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THE MANAGER

GARY JOHNSON



I'm sure you'll be right behind the boys this afternoon

Today's Sky Bet League Two fixture is one that I have been looking forward to and I'm sure many Cheltenham Town fans have been looking forward to for some time.

Swindon Town are rebuilding after their relegation from League One last season and have started the season strongly, particularly on the road. This afternoon we welcome David Flitcroft, his staff and team to the LCI Rail Stadium.

I am sure today's encounter will create a superb atmosphere with Swindon having taken their full allocation. It is always good to play our league games in

these types of atmospheres.

I am sure our fans will be right behind the boys from the first whistle, as they have been superbly recently, and we certainly can't argue with ten points from 12 from our last four games.

You never want to lose a game, especially against your local rivals, so our midweek defeat to Forest Green Rovers in the Checkatrade Trophy was disappointing.

However, Forest Green used the game to try and get their first team some confidence whereas I needed to use the game for

match fitness and sharpness for the boys who have not been playing recently.

That is why I had to make the changes I did to ensure that two or three of the first team lads also got a break, while still needing to be within the rules of the competition in terms of team selection.

It is always difficult when a side has a good run because you tend to keep the same starting line-up. I am not one for tinkering when it is going well.

Although we don't neglect the boys that are on the bench, it's difficult with the lack of games

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for our reserves to keep them up to scratch. Although we ultimately lost the cup game, a number of players got valuable minutes in a competitive situation.

September has been a decent month for us and we have gained good momentum. Our first team will now need to carry that forward and with home fixtures against Swindon, Grimsby and Lincoln coming up, October becomes a very important month as well.

As you know, there are no easy games in this league and still a lot of points to play for. We needed a winning run - but two games do not constitute a run



Midweek allowed us to get some players valuable minutes

in my mind. It is only a start and we need keep that going this afternoon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joe Morrell, on behalf of everyone at the club, for his call-up to Wales Under-21s this week, for the midweek game with Liechtenstein. We hope that he comes back safe and sound for this afternoon's game.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, both home and away. Let's really turn up the volume today and get behind the boys to create another special atmosphere for the team to perform in. Hopefully our league games in October will then be as fruitful as September.

**Enjoy the game,
Gaffer**



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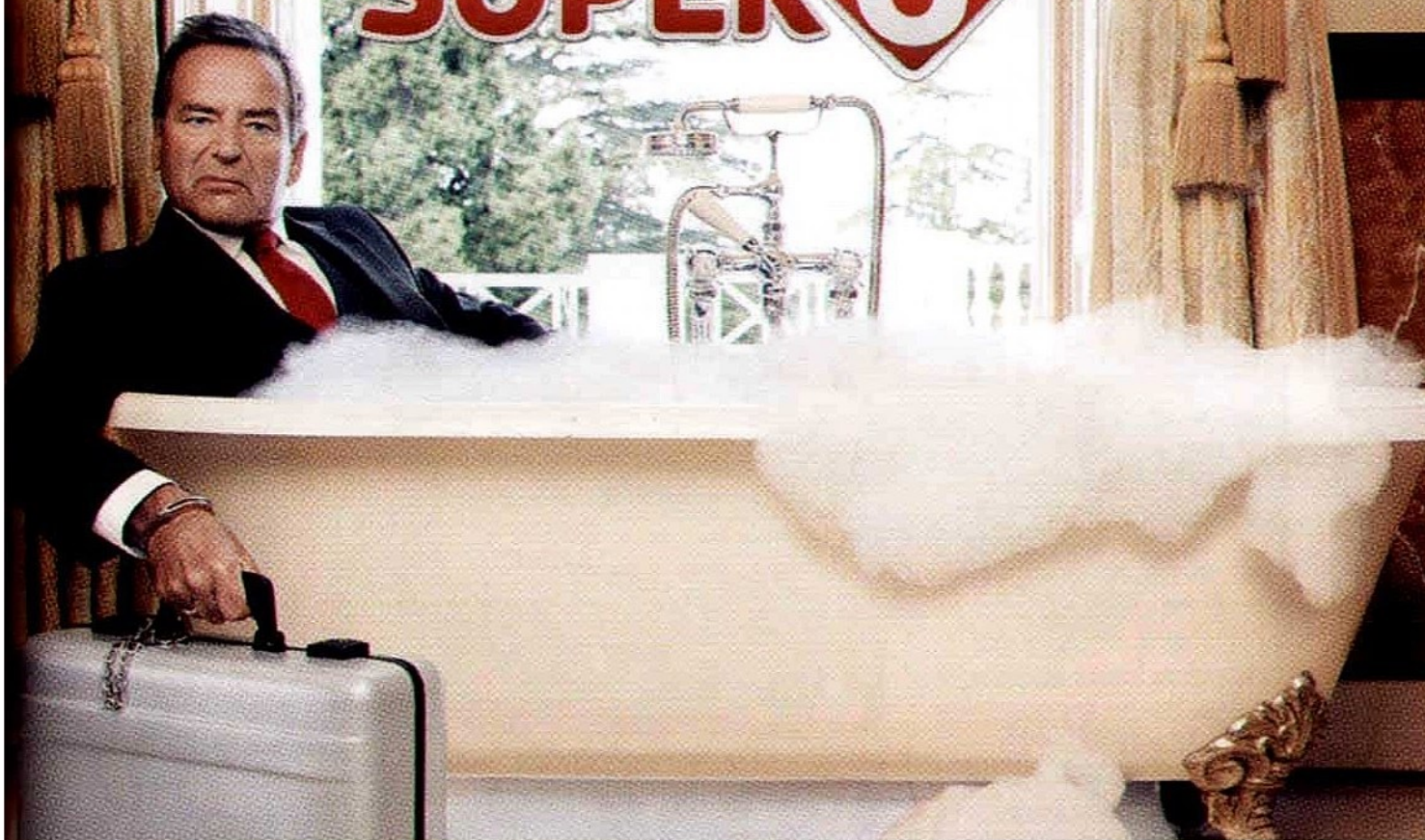


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THE CHAIRMAN

PAUL BAKER

Good afternoon and welcome to one of this season's most eagerly awaited fixtures, a local derby with near neighbours Swindon Town - it's been a while!

Both teams are enjoying a decent run of form and so a big crowd is anticipated here today at the LCI Rail Stadium. We know that we will have around 1,500 Swindon fans here making a lot of noise so let's hope that Cheltenham Town supporters can raise the bar and make even more.

It has been a mixed week with a thoroughly deserved and first-ever victory at Chesterfield, where we played very well indeed, to a slightly disappointing defeat mid-week in the Checkatrade Trophy against Forest Green Rovers, in which Gary rightly chose to make seven or eight changes. This competition was good for us last year generating around £40k of revenue, but fortunately this season we have more than made up for that income with our televised match with West Ham United.

It would also be remiss of me



Both teams are enjoying good runs of form just lately

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not to also mention the fantastic win against Mansfield, so well deserved as we out fought and out thought our opponents on every level. What a shame that once again Mr. Evans was unable to behave in a decent manner.

On Thursday evening I was lucky enough to attend the Gloucestershire Business

similar - as we were nominated for the Marketing Campaign of the Year for our fantastic Crowdfunder Scoreboard campaign. This campaign was superbly orchestrated by Murry Toms, our newly elected Fans Director, who was ably supported by James, John, Mark and many others at the club, too many to mention. I have to

hope the silverware will be on display in the Boardroom today.

I missed my first Board meeting for many, many years last week. I really cannot recall missing any others in all honesty, but it was ably chaired by Vice-Chairman David Bloxham and having read the minutes it was clear that my presence was not missed! Don't worry guys, I'll be back for the next one - unless there's a coup in the meantime! In all seriousness, we do have an excellent Board of Directors and the club is in good hands with lots of new initiatives and tight financial controls in place - well done to you all.

Enjoy the game, let's help to generate a terrific atmosphere and continue our excellent form in Sky Bet League Two - which really is what it is all about!

Thanks for your support.

Paul Baker
Chairman

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Awards with fellow Directors and staff. At the time of writing, it promised to be an exciting evening with a chance of some silverware - or something

say it was, without doubt, the most professional and the most successful campaign that this football club has ever run. Well done to all involved and let's



THE CAPTAIN

AARON DOWNES

Welcome back home to the LCI Rail Stadium. I spoke in my last programme notes about our performances being really positive without the results coming, but now we are seeing both after a run of good form in late September.

We are playing some really good attractive football, the style that the manager has been encouraging us to play, and the end product has come with that.

The end result has been some really good victories of late and the atmosphere around the training ground and stadium is excellent. Spirits are really high in the camp at the moment and the results are coming.

However, we have spoken about not resting on our laurels. I remember reading a book about a successful sportsman who said 'when you're in good form you don't relax, you capitalise' - that is certainly what we need to do now. Strive to improve and keep this run going.

Home games don't come much tougher than Swindon. They are one of the best teams in the



Winning at Chesterfield against a side playing under a new manager was no mean feat

league for away results and they do travel well. They are a strong and experienced outfit with a good manager.

It's a tough test today and a local derby that we have been looking to for quite a while. It's an important fixture for us and we aim to put in a performance and result that carries on what we have produced of late.

It was a great day for us last

weekend at Chesterfield, and for me personally against my old club. It was fantastic that the boys were able to put in such a professional performance and tick a few boxes that had not been ticked for a while, with a first away win in the league since February and first ever win at Chesterfield.

It was a significant win that propelled us up to mid-table and

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within striking distance of a few teams above us.

The Proact Stadium is a tough place to go, especially with the pressure of facing a team under a new manager, who is a real fan's favourite, and backed by a hostile home crowd.

We did really well in the first 20 minutes in Derbyshire to calm the atmosphere down and make it a day for us, rather than a day for them. It was good to go back to my old club, get a win and build more confidence moving forward.

Away from football, a few of us were fortunate enough to be invited up to Fergal O'Brien's stables to watch them train the horses earlier this week. It's really interesting to watch someone at the top of their game, showing us the ropes and how they work day-to-day.

They really looked after us and we thoroughly enjoyed the kind hospitality and access they allowed us. Everyone at the stables was very professional and thorough in what they do; it's an eye opener and not something you see every day. We're thankful to them for inviting us up for an interesting morning out.

Moving forward, we have got a couple of really important fixtures coming up. First up we have Port Vale away, who have just appointed a new manager in Neil Aspin so they will be wanting to perform well. Neil will be looking to pick them up and it will be a tough away fixture on one of the biggest pitches in football. We then have our old friends Grimsby coming to town so it's a really important time where we can put ourselves in a good position. A lot of hard work

and focus will go into the next few weeks.

Finally, before I sign-off, congratulations to Cranny (Jordan Cranston) and his girlfriend Aaliyah on the safe arrival of baby Jaylen. I can't believe you got a match off when the baby wasn't even born on that day - but we won the game so we'll let you off! But in all seriousness, on behalf of all the boys and everyone at the club, a massive congratulations and we wish you all every happiness.

As always, we do really appreciate all your support, home and away, and we look to reward that support with continued good results and performances. Enjoy the game!

