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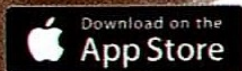


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Ben SHEAF	08
Ben KENNEDY	10
Tom PETT	11
Tom KING	13
Alex SAMUEL	15
Chris DAY	16
Dale GORMAN	17
Tom CONLON	18
Dan NEWTON	19
Terence VANCOOTEN	20
James FERRY*	23
Matt GODDEN	24
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Ryan JOHNSON*	27
Luke WADE-SLATER	29
Mark MCKEE	30
Jamie GRAY	31
Ben WILMOT	33
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Afolabi AKINYEMI*	35
Charlie WAKEFIELD	-

\*Out on loan.



## SWINDON TOWN

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26 Jordan YOUNG
27 Scott TWINE
30 Keshi ANDERSON
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FOURTH OFFICIAL: Kevin Wright



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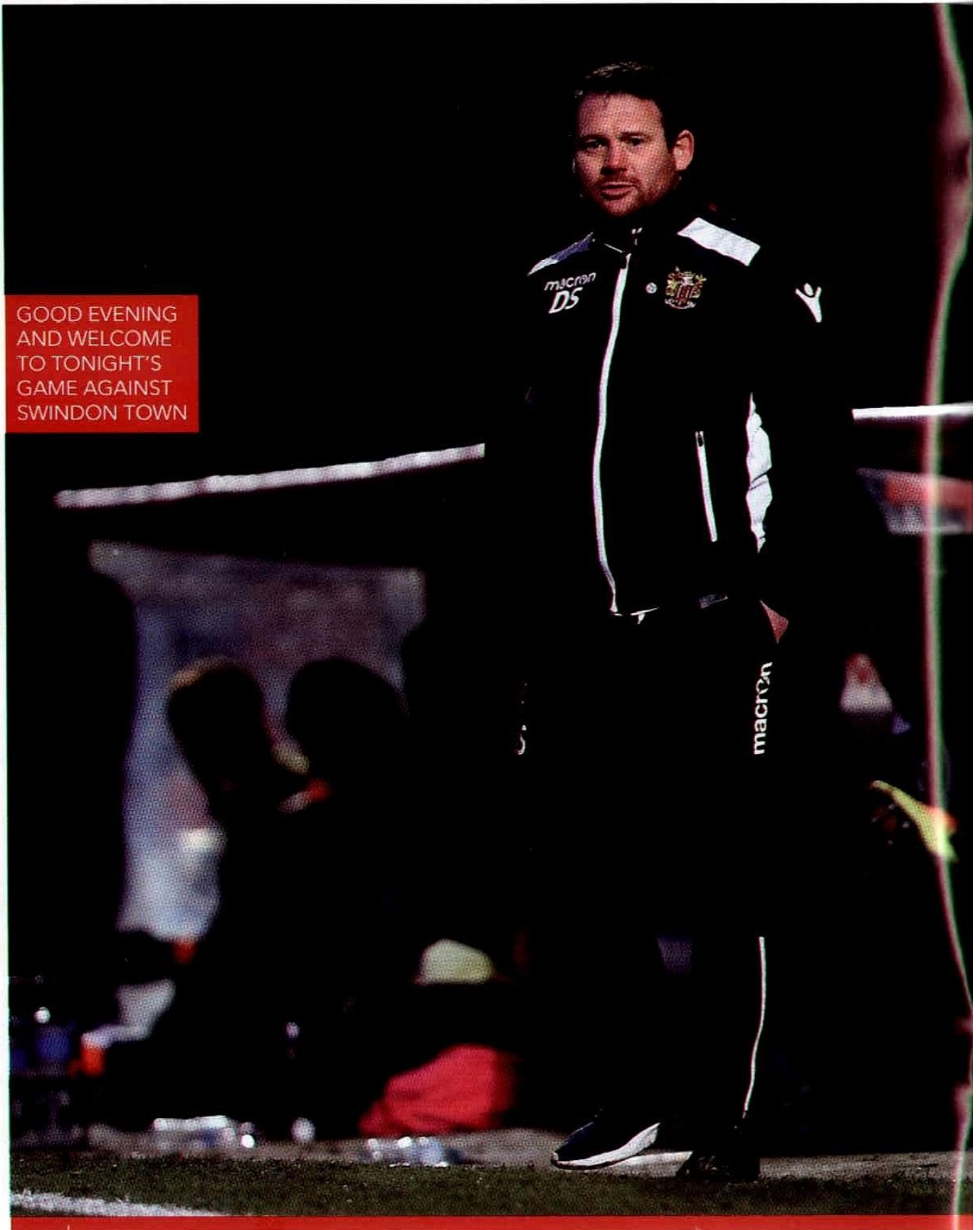
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GOOD EVENING  
AND WELCOME  
TO TONIGHT'S  
GAME AGAINST  
SWINDON TOWN







## DARREN SARLL THE GAFFER

**I would also like to welcome Dave Flitcroft, his coaching staff and everyone that travelled up from Wiltshire.**

We come into today's game on the back of a win after Saturday's three points in Chesterfield. It was a result we needed and one we deserved, a mammoth team effort from everyone involved.

Injuries and illness had hit us hard before the game and with an already trim squad, players had to play out of position for the good of the team.

It wasn't the prettiest game of performance, but when you are in need of a result, especially away from home, you have to do what it takes and our boys did that on Saturday.

Chesterfield are a good side, much better than their position in the table suggests, and we had to work incredibly hard to get the win. When you work hard, you earn your luck and that is exactly what happened for the goal.

Kennedy chased when others may have given up, a lesson to all our lads for the rest of the season.

Thanks to all the fans who travelled on Saturday – we appreciate your support and

know that it hasn't been easy on the road this season. That one was for you.

It has been a good start to the year. We are unbeaten in the league and have the chance to make it 3 wins and 2 draws in January with the result we all want tonight.

Finally, I would like to welcome Ben Sheaf to the club after he signed on loan from Arsenal. Unfortunately Ben tweaked a muscle in his second training session with us but it isn't anything too serious and he will be back with us shortly.

We have just one more day to get some business done and everyone is doing all they can to make the right moves for the football club.

This will be the third time we have played Swindon this season so we are familiar with each other's set-ups by now.

They are going strong at the moment and will be eager to disrupt the automatic promotion spots so we know just how difficult it will be this evening.

So get behind the boys once again and let's keep moving in the right direction.



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## PHIL WALLACE CHAIRMAN

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GAME AGAINST  
SWINDON TOWN.

**No**

DOUBT THEY'LL BE LOOKING  
FOR A WIN TONIGHT TO START  
A PROMOTION PUSH, SO IT  
SHOULD BE AN  
EXCITING GAME!

**I would also like to welcome the management and staff of our opponents today, along with the visiting directors and fans.**

Last Saturday we finally recorded an away win, the first for far too long if we want to be up amongst the pace setters. Despite that very welcome result the lack of depth in our squad showed and at the time of writing we are working hard to bring in new lads to help us finish strongly. I never believe a play-off place is impossible to reach, as I've seen what a run of consecutive wins from January can do in this league. We did it in 2011 from a low base like this and we can do it again.

Our opponents today had a very good win over Crewe, coming from behind to snatch a 4-3 win and sit just outside the play off places. No doubt they'll be looking for a win tonight to start a promotion push, so it should be an exciting game!

The transfer window is always difficult for small clubs like ourselves, especially when funds are tight. January is divided into two different markets – those clubs that absolutely must bring players in, usually those at the top and very bottom and those clubs that will do so but only with an eye to the future and only if the deals are sensible. We moved Blair Turgott, Harry Beautyman and Rowan Liburd out to create some room in the budget for incoming players. So far we've added Tom King and recently signed Ben Sheaf from Arsenal on loan, taking our loan player count to three. We are hoping to add two or three more players by the time the window closes tomorrow – we have several in our sights, but if they are permanent transfers the deal must be right or we may as well wait until the summer when there is an abundance of players available on free transfers.

As some of you will have seen, the physical

demolition of the north stand has now started and we've started the journey to build a new North Stand. Part of our planning is to include a Supporters Bar that will be open before the game and at half time to fans in all home sections of the ground, if we can maintain the integrity of compartmentalisation, which we think we can with new ticketing in all areas. The visual improvement from the main A602 should lift the image of the club significantly and provides all sorts of sponsorship opportunities to help fund the club. As we move through the demo we'll update our Mini Bond investors on the design aspects of the stand. Exciting times, but we must deliver on the pitch to make it all worthwhile.

Back to the match – night games at The Lamex are always a special atmosphere, so let's hear you get behind the lads tonight!

**Enjoy the game**





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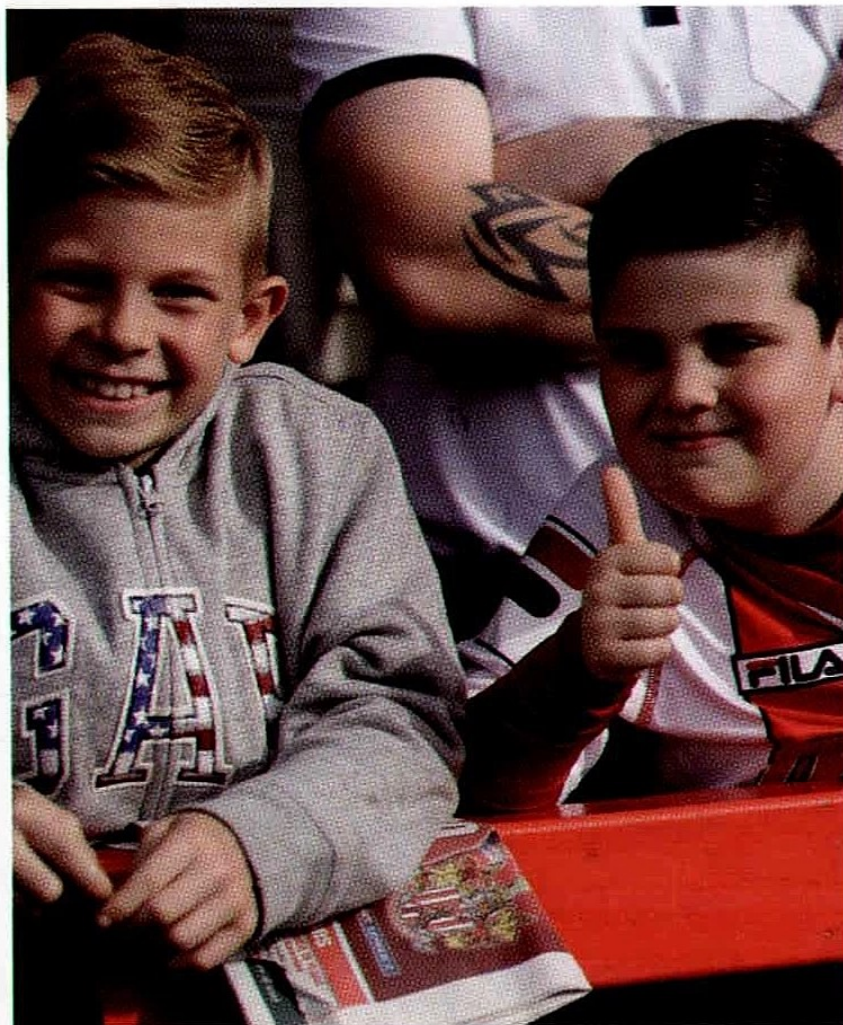
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## BRING A FRIEND V YEOVIL

### Advance warning of special offer...

All 2017/2018 Season Ticket Holders can bring a friend for FREE to our Saturday 17th February fixture at home to Yeovil Town.

This is the second of two Bring a Friend fixtures during the season, the first of which was just before Christmas for our 5-1 win over Chesterfield.

We want as many new faces in the ground as possible for this game so please take advantage of this deal and introduce the club to a friend, family member or colleague.

It couldn't be any simpler - Season Ticket Holders can bring a fan of any

age. No restrictions, no barriers, just a nice simple way of bringing someone new along.

Voucher d in your Season Ticket Book is the magic way of redeeming this offer.

West Stand Season Ticket Holders are advised to book in-advance from the club shop, to guarantee their guest the nearest possible seat, or to move their existing seat for this one game.

Those on the terraces can simply turn up to the turnstiles with their friend and present Voucher d.

So get behind the boys and spread the good word of Boro to somebody new next month.

