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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO THE County ground for our sky bet league two fixture against crawley town.

would also like to extend a warm welcome to Harry Kewell, his players, staff and the travelling Crawley fans. It is great to see a former Premier League player plying his management trade in League Two. Most players want to start at the top, but Harry has chosen to start at the foot of the football pyramid to be at the rock face of the learning process.

It has been a steady start for us in the league and I am finding out so much about the club, the town, my players and staff. I am enjoying working with the players on the training ground and in the class room. They are thirsty for work and are committing to everything I am asking of them.

The only way a player or person can improve is by committing to themselves and the work we do on the training ground.

The staff at our club are totally committed to the football plan and support me incredibly.

Ben Futcher drives me every day to be better and drives the staff with his positivity and commitment.

I would like to officially welcome Ray Murphy (our new Club Secretary) to the club. Ray has been brilliant on taking the administration duties away from Steve Anderson, me and Futch so we can fully focus on the football plan. Before Ray was appointed Steve and Debbie went way and above to assist us in the signing and the administration of players.

The team and supporters have certainly racked up the miles already this season but last Saturday's result away at Morecambe was certainly worth the travel.

Jim Bentley always has his team welldrilled and they are always extremely competitive, but the players went about their business and executed



1-0 is always a dangerous scoreline and if you are not ruthless and kill teams off when you have the opportunity to do so, you give the opposition hope and Morcambe had a spirited 10 minutes at the end of the game where they threw all they had at us. The players stood firm and that is exactly the spirit we are going to need throughout the whole season if we are going to be successful.

I was thrilled to see Donal McDermott open his account for the club with a brilliant strike. It was frustrating for Donal to get injured when he did but he has worked his way back to fitness. He represents what I want to see in a player, he gives his all for as long as he can, he's got a real quality on the ball but his win at all cost mentality and competitive nature is having a real positive impact on the group and we missed him on the pitch and training ground. He sets the tone and drives competition.

Again, I would like to thank the chairman for his continued support by adding Matt Taylor to the squad and I am thrilled to have a player of his calibre on board. Matty's career speaks for itself and he'll play a vital role both on and off the pitch this season. He brings bags and bags of experience with him and he'll only add to the leadership group that we've got established here already. I am looking forward to working with him.

Developing and improving players is always about setting the right environment and filling that with the right characters and surrounding them with enthusiastic and positive staff.

The thing I missed most about being out of work was working day to day with staff and players.



It has been a massive part of my coaching career to improve any member of staff and player I work with and, whether the

player is 18 or 35, 1 was always ready to commit to improving them as people and as players.

The only disappointing part of being the Manager of Swindon Town to date is not being able to give you the supporters a

home win to cheer about. I can assure you that we will be doing all we can to commit to a performance today that you truly deserve.

Enjoy the game and let's continue this good start together.

DAVE FLITCROFT.

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STEVE ANDERSON

Good Afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's visit of Crawley Town. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters of Crawley for today's EFL Sky Bet League Two fixture.





"We were delighted to see over 7,800 of you here for our opening home game against Exeter City - We need this superb support to Following my last set of programme notes, the team have taken four league points from a possible six against a very classy Exeter team and a very well organised outfit. Morecambe The Exeter game saw us go up against one of this season's promotion contenders and that was clearly visible in terms of how they set themselves up and pressurised us until the final whistle. Not many teams this season will take one point let alone three points away from Exeter, so I'm sure we can all be happy with the start we've made here at The County Ground.

Moving forward a week to the away fixture at Morecambe and this was the third long away trip in the opening weeks of the new season. You always know what to expect from a

Jim Bentley side at home but the boys produced an amazing first-half display, which resulted in us taking a 1-0 lead in at half-time thanks to Donal McDermott's superb first goal for the club. Morecambe moved up a gear in the secondhalf and demonstrated what we expect to face from a lot of physical teams this season. They piled the pressure on in order to salvage something from the game, but Olly Lancashire and his team stood firm and showed that they are up to the challenge to grind out a very impressive victory.

Now for today's opponents Crawley Town, who have not had the best of starts this season following the appointment of Harry Kewell as their new Head Coach. However, I am sure they will be looking to make amends here today and Harry brings a wealth of football knowledge and experience to the job and it will only be a matter of time before the club sees an upturn in their fortunes.

We were delighted to see over 7,800 of you here for our opening home game against Exeter City. We have also seen over 450 travelling fans at both Carlisle and Morecambe. We can clearly see that the buzz is starting to come back in and around the club following Dave Flitcroft's appointment and the competitive squad he is putting together. We need this superb support to continue and grow if you are going to help make the difference when it comes to us having a successful season.

This week saw Dave Flitcroft further bolster his squad with the addition of vastly experienced midfielder, Matt Taylor, following his move from Northampton Town. Matt played over 40 games for The Cobblers in League One last season, including an excellent display here at The County Ground. His career at the top level has seen him play over 400 competitive league games in the top two tiers of English football. Matt will be a huge asset to the club and his experience could be the difference at key times during the season both on and off the field.

On to matters away from the field and the deadline for purchasing 2017/18 Season Tickets is 12pm on Friday 1st September. If you want to join Dave Flitcroft on the journey this season, then please don't miss out.

Enjoy the game.

STEVE ANDERSON, Chief Executive.



LATEST NEWS

TAYLOR MADE FOR TOWN!

Swindon Town made another big statement of intent earlier in the week with the signing of Matt Taylor.

The vastly experienced midfielder put pen to paper on a oneyear contract at The County Ground after leaving Northampton Town.

Taylor's arrival represents quite a coup for the club with the 35-year-old having plied his trade for the likes of Portsmouth, Bolton Wanderers, West Ham United and Burnley.

With over 500 appearances under his belt, with a large chunk of them coming in the Premier League, Taylor will bring a wealth of experience with him to SN1 while his ability for scoring stunning goals and his set-piece expertise is also well known.

Based just up the road from The County Ground, Taylor explained that becoming Town's twelfth signing of the summer was a no-brainer.

"I know the manager and I'm excited by the project of trying to get the team promoted out of this league and back into League One.

"I live locally so I know that the football club is well supported and it is another challenge for me that I'm really looking forward to and I'm really excited about it.

"There seems to be already a togetherness within the group of players and they seem to be doing really well, so I'm really excited.





"I've had promotion from League Two when I was a lot younger and I'm still ambitious and success is promotion from League Two."

