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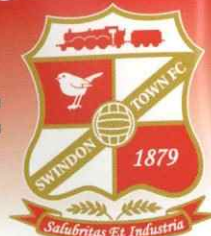
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# paul sturrock

We are back on home turf for the second time inside five days and it we could get all three points today, I think we could look back on a decent start to our League One season.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kevin Blackwell and his players. "Blackie" and I have been adversaries in the past and he has done very well at most of the places he has been at. He had a very difficult job at Leeds United and will now be looking to make progress with Luton. They have won both of their opening games of the campaign and I am sure they will provide us with a stern test this afternoon.

Kevin Blackwell has added a lot of experience to his Luton squad. I am expecting a very difficult game today because the combination of youngsters with pace, and older experienced players can be a dangerous concoction. Luton managed to sell a few players and have certainly strengthened through the summer.

On Tuesday night we faced an experienced Charlton Athletic side in the first round of the Carling Cup. It was always going to be a tough draw against an ex-Premiership team but we didn't let ourselves down. Unfortunately we didn't make it through into the hat for the second round draw but I was impressed with our first half performance and there were several positives to come out of the game.

Ben Tozer made his first team debut on Tuesday night and in my opinion he had a solid game, even when playing out of position at left-back. Ben is a centre-back by trade but can use both feet and showed his versatility with a

sound performance against a team who included several former Premiership regulars in their own starting line-up. Tozer is a big lad and for seventeen, he has tremendous potential. I am very excited about him and there are several Premiership teams taking a look at our youth players at present which shows we are going in the right direction as far as bringing through talented youngsters. In the end we have to get service out of these players and that's what we are looking to do.

We come into the game still short of firepower and that's something we are working to rectify. Since I arrived at the club we have struggled in front of goal and until we find that elusive player who can unlock a few doors then it could be a difficult few games. Once again I would stress that we will not be rushing into bringing in players just for the sake of it. I would ask for your patience for a little while longer and hopefully we will be adding to the squad before too long.

Keep up the tremendous support because you were superb, as ever, on Tuesday night against Charlton Athletic. I hear that tickets have gone very well and at the time of writing we are hoping for an 8,000 plus crowd.

*Paul Sturrock*

Paul Sturrock



→ Paul Sturrock

"quote of the week"



"I have several decisions to make in terms of team selection. Peter Brezovan started against Charlton on Tuesday and Phil Smith played at Northampton last weekend. One of those two will be disappointed this afternoon but that's football."

Paul Sturrock

## stfc club history

**Year Formed**  
1879

**Stadium Capacity**  
15,728

**Record Attendance**  
32,000 vs Arsenal  
(15th January 1972, FA Cup Third Round)

**Biggest Win**  
9-1 vs Luton Town  
(28th August 1920, Division Three South)

**Most League Appearances**  
John Trollope, 770 (1960-1980)

**Most League Goals**  
Harry Morris, 216 (1926-1933)

**Most League Goals In A Season**  
Harry Morris, 47, (1926/1927)

**Most Capped Player**  
Rod Thomas, 30 (of total 50), Wales

**Youngest League Player**  
Paul Rideout, 16 years 107 days  
(29th November 1980 vs. Hull City)

**Record Transfer Fee Paid**  
£800,000 to West Ham United for  
Joey Beauchamp (Aug 1994)

**Record Transfer Fee Received**  
£1,500,000 from Manchester City for  
Kevin Horlock (Jan 1997)

**Club Honours**  
League Two Promotion, 2006/07  
Division Two Champions, 1995/96  
Division One Play-Off Winners, 1992/93  
Division Two Play-Off Winners, 1989/90  
Division Three Play-Off Winners, 1986/87  
Division Four Champions, 1985/86  
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup  
Winners, 1970  
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1970  
League Cup Winners, 1969  
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# from the boardroom

Good afternoon. I would like to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters from our visitors Luton Town for today's Coca-Cola Football League One fixture. I hope they enjoy their brief stay with us and have a safe journey home.

On Tuesday we were unfortunately eliminated from this year's Carling Cup at the first hurdle. It was always going to be a difficult task against opposition who were only relegated from the Premiership last season. For the first half I felt that the lads more than matched our visitors from South London and we were perhaps unlucky not to be a goal up at the interval. However, in the second half it was a different story with Charlton eventually taking control of the game and earning a deserved victory. There is still work to do to improve the squad before the transfer window closes but there were enough good things to be taken from Tuesday's match to give us encouragement for this season - not least of which was the debut performance of Ben Tozer. Well-done Ben.

this opportunity to welcome our new owners and their representatives to Swindon where I hope they will enjoy substantial success over the coming years. As the new regime takes control, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff at the Club for their hard work during difficult times and also our supporters for their patience and resolve. I'm sure this will be rewarded with a considerable improvement in the Club's fortunes on and off the pitch in the foreseeable future.

