in their 1995 League Cup Final triumph, then played for West Ham and Crystal Palace before joining Swindon in August 2001. Scoring once in 15 League games, he has since worked in the media.

PAUL INCE

Midfielder Ince gained 53 England caps before playing for The Robins. Initially with West Ham, he moved to Manchester United for £1m in September 1989 and was England's first black captain. He amassed numerous honours, including the 'double' in 1993-94, joining Inter Milan for £8m in July 1995. Later with Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Wolves, he joined Swindon in August 2006 and made three League appearances while at the County Ground. He became Macclesfield Town's player-boss in January 2007 and has since managed MK Dons, Blackburn, MK Dons again, Notts County and Blackpool.

GOAL-DEN YEARS

AIDEN O'BRIEN
LOOKING TO
CELEBRATE HIS
CENTURY WITH
MORE GOALS



O'BRIEN

Millwall assistant boss Dave Livermore recalls being told by a coach during his own formative years as a player, that you haven't really made it as a professional footballer until you have a century of appearances under your belt.

At the age of 23, Aiden O'Brien has just reached that milestone for Millwall having become a regular member of the first team squad since Livermore stepped up from coaching at Academy level to assist Neil Harris with the senior side. Having worked with the mercurial Irish youth international as he progressed through the Millwall ranks, they never had any doubt about the young forward's talent, but the trick was to harness his skills for the benefit of the team.

This season, Aiden looks on course to surpass the 13 goal tally he amassed last time round, and whether he plays as a front man, a wide midfielder or impact substitute, he seems to possess that happy knack of putting the ball in the net.



AIDEN



“

I believe in myself in front of goal, I always have. I just want to keep scoring for this club and keep us moving up the table.”

Like any natural goalscorer Aiden does not lack confidence, and that self-belief helps him ride out the spells when things don't seem to be falling his way:

“I feel I can score in any game,” he confirms. “I believe in myself in front of goal, I always have. I just want to keep scoring for this club and keep us moving up the table.”

“The important thing though, is that we are capable of scoring plenty of goals as a team. It is vital that the onus is not just on the strikers, and that everyone is able to weigh in with a contribution from all positions.”

“Inevitably there will be the odd occasion when things just don't run for you. Take the Shrewsbury game earlier this month, for example. How we didn't score in that game I'll never know because we had so many chances. They cleared a couple off the line, their keeper made a string of saves and we had a number of near misses. But that can happen to any team. You just have to put it behind you and move on to the next game.”

This month has certainly been a testing one for The Lions, with involvement in two cup competitions and the re-arranged fixture against Charlton, meaning this is the sixth game in December, and the fifth at home, with another to follow on Friday.

Inevitably the festive season is not quite the same for the players as the rest of us, but you won't hear Aiden complaining about that.

"During the Christmas period we obviously don't get that much time off with family. Of course work comes first and we accept that. We have to make sure we prepare properly for these games and conduct ourselves in a professional manner.

"Don't get me wrong, I'll be having a good time too. This is the season to be happy and enjoy the company of friends and family when you can. But I'll make sure I'm ready for all the matches, that I'm prepared and bring my A game to each one.

"Christmas Day for us is very much like a normal Friday. When I first started I wasn't really sure what I could and couldn't have at Christmas, but now I make certain I'm eating right, and get directions from our sports scientist. Nutrition and diet before games is key, and we respect that, no matter what time of year.

"The payback for us is that there's no better time to be playing football. Boxing Day is a great day out for the fans and as a result there are always big crowds and a special atmosphere. That's what inspires us as players, which is why I have been really looking forward to this group of games.

"It's brilliant to play in front of a big crowd, and we're lucky the way things have turned out this year, with a local derby against Charlton, at home again today, another derby against Gillingham on Friday and then a short trip to Wimbledon on Monday.

"Hopefully we can string a decent series of results together over this period which will see us well placed in the League before we think about matching ourselves against Premier League opponents in the FA Cup."

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SQUAD NUMBER

23

AGE

82

(41) CAREER APPEARANCES

71

(28) MILLWALL APPEARANCES

27

CAREER GOALS

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Good afternoon Junior Lions and Merry Christmas to you all. We hope you got lots of good presents and enjoyed your Christmas dinner!

Also, welcome and Merry Christmas to any Junior Reds who have travelled to join us today.

We face Swindon Town this afternoon for what will be the 95th time in all competitions, hoping to continue our unbeaten run of seven games against The Robins.

As we reach the middle of the season it's important to get a good run of games going into the New Year, so the boys will be looking to grab six points from today and our next game down here on Friday night against Gillingham.

Let's hope we can finish our Christmas with one final present of three points this afternoon!!

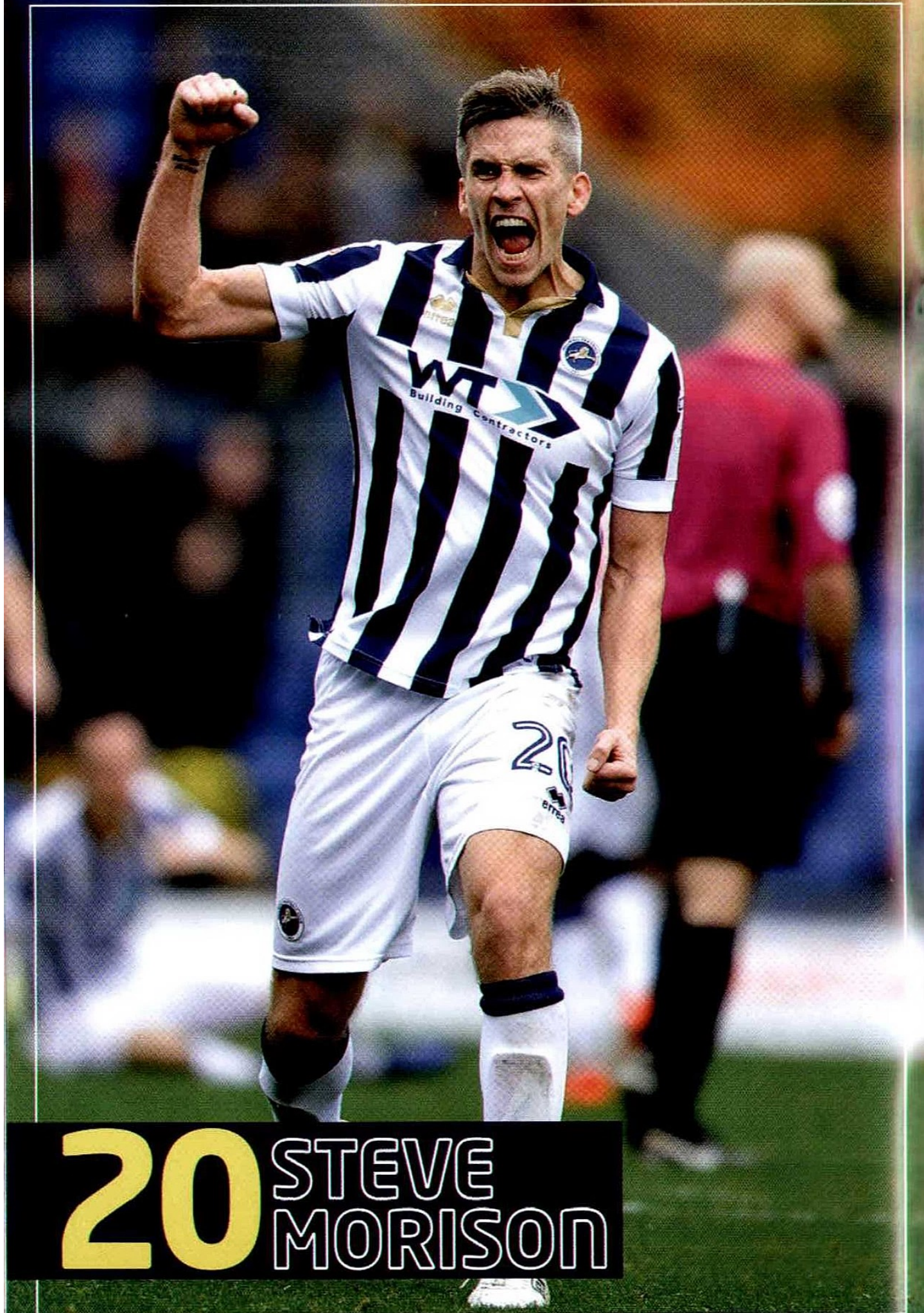
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20 STEVE MORISON

TODAY'S MASCOTS

A big festive Millwall welcome to this afternoon's quartet of match mascots, starting with **Lewis Howard**.

Lewis, aged five, attends Darrick Wood Junior School in Locksbottom, Kent and is a season ticket holder along with his Dad in the West Upper, Block 4.

Apart from watching The Lions, Lewis is a keen sportsman. He plays in midfield for Orpington FC and has the motto "score and defend"! Lewis has also started playing golf and likes practicing on the driving range. His favourite Millwall players are Steve Morison and Jimmy Abdou.

Next up is five-year-old **Hannah Mack**, who goes to St Michael's Primary School in Australia! Hannah enjoys Arts and Crafts, swimming and dress ups! She is a huge Millwall supporter and her favorite player is Ben Thompson. Hannah thinks that today's game will be tough but Millwall, but will go on to win 3-1.

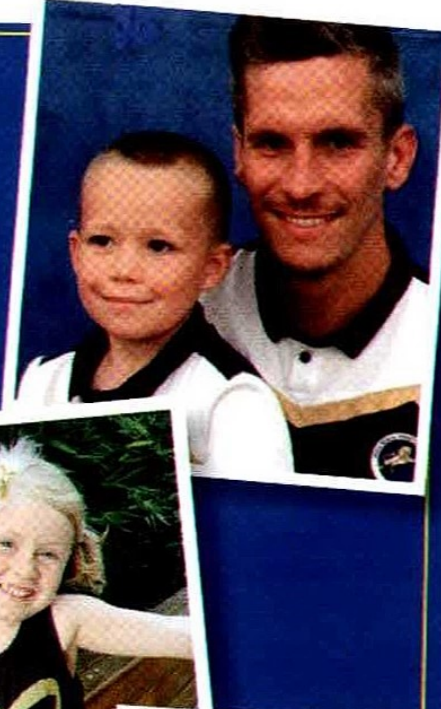
Teddy Wood is very much looking forward to his matchday mascot experience today. Teddy, aged six, attends Danson School and has a keen interest in football. Outside of school he also plays football for his local side, Danson Sports. Teddy's favorite player is Lee Gregory and he reckons that the striker will be part of a winning team today. Like Hannah, he thinks The Lions will beat Swindon 3-1.

Our fourth and final mascot today is 11-year-old **Frankie Jones**, who is in Year 7 at Deptford Green School.

Frankie is a massive Lions fan and his favourite players are Lee Gregory and Steve Morison. When not watching Millwall, Frankie enjoys playing football with his friends and loves playing at the Community Centre, and also on his PlayStation 4.

Frankie likewise thinks Millwall will beat Swindon 3-1!

We hope that you all have a lovely afternoon at The Den!



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In 1990 Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey, below, was born

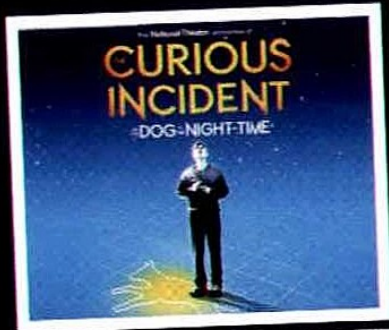
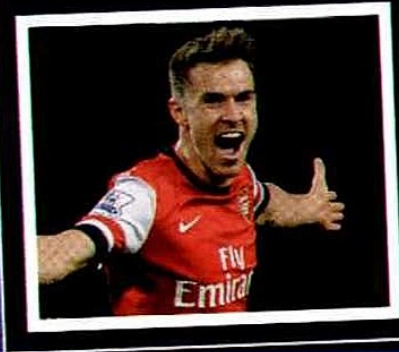
In 1982 Time Magazine's man of the year was... a computer!

A bit about Swindon...

The novel and play "The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time" is set in Swindon

In 2008 Swindon Council banned fixed point Speed Cameras

As well as Swindon Town FC there are two other football clubs in Swindon - Swindon Supermarine FC (Southern League Division 1) and Highworth Town FC (Hellenic Football League - six leagues below us!)



BE THE GAFFER!

If you were the manager today, what would your starting line-up be?

HALF-TIME	GOALSCORERS
Lions - Robins
FULL-TIME
Lions - Robins
MAN OF THE MATCH
.....
MATCH ATTENDANCE	

ANSWERS, Head-to-Head: 1. Jonathan Obika - 2009-10 season, 2. b) 38 3. a) Paul Robinson 4. b) Jamie Vincent
Next Time Round: Josh Wright



HEAD-TO-HEAD...