"I've had promotion from League Two when I was a lot younger and I'm still ambitious and success is promotion from League Two.

"The players that the manager has brought in and the players that were here last season are all on board with that and it is exciting times.

"It will be nice to be a part of it."





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t is nice to be back home again, especially after collecting seven points from our first three games. We are going into back-to-back games at The County Ground now in good form and we're full of confidence. We're still looking for our first three points here so hopefully we can achieve that mission today and keep the good start going.

We have a very new team here, new staff and there have been plenty of new ideas so it is very pleasing to be where we are. We're only three games in but it has put us in a good position to keep this start going and keep this run going. We want to stay unbeaten for as long as possible and back-to-back home games gives us a good opportunity to put some more points on the board.

It has been busy from day one of pre-season and we've had some long, long trips already this season so the free week without a Tuesday night game has been a welcome rest. It has allowed us a full week to work on the new things we have learnt so far.

Since my last set of notes we were held to a 1-1 draw by Exeter here and we didn't start how we would have liked to. I thought we showed more of what we are about in the second-half but Exeter have started very well also, so it wasn't a result to be down about although we would have liked to have got the three points at home.

The game against West Ham United's U21's in the Checkatrade Trophy was a little bit different and it was very different to a normal league game. It was a disappointing night and result and one we want to put right.

We are all looking forward to the league, that's our bread and butter and we've made a good start so far. The boys put a real shift in during the 1-0 win away at Morecambe on Saturday and, as most defensive minded players will tell you, that really is the perfect scoreline. We defended as a team and to come away with three points and our first clean sheet of the season was really pleasing.

On that note, I was delighted to see Donal McDermott open his account for the club with a superb strike on Saturday. It really was a goal of the highest quality and, having played with him at Rochdale, I really wasn't



surprised to see Donal produce that bit of magic. He's got bags of ability and he'll be a huge player for us this season.

I would like to offer a big Swindon Town welcome to Matty Taylor, who joined us earlier in the week after leaving Northampton Town. It is a massive signing for us and his career speaks for itself. To have

played that many games in the Premier League means he is a player we can all talk to and learn off. Hopefully we can all look at Matty, look at what he's done, look at what he does day-to-day and learn from it. You can only take the positives from having someone like Matty at the football club because there's going to be a lot of us looking towards him for help and advice and I'm sure he's

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going to be a very big part of this season.

On to today and I'm sure a big name manager like Harry Kewell is going to get-Crawley going this season. We're expecting a tough game but we're at The County Ground and we fancy ourselves against anyone here. We're looking forward to hopefully getting that first win at home and it is a good opportunity for us to get it done.

Enjoy the game this afternoon.

OLLY LANCASHIRE, Captain



THE PAUL HEDGES PARTY

Paul and his guests would like to wish Dave Flitcroft and the team the very best of luck for today's game and the remainder of the 2017/18 campaign.

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David and his guests would like to wish Dave Flitcroft and the boys the very best of luck for today's game against Crawley Town – let's get those three points!









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CRAWLEY TOWN



The Red Devils will be desperate to emerge from today's game with a victory having endured a poor start to the new season.

Under the guidance of new Head Coach Harry Kewell, Crawley have lost their opening three games in the Sky Bet League Two, while they were hammered 5-1 by Birmingham City in the Carabao Cup.

Crawley are currently rooted to the bottom of the table, albeit at this very early stage, without a single point and they will hope that they can stop the rot this afternoon with a positive result. Town were busy in the summer, bringing in no less than seven new faces with Moussa Sanoh and Thomas Verheydt both arriving from Holland. Kewell also brought in Dennon Lewis with the two having worked together at Watford, while club legend Dannie Bulman opted to return for a third spell.

Today's game will be the first meeting between the two sides since February 2015, where an Andy Williams goal wasn't enough to prevent Town from suffering a 2-1 defeat to Crawley at The County Ground.

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THE MANAGER HARRY KEWELL

Crawley were the centre of attention from the football world in May 2017 after announcing the appointment of the former Premier League star as their new Head Coach.

After leaving his role as Watford's U21's Head Coach, Kewell took the reins at the Checkatrade.com Stadium, becoming the first Australian to manage a professional English side.

Kewell carved out quite a career during his playing days, starting out in his homeland before joining Leeds United in 1996. After progressing through the Academy ranks at Elland Road, the former attacker went on to make a huge impact for the The Whites, winning the PFA Young Player of the Year Award and being named in the PFA Team of the Year at the end of the 1999/2000 season.

He played a vital role in helping Leeds reach the Semi-Finals of the 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, and that fine form eventually earned a move to Liverpool, the club he had supported as a boy. Handed the famous number seven shirt, he was a firm fans' favourite at Anfield and he became the first-ever Australian to win the UEFA Champions League.

After a string of injuries hampered his last couple of seasons with Liverpool, Kewell opted to move to Turkey with Galatasaray in 2008, going on to make 63 appearances for the club before opting to bring the curtain down on a hugely successful career in 2014 following stints with Melbourne Victory, Al-Gharafa and Melbourne Heart. Kewell also won 56 caps for the Australian National Team, being crowned the country's greatest footballer in 2012 in a vote by Australian fans, players and media.

Now in his first senior managerial role, Kewell will be hoping to halt Crawley's poor start and pick up his first win this afternoon.





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GLENN MORRIS

The vastly experienced goalkeeper signed for Crawley on a one-year deal in June 2016 with the intention of combining playing with coaching duties. However, the 33-year-old impressed and went on to become a key figure for the Red Devils last season.

Morris, who has also plied his trade for the likes of Gillingham, Aldershot, Leyton Orient and Southend United, went on to make 41 appearances in 2016/17 and he was crowned the club's Player of the Year. Those exploits led to Morris being rewarded with a new two-year deal in March 2017.



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LEWIS YOUNG

The 27-year-old, who's brother is Manchester United's Ashley Young, has been with Crawley since July 2014 after undergoing a successful trial with the club. Young started his career with Watford, making two outings for the first-team, before having spells with Hereford United, Burton Albion, Forest Green Rovers, Northampton Town, Yeovil Town, Aldershot and Bury. Able to play both at right-back and in midfield, he signed a new contract in the summer of 2017.