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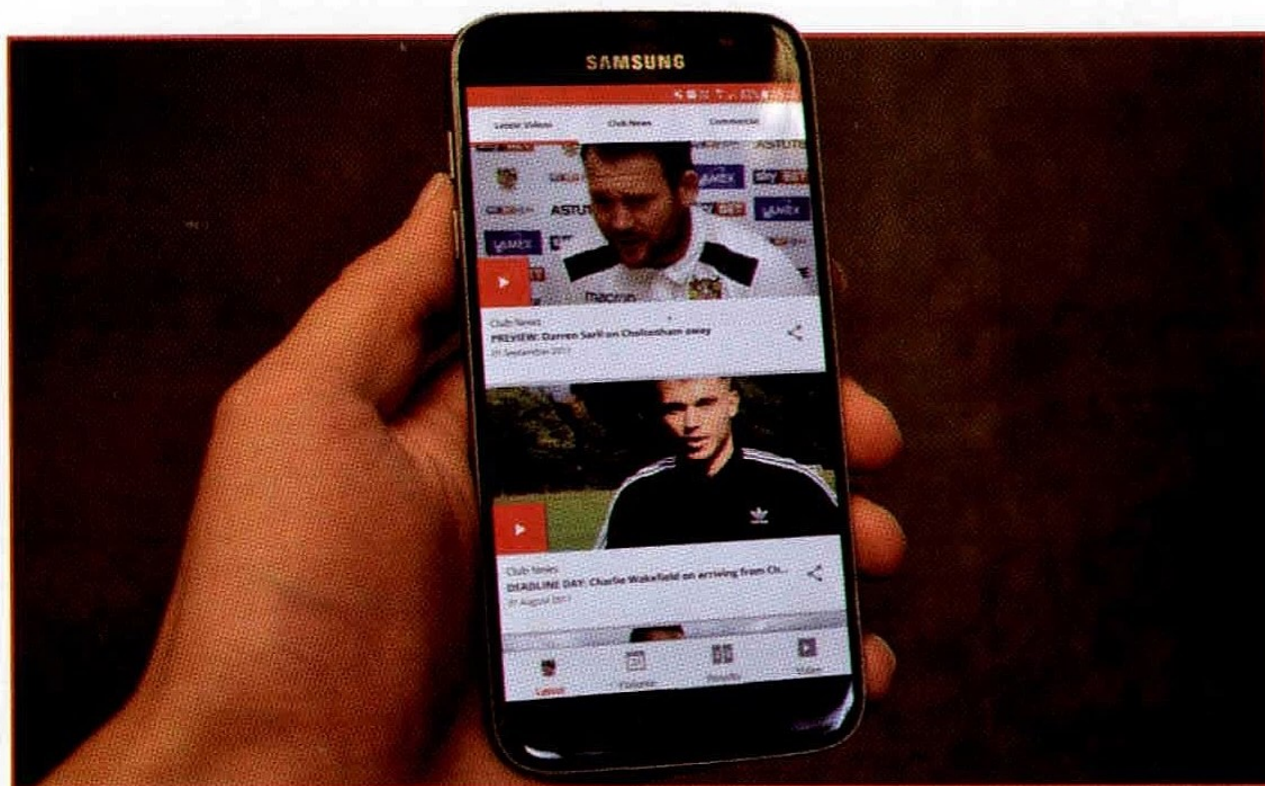
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iFollow is the new hub for all Stevenage FC video content, streaming and match day commentary depending on where abouts you are in the world.

The successor to Boro PlayerHD, iFollow is also now available to download from the App store and Google Play where you can watch all videos and listen to live match commentary on your mobile device.

Your subscription to iFollow Boro will also benefit Stevenage FC, with the club receiving 70 per cent of every package taken out.

So, for just £45, (payable both monthly or upfront) the new improved service will see subscribers in the UK & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND receive the following:

- Live audio commentary of all matches
- Full match replays – relive the whole 90 minutes from midday the following day
- Video highlights – a ten-minute edit of every game with commentary
- All pre and post-match interviews with the players and staff

In an exciting new development, iFollow subscribers based **OVERSEAS** will be able to watch every Stevenage FC league game **LIVE**.



The footage is broadcasted live in HD, across desktop, mobile, tablet and app – for a price of £110.

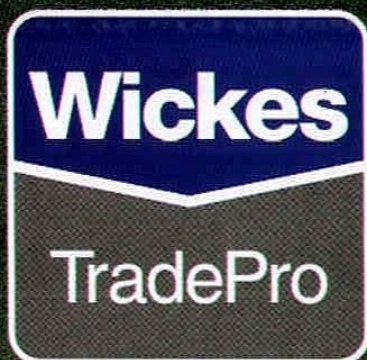
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If you have any questions on the new service, they can be answered by the following methods:

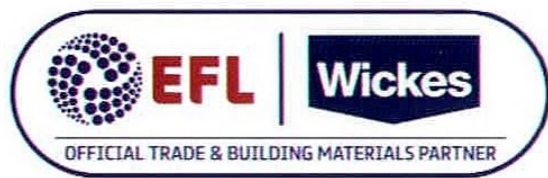
- Email: [iFollow@efl.com](mailto:iFollow@efl.com) (manned 8am-10pm, 7 days a week)

- By the live chat tool available on the club website (manned 8am-10pm, Mon-Fri and match days running 3 hours before the match through to 3 hours after)
- For billing/subscription queries only, you can phone on 0207 826 4577 (manned 8am-10pm UK hours, Mon-Fri and match/event days, running 3 hours before the match through to 3 hours after)





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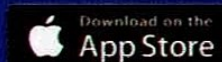


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Stevenage fans can now pick up a 6 Game Saver Card and start both saving money and collecting rewards.

It is aimed at our fans who don't have a Season Ticket, but attend games on a regular basis.

Just like the Supporter Loyalty Card of the past few years, the 6 Game Saver Card works the same – it costs absolutely nothing and you earn great rewards as you get stamped with each game you attend.

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Prefer to buy online? Simply show your card to our staff when you come and collect your tickets.



## ACCRINGTON AWAY NEXT SATURDAY

Stevenage fans can now purchase their tickets for our trip to Accrington Stanley, taking place on Saturday 3rd February, 3pm kick-off.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the club shop or online at [borotickets.com](http://borotickets.com).

### PRICES:

- Adults: **£20**
- Concession (64+): **£15**
- Students (Only sold with valid dated ID): **£15**
- Under 18's: **£15**
- Under 12's: **£5**

All wheelchair supporters should call Jessica Fish on **01254 356950** to arrange details.

Reserved parking at the stadium is **£5** per car, and can be pre-book by calling the club on **01254 356950**.

The SFCSA coach will be running with a strict departure time of **8:30am** from the Lamex Stadium. Tickets cost **£30** for members and **£35** non-members.

Tickets can be purchased from [www.sfcsa.co.uk/home/travel](http://www.sfcsa.co.uk/home/travel) or by calling John Carroll on **01438814285** (after 6pm).



## LUTON AWAY NEXT MONTH IS ALL-TICKET



**Snap up your tickets for a big one against the Hatters...**

Stevenage v Luton has been designated an ALL-TICKET fixture on police advice and all tickets sold will be at matchday prices.

- Saturday 10th February 2018, 3pm kick-off

Tickets are only available in the run-up to the game, so buy your ticket in-advance before it's too late.

Due to be our busiest game of the season, seats in the West Stand are beginning to fill

up with just under three weeks to go until the big game.

Luton Town have received an allocation of 1,857 tickets for this game, which includes 497 family seats in the West Stand, in addition to the usual South Stand.

These will be available directly from Luton Town FC and no away tickets will be sold at Stevenage.

Stevenage fans will be able to choose from the remaining seats in the West Stand or on the East Terrace.

### PRICES:

#### West/South Stand (seating):

- **£24:** Adults
- **£21:** Concessions
- **£16:** Under 22
- **£12:** Under 16
- **£10:** Under 12

#### East Terrace (standing):

- **£20:** Adults
- **£18:** Concessions
- **£12:** Under 22
- **£8:** Under 16
- **£6:** Under 12

Please note that there is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased and there will be no telephone sales.

Season Ticket Holders not requiring any additional tickets for this game are not required to purchase their own seat or get a new ticket for this fixture – simply turn up at the turnstiles on the day with your Season Ticket books as usual.

Only fans with existing online purchasing history at [www.borotickets.co.uk](http://www.borotickets.co.uk) will be able to buy online.

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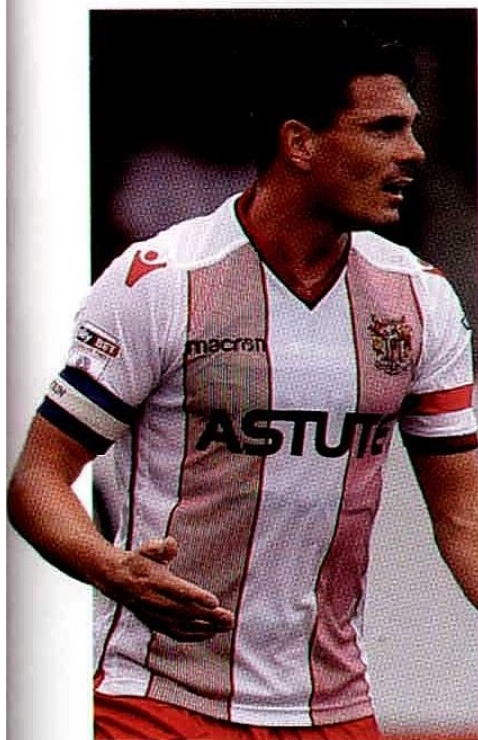
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RONNIE HENRY

# THE CAPTAIN

WELCOME TO EVERYONE FOR THIS EVENING'S SKY  
BET LEAGUE 2 TIE AGAINST SWINDON TOWN.

**It is not long ago that we welcomed Swindon here for an FA Cup tie. On that occasion we came out on top and a repeat of the performance and result this evening will be the perfect boost as we move into February.**

At the weekend we finally achieved the away victory that we have been striving for. It was more than four months ago, back at Carlisle on 26th September that we last returned from our travels with three points, courtesy of a 2-0 victory. Since that time we have put in some good performances away from home without gaining the reward we deserved. However, if we are to push for a play-off place then we need to ensure our away form is a match for our fine home form in the coming months.

Aside from breaking our away day jinx, the result

was important as we can now start looking at the table in pursuit of a play-off place rather than fearfully glancing over our shoulders at the teams below. I know that Chesterfield are in the lower reaches of the table, but they were on a good run of form and it is never an easy place to go to, as Luton discovered a few weeks ago.

The result was all the more impressive as we were down to the bare bones as far as players go and could not even field a full bench. It was a good performance and a good win, but it is only valuable if we can back it up with a further three points today. At home this season we have been very strong, being unbeaten for the past three months, and approach every game full of confidence. We know that today's opponents will be full of confidence themselves, having secured a fine

4-3 home victory over Crewe at the weekend, but if we are on top of our game we will back ourselves against anyone at home.

We know there is still a sizeable gap to the top seven places, but we have history with a strong run in the second half of the season and we will be taking one game at a time in an attempt to close the gap to the play-off spots by the time the season ends in May. We have done it before and are determined to do it again.

Finally, as always, a big thanks for the support last weekend at Chesterfield, it was much appreciated by all the team. Keep behind the lads tonight and let's make it another special floodlit occasion at The Lamex.

**Enjoy the game**

**Ronnie**

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**WAS A GOOD PERFORMANCE AND A GOOD WIN, BUT IT IS ONLY VALUABLE IF WE CAN BACK IT UP WITH A FURTHER THREE POINTS TODAY.**





# CHESTERFIELD 0 | 1 STEVENAGE

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## Stats

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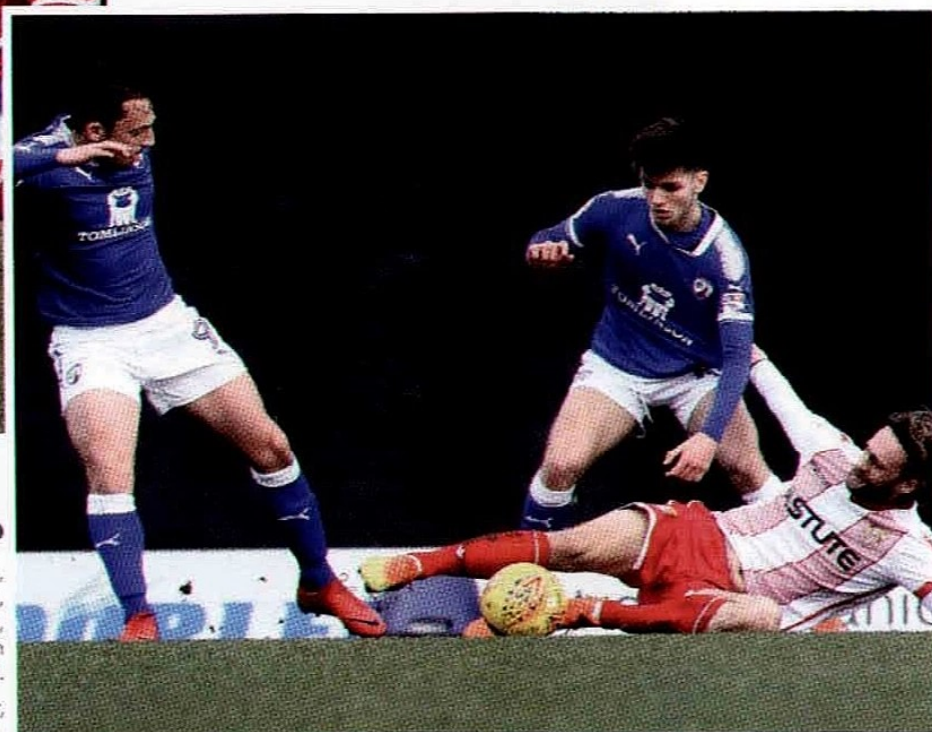






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#### LINE-UP

**STEVENAGE:** King, Henry, Wilmot, King, Vancooten, Franks, Smith, McKee, Kennedy (Sub: Pett, 51), Godden (Sub: Conlon, 60), Newton (Sub: Wilkinson 81).