Aaron Downes
Captain

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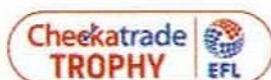
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LCI Rail Stadium

Referee: T Kettle

Attendance: 1,576 [167]

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Reece Brown (79)
Jordan Stevens (80)





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Brian Graham [51]
Joe Morrell [70]
Danny Wright [87]



Tuesday 26th September 2017

LDI Rail Stadium

Referee: B Huxtable

Attendance: 2,480 (204)

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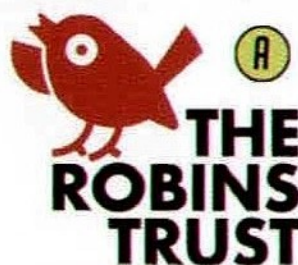


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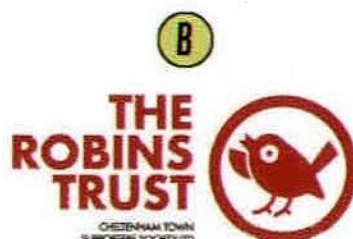


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The Robins Trust will relaunch with a new look and big ambitions at its AGM next week, and we need your help to shape its future.

Our team will outline its plans for the forthcoming 12 months at Whaddon Road this coming Thursday (12 October), starting at 7pm.

After a summer of change, we've been speaking to a wide range of people and exploring how the organisation is viewed by everyone at the club. We've had plenty of feedback!

Membership remains relatively low despite the sizeable investment to secure a seat on the club's board, although encouragingly it is up 40% since the Crowdfunder 12 months ago.

That's positive, because our clear focus is to become more representative of the fanbase and the wider community.

There are a number of ways we believe we can achieve this. Over the next few months we will reorganise the board, review the membership offering and overhaul the look and feel of the organisation in order to grow the number of members we have.

We want to be better at communicating what we do, and

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why we do it, in order to reach 1,000 members. At this Thursday's meeting we hope to outline some of our thinking, and encourage more people to take part in the process.

With that target in mind we have been reviewing everything we do, from our website and social media through to the events we put on.

We know there's a lot of work to be done but we have assembled a talented and committed group of supporters who each have their own role to play in moving the Trust forward.

One key element of the work is our branding and we have been working with a local designer – and Paddock regular – to produce some ideas around our public image.

Now we want our members to play

their part in shaping what we do next. There are five ideas for a new logo to choose from, and we invite you to vote for the one they think best represents our future ambitions.

The vote is a small but important step to everyone feeling a sense of ownership of what we're doing as fans for the club.

So take a look at the five options on this page and head over to our website at robinstrust.org to cast your vote for the one you think will best represent the organisation in the future. Also, let us know on social media what you think. Find us on Twitter, and now Facebook at @robinstrust.

The AGM will be held at the side bar at Whaddon Road on Thursday 12 October, starting at 7pm and should last around half-hour. During it, there will be a vote on subscription pricing and we will announce our new logo. Read the agenda here

Gary Johnson and Paul Baker will host a fans' Q&A afterwards at 7.45pm. All supporters are welcome on the night but please note, only Trust members will be able to vote.

See you there.

Murry Toms



LATEST NEWS

ROBINS & THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

We are proud to support the British Heart Foundation as one of our official chosen charities – and today we are helping raise funds with a fundraising collection around the stadium.

The British Heart Foundation was established in 1961 by a leading group of doctors and cardiologist who had the vision to raise money to invest in research that would help fight the epidemic of heart disease. At this time heart attacks were poorly understood and most victims lost their lives. However, over 50 years later we live in a different landscape where understanding has provided clot busting drugs, stents and heart bypasses that enable around 7 in 10 people to now survive a heart attack.

Sarah Standing, Fundraising Manager, said: "I am extremely grateful to Cheltenham FC who have chosen the British Heart Foundation as one of their chosen charities of the year. Every contribution, big or small, plays a crucial part in every breakthrough we make so we are incredibly grateful for your support. We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters to fund life-saving and life changing research projects."

To discover more about the work of the British Heart Foundation visit www.bhf.org.uk



ROBINS HELP LAUNCH FIFA 18



Our players joined excited gamers across both Cheltenham and Gloucester to help launch EA Sports latest title FIFA 18 last week.

Harry Pell, Nigel Atangana, Mo Eiso, Brian Graham and Jaanai Gordon popped into the Cheltenham store of Smyths Toys to take on fans, pose for pictures and sign copies of the Cheltenham branded game.

Kevin Dawson and Alex Davy were then in Smyths Toys in Gloucester to take part in a Gloucestershire FIFA tournament alongside teams from Forest Green Rovers, Gloucester Rugby and Gloucester City.

Thanks to all the fans that turned up to the two launches – and keep a look out on ctfc.com for FIFA 18 giveaways in the coming months!



MARRIAGE & THREE POINTS



Congratulations from everyone at Cheltenham Town to Christopher and Corran Partlett who recently tied the knot – and celebrated with matching shirts!

The happy couple tied the knot on Saturday, September 16 as the Robins beat Colchester United 3-1 on home soil. We hope you enjoyed your honeymoon and have a fantastic life together!



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Saturday 30th September 2017

Proact Stadium

Referee: B Toner

Attendance: 5,305 (217)

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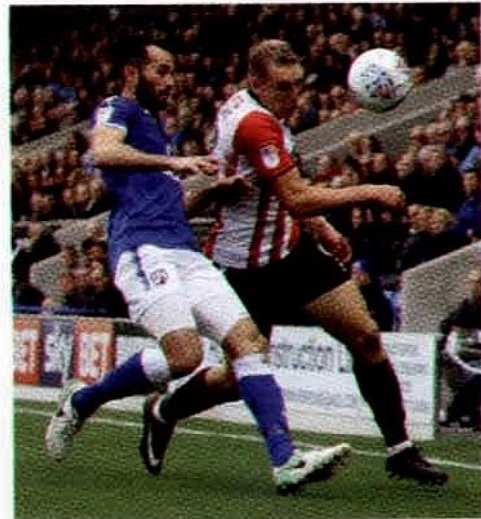
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JOE MORRELL

Joe Morrell has certainly enjoyed a whirlwind month at Cheltenham Town.

The midfield ace has made his Football League debut, grabbed a stunning first goal for the Robins and even won an international call-up for Wales Under-21s this week.

And the Bristol City loan star is eager to now kick on even more as he looks to help bring the good times to the LCI Rail Stadium.





"It's been a pretty good month - and that certainly capped it!" An early Sunday morning phone call from the Welsh set-up completed what has been an unforgettable September for loan signing for Joe Morrell.

Just hours after helping the Robins secure a first away win in Sky Bet League Two since February at Chesterfield, the young midfielder was given a call-up by Wales Under-21 boss Robert Page and jetted out to Liechtenstein.

But level-headed Morrell is eager to take it all in his stride after what he concedes has been the perfect first month at Cheltenham Town.

"I was absolutely delighted to get the official call from Wales. I've probably played for my country at different age groups around 40 times, but a first Under-21 call is special," he said.

"I got it Sunday morning and it was

straight down to camp and then out to Liechtenstein. It's my first time there but I doubt there will be any sightseeing. We have a job to do and mine is to impress and play my part.

"The call-up is recognition for what I have done at Cheltenham and I am indebted to the club. Teams were not queuing up to take me on loan, but Cheltenham gave me that chance.

"The support of the gaffer and my team-mates is crucial and hopefully I can kick-on now and keep producing for the rest of the season."

Morrell was thrust into the starting line-up against Stevenage for his Football League debut on September 2, when Nigel Atangana was a late withdrawal with illness.

The 20-year-old has hardly looked back since, winning the man-of-the-match award on debut and cementing his place in the engine room of the side.

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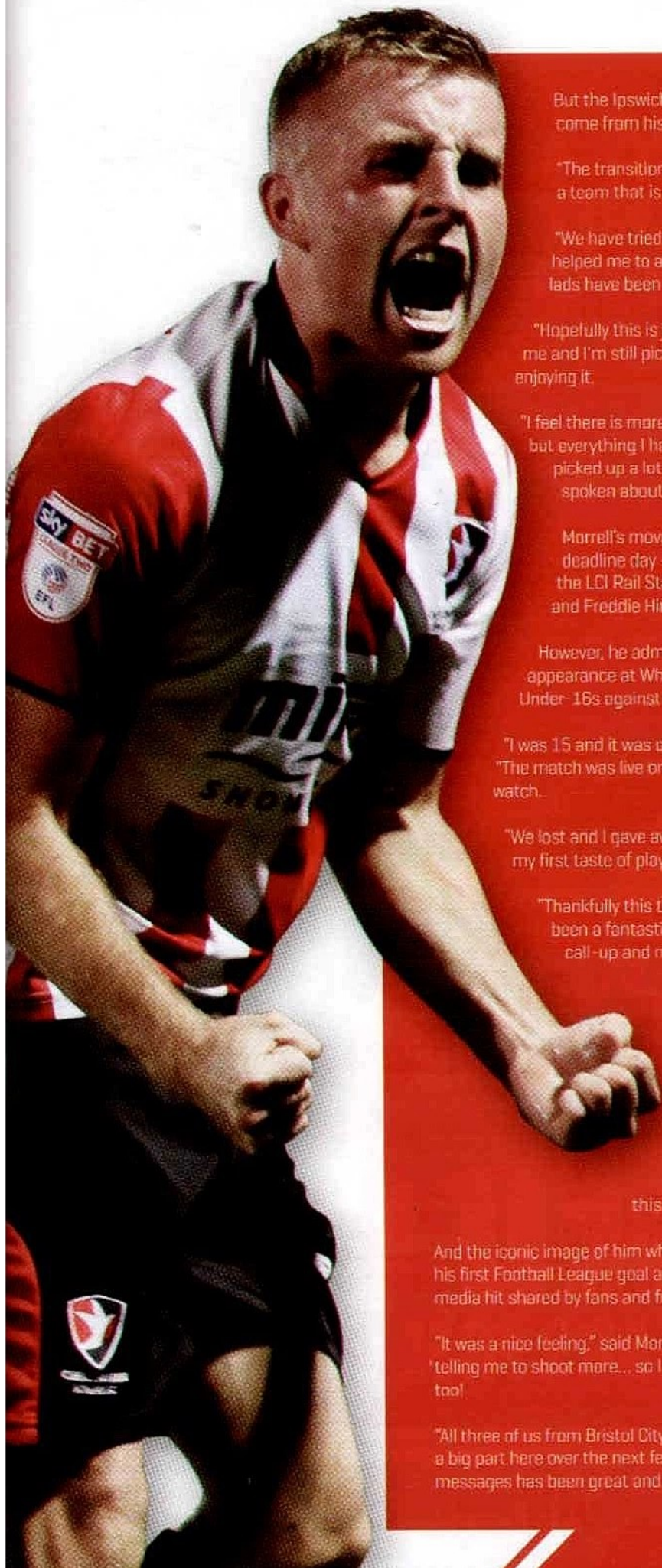
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APPEARANCES
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GOALS
1

17/18 MINUTES
596



But the Ipswich-born ace believes there is still even more to come from his game.

"The transition has been made easier for me by coming into a team that is playing well and with confidence," he said.

"We have tried to play a passing, technical game; that has helped me to adapt. The style is one I am used to and the lads have been really helpful.