JOE MCNERNEY

Crawley signed the powerful centre-back on a twoyear contract in July 2015 from Woking, for whom he racked up over 250 appearances. McNerney, who has also won one cap for the England C side, endured a frustrating first season at the Checkatrade.com Stadium but he bounced back in fine style last term, scoring three goals in 35 games before putting pen to paper on a new two-year deal in March 2017.



MARK CONNOLLY -

Currently in his second spell with the club, Connolly originally plied his trade for The Reds between 2012-14 before joining Kilmarnock North of the Border, where he was named Club Captain.

However, his time at Rugby Park was disrupted by a broken shoulder and he returned to Crawley in the summer of 2016, becoming a vital figure at the heart of the defence. The former Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bolton Wanderers defender was handed a three-year deal on the eve of the new season.



JIMMY SMITH

The Skipper is an iconic figure for Crawley and he's become a firm fans' favourite since his arrival from Stevenage in May 2014. Once on the books of Chelsea, where he made one senior appearance against Newcastle United, Smith was highly-rated by the Premier League giants and was loaned out to the likes of QPR, Norwich City, Sheffield Wednesday and Leyton Orient in order to gain experience.

The tough-tackling midfielder featured over 150 times for the O's before joining Stevenage, where he was a regular prior to linking up with the Red Devils. Smith signed a new three-year contract with Crawley in 2016.



DEAN COX

A proven performer in the lower leagues, Cox joined Crawley in September 2016 after leaving Leyton Orient by mutual consent. The tricky winger began his career with Brighton & Hove Albion in 2004 and he made just shy of 200 appearances, scoring 22 goals. A move to Leyton Orient followed in 2010 and he became a cult figure amongst O's fans, notching 59 goals in 275 games. Cox contributed two goals and several assists for Crawley during the second-half of last season.



DANNIE BULMAN

Bulman returned to Crawley for a third spell in May 2017, putting pen to paper on a one-year contract with the option of an extra year. 'Bully' as he is affectionately known, played a key role in helping the Red Devils achieve back-to-back promotions and he was also a key figure in AFC Wimbledon's rise to League One a year ago.



DENNON LEWIS

On loan from Premier League outfit Reading, Lewis re-joined Head Coach Harry Kewell after playing for the Australian for the Hornets' U23s side. Known for his versatility, the 20-year-old can operate as a full-back, a winger or even as a striker.

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ENZIO BOLDEWIJN

The winger, who can operate on either flank, signed a two-year deal with Crawley in July 2016 after leaving Dutch second-tier club, Almere City. Enzio, who has also featured for Utrecht and Den Bosch, contributed nine goals and twelve assists as Almere reached the Play-Offs in his final season in Holland, while he scored six goals in 52 games during his debut campaign in England.

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THOMAS VERHEYDT

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One of Harry Kewell's summer signings, the 25-year-old signed for Crawley in the summer for an undisclosed fee from Dutch second-tier side MVV Maastricht. Verheydt is a powerful striker and he bagged 13 goals in 43 appearances for MVV last season.

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PHIL SMITH

Phil signed from Crawley when the then Conference League club was in desperate financial difficulties and every player was available for transfer. Due to Peter Brezovan's arm injury, Phil soon stepped in for his first League appearance since leaving Millwall five years earlier. After helping Town to promotion, he spent a further five years at The County Ground, STFC 77 appearances.

KEVIN JAMES

One of three toan signings made by Paul Sturrock on transfer deadline day in March 2007, Kevin had little more than forty League starts under his belt in some nine seasons. County Ground fans did not see him in first team action, his two substitute appearances being at Lincoln and Bristol Rovers and totalling just 28 minutes. Kevin was with Grawley for a few weeks early in the following year. STFC 2 appearances.





NATHAN BYRNE

Nathan spent three months on loan at Crawley shortly before coming to Swindon in March 2013. A month later, he was a Town player when an agreement was reached with Spurs. Full of energy and trickery with either foot, he was often employed in a wide right role in a 3-5-2 formation and he missed just four games in 2014/15. STFC 107 apps / CTFC 15.



MICHAEL DOUGHTY

Midfielder playmaker Michael was just 18 when he went to Crawley on a four-month loan from Queens Park Rangers. He made just two starts while at Broadfield, one of which was in a 0-3 home defeat by Town. His two loan spells at Swindon were more productive, however, although his second was interrupted by injury before he was recalled mid-way through an intended seasonlong stay. STFC 37 apps / CTFC 18



A commanding central defender, Darren arrived at The County Ground shortly after commencing his 17th season as a professional. His Ioan was converted to a permanent deal in January 2013, but by the end of February – following the exit of Paolo Di Canio – he was taking on the role of joint player-managert Darren joined Crawley on Ioan for the second half of 2014/15. STFC 88 apps / CTFC 18

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WES THOMAS

A journeyman striker, Wes joined Town on loan from Birmingham as a straight swap for Michael Smith who left for Barnsley. Wes quickly netted twice before being ruled out through injury - but he was then unable to get back into the side due to the club having too many loan players in the squad! Wes spent three months with Crawley in 2011. STFC 6 apps / CTFC 8



RORY FALLON

The 6'3" New Zealand international came to the County Ground in November 2003, his first start at Rushden lasting just thirty minutes before he saw red! But Rory went on to net 25 goals for the club - the highest tally for any of the ten League clubs he assisted. Following a lengthy spell at Plymouth and a brief one in Scotland, he spent seven months at Crawley in 2014. STFC 89 apps / CTFC 8

LUKE ROONEY

A pacey wide man, Luke made an instant impact in Wiltshire, Town winning the first seven games he featured in. But he soon fell out of favour with Paolo Di Canio and he made only one start in 2012/13. He was due to go to Crawley on a six-month loan in August 2013, but his contract was cancelled after four and he found himself playing in the Kent County League! He returned to Broadfield in 2015 before going to the States. STFC 32 apps / CTFC 27



JAMES COLLINS

A £200,000 signing from Shrewsbury in the summer of 2012, James hit 18 goals during his one season at The County Ground, four coming in the space of 22 minutes as a substitute against Portsmouth in the January. Making the same number of appearances in Sussex last season, James netted a further 22 and now at Luton he is close to notching a hundred League goals. STFC 51 apps / CTFC 51



NICKY AJOSE

Nicky spent the first half of 2012/13 on loan at Crawley, scoring in his first three starts there. But he failed to add another before returning to Posh after Christmas. He enjoyed far more success during three spells at The County Ground, hitting 25 goals in 2015/16 - on his way to an eventual tally of forty for the club. STFC 76 apps / CTFC 22

A well-travelled striker, Gary clocked up over 600 League appearances in a career that took in ten clubs. He arrived at Swindon as a £300,000 buy in 2000, having had just one successful season or loan at Exeter. He netted just nine goa for Town before moving on to Hull a y later. Gary signed for Crawley in 2012. STFC 46 apps / CTFC 73



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This week has seen the launch of our partnership with Better - The Feel Good Place - where throughout the season we will be working in partnership to promote the fantastic leisure facilities and memberships they have to offer. Better are the new sponsors of The Town End this season, while they are also sponsoring Head of Performance, Chris Neville. We thank them for their support. There will also be a number of competitions that we will be promoting to increase the

membership of our Junior Reds scheme and to actively promote Pro Red. Look out for these on all club channels.

