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THE GAFFER NEIL ASPIN

WELCOME EVERYBODY TO THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME AND THE PLAYERS, MANAGER DAVID FLITCROFT AND SUPPORTERS OF SWINDON TOWN.



so it was a really good week, but we are still near the bottom of the table and have loads of work to do. We can't get ahead of ourselves, we are in a relegation fight. People might be used to hearing a load of bull, but with me you're not going to get that.

Every game is going to be tough, but the players have shown a really good desire and attitude and have got some results.

If they can all play at their best and do their jobs, then they've shown they can get points at this level. It's no more than that at the moment, but you hope in time you can bring success to the club, but there is no short fix.

I've always tried to be honest and not pull the wool over anybody's eyes. We try to do that with the players and try not to be everyone's friend as a manager. If they give me respect then I'll respect them back. They work hard and try their best which is all I ask.

I haven't changed much with what is a bigger job on a bigger scale. There's more responsibility but the approach remains the same.

If you are in a situation where you've got three teams at the bottom of the table like we had, and If all of those teams continue to lose, you think two out of the three will go down.

There's not a lot of margin for error, but if we get into a position where there's ten teams and only two go down, we will have a better chance.

Once we get into that pack, we will be in a much better position.

Swindon Town have got a great record away from home. They've won five out of seven away games and they had a good win last Saturday against Wycombe. They have some good players who are capable of scoring a goal and they will



be a big test for us this afternoon so we will have to be at our best to get a result.

We have identified their strengths, but if we concentrate too much on them they could come out with a completely different line-up. It's important to get our own team sorted and get them knowing their jobs first. We try to get the right balance with physical work, when you have a free week like the one we have just had.

It's so important that the level of fitness is kept up but it's also important that they are reminded of the structure and how we want them to play. So, we will keep looking at that. We looked at some of the clips from last week's game and pointed out where we need to improve and where we did well. You try to reinforce those points made. Enjoy the game

Neil Aspin

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WHAT AN OWN GOAL! MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR THE SHORT NOTICE FOR THE CHANGE IN THE FIXTURE AT NEWPORT (FOUR WEEKS), FOR A DIFFERENT SHAPED BALL.

My work takes me to Newport once a month on a Wednesday and I can assure you that the Rugby fixture has been known about long before our fixtures were even published! But to top it all an England friendly at Wembley against Germany Is now taking place on the same night as our fixture, which Is disappointing to say the least.

Some weeks ago I had the presence of the EFL Commercial Director and we had an ongoing conversation with eight weeks notification of change of fixtures, but the secretary pointed out that was for televised games, but at the heart of it should be all supporters and will inform him of such.

The performance on the pitch has been exemplary and a joy to watch and be involved in but it's a marathon not a sprint so please keep your feet on the ground. The lads need support and encouragement at every game. The away support has had very good vocal support on every occasion since Aspo has had an input, but can we make as I've said before, fortress Vale Park. Shout your hearts out!! UTV4EVER



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VALE PARK NEWSBOESK A ROUND-UP OF THE LATEST NEWS FROM VALE PARK



WELL DONE NEIL

Nell Aspin has been named EFL manager of the week after piloting the club to three wins against Cheltenham Town, Morecambe and Exeter City. Neil is also the first Vale manager to win three of his first four games since another defensive club legend, Roy Sproson, back in January 1974, who also had three wins and a defeat in his first four games in charge.



WELL DONE

Tom is certainly moving up the Vale's goalscoring charts, and scoring in the last four league games makes him the first Vale player to do so since Marc Richards in March 2012. Should he make it 5 this afternoon, he will be the first Vale player to score in five consecutive games since Mark Bright back in April/ May 1984.

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Our first round tie at home to Oxford United takes place next Friday. 3rd November, kick off 7.45 pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 concessions. See page 55 for more details.

CASH TURNSTILES

For this afternoon's game there will be one cash turnstile in each part of the ground. They will be for adults only, £23 in Lorne Street and £22 everywhere else. Correct money only will be accepted.

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The Royal British Legion will be doing a collection at this afternoon's game, so please give generously.

ENGLAND C CALL UP FOR CHEYE

Defender Cheye Alexander, who was in the Vale's development squad during the 2013/14 season, has been named in the England C squad (internationals for nonleague players) for the International Challenge Trophy Final away to Slovakia on Wednesday 8th November.

Cheye currently plays for Aldershot Town in the National League and has also played for Ilkeston Town, Concord Rangers and Bishops Stortford



PLAYER INTERVIEW BEN WHITFIELD

MIDFIELDER CUM WINGER BEN JOINED VALE ON A SEASON LONG LOAN FROM BOURNEMOUTH THE DAY BEFORE THE SEASON STARTED AND IS NOW BEGINNING TO GET INTO HIS STRIDE, ALTHOUGH HE IS CURRENTLY SIDELINED WITH A SHORT TERM ANKLE INJURY SUSTAINED IN LAST WEEK'S WIN AT EXETER CITY.

He says, 'We've had our ups and downs so far this season, but hopefully now we are beginning to settle down. The new manager has come in and brought a new philosophy and we are all buying into that, even the lads who aren't playing at the moment.

Thave come to the club on loan to make a name for myself, and scoring is the perfect way to do it. As for my goal against Cheltenham I got winded in the build-up, it came back and hit me in the belly! After that it just sat up nicely for me and when it dropped I was always going to have a shot, I always like to have a go. I connected perfectly and it flew in.

I thought we played very well and it was pleasing to score three goals. The supporters were brilliant, with their non-stop chanting and singing. They supported us through some rough times and it was great to get a win for them. It gives you confidence when they are behind you and you are about to take a corner and things. I was also delighted with the standing ovation when I was substituted.

Benjamin Michael Whitfield was born in Bingley on 28th February 1996. He began his football career in the academy at Bradford City, but was released at the age of 16 when he joined Silsden. He starred for their under 18 side and moved on to Guiseley in 2013. He starred for their FA Youth Cup side and made his first team debut in December 2013. Almost immediately bigger clubs were after him and he went on trial to Huddersfield Town before he signed for Bournemouth on deadline day in January 2014. Ben says. "Manager Eddle Howe was a big part of why I joined Bournemouth because of the way he coaches and the way his teams play the game."

He was mainly in their under-21 side but made the bench for a League Cup tie at Norwich before joining National League side Kidderminster Harriers on loan in October 2015. He scored on his "BENJAMIN MICHAEL WHITFIELD WAS BORN IN BINGLEY ON 28TH FEBRUARY 1996. HE BEGAN HIS FOOTBALL CAREER IN THE ACADEMY AT BRADFORD CITY, BUT WAS RELEASED AT THE AGE OF 16 WHEN HE JOINED SILSDEN".

debut for them in a 2-2 draw at Altrincham and did well enough for the loan to be extended until the end of the season. Although Kidderminster were relegated at the end of the season Ben's 6 goals in 29 games was enough for him to be voted the club and supporters' player of the year. In August 2016 he was sent out on loan to Yeovil Town in League Two, He made his Football League debut as a substitute in a 4-1 defeat at Doncaster Rovers and later scored his first goal in a 2-2 draw at Stevenage. He did well enough for the loan to be extended unto

the end of the season and he scored 3 goals altogether in 42 appearances. He also helped the club to reach the quarter final of the Checkatrade Trophy where they lost 5-2 at Luton Town. The only blemish came when he was sent off in a home game against Carlisle United last April.

His next move was of course to Vale Park again on loan, and he scored a superb goal on his Vale Park debut against Wycombe Wanderers. He followed that up with an impressive strike against Cheltenham Town to demonstrate that he has definitely got goals in him.



BEN WHITFIELD CAREER PROFILE

DOB: 28 February 1996 | POB: Bingley Position: Attacking Midfielder / Winger YOUTH CAREER: Bradford City, 2012 Silsden, 2012–13 Guiseley SENIOR LEAGUE CAREER: 2013-14 Guiseley, 2014- Bournemouth, 2015-16 Kidderminster Harriers (L) 29 games (6 goals), 2016-17 Yeovil Town (L) 34 games (2 goals), 2017– Port Vale (L) 14 games (2 goals)

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FORMED: 1879

NICKNAMES: THE ROBINS (because of the club's red colours)

MANAGER: DAVID FLITCROFT (since June 2017)

CROUND: COUNTY GROUND (since 1896)

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 32,000 v Arsenal (FA Cup 3 Round replay) January 1972

MEMBERS OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE: 1920 - PRESENT

HIGHEST POSITION: 22ND PREMIER LEAGUE 1993/94

HONOURS PROMOTED TO PREMIER LEAGUE 1992/93 (via play offs)

PROMOTED FROM LEAGUE ONE LEVEL

1962/63 (runners up), 1968/69 (runners up), 1986/87, 1995/96 (Champions)

PROMOTED FROM LEAGUE TWO LEVEL 1985/86 (Champions), 2011/12 (Champions)

WINNERS: JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY 201/12

SEMI-FINALISTS: FA CUP 1909/10, 1911/12

WINNERS: LEAGUE CUP 1968/69

WINNERS: ANGLO ITALIAN CUP 1970

RECORD LEAGUE WIN: 9-1 v LUTON TOWN Division Three (South) August 1920 (the club's first ever Football League game)

RECORD LEAGUE DEFEAT: 0-9 v TORQUAY UNITED Division Three (South) March 1952 ODD SPOT

Swindon Town were unwittingly one of the pioneers of the French FA. France were enviously eyeing up English Football and in May 1910 invited FA Cup semi-finalists Swindon and finalists Barnsley to play for the Dubonnet Cup at the Parc Des Princes Stadium in Paris. Swindon won 2-1. The competition lasted three years and after the First World War the French FA was formed in 1910

> MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 770

JOHN TROLLOPE 1960 - 1980 (Football League record for one club)

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 216

HARRY MORRIS 2000-03, 2009-10

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: 30 (WALES) ROD THOMAS

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID:

£800,000 to West Ham for

JOEY BEAUCHAMP

August 1994

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED:

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THE ROBINS SWINDON TOWN



DAVID FLITCROFT MANAGER

David took over in June 2017 after previously being at Bury for three years and Barnsley for I2 months. As a player he was a midfielder for Preston North End, Lincoln City, Chester, Rochdale, Macclesfield Town, Bury and Hyde United

I. LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX GOALKEEPER

A Londoner who began his career with Brentford and then joined Spurs In 2012. After a loan spell with Hyde he moved to Liverpool in 2014. He joined Swindon Town on loan in August 2015 and saved a penalty on his debut against Bradford City. He was a regular that season and the move became a permanent one in the summer of 2016. He was the club's player of the year last season and has represented Chile at under20 level.