Test your knowledge of The Robins with our quick quiz!

- The current Swindon Town squad contains one ex-Millwall player - do you know who?**
- Millwall and Swindon have played each other 97 times in total, but how many times have The Lions won?**
a) 27 b) 38 c) 31
- The Lions beat The Robins in the 2010 League 1 Play-Off Final. Who scored the only goal of the game?**
a) Paul Robinson
b) Neil Harris
c) Steve Morison
- Swindon last beat Millwall on 3 May 2008, winning 2-1. Which ex-Millwall player was on the winning team?**
a) Alan Dunne
b) Jamie Vincent
c) Ryan Mason

NEXT TIME ROUND...



We're back here at The Den on Friday when we face Gillingham for our final game of 2016. We last played Gillingham in October in the Checkatrade Trophy, winning 2-1. Which ex-Lion scored Gills' goal?



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

This season we're putting questions to the players to find out more about them. This week **Jordan Archer** is in the spotlight...

- Who is your footballing idol?**
Thierry Henry. I used to love watching him play when I was a growing up.
- Which team did you support while growing up?**
I lived in North London as a kid so I watched a lot of Arsenal games and they grew on me.
- What is your favourite song at the moment?**
Drake - Fake Love
- Who is the worst dressed player at Millwall?**
Joe Martin. He owns the worst cardigan I have ever seen!
- What advice would you give to a young footballer looking to succeed?**
Work hard and be dedicated. But most importantly, just enjoy yourself and always play with a smile on your face.
- Barcelona or Real Madrid?**
Real Madrid
- Finally, if you could meet anyone in the world, who would it be and why?**
The actress Mila Kunis. I would take her on a romantic date....to McDonalds.



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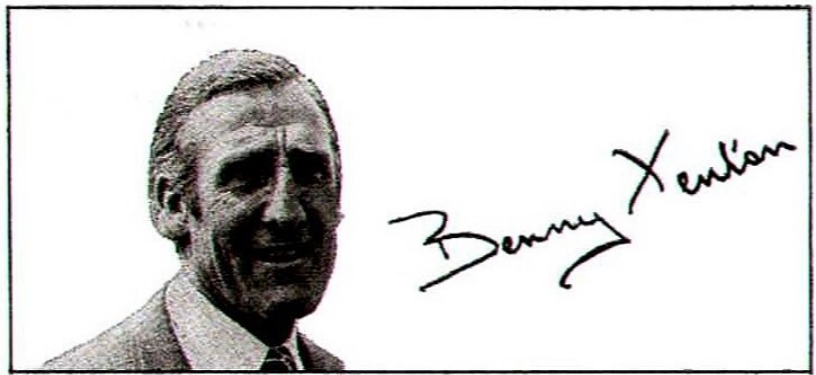
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Its Cup-Tie Time Again

The last of the surviving Third and Fourth Division Clubs together with those still left from the non-League battle out the Second Round of the F.A. Cup this afternoon. Then on Monday next the draw for the Third Round will be made. That's when we join the other Second and First Division Clubs in the hat. Looking back over the years, last season apart, we have not been blessed with all that luck in the draw, so let's hope we come out of the hat first on this occasion. As to what we would like for a choice of opponents, this is something we can all argue about. The F.A. Cup competition can be a money spinner from the Third Round onwards, providing one can make progress in it. There are those who would like to see us drawn against one of the top line First Division Clubs with a share of a large gate. Others would sooner see us matched with a lesser known club at home with a chance to make further progress. Whatever the opposition there is no doubt that the glamour of the Cup excites the imagination. More so when there is a possibility of some giant killing around. Who will be this year's giant killers? Your guess is as good as ours, but you can be sure that somewhere around there is a Club or Clubs whose cup exploits will bring the oohs and aahs.

Cover Shot: Barry Kitchener and Harry Cripps involved in an attack on the Huddersfield goal.



At Sheffield last Saturday we made a big impact on the Yorkshire Press and public with a magnificent fight back from a two goal deficit to draw level, then in the last few minutes we came within an ace of getting the winner. It was a very open game with plenty of thrills at both ends. Alf Wood and Gordon Bolland seem to have struck an understanding up front. This with the strong flank running of Doug Alder and Steve Brown has been presenting problems for opposing defences. Across the back, Brian Brown, Alan Dorney, Barry Kitchener and Harry Cripps are beginning to blend and affording each other cover when under pressure. This type of thing is good for team spirit because of the co-operation that is entailed. Invariably we have either Doug Alder or Steve Brown linking up in mid-field with Dennis Burnett and Eamonn Dunphy, who seems now to have recaptured the type of game that we know he is capable of. This was in evidence at Sheffield when I cannot remember him wasting a ball. Perhaps one of the most spectacular things to come out of this game was a fantastic save by Bryan King, when, from a ball that turned yards in the air, Bryan took off and seemed to turn in the air to clutch and hold the ball when ninety nine keepers out of a hundred would have done well to have got their fingers to it. Gordon Bolland took his goals well, his first coming from a great build up with the ball being played through by several of our Lads to be finally thumped in the net without a Sheffield player getting near the ball. His second came about by the persistence of Alf Wood, who robbed the full back and goalkeeper of possession, then squared the ball for Gordon to blast into the net. Make no mistake we deserved this point, and I am convinced that but for a five minute relapse when Sheffield scored twice we would have had a convincing win.

REVIEW

One does not have to stretch the imagination too far to envisage a new addition to the ever growing array of books on soccer. This might well be entitled: "The Ills of Soccer — The Cure?" or "The Life and Death of Soccer in The Seventies." Just reflect for a moment on the mounting events of the last decade. The bloodless revolution in the game began with the abolition of the maximum wage for Players. A full chapter could be written on this phase alone with all the pros and cons. There would be all those 'marvellous' quotes about the "Slaves of Soccer." The 'First £100 per week Player' and so on. There would be those quotes from the realists who foreshadowed a financial crisis within the game if there was not some form of wage restraint. In the event the latter have in some degree proved their point, although to be fair their point has gained substance by a number of other unforeseen factors which have seriously impaired the financial structure of soccer. Further chapters in such a book could analyse the reasons



TERRACE TALK

Anyone remember Reg Leafe? Of course, you do. Terracites, especially those who come rain, snow, sleet, even fog, take up their position at the Cold Blow Lane end of our ground well remember this character, the Man in the Middle, the Man with the Whistle. He epitomised all that both Spectator and Player appreciated in the man with authority in football. Reg, of course stamped his authority on

the game, but he did so with a manner which somehow did not alienate himself from the spectator. If he blew for anything then there was little or no doubt that he had estimated the situation as it appeared to be not only to himself but to the vast majority of those witnessing the situation. The game has changed somewhat since Reg's days. And because it has changed and because we wish to be fair, and this is a quality we feel is in keeping with the vast majority of our terracites, we would ask you to consider before you condemn. It is an unfortunate fact of life in football that to some spectators the sight of the Man in Blue is like a Red Flag to a Bull, and even before a ball has been kicked he is immediately dubbed the villain of the piece. We cannot help but feel that this is purely psychological, because from a practical point of view the Referee like the players can only be criticised from his overall performance in a game. In the last two seasons Referees have been subjected to what amounts to a microscopic examination which, perhaps, was inevitable following the clamp down on discipline, but why have we suddenly become so scientific. On the field of play twenty five human beings are involved. They are human beings, not machines; they are prone to failings of human beings, they are not computers programmed to produce a foregone conclusion. They do their best to follow the well worn concepts of what is recognised as rules of the game. If, at times, they fail, don't condemn. Place yourself in the same situation and imagine for a moment what you would do. Can you in all honesty say you could do better? Obviously one's reaction to an incident is instant. The vocal response is equally instant, but let overall judgement be based on fairness. One cannot issue advice to Referees, and Linesmen. They know the rules and whatever they say goes. There is, however, a manner of enforcing rules which makes it instantly recognisable that a breach has taken place, and it is not necessary to indulge in histrionics to emphasise this fact. The 'Reg Leafe Smile' is missed today. Perhaps it was easier in Reg's day, but present day Officials could, pardon the pun, take a leaf from his book.

A new chapter

behind the dwindling support for the game, which if we are honest with ourselves is the basic reason for our troubles today, and in this context we come face to face with some very real problems. Despite what the NON-sports minded section of the community may think and say, sport in general and soccer in particular play an important part in the social and leisure life of people in this country. Obviously as an integral part of our lives it must tend to reflect the good and the bad influences of society in general. Economically we live in an inflationary environment, so soccer has its inflationary aspects, witness the spiralling transfer fees and disproportionate wage structure. Violence and lack of respect for authority which characterise everyday lives finds its parallel in sport, hence hooliganism on ter-

aces. On the field of play itself, the very heart of the matter, authority, naturally anxious to preserve the latent qualities of the game, has devised a disciplinary code designed to bring home to the performer, the player, that the arts of the game are more important than winning. A hopeless brand of optimism if it brings no rewards. Another chapter could reflect the opinion of those who advocate less soccer and perhaps more important less exposure of the game by the 'darling' of the Public,—T.V. One could categorise a whole range of influences, good and bad; an equal number of suggestions and ideas to maintain good and combat bad, and still wind up no nearer a solution. Such a complex problem giving rise to conflicting opinions needs a Commission to sit and thrash out its facets and formulate policy. We had a Court of Inquiry on Ground Safety, why not an inquiry into the overall working of the game to bring us back to a level of sanity where preservation of sport no matter where played is more important than the people within it.

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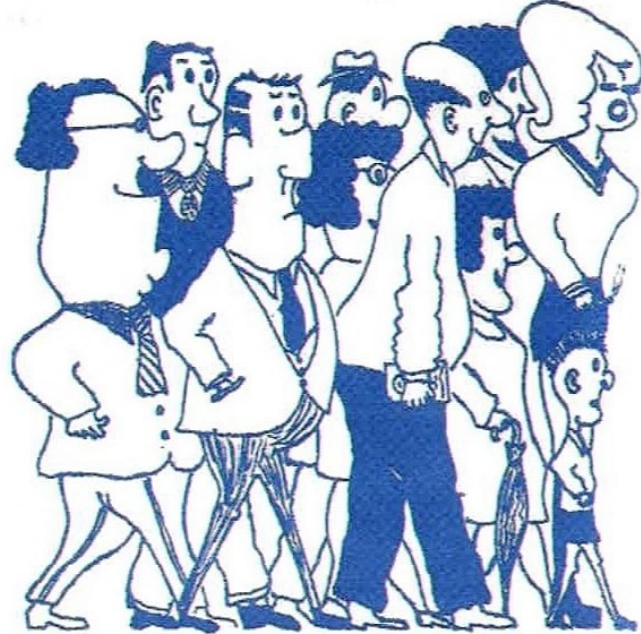
There's a long way to go to the end of the present football season when the honours and the pats on the back will be handed out — and the Championships, Cups and medals distributed. Yet the soccer fraternity are already talking about the man who, on current form, will waltz away with this season's Football Of The Year award — Kevin Keegan. And quite honestly he's done enough in the last few weeks, with the campaign not yet half-way through, to top anyone's list.

Kevin Keegan has been a revelation for his club Liverpool this year. He's a hundred per cent man, dedicated only to helping his team on the road to victory. A fighter! A human dynamo! A brilliant ball-player, and one of the most exciting players this country has seen for a long time. I'm quite sure that come May, he will have added to the one full England international honour he received against Wales recently.

Players like Keegan are born great, not created. They possess a magical sparkle that can turn a game in seconds — masters of the unpredictable, with flair in abundance. They possess *everything* that exciting soccer stands for. And these types of players, and these alone, *can* and *will* bring the crowds flocking back to the game in their thousands.

Keegan came to Anfield, and the First Division, a little over eighteen months ago in a next-to-nothing, £35,000 transfer from Scunthorpe. He's been one of the driving forces in the Liverpool soccer machine ever since — and one of the main reasons why the Reds have continued to dominate British and European football.

It's funny, but Kevin's style is basically that of an old-fashioned right-winger, given a free-hand, roving commission by team manager Bill Shankly and his England counterpart Sir Alf Ramsey. In the past Sir Alf has shown a general dislike to old-fashioned type wingers on more than one occasion — still, when a player like Keegan comes along, most soccer bosses would make exceptions!