**Substitutes not used:** Fryer, Slater, Georgiou.





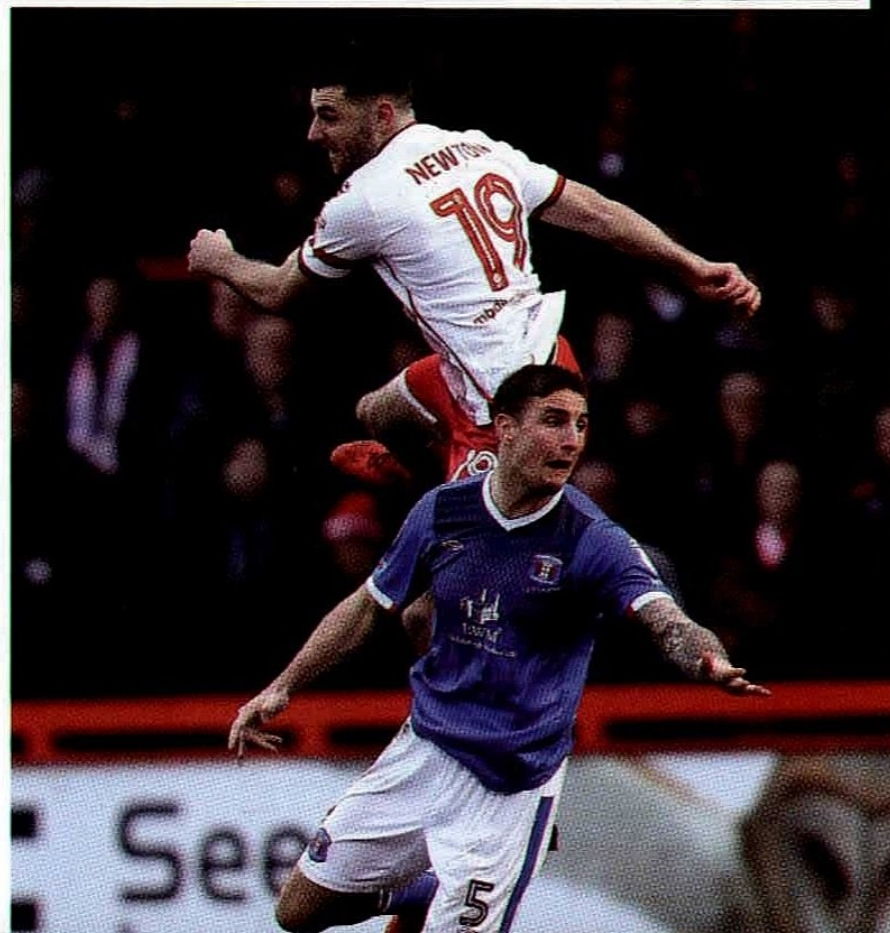
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20.01.18 | Sky Bet League 2 | The Lamex Stadium | Att: 3,877



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### LINE-UP

**STEVENAGE:** Fryer, Henry, Vancooten, King (Franks 79'), Martin, McKee, Smith, Gorman, Samuel (Kennedy 67'), Godden (Gray 74'), Newton

**Substitutes not used:** Day, Whelpdale, Beautyman, Pett, Wade-Slater, Wilmot, Beautyman,





IN THEIR WORDS

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**READING**  
AGE: 18  
LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 2  
LEAGUE GOALS: 0

**AFTER EXCELLING AT U16 AND U18 LEVEL FOR STEVENAGE, BEN WILMOT HAS TAKEN HIS CHANCE WITH THE FIRST TEAM AND NOT LOOKED BACK...**

**IT HAS BEEN FOUR GAMES IN A ROW NOW IN THE FIRST TEAM, HOW HAVE YOU FOUND THE EXPERIENCE ON AN OVERALL BASIS?**

"Yeah it has been a really good experience, a real learning curve being thrown in especially against Reading in the first game.

"I have learnt a lot from in such a short period of time, which has been really good for me."

**WAS THE FIRST READING GAME THE ONE YOU WERE MOST NERVOUS FOR?**

"Obviously it was my first one which is an important one, but the importance of the game as well being in the Third Round of the FA Cup.

"It does not get much bigger than that, especially at a club like this where FA Cup runs are important.

"We did well as a team and obviously in defence to get the clean sheet. We probably deserved more out of it than what we got, but it was one of those games."

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE SO FAR?**

"The physicality. Especially when you look at the Carlisle game with the two big men they played up front, it is a lot different to youth team football.

"You have got these huge, strong players you are coming up against each week and they don't care about how old you are."

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO TRY AND COMBAT THAT?**

"If I try and fight them, I will lose, so I have to try and be clever. I need to be a step ahead and analyse how I can get the ball ahead of them.

"I cover around Jack, Jack covers around me, we have worked well as a pair to nullify what they have to offer up front.

"Jack is really good, he is always talking to me, always helping me out, but he expects the same back.

"It is good because I am held accountable and have a responsibility to help out the others too."

**DID YOUR RUN IN THE FIRST TEAM COME UNEXPECTED?**

"It was somewhat unexpected. I was always hoping to get a run of games but my aim was to be in the squad for as much as possible. To get the opportunity to start in the league has been brilliant and I am just trying to make the most of it.

"Like I said, it was my aim to be involved in the senior games, but I thought they would come in short spells."

**TELL US A BIT ABOUT THE YOUTH TEAM, OBVIOUSLY YOU PLAYED A BIG PART IN THEIR RUN TO THE FA YOUTH CUP FOURTH ROUND, WAS THERE A PART OF YOU THAT WAS DISAPPOINTED YOU COULDN'T PLAY A PART IN THE TIE AGAINST MIDDLESBROUGH?**

"It was a difficult one, because I had played the first three rounds and we had done really well.

"To get called up to the First Team was obviously my number one objective, so when that game was scheduled for the Thursday and I was starting at Morecambe on the Saturday, there was no way I could play.

"The FA Youth Cup is as big as it gets as a youth team player, but it is a tiny sacrifice to be playing for the seniors."

**WHEN DID YOU FIRST ENTER THE ACADEMY?**

"I joined at the start of U15s from Sunday league at Hitchin Town. I actually asked the U15s manager at the time if I could just come along and train.

"I came for a few sessions and they liked what they saw, but weren't quite sure whether or not to take me on.

"Then there was a tournament we played down in Tottenham against the likes of Spurs, Arsenal, Barnet and Southend. I did really well and the gaffer signed me up after that."

**WHAT WAS YOUR TIME AT SHEPHALBURY LIKE?**

"They were good times. We trained three times a week and they used to merge the U15s and U16s together, so as a 15 year old you were playing up a year.

"As a 15 year old that is great because you get to experience playing against older and better players.



"Then as a 16 year old your aim is to play in the U18s and luckily for me, I spent a lot of time with them so I have always been playing up."

**IT WOULD SEEM REMISS TO NOT MENTION ALL THE PAPER TALK SURROUNDING YOU LATELY - HOW DO YOU BLOCK OUT ALL THAT NOISE AND CONCENTRATE ON THE JOB AT HAND?**

"I find it easy to be honest. I never pay much attention to it and don't read what is out there."

"I just enjoy playing and coming in every day to train. I know I have to train well to get into the side and I want to play each weekend, regardless."

"So I keep my head down, work hard and just make sure I do everything I can to be in the team on Saturday. That is all I want to be doing."

"I need to try and retain a place now which is just as hard as breaking through with the quality of players waiting in the wings."

"I have a great support network and I still know I have so much to prove and a long way to go here at the club."

**LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR PARENTS AND THE SUPPORT THEY GIVE TO YOU - THEY ARE AT EVERY GAME WHETHER YOU ARE IN THE TEAM OR NOT, HOW IMPORTANT HAVE THEY BEEN TO YOUR DEVELOPMENT?**

"Hugely important. They have always supported me and they always come to every game."

"For quite a while I was on the bench but they would still travel to Yeovil for example just in case I came on."

"They don't want to miss a thing and they enjoy watching the team regardless of whether I am playing or not."

**YOUR DAD, RICHARD WILMOT, MADE OVER 150 APPEARANCES AS A GOALKEEPER AT THE CLUB, HOW NEAT IS IT TO HAVE THAT LINK WITH THE CLUB?**

"I love it. We talk a lot and it helps with the amount of experience he has had, especially at this club."

"I almost have an advantage over others mentally because I can get advice from somebody who has experienced it. A lot of other players do not have that."

"We can relate to each other and he knows his stuff. Even though he was a goalkeeper, it is really helpful to have his defensive knowledge. His main aim was to not concede goals and my main aim now is to not concede goals."

"He only has good things to say about the club so it's pretty cool that I am not following in his foot-steps."

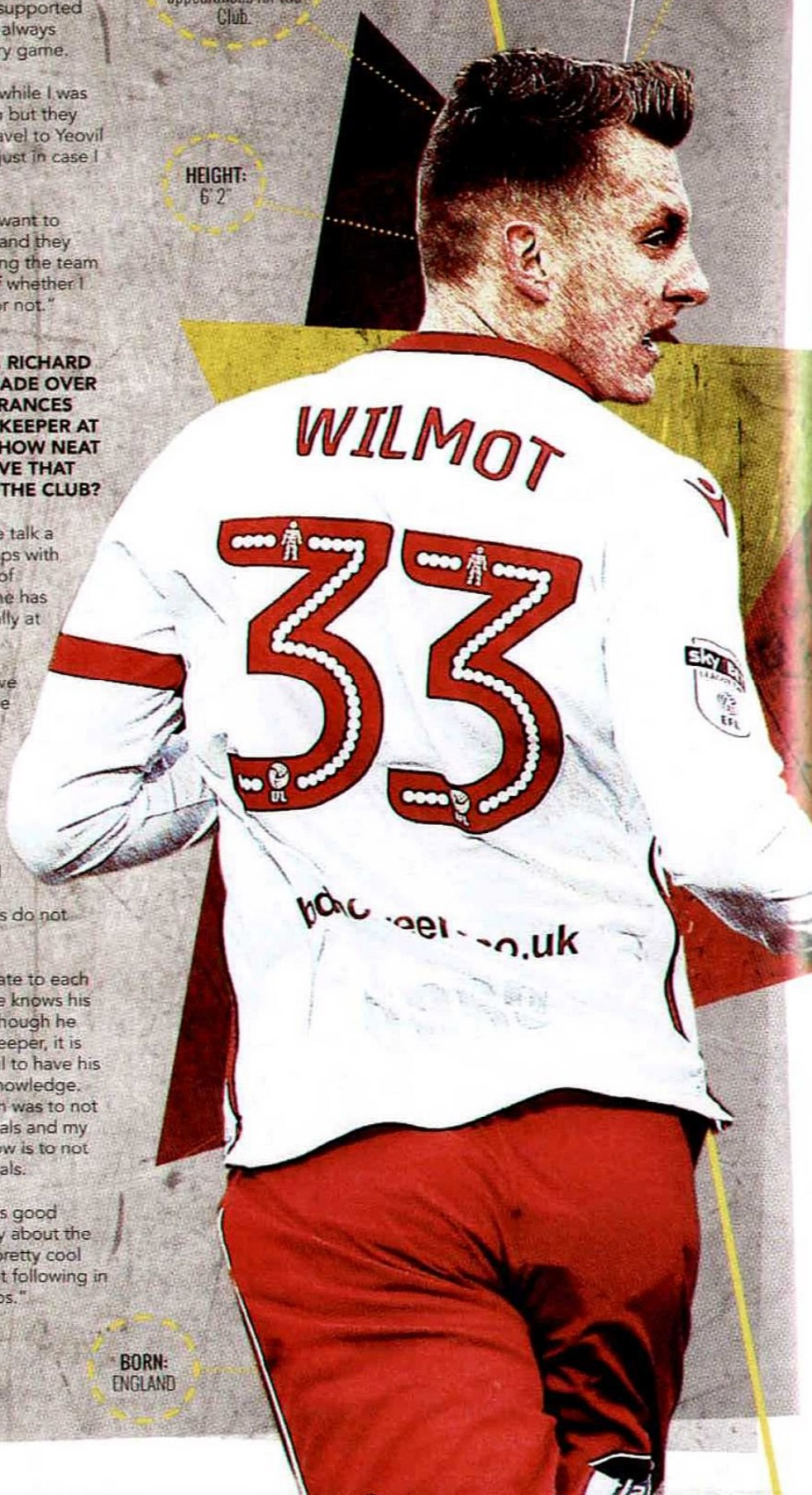
**FACT:**

Ben is the son of former Stevenage goalkeeper Richard who made over 150 appearances for the Club.