2. BEN PURKISS DEFENDER

Needs no introduction to Vale fans having made 81 appearances for us between 2015-17. He began his career with Sheffield United and has also played for Gainsborough Trinity, York City, Oxford United, Darlington, Hereford United and Walsall. He has been an ever present in the league this season.

3. CHRIS HUSSEY DEFENDER

Left back who is on a season long loan from Sheffield United. A Londoner, he began his career with AFC Wimbledon in their non-league days before a £120,000 move to Coventry City in 2010. Three years later he returned to Wimbledon on a free and has since played for Burton Albion and Bury.

4. MATT PRESTON DEFENDER

Birmingham born defender who began his career with Walsall in 2014. He had a loan spell at Icelandic side IBV and then Barwell but had made 50 apps for the Saddlers when he was released at the end of last season. Swindon immediately snapped him up with a one year deal.

5. CHRIS ROBERTSON DEFENDER

Former Vale central defender who scored 6 goals in 7I appearances for us between 2013 and 2015. He began his career at Sheffield United and then had five years at Torquay United, whom he helped to return to the Football League. He then had two years at Preston North End and after leaving the Vale he played for Ross County in the Scottish Premier League. He played for AFC Wimbledon in 2016/17, scoring one goal for them, against the Vale last December. He joined Swindon in June 2017.

6. OLLY LANCASHIRE DEFENDER

Central defender who began his career with Southampton, but was sent off on his debut in 2007. He had three loan spells with Grimsby Town before moving to Walsall in 2010. Since then he has played for Aldershot Town, Rochdale. where he was club captain, and Shrewsbury Town. He joined Swindon prior to this season and has been an ever present so far.

8 JAMES DUNNE MIDFIELDER

Began his career with Arsenal and then joined Exeter City in 2009. After three years there he joined

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Stevenage and then had a loan spell at St Johnstone. whom he helped to win the Scottish FA Cup. A five figure fee took him to Portsmouth in 2014 and in 2016/17 he played for Cambridge United before being released.

10. JOHN GODDARD MIDFIELDER

Had II years in the Reading academy since the age of 8, but was released in 2012 to join Hayes & Yeading. He then had 3 years with Woking but after scoring over 20 goals for them in 2015/16, Swindon signed him on a three year deal. He played more games than any other Swindon player last season with 48 apps.

16. AMINE LINGANZI MIDFIELDER

Algerian born player who began his career in France with St Etienne. He moved to England in 2010 when he joined Blackburn Rovers and he also played for Preston and Accrington Stanley before signing for Gillingham in 2013. Two years later he returned to France for I2 months with Frejus Saint-Raphael before signing for Portsmouth in 2016. He moved to Swindon last summer and has won four international caps for Congo.

18. DONAL MCDERMOTT MIDFIELDER

Winger who began his career with Man City, helping them to win the FA Youth Cup. Loan spells at MK Dons, Chesterfield,



Scunthorpe and

Bournemouth preceded a move to Huddersfield Town in 20II. A year later he Joined Bournemouth and then had a year with Dundalk, where he won the Irish League. He returned to the Football League with Rochdale in 20I5 and had two years there before moving to Swindon last summer. Has won I2 caps at various teenage levels for the Republic of Ireland.

19. TIMI MAX ELSNIK MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder who is on a season long loan from Derby County. Slovenian born, he moved to England to join Derby in 2015, making 3 apps for them in the League Cup. He joined Swindon in August. Has won 36 caps for Slovenia at Under 17/18/19 level.

20. KELLAN GORDON MIDFIELDER

Born in Staffordshire, he began his career with Stoke City before joining Derby County in 2016. He played in the League Cup for them this season before joining Swindon on a season long loan.

22. KAIYNE WOOLERY MIDFIELDER

A £350,000 signing from Wigan Athletic In August 2017.Tamworth signed him from Maidstone United and loaned him out to Stafford Rangers before selling him to Bolton Wanderers for £10,000 in 2014. He had a



loan spell at Notts County and then joined Wigan Athletic in 2016. He went on loan to Forest Green and scored twice in the playoff final at Wembley that clinched their place in the Football League.

31. MATT TAYLOR MIDFIELDER

Experienced midfield player signed from Northampton Town in August. He began his career with Luton Town in 1999 before joining Portsmouth three years later for £750,000. He helped Pompey to win the Championship in 2003 and five years later moved to Bolton Wanderers, Further moves followed to West Ham and Burnley before Joining Northampton in 2016. He has won three caps for England under 21's and one for England 'B'.

7. PAUL MULLIN STRIKER

After being in the youth teams at both Liverpool and Everton, he joined Huddersfield Town in 2013. A year later he signed for Morecambe and after scoring three times in his first three games, he signed a three year contract. Altogether he notched 28 goals in 140 apps for the Shrimps before leaving at the end of last season when he joined Swindon Town.

9. LUKE NORRIS

Had three years in the Brentford academy during



which time he had loan spells with Boreham Wood, Northampton Town and Dagenham & Redbridge. In 2014 he joined Gillingham and did well enough there to prompt Swindon to pay £150,000 for his services in August 2016. This season he has really began to hit the goal trail and is the club's leading scorer with 8 goals in 15 appearances.

17. HARRY SMITH STRIKER

Forward who is on a season long loan from Millwall. Harry played for Sittingbourne and Folkestone Invicta prior to Millwall signing him in August 2016. He scored three goals in his first two games and then bagged a hat trick against Braintree in the FA Cup. He moved to Swindon on loan in August and has scored in each of his last two games for the club.

30. KESHI ANDERSON STRIKER

Goalscorer who is on Ioan from Crystal Palace until January. Palace signed him in February 2015 from Barton Rovers after he scored a six minute hat trick against them whilst on trial for Brentford. He has had Ioan spells at Doncaster Rovers, Bolton Wanderers and Northampton Town before signing a Ioan deal with Swindon on deadline day in August.



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ONE TO WATCH REICE CHARLES -COOK

MIKE BAGGALEY LOOKS AT REICE CHARLES-COOK, THE ONE TO WATCH FOR SWINDON TOWN THIS AFTERNOON.

Swindon keeper Reice Charles-Cook was responsible for one of the best saves seen at Vale Park in recent memory.

The 23 year old was playing for Coventry City at the Vale in February 2016, and seemed to be beaten when Carl Dickinson's free kick took a deflection past him. But he managed to change direction in mid-air to flip the ball over the bar, a stop which brought applause even from the home supporters.

The keeper left Coventry for Swindon at the end of August on a two-year deal. The former Arsenal trainee had made 50 appearances for the Sky Blues but dropped down the pecking order there.

He played in last week's I-O win at home to Wycombe and was thrilled to have helped his new team to victory. particularly because strong winds made conditions difficult.

'The weather wasn't great but it was probably my favourite game I have ever played in," he told the Swindon Advertiser.

'That is what you call a proper smashand-grab performance. We haven't had one of them this season so to get one at home, where our form hasn't been the best, is a big achievement and it's probably our best win of the season.

"I have played a couple of times now and not had a clean sheet so to finally get one is a great achievement. T am sure the wind got worse in the second half but it all starts from the strikers, we all stood up and were counted.

They had the threat of Ade Akinfenwa but to deal with that for 45 minutes is a great achievement from the boys and we can all celebrate and be happy.

"The mood is brilliant. To get a win like that can only make us stronger. We just can't wait to get back and go again."



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REICE CHARLES-COOK CAREER PROFILE

Date of birth: 8 April 1994 | Place of birth: Lewisham | Position: Goalkeeper VOUTH CAREER: -2012 Arsenal SENIOR CAREER: 2012-13 Arsenal, 2013 Chelmsford City (L) 3 games, 2013-14 Bury 2 games, 2014-17 Coventry City 52 games, 2014 Nuneaton Town (L) 17 games, 2017- Swindon Town 4 games

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO VALE PARK AS WE PREPARE FOR THE VISIT OF DAVID FLITCROFT AND HIS SWINDON TOWN TEAM.

After another re-shuffle in the commercial department, I have come to find myself at the top of the tree In Jo's absence. Between managing everything from sponsors, to hospitality requirements, it is safe to say that the past two weeks have been 100mph for myselfl

However, with the results on the pitch improving and the return of club legends Neil Aspin and John Rudge looking to have revitalised the squad and the fans, things have started to slowly improve.

Ben Whitfield is the latest player to earn himself a sponsorship for the season, after his recent scintillating performances as well as his volley against Cheltenham Town. Congratulations to him, and Phil Robinson, his sponsor.

This week we at Vale Park have organised with the City Council to make today our 'Back the Bid' day for the UK City of Culture competition. We will see the return of the back-the-bid t-shirts last worn by the players on our away trip to Coventry City, and we also have a VIP in the crowd today as the Lord Mayor Ross Irving comes to cheer the Valiants on.

-GET-BEHIND-THE-2021-BID-

Alongside that, we also welcome one of our very own celebrity fans. We have Jonathan Wilkes in attendance today to come and cheer his beloved Valiants on.



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- tells time? A: A watch dog
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Port Vale Foundation

Port Vale FC Foundation would like to welcome St Joseph's Catholic Academy to today's home game. They have been selected for the 'Ultimate Match Day Experience'. This experience consists of an access all areas stadium tour, coaching sessions, meet the mascot, pitch side photos and much, much more! These lucky Valiants will also be today's official flag bearers. For more information on the Junior Valiants or the 'Ultimate Match Day Experience' package please contact the Foundation on 01782 757066 or email foundation. trust@port-vale.co.uk

Today's Mascots

Joseph Ivey Age 10 (today)

Favourite player: Tom Pope

Fact: Josephis currently part of the club's academy (under 10s)



Boomer's Alphabet

H is for Hotspurs.

In 1882 Hotspurs FC was formed from the Bible class from the All Hallows Church. It is thought that the "Hotspur" was derived from Sir Henry Percy, (Harry Hotspur) whose family lived locally and owned land in the 19th century.

H is for hat trick

The term hat trick was first used in 1858 in cricket when HH Stevenson took three wickets with three balls. A collection was made and he was presented with a cap (hat).

H is for half time scores.

Old photographs of grounds often show boards at the side of the pitch with the alphabet letters. These were filled in with the half time scores. But of course a programme had to be bought to find which teams were represented. Port Vale's boards were on the corner between Lorne' Street and Hamil Road stands.





UNLIKELY LADS SWINDON TOWN

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

MIKE SUMMERBEE

LEIGH EDWARDS

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

DAVE MACKAY

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





OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie Ardiles made two League appearances for Swindon Town in 1989-90. Together with Ricky Villa, the World



Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. Appointed Swindon's playerboss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989-90 Second Division play-off final success but they were denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.

GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA



Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games for the Robins, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and later managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

BRIAN MARWOOD

Former England international winger Brian Marwood helped Swindon Town to win promotion to the top-flight in 1992-93. Signing professional for Hull City in February 1978, he was leading marksman in their 1982-83 promotion triumph and moved to Sheffield Wednesday for £15,000 in August 1984. He joined Arsenal for £600,000 in March 1988 and starred in their 1988-89 League Championship success, moving to Sheffield United for £350,000 in September 1990. Joining Swindon in March 1993, he scored once in 11 League games and joined Barnet in August 1993. He became PFA chairman, since working in the media.





FRANK MCAVENNIE



TERRY FENWICK

Versatile defender Terry Fenwick was capped 20 times by England before joining Swindon Town. Signing professional for Crystal Palace in December 1976, he featured in their 1978-79 Second Division title triumph and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980. He scored in the 1982 FA Cup final, then skippered Rangers to the Second Division title in 1982-83 and 1986 League Cup final. Reunited with Venables at Tottenham Hotspur In December 1987, he joined Swindon in September 1993 and made 28 League appearances while at the County Ground. He later managed Portsmouth and Northampton Town. Former Scotland international striker Frank McAvennie had a loan spell at Swindon Town in 1993-94. He starred for St Mirren before Joining West Ham in June 1985 and was top scorer as they were third in the top-flight in 1985-86. Moving to Celtic in October 1987, he scored twice in their 1988 Scottish Cup final triumph and rejoined West Ham in March 1989. He helped win promotion in 1990-91, moving to Aston Villa in August 1992, then Celtic again. Loaned to Swindon in February 1994, he made seven League appearances before rejoining St Mirren. His colourful life story is titled Scoring – An Expert's Guide'

NEIL WEBB

Midfielder Neil Webb was capped 26 times by England before Joining Swindon Town. The son of former Reading favourite Dougie Webb he turned professional with the Royals in November 1980 and moved to Portsmouth in July 1982. He helped win the Third Division title in 1982-83, then moved to Nottingham Forest in June 1985 and scored in their 1989 League Cup final triumph. Sold to Manchester United for £1,500,000 in June 1989, he was an FA Cup winner in 1990 and rejoined Forest in November 1992. He was loaned to Swindon in October 1994, making six League appearances, then played for Grimsby Town.







NEIL RUDDOCK

Ex-England International central defender Neil Ruddock played for Swindon Town during the 2001-02 campaign. A former Millwall apprentice, 'Razor' turned professional in March 1986. moving to Spurs a month later. He returned to Millwall in June 1988 and joined Southampton in February 1989. Appearing in the 1992 ZDS Cup final, he rejoined Spurs in July 1992 and joined Liverpool for £2.500,000 in July 1993. He starred in their 1995 League Cup final triumph, then played for West Ham and Crystal Palace before joining Swindon in August 2001. Scoring once in 15 League games, he has since worked in the media.

PAUL INCE

Midfielder Paul Ince gained 53 England caps before playing for Swindon Town. Initially with West Ham, he moved to Manchester United for £1,000,000 in September 1989 and was England's first black captain. He amassed numerous honours. including the double in 1993-94, joining Inter Milan for £8,000,000 in July 1995. Later with Liverpool. Middlesbrough and Wolves, he joined Swindon in August 2006 and made three League appearances while at the County Ground. He became Macclesfield Town's player-boss in January 2007 and has since managed MK Dons. Blackburn. MK Dons again, Notts County and Blackpool

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AS WE HAVE NEVER MET TODAY'S OPPONENTS IN A RESERVE TEAM FIXTURE I HAVE REVERTED TO SELECTING A VALE RESERVE GAME WHICH FEATURES PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH VALE AND SWINDON DURING THEIR CAREERS.

STELL ADDRESS ANTARES

PORT VALE

The two players selected today are lan Miller and Tim Parkin who both appeared for Vale in a Central League fixture against Wigan Athletic on 14th March 1990; Parkin was No.5 and Miller played on the right wing in that game.

LINDON ROBERTS:

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Vale won 2-I and Wigan's No. 10 that day was Danny Sonner, later of the Vale, and their goalkeeper was

Nigel Adkins, later manager of Sheff Utd amongst. others although his surname was wrongly spelt. The two pictures of Miller and Parkin come from features in Vale programmes from 1989-90

Ian began his career at Buru also plauing for Nottingham Forest and Doncaster Rovers before Joining Swindon in July 1978 for £25k plus Nicky French. He scored on his debut and notched 14 goals in 159 games before being sold to Blackburn Rovers in August 1991 for £67k. Whilst at Blackburn they won the Full Members Cup at Wembley and twice lost in the plau-offs to reach the lst Division.

He joined Vale on a free transfer in June 1989 and played 24 games scoring a single goal but left after one season to assist Scunthorpe to reach the 4th Division play-offs. He returned to Port Vale as

"IAN BEGAN HIS CAREER AT BURY ALSO PLAYING FOR NOTTINGHAM FOREST AND DONCASTER ROVERS BEFORE JOINING SWINDON IN JULY 1978 FOR £25K PLUS NICKY FRENCH. HE SCORED ON HIS DEBUT AND NOTCHED 14 GOALS IN 159 GAMES BEFORE BEING SOLD TO BLACKBURN ROVERS IN AUGUST 1991 FOR £67K."

part of the backroom staff FOOTBALL CLUB CO. LTD. in August 1991 and left in November 1994 Tim Parkin began his career at Blackburn

Rovers in 1977 but, after a spell on loan at Fort Lauderdale Strikers in the USA, he moved in 1980 to Malmo FF in Sweden who had appeared in the European Cup Final against Nottingham Forest the previous year. He returned





to the UK the following year and eventually joined Bristol Rovers and after 5 seasons there he transferred to Swindon Town for a £27,500 fee in July 1986 and "The Robins" were promoted in his first season there. He played 144 games, scoring 8 goals, before joining Vale for £60k in December 1989. He scored I goal in 52 appearances for Vale In 3 seasons before finishing his career at Darlington.

Lindon Roberts: Port Vale Volunteers' Group

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A ROUND-UP OF THE LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND EFL SKYBET LEAGUE TWO

SHAUN MILLER BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO BE RETROSPECTIVELY SUSPENDED FOR DIVING

SHAUN MILLER, THE CARLISLE UNITED STRIKER, HAS BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER TO BE RETROSPECTIVELY PUNISHED FOR DIVING, UNDER THE NEW FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHARGE OF "SUCCESSFUL DECEPTION OF A MATCH OFFICIAL".

Carlisle were awarded a first-half penalty against Wycombe Wanderers last Tuesday, 17th October, after the former Crewe Alexandra and Morecambe striker fell under the challenge of Dan Scarr in the area. The spot-kick was scored by Jamie Devitt and the match ended in a 3-3 draw. Miller has been given a two-match suspension after the FA upheld the charge following the club's unsuccessful appeal.

"Carlisle United's Shaun Miller will serve a two-match suspension with immediate effect, becoming the first player to be punished for the new FA charge of successful deception of a match official," read an FA statement, released last Friday. "It was alleged that his behaviour in the 35th minute of Carlisle's game against Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday I7 October 2017, in committing a clear act of simulation which led to a penalty being awarded, amounted to improper conduct.

"He denied the charge, which was

issued on Thursday 19 October. However, it was found proven following an Independent Regulatory Commission hearing on Friday 20 October. Incidents which suggest a match official has been deceived by an act of simulation are referred to a panel consisting of one ex-match official, one ex-manager and one ex-player.

"Each panel member will be asked to review all available video footage independently of one another to determine whether they consider it was an offence of successful deception of a match official. Only in circumstances where the panel are unanimous would The FA issue a charge."



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POLICE NOT INVESTIGATING THREAT MADE TOWARDS YEOVIL TOWN FORWARD RHYS BROWNE BY BARNET FAN

A BARNET SUPPORTER SHOUTED A DEATH THREAT AT BROWNE IN THE CLOSING STAGES OF SATURDAY'S MATCH AT THE HIVE STADIUM.

Police say they are not investigating an audible death threat that was directed at Yeovil Town forward Rhys Browne in the closing stages of last Saturday's I-I draw at Barnet

A Barnet supporter made the threat from the East Stand at the Hive Stadium shortly after the 2I-year-old had a penalty appeal turned down.

Another fan, who was with the supporter who had made the threat, then sparked an altercation with a member of the media on the final whistle.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said that they had received no reports regarding the threat towards Browne but had looked into the incident after the match.

In a statement, a spokesman said: "Officers on duty for the Barnet FC and Yeovil Town FC fixture became aware of an altercation.

The home club, Barnet FC, and police became involved and a crime report was completed for a section 5 Public Order offence.

"No arrests were made."

A spokesman for Barnet Football Club said it would not be appropriate for the club to comment on a police matter.

WHAT HAPPENED?

The incident was sparked when Rhys Browne went down in the area under Charlie Clough's challenge in the closing stages of the match.

Thinking that Browne had dived, a Barnet supporter then subjected the forward to a barrage of abuse as he ran back down the touchline alongside the East Stand.

Hearing the abuse, Browne initially laughed off the comments but as the supporter's language intensified, he gestured and blew a kiss at the

OWNER ALAN HARDY OPEN TO SAFE STANDING AT MEADOW LANE - BUT WILL LET NOTTS COUNTY FANS DECIDE

SHREWSBURY TOWN ARE SET TO BECOME THE FIRST ENGLISH CLUB TO HAVE A SAFE STANDING AREA AFTER A CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN RAISED £65,000 TO PAY FOR IT AT THE MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW STADIUM.

It is thought more clubs are set to follow suit, with standing areas in the Premier League and Championship banned since 1990 as a result of the Taylor Report on the Hillsborough disaster.

The Football League is backing Shrewsbury's decision and while Notts County owner Hardy says he would like it at Meadow Lane, he plans to consult the fans, who will ultimately vote whether it goes ahead.

"I love the idea of a safe standing area because I genuinely believe it could add to the atmosphere," he said.

"Shrewsbury are obviously in the process of introducing it but I am not sure whether we would do a whole end here.

The first three or four rows is an option as that would then allow fans sat behind them to see over the top.

"You could do that in the Kop or in the Family Stand.

supporter.

It was in response to this that the fan then made a comment that, in the eyes of the law, could be interpreted as a death threat, in full earshot of the stand.

Photographic evidence has since shown that there was clear contact between Clough and Browne and that a penalty should arguably have been awarded.



Rhys Browne in action for Yeovil Town at Barnet (Image: Gareth Davies/Pinnacle)



Notts County fans at Meadow Lane (Image: Getty)

There is an increasing argument to have it in the latter so you are standing there with your son or daughter.