"Hopefully this is just the early stages of a long career for me and I'm still picking things up and trying to learn. I'm really enjoying it.

"I feel there is more to come. I've only been here for a month, but everything I have seen has been positive and we could have picked up a lot more points than we actually have. We've all spoken about the importance of going on a run now."

Morrell's move to Cheltenham came just before transfer deadline day - when he swapped Ashton Gate Stadium for the LCI Rail Stadium alongside team-mates Taylor Moore and Freddie Hinds.

However, he admits the game with Stevenage was not his first appearance at Whaddon Road - that actually came for Wales Under-16s against England in 2011.

"I was 15 and it was only my second game for Wales," Morrell said. "The match was live on Sky and all my mates from Bristol came to watch.

"We lost and I gave away a penalty, but it was a memorable day and my first taste of playing at Whaddon Road.

"Thankfully this time has gone a little better," he smiled. "It's been a fantastic month with my Football League debut, the call-up and my first goal.

"We are playing with confidence and enjoying the style of football we're producing - there is real belief in the squad."

Morrell has quickly been taken to the hearts of every fan in red and white, with his performances earning rave reviews and seeing him named the Autovillage Player-of-the-Month earlier this week.

And the iconic image of him wheeling away in absolute delight after scoring his first Football League goal against Mansfield has quickly become a social media hit shared by fans and friends alike.

"It was a nice feeling," said Morrell. "I saw Freddie Hinds is claiming it for telling me to shoot more... so I am going to make sure I claim his first goal too!

"All three of us from Bristol City have settled in really well and we want to play a big part here over the next few months. The support from the fans and messages has been great and means a great deal to us."

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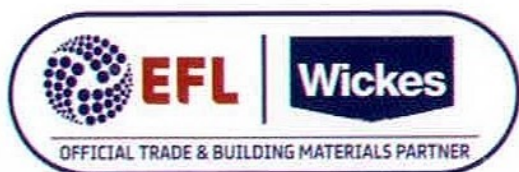
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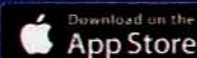
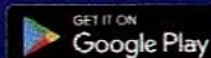


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THE ACADEMY PACKED SCHEDULE FOR ROBINS YOUTHS



Last weekend the whole of Cheltenham Town Academy (players that is!) had a weekend off due to there being a very busy schedule in the past two months. It has been an extremely busy, productive and enjoyable start to the season and as we enter into October, it is important all players are in a good state of mind and body ready for what is going to continue to be a very busy period.

This packed schedule is due to Floodlit Cup games for the Under-14s, Under-15s and Under-16s, as well as their usual weekend games programme, and lots of different games festivals and game types for the foundation phase. This variety of games programme is massively important for our players to ensure we shape their footballing education to prepare them for first team football.

The Under-16s lost 3-1 to Swindon last week in their first Floodlit Cup fixture. After what was a very commanding performance in the first half, and scoring through Aaron Evans-Harriott, the second half was a great learning curve

for the players in understanding and dealing with pressure. Thank you to the fans who came along to support the players! Congratulations also to Aaron who has been placed on standby for the Wales Victory Shield squad this month. Aaron has been part of the Academy set-up since the Under-nines and is a technically gifted player with a low centre of gravity, who creates and scores goals mainly playing on the wing.

The Under-18s face Bristol Rovers this weekend in the league and will be looking to carry on their good form over the last month. They have also had their draw for the quarter finals of the League Cup and will travel to play Yeovil on November 4th.

Congratulations to second year scholar George Lloyd who was on the bench against Forest Green the other night and to academy product Matt Bower for playing 90 minutes and doing very well.

Finally, good luck to the manager and the first team in their game against Swindon today - enjoy the game!



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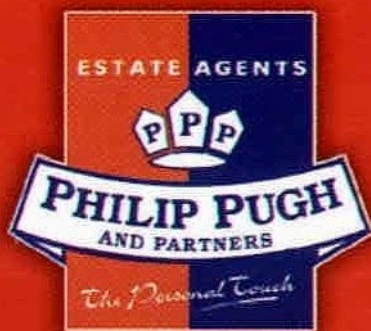
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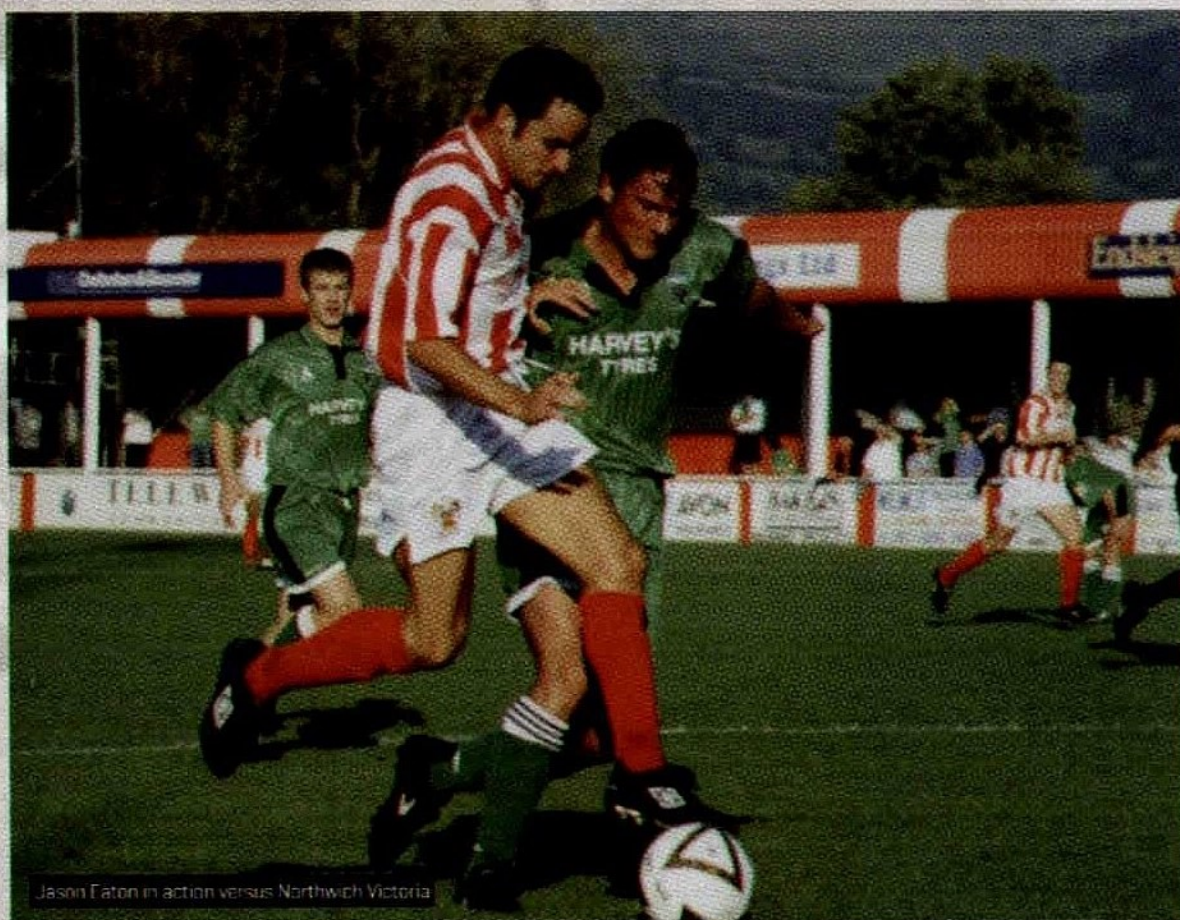
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1997-98 20 YEARS ON

WORDS: James Young

The Robins were flying high in their first season back in the GM Vauxhall Conference as October rolled around.



Jason Eaton in action versus Northwich Victoria

Dale Watkins' double in the derby at Kidderminster had made it six league games unbeaten and earned the Robins their sixth win in 11 games.

September had come and gone with a fine unbeaten record in both Conference and FA Cup and there were high hopes for what October would bring.

Conference ever-presents Northwich Victoria were the visitors for the first game of the month – and it proved to be a real thriller.

Crowds were holding consistently at around 1,500 for

Saturday home games – seems nothing now, but then it was almost double what the average had been the year before.

The 1,606 at Whaddon Road for the visit of Victoria were treated to one of the goals of the season, albeit not by a Robins player.

Darren Vicary scored an unbelievable dipping volley from nearly 40 yards for the visitors, winning a round of applause from Robins boss Steve Cotterill in the process, but in the end it was a consolation.

Jason Eaton carried on his fine early-season form netting

a brace, while Keith Knight slammed home his first Conference goal of the season as the Robins ended up the victors by the odd goal in five.

The next game would end in defeat – not that anyone cared.

The Conference League Cup was never a trophy to warm the cockles. It had been long since disbanded for our brief return to the fifth tier in 2015 and it was never much of an attraction.

The Robins were given a trip to Yeovil Town in the first round of what was then called the Spalding Challenge Cup and promptly lost.



Billy Clark was impressing on loan from Bristol Rovers but Steve Cotterill faced a tough test to keep him at Whaddon Road.

Dean Birkby's hat-trick for the hosts meant Watkins' 10th Robins goal counted for very little as an exit was secured at the first hurdle.

The following weekend saw more Cup action as Paulton Rovers of the Western League Premier Division were the visitors in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

The Somerset side were no match for a powerful Robins side who won 5-0 in pouring rain in front of a sparse crowd of just 827.

An own-goal set the hosts on their way before Dale Watkins, Bob Bloomer – with his first of the season – Jimmy Smith and Mark Crisp, with his one and only Robins goal secured a place in the final qualifying round.

The draw saw another home tie, this time against Sutton United of the Isthmian League.

Of a more pressing concern to Robins boss Steve Cotterill, however, was the future of on-loan defender Billy Clark.

Signed for a month from Bristol Rovers to cover the absence of Mark Freeman, who had suffered a nasty cut on his leg in the win against Rushden at the end of August, Clark had excelled.

A player with more than 250 Football League appearances to his name, he had looked calm, assured and classy alongside Chris Banks.

But with the Robins still a part-time outfit, Cotterill was facing a battle to keep his man ahead of two of the toughest tests of the season, the long trip to Gateshead and the home clash with pace-setters Halifax Town.



Dale Watkins

NEXT ISSUE: Tyneside for a tenner...