Following on from my previous set of notes, a big thank you to the army of those smaller businesses of which there is a vast number of them who all add to the commercial revenues here at the football club. Two examples of these are charities where we will be working closely with Dressability and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and we will be helping to raise both awareness and funds for them, which also has a community approach.

On to sponsorships and hospitality, we still have a number of sponsorships waiting for you and you can book any game for either a sponsorship or a matchday package between now and Accrington Stanley on the final day of the season. Looking ahead to Barnet, we have a fantastic Mascot Experience offer, where the package has been reduced to just £149! There are many benefits so before that young Town fan returns to school, give them a day they will not forget. Additional guests can be booked with great ease.

On to today and we welcome our Match Sponsors The Paul Hedges Party. Paul is a great example of an individual who supports the club amazingly. Another who needs no introduction is David M.Coe Financial LTD Planning who are our Captain Sponsors for today.

Finally, we welcome our two mascots Tom Wynn-Davis and Hobie Jones. I hope you both have a great day with us and let's hope we are all celebrating another three points at the final whistle today.

Enjoy the game.

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If someone would have offered you seven points from a possible nine before the season had started then you would have snapped their hand off, wouldn't you?

Most definitely. We've started with two tough away games and games against two teams who were in the Play-Offs last season, so anyone would have taken that return at the start of the campaign. It just shows the start we've made in the league and knowing we've taken seven points from three real tough games is a positive.

And to go away to Morecambe last weekend, keep a clean sheet and grind out a 1-0 win was impressive, wasn't it?

When you look back on those games, no one remembers the performance but you just remember that we've got three points away at Morecambe, which is what you need to do in order to progress and get out of this league.

It is early days but does being top of the table at this stage give the boys some confidence?

There is a hell of a lot more football to play and a lot can change in 43 games. We're just taking each game as it comes and we're not looking forward to how many games we might win next month, all that matters is the game today. If we carry on the way we are then I think we will stand a good chance this season.





IN-DEPTH WITH



You are one of a few surviving members from last season's squad, just how much have things changed around the football club over the summer?

Everything has changed. The manager has come in, we've got a fantastic Fitness Coach in Chris Neville and we're very lucky to have his knowledge. We are being looked after at the The Wiltshire Hotel and everything is positive. We've got a training centre where we are based every day, we're not in different places and it feels more of a club this season. There is a real togetherness now.

Let's move on to you now and it was a mixed opening day for you wasn't it?

You never want to be forced off in the first game because you've worked so hard over the summer and I was thankful to be starting the first game of the season. That was my aim and to get a goal in the first-half was a great start to the season. Luckily enough I've got away with the injury and hopefully now I can kick-on.

Just how important was that goal against Carlisle for you on a personal note?

I got off to a poor start last season and I took a lot longer to score than I wanted to, so for it to happen in the first game this time around was great and to get another goal against West Ham has made it a positive start. Hopefully I can continue that. We're just taking each game as it comes and we're not looking forward to how many games we might win next month, all that matters is the game today. If we carry on the way we are then I think we will stand a good chance this season."

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You have really impressed with your all-action and committed displays so far this season, is the aim now to keep that up whilst finding the back of the net on a regular basis?

Yeah, definitely. We have got some competition up front this season and we are very strong in that area, so if I'm not performing then there is going to be someone hot on my heels waiting to take my shirt. I've got to perform week in and week out and I know it is an important role, it is vital to the way the manager wants to play so as long as I can keep him happy then I'll be happy.

You mention those wealth of forward options, how have you found playing alongside the likes of Paul Mullin and Kaiyne Woolery so far this season?

They are top players, top lads, we all get on really well and they will bring a new dimension to the team. Paul and Kaiyne bring that pace and power whereas Smudge (Harry Smith) and myself are more of a target. It works really well and we've not had a blank yet, we've scored in every game and it has been a positive start for the forward players.

Former Premier League star Matt Taylor became the latest fresh face through the door at SN1 this week. His signing symbolises what we are trying to do this year, doesn't it?



He's done it at the highest level so having that experience come in means everyone can learn off him and it is a great signing by the manager. Matty will help us improve as a squad.

We now have back-to-back home games and it is a real opportunity to keep this good run going and put some points on the board isn't it?

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We've got to aim for six points from our next two home games because the home games are the ones we have to win if we want to go up. If we can keep our home form strong and get wins here, then teams will be worried when they come to The County Ground.

Finally, Crawley have had a poor start this season but they will be going all out to put that right this afternoon. How much of a tough test will today's game be?

It is always hard playing against sides who haven't won yet because they are so desperate to get points on the board and every game this year will be tough, but today's game will be one of our toughest tests so far knowing the pressure they are playing under.



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TODAY'S Mascots...



TOM WYNN-DAVIS

Age: 12 School: Ridgeway Teams Played For: Robins FC Hobbies/Likes: Football; going out with friends; TV and Films Favourite Town Player: Lawrence Vigouroux



HOBIE JONES

Age 7 School Studley Green Primary Teams Played For: Trowbridge Town U7/Trowbridge Wanderers U8 Hobbies/Likes. Football. XBox Bikes Favourite Town Player: Kaiyne Woolery

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JUST HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2017/18? HARRY SMITH TAKES HIS TURN TO DISH THE DIRT ON HIS TOWN TEAM-MATES...

BEST MATE AT THE CLUB

I would say Huss, Noz, Ellis because he drives me around and he's my taxi and I would put Dion and Dunny in there as well. It's a nice group.

MOST SKILFUL

I would have to say Johnny G.