"But we need to consult the fans over it as it is going to cost a few quid.

"We don't want to get it wrong and don't want the fans to think we are enforcing it upon them.

"If 80 percent of them come back and say they don't want it, then we won't do it.

"It's about giving the fans the choice."

LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

Barnet	1-1	Yeovil Town
Cambridge United	24	Chesterfield
Carlisle Untled	Н	Notts County
Cheltenham Town	1-0	Lincoln City
Coventry City	0-0	Colchester
Crawley Town	0-0	Luton Town
Crewe Alexandra	0-2	Accrington
Exeter City	04	Port Vale
Morecambe	0-0	Grimsby Town
Newport County	Н	Mansfield Town
Stevenage	1-2	Forest Green
Swindon Town	10	Wycombe

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SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLE 2017/18

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3	Accrington	15	9	2	4	26	18	8	29
4	Exeter City	15	9	2	4	22	17	5	29
5	Wycombe	15	7	5	3	28	22	6	26
6	Newport	15	7	4	4	23	15	8	25
7	SWINDON	15	8	1	6	21	18	3	25
8	Coventry City	15	7	3	5	14	8	6	24
9	Stevenage	15	7	3	5	24	24	0	24
10	Lincoln City	15	6	5	4	16	14	2	23
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12	Grimsby	15	6	4	5	19	21	-2	22
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18	Yeovil Town	15	4	4	7	21	29	-8	16
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20	DBarnet	15	3	5	7	18	20	-2	14
21	PORT VALE	15	4	2	9	16	20	-4	14
2	2 Morecambe	15	3	5	7	12	20	-8	14
2	3 Forest Green	15	3	3	9	14	32	-18	12
2	4 Chesterfield	15	2	2	1	13	29	-16	8

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GRIMSBY TOWN REVIEW MATCHDAY 12, SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017 EFL SKYBET LEAGUE TWO, VALE PARK

VALIANTS SLIP TO DEFEAT ON ASPIN'S VALE PARK RETURN



FORT VALE 1 GRIMSBY TOWN 2

PORT VALE SLIPPED TO A HOME DEFEAT AGAINST GRIMSBY TOWN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AS NEIL ASPIN TOOK CHARGE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Tom Pope had given the Valiants a halftime lead, but goals from Sam Jones and Siriki Dembele in the second 45 minutes meant the visitors left Vale Park with all three points.

During the opening exchanges, the two teams shared possession, but it was Vale who looked more threating going forward with James Gibbons and Marcus Harness combining well down the right flank. However, despite playing some tidy football, Grimsby keeper James McKeown remained untroubled.

That was until the l4th minute, however, as Tom Pope picked out Gavin Gunning with a cross. The defender then outjumped to head the ball towards goal, but it was gathered by McKeown. He was then required seconds later, holding onto a strike from Ben Whitfield.

Those chances seemed to galvanise the hosts and they charged forward again on 18 minutes, only to see an effort from Pope blocked. Danny Pugh then picked out Whitfield inside the area and he prodded a strike just wide of the far post with the goalkeeper at full stretch.

Kelle Roos was then forced into his first save of the game on 25 minutes as Siriki Dembele took aim from 25 yards, but the 'keeper responded well to beat it away from danger. Up the other end with half an hour played, Whitfield went close again for Vale as he directed a Harness cross inches wide. "I HAVE MY OWN FEELINGS ON WHAT I THINK WILL SUIT US **GOING FORWARD**, BUT IT'S THE PERFORMANCES AND RESULTS THAT DICTATE WHAT HAPPENS. "HOWEVER, WE DO NEED TO GET TO A SYSTEM WHERE **EVERYONE KNOWS** THEIR JOBS AND WE NEED TO WORK AT IT, WHETHER THAT'S AFTER ONE GAME **OR FURTHER DOWN** THE LINE."

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NEIL ASPIN PORT VALE MANAGER





With 39 minutes on the clock, Vale's persistence paid off as Pope fired his side in front. Gunning floated in a cross that the goalkeeper spilled, the striker then got on the end of the loose ball to slide a finish into the back of the net.

Following the restart, it was the visitors who started the brighter of the two teams and they levelled proceedings in the 5lst minute. Dembele did well to win Grimsby a corner, Sam Jones then got on the end of the resulting delivery to send a glancing header beyond Roos.

The Mariners almost found a second goal 12 minutes later after Dembele flicked a header across the face of goal, but Roos got down well to divert to deny the winger. However, with 67 minutes played, Dembele did find the net as he rounded the keeper to hand Russell Slade's men the lead.

Vale did respond immediately as they surged forward, but Nathan Smith could only find the gloves of McKeown with a downwards header. Substitute, Anthony de Freitas, almost capitalised on a knockdown from Gibbons inside the area on 75 minutes, but Nathan Clarke got in the way of his powerful strike.

As the game entered the final ten minutes, Vale attempted to work an opening and McKeown was called into action in the 85th minute. Gibbons supplied a cross from the right, but Pope couldn't steer his header beyond the goalkeeper. Worrall and De Freitas then went close in stoppage time, but they couldn't find a leveller.

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MATCHDAY 12 SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017 EFL SKYBET LEAGUE TWO VALE PARK

PORT VALE 1 GRIMSBY 2

HOW THEY LINED UP...



PORT VALE (3-4-3):

Kelle Roos, Gavin Gunning, Nathan Smith, Antony Kay, James Gibbons, Tyler Denton, Michael Tonge (Dan Turner 77), Danny Pugh, Tom Pope (C) 39), Marcus Myers-Harness (Anthony de Freitas 71), Ben Whitfield (David Worrall 64)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES:

Sam Hornby, Tom Anderson, Joe Davis, Tyrone Barnett

GOALSCORER: Tom Pope (39)



GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2):

James McKeown, Ben Davies, Paul Dixon, Nathan Clarke (C), Danny Collins, Luke Summerfield, Siriki Dembele (Zak Mills 89), Sam Jones (Mitch Rose 80), Martyn Woolford, James Berrett, Scott Vernon (Jamille Matt 80)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES:

Ben Killip, Karleigh Osborne, Diallang Jaiyesimi, JJ Hooper

GOALSCORER: Sam Jones (51), Siriki Dembele (67)

REFEREE:

Andy Woolmer ATTENDANCE: 5,849 (533 visiting supporters)

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION:	51%	49%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	4	4
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	8	1
CORNERS:	7	5
FOULS:	6	7
YELLOW CARD:	0	0
RED CARD:	0	0

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PASSING COMMENT WITH JEAN JACKSON

SOME FANS ARE UPSET THAT TWO OF OUR NEXT THREE GAMES HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THEIR PUBLISHED SATURDAY 3PM KICK OFF TIMES TO FRIDAY EVENINGS. THE MOVEMENT OF THE FA CUP TIE AGAINST OXFORD WAS INEVITABLE AND PREDICTED BY ANYONE WHO HAD SEEN THE FIXTURES FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON.

It's a long time since both Vale and Stoke played on the same day – although I do remember a day in January 1984 when we were young and daft and managed to watch Vale, Stoke and Crewe all on the same day at home. Heaven knows why we did it – must have been a bet or something.

The rearrangement of the Newport away game is rather different, however. The reason given is to avoid a clash with the rugby union international between Wales and Australia fifteen miles away In Cardiff. Now I can't quite understand why a clash with an event in a different sport miles away should be an issue. The rugby fixture was announced in April, the football fixtures came out in June yet the decision to change the fixture was only made two weeks ago. I know some fans had already booked train tickets for the Saturday and others had made fixed travel arrangement. Why the short notice? Well I suspect the reason becomes clear when we see that the decision was made just after Wales had failed to gualify for the World Cup play-offs following their defeat by the Republic of Ireland. Had Wales been In the play-offs the first match would have been scheduled for the Friday night so Newport would not want to clash with that and would have been happy to clash with the rugby Instead. Now it seems that the club cannot

possibly play at the same time as a rugby international down the road so the fixture is changed without any thought for the fans.

I know people might regard this as a minor niggle but it is another example of the way in which clubs, and in particular the television companies, pay no regard whatsoever to the poor fans who have to travel to games. The Premier League was in discussions with Sky recently over the possibility of re-scheduling the Arsenal v Liverpool game. The original idea was to play the match at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, which just happens to be a Sunday. And it might well have gone ahead at that time had supporters across the country not kicked up a huge fuss. For some away fans it might well have been Christmas Day before they'd managed to get home!

Sky in particular seem to have little understanding of geography when they select their live games. Newcastle United suffer more than most in this respect. Recently they have been chosen for three consecutive away games live at 4pm on Sunday afternoons. The nearest trip of the three for their fans was the 670 mile round trip to Southampton. The Geordies will finally get their first away fixture at 3 pm on a Saturday on 9th December against Arsenall

And it's not just the Premier League teams who suffer in this way. Sutton United were criticized recently because they refused to agree to a kick off time change for their FA Cup fourth qualifying round game at Paulton Rovers. The BBC wanted the match to start at 1230 pm meaning that some of the Sutton players would have had to leave home at 5.30 am. The club and their fans had already made travel and meal arrangements when the request was made nine days before the game. I can't blame them at all for refusing the request. It was completely unreasonable.

I know the clubs depend heavily on the TV companies for income but it is very annoying when the scheduling of fixtures is for the convenience of those sitting on a sofa and not those battling the motorways and rail timetables. I do wish they would have a little more consideration for the genuine paying customers, not those who just watch on telly.


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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW WEEKS MAKEI THIS TIME LAST MONTH THE VALE REALLY WERE STRUGGLING, BOTTOM OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND NO IDEA OF WHERE THE NEXT GOAL WOULD COME FROM, LET ALONE THE NEXT WIN!

Roll things on a month and Vale have a new management team, one which the fans are delighted with, they've won three games in a row and Tom Pope has not only returned to his very best form but he's scored a brilliant six goals in his last four games.

For me, despite a few rumbles from fans early on, it was always going to be just a matter of time until Pope started finding the back of the net on a regular basis again - his record speaks for itself, certainly at League Two level. The last time he played for the Vale in League Two he scored 33 goals to help them to promotion in the 2012/2013 season.

Amongst my favourite goals from that campaign were the four against

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Rotherham, in the 6-2 win at Vale Park, and the hat-trick against Cheltenham on Good Friday 2013, just a few weeks before Vale sealed promotion here with the 2-all draw against Northampton Town.

All throughout that season though, all we ever seemed to talk about was getting the service for Pope right. In Jennison Myrie-Williams and Ashley Vincent Vale had two wingers whose sole objective was to



get balls in to the penalty area for the strikers to get on the end of – and for me that was the problem in the early part of this season, that wasn't happening anywhere near enough, if at all.

