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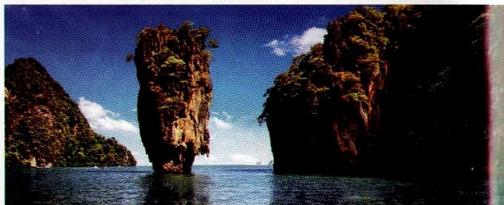
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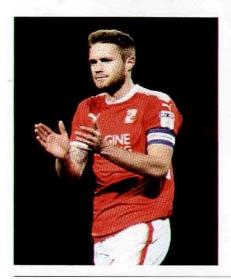
The Gaffer is eying progress in the Checkatrade Trophy tonight





CAPTAIN NOTES

Olly Lancashire gives his thoughts on tonight's game





FOREST GREEN ROVERS

We pick out six players to keep an eye out for this evening.



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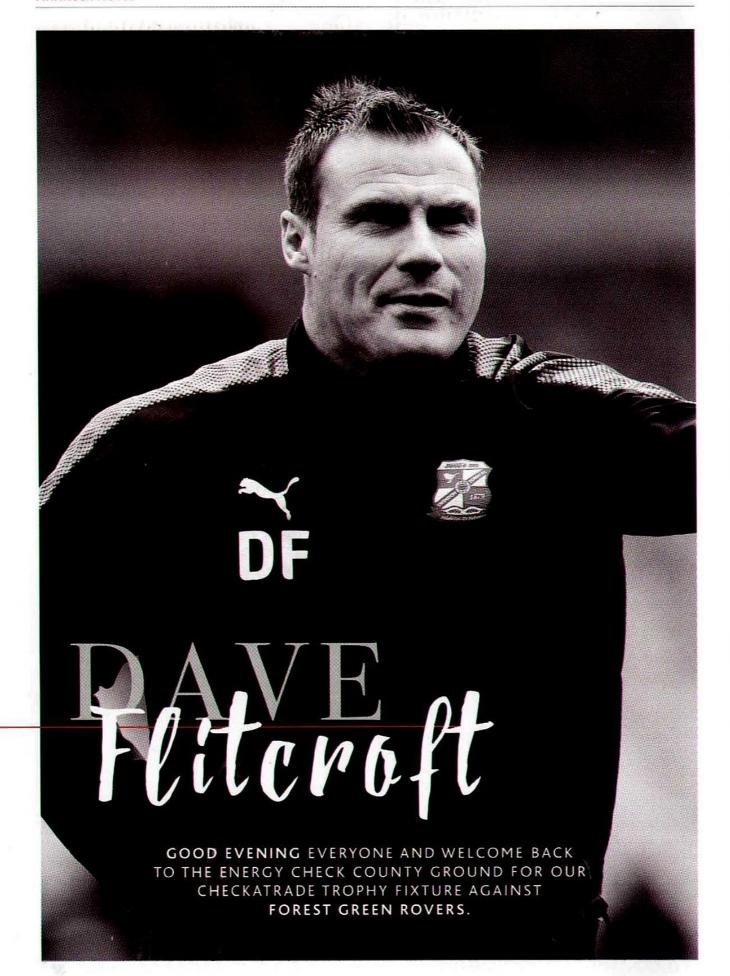
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want to start these notes by extending a warm welcome to Mark Cooper, his staff, players and the directors of Forest Green to Wiltshire tonight. We have already met with Rovers once this season and I'm sure tonight's game will prove to be another entertaining prospect.

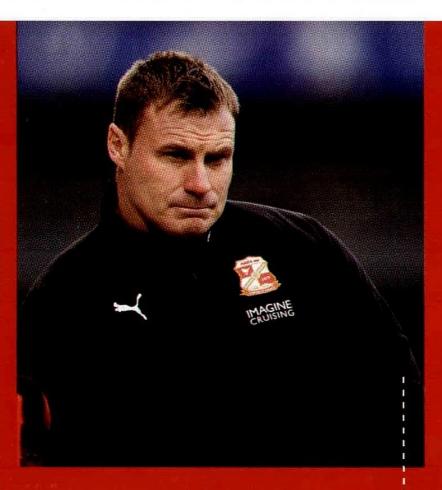
The last three results have been disappointing to say the least and I'm frustrated with the manner of the goals we have conceded in those games, particularly against Stevenage on Saturday. We all have and will take responsibility to be better in all areas of the pitch and I can promise you all that we will be working as hard as we can to rectify those mistakes and get back on track.

I am gutted for the club, supporters, the town and the Chairman. We desperately wanted to be in the hat for Round Three and I am personally gutted that I could not achieve that for our club.

I would like to apologise to our travelling support who have been incredible this season, and myself the staff and players felt and shared your hurt.