BEST TRAINER

Other than myself I am going to go for Mulls – he's an animal.

WORST TRAINER

It is a toss-up between Dion and Dunny – I'll leave it at that!

HARDMAN

I'm going to go for Noz.

BEST VOICE:

Donal McDermott. He did an unreal Fresh Prince of Bel Air rap in Portugal.

BEST DRESS SENSE

Scott Twine – he's got a great coat!

WORST DRESS SENSE

James Dunne and Chris Hussey. Huss seems to think he's an American and Dunny just wears oversized clothes.

MOST INTELLIGENT

Ben Purkiss for sure.

GAMING KING

Me. I've never lost at FIFA!









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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Good afternoon and welcome to all Swindon Town supporters to The County Ground and our visitors from Crawley.



Wow! What a start to the season - three games played, seven points and top of the League! I know its early days but after last season, it's great to have something to smile about. There really is a buzz around The County Ground. Thank you David Flitcroft for putting together what promises to be a good squad of players.

We at the Supporters Club are also recruiting. We welcome Lee Cole to the committee. He is very enthusiastic and he will even be selling half-time draw tickets! We still have a place for one more in our team and also a few more would be welcome selling draw tickets.

We have a date for your diary to keep free. On Thursday 5th October a RACE NIGHT will be held in the Legends Lounge, doors open at 7pm with racing starting at 7.30pm. Entrance is by ticket only, price £7.50 - or £5.00 for members. This includes a supper of sausage, fishcake and chips. Tickets are available from our usual table in Legends Lounge before home games or from any committee member, or you can email us: enquiries@ swindontownsupportersclub.com or ring 07500 788467



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and leave a message and we will call you back. Some of the players will be there and the evening will be hosted by the one and only Swindon legend Phil King.

Don't forget if you are following the team to away matches our travel partners SAS Travel will be very happy for you to join them. You can find details on the travel page of this programme.

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MATCH FACTS

Crawley are unbeaten in five league games against Swindon (W2 D3).





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LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES



LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

James Collins is the joint-top scorer in League Two (with Kayden Jackson); scoring four goals from just seven shots, which have all been on target.

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Yeovil's Francois Zoko has scored in each of his last three league outings he has never previously netted in four consecutive games in the Football League.





Subs: Nizic, Conlan, Lavelle, Osborne, (Adam Campbell 87), (Kevin Ellison 77), (Rhys Turner 60) Booked: Michael Rose





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THE PURKISS

Throughout the 2017/18 campaign, the experienced rightback will be taking you behind the scenes at The County Ground. This week, Ben Purkiss lifts the lid on what it is like when a new player arrives at the club...

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Matty has been getting involved straightaway and he looked in good shape when we went on a run on Tuesday, before training well in the games."

> t is an interesting experience when somebody new comes in and when someone departs. The first thing to sort out is the changing room requirements and people can be a little bit precious about their spots.

> People like their space, they like continuity and nobody likes to be moved from their peg - that's the first issue! Everyone is different and different players react differently. Some are quite quiet, on their phones texting or even pretending to text but there are others that are straight in and get involved straightaway and are as loud and as brash as they were at their previous club. For example, I can't imagine Lawrence Vigouroux going anywhere and being quiet!

> Matty Taylor has come in and he's probably been in new dressing rooms a few times in his career now. He's an experienced player and he knows the set-up. I wouldn't say he was shy and retiring when he came in and he was looking to get involved.

There were a couple of dubious penalty decisions from Futch during one of the training games and Matty was quite vocal and quite keen to voice his disapproval on that. He has been getting involved straightaway and he looked in good shape PURKS.



when we went on a run on Tuesday, before training well in the games.

What helps is if you can make a positive impression straightaway on the training field and he gets that respect anyway because of the clubs that he's been at and the professional that he is, but when you settle in you can see people's quality and the attributes they are going to bring. It is like Kaiyne Woolery when he came on against Exeter, he came on and made an impression and that certainly helped to smooth the transition.

It will be nice to have two back-to-back home games now. We obviously had two long away trips in the league and done really well, at home we had an encouraging second-half performance against Exeter although we were a little bit disappointed by the result. We were then disappointed with the result but possibly encouraged by the performance against West Ham, so we know if we are going to have a successful season then we need to be strong at home.

We've got two free-weeks so there will be no excuses when it comes to preparation. We had a big block of games so now is the opportunity to recover and the first part of this week was spent recovering and getting the previous block of games out of our system. We then had a real focus towards today and building on the encouraging start we've had.

Until next time.

GETTING TO KNOW...

MATT TAYLOR

What is your nickname?

Tayl's, very simple and nothing complicated!

What car do you drive?

I drive a Mini now.

Can you remember your first game as a professional footballer?

I can, it was for Luton Town in what is now League One against Notts County. It was a 0-0 draw and I can remember it very vividly. Ian you remember what you bought with your first pay packet as a footballer?

I bought a pair of Patrick Cox Loafers that were square toned – they were horrendous! I thought I was something very special wearing those!

What would you class as the best goal you have scored in your career?

It is probably one that people won't have seen. I played against Cambridge for Luton when we were in a relegation fight, the goalkeeper came out, headed it to me and it was a volley from 40-yards that went over his head and in.

If I was going to say one of the ones that people would have seen, then I would say the one at Sunderland because of the circumstances. I wasn't playing before the game but someone got injured so I came in and scored two and made two!

What is your most memorable moment as a footballer?

Probably signing for Portsmouth from Luton. Within twelve months of winning League Two I was a Premier League footballer, so that would be the most memorable moment for me.



Who is the best player you have played with?

It is a difficult one. Ability wise in terms of what he does with the football with no effort at all would be Ravel Morrison. He never really managed to put that into practice on the pitch, so on the pitch would be Sol Campbell, David James and Ivan Campo. I've been very lucky.

Who is the best player you have played against?

Probably Gary Neville because every game I played against him in the Premier League he would just give you a little nudge at the right time and he was very knowledgeable.



Who are your best friends in football?

Alex Revell, Zander Diamond and Paul Anderson. I met them last year at Northampton and I've got lots of friends in football, but they are the ones who I speak to the most.

f you weren't a footballer, what would you be?

I wanted to work with my dad because, like most people, he's my hero and he's an architect. I would have loved to have worked with him.

Have you got any pre-match superstitions?