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# ONE OR THE OTHER DALE GORMAN





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Ronaldinho or RONALDO?

CHINESE or Indian?

SATURDAY 3PM or Tuesday 7.45 pm?

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Mayweather or MCGREGOR?

HARRY POTTER or Star Wars?

Ant or DEC?

Friday night or SATURDAY NIGHT?

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SUMMER or winter?

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40 YARD SCREAMER or tiki-taka team goal?

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Copa Mundials or TOTAL 90S?

DIY or NOT?

BBQ or Sunday roast?

Manager or PUNDIT?

PROMOTION or cup run?







# ACADEMY



**WHO'S WHO?** Robbie O'Keefe - Academy Manager, Glenn Quirke - Academy Operations Manager, Stephen Payne - Head of Coaching, Jorden Gibson - Professional Development Phase Lead Coach, Ieuan Lewis - Youth Development Phase Lead Coach, Adam Balletta - Foundation Phase Lead Coach, Jake Robinson - Head of Sport Science & Medicine, Ian Morris - Head of Academy Recruitment, Sam Donkin - Head of Academy Goalkeeping Coach, Deanne Goring - Welfare Officer. Elite Development programmes: (16-19) James Martin - Lead Coach Stevenage, Mark Bentley - Lead Coach Cheshunt.



## GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE LAMEX STADIUM TONIGHT TO SUPPORT THE CLUB AGAINST SWINDON TOWN.

**As we enter February we start to shift the focus at the top end of the Academy - U16s - U18s to professional contract decisions for our 2nd year scholars and also to work experience opportunities for these young players so we can see them playing regularly against men.**

In addition, having recently made formal decisions on most of our U16 squad we are now looking at how we can integrate them properly and consistently at U18 football, balancing that with their exam demands and also of course continually searching for potential scholars to come into the building at the end of June ready for pre-season.

Our 2nd years are all at different stages of their development, even now, and this is what makes the next decision so difficult. We do not have the benefit of an U23 squad, where we can be patient and take time with them - we have to make decisions shortly without the benefit of another 2 or 3 years development.

So the natural progression is to send them out into senior non-league football and see how they fare physically, technically and psychologically playing against men, many of whom have probably trod the same path as they are on many years ago.

Getting the Club, the level and the environment are absolutely key and is something we are very much aware of when placing young players up. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will be able to place the majority of these young boys into senior football and they will flourish and be ready for the next challenge that may come their way.

We currently have Claudio Ofuso out on loan at Mildenhall and this is a prime example of getting everything right to suit what he needs at this

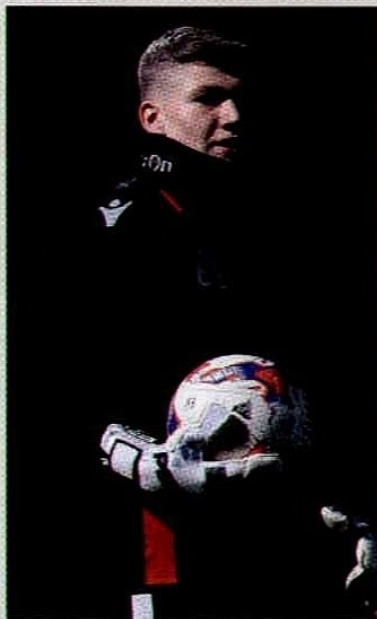
moment in time. He is scoring (and assisting goals) regularly and is receiving MOM awards on top of excellent feedback and we are really pleased with that particular work experience agreement. The target is to replicate that for the remaining 2nd year scholars so that we give them the best possible chance of being successful.

Balancing all of that alongside supporting these players at the 'crunch time' in their career is something that I take very seriously as I am fully understanding they are all desperate to be footballers and want every chance and opportunity to succeed - who wouldn't?

Sitting alongside those players, working with them every day and feeling the strains and pressure they go through are our current 1st year scholars. They, along with our 2nd years, are a fantastic group of young men, who work extremely hard every day to get better.

We keep reminding them that every day is an opportunity to improve and they certainly have embodied that spirit. Arthur Iornton has really suffered this year with injuries however his spirit and determination to get fit from an innocuous looking injury has been breath-taking. He has worked tirelessly to get fit, never complained, always upbeat and, as he nears full fitness, can look forward to starting his season as many of his mates and theirs! Together with Ryan Schmid, our 3rd year giant of a goalkeeper who has suffered two serious knee injuries they are real examples of good young men who's attitude and desire to do things correctly perfectly align with their playing abilities.

And so to our U16 players. They have been in and around the U18 squad the majority of the season and now, for those who know they have been offered scholarships, it's a time to cement their places in the



team, become an important leading figure rather than a supporting U16 player and start their developmental professional career now rather than losing six months and starting to get going in August.

The league splits in February and at the time of writing we sit fifth in the League and occupy a place in Merit League 1 - where the top sides from the South and South West come together to fight for the top place. We know from last years' experience it is a really good competitive League, one we were in with a chance of winning with three games left.

Journeys to Plymouth, Newport and Bristol mixed the games up and the boys then really stepped up and put in some excellent performances. Let's hope the current group can replicate those performances should we maintain our position and qualify for the League 1 spot.

**By: Robbie O'Keefe,  
Academy Manager**



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**AS ALEXIS SANCHEZ AND A RELUCTANT HENRIKH MKHITARYAN PASS EACH OTHER ON THE M6, FEW ARE IN ANY DOUBT OVER WHO GOT THE BEST DEAL.**

Manchester United are getting a striker of proven Premier League pedigree who scored 80 goals in 165 games for Arsenal.

The Gunners, meanwhile, get a playmaker who looked about as comfortable at Old Trafford as a Liverpool fan in the Stretford End.

Still, the Armenian will have to be very bad indeed before the deal looks as horrific as these misjudged swaps.

**FABIO CANNAVARO AND FABIAN CARINI - 2004**

To this day, nobody can understand why Inter opted to exchange a world-class defender for Fabian Carini, a young Juventus goalkeeper without a single Serie A game to his name.

Whatever the reason, Juve couldn't believe their luck. At 30, Cannavaro was in the prime of his career and, installed alongside former Parma teammates Gigi Buffon and Lilian Thuram, won back-to-back Scudetto. In 2006, he captained his country to a World Cup, won the Ballon d'Or and joined Real Madrid for £7m.

Though Carini would represent Uruguay for a decade, he played just four times for Inter and by 2009 was back in South America.

**JAMES BEATTIE AND KEVIN DAVIES - 1998**

No stranger to a duff swap (as manager of Inter, he gave Roberto Carlos to Real Madrid in exchange for Ivan Zamorano) Roy Hodgson was at it again as manager of Blackburn.

In 1998, the current Palace boss offered Southampton £7.5m plus James Beattie for in-form striker Kevin Davies.

Bad move. Davies bombed, scoring just once as Rovers were relegated from the Premier League. Beattie, meanwhile, kept the Saints in the division, scoring the first of 76 goals in 235 games for the club along the way.

**FRANCESCO COCO AND CLARENCE SEEDORF - 2002**

So many times have Inter been stitched up that it's tempting to wonder if their transfer business is conducted by the Chuckle Brothers.

Amongst some serious competition, the deal that took Seedorf to City rivals Milan (for free!) in exchange for full-back Coco is probably the worst.

What Inter got was a preening, injury-prone playboy more often seen on the cover of Hello than in the San Siro. What they lost was arguably the finest all-round midfielder of his generation, and one who would subsequently win every honour going with Milan. Crazy.

**DAVID LUIZ AND NEMANJA MATIC - 2011**

Though hardly a disaster on the pitch, Chelsea's coffers took a major hit when they gave Benfica Matic and £20m for Luiz in the summer of 2011.

Why? Because just three years later, Jose Mourinho paid the Portuguese champions £21m to buy Matic back, effectively raising the fee for Luiz to £41m. Whoops.

But wait. Luiz himself was then sold to PSG for £50m and bought back for £34m. And, last summer, Matic was flogged to Man United for £40m. The upshot? Chelsea are actually up on this seemingly never-ending deal by £15m!

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY





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There are three types of colour blindness – and myriad colour combinations which cause problems. The common perception that colour-blind people only confuse reds and greens is a myth.

The FA has been working closely with UEFA and specialist organisation Colour Blind Awareness to highlight the issue. The intention is to positively influence decision-makers at every level of the game and improve the experience of colour-blind people – whatever their involvement in football.

This work has seen the production of a comprehensive guidance booklet. You can read and download it at [www.TheFA.com/colourblindness](http://www.TheFA.com/colourblindness)

And please visit the Colour Blind Awareness website: [colourblindawareness.org](http://colourblindawareness.org) for ways you can help maximise awareness.

**Together, let's make sure football's future is FOR ALL.**







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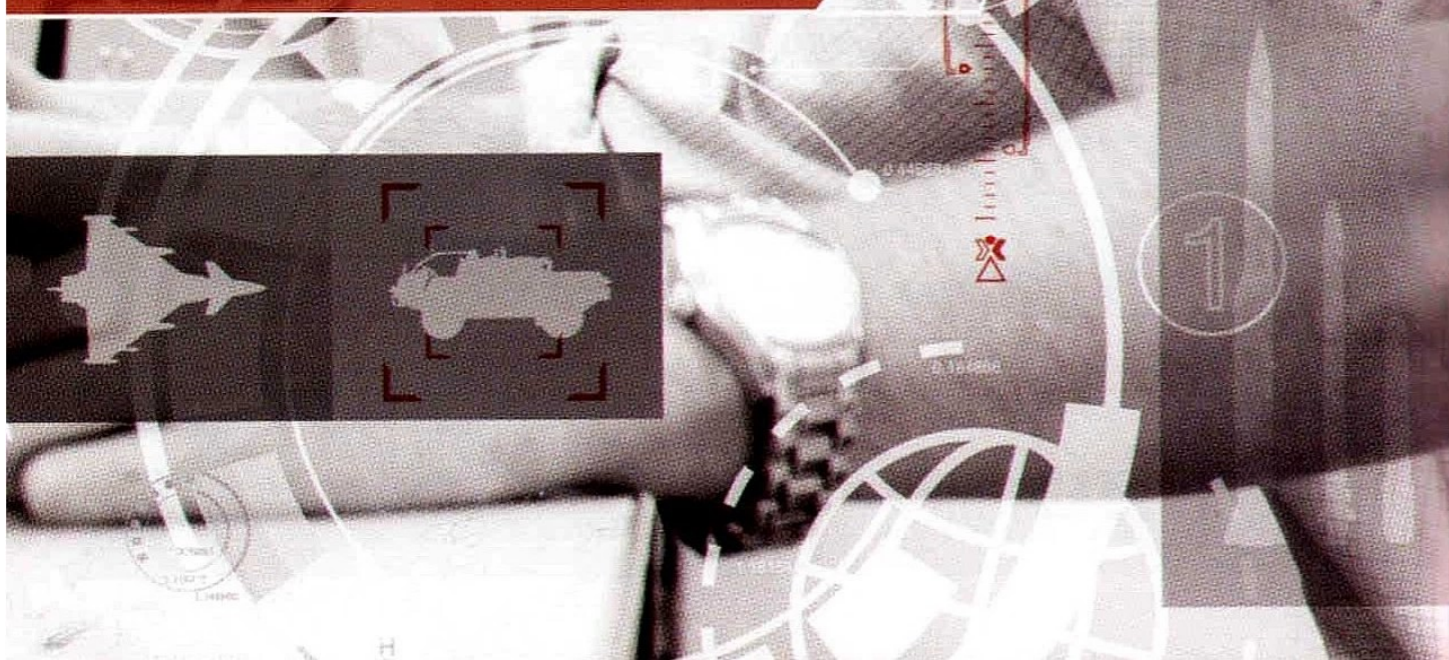
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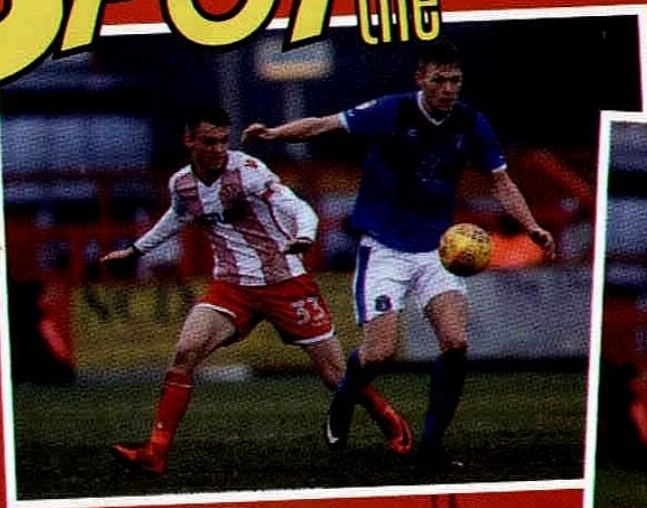
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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT  
STEVENAGE'S HISTORY WITH SWINDON?