That defeat will stay with me but we need to now focus on recovering from it quickly and moving on. We have some big games coming up and we need to flush this one out of the system now and concentrate on going into this week with a positive frame of mind and a positive attitude.

It is also important to keep a sense of perspective despite the recent results. We are in a good position in the league, we finished top of our group in the Checkatrade Trophy and we all need



to keep working together in order to achieve our ultimate goal. This group of

players have already proved that they can bounce back from set-backs and I have no doubt that they will do so again.

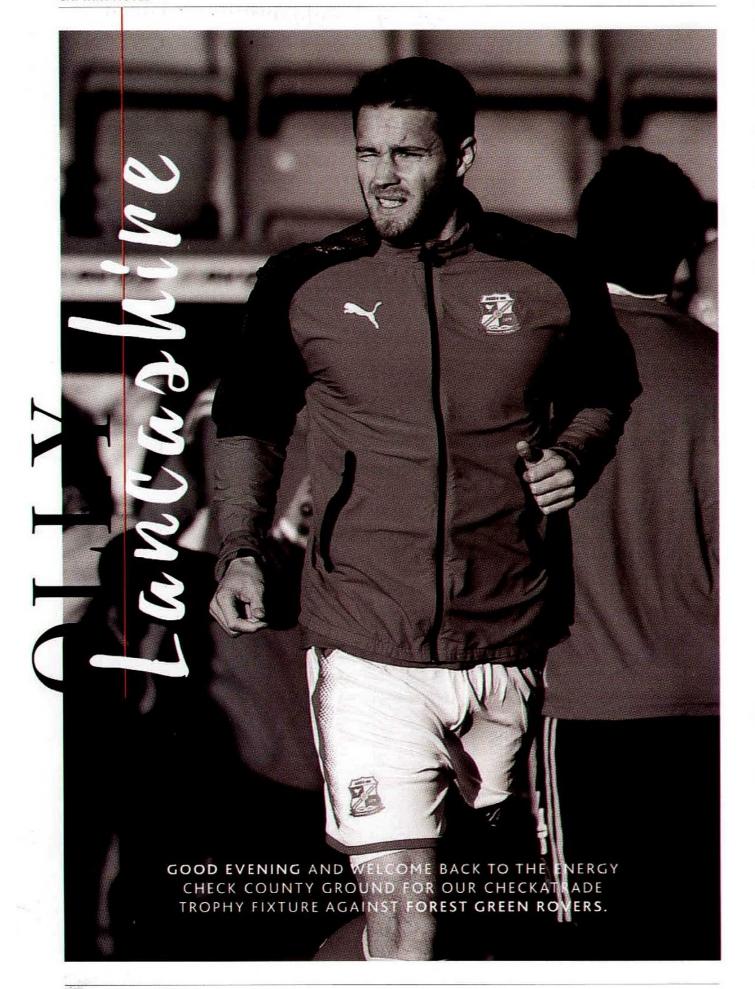
Tonight's game gives us an opportunity to put things right immediately. I the staff and players are ready to stand together and go out there and make amends and put on a show as we look to progress in the Checkatrade Trophy.

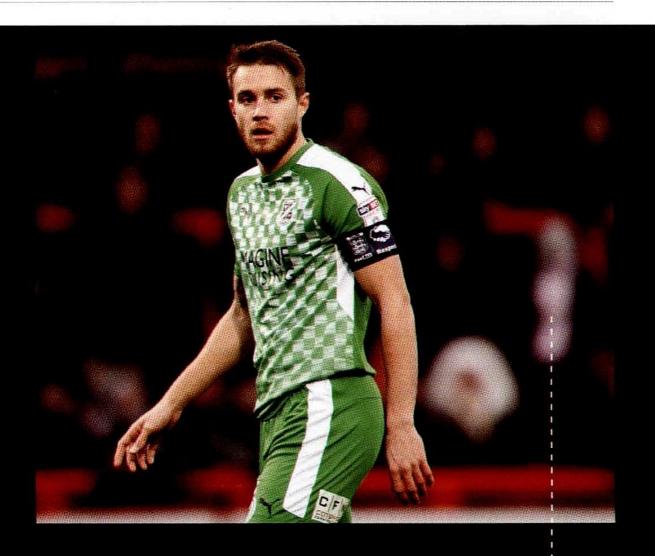


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Let's keep driving forward together as one.

DAVE FLITCROFT





o lose three games in a row, especially after the good run of form we've been on, is frustrating and everyone is disappointed. We need to go back and work even harder now and try and get back on track.

Sometimes it is hard to look at the bigger picture when you've lost three games in a row, everyone is frustrated and everyone is hurting. We've got ourselves in an okay position in the league and we'll be looking to get through the next stage of the Checkatrade Trophy tonight. We're then back to league action on Saturday and we've got some big games coming up against teams in and around us.