Saturday Crowd

In our concern for the results of our League side we are inclined sometimes to overlook the exploits of other sections of our Club, and it is well to be reminded how well our Youth side are playing at the moment. One of their best results so far this season was their defeat of Chelsea last Saturday at Langley Park by 3 goals to 1. The youngsters from Stamford Bridge are always a difficult side to beat and prior to their game with us had only suffered one previous reverse this season. Two goals by Mickey Kelly and another by Steve Webb enabled our Lads to gain a convincing victory which kept the Club in fourth position. Roy Compton and Johnny Johnson have now left the Club, and we are blood-ing some useful up and coming boys who this time next season may well be Apprentices. Meanwhile with players like Kelly, Webb and Pittaway to blend with the younger boys we continue to maintain a position in keeping with the one we have occupied for the last three or four seasons. It's always a healthy sign when a Club's youngsters are doing well. Our youngsters play their home games in the S.E. Counties League at Langley Park, Beckenham, and a faithful band of followers can usually be found flanking the touchlines on Saturday mornings. Perhaps you might like to join them. Langley Park is within 100 yards of Eden Park Station. There is a very nice pavilion there where you can obtain refreshments. The next game there will be next Saturday 16th December when the opposition will be Gillingham. Leading goalscorers in our Youth side are Roy Compton 11, Mickey Kelly 9, and Steve Webb 6. Pop over to Langley Park next Saturday morning and give the Lads your vocal support.

SPOT KICKS

Two sections of the communications media slang each other over falling attendances. The Public have the last say in the matter.

Headlines make stories. How about these from last week's reports: "Wolves Starve". "Alf must go for Burton".

Back to headlines this one sounds like a bit of Chinese Magic: "Lee One Pen finds New Trick".



LIONESSES

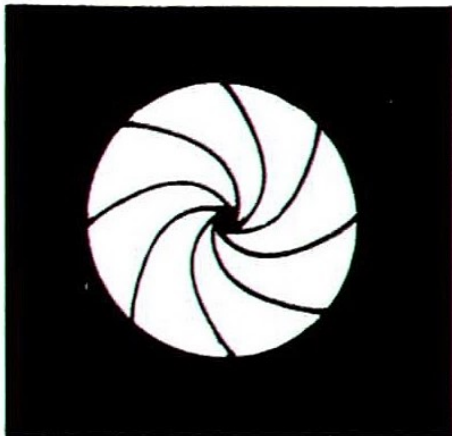
by Paulyne McGrath

Hello Ladies,

I hope you all enjoyed the Huddersfield match as much as I did, it was very exciting and it was a great thrill to know that Sir Alf Ramsey had, at last, put in an appearance at The Den. Who it was he came to see nobody seems to know, but every player on the field had a great game so whoever it was Sir Alf could not have gone away disappointed.

Unfortunately, due to the fact that I caught the Flu, I was unable to go to the Sheffield Wednesday match. Still, I did get a full report on the game and I was very grateful when the highlights of the game were shown on the television on Sunday afternoon. I said a few weeks ago that I did not think Gordon Bolland was playing very well, but after seeing him score those two goals against Sheffield Wednesday on television what can I say but "Sorry Gordon, those two goals were marvellous".

These last few days have given me every opportunity to read all the newspapers (especially the sports section) and I have given most of the reports a great deal of thought. "Under eighteens should be barred from all Football Grounds". This caused quite a stir and I turned this statement over in my mind for quite a long while. Sure, all Clubs have a few hooligans on the terraces some more than others, but how many Clubs have tried talking to these youths and explaining to them that wherever they go they are wearing the colours of the Club they support and any violence or damage they may cause immediately reflects on the club. Most of them are responsible enough to realise this and I am sure will respond. This way the true troublemakers can be sorted out and dealt with accordingly. Most of the youngsters I have spoken to really do come to watch the football and not, as has been suggested to cause trouble.



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MILLWALL v Q.P.R. 18 NOVEMBER 1972

Alf Wood rises to head goalwards in our match with Queens Park Rangers. Ian Evans (Q.P.R.) and Barry Kitchener look on.

Photo: Neil Payne

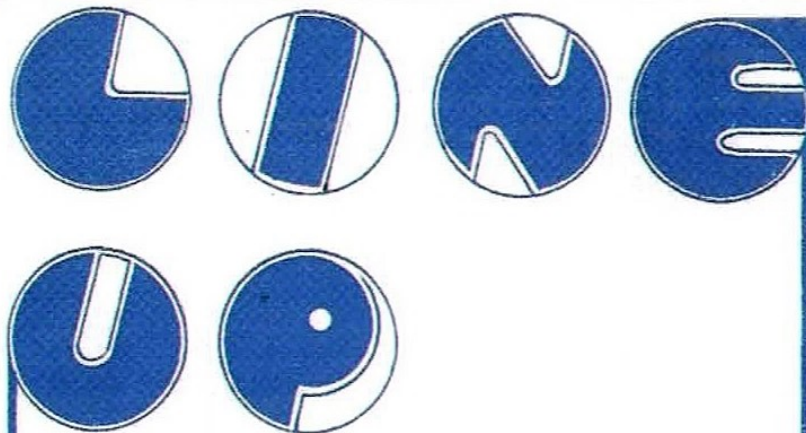
Focus on the Lions

Eamonn Dunphy

If, and when, the history of Millwall Football Club is written, we feel sure that one character will have more than a mere mention. Eamonn Dunphy may during almost seven years service with the Lions, have been a controversial personality, but few will deny that his innate ability has proved on so many occasions invaluable to the Club. Like any number of his contemporaries from the Erin Isle, Eamonn left his native shores to join forces with Manchester United. This was back in 1960 when he had just left school. He arrived at Old Trafford at a time when the Manchester Club was rich with talent young and not so young and although he stayed five years he never quite made the grade. He moved across the Pennines to York City, it was whilst he was there that he came under our notice. We well remember that at the time we were more than interested in the York centre forward Aimson and we wanted to be involved in a deal that would bring Aimson and Dunphy to Millwall. In the end it transpired that we missed out on Aimson and settled for Eamonn. He joined us in January 1966 and from then on to the end of that season he made 18 League appearances and was an important part of the set up which gained us promotion from the Third to the Second Division, and although goalwise his contribution was only 5, Eamonn was very instrumental in

many of the goals scored that term by the Lions. In his first season with the Club in the Second Division Dunphy made 39 appearances. On this occasion he failed to get a mention in the goal charts, but by that time we were all prepared to accept him for what he was, a goal maker rather than a goalscorer. In the 1967/68 season Eamonn had only 29 League appearances. His goal contribution was only 3, but in keeping with his contradictory character they were goals which were of significant importance, well, at least two of them were. For instance his goal against Bristol City at home on 23rd September 1967 enabled the Lions to draw, and the one he scored late in the season again at home against Norwich City, the only one of the match enabled the Lions to defeat Norwich City. Until just recently Eamonn has been an automatic choice for the Republic of Eire's International side. He has only to play six more games for the Lions to complete a tally of 250 appearances. Well done Eamonn. It has not been easy, but whatever transpires few will deny that in your six and a half years with the Club you have given of your best, and helped to bring entertainment to the fans. Eamonn is married and we should shortly hear of a happy event for him and his charming wife, Sandra.





Our visitors Swindon found themselves with a free afternoon last Saturday when their home game with Cardiff City was postponed due to the adverse weather. Their record to date reads as follows. At home, won four, drawn five and lost one. Away, won two, drawn two and lost six.

MILLWALL

SHIRTS: WHITE
SHORTS: WHITE

Bryan KING

Brian BROWN

Harry CRIPPS

Alan DORNEY

Barry KITCHENER

Dennis BURNETT

Steve BROWN

Gordon BOLLAND

Aif WOOD

Eamonn DUNPHY

Doug ALLDER

SWINDON

SHIRTS: RED/WHITE
SHORTS: BLACK

Jimmy ALLAN

Rod THOMAS

John TROLLOPE

Roger SMART

Frank BURROWS

Ron POTTER

Steve PELOW

Ron HOWELL

Ray TREACY

Peter NOBLE

Joe BUTLER

12 David MOSS

The Match Ball for today's game has been generously donated by Gary Irving, a friend of the Players.

Today's Officials

Referee: K W Baker
Rugby

Started refereeing in 1959, in 1966 he was promoted to the referees list of West Midlands Regional League and following year was appointed to the Football League Linesman List. In 1970 he became a supplementary referee with the Football League and was appointed to the full list in 1971.

In 1969 he refereed the F.A. Amateur Cup Semi-Final between Whitley Bay and Sutton United. In 1970 he officiated as linesman in both the Hertha Berlin v Vitoria Setubal Inter Cities Fairs Cup match, and League Cup Semi-Final Aston Villa v Manchester United.

Linesmen:

B Mullen Andover Red
R Rodell Luton Yellow

Around the Grounds

Half-time and Full-time results will be announced over the Tannoy. Below you can enter both results, Half-time on the left, Full-time on the right.

..... Birmingham/Leicester

..... Chelsea/Norwich

..... Derby/Coventry

..... Everton/Wolves

..... Ipswich/C. Palace

..... Leeds/West Ham

..... Man. U./Stoke

..... Newcastle/Southampton

..... Sheff. U./Man. C.

..... Tottenham/Arsenal

..... W.B.A./Liverpool

..... Bristol C./A. Villa

..... Burnley/Huddersfield

..... Cardiff/Sheff. W.

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Aladdin turns up for training with the Millwall squad straight from the panto at the Broadway Theatre, Catford.

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TRAINING DAY

In memory of Hugh Shriver - forever Millwall

The 2016/17 season sees Millwall celebrate the 50th anniversary of setting a new Football League benchmark of 59 matches unbeaten at The Den - beating a 33-year record previously held by Reading.

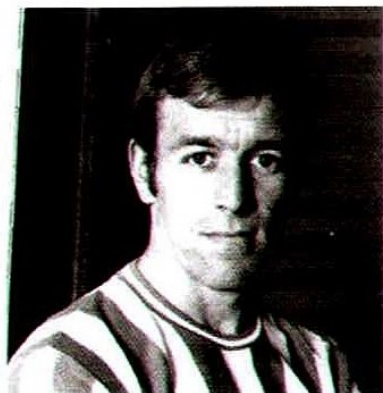
Throughout this campaign Dave Sullivan highlights all 59 matches of that epic run...

Before Swindon's visit in mid-October, Millwall had been on the road with three away games, including two lengthy trips. Four valuable points came with victories at Exeter and Southend, whilst a goalless draw at Second Division Middlesbrough earned a replay in the League Cup.

The Robins lay in 11th place when they encountered The Lions at The Den, and yet another 1-0 win followed from what was a highly entertaining game. The one criticism was the lack of punch up front from the home attack and a major factor was the absence of the injured Hugh Curran.

It was his replacement, the transfer-listed Mickey Brown, who scored the only goal early in the second-half. Millwall set about Swindon with some crisp, attacking and free-flowing football that was pleasing on the eye - and this was to continue throughout.

The all important goal came after 50 minutes following a spell of possession. Kenny Jones received a throw-in from Barry Rowan and after a quick look up, he produced a precise cross that was met by the head of the unmarked Brown, who beat the heroic Swindon keeper Peter Downsborough.



59 ON THE 59 TH DAY

Up until then Downsborough appeared unbeatable, but it was Alex Stepney who made the best save of the game. Mel Nurse's header look set to give his team a half-time lead, but the Welshman was denied by Stepney's agility.

Brown had opened up the game and despite efforts from Jones, Jacks, Neil and Cripps, who all went close, Millwall were unable to add to their advantage.

Team: Stepney; Gilchrist, Cripps; Jones, Snowdon, Wilson; Rowan, Julians, Brown, Jacks, Neil.

Millwall's extra-time exertions in the League Cup victory over Middlesbrough caught-up with them when they slipped to just their second defeat with a 2-0 loss at Shrewsbury Town.

The home fixture with Bristol Rovers would allow the fans to honour goalkeeper Alex Stepney, who had been selected for England U23s.

It proved, however, not to be the best timing for the keeper and having let in two goals at Shrewsbury, poor Alex would concede another three against Rovers in a 3-3 draw.

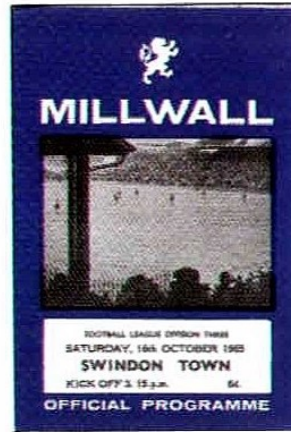
The attendance of 16,151 witnessed a thriller that swung from end to end.

Making his League debut was manager Billy Gray's nephew, 16-year-old defender John Richardson.

The excitement began as early as the second minute when a Rowan drive was deflected into his own net by Joe Davis. But Rovers were back level after four minutes when the young debutant Richardson failed to clear a cross, leaving Alf Biggs with the simple task of beating Stepney.