Enjoy today's game and take care.

Martyn Starnes

You will now be aware that the negotiations for the takeover of the Club have now been completed and Best Holdings SGPS SA have acquired a controlling interest. Jim Little will be joining as Chairman Designate of the new Board and he brings a wealth of business management experience to SN1. With a BA obtained from Marymount University and post-graduate degrees from Johns Hopkins and Harvard Universities, Jim has specialized in ownership transition situations and is currently Managing Director of the Albemarle Group, an international financial and real estate advisory concern. Recently Jim was involved with the re-financing of Cork City FC where he has been acting as Vice Chairman. A full profile will be published in a forthcoming edition of this programme. I would like to take

in the  
news



## a message from willie carson

I would like to welcome Jim Little to Swindon Town FC. He will be joining the Board as Chairman Designate. I look forward to handing over the reins to Jim in the near future and I would like to wish him every success in the role.

I've been a fan of Swindon Town for many years and I will continue to give the Club my full commitment. I will continue to attend matches at The County Ground as often as I can and I would like to thank all of the fans for the support they have given me over the years I have been associated with the Club.



→ Ben Tozer makes his debut performance

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## from the captain

*Ady Williams*

Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for what is our first home fixture of the season in League One.

In midweek we entertained Charlton Athletic in the Carling Cup First Round and although the score-line read 0-2 in favour of the Championship club there were a lot of positives to come out of the game. Firstly on behalf of all the lads would like to congratulate Ben Tozer on his full debut. Ben has had an excellent pre-season and proves the point that if you impress the Gaffer you will be given your chance. The game also saw home debuts for Craig Easton, Miguel Comminges, Stevie Adams and the new skipper Hasney Aljofree. We wish them all the best of luck in their Swindon Town careers. I felt Robbo's delivery in the first half of the game was second to none. On numerous occasions he put in quality balls in behind the Charlton defence, which caused them all sort of problems at the back. Unfortunately we were a whisker away from making any sort of contact that would of surely resulted in a goal.

Today we are back to the "bread and butter" of the league and welcome Kevin Blackwell and Luton Town to Wiltshire. Obviously last season was a difficult one for them, which resulted in relegation. This season however they will be one of the favourites to bounce back into the Coca-Cola Championship and have won both of their opening two games which have come against Hartlepool United, their opening league fixture and Dagenham & Redbridge in the cup on Tuesday night.

You will often hear managers say that you must win your home games and pick up points away from home. Today, it would be nice to put that theory into practice.

On Monday afternoon, after a double training session, there was a bit more excitement than the usual Monday afternoon at STFC! The lads were in the home dressing room showering and changing, ready to head for home, when we were ordered to evacuate the stadium! Thankfully nothing untoward came out of the situation but it didn't stop the lads moaning and cursing at having to travel home later than planned. I've seen a few things in my career but a terror alert is something new to add to the long list!

Enjoy the game,

Ady Williams



### ady on team spirit..

The team spirit amongst the boys is in great shape at the moment and with a very good pre-season tour behind us the "banter" is coming thick and fast. Anybody who has been involved in any kind of sport and life in general will tell you that banter is part and parcel of the job.

However, a few of our lads could brush up on this and hopefully as the season unfolds they will improve and get better!

I don't like to mention names as they should know who they are - but if your squad number is 9, 11 or 21 - liven up!



→ Pre-season banter!





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# back to school family day



**Swindon Town v Crewe Alexandra,**

Saturday September 1st. Swindon Town and 107.7 Brunel FM present a 'Back To School' Family Day.

As part of the Football League's 'Fans Of The Future' initiative Swindon Town have designated the visit of Crewe Alexandra to The County Ground as a 'Family Day'.

Supported by 107.7 Brunel FM, junior tickets will be available at the discounted price of £2. £1 from each ticket sold will be donated to Brunel FM's chosen charity, Swindon Foodbank. The Foodbank is designed to help families and individuals in Swindon who are in crisis by providing free emergency food.

The Brunel FM promotions team will be at The County Ground before kick-off, distributing goodie bags and balloons.

The £2 ticket will only be available until 5pm Thursday 30th August. Please call into the STFC Box Office and mention 'The Brunel FM Back To School Day' to purchase your tickets. Alternatively please call 0871 2232300.