1. What was the score when we welcomed the Robins to The Lamex back in December for our FA Cup fixture?  
a) 3-2 b) 4-2 c) 5-2
2. Three years ago Swindon played in the League One play off final at Wembley, but which side did they face?  
a) MK Dons b) Preston c) Sheffield United
3. Which of the teams below isn't a rival of Swindon?  
a) Bristol Rovers b) Oxford United c) Plymouth
4. How many goals has Danny Newton scored against Swindon in the two games this season?  
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4
5. We first played Swindon in a historic FA Cup third round match, but what was the year?  
a) 1990 b) 1992 c) T1994



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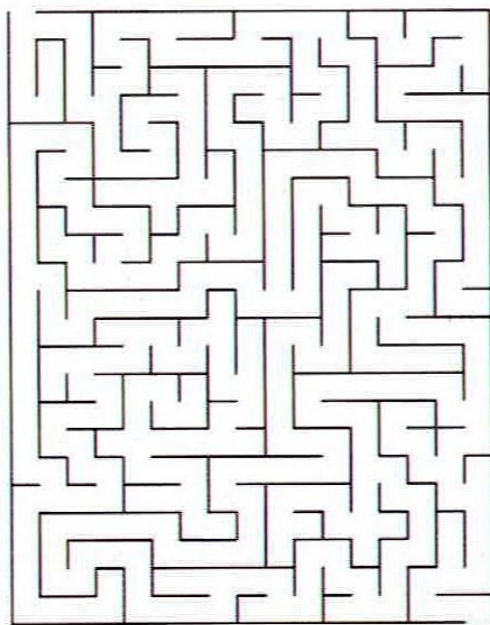
CAN YOU SPOT THE FIVE DIFFERENCES  
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# DIFFERENCE

# MAZE

BORO BEAR HAS GOT LOST ON THE WAY TO  
THE GAME, CAN YOU HELP HIM FIND HIS WAY?



# NUMBER

WORK OUT THE ANSWER BY USING  
THE PLAYERS SQUAD NUMBERS?



# CHALLENGE

# GAME

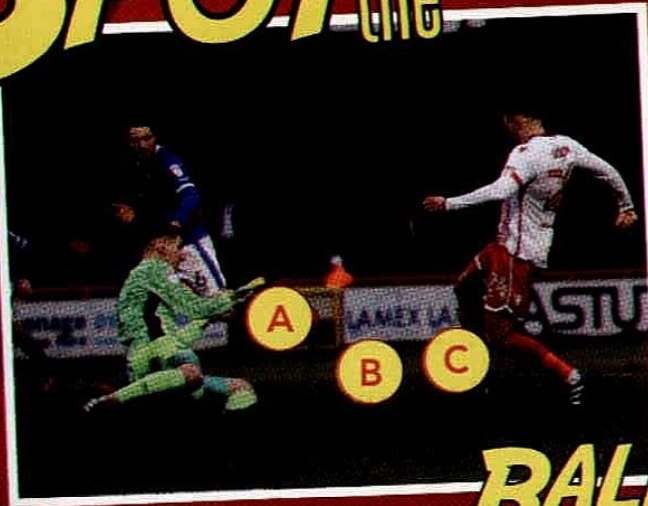


# CREST ID?

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH CLUB CRESTS THESE ARE?



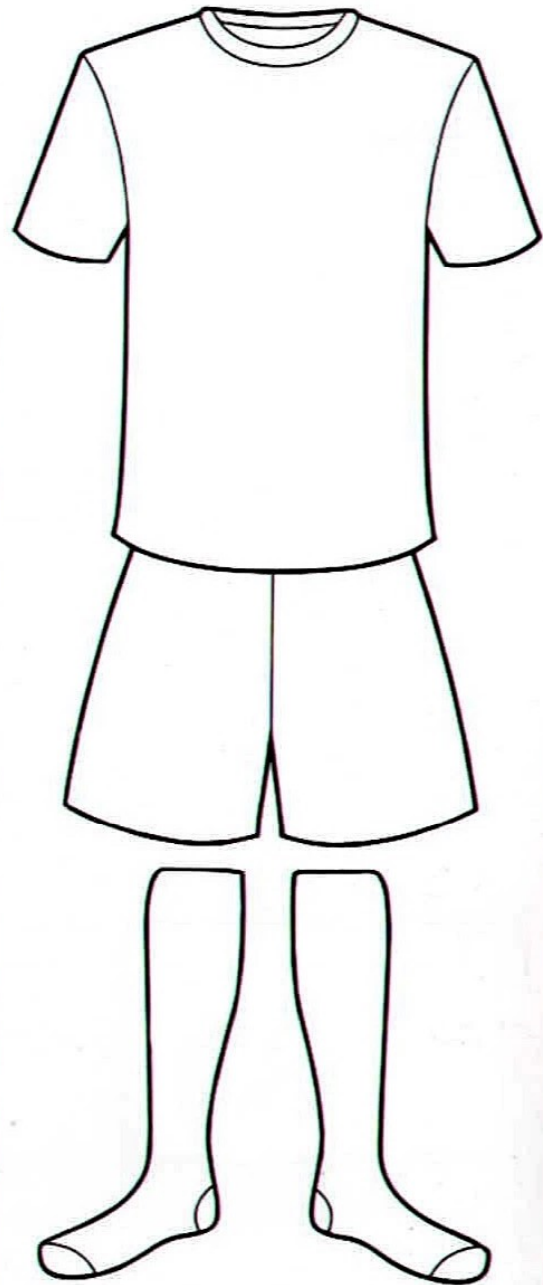
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ANSWERS: HEAD 2 HEAD: 1. C, 2. B, 3. A, 4. B, 5. B. CREST ID: A: Blackburn Rovers, B: Stoke City, C: Fleetwood Town. SPOT THE BALL: a. NUMBER CHALLENGE: Joe Fryer (1) + Chris Whalldale (7) + Ben Kennedy (10) = 18 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: The Macron logo on Ben Whitmore's left sleeve is missing, the number 3 is missing from his shorts, the white stripe on his right sock is missing, the Umbro logo is missing from Sam Cloggrove's shirt, the Nike tick is missing from his right boot.





# MY MATCH REPORT

## STEVENAGE V .....

date:    /    /

Fill out your match report by writing in the boxes or circling the pictures!

NAME:

AGE:

THE FINAL SCORE

STEVENAGE

VISITOR

THE GOALS WERE SCORED BY:

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I SAT/ STOOD IN THE:

East Terrace  
North Terrace  
Main Stand



MY FAVOURITE  
PLAYER WAS:



I'D RATE THIS GAME:

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THE STEVENAGE TEAM WAS:

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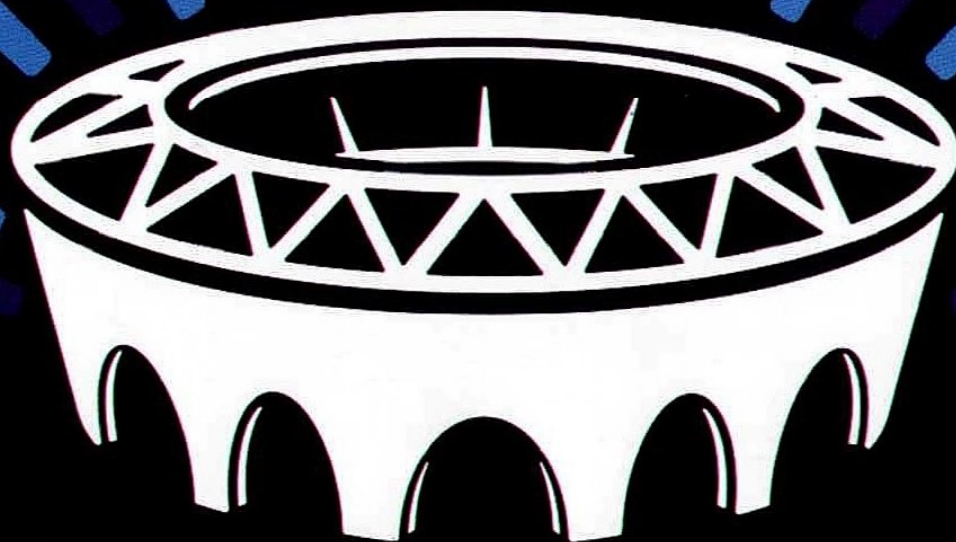
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## LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES






### GOALS

1		KEE	16
2		HYLTON	15
3		DOIDGE	14
4		GRANT	14
5		ADEBAYO AKI...	13






### ASSISTS

1		COOPER	9
2		KEE	8
3		ADEBAYO AKI...	7
4		TAYLOR	7
5		WRIGHT	7

### SHOTS ON TARGET

1		EISA	39
2		DENNIS	36
3		UCHE IKPEAZU	35
4		ADEBAYO AKI...	32
5		NORRIS	32






### MINUTES PER GOAL

1		HYLTON	141
2		KEE	146
3		SZMODICS	146
4		NORRIS	156
5		DENNIS	160


### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		DOIDGE	58
2		POPE	56
3		KEE	51
4		DENNIS	50
5		UCHE IKPEAZU	44






### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		REID	195
2		TAYLOR	209
3		COOPER	221
4		MCALINDEN	248
5		SHINNIE	255

### FOULS

1		UCHE IKPEAZU	83
2		ADEBAYO AKI...	70
3		POPE	70
4		NEWTON	65
5		MANDRON	61

### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		KRYSIK	50
2		ANYON	51
3		RICHARDS	53
4		COLLINS	54
5		ROSS	55

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Luton have two different players who have been directly involved in 10 or more league goals at Kenilworth Road this term - Danny Hylton (12) and James Collins (10).

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Jayden Stockley is Exeter's top scorer in League Two this season, with a third of his goal tally being scored via headers (three of nine).

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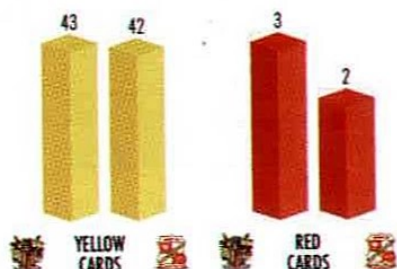
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**SWINDON TOWN**



## MATCH FACTS

This will be the third meeting between these two sides in all competitions this season; there have been 12 goals across the previous two clashes (one win each).



## MATCH FACTS

Swindon have suffered consecutive defeats away at Stevenage in all competitions, this after winning their first visit there 4-0 in League One in October 2012.