Millwall fell behind after Doug Hillard's free-kick took a slight deflection off Ken Jones, before The Lions came roaring back to equalise after 34 minutes. It was Rowan, displaying some silky skills, who left three defenders trailing in his wake and set-up Len Julians to make it 2-2.

Mickey Brown then put Millwall back in front with 14 minutes left, only for the referee to



Bany Rowan (far left). Tea's up for The Lions players (top), John Richardson (above left).

award Rovers a disputed corner. Waving away The Lions' protests the inevitable happened when Harold Jarman scooped home the equaliser.

The extenuating circumstance leading to the loss of a point was undoubtedly the absence of Snowdon, Wilson and Curran plus an under-the-weather Stepney, who had earlier in the day been sent home with a temperature of 101, but bravely decided to play on.

Team: Stepney; John, Cripps; Jones, Gilchrist, Richardson; Rowan, Julians, Brown, Jacks, Neil

When second placed Grimsby Town arrived at Cold Blow Lane they were two points behind The Lions with a game in hand.

An attendance of over 17,000 was there to watch this top of the table clash and they weren't going to be disappointed.

Both Snowdon and Wilson returned to the team and it was the latter who would settle the game in the second-half.

The Mariners took a 14th minute lead due to an unusual goalmouth mix-up when visiting winger Brian Hill was given two bites of the cherry to beat Stepney.

Grimsby's hopes of taking top place were extinguished within two minutes, when in-form Rowan delivered a deceptive cross that allowed Julians the space to head firmly past Charlie Wright.

Rowan was excelling on the right and it was he who provided the chance for Jacks to fire narrowly wide.

The second-half saw Grimsby under severe pressure as Clarke, Julians and Rowan fired in efforts before Millwall garnered the winner when none other than the impressive Rowan sent over the corner that enabled Tommy Wilson to race in and score the decisive header.

Despite their excellent approach work, Grimsby found it hard going to breach a solid Lions defence in which skipper Brian Snowdon was outstanding.

This victory saw Millwall go four points clear.

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Good luck for the season. Fred, Tracey & Tom

AWAY

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SHAUN WILLIAMS

HOME

Good Luck Shaun on the rest of the Season. From all Lehel generations past and present.

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DAVID WORRALL

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"Fortuna favorit fortibus" from Emma, daughter of Alice Grosley and Richard Allan

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BEN THOMPSON

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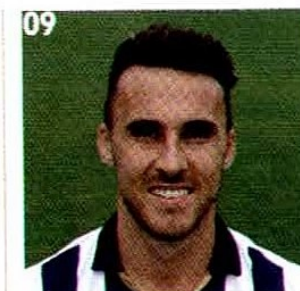
Let's have another great season, Ben. From Tommy and all at Greenwich Joinery

AWAY

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TRAINING

Good luck for the season Ben, Jamie Cannon



LEE GREGORY

HOME

Good luck for the season. From everyone at www.millwallmaniacsprobboards40.com

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In loving memory of Lenny Sheen. Love from Micky, John & Box 10

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Good luck to Millwall. From the Moyses family



FRED ONYEDINMA

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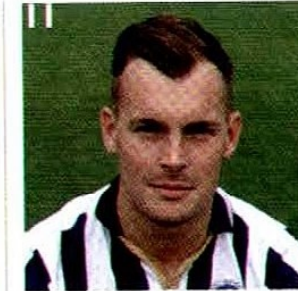
Good luck for the rest of the season Fred, Tim and Paul Dolez, the Welling Site Foreman. Come On You Lovers!

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MAHLON ROMEO

HOME

Throw everything into this season, Mahlon - we will provide the kitchen sink! Best of luck from Mike and Sam D'Arcy at Bumi Hill Kitchens Ltd

AWAY

Good luck for the rest of the season from the D'Arcy family.

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NEIL HARRIS

HOME

Good luck for the season from Harry Earle & all the Majorca Boys in Box 11

AWAY

Pleased to be on your back for the fourth season running, Bomber! Good luck from all the 45k Elite Syndicate incorporating The Lockwood Football Academy and Team Harvey Brown #Remembering Jimmy Mizzen

TRAINING

Thanks Neil, looking forward to another good season. From Tom Gale



SID NELSON

HOME

Thames Demolition – In memory of Terry & Micky Burt. All the best, Sid

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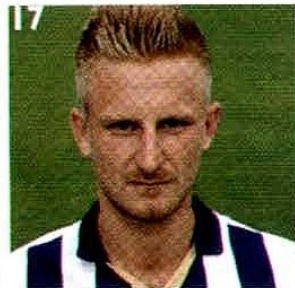
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BYRON WEBSTER

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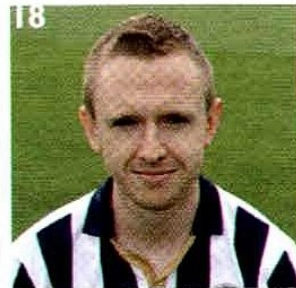
Good luck for the season, Byron. From milwallonline: www.milwallvtafootball.co.uk

AWAY

Good luck, Byron. Wear my kit with pride. From Kathryn Gale

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SHANE FERGUSON

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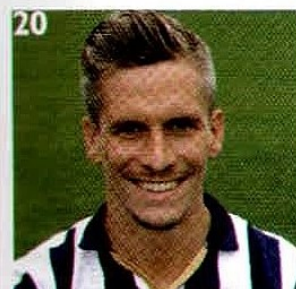
Good luck for the season, Graham Hopperton, Maureen Binstead & Peal Gower

AWAY

Good luck for the rest of the season Fergie! Best wishes John and Tracey.

TRAINING

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STEVE MORISON

HOME

Oh Steve, Steve! All the best for the season from the Rowland family

AWAY

In fond memory of our good friends Chris, Bill & Ken www.johnwestsidinguarding.com

TRAINING

Good Luck Steve, Have a great season from Barry Eddin



AIDEN O'BRIEN

HOME

In loving memory of a true lion, Molly Pearce. Keep roaring Mum, Yvonne Mayne, and Family

AWAY

In memory of Hugh Shiver, Seaver Millwall

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Good luck for the season Aiden. From the MSC



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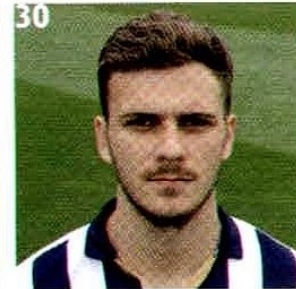
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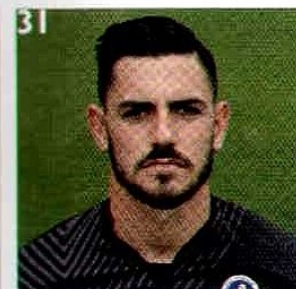
All the best, from Andy and Katie Babington



HARRY SMITH

HOME, AWAY AND TRAINING

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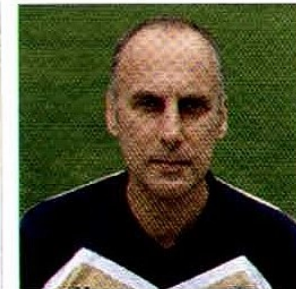
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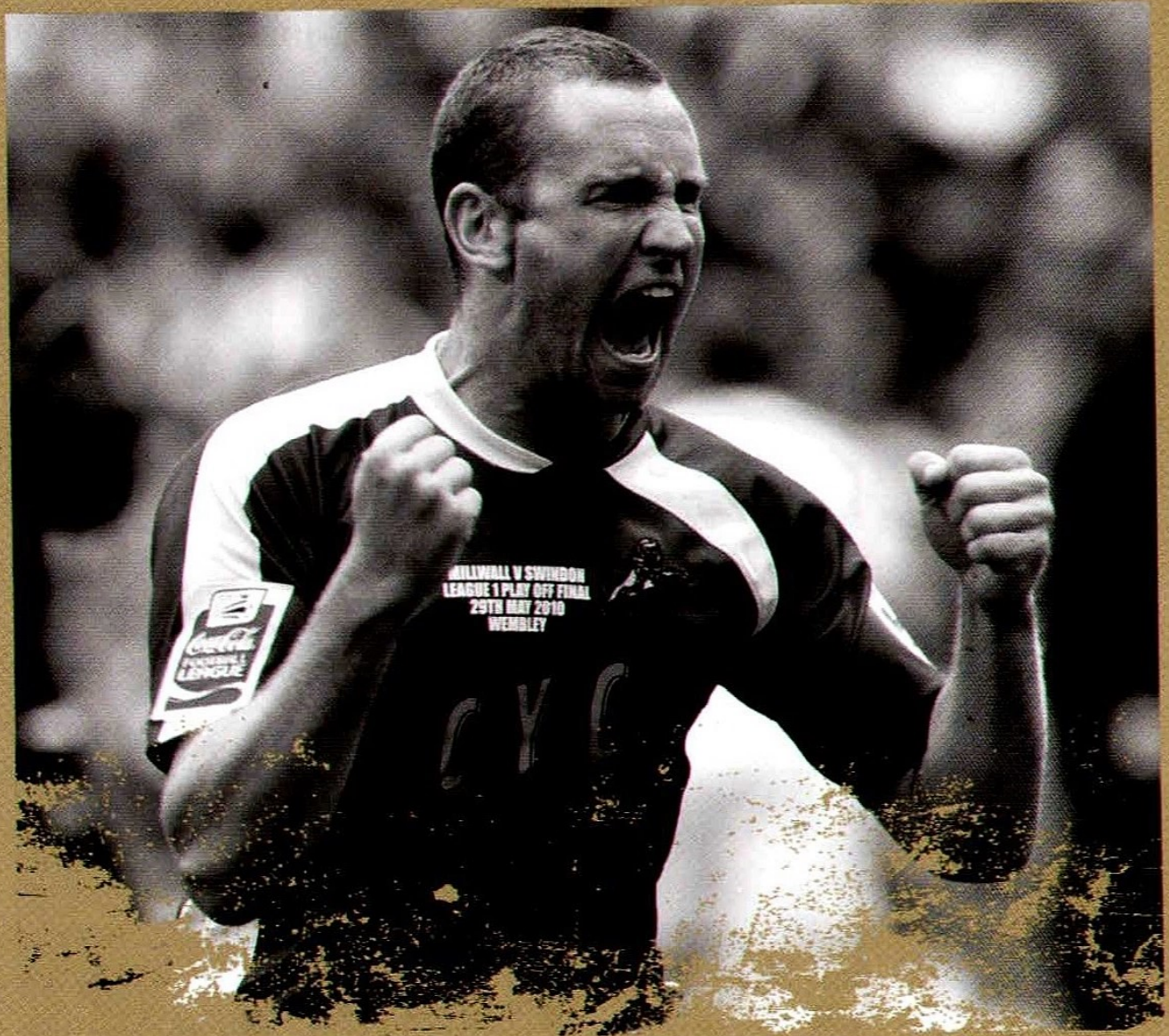
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ANDY FRAMPTON'S
BIG DECISION



FORMER DEFENDER PUTS FAMILY FIRST BUT HOPES TO RETURN ONE DAY.

Back in February of this year former Lions defender Andy Frampton was forced to make an agonising decision. After being given the opportunity to join the coaching staff at Millwall alongside Neil Harris and Dave Livermore, he elected to walk away from his dream job – for family reasons.

"I loved my time at Millwall as a player, and it was always on my mind to go into coaching, so when the opportunity arose immediately after I finished playing it was too good to turn down," he said.

"It probably happened a bit quicker than I had anticipated because equally I knew I would be getting more involved with the commercial property business my father had run for the last 45 years, and then there was also a young family to consider.