20 YEARS ON MIKE DAVIS

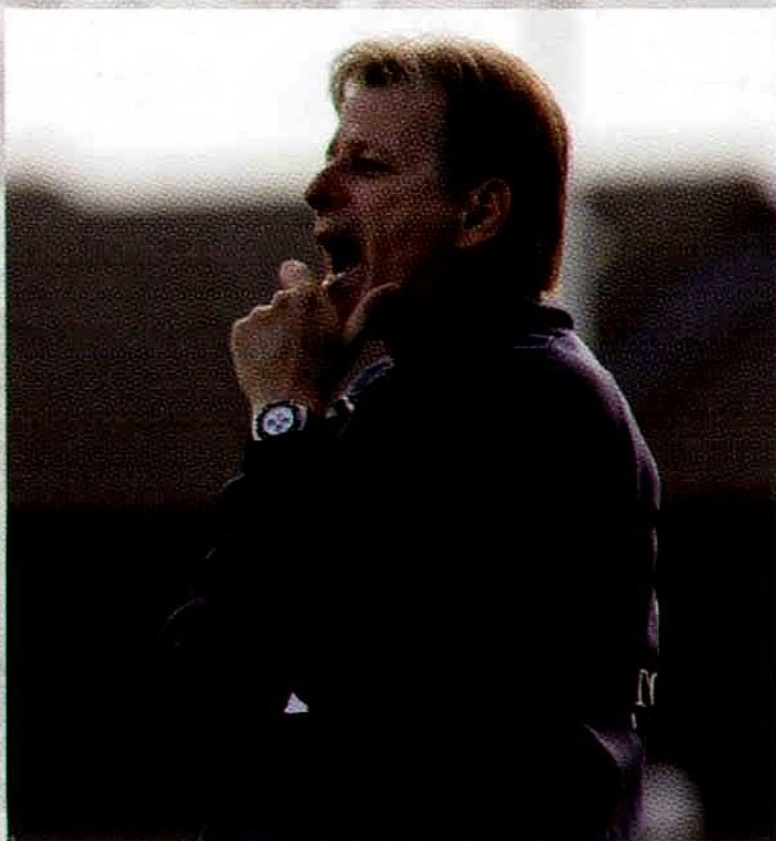


Mike Davis was synonymous with Cheltenham Town for many decades. His long and successful association started as a youth team player and saw him work his way up through the ranks to eventually be assistant manager.

He was to become Steve Cotterill's trusted number two throughout his time in charge, and later remained as second in command to Graham Allner.

And he recounts the never to be forgotten 1997/98 campaign with fond memories, as the Robins soared in the FA Trophy and landed the biggest of prizes at the home of English football.

"Our league campaign had gone well that season, we were there or thereabouts as we finished second to Halifax Town, but the FA Trophy was where we really clicked," said Davis, whose wife Debbie still works for the Robins as manager of the club shop.



"It was such a momentous occasion, the first major trophy the club had won and the town seemed to travel to London with us.

"To play at Wembley is truly special and I was lucky enough to go with my club. My father even travelled back from a holiday in Spain for the final – it was that big a game!

"I remember being at the team hotel the day before, because our game was on a Sunday, and watching the FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Newcastle with Steve. We were all excited and looking forward to the game.

"It was uncharted waters for us, but we were well prepared because we had strong leadership and we knew the players were good enough to win it. There was a real togetherness and that was the vital ingredient.

"Driving down the motorway from the hotel to the stadium on the bus, all you could see were coaches coming from Cheltenham; I had to pinch myself to realise I wasn't just dreaming.

"The day itself I remember was very hot and I can picture going down Wembley Way. As a kid you dream of

that, you watch every England game, every FA Cup final and remember 1966 and the World Cup. It was magical."

Davis admits the game itself was a difficult one for the Robins as they struggled to battle past Southport until the defining moment arrived in the 79th minute.

"When we scored it was a fantastic feeling, Russ [Milton] floated it in a free kick after good work by Jimmy Smith and the next thing you know Jason [Eaton] has scored with his head. Credit to Steve [Cotterill] because just a few minutes before he made two substitutions and it changed the game," he added.

"I think we all knew that Southport were the better team on the day however Wembley is not the place to go and lose. They gave man-of-the-match to Brian Butler, which probably says it all really. But the noise when we won, hearing over 18,000 of your fans - that is when the magnitude of what you have done really strikes you."

"We were like-minded and we knew what we wanted to achieve - we worked hard... and that year hard work won a trophy."

Cheltenham - with Cotterill and Davis in tandem - were to enjoy more highs the following season as promotion to the Football League was secured ahead of Kettering Town and Davis revealed how the two men had always had a strong bond that worked.

"I was a few years older than Steve and, with him being a young manager maybe he needed my calming influence around him. We had played together for a spell in the



reserve team but he obviously went on to bigger and better things... whereas I had found my level," he smiled.

"We had a chemistry and I guess I was a good foil for him and we just worked well together. I understood him and how to get a message across, and crucially when was the right time. I was the go-between for Steve and the players.

"We complemented each other well, but without doubt he was the main man and I had a supportive role. I enjoyed that time and felt I was a good number two - it was all I ever wanted to be."

Davis left his position as assistant manager in 2003 and, although retaining a role in youth development at the club for more seasons, he moved forward in a new career direction.

He was unveiled as the Managing Director of Gloucester-based aluminium specialists CDW Systems Limited in November last year and recently became co-owner and Chairman of the East Manor Group which owns three operating companies with a collective turnover in excess of £10 million a year.

"Football is a precarious occupation," admitted Davis. "My

heart and soul was always at Cheltenham and it did hurt when it all ended prematurely. I had a brief spell at West Bromwich Albion Academy afterwards working with Dan Ashworth who is now director of elite development at the FA, but I didn't want all the travelling.

"I looked for a new direction in my career and new challenge so I went from football back into industry. I'm really enjoying my current role and where it has taken me.

"I don't get back to Whaddon Road as much as I would like now due to business and family commitments, but I wish the club well," he added. "I've met Gary [Johnson] a few times over the years and obviously know Russ [Milton], Booky [Steve Book] and some of the Directors. It's great to see the recent run of form.

"I have fond memories that never fade away of my time at Cheltenham and particularly the 1997/98 season which was the catalyst for the ongoing success story. We had no real stars and were not the best individually, but collectively we were strong, organised, like minded and mentally tough; together we could deal with the pressure.

"The trophy success was a real springboard for us and a special season never to be forgotten."

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



5 YEARS AGO

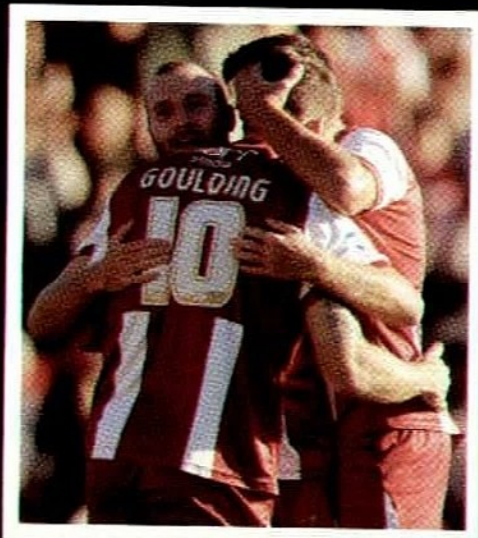
Cheltenham Town 2 Fleetwood Town 2

Saturday, October 6 2012

The Cod Army were flying high in third place in their first season of Football League action when they visited Whaddon Road.

The Robins were themselves in fine fettle following a superb 1-0 midweek win at Bristol Rovers and the crowd of 2,702 were not disappointed with an action packed game.

David Ball gave the visitors a first-half lead with a scrambled goal and they held the advantage until the hour mark when the Robins struck.



Jeff Goulding had only just entered the fray as a substitute when he got on the end of another scramble following a Billy Jones corner to slam home his first of the season.

Another Jones corner was the route to the Robins' 74th minute lead as Sido Jombati leapt highest to head home.

But a dramatic twist happened in stoppage time as first Junior Brown levelled for the visitors and then Robins skipper Alan Bennett saw red for his role in a melee seconds before the final whistle.

CTFC: S Brown; S Jombati, A Bennett, S Elliott, B Jones; M Pack (S Harrod 62), D Carter; J McGlashan, R Penn (K Lowe 87), K Mohamed (J Goulding 62), C Zebroski.

Subs: C Roberts, H Hooman, S Deering, D Duffy.



10 YEARS AGO

Port Vale 3 Cheltenham Town 0
Tuesday, October 3 2007

In normal circumstances a goal scored thanks to a pretty blatant handball or a fight that saw two men shown red cards would generate the headlines, but this night was unique.

The Robins were on a wretched run of one win in eight as they headed to Vale Park and moods were not lifted when David McGoldrick put the hosts ahead thanks to the intervention of his arm.

Andy Lindegaard and Vale's Jason Talbot were then shown red cards for a brawl midway through the first half before Vale went on to claim two more goals in an easy win.

And then the drama unfolded.

Robins boss John Ward conducted his post-match press conference as normal, finishing seconds before 10pm when Robins secretary and director Paul Godfrey made a startling announcement.

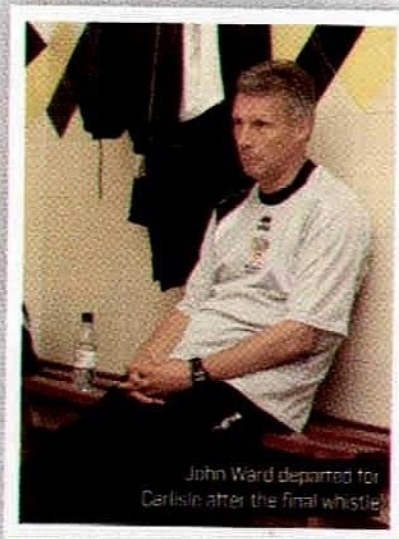
Ward was off to be Carlisle manager with immediate effect. The Robins board had negotiated a 'transfer fee' of a substantial six-figure sum and the boss of nearly five years was off.

Another round of interviews were done and it was announced that Ward's assistant Keith Downing would be taking charge as caretaker boss, with his former boss' encouragement to take it full time.

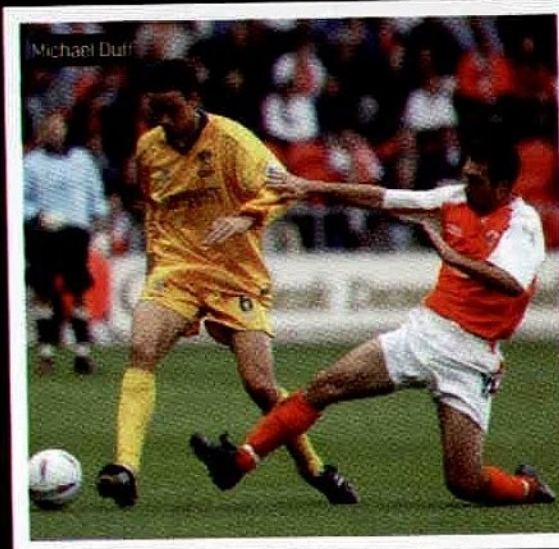
All this began to filter through to startled supporters on their way back down the M6, who suddenly had something more pressing to chat about, rather than handballs and red cards for fighting.

CTFC: S Higgs; J Gill, S Duff, M Townsend, A Gallinagh [S Yap 87], A Lindegaard, A Connolly, D Bird, J Myrie-Williams [G Caines 67], P Connor [A Vincent 74], D Spencer.

Subs: S Brown, M Wylde.



15 YEARS AGO



Blackpool 3 Cheltenham Town 0 October 5, 2002

A match that could be described as the best and worst of Damian Spencer.

The Robins travelled to Bloomfield Road still nursing their wounds after a 7-0 humiliation at the hands of Crystal Palace four days earlier.

However, the visitors took the lead in spectacular fashion on 25 minutes, with Spencer unleashing a wonderful 25 yard volley into the top corner.

His joy would not last as a minute before the break, he levelled the scores with an own goal from a misdirected header as he attempted to clear a Richie Wellens corner.