Since the arrival of Neil Aspin, Pope has been supported up top by the pacey Ben Whitfield and Marcus Harness with the wingbacks also contributing with service from wide areas. So far it's paid dividends; let's hope it continues against Swindon today.

Enjoy the game and don't forget to call Praise and Grumble on BBC Radio Stoke at full time.

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SWINDON ACCOMPANIED THE VALE DOWN TO LEAGUE TWO AT THE END OF LAST SEASON AND THEIR LAST VISIT IN MARCH WAS BILLED AS A HUGE RELEGATION BATTLE. VALE HADN'T WON FOR EIGHT GAMES BUT LEAPFROGGED THEIR VISITORS WITH A 3-2 VICTORY. NICKY AJOSE GAVE SWINDON A 35TH MINUTE LEAD WITH A SHOT THAT WAS DEFLECTED OFF KJELL KNOPS BUT 60 SECONDS LATER CHRIS EAGLES EQUALISED FOR THE VALE.

JJ Hooper, now with Grimsby Town, put us ahead in the 50th minute and then Anton Forrester blazed a penalty over the bar. Brad Barry was sent off for a foul three minutes from time and Hooper curled the free kick superbly into the net to make it 3-1. Luke Norris netted for Swindon in the last minute but Vale hung on for the win.

PREVIOUS

A quite remarkable game occurred at Vale Park between the two sides in March 2004 when both sides were chasing a play-off place at League One level. Vale went in front through Billu Paunter in the 14th minute and Steve McPhee made it 2-0 four minutes before half time. When McPhee scored again in the 58th minute Vale seemed to be heading for the three points but five minutes later Sam Parkin pulled a goal back for Swindon. Matt Hewlett scored again for the in the 68th minute which changed the complexion of

the game. Swindon made It 3-3 with seven minutes to go through Rory Fallon, who made a habit of scoring against the Vale, doing so for four different clubs. That was how it ended which proved crucial in the end of season shake up – Swindon made the play offs, on goal difference ahead of the Vale. For the Vale's biggest win

For the Vale's biggest win against Swindon you have to go back to the final day

PREVIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN VALE & ROBINS



of the 1959/60 season when both clubs were in Division Three. Vale had lost their previous game 6-3 at Mansfield Town but bounced back to beat the Robins 6-1. Harry Oscroft was the star of the show with 4 goals with the others being one from Cliff Portwood and an own goal. Although it was Vale's last game, Swindon had one more to play.

Both sides were promoted from Division Four in 1985/86 but when the sides met at Vale Park in October 1985 Vale were 4th and Swindon, managed by Lou Macari, 8th. Vale won 3-0 to move up a place with goals from Oshor Williams, Robbie Earle and Ally Brown. Swindon had won their previous 5 games, but then went on an incredible run, winning 25 of their last 32 games and only losing twice, to win the title with 102 points. Vale also stopped them scoring in the return, drawing 0-0.

Our last five visits to the County Ground have been pretty forgettable, losing 4 and drawing one whilst conceding 20 goals. It certainly wasn't a happy hunting ground for our former goalkeeper Chris Martin. He made his debut there as we lost 6-0 in April 2008 and then made the last of his 88 appearances for us in a 5-0 defeat in April 2012. Nowadays he has swapped stopping goals for stopping crooks as he is now a policeman.

The Vale's last win at the County Ground was 2-1 In September 2002. Andy Gurney gave Swindon a 7th minute lead but two minutes later Marc Bridge-Wilkinson equalised. Bridge-Wilkinson scored again in the 68th minute and although Vale had Rae Ingram sent off seven minutes later we hung on for the points.

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	19 Nov 2005	Port Vale V Swindon Town	Coca-Cola League One
	27 Oct 2007	Port Vale 2 v Swindon Town 1	Coca-Cola League One
	19 Apr 2008	Swindon Town 6 v Port Vale 0	Coca-Cola League One
	05 Nov 2011	Port Vale 0 v Swindon Town 2	npower League Two
	28 Apr 2012	Swindon Town 5 v Port Vale 0	npower League Two
	02 Nov 2013	Swindon Town 5 v Port Vale 2	Sky Bet League One
	08 Feb 2014	Port Vale 2 v Swindon Town 3	Sky Bet League One
	28 Dec 2014	Swindon Town I v Port Vale O	Sky Bet League One
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	18 Aug 2015	Swindon Town 2 v Port Vale 2	Sky Bet League One
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GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO VALE PARK. MY NAME IS ALLY & LAM A SUPPORTERS' LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE CLUB.

I want to ensure all fans enjoy the match day experience today. You will notice me walking around In a bright pink hi-vis vest, which means I cannot be missed! I will be engaging with all fans and generally offering support. Please feel free to come and speak to me

Todau's game comes off the back of a fantastic run for the Valiants, after winning the last three league games. Our leading goal scorer, Tom Pope, also deserves a mention, after scoring 5 goals last week. I feel so relieved for the fans, who have faced a tough few months. It really has been no fun to be a Vale fan for most of this season, It's about time our faith was rewarded. Confidence and motivation is high at present, which is aided by a solid and supportive Management

team. The club atmosphere seems rejuvenated... long may it continuel I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the staff. players and supporters of Swindon Town

FC, Including former Valiant Ben Purkiss. The Robins are currently



You are all invited to enjoy our fanzone, which takes place within the academy building today. For visiting fans, this is the entrance below the away ticket office at the Hamil Road end of the ground. The activities cost £1 per child, which gives you three



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attempts on the inflatable goal, an opportunity to have your face painted, plus a game of bubble football. This worked well at our last home game and really brought out the competitive parents, who also had some shots at goal. Both home and away fans are most welcome. The fanzone will be open from 1:30pm and will remain open until ten minutes before kick-off.

We have a few other things going on for this game too, including a collection for the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Sunday in a few weeks. We are also teaming up with blood cancer charity DKMS and there is a donor recruitment event within the fanzone, where you can sign up to help people with blood cancer. All It takes is a five minute chat to complete a form and have a cheek swab, then you can be added to the donor register. Port Vale will be welcoming our Lord Mayor for the game too as we continue to show our support for the Stoke on Trent City of Culture bid. The bid has now been submitted, but please join us in demonstrating our passion for the bid. The players will be wearing 'back the bid' shirts and I'm told we will have a few Stoke ducks around the ground.

Enjoy the game today and have

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BOOTS BATS BOOTS BATS BALLS

AND HIS INTAKE ON THE THE LATEST NEWS STORIES AROUND VALE PARK.

WHAT A TRANSFORMATION WE HAVE WITNESSED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS - A TRANSFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN EMBRACED BY ALL WHO HAVE PORT VALE IN THEIR HEART.

Almost at the flick of a switch, supporters have stopped talking about relegation and some even believe that the play-offs are a possibility.

Are those supporters being realistic? Well the argument for points to Barnsley's magnificent turnaround a couple of years ago when they achieved promotion after sitting rock bottom of the table at Christmas.

Are those supporters expecting a bit too much? Well to be fair they are probably being a tad ambitious, but there is nothing wrong with ambitions and stranger things have happened in football.

So, how has this recent upsurge in form come about? Is it all down to Tom Pope rediscovering his goal-scoring ability or is there a bit more to it than that?

Well one thing is for sure, Tom never lost that ability in the first place. As a striker you rely heavily on your team mates not only getting the ball to you, but reaching you in and from the right areas and giving you some support.

Tom was starved somewhat of more than one of those ingredients. Feed the Pope and He Will Score' has been a familiar chant from the Vale supporters, and he certainly wasn't being 'fed' in the right manner, he was forced to live on scraps.

Tom is now getting that support and getting deliveries from the right areas. As we have all seen, that has made a huge difference.

This may sound like I am putting the return to winning way for the Vale is all down to one man, but that can't be further from the truth - the whole team have contributed and long may that last.

The change has come about because of a number of factors, including the players, the manager and his staff and you, the supporters – don't ever underestimate the part you can play.

The appointment of Neil Aspin, still a hero in these parts to all of those when saw him pull on a Vale shirt during the ten years he spent here as a player, gave everybody a much-needed lift.

The announcement of Neil's appointment, coupled with that of John Rudge - still known by a large contingent of supporters as 'God', by the way - ensured there was a positive feel around the club.

Don't let anybody tell you otherwise, the feel good factor from the supporters definitely transmits itself onto the pitch and the players benefit from it big style.

So, why didn't we win the first match under the stewardship of Neil Aspin then? Two days in charge was never going to be enough for the new man in charge to assess everything in front of him on the training pitch.

It didn't take too long though did it? Three games later and nine more points in the bag, six goals from the aforementioned Tom Pope and all of our Christmases seem to have come at once. A word of caution though, although the belief has returned, we won't win every game we play in and that's when the players will need you, the supporters more than ever.

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We face a difficult fixture against Swindon Town this afternoon – make sure you get behind the boys and let them know how important they are to you.

May I take this opportunity to plug my radio show which is broadcast on Tuesday evenings? I realise that unfortunately you will be unable to listen in when the Vale are playing as you will be either at the game or listening to the match commentary on Radio Stoke, but when you can, we would love you to Join us.

Along with co-host, former Vale Commercial Manager Pete Lawton, we chat about football, pose a few quiz questions and play some great music and invite gusts to join us in the studio. Recent guests include Vale statistician Phil Sherwin and Fans' Liaison Officer Ally Simcock.

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SIGNAL RADIO SPORT COMMENTATOR GEORGE ANDREWS GIVES US HIS THOUGHTS ON THE LATEST GOINGS ON IN THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL

ANOTHER WORLD CUP EXIT FOR SCOTLAND. THEIR MANAGER GORDON STRACHAN, WHO IS A LIKEABLE CHARACTER AND IS ALWAYS GOOD FOR A SOUNDBITE, CAME OUT WITH A BIZARRE STATEMENT AFTER THEIR FINAL GROUP GAME. THIS GAME SAW THEM FAIL TO GET A WORLD CUP PLAY-OFF PLACE. I HAVE COVERED MANY POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCES.

Granted I wasn't at the one when Strachan came out about having small players in his squad, saying that genetically they are behind other nations who have bigger and taller players. He added they find it hard to combat their lack of height but I have never heard the genetics of a team given as an excuse for failing to qualify for a tournament.

Size is not the reason Scotland won't be playing in a major tournament next summer in Russia and it isn't the reason why they were unable to qualify for Euro 2016 when it was virtually Impossible not to qualify for the tournament. Scotland's regular excuse is that their talent pool isn't strong enough, but that just doesn't wash anymore. Scotland arguably possess more talent than Wales. Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Iceland. Northern Ireland Manager Michael O'Neill has to select his squad from Linfield, Burton, Millwall, St Johnstone and Blackburn Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland have all bettered Scotland's performance in the last two qualifying campaigns.