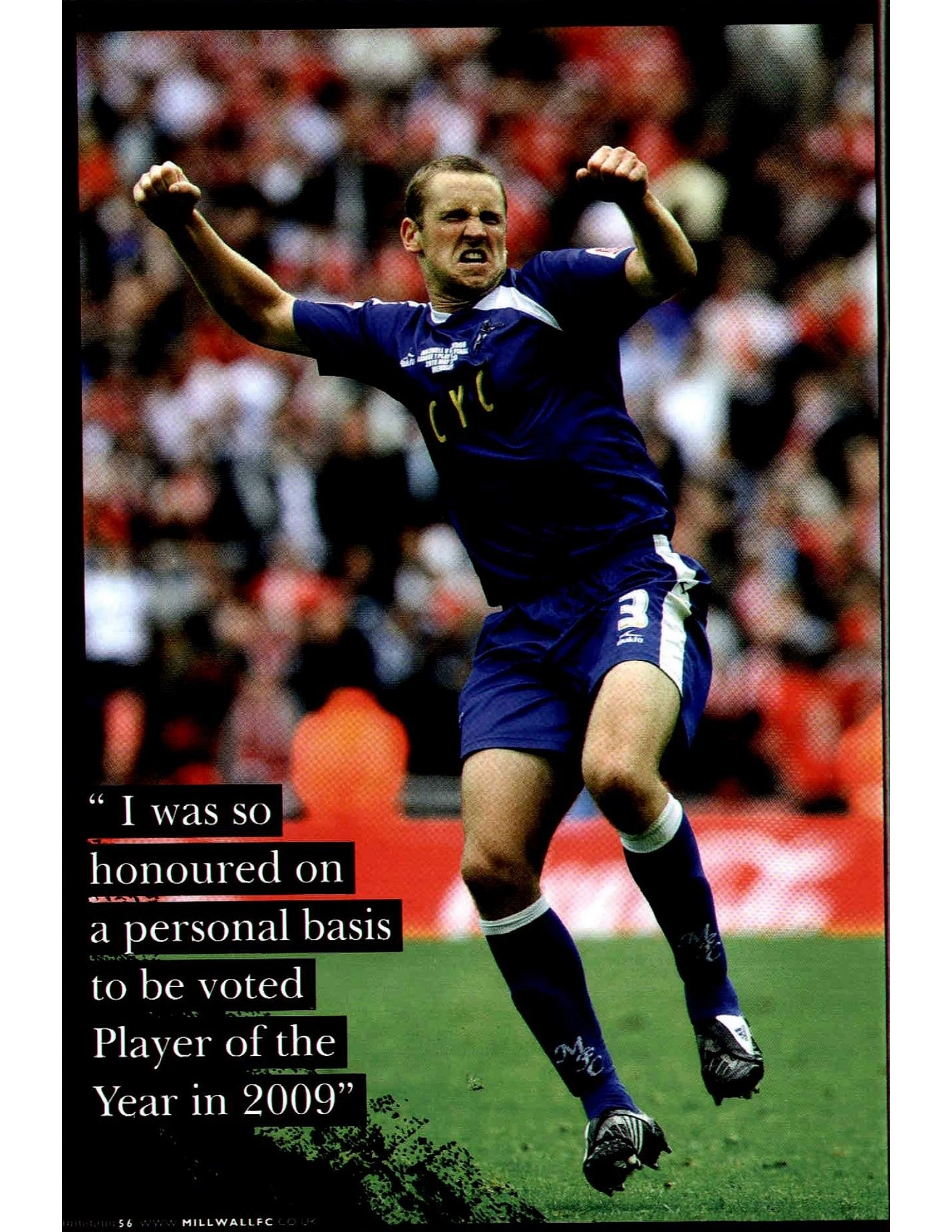
"I tried to juggle all three for a while. It was always the plan to step up and help dad, who was past retirement age, and I wanted to learn about the business. But as I then took on a bigger role at the club, travelling with the first team to away games and so on, it was taking its toll on my family life.

"With a two-year-old in addition to other children who are now 12 and 10, just having Sundays at home was never going to be enough, so something had to give. With no-one else really in a position to help with the business, I reluctantly took the decision to step away from Millwall in order to support my family. From that perspective I don't have any regrets because they are my number one priority, but it doesn't stop me wondering at times whether I have done the right thing.

"I certainly hope that one day, further down the line, I can return to coaching. It is something I enjoy, and I still stay in close touch with Chopper and Livers. I was honoured when Neil invited myself and my son to Wembley as guests for the Play-Off Final last May. Sadly the result didn't go our way, but it was a great occasion."

Prior to that, Framps had mixed memories of Wembley, having been on the losing side there against Scunthorpe in 2009 and then a winner against Swindon 12 months later.

"Willie Donachie signed me for Millwall, and as at most clubs I've played for, I had a pretty dodgy start. I really didn't get

A soccer player in a blue kit is captured in a moment of intense celebration, jumping with his arms raised and a determined expression. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium. The player's kit features the letters 'CYC' on the front and 'MFC' on the socks.

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going and certainly wasn't doing myself justice. But I was determined not to leave the club as a failure and gradually the fans began to appreciate the way I played the game, and I was so honoured on a personal basis to be voted Player of the Year in 2009.

“The defeat against Scunthorpe was a downer though, particularly after all we'd achieved that season and to lose the game from a winning position.

“Credit to Kenny Jackett and the backroom staff though. They got us going again the following season and on a very different day we managed to grind out a magnificent result in the Final against Swindon with Robbo scoring the winner.”

Ironically, Andy's next port of call was Swindon, whom he joined on loan the following season.

“It was a tricky time for me there” he recalls. “I picked up an injury early on and came back to Millwall. Then when I got fit again Danny Wilson called me up and asked if I'd like to come back. I knew I'd be playing first team football there whereas at Millwall, I'd be on the bench, so I thought I would give it a go and maybe earn myself a new contract either there or at Millwall.

“Swindon had a good side with Charlie Austin up front, Jonathan Douglas and David Prutton in midfield, Shaun Morrison at the back and David Lucas in goal. But within 24 hours of my return, Austin and Morrison were sold and we were on a downward spiral

“I was very disappointed, it was a sad way for it to end. There were some very good people behind scenes at Swindon who looked after me well and gave me the chance to get back to see my family when I needed to. I enjoyed it, but it didn't work out.”

From there Framps had two productive seasons at Gillingham, helping them to promotion from League Two before linking up with Neal Ardley at Wimbledon.

“I was offered a coaching role at Gillingham, but at 33 I just wanted to play. In the end I was still playing at 35, and I can honestly say I have been very fortunate.

“I fulfilled my dream of playing professional football. At 17 I got my first contract and couldn't believe I was being paid to do the thing I loved. I still felt like that at the end, and one day I'd like to work in the game again.”



Christmas Cheer

Lions players Steve Morison, Jordan Archer, Tony Craig, Fred Onyedinma, Jamie Philpot, Jimmy Abdou, Harry Smith and Byron Webster paid their annual pre-Christmas visit to the children's wards at Lewisham Hospital on 15th December.

Millwall mascot Zampa was also in attendance as the players raised some festive spirits by handing out gifts including scarves, calendars, posters, programmes and soft toys to youngsters across various wards. The group posed for photos and signed autographs throughout.

Byron Webster said: "It's fantastic to see the smiles on the kids faces, they really light up when we pay them a visit.

"I really enjoy coming down to Lewisham hospital and meeting these brave kids. It's inspirational when you hear of the hardships they, and their parents, are going through.

"Getting involved in trips like this is an example of the spirit in our team and the type of characters we have at the club."





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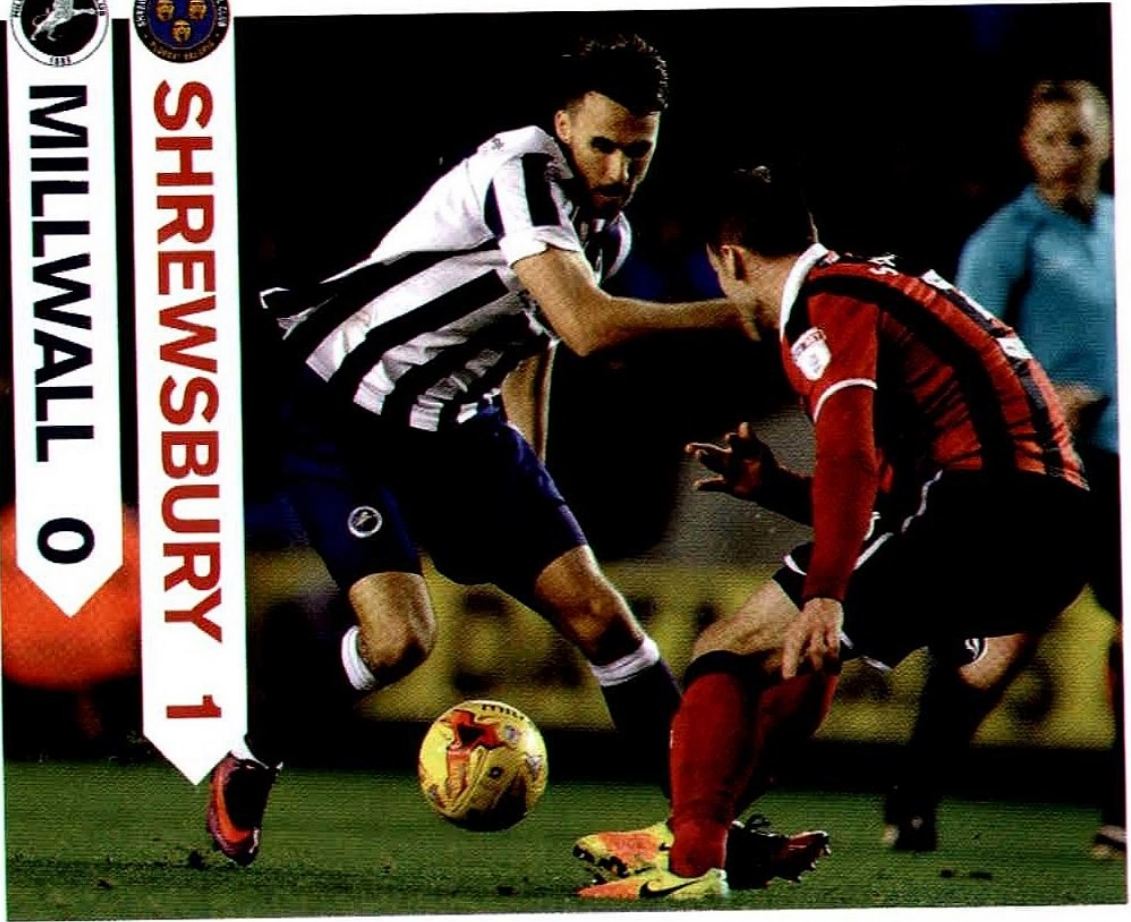
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Millwall (4-4-2)

1, Archer, 3, Martin (O'Brien, 62), 5, Craig,
6, Williams, 8, Thompson, 9, Gregory,
10, Onyedima (Worrell, 83 mins),
12, Romeo, 15, Nelson (Butcher, 71 mins),
18, Ferguson, 30, Smith.

Subs not used: King, Cummings,
Mbulu, Abdou.



Shrewsbury (4-2-3-1)

1, Leutwiler, 3, Sadler, 4, McGovern
(Grimmer, 67 mins), 8, Ogoke,
9, Toney, 10, Dodds (Riley, 90+1 mins),
11, O'Brien, 12, Brown, 15, Smith,
18, Doogan, 24, E. Abd.

Subs not used: Halstead, Lancashire,
Black, Waring, Ebanks-Blake.

Dodds 17' 

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JANUARY



After a stuttering start to the 2015/16 campaign which saw The Lions plummeting to the lower reaches of the League One table, Neil Harris, in his first full season as manager, was beginning to mould his team into the confident, attacking outfit that would eventually battle their way back into the Play-Off positions.

However, the opening game of the New Year was to deliver a sobering post-Christmas blow to The Lions' early optimism. A bruising encounter

at Barnsley saw Millwall go down 2-1, handing the Yorkshire outfit the double over them for the season.

With his squad momentarily depleted by the return of loan midfielder George Saville to his parent club Wolves, the manager signed Jed Wallace, also from the Molineux outfit, on a one month loan, and the midfielder had little time to settle in before being called into action against Oldham Athletic.

In that encounter goals by Lee Gregory and Steve Morison would earn The Lions a 2-1 win away at Boundary Park heralding a sustained period of consistency and improvement for Harris' men.

There were hopes of a return to Wembley when Millwall played host to Oxford United in the first-leg of the JPT Area Final. However, those hopes were severely dashed by a 2-0 home defeat to the U's.

The Lions ended the opening month of 2016 with three wins out of six games. Victories against Oldham, Port Vale and Chesterfield would provide them with a useful foothold for their assault on the top six. »



FEBRUARY

On a cold Tuesday night in early February Millwall travelled up to Oxford for the JPT Area Final second-leg, hoping to claw back a two goal deficit from January's 2-0 defeat at The Den.

Millwall dominated for large periods of the game, but Lee Gregory's 54th minute strike was the only goal and the 1-0 scoreline proved insufficient to book The Lions a visit to Wembley for the Final.

Millwall's next game, away at Walsall, saw the senior debut of full-back Mahlon Romeo, who gave an early indication of his quality with a performance of remarkable energy and maturity. The icing on Mahlon's cake that afternoon was his first senior goal for the club as the visitors ran out 3-0 winners with all three strikes coming in a blistering 16 minute onslaught during the second half. Lee Gregory, in potent form, added his 17th and 18th goals of the season.

Victory against Rochdale would follow a week later with a 1-0 away success at the Crown Oil Arena. Gregory found the net for Millwall, with his talismanic strike partner Steve Morison producing a match-winning performance that prompted the Rochdale manager Keith Hill to describe him as "outstanding".