I don't think you have got long enough for me to list them! There are a few odd ones that I prefer to keep to myself.



What team did you support as a boy?

Tottenham because my dad was a Tottenham fan and it was the first game he took me to.

Favourite holiday destination?

Anywhere in Europe where the sun is shining. I quite like Greece.

What is your favourite food?

Probably my mum's roast dinner. My wife won't like me saying that but if I could have anything it probably would be my mum's roast dinner.

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ACADEMY UPDATE WITH JEREMY NEWTON

THE 2004 GROUP, WHICH IS THE U13'S AND U14'S COMBINED, WENT TO HOLLAND LAST WEEK FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS U14 BOAL TOURNAMENT.

We were competing with Europe's best and the results were quite good in comparison to where we were years ago. We are now effectively competing with the likes of Borussia Dortmund, Leverkusen and PSV.

We lost 1-0 to Club Brugge, drew 0-0 with AZ Alkmaar, lost 2-0 to Borussia Dortmund, beat Consadole Sapporpo 2-1, played out a thrilling 4-4 draw with PSV Eindhoven, lost 2-0 to Chelsea and lost 2-1 to Bayer Leverkusen.

It is ruthless tournament football and there are lots of different variables that are considered in tournament football from game management to changing systems and formations in order to try and win the game or to try and protect a lead.

The results were very close with the big clubs so it just shows you that we are getting there and we need to keep playing these type of games in order to enhance our programme and the Academy players. It is part of their initial development and some of them haven't played big tournament football before, so it is an experience for them and it is an experience for the coaching staff as well to see how the big European clubs are coaching their players.

We've been speaking to our counterparts in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden

"The results were very close with the big clubs so it just shows you that we are getting there and we need to keep playing these type of games in order to enhance our programme and the Academy players." and all the way across to Japan so it is all interesting and there are different styles of coaching. It is all part of learning and developing yourself.

Our games programme starts a week today and the U16's and the U18's have been back for a few weeks now. The U18's are on a good run at the moment and are currently top of the league. It is important that they continue to try and set out to win the league and I challenged the boys last week to see how far they can go in the league this year. It is something you want to try and win and if you are doing things consistently on a day-to-day basis in training, then that gets replicated into matches.



U18 STATS

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

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SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

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(White, Atik, Pryce)

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THREE IN A ROW FOR TOWN'S U18'S

THE YOUNG REDS CONTINUED THEIR FINE START TO THE 2017/18 EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH WEST LEAGUE LAST SATURDAY COURTESY OF A 3-2 WIN AWAY AT EXETER CITY. U18'S MANAGER ALAN MCLOUGHLIN LOOKS BACK ON THAT SUCCESS, WHILST ALSO HAVING HIS SAY ON TODAY'S HOME FIXTURE AGAINST NEWPORT COUNTY...

Exeter are a very good side and they have a very good Academy as well. Their boys have probably been in and around their Academy for a while, whereas there isn't too much experience of Academy football amongst the group of first-years I've got. We've picked them up in the last yearand-a-bit so they are trying to catch up quickly.

I knew the game was going to be difficult, we spoke on Friday and we went through a few scenarios of where I thought Exeter would potentially hurt us. I know what they try to work on and that's how it panned out in the game.

The players have started the season well but there wasn't something quite right in the build-up to the game. The warm-up was a little bit flat, the boys were moaning about the long journey in the mini-bus and they were looking for excuses not to turn up. That was evident in the first-half and we just didn't get around their players, we didn't match them physically and we didn't apply ourselves. People didn't want the ball, there were wrong decisions in terms of passes going forward and we just looked a bit disjointed.

It was disappointing but I sat back for twentyminutes and watched the game and I didn't get on to the players because it is important to see how they react when you don't give instructions and when you don't tell them



where to go. Sometimes you have to lose badly and players have to perform badly for them to improve, and that was the situation I was in where it was a matter of just getting to half-time and hoping that we didn't concede a third.

I sat the boys down at half-time, I didn't really give them too much of a rocket but they understood where I was coming from and it wasn't acceptable to not just turn up. We were at it right from the first pass, right from the first tackle, right from the first ball forward and right from the first passage of play in the second-half.

We didn't change formation but I was surprised that Exeter did and they chose to match us up, but they didn't really get a kick during the second-half. They only had one opportunity in the second 45-minutes and we thoroughly deserved to win the secondhalf. I was delighted with the way my players responded to my message at half-time and the substitutes came on and made a difference as well.

It was a pleasing second-half performance and even more pleasing to get the win because I didn't think that was possible at half-time. Credit to the group because they showed a little bit of character, a little bit of determination and sometimes that is all it takes. You just need to want it a little bit more than the team you are playing against.

We have Newport County at home today and Byron Moore and his group had a great finish to last season after winning the Merit League. They were fantastic and I know what to expect from Newport. They are robust, they are tough boys and they won't shirk a tackle. They will try to play and they will do their utmost to try and disrupt how we play. However, if we play to our maximum potential then I would like to think we can win and take it to four straight victories.

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Favourite Player. In terms of ability I would have to say Massimo Luongo – he could do absolutely everything. Whether that was scoring goals, from range against Brentford or after long passing moves such as against Stevenage, making decisive runs or of course dictating the play. I have never seen a Swindon player who has made it all look so easy. Seeing him flying the flag for us at the World Cup and then playing an integral role for the Socceroos at the Asian Cup was really exciting, but his ability to turn a game on its head for the Town has to be what stands out.

Favourite Town Manager. There's only really one option for Town fans of my age and that's Paolo Di Canio. If I speak to fans of other clubs, I always find myself talking about his exuberant celebrations, persona on the touchline and all of his post-match interviews when the conversation moves on to Swindon. Having not been around for the times of Macari, Ardiles and Hoddle, he really is the one which sticks out – and his season and a half in Wiltshire was probably the most exciting time I've had following the club.

Favourite Town Moment. Nathan Byrne's late winner at Bramall Lane which gave us the advantage in the Play-Off Semi-Final back in 2015. The moment was so wonderful, and the goal so stunning, that I actually refused to watch highlights of it after the game for a few weeks after. When I did I was disappointed to see the shot didn't nestle right in the top corner as I remembered it. Still, it was a beautiful goal and the noise that erupted from our end when it went in was electric. That moment, and the half hour of singing at the top of my voice with all the other travelling Town fans, will live long in the memory.