Class act Wellens then added the second with a delightful chip over Steve Book before Richard Walker made the game safe late on with a powerful strike.

The one massive bright spot of the afternoon was the return to Robins colours of a certain Grant McCann.

The midfielder returned on loan from West Ham for a second stint – one that would be made permanent in January for a club record £50,000 fee.

CTFC: S Book; S Jones (L Williams 45), J Brough, M Duff, R Walker, J Victory; J Finnigan, M Yates, G McCann; T Naylor (P Brayson 73), D Spencer (M Devaney 80).

Subs: S Higgs, R Milton.





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INTRODUCING SWINDON TOWN

FORM GUIDE



Cambridge United
(2-0)



Coventry City
(1-2)



Forest Green
Rovers (2-0)



Stevenage
(3-2)



Notts County
(0-1)

It's a local fixture this afternoon between two sides who look like they're starting to gather some momentum as the season moves into its third month.

Whilst Gary Johnson's side are now unbeaten in four league games with ten points from a possible 12, David Flitcroft will be just as optimistic in the opposing dugout with his Robins outfit having won four of their last six matches, only losing to high-flying Notts County and Coventry City.

Following back-to-back heavy home defeats to Crawley (0-3) and Barnet (1-4) just over a month ago, a hangover from last season's relegation appeared in full swing. An impressive 3-0 win away at fancied Luton followed, though, and Flitcroft's side haven't really looked back.

Their recent run of good form has seen the Wiltshire side climb to ninth in the League Two table, just one win behind fourth-placed Coventry City as they begin to eye an immediate return to the third tier.

Relegation to League Two saw a mass turnover of players in the close season, with 14 departing the County

Olly Lancashire celebrates putting Swindon in front at Forest Green last month



Ground and 12 arriving permanently, as well as an additional five loanee additions.

Despite the influx of new faces on show, it has been a slightly longer-term Robin who has taken centre stage this season. Luke Norris struggled for form in front of goal last season at the County Ground, but has already netted seven goals in 12 appearances this time around - with five in his last seven.

The 24-year-old is an injury doubt

for this afternoon though having appeared to dislocate his shoulder in last weekend's win over Cambridge.

"He's in a sling and I'm presuming the shoulder has popped again but I can't give a definitive on that," Flitcroft told the *Swindon Advertiser* after the game.

In their last local game this season, Flitcroft's side won 2-0 at Forest Green Rovers in front of the Sky Sports cameras thanks to goals from Olly Lancashire and Matt Taylor.


DID YOU KNOW?

Swindon won the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1969/70, beating Napoli 3-0 in the final. The Robins also beat Juventus home and away in the group stage.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD:
Cheltenham:
4
Swindon:
2
Draws:
2

**SCOUT REPORT:
LAST LEAGUE LINE-UP**
**Swindon 2-0 Cambridge
Saturday 30th September 2017**


1 Vigouroux, **2** Purkiss, **6** Lancashire, **4** Preston, **31** Taylor, **16** Linganzi, **8** Dunne, **20** Gordon [Mullin 82], **30** Anderson, **22** Woolery [Goddard 69], **9** Norris [Smith 63]

WE'VE MET BEFORE
CHELTEMHAM TOWN 5-0 SWINDON TOWN

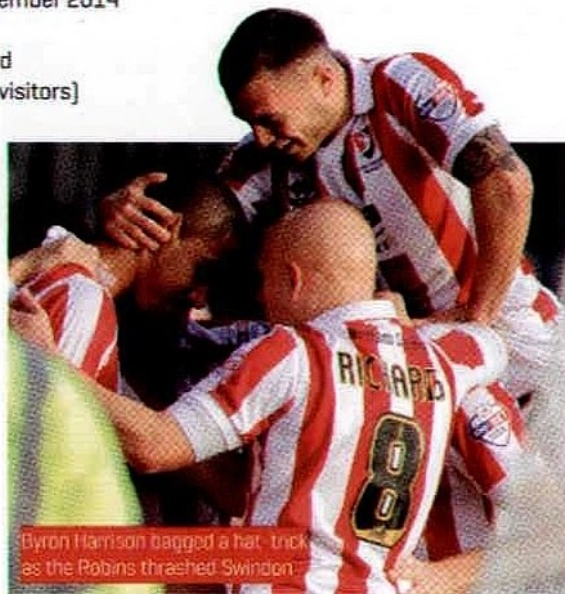
Saturday 8th November 2014
Whaddon Road
FA Cup First Round
Att: 3,470 [1,566 visitors]

Last time this afternoon's two sides met, Swindon were a league above the Robins - but it certainly didn't show in the scoreline.

Mark Cooper's outfit arrived at Whaddon Road for this FA Cup First Round tie sat in third place in the

League One table, whilst the Robins were struggling in League Two. An early Byron Harrison goal set the scene though, and with Swindon down to ten men following the dismissal of Nathan Thompson, Mark Yates' side ran riot.

The scoreline perhaps flattered the Robins somewhat, seeing all of their five shots on target hit the back of the net, but it was an afternoon where everything fell for the side. Terry Gornell doubled the advantage and, sandwiched between Harrison's second and third goals was an excellent strike by Matt Richards to compound Cooper's misery.





LAST XI

vs Cambridge United

30/09/17

Sky Bet League Two

W 2-0

Substitutes:

7 Paul Mullin

10 John Goddard

17 Harry Smith

18 Donal McDermott

19 Timi Max Elsnik

21 Reice Charles-Cook

24 Kyle Knolly



LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Young goalkeeper who joined the Robins from Liverpool, initially on loan, for the 2015/16 campaign. Having featured 37 times during his loan spell, the 23-year-old shot-stopper made the move permanent at the start of last season and was almost ever-present at the County Ground. Before moving to Anfield, Vigouroux had previously spent time in the academies of both Brentford and Tottenham Hotspur, along with a loan spell at non-league Hyde.



BEN PURKISS

33-year-old Purkiss brings experience to the new-look Robins defence after his summer arrival from Port Vale. Starting out at Sheffield United, the defender moved to Gainsborough after failing to make a league appearance at Bramall Lane. A lengthy stint with York followed, before spells with Oxford, Darlington, Hereford and Walsall. After making 85 appearances for the Saddlers, Purkiss has been with Vale for the past two campaigns.



OLLY LANCASTHIRE

A product of the Southampton academy, Lancashire made a handful of appearances for the Saints as they dropped into League One in 2008/09. His senior career was established at Walsall, though, spending two years at the Bescot Stadium before switching to Aldershot for 2012/13. With the Shots dropping out of the league, the 28-year-old defender moved to Rochdale for three seasons before spending last year at Shrewsbury Town.



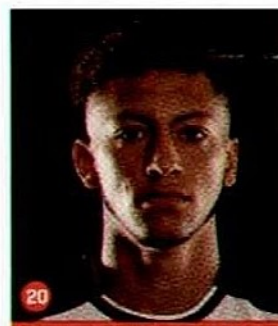
AMINE LINGANZI

27-year-old midfielder Linganzi joined the Robins this summer after departing Portsmouth. The Congolese man found the net once for Pompey last season as the South Coast club won promotion to League One. A product of the Saint-Etienne academy, Linganzi moved to England with Blackburn in 2009, and has since spent time with Accrington and Gillingham. A brief return to France followed for the 2015/16 campaign before he came back to join Portsmouth.



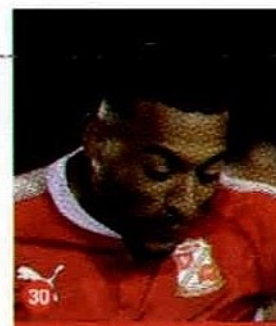
JAMES DUNNE

Developed in the academy at Arsenal, Dunne made his senior debut after dropping down to Exeter in 2009. 127 appearances later, he moved to Stevenage where he continued as a regular performer in the third tier. Having fallen out of favour with Graham Westley, Dunne was sent out on loan to St Johnstone in Scotland before joining Portsmouth for a season in League Two. He made Cambridge his home for the last two seasons though and joined the Robins this summer.



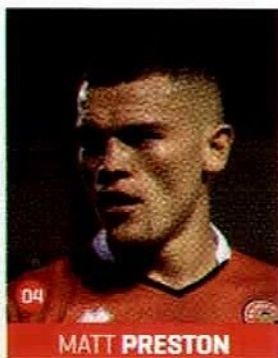
KELLAN GORDON

Another new arrival this season as David Flitcroft looks to mould a side capable of challenging for an immediate return to League One. Gordon arrives at the County Ground on a season-long loan deal from Championship Derby County, joining along with his Rams teammate Timi Elsnik. The 19-year-old midfielder has featured once at Pride Park, and has so far appeared seven times for Flitcroft's side.

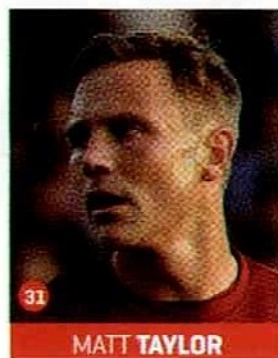


KESHI ANDERSON

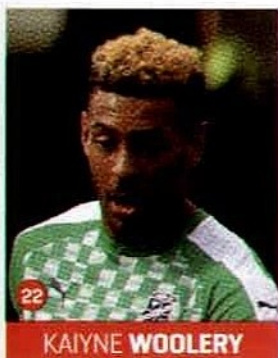
Forward Anderson is another loan signing for the Robins this season, joining temporarily from struggling Premier League outfit Crystal Palace. The 22-year-old has enjoyed similar loan spells with Doncaster, Bolton and Northampton since joining the Eagles from Barton Rovers in 2015. He has made 40 appearances in his four loan spells to date, finding the back of the net nine times - two of which have come so far for Swindon. His loan deal runs until January.

**MATT PRESTON**

Another former Walsall player amongst the Robins' back line, 22-year-old Preston came through the ranks with the Saddlers, only leaving the Bescot Stadium this summer to move to Wiltshire. Birmingham-born Preston came through the academy with Walsall and spent time out on loan with Icelandic side IBV as well as - more locally - Barwell. The defender made 50 appearances for Walsall after skipping the youth team, but joined David Flitcroft's side this summer.

**MATT TAYLOR**

Hugely experienced wing-back Taylor made the Robins his seventh club this summer after leaving Northampton. Taylor broke through with Luton before lengthy spells with Portsmouth, Bolton and West Ham saw him rack up over 300 top-flight appearances. With his career winding down, the 35-year-old has dropped down the leagues in recent years but still netted eight times for the Cobblers last season to show he's not quite finished just yet!

**KAIYNE WOOLERY**

Woolery was arguably the Robins headline capture of the summer, paying a fee in the region of £350,000 to prise the forward away from Wigan on a three-year contract. The 22-year-old hit the headlines when scoring twice for Forest Green Rovers in the National League play-off final in May, but he only appeared once for Wigan after joining them in January. Woolery had previously played 24 times during a three-year stay with their Lancashire rivals, Bolton.