**GOALS**



**AV. GOALS PER GAME**



**SHOTS (EX. BLOCKED)**



**% SHOTS ON TARGET**



**CLEAN SHEETS**



**% GOALS TO SHOTS**



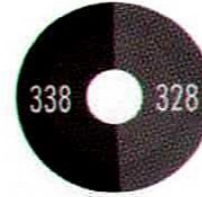
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**GOALS CONCEDED**

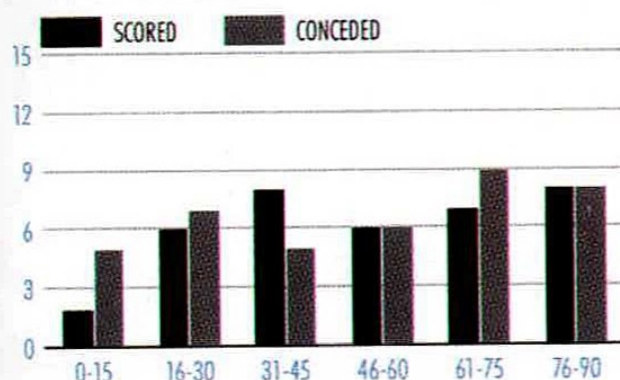


**AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME**



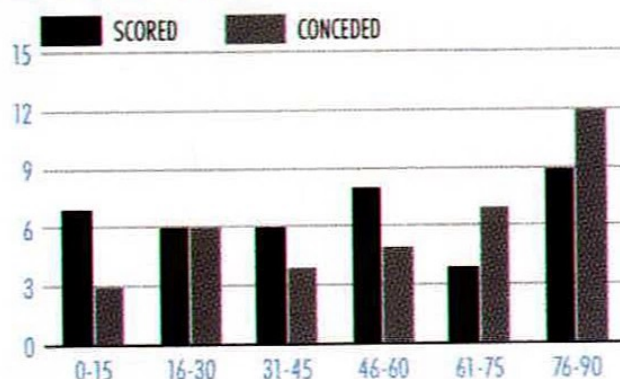
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## GOAL TIMES



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## GOAL TIMES



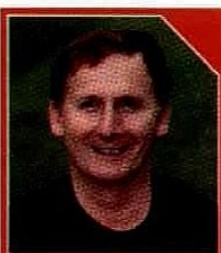


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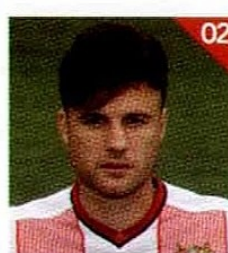
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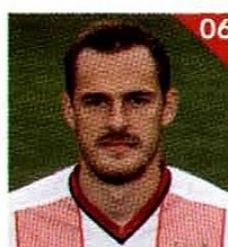
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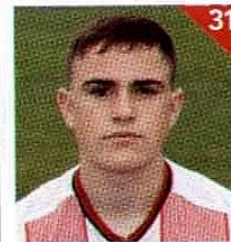
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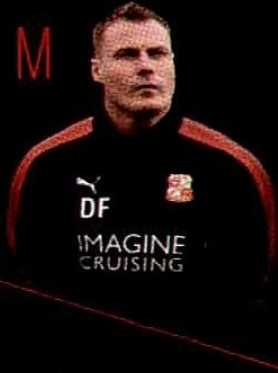
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Dave Flitcroft was announced as Swindon Town's new Manager on Monday 5th June 2017, putting pen to paper on a two-year contract.

Born in Bolton, Flitcroft began his career with Preston North End in 1992 and played for Lincoln City, Chester City, Rochdale, Macclesfield Town, Bury and Hyde before deciding to call time on his playing career.

He opted to cut his teeth in coaching midway through the 2006/07 campaign, joining old club Rochdale as Keith Hill's Assistant. The pair formed a close working relationship and they were both snapped up by Barnsley in June 2011. And it was at Oakwell where Flitcroft was handed his first shot at the big time after he was placed in Caretaker charge following Hill's departure during the 2012/13 season. He then took over at Bury in December 2013 and again performed miracles, steering the club away from the relegation zone and to an impressive 12th placed finish.

DAVE FLITCROFT  
**THE GAFFER**







# Welcome SWINDON TOWN

A WARM WELCOME TO THE LAMEX STADIUM TO THE PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS OF SWINDON TOWN FOR TONIGHT'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE. SWINDON, LIKE STEVENAGE, WERE VICTORIOUS AT THE WEEKEND, WINNING A TIGHT CLASH 4-3 AT HOME TO CREWE.

Swindon Town Boss Dave Flitcroft sat down with the local media in the wake of the thrilling 4-3 win over Crewe Alexandra at the weekend. "Sometimes the substitutions do work and sometimes they don't but you plan your changes before a game if it is going right or if it isn't going right. You've only got 90 minutes to affect change and sometimes you've got to be decisive. If they do work or they don't work I stand by that and you will get some right and you will get some wrong.

"The second-half performance was a real front-foot performance and there was a real purpose to what the boys did and Tails' (Matty Taylor) quality on the left-hand side was evident. He got the ball in a lot and we circulated the ball a lot quicker to him and Kellan (Gordon) and that was the change.

"When you've got Luke Norris and Marc Richards upfront, you've got to get the ball in but with better quality and we did that in the second-half really well. There are a lot of positives to take from today's game."

On Timi Elsnik's first goal he says that it changed the mentality of the players. "I said to the players at half-time that the next goal was important and, if Crewe get it, then we stay on task, we keep going to the game-plan but we keep getting the ball wide and throwing it into the box.

"With the wind changing we needed to make sure that we created a tempo and a purpose in their half of the pitch which we absolutely did. Going 3-1 down was the turning point for me and getting a goal back through Timi, you could feel that edge and you could feel that momentum shift. The players started believing, the fans were amazing in the last twenty-minutes, they were driving us on and there was a real atmosphere inside the ground. It was a real spirited fightback and I'm chuffed for the fans and certainly chuffed for the players."

Flitcroft was especially complementary about the home debut of Marc Richards. "He knew what I thought about him and he knew I wasn't just paying lip service. We had a real good meeting and the big decision was the fact that we do create opportunities and I felt as though from crosses we really needed someone to engage and get on the end of it.

"He looked at our stats, he looked at the stats from the other clubs he could have potentially gone to and he felt this was the right football move for him. The guy is pristine and the reason why he is still playing at that level is the fact that he keeps himself in absolute pristine nick. It was a good chance to say to the younger players after the game that it is a great opportunity for them to be in the same dressing room as Ben Purkiss, Matty Taylor and Marc Richards.

"They are great leaders and to draw that experience off them is great and I hope the young lads learn off them."

embrace that. When I interviewed the players before signing them we talked about the responsibility, but up to now we haven't done it as well as we have away from home. There seems to be a non-pressure away from home, they're good players but they're not making the right decisions at home."



# ONES TO WATCH

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The goalkeeper signed on Transfer Deadline Day in the summer and, although he had to bide his time, he has taken his first-team chance with both hands and has established himself as a regular between the sticks.

REICE CHARLES-COOK  
**GOALKEEPER**

06



A free agent signing in the summer, Lancashire was quickly handed the captain's armband and he has been an ever-present in the league.

The centre-back is a reliable presence at the heart of the defence.

OLLY LANCASHIRE  
**DEFENDER**

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John Goddard signed for Town on a three-year-deal in May 2016 after The Reds paid an undisclosed fee to Woking for his services.

The attacking force bagged 20 goals in all competitions for Woking during the 2015/16 National League season, winning the club's Player of the Season Award and earning a move to The County Ground as a result.

Despite it being his first season as a professional footballer, Goddard adapted well to life in League One last season and he opened his account for Town away at Shrewsbury in October 2016.

Goddard, who has also won two caps for England C, finished the 2016/17 campaign with three goals and five assists in 48 outings, and he will be looking to go from strength to strength this season.

JOHN GODDARD  
**MIDFIELDER**

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The towering frontman is on a season-long loan from Millwall and he's led the line for Town with leading scorer Luke Norris injured.

Smith is both good on the ball and in the air and he's chipped in with some vital goals so far this term.

HARRY SMITH  
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# SWINDON TOWN DEADLY DUOS

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** profiles five notable post-war Swindon Town's, goalscoring partnerships

## ERNIE HUNT & MIKE SUMMERBEE

England U-23 striker Ernie Hunt was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he turned professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolves for £40,000 in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and moved to Everton in September 1967, then Coventry City in March 1968. Later with Doncaster and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run, he ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury, then became a window cleaner.

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1960, he starred in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success and was leading marksman in 1964-65. 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.

## DON ROGERS & PETER NOBLE

England U-23 winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins, then played for Yeovil Town. He ran his sports shop in Swindon.

Striker Peter Noble was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Starting with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and moved to Swindon in January 1968. He scored their winner in the League Cup semi-final replay and netted twice in Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success. Scoring 62 times in 216 League games while at the County Ground, he joined Burnley in June 1973 and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74. He was top scorer in 1978-79, then played for Blackpool. Later running his own sports shop in Burnley for 20 years, he died in May 2017.



Don Rogers.



## ALAN MAYES & ANDY ROWLAND

Fast striker Alan Mayes was leading marksman as Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. Initially with QPR, he joined Watford in November 1974 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1977-78. He moved to Swindon in February 1979 and formed an exciting partnership with Andy Rowland. Sold to Chelsea for £175,000 in December 1980, he rejoined Swindon in July 1983 and was top scorer in 1983-84, netting 65 goals in 151 League games overall before joining Carlisle United in July 1985. He later played for Blackpool, Wycombe Wanderers and had a spell as Harrow Borough manager.

Former England Youth striker Andy Rowland was Swindon Town's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown Derby County, he moved to Bury for £7,000 in August 1974 and was ever-present in 1975-76. He helped them to reach the League Cup fifth round in 1977-78 and was top scorer three times, reuniting with Bobby Smith at Swindon for £80,000 in September 1978. Featuring in their 1979-80 League Cup run and 1985-86 Fourth Division title campaign, he netted 80 goals in 287 League games while at the County Ground and was later the Robins' coach, serving them for 18 years.

## STEVE WHITE & DUNCAN SHEARER

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Steve White was top scorer in Swindon Town's 1986-87 promotion success. Initially with Mangotsfield United, he joined Bristol Rovers in July 1977 and moved to Luton Town in December 1979. He helped win the Second Division title in 1981-82, joining Charlton Athletic as part of the Paul Walsh deal in July 1982. Returning to Bristol Rovers in August 1983, he joined Swindon in July 1986 and starred alongside Duncan Shearer. He was a promotion winner again in 1992-93, netting 83 goals in 244 League games before moving to Hereford United in August 1994, then Cardiff City and Bath City.

Striker Duncan Shearer was capped seven times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. He impressed with Inverness Clachnacuddin prior to joining Chelsea in November 1983 and moved to Huddersfield Town in March 1986. Joining Swindon for £250,000 in June 1988 and twice helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs. He was leading marksman in four successive seasons, netting 78 goals in 159 League outings before being sold to Blackburn Rovers for £750,000 in March 1992. Moving to Aberdeen in July 1992, he later played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and was Buckie Thistle's player-manager.



## SAM PARKIN & TOMMY MOONEY

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Sam Parkin was Swindon Town's leading marksman in three successive seasons. He turned professional with Chelsea in August 1998 and moved to Swindon in August 2002, starring alongside Tommy Mooney as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Scoring 67 goals in 124 League games prior to joining Ipswich Town for £450,000 in July 2005, he moved to Luton Town for £325,000 in August 2006 and helped win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009. He joined Walsall in July 2009, then played for St Johnstone, Queen of the South, St Mirren and Exeter City.

Striker Tommy Mooney missed just one match as Swindon Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Initially with Aston Villa, he joined Scarborough in August 1990 and starred as they reached the League Cup fourth round in 1992-93. He moved to Southend United in July 1993, then Watford in March 1994. A key figure in their 1997-98 Second Division title triumph and 1998-99 First Division play-off final success, he moved via Birmingham to Swindon in July 2003. He netted 19 goals in 45 League games before joining Oxford United in July 2004, then Wycombe, Walsall and UD Marbella.