Scotland at the height of their powers were always a small team, but they were always technically gifted, something they cannot say today. Kenny Dalglish is 5 foot 8, Archie "SCOTLAND ARGUABLY POSSESS MORE TALENT THAN WALES, NORTHERN IRELAND, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND ICELAND. NORTHERN IRELAND MANAGER MICHAEL O'NEILL HAS TO SELECT HIS SQUAD FROM LINFIELD, BURTON, MILLWALL, ST JOHNSTONE AND BLACKBURN. ".

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Gemmill is 5 foot 5, Lou Macari 5 foot 5, Graeme Souness is under 6 foot and Gordon Strachan himself is 5 foot 6. This is not the tallest squad of players but they could dazzle you with their footwork and skill.

Part of Scotland's problem is weak Rangers and Celtic teams. Being reliant on players outside Scotland isn't a recent trend - it goes back over a decade when the two Glasgow giants were full of foreign talent and the production line of Scottish talent dried up. A strong domestic league often translates to a strong national team.

Michael O'Neill. Northern Ireland Manager Look at the home grown players that Germany. Spain and Italy have in their national teams and the players they have to pick from and you can see why their squads are always strong. Don't get me wrong - there have always been and always will be the odd Scottish player playing in the Premier League but not to the extent of the amount playing in the 70's and the 80's.

QUIZ QUESTION:

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CHELTENHAM TOWN REVIEW MATCHDAY 13, SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2017 EFL SKYBET LEAGUE TWO, VALE PARK





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PORT VALE EARNED THEIR FIRST HOME LEAGUE VICTORY OF THE SEASON THANKS TO A THRILLING WIN OVER CHELTENHAM TOWN.

Neil Aspin couldn't have asked for a better result in his second game in charge as Tom Pope scored a brace and Ben Whitfield hit a wonder strike from the edge of the box.

The Robins scored a late consolation, but it wasn't enough for them as The Valiants climbed out of the relegation zone.

Vale looked to take the lead early and almost did so through David Worrall's free-kick. After a nudge on Tom Pope on the edge of the area, Worrall stepped up and saw his effort be deflected out for a corner.

The Robins began to push forward and for the next IS minutes, it was all them. Mohamed Eisa claimed for a penalty with Neil Aspin's side doing well to clear the oncoming pressure.

Pope wanted to make it two in two this afternoon, following his strike against Grimsby Town last week as he controlled the ball well in the box to see his left-footed effort blocked on 18 minutes

With the Valiants opting for a high pressured defence this week, on 22 minutes, Harry Pell took advantage of this as he raced through the back-line and tried to cut the ball across to Eisa who couldn't quite get there.

Vale's best chance of the game came 30 seconds later as Ben Whitfield made excellent contact from Marcus Harness' cross. His shot went low as Scott Flinders managed to hold.

Harness continued to cause problems for Cheltenham's Jordan Cranston as his cross met the head of Pope. The Sneyd Green Sniper couldn't get enough contact on the ball as Flinders was there to keep possession.

Finally, a goal came and it was Pope yet again! The lively Harness whipped in a delightful cross towards the near post as the target man converted for his third of the season on 26 minutes. It was just the start the Vale faithful needed as they searched for another.

It was all Vale as they looked to extend. Harness came close yet again as his volley took a slight deflection and trickled just wide on 34 minutes.

Aspin's men kept coming as the ball dropped to Worrall nicely as he attempted a wild left-foot drive towards Flinders. His effort was deflected and dropped to Pope who somehow volleyed just wide with five minutes until half-time.



Vale Park came to appreciate the excellent work ethic on the pitch as Whitfield was next to come close. His turn allowed him to angle a good chance with his right-foot as it narrowly missed the far corner.

Cheltenham started off the better team at the beginning of the second-half as Kelle Roos was quickly called into action. He managed to make a fingertip save to Eisa's acrobatic effort, forcing a corner.

Substitute Danny Wright then came close for the visitor's, forcing Roos to another save and capture after dropping the original ball.

Play was then slightly delayed as referee. Scott Oldham, broke his whistle and injured his hand, which required some immediate attention.

Tyrone Barnett then came on for Harness who impressed throughout the afternoon. He nearly scored on his first touch with a turn then a volley which was blocked. It was then two for Vale as Whitfield's rocket shot went straight into the bottom corner after the ball fell to him on the edge of the box on 6l minutes.

After a frustrating 20 minutes for both sides, a chance finally came for Vale as Pope got his second of the game as he raced onto a clear through ball. This left him one on one with Flinders in goal as he took it past him and slotted into an empty net.

Vale made their final substitution of the game as Whitfield came off for Dan Turner, following his excellent performance at Vale Park.

Four minutes were added on to the end of the second-half, as The Robin's scored a consolation goal through Kevin Dawson. He latched onto the deflected ball as he powered past Roos.

The full-time whistle was blown as Vale came away with their first home league win of the season. MATCHDAY 13 SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2017 EFL SKYBET LEAGUE TWO VALE PARK

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HOW THEY LINED UP...



PORT VALE (4-1-4-1):

Kelle Roos, Gavin Gunning, Nathan Smith, Tom Anderson, James Gibbons, Tyler Denton (Harry Middleton 45), Danny Pugh, David Worrall, Tom Pope (C), Ben Whitfield (Dan Turner 89), Marcus Myers-Harness (Tyrone Barnett 60)

SUBS:

Ryan Boot, Joe Davis, Antony Kay. Michael Tonge

SCORER: Tom Pope 26, 80, Ben Whitfield 6I



CHELTENHAM TOWN (4-4-2):

Scott Flinders (C), Carl Winchester, Jordan Cranston, Jamie Grimes, Taylor Moore, Harry Pell, Jerell Sellars (Freddy Hinds 69), Kyle Storer (Kevin Dawson 89), Joe Morrell, Brian Graham (Daniel Wright 45), Mohamed Eisa

UNUSED SUBS:

Jonathan Flatt, William Boyle, Daniel O'Shaughnessy, Nigel Atangana SCORER: Kevin Dawson 91

REFEREE: Scott Oldham ATTENDANCE: 4,277 (266 away).

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION:	51%	49%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	4	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	6	2
CORNERS:	10	5
FOULS:	8	9
YELLOW CARD:	0	0
RED CARD:	0	0

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THIS WEEK ELI IS ANTICIPATING THE VISIT OF SWINDON TOWN

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Ennyrode, thas yer lot fur nah. Arl sitthee nextarm, ow rate? Cape onth bricks, Eli.

Hey fellows, we have Swindon Town this week, be nice if we could keep this bit of a run going wouldn't it? Three wins in a row have been most welcome. And Popey scoring in every game under the new manager so far too, excellent. I didn't go to Exeter last week (I went for that cup game a couple of years ago but I can't make It to away games nowadays) but the Vale fans made up a new song for Popey Rhythm is a dancer, Popey is the answer, he can score from anywhere, scores 'em with his left foot scores 'em with his right foot even scores 'em in the air' I think that's really great I do. First new song for a player I can recall for years! I like it when we use our imaginations and make up something worth singing, it beats we hate Stoke' by a country mile I think. Can you remember Viva Bobby Gough? it's going back some years I know but it was to the tune of Viva Bobby Joe' by the Equals... Bobby Gough is a goal machine' great stuff it was. There were lots of good songs in those days.

I know it's not about our player but Brentford fans used to sing about QPR/ Fulham player Bobby Zamora because of his wayward shooting...'if you sit in row Z and get hit on the head...that's Zamoral' to the tune of 'That's Amore' by Dean Martin. Made me laugh when I heard that I can tell you!

Anyway, that's it for now. I'll see you next time, alright? Stay safe*, Eli.



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PORT VALE v OXFORD UNITED DATE: FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2017 | KICK OFF: 19:45 COMPETITION: EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST ROUND



OUR NEXT HOME GAME IS ON FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER WHEN WE HOST OXFORD UNITED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE EMIRATES FA CUP, KICK OFF 7.45 PM.

We last met Oxford last season in League One, and the game at Vale Park in October 2016 ended 2-2. Chey Dunkley and Dan Crowley gave Oxford a 2-0 lead by the 19th minute and generally bossed the first half. After the break though, Rigino Cicilia, nowadays playing for FK Suduva in Lithuania, pulled a goal back for the Vale in the 59th minute. Five minutes later 'Reg' was pulled down in the box and debutant Ryan Taylor scored from the penalty.

Vale have also played Oxford in the FA Cup before, back in the 1965/66 season. That was also in the first round, and the teams drew 2-2 at Oxford's old Manor Ground. Two days later, Vale won the replay 3-2 with goals from Brian Taylor, Jackie Mudie and Jimmy Hill, not the former Coventry manager. The Oxford side included Ron Atkinson, who went on to be a famous manager and TV pundit

The U's have made a good start this season in League One and have won

3 and drawing 2 of their last five league games. The one to watch up front for Oxford is experienced striker Wes Thomas, who has scored 5 goals in his first IO starts this season.

Their squad also includes former Vale youngster Charlie Raglan, but he has been out with an ankle injury all season. Regular defender Curtis Nelson is from Newcastle-under-Lyme and began his career at Stoke City.

TICKET INFO:

Tickets are available as follows: ALL STANDS WILL

BE OPEN.

LORNE STREET STAND, RAILWAY STAND, PADDOCK & BYCARS Adults: 512 00 Seniors (62 and over): £6.00 Young Adult (18-21): £6.00 Juniors (12-17): £6.00 Under 12's. FREE

ADVANCE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE TICKET OFFICE IN PERSON OR BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

- I) By telephoning 01782 655821, paying by debit or credit card and picking them up on the day of the game (NB please try to collect them more than 30 minutes before kick-off to avoid queuing)
- 2) By telephoning as above and having them posted to you for an extra £ (Please allow time for this)
- 3) By going on to the website www.port-vale. co.uk/tickets and then printing the ticket yourself.

Rigino Cicilia pulls a goal back in



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YOUR COMMITTEE OF THE PORT VALE SUPPORTERS' CLUB FOR 2017/18 ARE;

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB

FIRSTLY I'D LIKE TO WELCOME PLAYERS, OFFICIALS & SUPPORTERS OF SWINDON TOWN TODAY TO VALE PARK

As I said in previous supporters' club columns I really think that the supporters have been absolutely fantastic and we have become the 12th man which is really helping the team.