**LUKE NORRIS**

An injury doubt for this afternoon after picking up a shoulder injury last weekend, 24-year-old forward Norris is the Robins top scorer so far this season with seven goals in 12 games. The Stevenage-born goalscorer made his senior breakthrough with Brentford where he spent time on loan with Boreham Wood, Northampton and Dagenham. A permanent move to Gillingham saw him make 79 appearances before joining Swindon ahead of the 2016/17 season.

SWINDON TOWN IN CHARGE

DAVID FLITCROFT

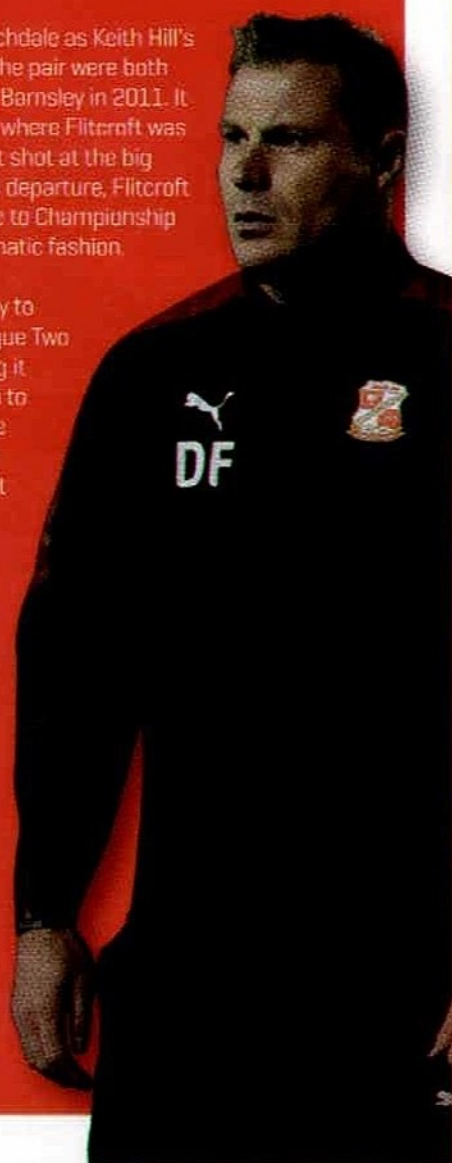
David Flitcroft was announced as Swindon Town's new Manager on Monday 5th June 2017, putting pen to paper on a two-year contract.

Born in Bolton, Flitcroft began his career with Preston North End in 1992 but he only made a handful of outings for the club before spending a short stint on loan with Lincoln City.

A move to Chester City saw him rack up nearly 200 appearances before joining Rochdale, clocking up over a century of games at Spotland too. Short spells with Macclesfield, Bury and Hyde followed before ending his playing career.

He rejoined Rochdale as Keith Hill's assistant and the pair were both snapped up by Barnsley in 2011. It was at Oakwell where Flitcroft was handed his first shot at the big time after Hill's departure, Flitcroft guiding his side to Championship survival in dramatic fashion.

He steered Bury to survival in League Two before following it with promotion to League One the season after in his most recent managerial role, before returning to management with the Robins this summer.





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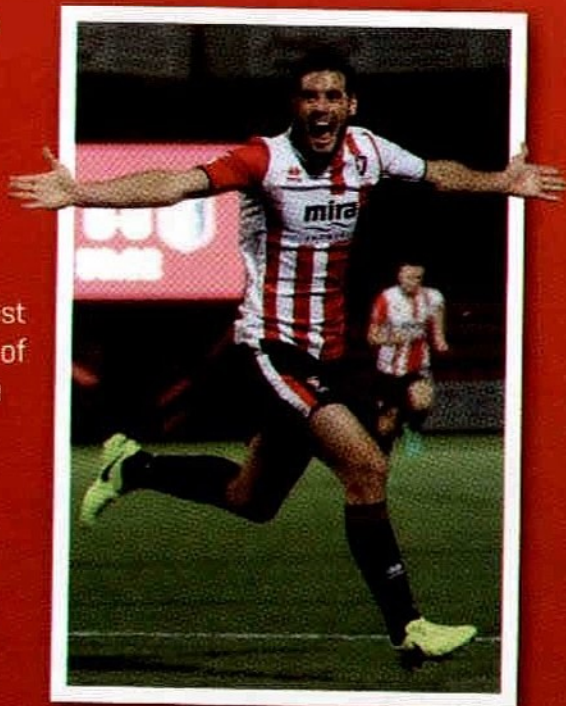
JUNIOR ROBINS

It's a local derby this afternoon as we welcome Swindon Town and I can't wait for kick-off!

After two more victories in the league - without letting a goal in either - I am feeling so confident for today's match. The 3-0 win against Mansfield was one of the best home performances I can remember in the past couple of years and I was really pleased for Brian Graham to score his first Robins goal - it has definitely been deserved!

Mo, Mo, Mo, Mo Eisa was the man on target again last week with two more goals and he is quickly firing us up the table. It's so nice to be checking the top half of the table rather than looking over our shoulders!

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TODAY'S MATCH MASCOTS



Lily-Mae Davis

Age: 3

Fav Player: Danny Wright
School: Little Oaks Nursery



Alice Collacott

Age: 4

Fav Player: Danny Wright
School: Holy Trinity, Cheltenham



Jack Cook

Age: 16

Fav Player: Harry Pell
School: Betteridge School

TODAY'S FLYING SQUAD: PRESTBURY PHANTOMS AFC

For every home game the Flying Squad will be given the job of forming a Guard of Honour for the teams as part of a free fun day out at the club. Today we welcome Prestbury Phantoms AFC.

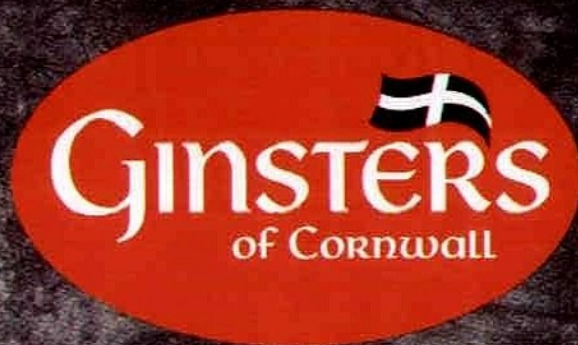
We are a relatively new club, established in 2012, and set up by parents to serve the local area, which has limited youth football facilities. Prestbury is a large village on the edge of Cheltenham, with a significant number of young families. Historically, all children interested in football have had to join clubs outside the immediate area.

Prestbury Phantoms AFC was born out of the discussions of a group of concerned parents who wanted to provide a local facility that families in the area could access more easily. Our aim is to build a community club, whilst improving the health and wellbeing of our children.

At present the teams play in the Academy, which is designed to provide children, that at present, are not old enough to compete in league football with an opportunity to take part in fun training activities, team building and football skills development. We welcome boys and girls of all abilities and offer them a chance to get outside on a Saturday morning and have fun with their friends. As well as training we organise friendly matches which are a great way to give the kids some match day experience and build on team spirit. We have dedicated coaches working to develop this age group into a team ready for league football at Under nines and beyond. The Under eights train from 10am to 11.30am on a Saturday.

The under eights are split in to two teams, the Prestbury Phantoms Warriors and the Prestbury Phantoms Wizards with 25 children across the two teams and eight coaches. Both teams are developing very well and have had some good results lately in their friendly matches and tournaments, their first league game was today.





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THE ROBINS LADIES



LADIES BEATEN IN NINE-GOAL THRILLER ST NICHOLAS 1-3 CHELTENHAM TOWN

Cheltenham Town Ladies suffered a heart-breaking defeat in a highly eventful FA Womens Premier League match at Plain Ham in Bath last Sunday.

At half-time the Ladies looked well on course to make it two wins from their last three matches, leading 3-1. But after conceding four second half goals, Larkhall claimed the three points in added time.

Larkhall had started well and took the lead after just 13 seconds, with their first attack.

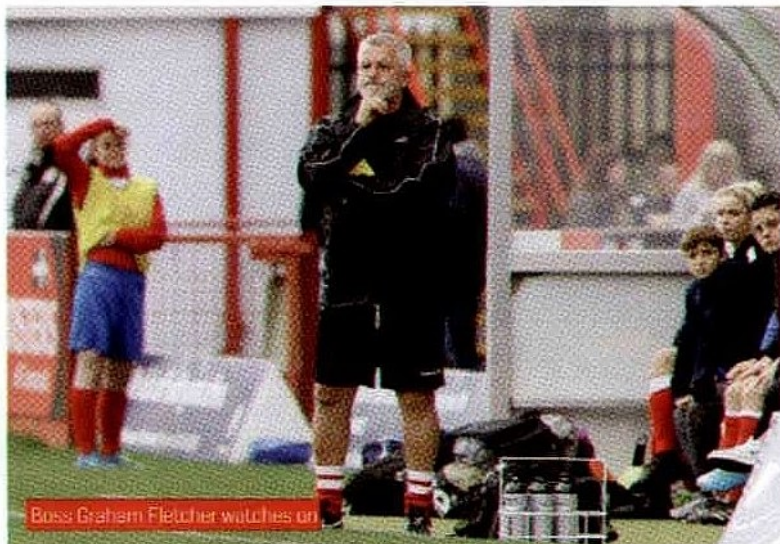
Cheltenham responded and Ria Salleh, pushed up front alongside Ella Hitchcox, sent a shot over the bar from 20 yards and also forced a save at the near post while Sarah Walters saw her deflected shot cleared off the line.

Cheltenham levelled in the 27th minute when Jen Brown-Wealls' free-kick on the right was headed in by Sam Morris.

Salleh set up Jade Wiltshire for the second after half an hour, with Wiltshire showing real persistence to force the ball over the line after her initial effort was saved by the goalkeeper.

Hitchcox made it 3-1 in the 42nd minute with a calm finish and, after such an early setback, Cheltenham were on top for most of the half.

But Larkhall stepped things up in the second half. Their second goal was again scored by Barrett after 55 minutes. This came after Jade



Boss Graham Fletcher watches on

Wiltshire had had a good effort to make it 4-1 saved at the other end.

Minutes later Larkhall equalised and they were launching wave after wave of attack at the overworked Robins defensive line.

Manager Graham Fletcher sent on Annabel Davies in place of central midfielder Kayleigh Hateley and both Morris and Walters had their name

taken by the referee for fouls as the pressure continued to build.

Larkhall took the lead in the 82nd minute, but Cheltenham showed character to respond and make it 4-4 in the 89th minute, with Hitchcox touching in her second of the afternoon.

It looked like an entertaining contest was going to finish all-square, but Larkhall won it in the third minute of stoppage time with a long range effort that deceived Bec Panniers.

Cheltenham Town Ladies:

B Panniers; S Walters, J Brown-Wealls, S Morris, N Purvis; J Wiltshire, L Fensome, K Hateley (A Davies 72), H Kay (L Bull 17); E Hitchcox, R Salleh (E Briscoe 83).

"Cheltenham Town Ladies' next match is at home to Southampton Saints in the FA Women's Cup on Sunday (October 8) with a 2pm kick-off at Petersfield Park.