Off the field, striker Morison signed a new contract keeping him at The Den until the summer of 2017, whilst Millwall further secured the services of Jed Wallace with a two month extension to his loan period. John Marquis headed up the M1 to Northampton on loan duty, and Andy Frampton, drafted in by Chopper in 2015, resigned from coaching duties to spend time with his family.

Millwall marksman Aiden O'Brien armed himself with a bag full of presents and took time off from training to pay a surprise visit to his number one fan Harvey Brown. The irrepressible seven-year-old received a birthday surprise he would remember for many seasons to come.

Midway through the month, Scunthorpe United condemned Millwall to their first League defeat in seven games. Their



earlier meeting back in August ended in a goalless draw, but the 2-0 scoreline on a Tuesday night made sure the Lincolnshire outfit had plenty to sing about on the coach back up the A1.

Eager to make amends The Lions turned their attention to a struggling Peterborough who, after a promising start to the year, were hoping to recapture their earlier form. Millwall produced a dominant and morale-boosting performance in front of their home fans resulting in a 3-0 scoreline that could easily have been more.

However, after the game it wasn't the convincing scoreline which had the Facebook and Twitter feeds going into meltdown. The game produced one of the most talked about incidents of the season, involving Mark Beevers and keeper Jordan Archer. In the 13th minute a long looping backpass from Beevers had Archer back-peddalling like a steam train in reverse. Unable to handle the ball he improvised brilliantly with a neat header over his own bar saving the blushes of the Millwall defender.

With confidence restored, The Lions headed north to Doncaster for the final game of the month. The feisty encounter ended in a 1-1 draw with Steve Morison claiming his 13th goal of the season.

MARCH

Reinforcing Chopper's mantra that "consistency is key" his side continued to build on their hard-fought gains secured during the opening months of 2016.

For their first game in March, The Lions headed north to face a rampant Wigan Athletic, a team hungrily eyeing automatic promotion and vigorously defending a 12 game unbeaten run.

The gritty drama-laden encounter saw Wigan reduced to 10 men after midfielder Sam Morsy received a red-card on the half hour mark. With a man advantage The Lions laid siege to The Latics' goal, but despite numerous attempts the game finished 0-0 and the Wigan goal, along with their unbeaten run, remained unbreached.

From one team vying for promotion to another struggling for survival. On 5th March, The Lions played host to a Blackpool side five games away from their last win. The Seaside's would find little solace at The Den as the home side swept away their faltering challenge. It took only eight minutes for Lee Gregory to claim his 21st goal of the campaign. Further strikes by Jed Wallace and Steve Morison completed the destruction in the 3-0 one-sided affair.

The fixture was designated as the fourth Jimmy's Day, when the parents of Jimmy Mizen, and others who have lost loved ones, were invited onto the pitch before kick-off in a show of unity and determination to bring an end to street violence.

Next up for The Lions were Swindon Town, another team in a rich vein of form with four wins on the spin coming into the game. The cross country coach trip to Wiltshire did little to dampen Millwall's enthusiasm as Gregory and Morison quickly propelled them into a 2-0 lead within 14 minutes. However, any celebrations proved premature as The Robins reduced the arrears in the second half, and then pulled an equaliser out of the bag, agonisingly close to the final whistle.

The revolving door at The Den rarely stopped spinning throughout March, as various players came and went in a bustling loan market.

Jed Wallace returned to Wolves after his parent club exercised a recall clause, and was promptly replaced by winger Chris Taylor from Blackburn Rovers, who resigned for The Lions until the end of the season.



Keaton Wood headed out on loan to Dartford, as did Jack Powell, to Braintree, and Mahlon Romeo signed a new long-term contract which would keep him at The Den until 2019.

Back on the pitch Taylor took precisely one minute and 35 seconds to crown his return to South London with the winning goal in a 1-0 home success against an erratic Sheffield United.

But a week later Millwall suffered their only defeat of the month after the long trip up to Bradford City ended in defeat. A solitary goal at Valley Parade would see The Lions return empty-handed from their northern excursion. »



In other news, Millwall announced a new deal with global sports brand Errea. The Italian company would become Millwall's official kit supplier from the 2016/17 season onwards.

David Forde and Jimmy Abdou received international call-ups, and keeper Jordan Archer added the Sky Bet League One Player of the Month award for February to his growing list of achievements.

In their final game in March The Lions faced Burton Albion at The Den, a team who would go on to clinch second place in the League and automatic promotion. Millwall duly dispatched the title contenders with a confident performance and two first half goals from Aiden O'Brien and Lee Gregory to end the month in fifth spot.



APRIL

The opening game in April saw The Lions heading to the Weston Homes Community Stadium to face a Colchester side struggling at the wrong end of the table. The game, high in endeavour and effort, ended with neither team able to break the deadlock. But the 0-0 scoreline would earn the visitors one more precious point as they looked to consolidate their Play-Off status.

Back home at The Den, the next encounter would be against Shrewsbury Town on 9th April. The game was designated as the 2015/16 season's Dockers' Day fixture, commemorating the 1990/91 FA Youth Cup winning team. A host of former players including Youth Team Manager Tom Walley, Andy Roberts and Tony Dolby would see The Lions claim all three points in a scintillating second half performance in which Ben Thompson's cracking volley cancelled out a one goal deficit earning him the Goal of the Season trophy. The strike partnership of Morison and Gregory would seal the 3-1 victory with a goal apiece.

Five Academy graduates were handed their first professional contracts. James



Brown, Noah Chesmain, Harry Girling, Harry Donovan and Rian Bray would all join their older mentors in the senior squad.

The Lions suffered a body blow to their Play-Off aspirations following their visit to Coventry on 16th April. The Sky Blues went a goal down in the 19th minute after Byron Webster netted for Millwall. But the departure of Shaun Williams following a red card meant that they would play the last hour with only 10 men. That advantage was used to maximum effect in the second half when two goals in eight minutes sent The Lions back to South London feeling decidedly blue.

Back at Fortress Millwall, a scrappy affair against Fleetwood was decided by a single goal. Steve Morison claimed his 17th of the season with a nonchalant lob over the keeper's head in the 52nd minute and Harris' men moved stealthily into fourth place in the table.

The Lions all but confirmed their Play-Off spot away at Bury on the 23rd April. It had been five games since they had tasted victory on their travels, but they found the winning touch at the right time. Two goals from Chris Taylor confirmed exactly why Chopper had brought the winger back to The Den, while Morison, weighing in with his 18th of the season, contributed to a 3-1 scoreline which sent the travelling fans home in high spirits.

MAY

Millwall rubber-stamped their Play-Off place against local rivals Gillingham on 8th May. Aiden O'Brien handed The Lions the lead in the 55th minute of a frantic encounter which saw Mahlon Romeo red-carded late in the game. In an injury period packed with drama The Gills clawed back an equaliser, only to concede a penalty in the 98th minute of the game. Lee Gregory converted the spot-kick and the travelling fans erupted.

The ranks of those travelling fans had swelled to around 2,000 for the first leg of the League One Play-Off Semi-Final. And The Lions made sure that their long trek up the M1 to Bradford was worth every arduous mile. Despite going a goal down after 13 minutes Lee Gregory's equaliser came barely 60 seconds later, his 26th goal of the season. Steve Morison joined the party with his 19th, and Joe Martin completed the first half honours with a sublime free-kick to give The Lions a two goal cushion.

On Friday 20th May Millwall emerged from the tunnel to a wall of noise and a palpable air of expectancy, for their second leg against Bradford City.

Not content to sit on their two-goal lead, Millwall immediately took the fight to the visitors. The roar of the crowd must have rattled window panes across South London when Lee Gregory fired The Lions ahead on 33 minutes. But any premature celebrations were muted when Bradford levelled minutes before the break.

Bradford predictably threw everything they had at Jordan Archer's goal in the second half, but Neil Harris' men kept their shape to perfection and when the final curtain came down, it was to a 4-2 aggregate in Millwall's favour and a fourth Wembley appearance in seven years.

Away from the cauldron of the Play-Offs a little light relief was on offer courtesy of Millwall Legends v Charlton legends. The game, played in aid of Nicky Johns' "Know the Score" bowel cancer charity mined a rich vein of 'ex-Millwall talent and virtuosity. A dream team including



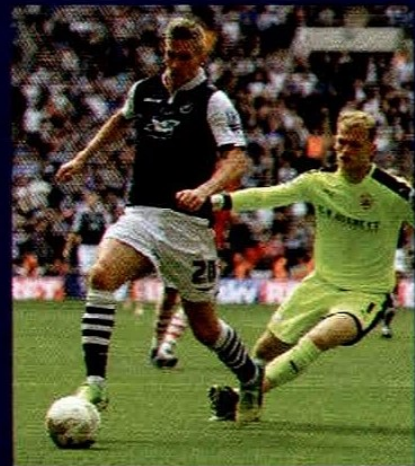
Richard Sadlier, Phil Walker and Jimmy Carter showed the former Charlton alumni a clean, if occasionally geriatric, pair of heels with a convincing 4-0 win, helped along by a Gary Alexander hat trick.

A deafening rendition of the Monks' Chant greeted Millwall mascot Harvey Brown as he led The Lions out onto the pitch at Wembley for the 2015/16 Play-Off Final. But this was not to be Millwall's day. The loss of Byron Webster to injury before kick-off, added to Mahlon Romeo's suspension and Joe Martin hobbling off in the first half tested their defensive resources against a fine attacking side.

Two early strikes from The Tykes dealt a body blow to The Lions. Mark Beevers reduced the arrears before the half time whistle, but despite a spirited second half fightback by Millwall, it was Barnsley who would seal the win with a decisive third goal.

It was a disappointing end to an inspirational season for Neil Harris in his first full term as Millwall boss.

Part II will appear in the Gillingham programme.



ACADEMY

KRIS-MAS CHEER FOR TWARDEK

Kris Twardek struck his second goal of the season, but it was not enough to earn outright bragging rights as local rivals Millwall and Charlton Athletic shared a 1-1 Professional Development League draw at Bromley FC.

Canadian U20 international Kris was on hand to fire home after 11 minutes and Millwall could have doubled their tally, only for an Alfie Pavey 'goal' to be ruled out for offside.

Charlton forced their way back into the match and by the 50th-minute had evened matters up thanks to an effort from skipper Mikhail Kennedy.

Despite both sides creating scoring chances, neither The Lions nor Addicks could find a way through for that second all-important goal with the teams having to settle for a point apiece.

"It was a typical local derby," said Millwall U23s boss Justin Skinner. "We started very well and dominated the first 20 minutes.

"We got our noses in front when we forced a throw following a good move. Jamie Philpot got a flick-on and Kris turned his man to fire into the far corner.

"There was plenty of commitment from both sides with a few tackles flying in as you expect in a derby game. Charlton went into it top of the table and we were determined to match them.

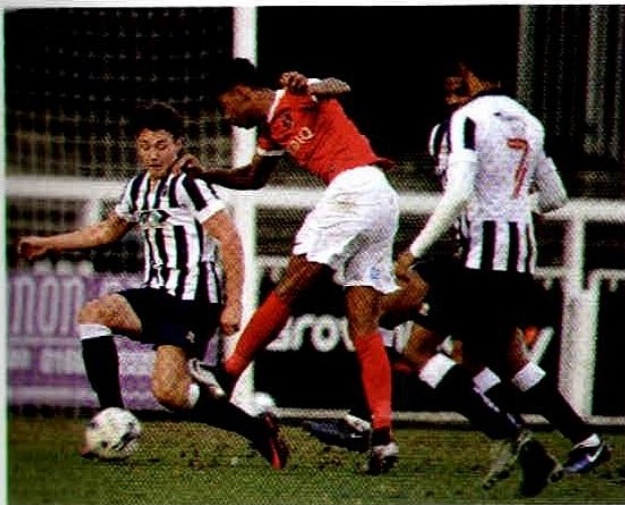
"To be fair, they started the second half the better and scored during that period. There really wasn't a great deal between the sides overall and a draw was just about a fair result."

The match saw a cluster of U18s players feature including Danny McNamara, Noel Leighton, Eze Ebuzoeme and Ryan Sandford, whilst it also handed useful match minutes to defender Shaun Hutchinson ahead of his return to senior action at Scunthorpe five days later.

Millwall: Sandford, McNamara, Chesman, Mbulu, Hutchinson (Bray, 46'), Farrell, Ebuzoeme, Twardek, Pavey, Philpot (Leighton, 60'), Boh. Subs not used: Jackson, Mundle-Smith, Hanson.