We have played so well in the last 3 games, getting 3 wins, 2 clean sheets and 9 points out of 9 and Tom Pope finding the net in all 3 games is brilliant. Well done to Neil Aspin all of his off field staff and of course the team, let's hope for another 3 points today and of course we must wish Ben Whitfield in his recovery from Injury.

As always we are looking for Vale fans stories this season to go in our page in the programme on such as why you support the Vale, where you come from etc and today it's the turn of CONRAD WILDIG who is 48 and is currently living in Wellington, New Zealand HOW LONG HAVE YOU

SUPPORTED PORT VALE? About 40 years

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WERE AT VALE PARK?

3 years ago for a 4-1 win over Yeovil. I'm coming back to the UK for Christmas this year so will be there on Boxing Day, and very much looking forward to It.

WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE VALE?

I grew up in Burslem, played football at Trubshaw Cross, so naturally followed the Vale. After going to my first few games I was hooked... I have been in New Zealand 16 years and follow the club daily online via the club website and various social media channels. I am often seen around Wellington most Fridays wearing my Port Vale shirts and have been stopped in the street/pubs many times to discuss football because of it. There is another Port Vale fan a few hours away In New Zealand and we try and meet up for a beer when we can I have also



Conrad Wildig

met a few Vale fans when they have been travelling around New Zealand.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AS A PORT VALE SUPPORTER? The FA Cup win over Spurs in 1988 has never been bettered in mu mind. The atmosphere at Vale Park was amazing and I can still see the picture of Rudgey leaning out of the old dugouts as the final whistle went....

WHO IS YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE PORT VALE PLAYER? As I have played in goal most of my life I have to say that Neville Southall is the first name that springs to mind but as he was only on loan for a short. time, Steve Guppy is the other player I admired. He was the best winger I have ever seen at Vale Park and cross the ball accurately at pace.

WHO IS YOUR CURRENT FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER? It has to be Tom Pope, as a local lad he knows what it means to pull on the Port Vale shirt and wear it with pride.

LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND, DO YOU FOLLOW ANY OTHER FOOTBALL TEAMS? I follow the Wellington Phoenix who play their games in the Australian A League. I don't get to any away games though, as they are all over in Australia so a little too far to travel. WHAT ARE YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR PORT VALE THIS SEASON? We have just had the Dream Team (Aspin & Rudge) come on board so I hope for at least a mid-table or play off place this year. Also a good run in the EFL trophy with a trip to Wembley would be good ...

Thanks again & enjoy the game let's hope for 3 points.

Up The Vale.

WARNING TO ALL SUPPORTERS

Just want to remind people that standing in aisles and gangways can cause problems if there is an emergency so if you could not stand in thoroughfare's or access areas it would be appreciated, thank you.

FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS ON THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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SEND US YOUR STORIES

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VALE ACADEMY

EFL YOUTH ALLEANCE

2017/18 EFL YOUTH ' ALLIANCE UNDER 18 NORTH WEST FIXTURES

AUGUS	ST 2017		
Sat 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	U-2
Sat 12	Carlisle United	A	L5-6
Sat 19	WALSALL	H	W2-1
Sat 26	ROCHDALE (YAC)	H	W4-0
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Sat 2	Morecambe	Α	L1-4
Sat 9	ROCHDALE	H	10-4
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Sat 23	Fleetwood Town	A	WI-O
Sat 30	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	D2-2
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Sat 7	Doncaster Rovers (YAC)	Α	DH
Sat 14	Wrexham	A	W2-1
Sat 28	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	P-P
Sat 30	Stourbridge (FAYCI)	Α	19:30
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Sat 1	Preston North End	A	11:00
Sat 18	BLACKPOOL	H	11.00
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Sat 2	BURY	H	11:00
SAT 9	SCUNTHORPE (YAC)	H	11.00
Sat 16	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H	11:00
JANU	ARY 2018		
Sat 6	Rochdale	A	11:00
Sat 20	MORECAMBE	H	11:00
Sat 27	Shrewsbury Town	A	ILOO
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Sat 10	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H	1.00
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2017/18 EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE U 18 NORTH WEST LEAGUE TABLE

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THE NEXT GENERATION VALE MAKE IT FIVE UNBEATEN WITH VICTORY OVER RED DRAGONS

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2017 YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE



WREXHAM 1 PORT VALE 2

In our latest youth Alliance league game, the Vale youngsters won 2-1 at Wrexham's Colliers Park training ground. Our goalscorers were Harry Benns with a penalty and a header from Josh Ryder.

2017/18 LEAGUE CUP NORTHERN GROUP 6 TABLE

		W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
1	PORT VALE	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
2	Bury	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
3	Rochdale	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
4	Doncaster R	3	0	2	1	4	8	2
5	Scunthorpe U	2	0	1	1	3	6	1

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2017 FA YOUTH CUP IST ROUND



STOURBRIDGE

The game will be played at Stourbridge's War Memorial Athletic Ground, High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 4HN and kicks off at 7.30 pm Stourbridge have already played three games to reach this stage, defeating Hereford 2-1, Dudley Town 3-0 and then winning 2-0 at Sutton Coldfield Town. In last's seasons competition the Vale youngsters went out in the first round, losing 2-0 at Peterborough United.

As at 21st October 2017

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VALE RESERVES VALE CONTINUE UNBEATEN START TO THE SEASON WITH ROVERS VICTORY

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017 | CENTRAL LEAGUE



PORT VALE 2 DONCASTER ROVERS 0

VALE MOVED TO THE TOP OF THE LEAGUE WITH THIS VICTORY TO ALSO STRETCH THEIR RUN WITHOUT CONCEDING A GOAL TO FOUR GAMES.

Morgan James curled a free kick on to the top of the Vale net but it was the Vale who took the lead in the 20th minute. The ball was worked across from the left involving Cristian Montano and fell to Jack Stobbs on the edge of the box and he just lashed a 20 yard shot into the net giving keeper Marko Marosi no chance.

Dan Turner had a looping header saved and then Ryan Boot made a good save from a shot by Jordan Tucker. Vale then applied more pressure as a cross from Montano was flicked wide by Turner and from a Stobbs cross Montano had a shot blocked.

Vale doubled their lead three minutes into the second half. Stobbs sent over a cross from the left and Turner ran it home at the far post. Turner almost scored again soon afterwards after being set up by Tyrone Barnett, sliding an effort just wide. Issam Ben-Khemis fired wide in a rare Doncaster break whilst at the other end Stobbs hit a shot over the bar.

Stobbs had another effort blocked

STAFFS SENIOR CUP

In the first round of this season's competition we have been drawn away to stafford Town and the game will be played at their Evans Park ground on Tuesday 5th December, kick off 7.45 pm. The winners will be away to Kidsgrove Athletic in the second round.

and Barnett had a shot saved by Marosi. Vale almost scored a third goal in the last minute when Turner sent Harry Middleton clear against his old club, but his subsequent shot thumped against the post.

PORT VALE:

Boot, Wilson, Davis, Yates, De Freitas, Stobbs, Middleton, Kay, Montano (Reeves 46), Barnett, Turner SUBS NOT USED: Ryder, Ward, Benns, Crockwell

CENTRAL LEAGUE CUP -GROUP 3 TABLE

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NEXT FOR THE RESERVES

The Vale reserves are next in action this coming Tuesday 3Ist October away to York City, kick off Ipm. The game will be played at York's training ground in Sutton Road, Wigginton, York YO32 2RB.



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Wed 18 DONCASTER ROVERS	H	W2-0
Wed 25 ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	W2-1
Tue 31 York City	A	13:00
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Tue 28 MORECAMBE	H	13:00
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RODNEY PARADE

DATE: FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2017 | KICK OFF: 19:45 | COMPETITION: SKYBET LEAGUE TWO

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The Exiles or Ironsides WEBSITE www.newport-county.co.uk

TICKET INFORM	ATION:
Adults:	£20.00
Concessions	
(60 plus):	£6,00
Aged 16-21	
or Students:	£14.00
Aged 12-1:	£8.00
Aged 6-II:	£6.00
U6: Free With	n an adult

COACH TRAVEL

Departure Time: 2.45pm Adults: 218,50 Concessions: 217,00 Booking are now being taken in the club shop.

DIRECTIONS:

SAT NAV NPI9 OUU DISTANCE: 138 miles TRAVEL TIME 2hrs 28 mins Take the M6(s), Join M5 and continue to J8 and Join M50. Continue until Joins A449 (s/p S Wales) which leads to Newport. At the roundabout by the junction with M4 take the B4237, Chepstow Road, (s/p Newport E). After about 2 miles the B4237 turns left into Wharf Road. Follow this road to the next set of lights and turn right into Corporation Road. After passing an ATS garage you will see the away supporters' entrance is on the left.

WHERE TO PARK:

Parking near the ground is very difficult unless you arrive early. There is no parking at the ground and a 'residents only' parking scheme in the streets around the stadium. This appears to be only on one side of the road so there is an opportunity to park if you arrive early enough. The city centre car parks are about a 15 minute walk away.

OVERVIEW OF THE GROUND:

Rodney Parade is the home of Newport and Newport Gwent Dragons Rugby Club. Newport County joined them for the 2012/2013 season, making this the Vale's first visit to this stadium. There had been some redevelopment prior to the move with the North (Town End) Stand re-built in 2010 and the Bisleu Stand which was opened in 2011. The Bisley Stand is along one side, holding 2500 all seated supporters in one tier. It also houses executive boxes along the back, plus the media gantry. The multi coloured seats are rather striking. The older covered Hazell Stand is opposite. This has seats at the rear and a terrace at the front. It does not span the

whole length of the pitch, having an open, unused section at one end. The dug outs are at this side of the ground.

Behind one goal is the uncovered North or Town End Terrace, opened in 2012, it is quite small. The corner connecting it with the Bisley Stand houses the offices, corporate facilities and the club shop. The South Stand is a temporary open seated area, again not spanning the whole width of the pitch being towards the Bisley Stand. At the other end of this stand is an unusual building that has the changing rooms, the players coming onto the pitch from this area.

WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE SEATED:

The away fans are allocated a section of the Bisley Stand providing about 580 seats in the newest stand at the ground. There is also a section of about 400 seats in the open South Stand. The entrance to the away supporters section is along Corporation Road. Take care as it is poorly signposted and is just a path between some residential houses. There are blue poles that mark the entrance. Outside the turnstiles there is an away ticket office in a small cabin.

WHERE TO EAT:

There is hot food available by the main entrance. Otherwise about a ten minute walk away, along Chepstow Road (near a Wetherspoons) there are fish and chip shops and other food outlets.