Ella Hitchcox scored twice



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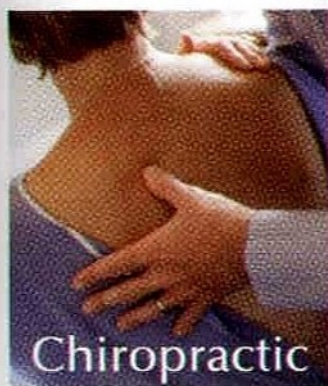
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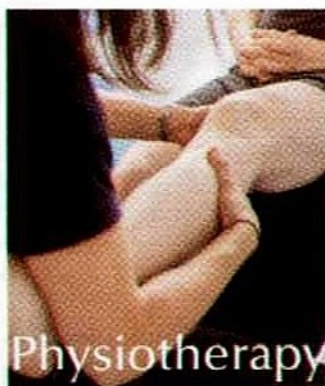
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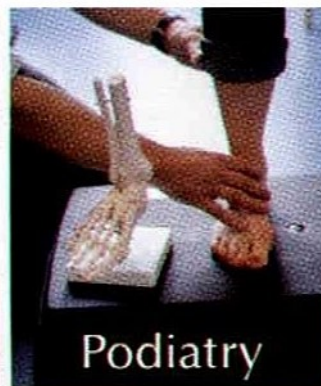
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Bishops Cleeve

Cheltenham Town Community Trust would like to welcome Bishops Cleeve Colts FC and Hucclecote Hurricanes U13s to the LCI Rail Stadium for this afternoon's game.

Bishops Cleeve Colts Football Club was founded by Len Taylor in 1971. The Chair has changed regularly over the years but the club's ETHOS is still as strong today as it was then.

We believe in giving our local young people a quality start to their personal and social development from an early age. We're not just about teaching boys and girls how to kick a ball and score goals. Winning is great, but we're committed to helping develop healthy, fit, active and happy

local citizens of the future.

The U7s who are here today are proud to be flying the flag for Cleeve Colts and Sherdon Golf centre, this is the third season the core of this team have been together which when you bear in mind they are all six years old is mind-blowing! As a team we look forward to many more years playing football together with they're friends.

Hucclecote Youth Football Club is based at King George V Playing Fields, Hucclecote, Gloucester. The team were established in 1973, with its first season in the Gloucester Youth League being 1974/75. The club is currently represented at various age groups across a number of leagues, with over 250 players,

represented across all youth age groups.

The Hucclecote Hurricanes U13s team have made the step up to 11-a-side this season and currently play in the Mid Gloucestershire Mini-Soccer League. The coaches, Rich, Tesh and Graham try to instil the elements of 'coach players to the best of their ability', 'providing a fun and enjoyable experience' and 'technical support' to engage and develop the team to play football.

Coming along to watch Cheltenham Town today will help the team better understand and appreciate the tactical and technical aspects of how a 11-a-side football team should play, as well as further enhance their enthusiasm for the game.



Hucclecote Youth

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WORDS: Jon Palmer @JonPalmerSport

NEW CLUB DOCTOR WAS LITERALLY JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Cheltenham Town were looking for a new club doctor this summer following the departure of the long-serving Alistair Smith to Forest Green Rovers.

There did not know at the time, but she was just around the corner, literally.

Sophie Risebero can see Whaddon Road from her house and she started watching the Robins on a regular basis along with her 11-year-old son during the 2015/16 National League title winning season.

The club were grateful for her assistance when a supporter fell ill in a queue for tickets and when they contacted her to see if she would be interested in taking on the role, she did not need to be asked twice.

Sophie's full-time job is as a consultant anaesthetist at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, but she is a lifelong football fan and grew up in North London supporting Arsenal.

Much of her spare time already revolved around the game with son Josh currently playing in goal for the Prestbury Phantoms Under-12s.

She is now working alongside Cheltenham's head of medical Gavin Crowe and the rest of the sports therapy team on home match days.

Sophie was on hand to help when Jordan Forster ruptured his Achilles tendon against Exeter City on August 26.

She also assisted when Will Boyle suffered a broken nose against Stevenage a week later.

"I am there in the event of proper



emergencies really because Gav and his team of sports therapists can deal with everything else," she said.

"We have skills that complement each other well and he is excellent at all the musculoskeletal stuff.

"I jumped at the chance when Paul Godfrey (director and club secretary) contacted me and I am enjoying it so far.

"The players and staff have been very welcoming, with plenty of banter flying around as you'd expect.

"Gary Johnson has been great, although I do make sure I stay out of the way if he's having a stern word with the players!"

Sophie will travel with Crowe to St George's Park, the English Football Association's national football centre in Burton-upon-Trent, next week for concussion training, which has been a major topic of discussion in the game in recent years.

"Players have to be signed off by a doctor after concussion and it's a week for adults if they go through a very controlled return to play process," she said.

"For youth team players it is a minimum of 23 days."

Sophie trained in Southampton and one of her first jobs after medical school was in Cheltenham, where she has now lived for 20 years.

She then did her anaesthetic training in Cardiff, worked for a year in Birmingham and then on to Worcester.

"We can almost see the pitch from our house, so it really is our local club," she said.

"My son supports Manchester United, Barcelona AND Cheltenham. We first came to a game because we'd just moved to Prestbury Road, saw everyone walking past our house on their way to the ground and decided to join them.

"It was halfway through what was a great season for the club.

"We quickly became hooked and as a goalkeeper Josh was a big fan of Scott Brown last season, but he has also been very impressed with how Scott Flinders has played since he came in this season."

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MAN OF THE MATCH



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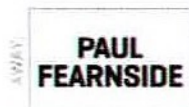
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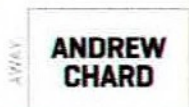
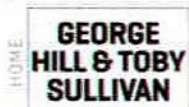
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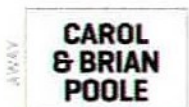
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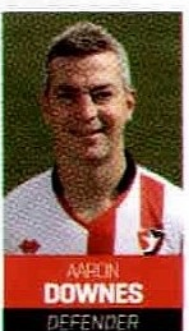
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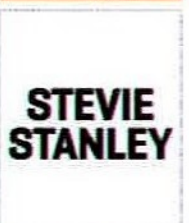
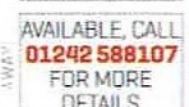
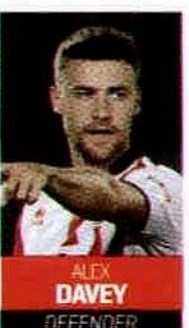
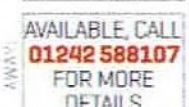
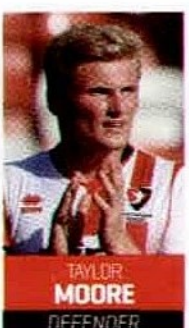
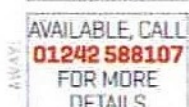
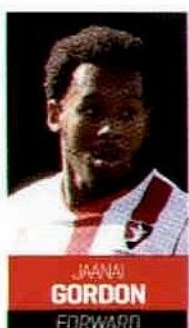
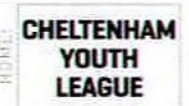
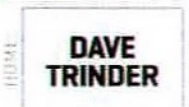
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Tue 8	Oxford United	A CC1	4-3*	3,179	301	Flatt Forster Boyle Grimes Cranston
Sat 12	Crawley Town	H EFL2	1-0	2,834	85	13 Flatt Forster Boyle Grimes Cranston
Tue 15	Swansea City U21s	H CTG1	1-2	801	58	- Lovett Thomas Grimes Bower O'Shaughnessy
Sat 19	Carlisle United	A EFL2	0-3	4,497	122	20 Flatt Forster Boyle Grimes Cranston
Wed 23	West Ham United	H CC2	0-2	6,259	1,094	- Flatt Forster Boyle Grimes Cranston
Sat 26	Exeter City	H EFL2	3-4	3,168	774	23 Flatt Winchester Forster Grimes Cranston
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 2	Stevenage	H EFL2	0-1	2,694	160	24 Flinders Winchester Boyle Moore Cranston
Sat 9	Yeovil Town	A EFL2	0-0	2,732	220	21 Flinders Winchester Moore Grimes Cranston
Tue 12	Newport County	A EFL2	0-1	2,916	231	22 Flinders Winchester Boyle Moore Cranston
Sat 16	Colchester United	H EFL2	3-1	2,718	200	21 Flinders Winchester Moore Grimes Cranston
Sat 23	Accrington Stanley	A EFL2	1-1	1,321	87	21 Flinders Winchester Moore Grimes Cranston
Tue 26	Mansfield Town	H EFL2	3-0	2,480	204	16 Flinders Winchester Moore Grimes O'Shaughnessy
Sat 30	Chesterfield	A EFL2	2-0	5,305	217	13 Flinders Winchester Moore Grimes O'Shaughnessy
OCTOBER						
Tue 3	Forest Green Rovers	H CTG2	1-2	1,576	167	- Flatt Davey Boyle Bower Cranston
Sat 7	Swindon Town	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 14	Port Vale	A EFL2	15:00			
Tue 17	Grimsby Town	H EFL2	19:45			
Sat 21	Lincoln City	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	A EFL2	15:00			
NOVEMBER						
Tue 7	Newport County	A CTG3	19:30			
Sat 11	Luton Town	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 18	Notts County	A EFL2	15:00			
Tue 21	Cambridge United	H EFL2	19:45			
Sat 25	Forest Green Rovers	A EFL2	15:00			
DECEMBER						
Sat 9	Crewe Alexandra	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 16	Coventry City	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 23	Barnet	A EFL2	15:00			
Tue 26	Yeovil Town	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 30	Newport County	H EFL2	15:00			
JANUARY						
Mon 1	Stevenage	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 6	Colchester United	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 13	Accrington Stanley	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 20	Mansfield Town	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 27	Barnet	H EFL2	15:00			
FEBRUARY						
Sat 3	Grimsby Town	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 10	Port Vale	H EFL2	15:00			
Tue 13	Lincoln City	A EFL2	19:45			
Sat 17	Wycombe Wanderers	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 24	Luton Town	A EFL2	15:00			
MARCH						
Sat 3	Notts County	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 10	Swindon Town	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 17	Chesterfield	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 24	Crawley Town	A EFL2	15:00			
Fri 30	Carlisle United	H EFL2	15:00			
APRIL						
Mon 2	Exeter City	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 7	Morecambe	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 14	Forest Green Rovers	H EFL2	15:00			
Sat 21	Cambridge United	A EFL2	15:00			
Sat 28	Coventry City	H EFL2	15:00			
MAY						
Sat 5	Crewe Alexandra	A EFL2	15:00			

*after extra time



						SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4
Atangana	Storer	Sellers	Cranston	Eisa	Wright	Holman			
Winchester	Atangana	Storer	Sellers	Eisa	Holman	Wright	Pell	D'Shaughnessy	Page
Winchester	Pell	Storer	Sellers	Eisa	Wright	Atangana	Graham		
Lloyd	Winchester	Pell	Page	Holman	Graham	Storer	Cranston	Boyle	
Winchester	Atangana	Storer	Pell	Eisa	Wright	Graham	Dawson	Bower	
Winchester	Atangana	Storer	Pell	Eisa	Wright	Dawson	Graham	Holman	
Dawson	Atangana	Storer	Pell	Eisa	Graham	Wright	D'Shaughnessy	Holman	
Dawson	Murrell	Storer	Pell	Eisa	Wright	Hinds	D'Shaughnessy	Gordon	
Pell	Murrell	Storer	Dawson	Eisa	Wright	Gordon	Hinds	Sellers	
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Pell	Murrell	Storer	Dawson	Eisa	Graham	Gordon	Boyle	Wright	
Pell	Atangana	Murrell	Dawson	Eisa	Graham	Hinds	Wright	Sellers	
Pell	Murrell	Storer	Dawson	Eisa	Graham	Wright	Sellers	Hinds	
Pell	Murrell	Storer	Sellers	Eisa	Graham	Cranston	Wright	Hinds	
Moore	Atangana	Storer	Sellers	Hinds	Wright	Winchester	Eisa	Grimes	