(Fixtures and results can be found on page 71)





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U18s FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST

- Sat 13 Birmingham City (A) 2-2 (White, Leighton)
Sat 20 Sheffield United (A) 0-6
Sat 27 QPR (A) 2-3 (Queeley, Leighton)

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 3 Charlton Athletic (H) 1-1 (Leighton)
Sat 10 Hull City (H) 2-2 (Leighton 2)
Sat 17 Bolton Wanderers (A) 1-2 (White)

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Watford (H) 3-0 (Saunders-Henry, White, Leighton)
Sat 8 Colchester United (A) 4-1 (Saunders-Henry, Day, Leighton 2)
Sat 15 Sheffield Wednesday (H) 3-1 (Olaofe, Saunders-Henry, Neary)
Sat 22 Huddersfield Town (A) 3-1 (L White, Olaofe, Day)

NOVEMBER

- Mon 07 Worthing FAYC1 (H) 6-0 (Saunders-Henry 2, Day, Olaofe 2, Leighton)
Sat 12 Bristol City (A) 2-0 (Leighton 2)
Wed 16 Cambridge Utd FAYC2 (A) 0-2
Sat 19 Crystal Palace (A) 1-0 (Alexander)
Sat 26 Coventry City (A) 4-4 (Bah 2, Campbell-Mhlope, Olaofe)

DECEMBER

- Sat 3 QPR (A) 1-2 (Day)
Sat 10 Watford (A) 1-2 (Day)

JANUARY

- Sat 7 Colchester United (H) 11am
Sat 14 Ipswich Town (H) 11am
Sat 21 Cardiff City (A) 12noon
Sat 28 Bristol City (H) 12noon

FEBRUARY

- Sat 4 Crystal Palace (A) 10.45am
Sat 11 Charlton Athletic (A) 11am
Sat 18 Coventry City (H) 12noon

MARCH

- Sat 4 Bamsley (A) 1pm
Sat 18 Nottingham Forest (H) 11am

APRIL

- Sat 1 Leeds United (A) 1pm
Sat 8 Crewe Alexandra (H) 1pm

Admission: Regrettably there is no admission for fixtures at the Millwall training ground.

U23s FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST 2016

- Fri 12 Sheffield Wednesday (A) 0-1
Mon 22 Bolton Wanderers (H) 1-2 (Smith)
Mon 29 Watford (A) 2-3 (Mundle-Smith, Smith)

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 5 Ipswich Town (A) 1-2 (Leighton)
Mon 12 Birmingham City (A) 2-2 (Smith, Rooney)
Mon 19 Nottingham Forest (H) 1-0 (Onyedimma)

OCTOBER

- Mon 10 Leeds United (H) 2-0 (Philpot, Pavey)
Mon 17 Crystal Palace (H) 1-0 (White)
Mon 24 Queens Park Rangers (A) 5-1
(Chesmain, Twardek, Smith, Mbulu, Pavey)
Mon 31 Bristol City (A) 4-0 (Rooney, Pavey, Mbulu, Smith)

NOVEMBER

- Mon 14 Cardiff City (H) 1-1 (Philpot)
Mon 21 Colchester United (A) 1-4 (Ebuzeorme)
Mon 28 Coventry City (H) 2-1 (Pavey 2)

DECEMBER

- Mon 5 Crewe Alexandra (A) 3-0 (Mundle-Smith, Leighton 2)
Mon 12 Charlton Athletic (H) 1-1 (Twardek)
Mon 19 Watford (H) 3-2 (OG, Twardek, Philpot)

JANUARY 2017

- Mon 9 Crystal Palace (A) 1pm (TBC)
Mon 16 QPR (H) 2pm (TBC)
Sat 21 PL Cup Group 4
Mon 30 Cardiff City (A) 2pm (Leckwith International Stadium)

FEBRUARY

- Mon 6 Bristol City (H) 2pm (TBC)
Sat 11 PL Cup Group 5
Mon 20 Colchester United (H) 2pm (TBC)
Sat 25 PL Cup Group 6

MARCH

- Mon 6 Coventry City (A) 2pm (The Alan Higgs Centre)
Mon 13 Sheffield United (A) 2pm (Stocksbridge)
Mon 20 Huddersfield Town (H) 2pm (The Den)
Mon 27 Hull City (A) 7pm (North Ferriby)

APRIL

- Mon 3 Bamsley (H) 2pm (TBC)
Mon 10 Ipswich Town (H) 2pm (TBC)
Mon 24 Charlton Athletic (A) 2pm (TBC)

AT THE DEN



v GILLINGHAM

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Friday 30th December | 7.45pm

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v CHESTERFIELD

Sky Bet League One
Saturday 28th January* | 3pm

Tickets are on general sale for this Category B game.

*This fixture is subject to change should Millwall progress to the Fourth Round of the Emirates FA Cup.

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Wheelchair/Ambulant Disabled supporters need to call **0844 826 2004** - Option 1 to book tickets.



AT THE DEN

ON THE ROAD



v WALSALL
Sky Bet League One
Tuesday 31st January | 7.45pm

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v AFC WIMBLEDON
Sky Bet League One
Monday 2nd January | 1pm

Tickets for this match are sold out. There is limited availability for the Beamback in the Executive Lounge at The Den.



v CHARLTON ATHLETIC
Sky Bet League One
Saturday 14th January | 3pm

Please check the official website www.millwallfc.co.uk for ticket updates on this match.



v BRADFORD CITY
Sky Bet League One
Saturday 21st January | 3pm

Full details are in the Gillingham programme and official website www.millwallfc.co.uk.

HOW TO BUY YOUR TICKET

- 1 Online at www.millwalltickets.com (booking fees apply)
- 2 By phone on 0844 826 2004 - option 2*
- 3 In person/by post at the Millwall Ticket Office

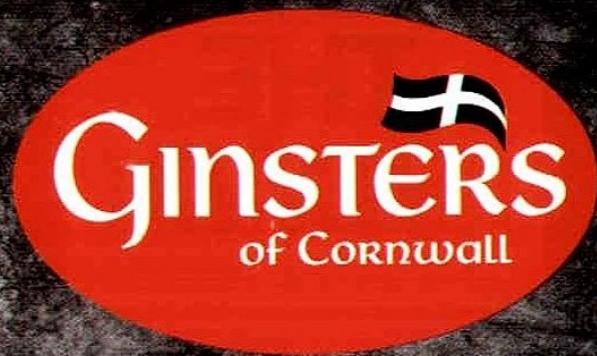
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B	£26	£16	£10	£5
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B	£26	£16	£10	£5
THE DOCKERS LOWER				
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B	£26	£14	£10	£5
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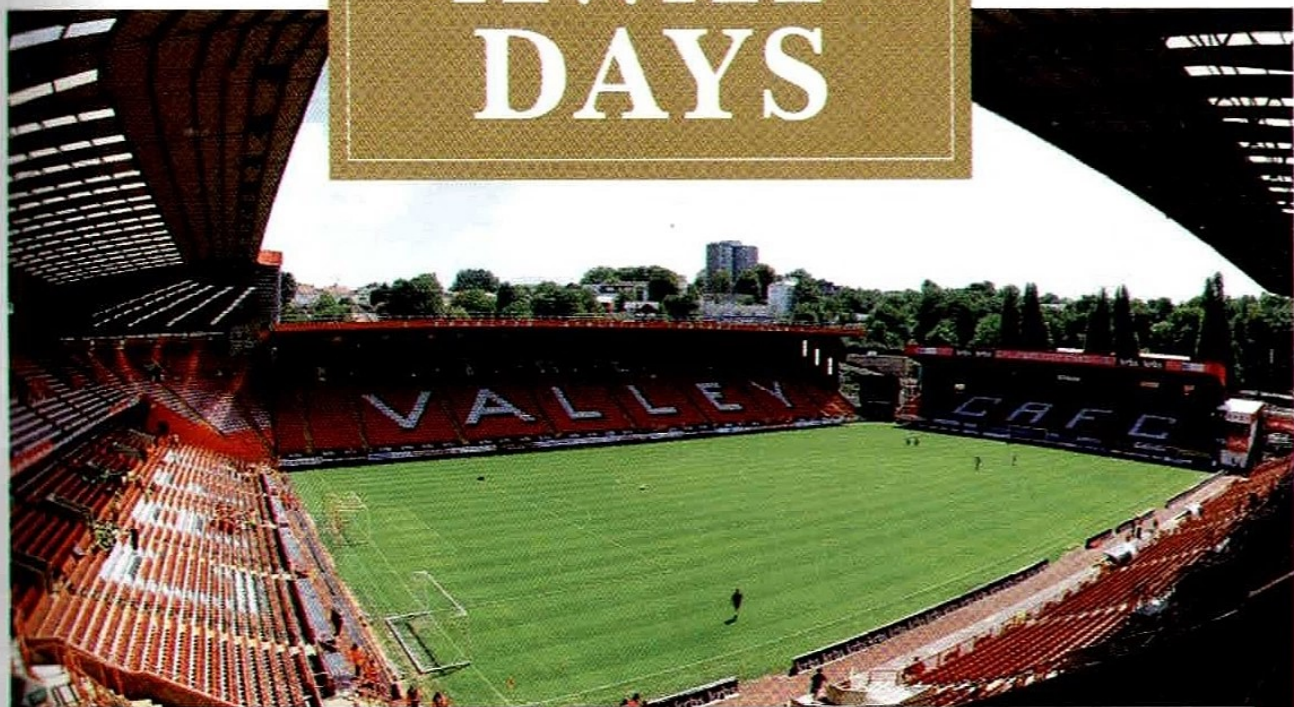
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AFC WIMBLEDON THE CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM

SatNav: Jack Goodchild Way, 422a Kingston Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 3PB

By Train: Norbiton Station is less than a mile from the Cherry Red Records Stadium. Kingston Station is the other option, perhaps better suited for those with mobility restrictions or with very young children. As this game is being played on a Bank Holiday, there is likely to be a restricted train service so it is advisable to check with www.nationalrail.co.uk ahead of your journey.

By Bus: You can take the 131, which stops right outside the ground, from Wimbledon Station or Kingston Town Centre.

Parking: Parking at AFC Wimbledon is free on a first come, first served basis with space for up to 350 cars. Parking is also available in nearby residential areas, though this is likely to be very busy so an early arrival is strongly advised.

Disabled Facilities: For information on disabled ticketing please call 020 8547 358.

Refreshments: AFC Wimbledon have facilities inside and outside the stadium, along with the bar areas. The back bar holds up to 150 people on matchdays and the middle bar has a capacity of 300 people. AFC Wimbledon will decide on a match by match basis if away supporters are allowed into the bars at the stadium. As yet, this information has not been confirmed.



CHARLTON ATHLETIC THE VALLEY

SatNav: The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, London SE7 8BL

Parking: It's pretty grim to find a space in the immediate vicinity of the stadium, with resident parking permit schemes widely in operation, so public transport could be your best option.

By Train: Charlton Railway Station is bang on the door step of the ground, located less than 200m from the stadium. The station is served by Southeastern trains with direct services to central London (Charing Cross, Waterloo East, London Bridge) and North Kent (Dartford)

By Underground: The closest tube station is North Greenwich located on the Jubilee Line (Silver) with the resulting distance of two miles a brisk 35 minute walk. However straight outside North Greenwich tube station you are essentially at the O2 Arena where it is straight forward to catch a bus (422, 472 and 486).

By Bus: Other routes that are close to The Valley include 53, 54, 161, 177 and 180.

Disabled Facilities: Supporters should contact: Vera Lazellari is contactable by phone on 020 8333 4000 ext 226 or email vera.lazellari@cafc.co.uk

Refreshments: There are a raft of public houses within a mile or two of the stadium in both Greenwich and Blackheath. Greenwich boasts the likes of a Wetherspoons, Richard I, Gipsy Moth, The Mitre & Ye Olde Rose & Crown whilst Blackheath is equally packed with restaurants (Locale, Pizza Express, Buenos Aires Cafe) with pubs including The Railway, The Gate Clock, The Crown, Hare & Billet and Princess of Wales. Alcohol is available in the away end in the form of John Smith's (£4 pint), Fosters (£4 pint), Bulmers Cider (£4 bottle 330ml) & White Wine (£4.50 miniature bottle).

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STAT ATTACK



Millwall will be hoping for a little more Boxing Day festive cheer than recent years have provided when The Lions lock horns with The Robins this afternoon.

Certainly the last three Boxing Day matches are ones that Millwall will not want to repeat, **losing 1-0 at home to Walsall** last year, **6-1 at Norwich City in 2014** and **4-0 at Watford** 12 months previously, **when a ninth-minute red card for Danny Shittu** with the score at 0-0 proved pivotal.

There was no Boxing Day game in 2012 but a late **Dany N'Guessan goal against Portsmouth in 2011** secured a **1-0 home win for The Lions**.