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# 17/18 BORO Player Stats

Surname	First Name	Starts	Sub	Unused Sub	Minutes	Goals	Assists	Cautions	Sent Off
Akinyemi	Afolabi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beautyman	Harry	12	2	10	924	1	0	0	0
Conlon	Tom	4	10	14	460	0	0	2	0
Day	Chris	2	0	30	180	0	0	0	0
Ferry	James	1	2	1	155	0	0	0	0
Field	Paul	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Franks	Fraser	20	4	10	1731	1	0	2	0
Fryer	Joseph	30	0	6	2700	0	0	2	0
Georgiou	Andronicos	0	4	2	65	0	0	0	0
Godden	Matthew	32	1	0	2692	13	1	4	0
Gorman	Dale	19	2	3	1539	2	0	4	1
Gray	Jamie	0	8	5	101	0	0	2	0
Henry	Ronnie	34	0	0	3030	0	0	3	0
Johnson	Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy	Ben	15	7	0	1402	5	1	1	0
King	Jack	19	3	0	1673	0	0	4	0
King	Tom	5	0	0	450	0	0	1	0
Leslie	Joe	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liburd	Rowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lokko	Kevin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	Joseph	34	0	0	2957	2	0	3	0
McKee	Mark	16	4	5	1482	0	0	1	0
Newton	Daniel	27	7	1	2422	11	0	6	0
O'Keefe	Charley	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
OWN GOAL		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pett	Tom	30	4	2	2638	7	2	4	0
Samuel	Alexander	12	15	4	1158	4	0	1	0
Smith	Jonathan	32	1	1	2825	4	0	7	0
Toner	Kevin	5	4	7	534	0	0	1	1
Turgott	Blair	0	1	1	17	0	0	0	0
Vancooten	Terence	11	3	17	991	0	0	0	0
Wade Slater	Luke	2	1	4	215	0	0	0	0
Wakefield	Charlie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whelpdale	Christopher	15	7	10	1314	0	0	3	0
Wilkinson	Luke	20	4	7	1836	0	0	4	1
Wilmot	Ben	7	1	12	635	0	0	0	0
Wootton	Kyle	5	6	0	416	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>409</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>36542</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>

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POS	TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					FULL					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Luton Town	29	11	1	2	42	13	7	5	3	22	14	18	6	5	64	27	37	60
2	Notts County	29	9	4	2	28	14	5	5	4	20	18	14	9	6	48	32	16	51
3	Mansfield Town	29	8	5	1	26	15	5	6	4	17	17	13	11	5	43	32	11	50
4	Wycombe Wanderers	28	8	3	3	30	19	6	4	4	22	19	14	7	7	52	38	14	49
5	Accrington Stanley	28	8	2	3	26	14	7	2	6	22	20	15	4	9	48	34	14	49
6	Exeter City	27	10	0	3	20	11	5	3	6	18	22	15	3	9	38	33	5	48
7	Coventry City	28	9	2	3	19	8	5	3	6	12	12	14	5	9	31	20	11	47
8	Swindon Town	28	6	2	7	19	27	9	0	4	25	13	15	2	11	44	40	4	47
9	Newport County	29	6	6	2	20	13	6	4	5	20	20	12	10	7	40	33	7	46
10	Lincoln City	28	7	5	2	22	11	5	4	5	16	16	12	9	7	38	27	11	45
11	Colchester United	30	6	6	3	23	15	5	4	6	17	22	11	10	9	40	37	3	43
12	Crawley Town	30	6	2	7	15	15	6	4	5	17	20	12	6	12	32	35	-3	42
13	Carlisle United	29	5	5	5	21	16	6	3	5	18	21	11	8	10	39	37	2	41
14	Stevenage	29	6	6	2	27	16	4	2	9	11	24	10	8	11	38	40	-2	38
15	Cambridge United	28	8	3	3	18	11	2	5	7	9	25	10	8	10	27	36	-9	38
16	Cheltenham Town	30	6	4	5	20	18	3	4	8	20	27	9	8	13	40	45	-5	35
17	Grimsby Town	30	4	5	7	13	20	5	3	6	15	20	9	8	13	28	40	-12	35
18	Port Vale	30	5	3	7	19	21	4	3	8	15	20	9	6	15	34	41	-7	33
19	Morecambe	30	5	3	7	16	21	2	6	7	13	20	7	9	14	29	41	-12	30
20	Crewe Alexandra	29	6	2	7	21	24	3	0	11	13	25	9	2	18	34	49	-15	29
21	Yeovil Town	28	5	4	5	20	16	2	3	9	18	34	7	7	14	38	50	-12	28
22	Chesterfield	30	5	3	7	16	20	2	3	10	14	33	7	6	17	30	53	-23	27
23	Forest Green Rovers	29	5	2	8	20	26	2	3	9	11	25	7	5	17	31	51	-20	26
24	Barnet	29	3	4	7	12	17	2	3	10	16	26	5	7	17	28	43	-15	22

## Last weekend's RESULTS

Carlisle United **1-0** Forest Green Rovers  
 Cheltenham Town **1-1** Barnet  
 Chesterfield **0-1** Stevenage  
 Crawley Town **2-1** Accrington Stanley  
 Grimsby Town **0-1** Luton Town  
 Morecambe **1-2** Mansfield Town  
 Port Vale **2-2** Colchester United  
 Swindon Town **4-3** Crewe Alexandra

## Midweek FIXTURES

### TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY

Coventry City **V** Cambridge United  
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# A decade ago...

**Lloyd Briscoe takes his regular look in the history of football in the town. This weekend he takes a look back at where the club was ten years ago**

**This evening we welcome back Swindon – who were last here just 60 days ago in the 2nd round of the FA Cup.**

As the end of January draws closer, I take this opportunity to reflect on our equivalent fixture ten years ago.

Peter Taylor had taken control of the reigns at Stevenage some three months earlier from the previous incumbent, Mark Stimson.

Having been in charge of twelve matches, Taylor's record had been won 6, drawn 2 and lost 4.

The date was Saturday February 2nd and Stevenage were away to Exeter City in the Conference.

Coincidentally, Peter Taylor's very first game in charge of the Boro was away at Exeter on November 10th in the 1st round of the FA Cup. One might call that game a baptism of fire for Taylor as his new team succumbed to the Grecians 4-0.

Boro's previous match before this fixture was a non-event 0-0 draw away at Farsley Celtic in front of a small crowd of just 500. In fact, Stevenage's fortunes had dissipated markedly since Peter Taylor had joined the club and the team that journeyed down to St James' Park in early February bore little resemblance to the team that went there in November.

The squad included Tyrone Berry who replaced recently departed Craig Dobson. Making his debut for Stevenage that afternoon was Sammy Moore whose job in centre-midfield was to team up with Junior Lewis and Daryl McMahon. So, the starting line-up for this fixture comprised: Alan Julian, Lawrie Wilson, Ashley Westwood, Mark Arber, Fred Murray, Tyrone Berry, Sam Moore, Junior Lewis, Daryl McMahon, Scott Laird and Steve Morison. Substitutes were Ronnie Henry, Ollie Allen, Mitchell Cole, Isaiah Rankin and Clark Masters.

It was evident to all that the Stevenage squad which started the season full of hope and anticipation was now a mere shadow of the outfit that had took the club to Wembley – for the very first time in its history – some nine months previous.

With both sides adopting a 4-4-2 formation, Peter Taylor had to draw on all his experience to satisfy the expectation of the Stevenage faithful.

As referee Linnington blew his whistle to start the game, the roar went up from the 3,436 attending fans. Sadly, it proved to be a very one-sided match with The Boro coming off second best.

On the 24th minute, Exeter's Matt Taylor beat keeper Alan Julian to a high ball and comfortably headed home.

Eight minutes later, Steve Basham was on hand to tap home a rebound after Alan Julian had parried away a shot from Dean Moxey.

Just three more minutes went by when Exeter scored again. Alan Julian was, unusually, beaten by a long-range shot from Adam Stansfield.

Half-time couldn't come quick enough for a struggling Stevenage and manager Taylor took the opportunity to shake-up the team by withdrawing Junior Lewis and Daryl McMahon and replacing them with Ollie Allen and Mitchell Cole.

The new formation failed to produce any results as Stansfield was able to score the Devonians fourth goal on 55 minutes with an easy close-range tap in.

So, twice in three months, Exeter had beaten Stevenage with the same result, 4-0.

The stats in this game said it all with Exeter notching up 9 shots on target with Stevenage none!

Peter Taylor said after the game: "We need to learn that we must work a lot harder, we must close people down a lot quicker and be sharper all over the pitch".

Ten years ago this very weekend, I remember it well. How time flies.

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Joe Goudie, Head of Foundation

WELCOME TO THE **LAMEX STADIUM** AND ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION I HOPE YOU ENJOY TODAY'S GAME AGAINST **SWINDON**.

## PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS UPDATE

Our Premier League Kicks Coordinator recently attended the National Premier League Kicks conference at Wyboston Lakes, Bedford. 68 other professional football clubs were in attendance, for the 2-day event which kicked off with a networking evening dinner + a guest speaker John McAvoy, with an inspiring talk of how he turned his life from career criminal to professional athlete – a powerful journey that was delivered excellently from John and was an ongoing talking point over the 2 days amongst delegates.



Day 2 was all about the day to day Kicks programme coordination and delivery with many clubs sharing their experiences, stories and methods of best practice. A fascinating insight into the impact the Kicks programme is having nationwide within communities.

As part of the 10-year anniversary celebrations, each of the professional clubs running PL Kicks sessions has been asked to nominate a "PL Kicks Hero" – someone who has taken part in, volunteered to help at or worked on the programme and who has inspired others through their dedication, work ethic and own personal development.

This individual's story will then be immortalised in a comic illustration designed by Marvel and DC Comics artist John McCrear. The PL Kicks Hero initiative is something the Foundation will be supporting. Keep an eye out within our Match Day notes as to who we have nominated for our PL Kicks Hero.....

Kicks Sessions are currently being delivered at the following locations and times:

- Marriott's School 3G Astro, Friday, (8-14's) 6-7pm and (14+) 7-9pm - Football
- Bowes Lyon Youth Club, Friday, 6-9pm - Multi-Sports
- Roe Hill Astro, Hatfield, Thursday, 6.30pm-8.30pm - Football

For more info on our Kicks programme please email [jamesw@stevenagefc.com](mailto:jamesw@stevenagefc.com)

## WOMEN OVER 25 ENCOURAGED TO GET BACK IN THE GAME

Brand-new BACK IN THE GAME session is for women who are no longer involved in football, or would like to start playing but in a more relaxed and fun setting.

Taking place at Gosling Sports Park in Welwyn Garden City every Thursday, 8-9pm. The session will consist of a light warm up followed by some small sided

matches whereby players can still get the buzz of being competitive but in a friendly atmosphere.

If you're interested in taking part or want to know more then please email [danib@stevenagefc.com](mailto:danib@stevenagefc.com) or call the office to speak to Dani Burge on 01438 223223, option 6.

## MATCHDAY & MASCOT PACKAGES AVAILABLE

For every home game, the Foundation and Stevenage FC offer matchday and mascot packages for children aged 5-12.

Matchday packages can include a one-hour coaching session at The Academy with Foundation coaches, followed by the chance to take a penalty on the hallowed Lamex turf, tickets in the West Stand to watch the match and a complimentary packed lunch for all children that attend.

These packages start at **£15** per child and all bookings require a minimum of 10 children and maximum of 20 children per package.

Being a mascot is a great way to experience a VIP day at The Lamex. The mascot will get a unique look behind the scenes and meet all their heroes in the dressing room as well as warming up on the pitch before the game. Mascot packages are available for home and away games and include a packed lunch, complimentary tickets for the mascot and one adult with the option to purchase additional tickets for other family members and a Stevenage FC Foundation goodie bag.

To cap it all off, the mascot will walk out with the players at the beginning of the game and take part in the pre-match fair play handshake.

Mascot packages are available for all league home games for the 2017/18 season and are just **£100!**

If you'd like to find out more about the packages please call 01438 223223 or email the Foundation via [community@stevenagefc.com](mailto:community@stevenagefc.com)

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# GET GAME READY



  
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# Supporters ASSOCIATION

Lloyd Briscoe, Chairman of the Stevenage FC Supporters' Association

SWINDON ARE BACK – AND VERY WELCOME THEY ARE TOO. THEY WERE LAST HERE JUST SIXTY DAYS AGO, SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE **THE ROBINS** BACK HERE AT **THE LAMEX**.

## RACE NIGHT

The Supporters' Association will be holding a Race Night – and everyone is welcome.

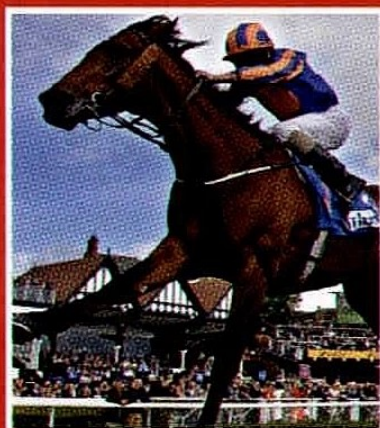
It's on March 3rd and the clubhouse will be open immediately after our home fixture with Mansfield.

The first race is scheduled for 7:00pm, so if you do come straight after the game, you'll be able to watch the Premier League game on the big screen telly too. Sweet!

Ticket are – **FREE!**

Remember the date: **March 3rd.**

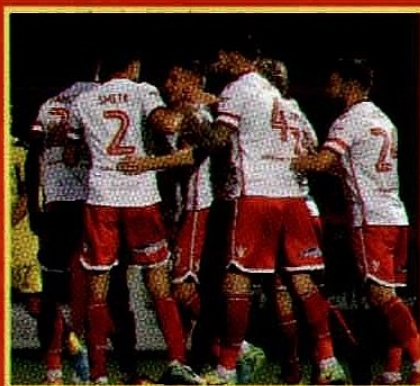
Come one come all, and back yourself a winner.