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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 17/18 STATS

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LEAGUE TWO



LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Notts County	11	8	1	2	21	11	+10	25
2 Exeter	11	8	1	2	20	12	+8	25
3 Accrington	11	7	2	2	21	13	+8	23
4 Coventry	11	7	1	3	14	6	+8	22
5 Luton	11	6	3	2	21	10	+11	21
6 Stevenage	11	6	3	2	19	12	+7	21
7 Wycombe	11	6	3	2	22	17	+5	21
8 Mansfield	11	5	4	2	18	13	+5	19
9 Swindon	11	6	1	4	16	14	+2	19
10 Newport	11	5	3	3	15	12	+3	18
11 Lincoln	11	4	4	3	13	12	+1	16
12 Cambridge	11	5	1	5	11	11	0	16
13 Cheltenham	11	4	2	5	14	13	+1	14
14 Carlisle	11	4	2	5	15	16	-1	14
15 Grimsby	11	4	2	5	14	18	-4	14
16 Colchester	11	3	3	5	16	18	-2	12
17 Yeovil	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
18 Barnet	11	3	2	6	15	16	-1	11
19 Crewe	11	3	2	6	12	18	-6	11
20 Crawley	11	3	1	7	11	14	-3	10
21 Morecambe	11	2	4	5	10	16	-6	10
22 Port Vale	11	1	2	8	8	17	-9	5
23 Chesterfield	11	1	2	8	9	23	-14	5
24 Forest Green	11	1	2	8	10	26	-16	5

ROBINS ROLL-CALL

	APPS	2017/18 GLS	YELL	RED	ROBINS CAREER APPS	GLS
01 Jon Platt	7	-	-	-	17	-
02 Jamie Grimes	12(1)	1	1	1	13	1
03 Jordan Cranston	12(2)	-	3	-	75	-
04 Kyle Storer	13(1)	1	2	-	86	4
05 Aaron Downes	-	-	-	-	52	6
06 Nigel Atangana	7(1)	-	1	-	8	-
07 Harry Pell	12(1)	-	2	-	105	16
08 Kevin Dawson	7(2)	3	1	-	9	3
09 Danny Wright	8(6)	3	1	1	109	36
10 Dan Holman	2(3)	1	-	-	51	19
11 Carl Winchester	14(1)	-	-	-	35	1
14 Daniel O'Shaughnessy	3(3)	-	1	-	42	4
15 Will Boyle	8(2)	-	1	-	33	2
16 Adam Page	1(1)	-	-	-	2	-
17 Jerrell Sellars	5(4)	-	1	-	9	-
18 Matthew Bower	2(1)	-	1	-	3	-
19 Josh Thomas	1	-	-	-	1	-
20 Mohammed Elsa	13(1)	8	-	-	14	8
21 Brian Graham	6(3)	1	1	-	9	1
22 Rhys Lovett	1	-	-	-	1	-
23 Jordan Forster	6	-	-	-	6	-
24 Scott Flinders	7	-	-	-	7	-
25 Joe Morrell	7	1	-	-	7	1
26 Jaanai Gordon	(4)	-	-	-	4	-
27 Freddie Hinds	1(5)	1	1	-	7	1
28 Taylor Moore	8	-	-	-	8	-
29 Alex Davey	1	-	1	-	1	-
50 George Lloyd	1	-	-	-	1	-

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday 30th September

Chesterfield 0-2 Cheltenham Town
Coventry City 1-0 Crewe Alexandra
Crawley Town 0-1 Carlisle United
Exeter City 4-1 Morecambe
Forest Green Rovers 0-1 Accrington Stanley
Grimsby Town 0-0 Lincoln City
Luton Town 3-1 Newport County
Mansfield Town 3-1 Notts County
Stevenage 2-0 Port Vale
Swindon Town 2-0 Cambridge United
Wycombe Wanderers 3-1 Barnet
Yeovil Town 0-1 Colchester United

Accrington Stanley are the only League Two side to have scored in every game this season. Including their three cup outings, Stanley have netted in all 15 of their 2017/18 fixtures. Billy Kee and Kayden Jackson have found the net 14 times between the two of them, too.



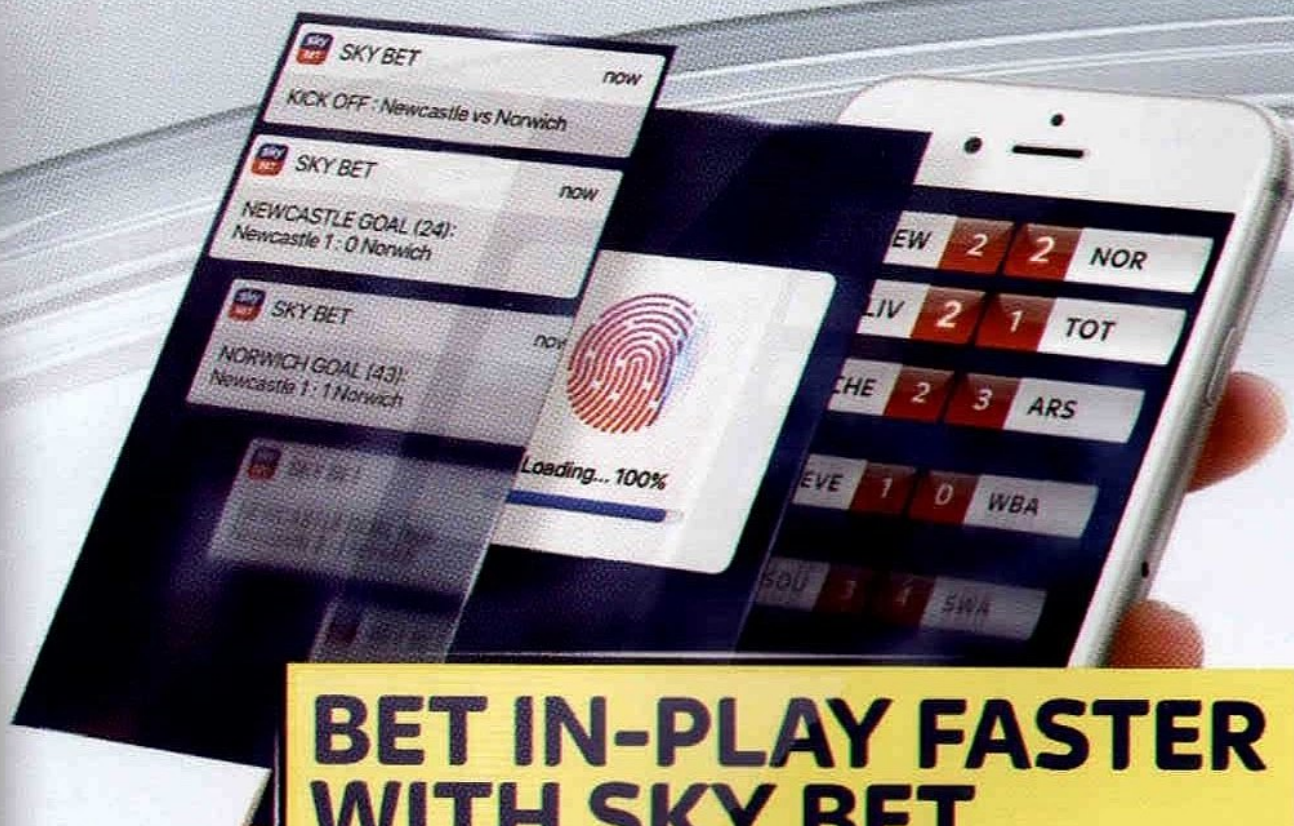
TODAY'S FIXTURES

Accrington Stanley v Luton Town
Barnet v Coventry City
Cambridge United v Wycombe Wanderers
Carlisle United v Exeter City
Cheltenham Town v Swindon Town
Colchester United v Mansfield Town
Crewe Alexandra v Stevenage
Lincoln City v Chesterfield
Morecambe v Crawley Town
Newport County v Yeovil Town
Notts County v Forest Green Rovers
Port Vale v Grimsby Town

TOP FIVE GOALSCORERS

Jorge Grant	Notts County	7
Billy Kee	Accrington Stanley	7
Reuben Reid	Exeter City	7
Luke Norris	Swindon Town	6
Adebayo Akinfenwa	Wycombe Wanderers	6

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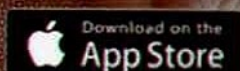


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CHELTEMHAM TOWN

MANAGER Gary Johnson

- ⚪ 01 Jon **Flatt** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 02 Jamie **Grimes** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 03 Jordan **Cranston** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 04 Kyle **Storer** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 05 Aaron **Downes** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 06 Nigel **Atangana** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 07 Harry **Pell** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 08 Kevin **Dawson** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 09 Danny **Wright** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 10 Dan **Holman** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 11 Carl **Winchester** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 12 Ben **Owen** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 14 Daniel **O'Shaughnessy** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 15 Will **Boyle** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 16 Adam **Page** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 17 Jerrell **Sellers** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 18 Matthew **Bower** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 19 Josh **Thomas** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 20 Mohamed **Eisa** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 21 Brian **Graham** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 22 Rhys **Lovett** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 23 Jordan **Forster** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 24 Scott **Flinders** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 25 Joe **Morrell** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 26 Jaanel **Gordon** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 27 Freddie **Hinds** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 28 Taylor **Moore** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 29 Alex **Davey** ⚪ ●

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:
Robert Jones

Assistants:
Andrew Aylott
Thomas Harty

Fourth Official:
Brett Huxtable

NEXT AT THE LCI RAIL STADIUM



GRIMSBY TOWN
17/10/2017
Kick-Off: 7.45pm



SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER David Flitcroft

- ⚪ 01 Lawrence **Vigouroux** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 02 Ben **Purkiss** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 03 Chris **Hussey** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 04 Matt **Preston** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 05 Chris **Robertson** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 06 Billy **Lancashire** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 07 Paul **Mullin** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 08 James **Dunne** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 09 Luke **Norris** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 10 John **Goddard** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 14 Ellis **Iandolo** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 15 Tom **Smith** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 16 Amine **Linganzi** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 17 Harry **Smith** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 18 Donal **McDermott** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 19 Timi **Elšnik** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 20 Kellan **Gordon** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 21 Reice **Charles-Cook** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 22 Kaiyne **Woolery** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 24 Kyle **Knogle** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 25 Dion **Conroy** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 26 Jordan **Young** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 30 Keshi **Anderson** ⚪ ●
- ⚪ 31 Matt **Taylor** ⚪ ●