Perhaps **the most memorable** Boxing Day fixture in the last decade came on 26th December 2007 when **Gary Alexander**, who had been frustrated in his quest to score his first goal for The Lions following his summer move to Millwall, **managed to bag a hat-trick in a 3-0 victory against Brighton & HA at The Den**.

	PLAYER	LEAGUE	FA CUP	LEAGUE CUP	EFL TROPHY	TOTAL GLS
1	Jordan Archer	22(0)	2(0)	1(0)	0(0)	74 (0)
2	Shaun Cummings	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	2(0)	34 (2) 1
3	Joe Martin	16(4)1	1(0)	1(0)	2(1)	56 (8) 4
4	Shaun Hutchinson	2(2)	1(0)	0(0)	1(0)	4 (2)
5	Tony Craig	22(0)	1(1)	1(0)	3(1)	267 (19) 8
6	Shaun Williams	20(1)3	2(0)	0(1)1	2(0)	117 (8) 11
7	David Worrall	10(8)1	1(1)	0(2)	2(1)1	13 (12) 2
8	Ben Thompson	18(2)	1(0)	2(0)	2(1)	49 (15) 2
9	Lee Gregory	16(1)7	1(1)	0(0)	1(0)	90 (24) 43
10	Fred Onyedinma	12(9)1	1(1)	2(0)1	2(1)2	43 (37) 8
11	Gregg Wylde	1(4)	0(0)	2(0)	3(0)	6 (4)
12	Mahlon Romeo	21(0)	2(0)1	1(0)	1(0)	43 (0) 2
15	Sid Nelson	2(1)	1(0)	2(0)	3(0)	35 (3)
16	Calum Butcher	4(10)2	1(1)	0(0)	2(1)	7 (12) 2
17	Byron Webster	20(0)1	2(0)	2(0)	0(0)	79 (9) 7
18	Shane Ferguson	14(6)1	2(0)1	1(1)	0(1)	51 (20) 5
20	Steve Morison	16(1)8	1(0)	1(1)1	0(2)2	193 (23) 78
22	Aiden O'Brien	16(3)8	1(1)1	2(0)1	3(0)	77 (28) 25
26	Jimmy Abdou	4(5)	0(0)	2(0)	2(1)1	300 (34) 9
27	Kris Twardek	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(1)	2 (1)
28	Jamie Philpot	0(2)	0(0)	1(1)	1(0)	2 (10) 1
29	Alfie Pavey	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (1)
30	Harry Smith	5(0)1	1(0)3	0(0)	1(1)2	7 (1) 6
31	Tom King	0(0)	0(0)	1(0)	4(0)	5 (0)
32	James Brown	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(0)	1 (0)
33	Noah Chesmain	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	2(0)	2 (1)
36	Paul Rooney	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(0)	1 (0)
38	Kyron Farrell	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	1(0)	1 (0)

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/2017



DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	K/O	RES	ATT	POS						
AUGUST												
SAT 6	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00	3 - 0	9,787 312	1	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Worrall
TUE 9	A	BARNET EFL Cup 1	8.00	4 - 0	1,410 548	-	Archer	Nelson	Webster	Craig	Martin	O'Brien
SAT 13	A	MK DONS	3.00	2 - 2	10,232 2,065	3	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Worrall
TUE 16	A	PETERBOROUGH UTD	7.45	1 - 5	5,007 648	12	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Martin
SAT 20	H	SHEFFIELD UTD	3.00	2 - 1	9,058 785	8	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Worrall	Martin
TUE 23	H	NOTT'M FOREST EFL Cup 2	7.45	1 - 2	4,009 707	-	King	Romeo	Webster	Nelson	Ferguson	Onyedinna
SAT 27	A	CHESTERFIELD	3.00	3 - 1	5,689 513	5	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
TUE 30	H	WBA EFL Trophy	7.45	2 - 0	2,054 81	-	King	Romeo	Nelson	Craig	Chesman	Twardek
SEPTEMBER												
SAT 3	H	BRADFORD CITY	3.00	1 - 1	9,067 499	4	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
SAT 10	H	COVENTRY CITY	3.00	1 - 1	8,755 727	5	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
SAT 17	A	SOUTHEND UTD	3.00	1 - 3	7,752 1,923	8	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
SAT 24	H	ROCHDALE	3.00	2 - 3	8,143 228	14	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Nelson	Craig	O'Brien
TUE 27	A	PORT VALE	7.45	1 - 3	3,934 1,906	17	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
OCTOBER												
SAT 1	A	WALSALL	3.00	1 - 2	4,474 570	19	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
TUE 4	H	GILLINGHAM EFL Trophy	7.45	2 - 1	2,104 146	-	King	Brown	Butcher	Craig	Nelson	Onyedinna
SAT 15	A	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3.00	3 - 1	6,908 1,119	17	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
TUE 18	H	BOLTON WANDERERS	7.45	0 - 2	7,893 389	20	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
SAT 22	H	FLEETWOOD TOWN	3.00	2 - 1	8,085 89	16	Archer	Archer	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Onyedinna
SAT 29	A	OXFORD UTD	1.00	2 - 1	7,944 934	13	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Onyedinna
NOVEMBER												
FRI 4	H	SOUTHEND UTD FA Cup 1	7.45	1 - 0	4,502 943	-	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Ferguson	Onyedinna
TUE 8	A	LUTON TOWN EFL Trophy	7.30	3 - 1	2,251 370	-	King	Cummings	Hutchinson	Farrall	Martin	Worrall
SAT 12	H	BRISTOL ROVERS	3.00	4 - 0	9,645 1,040	8	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
SAT 19	A	BOLTON WANDERERS	3.00	0 - 2	13,110 640	13	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
TUE 22	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	7.45	0 - 0	8,614 1,164	13	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
SAT 26	A	BURY	3.00	3 - 2	3,028 442	9	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Craig	Martin	Worrall
DECEMBER												
SUN 4	H	BRAINTREE TOWN FA Cup 2	2.00	5 - 2	3,345 315	-	Archer	Romeo	Webster	Nelson	Martin	Worrall
WED 7	H	WYCOMBE EFL Trophy	7.45	1 - 3	1,619 88	-	King	Cummings	Nelson	Craig	Martin	Worrall
SAT 10	H	SHREWSBURY TOWN	3.00	0 - 1	8,354 273	12	Archer	Romeo	Nelson	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
SAT 17	A	SCUNTHORPE UTD	3.00	0 - 3	4,355 365	14	Archer	Romeo	Hutchinson	Craig	Martin	Onyedinna
WED 21	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	7.45	3 - 1	14,395 2,186	10	Archer	Cummings	Hutchinson	Craig	Webster	Onyedinna
MON 26	H	SWINDON TOWN	3.00									
FRI 30	H	GILLINGHAM	7.45									
JANUARY												
MON 2	A	AFC WIMBLEDON	1.00									
SAT 7	H	AFC BOURNEMOUTH FA Cup 3	3.00									
SAT 14	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	3.00									
SAT 21	A	BRADFORD CITY	3.00									
SAT 28	H	CHESTERFIELD	3.00									
TUE 31	H	WALSALL	7.45									
FEBRUARY												
SAT 4	A	COVENTRY CITY	3.00									
SAT 11	H	SOUTHEND UTD	3.00									
TUE 14	H	PORT VALE	7.45									
SAT 18	A	ROCHDALE	3.00									
SAT 25	A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00									
TUE 28	H	PETERBOROUGH UTD	7.45									
MARCH												
SAT 4	H	MK DONS	3.00									
SAT 11	A	SHEFFIELD UTD	3.00									
TUE 14	A	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7.45									
SAT 18	H	BURY	3.00									
SAT 25	A	SWINDON TOWN	1.30									
APRIL												
SAT 1	H	SCUNTHORPE UTD	3.00									
SAT 8	A	GILLINGHAM	3.00									
FRI 14	H	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3.00									
MON 17	A	FLEETWOOD TOWN	3.00									
SAT 22	H	OXFORD UTD	3.00									
SUN 30	A	BRISTOL ROVERS	12.00									

AROUND LEAGUE ONE



POS	TEAM	HOME						AWAY						GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	W	D	L	GF	GA			
1	Scunthorpe	22	7	4	0	26	7	7	1	3	20	13	+26	47	
2	Sheff Utd	22	8	1	2	18	8	5	4	2	22	15	+17	44	
3	Bolton	22	7	3	1	17	6	6	1	4	11	7	+15	43	
4	Bradford	22	5	6	0	18	8	4	4	3	10	11	+9	37	
5	Rochdale	22	8	1	2	23	8	3	2	6	10	21	+4	36	
6	Peterborough	21	5	3	3	22	13	5	2	3	13	10	+12	35	
7	Southend United	22	5	4	2	17	12	4	3	4	14	16	+3	34	
8	Fleetwood Town	22	7	3	1	21	12	2	3	6	13	16	+6	33	
9	AFC Wimbledon	22	4	3	4	22	15	4	5	2	12	10	+9	32	
10	Millwall	22	5	3	3	18	11	4	1	6	17	25	-1	31	
11	Oxford Utd	22	6	3	2	16	10	2	3	6	12	17	+1	30	
12	Bristol Rovers	22	5	3	3	18	18	3	3	5	15	21	-6	30	
13	Gillingham	22	5	4	2	16	11	3	1	7	14	25	-6	29	
14	Charlton	22	4	4	3	14	9	2	6	3	13	15	+3	28	
15	Northampton	22	4	2	5	18	16	3	4	4	15	17	0	27	
16	Walsall	22	4	4	3	17	17	2	5	4	6	14	-6	27	
17	Port Vale	22	6	3	2	20	14	1	3	7	6	22	-10	27	
18	Milton Keynes Dons	22	1	4	6	11	20	5	2	4	15	11	-5	24	
19	Swindon Town	22	5	1	5	13	11	1	5	5	9	22	-11	24	
20	Chesterfield FC	22	5	1	5	17	19	1	2	8	10	20	-12	21	
21	Shrewsbury	22	3	3	5	12	15	2	3	6	10	19	-12	21	
22	Bury	22	4	0	7	17	20	2	2	7	15	25	-13	20	
23	Coventry	22	3	5	3	11	9	1	2	8	8	21	-11	19	
24	Oldham	21	1	4	5	4	11	2	5	4	8	13	-12	18	

Today's Fixtures

SOUTHEND UNITED v AFC WIMBLEDON
 BOLTON WANDERERS v SHREWSBURY TOWN
 BRADFORD CITY v SCUNTHORPE UNITED
 BRISTOL ROVERS v COVENTRY CITY
 FLEETWOOD TOWN v BURY
 MILLWALL v SWINDON TOWN
 MILTON KEYNES DONS v CHARLTON ATHLETIC
 OXFORD UNITED v NORTHAMPTON TOWN
 PETERBOROUGH UNITED v GILLINGHAM
 PORT VALE v WALSALL
 ROCHDALE v CHESTERFIELD
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SHAUN HUTCHINSON	04	
TONY CRAIG	05	
SHAUN WILLIAMS	06	
DAVID WORRALL	07	
BEN THOMPSON	08	
LEE GREGORY	09	
FRED ONYEDINMA	10	
GREGG WYLDE	11	
MAHLON ROMEO	12	
SID NELSON	15	
CALUM BUTCHER	16	
BYRON WEBSTER	17	
SHANE FERGUSON	18	
STEVE MORISON	20	
AIDEN O'BRIEN	22	
CHRISTIAN MBULU	25	
JIMMY ABDOU	26	
KRIS TWARDEK	27	
JAMIE PHILPOT	28	
ALFIE PAVEY	29	
HARRY SMITH	30	
TOM KING	31	
JAMES BROWN	32	
NOAH CHESMAIN	33	
PAUL ROONEY	36	
KYRON FARRELL	38	

	01	LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX
	02	NATHAN THOMPSON
	03	BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL
	04	CONOR THOMAS
	05	ANTON RODGERS
	06	JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE
	07	MICHAEL DOUGHTY
	08	YASER KASIM
	09	JON OBIKA
	10	JOHN GODDARD
	11	JAMES BROPHY
	12	WILL HENRY
	14	ELLIS IANDOLO
	15	TOM SMITH
	16	JORDAN STEWART
	18	JAKE EVANS
	20	DARNELL FURLONG
	22	SEAN MURRAY
	23	NATHAN DELFOUNESO
	24	JERMAINE HYLTON
	27	BRADLEY BARRY
	28	LLOYD JONES
	29	RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO
	33	LUKE NORRIS
	35	JORDAN YOUNG



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Adrian Waters

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NEXT UP AT THE DEN



Gillingham
Sky Bet League One
Friday 30th December
Kick-Off 7.45pm