WHERE TO DRINK:

Inside the Bisley Stand away fans have their own bar, sited at the top. It is reached by steps at the front. It has Sky Sports television, comfortable seating and a great view of the stadium. But beware the restriction of drinking times

The Clubhouse by the main entrance admits away supporters. Next to it is a hot food area. The nearest pub is the Victoria Hotel on Corporation Road. A little further along Corporation Road is the Excelsior Club which also admits away fans. There is a Wetherspoons pub on Chepstow Road called the Godfrey Morgan, only a 10 minute walk from the ground.

GOING PLACES SINCIL BANK

DATE: SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2017 | KICK OFF: 15:00 | COMPETITION: SKYBET LEAGUE TWO



FACT FILE

FOUNDED: 1901 GROUND: Sincil Bank CAPACITY: 10,130 (all seated) ADDRESS: Sincil Bank Stadium, Lincoln, LNS 8LD TELEPHONE NO: 01522 880 01

NICKNAME The Imps PITCH SIZE IIO x 73yds WEBSITE www.redimps.com

TICKET INFORMATION:

Tickets details have not been released yet. Details will be on on Vale's website when they have been released.

COACH TRAVEL

Departure Time: 10.30am Adults: £16.50 Concessions: £15.00 Booking are now being taken in the club shop.

DIRECTIONS:

SAT NAV: LN5 8LD **DISTANCE: 95 miles** TRAVEL TIME: 2hrs 7mins Take A50 to junction with MI then follow A453 to West Bridgeford, After 1.8miles exit A453 (s/p Grantham A52. Newark A46, Melton A606 I.e. not going over the fly over) onto the A52 Follow the A52 (s/p Grantham) to its intersection with the A46 at Bingham. Turn left onto A46 to Lincoln, Branch off onto Al434 Newark Rd towards the city centre and pick up the AI5 South Ave. After 500 yards turn left into Sincil Bank.

WHERE TO PARK:

There is street parking, but quite a way from the ground as there is a local residents' scheme in operation. The King William Street City Car Park, signposted from the roundabout, has lots of space and is only a short walk from the ground.



OVERVIEW OF THE GROUND:

The CO-OP Community Stand, which was opened in 1995 and seats 5,700, is along one side. Opposite is the Lincolnshire Echo Stand, built in 1987, which only runs half the length of the pitch, straddling the half way line and hence there are gaps at either side. One gap has now been partly filled by a tiny covered Family Stand.

Both ends have small covered stands. The Bridge McFarlane Stand is all seated and has a row of executive boxes running across the back. The other end is the 'Stacey West' again all seated. It was named in memory of the two Lincoln supporters who lost their lives in the Bradford City Fire at Valley Parade in 1985.

WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE SEATED:

Away fans are now housed behind the goal in the Stacey West stand where up to 2,000 can be seated, but those with a small following sometimes get switched to the smaller Bridge McFarlane stand behind the other goal. The facilities and view of the pitch are quite good.

WHERE TO DRINK:

Away supporters have been admitted to the Supporters Club (called the Centre Spot) behind the South Park Stand. The Mansfield Smooth beer and the hot pork rolls were reported to be excellent. There are plenty of good pubs to be found if you head along the High St towards the town centre. The Golden Eagle on the High Street is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. Wetherspoon's pub 'Ritz' is on the High St, serves reasonably priced food and ales.

WHERE TO EAT:

If you can gain entrance to the Supporters' Club the hot pork rolls are highly recommended. Other wise food outlets can be found on the main road. Alternatively there is plenty of choice at the ground kiosks, including the delicious 'Football's Famous Chicken Balti Pie', burgers, Lincolnshire sausage and bacon rolls.



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CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEWPORT COUNTY

Our first ever visit to Newport County's Rodney Parade ground, scheduled for Saturday Ilth November, has been brought forward to the previous evening. Friday IOth November, kick off 7.45 pm. This is because of a rugby International between Wales and Australia which takes place on the Saturday afternoon in Cardiff.

64 PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

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GOALKEEPERS														
RYAN BOOT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
SAM HORNBY	4(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	4 (2)	0	4 (2)	0	4 (2)	0
ROB LAINTON	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	63 (1)	0
KELLE ROOS	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	9	0	63	0
JOE SLINN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEFENDERS														
TOM ANDERSON	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	74 (1)	2
TYLER DENTON	10	0	0	0	0	0	0(2)	0	10 (2)	0	10 (2)	0	13 (2)	0
JOE DAVIS	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	31 (7)	0	64 (12)	0
LUKE DENNIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMES GIBBONS	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	6(1)	0	6 (1)	0
GAVIN GUNNING	9	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	12	0	12	0	202 (7)	10
ANTONY KAY	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	1	12	1	487 (45)	51
GRAHAM KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1(0)	0
KJELL KNOPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32 (1)	0	222 (5)	4
NATHAN SMITH	15	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	18	0	71	5	71	5
CHARLIE WALFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAWRIE WILSON	6(1)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7 (1)	0	7 (1)	0	290 (56)	22
ADAM YATES	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	224 (23)	5	314 (25)	5
MIDFIELDERS														
MICHAEL CALVELEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANTONY DE FREITAS	6 (5)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7 (5)	0	27(14)	0	60 (39)	3
MARCUS HARNESS	10 (2)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	1(0	0	11 (4)	0	11 (4)	0	17 (42)	0
HARRY MIDDLETON	4 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 (2)	0	4 (2)	0	49 (36)	0
CRISTIAN MONTANO	3 (3)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4(3)	1	4(3)	1	93 (63)	18
DANNY PUGH	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	0	21 (1)	0	309 (82)	18
BILLY REEVES	1(2)	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	2(3)	0	6 (1)	0	6(11)	0
JACK STOBBS	1(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	1(4)	0	1(4)	0	1(6)	0
MICHAEL TONGE	7(2)	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	9 (2)	2	9 (2)	2	430 (86)	37
BEN WHITFIELD	10 (4)	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	11(4)	2	11 (4)	2	41 (16)	5
DAVE WORRALL	11(1)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	12 (1)	1	12(1)	1	251 (106)	26
STRIKERS														
TYRONE BARNETT	4 (3)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5 (3)	1	5 (3)	1	210 (88)	68
ANTON FORRESTER	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	15 (10)	2	36 (25)	9
REKEIL PYKE	1(5)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3 (5)	0	3 (5)	0	7 (13)	0
TOM POPE	15	7	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	15(2)	7	193 (20)	76	333 (86)	1B
DAN TURNER	3 (9)	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	6 (9)	3	10 (24)	3	10 (24)	3

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SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLE 2017/18

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1	Luton Town	15	9	4	2	34	12	22	31
2	Notts County	15	9	3	3	25	16	9	30
3	Accrington	15	9	2	4	26	18	8	29
4	Exeter City	15	9	2	4	22	17	5	29
5	Wycombe	15	7	5	3	28	22	6	26
6	Newport	15	7	4	4	23	15	8	25
7	SWINDON	15	8	1	6	21	18	3	25
8	Coventry City	15	7	3	5	14	8	6	24
9	Stevenage	15	7	3	5	24	24	0	24
10	Lincoln City	15	6	5	4	16	14	2	23
11	Cambridge	15	7	2	б	16	16	0	23
12	Grimsby	15	6	4	5	19	21	-2	22
B	Mansfield	15	5	6	4	SI	20	1	SI
14	Cheltenham	IS	6	2	7	20	20	0	20
15	Colchester	15	5	4	6	20	20	0	19
16	Carlisle United	15	5	4	6	50	SI	-1	19
17	Crewe Alex.	15	5	2	8	15	22	-7	17
18	Yeovil Town	IS	4	4	7	21	29	-8	16
19	Crawley Town	15	4	3	8	5	16	-4	15
20) Barnet	15	3	S	7	18	20	-2	14
21	PORT VALE	15	4	2	9	16	20	-4	14
22	2 Morecambe	15	3	5	7	15	20	-8	14
2	8 Forest Green	15	3	3	9	14	35	-18	12
24	4 Chesterfield	15	2	2	B	в	29	-16	8

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		р	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Port Vale	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	5
2	Oldham Ath.	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
3	Newcastle U2I	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
4	Crewe Alex	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0

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Port Vale v Crewe Alex Oldham Athletic v Newcastle Utd U21

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TODAY'S FIXTURES

All games kick-off at	15:00 unless stated
Accrington v	Barnet
Chesterfield v	Carlisle United
Colchester v	Crewe Alexandra
Forest Green v	Morecambe
Grimsby Town v	Cambridge United
Lincoln City v	Crawley Town
Luton Town v	Coventry City
Mansfield Town v	Exeter City
Notts County v	Newport County
Port Vale v	Swindon Town
Wycombe v	Cheltenham Town
Yeovil Town v	Stevenage

VALE PARK EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In the event of an emergency at Vale Park you will hear a message over the public address aystem providing information and directions to spectators. We ask all spectators to remain where they are and to listen very carefully to the message. If it affects your area, please comply with the instructions immediately. The Stewards, Police Officers and Officials will direct you to safe areas which may be through exit doors/gates or on to the playing area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, remain where you are until stewards assist you. Please respond quickly, but calmly to ensure a safe evacuation of the stadium.

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- 04 Matt PRESTON
- 05 Chris ROBERTSON
- 06 Olly LANCASHIRE
- 07 Paul MULLIN
- 08 James DUNNE
- 09 Luke NORRIS
- 10 John GODDARD
- 12 WILLHENRY
- 14 Ellis IANDOLO
- Amine LINGANZI 16
- Harry SMITH 17
- Donal McDERMOTT 18
- Timi ELŠNIK 19
- 20 Kellan GORDON
- 21 Reice CHARLES-COOK
- 22 Kalune WOOLERY
- 23 Kule KNOYLE
- 25 Dion CONROY
- 26 Jordan YOUNG
- 30 Keshi ANDERSON
- 31 Matt TAYLOR



Nicholas Barnard

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OFFICIALS

REFEREE:

Graham Horwood

REFEREE ASSISTANTS:

Stephen Wade







PORT VALE Manager: NEIL ASPIN

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 - Tom POPE 09
 - Dave WORRALL 10
- Cristian MONTAÑO 11
 - Sam HORNBY 12
- Tyrone BARNETT 14
- Anton FORRESTER 15
 - Adam YATES 16
 - Billy REEVES 18
 - Dan TURNER 19
 - Graham KELLY 20
 - James GIBBONS 21
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- Anthony de FREITAS 28
 - Mike CALVELEY 29
 - Ben WHITFIELD 31
 - Michael TONGE 32
 - Gavin GUNNING 33
 - Jack STOBBS 34
 - Harry MIDDLETON 35
 - Kelle ROOS 36

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NEXT AWAY MATCH

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC Friday 10th November 2017

Kick-off 19:45 EFL SkyBet League Two



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