Saturday's result at Stevenage was disappointing for everyone, both the result and the performance, so you want a game as quick as possible to put things right and we'll be looking to bounce straight back tonight.

You never know how teams will line-up in the Checkatrade Trophy but we'll prepare right and look to put a good team out and hopefully get a positive result and performance.

Enjoy the game tonight.

OLLY LANCASHIRE, Captain.



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BRADLEY COLLINS

The young goalkeeper joined Chelsea in 2010 at U12 level before signing a scholarship in 2012. He turned professional two years later and was part of the Blues side that won both the UEFA Youth League and FA Youth Cup. He was rewarded with a new deal until 2018 and he celebrated that milestone by joining Forest Green Rovers on a season-long loan back in August, making his professional debut that same month.

03



SCOTT LAIRD

The vastly experienced defender joined Forest Green in the summer of 2017 after parting company with Scunthorpe United. Laird has established himself as a steady defender in the EFL and he's plied his trade for the likes of Plymouth Argyle, Stevenage, Preston North End and Scunthorpe United. He's also represented Scotland at U16 level and the England C team.

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CHRISTIAN DOIDGE

Rovers' Number Nine certainly knows where the goal is having found the back of the net on more than 20 occasions last season. He's handled the step up to the EFL with ease having helped himself to twelve goals in all competitions so far this term. Doidge is arguably Rovers' biggest threat and he'll be one to keep an eye on tonight.

02

DALE BENNETT

Bennett began his career with Watford, captaining the U18 side before signing professional terms in March 2008 and making his debut in a 1-0 victory against West Ham United in the League Cup in September 2008. Loan spells with Wealdstone, Kettering, Brentford, AFC Wimbledon and Yeovil followed before the defender joined Rovers in 2013, where he has since racked up over 100 appearances.



04

DRISSA TRAORE

Traore is an energetic midfield player who began his career in his native France with Le Havre before joining Notts County in 2014. He spent the season with The Magpies before joining Swindon Town in 2015, making 24 outings for The Robins throughout the 2015/16 campaign. After leaving The County Ground, he joined Rovers in 2016 and has established himself as a key figure since, while he's also represented Ivory Coast at U20 level.



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WILL RANDALL

Another former Town player, the attacking winger began his career with Town in 2006 and quickly earned plenty of admiring glances due to his sheer talent and potential. He made his professional debut on the final day of the 2013/14 campaign and he was soon snapped up by Wolverhampton Wanderers for an undisclosed fee in January 2016. He has since spent time out on loan with Walsall and is currently with Forest Green until the end of this season.

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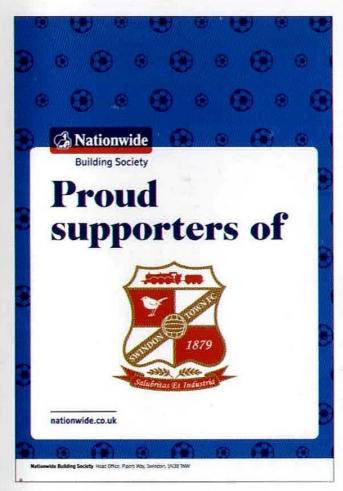
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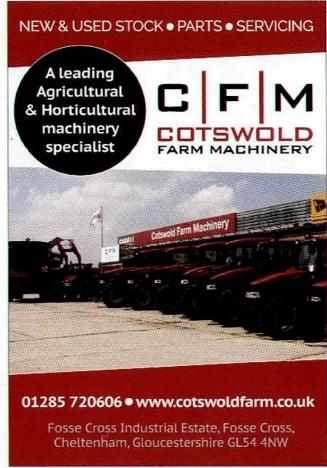
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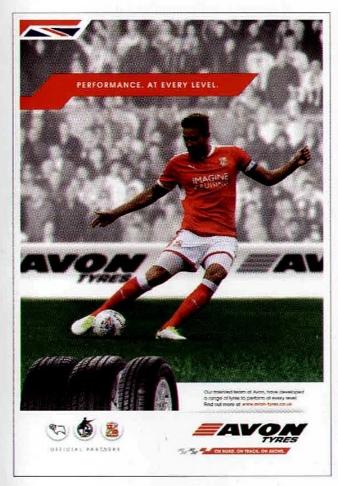
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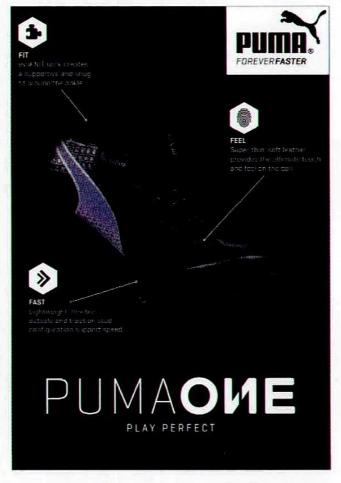
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