Favourite Town Shirt: I quite like a lot of the old designs from the 1990s so probably the home kit from when we were promoted to the Premier League. As far as I'm concerned, watching that game is crucial in any footballing education and the kit it just perfect. In fairness, the green and white away kit from back then as well was really nice, and it's nice to see that the new away kit has seemingly drawn inspiration from that design – hopefully some more wins away from home this season might help that strip secure iconic status!

There have been a few good seasons since I've followed the Town - Play-Off campaigns in 2004 and 2010 under Andy King and Danny Wilson, plus the more recent ones in 2013 and 2015. But we have only won the league once, and to have done that in such style under Paolo in 2011/12 means it has to be my favourite ever season. It started slow but so many of the best Town performances I've seen came then, and despite losing the JPT final at Wembley there are so many fond memories - chief among them lifting the trophy after thrashing Port Vale 5-0. Plus, we also had our best FA Cup run in my years following the club - bar the derby losses to Oxford, it was pretty much perfect.

Favourite Town Match: Our 1-0 win over Bristol City in November 2014. It was a great day from the off – Harry Toffolo's reaction to their player being sent off early on, a raucous (shall we say) reception for Aden Flint and it being so high stakes in the promotion race that season, as well as obviously a derby as well, meant it was such a good atmosphere. To win in the fashion we did, with such a fantastic finish by Michael Smith and the entire team running to the corner flag in jubilation, and Nathan Thompson's antics celebrating in front of the City fans on the Stratton Bank was really memorable, and to be honest it just the perfect derby day.





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THIS WEEK HAS SEEN OUR TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL COACHES DELIVER OUR LAST WEEK OF SUMMER DEVELOPMENT COURSES, AND IT HAS BEEN A RECORD SUMMER WITH WELL OVER 1000 CHILDREN ATTENDING THE COURSES. THIS AGAIN SHOWS THE POPULARITY OF THESE COURSES AND WE HAVE RECEIVED LOTS OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM CHILDREN THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED OUR SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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Now that the school summer holidays are coming to an end our attention turns to the new term and the start of our weekly Development Centres. These weekly sessions are open to children of all abilities and will allow your child to participate in a structured professional coaching session in a fun and safe environment. These coaching sessions are ideal for children new to the game, and also for children already playing for local clubs and are keen to have an additional training session per week.



Please see the following page with all the details of our weekly Development Centre sessions. You can book on to these sessions at www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stfitc

FOOTBALL EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT COMMONWEAL C6

Our new cohort of Football Education male and female students have started back for pre-season in preparation of their league fixtures commencing in September. It is a very exciting time at Commonweal C6 with our new cohort taking our number of full time Football Education students



to 76, with two teams of male and female students. Congratulations to all the students on receiving their A Level and GSCE results over the last couple of weeks, and we look forward to supporting you all on your football education journey over the next two years. For more information on our Football Education programme please contact Shane Hewlett on shane@ stfc-fitc.co.uk

GIRLS ELITE TOURNAMENT

Next Friday will see us host a pre-season tournament for our Elite Girls Centre of Excellence teams. We will be joined by seven other Premier League and English Football League clubs for the tournament at Wantage Town FC. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeremy Moore and the committee at Wantage Town for hosting this event at their fantastic facilities. We are sure it will be an exciting day for all our players and our teams will enjoy the experience to start the season off.





SATURDAY TEAM CLUB

We are delivering our ever popular Saturday Team Club package again this season. This exciting day out is open to any teams or groups to come and enjoy a full match day at STFC. The day starts off with a comprehensive ground tour of the County Ground, followed by a professional coaching session. After the training session everyone will be treated with a Domino's Pizza lunch, and then back to the ground to watch the firstteam compete in a league fixture. We have started to take bookings for this season so don't miss out on this great day out and contact Dave Ridley on dave@stfc-fitc. co.uk for more details.



FOOTBALL FANS IN TRAINING

Our new Football Fans in Training course starts in September and we have just 3 spaces remaining for this course. If you are male, aged between 35 – 65, and are looking to lose some weight and become healthier, then this is the course for you. For more details please email jon@stfc-fitc.co.uk





You could be Swindon Town's next star!

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The Swindon Town Development Centres are for children of all abilities. Children have progressed into Swindon Town Advanced and Girls Centre of Excellence with the chance to be scouted by the STFC Academy for boys. For information on how to join please contact Shane Hewlett on 01793 617718 or 07919 112982 alternatively please email me shane@stfc-fitc.co.uk

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GUEST COLUMN

WE WILL BE CATCHING UP WITH A FORMER PLAYER OR MANAGER IN EVERY PROGRAMME THIS SEASON TO GET THEM TO REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT THE COUNTY GROUND. THIS WEEK IT'S THE TURN OF LUKE ROONEY WHO REPRESENTED BOTH CLUBS BEFORE HEADING OUT TO THE STATES...

he 2011/12 season was a memorable one. I came halfway through and I remember my first actual start was away at Southend, who were above us at the time. We went there, played them off the park and we never looked back after that.

It was great to be part of such a good side with so many brilliant players who have gone on to play at a higher level. It was a joy to be a part of and winning most weeks.

I wasn't quite involved in everything because I was cup-tied for the Leicester game in the FA Cup and unfortunately I was also cup-tied for the JPT Final, but it was still a memorable season and great to be a part of.

After Swindon I played for Crawley for a while and it is a great little club down there. It is good to see that they are still an established league fixture.

I look back on my time with Swindon though with fond memories and it is a club and an area that will always be close to my heart. I really enjoyed my time there on and off the pitch and it is great to see them make a decent start to this season.

I am now playing out in the States for a club called Phoenix Rising FC in Arizona and I made it happen for myself. I was at Crawley and I started off the season quite well, I was playing in my favoured central position and it was going well but then the pitches started to get poorer, our defenders started to pass it longer and I became a bit less involved.

I had enough of just plodding around in Leagues One and Two and I wanted to do something completely different. The percentage of young players going abroad is really low, you see a few older players go abroad but younger players don't really do it and I just text a bunch of agents and ex-players and tested the water.

This opportunity came up, I was offered a couple of weeks out in America by Arizona United and I was offered a deal after the first week. We've rebranded since then and we're making a real push for the MLS, so it has been brilliant and one of the best things I've done.