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A bit premature – maybe, but with just eight more home games after this one, you might want to start thinking about who your candidate might be. Don't forget, only SA members can vote for the official Player of the Year so if you're not a member, you really should be thinking about joining.

Details at either of the SA points (located at the north east corner of the East Terrace and in the lobby of the Broadhall Suite) and online at [sfcsa.co.uk](http://sfcsa.co.uk)



## TONIGHT'S OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS

This evening I should like to welcome all the members of the STFC Supporters Club, and to their committee which comprises: Ann Alder (Chair), Roger Bunce, Claire Elcocks, Teresa Dean, Lee Cole, Steve Dean, Marc Walters, Sally Ann Carter, Mick Castle and Mike Drew.

Having done our own research, we know that Swindon Town FC Supporters' Club is doing its members a fantastic service with its pro-active approach to engagement and value-for-money for membership. You guys set the bar high and our own SA consistently monitors their initiatives with interest.

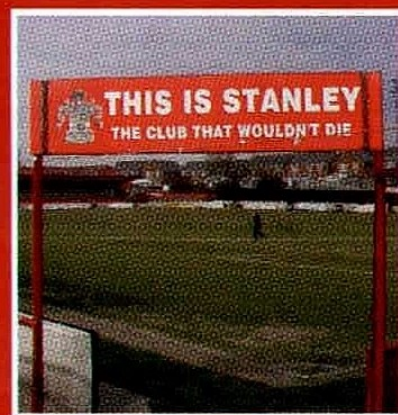
## BORO FUN BUS

Accrington – home of "the Stanley".

Accrington – east of Blackburn, west of Burnley, north of Manchester

Who of you will join us on the burn-numbing 210 mile journey north to Accrington this coming Saturday.

It's an early **8:30am** start for "The Wham" and the cost is remarkably reasonable at just **£30** for members and **£35** for non-members.



If you're coming, don't forget your flask of tea and sandwiches. It could be quite a picnic. And wear your big coat – there's no cover at the away end.

To guarantee your place on one of the buses, please contact John Carroll on **01438 814285** after **6:00pm**.

Please try to arrive at least half an hour before the scheduled departure time and know that the Supporters' Association reserves the right to adjust the fare on the day, dependant on the number of travelling supporters.



For more information about the SA, visit our website at [www.sfcsa.co.uk](http://www.sfcsa.co.uk). You can also telephone Mervyn our administrator on **07909 697129**, or visit the SA points at the Broadhall Way end of the ground.



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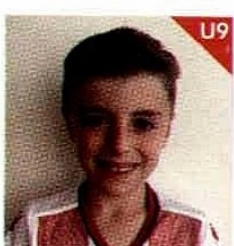


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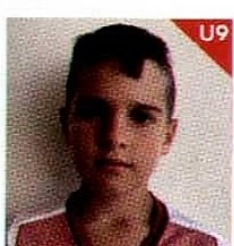
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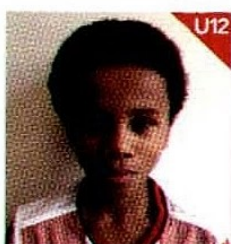
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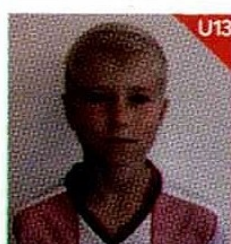
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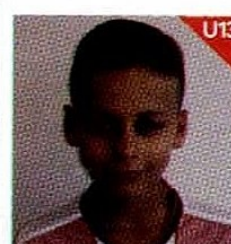
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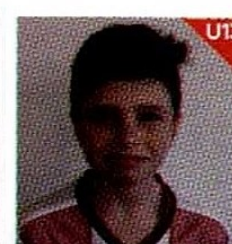
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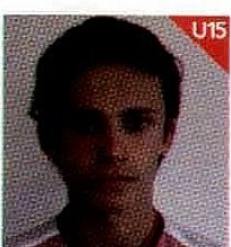
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# 17/18 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	K/O	RES (F/A)	ATT	POS								
<b>AUGUST</b>														
SAT 05	H	NEWPORT COUNTY	15:00	3 - 3	2,650	10	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	McKee		
TUE 08	A	MILLWALL EFL CC	19:45	0 - 2	3,096	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	McKee		
SAT 12	A	COLCHESTER UTD	15:00	1 - 1	3,330	17	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 19	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	15:00	3 - 1	2,793	8	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith (1)		
SAT 26	A	BARNET	15:00	1 - 0	1,883	3	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
TUE 29	H	OXFORD UNITED EFL CT	19:45	2 - 6	799	N/A	Day	Martin	Toner	King	Vancooten	Smith		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>														
SAT 02	A	CHELTENHAM TOWN	15:00	1 - 0	2,694	2	Fryer	Martin (1)	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 09	H	LINCOLN CITY	15:00	1 - 2	3,427	5	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
TUE 12	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	19:45	1 - 1	1,922	7	Fryer	Martin	Toner	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 16	A	SWINDON TOWN	15:00	2 - 3	6,022	11	Fryer	Martin (1)	Toner	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 23	H	MORECAMBE	15:00	2 - 1	1,996	9	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith		
TUE 26	A	CARLISLE UTD	19:45	2 - 0	3,701	6	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 30	H	PORT VALE	15:00	2 - 0	2,678	6	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith (1)		
<b>OCTOBER</b>														
TUE 03	A	MK DONS EFL CT*	19:45	0 - 0	2,031	4	Day	Slater	Wilkinson	Toner	Wilmot	Ferry		
SAT 07	A	CREWE ALEXANDRA	15:00	0 - 1	3,679	7	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 14	A	LUTON TOWN	15:00	1 - 7	9,208	9	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith		
TUE 17	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	19:45	3 - 2	1,788	7	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 21	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	15:00	1 - 2	2,099	9	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith		
SAT 28	A	YEOVIL TOWN	15:00	0 - 3	2,439	11	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	King		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>														
SAT 04	H	NANTWICH TOWN FAC1	15:00	5 - 0	1,436	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith (2)	Henry	King		
TUE 7	H	BRIGHTON EFL CT	19:45	3 - 1	389	3	Fryer	Wilmot	Wilkinson	Vancooten	Toner	Slater		
SAT 11	H	NOTTS COUNTY	15:00	1 - 1	2,962	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 18	A	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00	0 - 1	3,353	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
TUE 21	H	COVENTRY CITY	19:45	1 - 1	2,544	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 25	A	CAMBRIDGE UTD	15:00	0 - 1	4,039	15	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
SAT 02	H	SWINDON TOWN FAC2	15:00	5 - 1	1,883	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 09	H	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	15:00	0 - 0	2,430	16	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 16	A	EXETER CITY	15:00	1 - 2	3,448	16	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 23	H	CHESTERFIELD	15:00	5 - 1	2,403	15	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Smith	Henry	King		
TUE 26	A	LINCOLN CITY	15:00	0 - 3	9,268	16	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Smith	Henry	King		
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<b>JANUARY</b>														
MON 01	H	CHELTENHAM TOWN	15:00	4 - 1	1,989	15	Fryer	Martin	Franks	Smith	Henry	King		
SAT 06	H	READING FAC3	15:00	0 - 0	3,877	N/A	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King		
SAT 13	A	MORECAMBE	15:00	1 - 1	1,268	15	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King		
TUE 16	A	READING (FAC3R)	20:00	0 - 3	4,986	N/A	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King		
SAT 20	H	CARLISLE UTD	15:00	0 - 0	2,476	15	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King		
SAT 27	A	CHESTERFIELD	15:00	1 - 0	4,981	14	T. King	Vancooten	Wilmot	Franks	Henry	J. King		
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>														
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# A DAY OUT AT...



**BORO'S NEXT ROAD TRIP SEES THEM TRAVEL TO LANCASHIRE TO FACE OLD FOES ACCRINGTON STANLEY**

## WHAT CAN BORO SUPPORTERS EXPECT?

Away fans are mostly housed in the Coppice Terrace at one end of the ground, where up to 1,800 fans can be accommodated after this area was recently extended.

If demand requires it then part of the Whinney Hill side can also be allocated. This small stand has a mixture of seating and terrace and has the benefit of some cover, unlike the Coppice Terrace which is open to the elements. Adam Hodson a visiting Stockport County fan adds: "As it was raining I decided to head for one of the 200 or so seats in the Whinney Hill stand. I found that there is very little leg room between the rows of seats, of which there are only four. I was though located very close to the playing action as I sat in the front row."

Whilst Shirley Lawrence a visiting Swindon Town supporter tells me: "We had a pleasant day at the Crown Ground. Before the game we went to the Crown Pub which was crowded, but as they had six staff serving, we were able to get our drinks relatively quickly. Inside the ground there was not much atmosphere due to the away end being uncovered. Although we had over 800 supporters who were in good voice, the noise just wasn't carried around the ground."

## WHAT IS THE WHAM STADIUM LIKE?

Although the Wham Stadium (but still known to many fans as the Crown Ground) is on the smallish side, it is set in a picturesque area, with views over fields and hills behind the Coppice Terrace at one end of the ground

On one side of the ground is the Main Stand, which at first glance looks like one stand, but in fact it is comprised of two small stands; the Main and Thwaites Stands. They sit on either side of the half way line, with an open gap between the two. Both are all seated covered stands and have a row of floodlights at the back of them.

To compensate for the fair slope of the pitch which runs up along the ground from the Coppice Terrace to the William Dyer Electrical Stand at one end, the Thwaites Stand has less rows of seats than the Main Stand. Both these stands also have an unusual array of tubular steelwork, running across the top of them.

## WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK?

**There is a Club Bar at the ground, however this is for home fans only. The nearest pub is the Crown, which is just behind the ground on the main Whalley Road and welcomes all supporters.**

A little further down Whalley Road (five minutes' walk in the direction of the motorway), is the Greyhound pub, which is a Sam Smith's house. John Schmidt a visiting Darlington fan adds: "If you go from the ground to the main road and head towards the town centre, then five a minute walk away, down on the right is the Grey Horse pub. It is only a small pub but served decent real ale. This area also seemed to be good for street parking."

If you arrive early and have a bit of time on your hands then you may consider visiting the 'Peel Park Hotel' in Turkey Street. This pub serves food and is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. It also overlooks Peel Park, the site of Accrington Stanley's old ground. Go along Whalley Road (A680) towards the town centre. Before reaching the town centre turn left onto the B6237 Queens Road (if you miss this turning proceed into the town centre and turn left onto the A679 Burnley Road). Continue along Queens Road into Penny House

Opposite is a very small covered seated area, called the Whinney Hill side. This former terrace had seating installed before the start of the 2009/10 season, in order that the Club could meet Football League stadium criteria. Behind this stand is a relatively new housing development, which overlooks the ground, meaning that some residents can see the game for nothing.

Both ends are fairly new looking affairs, of which the home end, the William Dyer Electrical Stand is covered, whilst the Coppice Terrace opposite is open to the elements. The William Dyer Electrical Stand has now reverted back to being all terrace after having some rows of seating for a number of seasons. Another unusual aspect of the ground is that it has a total of eight floodlight pylons, with three on either side of the ground and another being located at one end. There is also a large video screen located in one corner of the ground in-between the Whinney Hill side and Coppice End.

Lane. At the end of this road you will reach a T-junction with the A679 Burnley Road. Turn left onto the Burnley Road and then go almost immediately right into Alice Street. Then after passing Peel Park School turn left into Turkey Street. The Peel Park pub is up on the right. The red brick wall opposite the Peel Park pub is the only structure that remains from the Peel Park ground.

## HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK?

**Leave the M6 at Junction 29 and take the M65 towards Blackburn. Continue past Blackburn towards Accrington and leave the M65 at Junction 7.**

Then take the left-hand exit at the roundabout onto the A6185 towards Clitheroe (this is in the opposite direction to Accrington). At the first set of traffic lights turn right onto the A678, towards Padiham, and then at the next traffic lights, turn right onto the A680 towards Accrington. After about half a mile along the A680 you will pass the Crown pub on your left. Take the next left into Livingstone Road and then an immediate left for the Club car park. The car park is on the small size and costs £5 and as you would expect it fills up pretty quickly. Otherwise street parking.

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# **BANNED IN THE MORNING YOU'RE GETTING BANNED IN THE MORNING**

**All 72 EFL Clubs have signed up to a new Chairman's Charter to help put an end to the dangerous use of pyrotechnics.**

It is already a criminal offence to enter a football stadium while in possession of a flare, smoke bomb or firework.

Any supporter now found to be in breach of the terms of the Chairman's Charter will also face a minimum three-season Club ban.







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