It is different out there in every single way from the style of play to the away trips and it is such a change from how things are in England. I just fancied a change of lifestyle and it has helped make me more mature as well. It has been great.

LUKE ROONEY.

"I look back on my time with Swindon though with fond memories

ON THE ROAD



LUTON TOWN

09/09/2017 · KICK-OFF: 3PM KENILWORTH ROAD SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

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BY ROAD

Leave the M1 at lunction 11 and take the A505 towards Luton. Go through one set of traffic lights and at the first roundabout turn right into Chaul End Lane. At the next roundabout turn left into Hatters Way, whilst continuing down Hatters Way the ground will be seen on your left although it is not accessible from this road. At the end of Hatters Way turn left and start looking for street parking (the ground will be on your left).

PARKING

There is a residents only parking scheme in operation near the

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ground, so you will have to travel a little further away in order to find street parking.



BY TRAIN

Luton Railway Station is a good 15-minutes' walk

COTBALL CLUS away from the Kenilworth Road ground. Turn right out of the railway station and proceed along Station Road, before going straight across the traffic lights and into Mill Street. On reaching a junction where the road bends to the right, turn left at this junction into New Bedford Road then turn right into Collingdon Street. At the end of Collingdon Street you will reach a dual carriageway, turn left alongside the road, follow the pedestrian walkway and then bear right to go along the footbridge over the busy road. As the footbridge passes over the roundabout it splits into two, bear right and this will lead you down into Dunstable Road. Continue straight along and then take the 5th left-hand turn into Oak Road for the visitors' turnstiles.



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Just inside the away turnstiles is a small bar which serves both draught and bottled beers. Hot pies are also available to buy. Also recommended for away fans is the Beech Hill Conservative Club on Leagrave Road, which welcomes both home and away fans. The English Rose, which is located only a few minutes' away from the train station, is also a popular choice for visiting supporters. entrance is down on the left. ON TOW

LAST TIME WE MET $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ 06/12/2016 Swindon Town 2 Luton Town 3

Goals from Luke Norris and Ellis landolo were not enough to prevent the Reds from suffering defeat to the Hatters in the Checkatrade Trophy at The County Ground last season.

TICKETS:

Town fans can now secure their seat for this trip in-store or by visiting www.eticketing.co.uk.

LUTON TOWN 09/09/2017 Members - £13 Non-Members - £14

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AWAY TICKET PRICES FROM Adults £24 • U22's £19 • Over 65's £19 U19's £16 • Over 75's £11 Now on general sale

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NOTTS COUNTY . TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017 (7.45PM)

AWAY TICKET PRICES FROM Adult £20 • Over 60's £14 • U18's £7 • U16's £5 Now on general sale

2017/18 PRICES

Matchday Prices	SIDES	T.END
Adults:	£23	£19
Over 65s/Student:	£17	£15
Under 21s:	£10	£10
Under 18s;	£6	£6
Under 11s:	£2	£2
Junior Red Under 11s:	FREE	

Family Prices	SIDES T.END
1 Adult, 2 U18s:	£32 N/A
1 Adult, 1 U18, 1 U21:	£36 N/A
2 Adults, 1 U18:	£48 N/A
2 Adults, 1 U21:	£52 N/A
2 Adults, 2 U18s:	£53 N/A
2 Adults, 1 U18, 1 U21:	£57 N/A
2 Adults, 2 Under 21s:	£61 N/A
2 Adults, 3 Under 18s:	£58 N/A

Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in The Better Town End.

Tickets available by phone & online... STFC Box Office: 0871 876 1993 www.eticketing.co.uk/ swindontown



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FIXTURES & RESULTS

GAME WEEK 3 SAT AUG 19 2017

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Morecambe 0-1 Swindon Town

Luton Town 3-0 Colchester United

Forest Green Rovers 4-3 Yeovil Town

Exeter City 1-0 Lincoln City

Crewe Alexandra 0-1 Barnet

Crawley Town 0-1 Cambridge United

Coventry City 0-1 Newport County

Chesterfield 2-0 Port Vale

Carlisle United 3-0 Cheltenham Town

Accrington Stanley 2-1 Mansfield Town

TODAY'S GAMES (3PM UNLESS STATED)

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3	Olufela Olomola	Yeovil Town	3
4	Jodi Jones	Coventry City	3
5	Christian Doidge	Forest Green Rovers	3
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TOP ASSISTS							
1	Andrew Shinnie	Luton Town	3				
2	Liam Nolan	Accrington Stanley	2				
3	George Cooper	Crewe Alexandra	2				
4	Nathan Arnold	Lincoln City	2				
5	Jordan Forster	Cheltenham Town	2				

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EDITOR

What a start to the season! I think we would have all taken a return of seven points from a possible nine if it was offered to us prior to the big kick-off...

There is a real feel-good factor around the club at the moment and it is brilliant to be a part of it. The Dave Flitcroft era is well and truly underway and already there is just that feeling that something special could be achieved this term.

He probably won't thank me for saying this but I had a bit of a star-struck moment earlier this week when Matty Taylor put pen to paper on a one-year deal with us. Why do you ask? Well, given that my uncle was a huge Portsmouth fan, I grew up idolising Matty when he was in his prime at Pompey so to all of a sudden be in the same room and interviewing him was just a little bit surreal!

I touched on it in my last set of notes but our new website continues to receive a lot of traffic and I hope everyone is enjoying the content at the moment. We are striving to produce more video interviews on our iFollow channel and we have some new ideas currently in the pipeline – keep an eye out for those in the coming weeks and months!

I really was delighted by the response to our new-look Matchday Magazine, 'The Red Review,' two weeks ago. A lot of work went into giving the programme a makeover during the summer and from reading your thoughts on social media, it seemed to go down a real treat.

The issue you have in your hands today is packed full of fun features and interesting articles, including a feature-length interview with Luke Norris, who has made a fine start to the new season. You can also get to know new signing Matt Taylor whilst Ben Purkiss returns with his latest diary entry.

On a personal note, I reached a bit of a milestone this week having now been at the club for exactly a year. It has honestly flown by and it is quite scary just how quick the past

twelve months have gone! I would like to think that the media output has improved within that time and I hope you have enjoyed reading it, watching it and listening to it as much as I have enjoyed putting it all together!

Here's to three points.

Enjoy the game.

ANDREW STEELE-DAVIS, Head of Media & Communications



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CRAWLEY TOWN HEAD COACH. Harry Kewell.

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