The 'Fans of the Future' campaign aims to encourage the next generation of supporters to watch live football at their local League club by providing a range of innovative ticketing initiatives for young supporters. Swindon Town FC have for the last three seasons offered a 'Kids Go Free' scheme for fans under the age of seven, as well as discounted tickets for school groups and local football teams.

Helen James-Ellett, Sales & Marketing Manager from Brunel FM, commented:

"We at 107.7 Brunel FM are delighted to be playing a key role in this fantastic initiative involving the youngsters in our community. We will continue

to support the 'Fans of the Future' campaign to help encourage young supporters to become more involved with STFC."

Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney said: "Supporters are the lifeblood of professional football. By making League matches more accessible to young supporters through 'Fans of the Future' Football League clubs are taking a courageous lead.

"They are helping themselves by helping young people to enjoy football locally. I congratulate them on being far-sighted enough to commit themselves to an initiative that will deliver real results for generations to come.

"I am certain that young supporters and their parents will react positively to this initiative and I encourage them to take advantage of it. Having the opportunity to see their local side in action will begin a lifelong football passion for many."

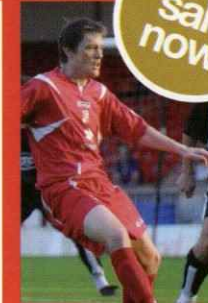
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**Socks:** (size 12-2):  
£6.99

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**Shirt:** £29.99

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**Socks:** (size 3-6): £7.99

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£29.99

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**Boys Shirt:**  
(XL): £32.99

**Adult Shirt:**  
(S,M,L,XL): £36.99

**Boys Shorts:**  
(S,M,L): £15.99

**Boys Shorts:**  
(XL): £17.99

**Adult Shorts:**  
(S,M,L,XL): £19.99

**Socks:** (size 12-2): £6.99

**Socks:** (size 3-6): £7.99

**Socks:** (size 7-11): £8.99

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## supporters man of the match



Swindon Town have teamed up with [www.textappeal.co.uk](http://www.textappeal.co.uk) to give fans the chance to vote for their favourite player throughout the season. The vote will take place at each home game, starting with today's game.

Votes will be cast by mobile phone text message and the Man of the Match will be announced at the end of the game and included in the match report on the Swindon Town website, [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk).

To vote, fans will need to text the word PICK, followed by H for Home, followed by the players squad number.

For example if your favourite Swindon Town player is wearing shirt number 9, you would text PICK H9 to 60777.

Texts will be charged at 25p each, plus normal operators rates.

Luton Town fans can also vote for their favourite player by texting their normal texting operator.

The vote will close 10 minutes before the final whistle and the results will be announced on the scoreboard at the end of the match. Any entries received after the competition has closed will not be charged.

At the end of each month, all Swindon Town supporters who have voted will be entered into a free prize draw to win a prize - such as a replica shirt signed by the first team squad, free matchday tickets, or a signed football.

All Swindon Town votes cast throughout the season will be accumulated and will count towards establishing the TextAppeal Player of the Season.



# stfc news

## REMEMBERING: SADHU CHAHAL

20th Jan 1964 to 29th May 2007

Sadhu had lived most of his life in Swindon during which time he became a devoted Swindon Town fan for more than 20 years. He was most put out when his wedding day fell on an important game for the Town! He initially attended games with his friends who shared his passion. His son Daljeet then took some interest in attending games (well Sadhu did actually take him to a game when he was 2 years old but he fell a sleep) Daljeet has been

attending games with his dad since he was 5 years old, going to home games as well as away games with the travel club.

Sadhu and Daljeet attended the last game of the season when the Town got promoted and they were both looking forward to a new season at The County Ground. Sadly Sadhu passed away earlier this year but today, 18/08/07 is Daljeet's 15th birthday - a day the two of them would have enjoyed together.



## TOWN TEAM UP WITH GO NEW RECRUITMENT

Go New Recruitment is a leading recruitment service provider to the Logistics, Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Transport industries.

The Swindon Go New team has been assembled from the most experienced in the recruitment industry and possesses over 60 years combined experience working in the local employment market. Their head office and largest branch are based in Swindon and the company are delighted to have formed a partnership with Swindon Town Football Club, offering massive advantages for both Go New Recruitment and the club.

Go New's service includes the supply of everything from manual workers to semi-skilled and skilled professionals. They can provide a single operative or a contract team - on a daily, monthly, annual or permanent basis.

In addition to the supply of temporary staff they have a specialist team of supply chain consultants. The Go New Supply Chain division works with an extensive database of clients across Wiltshire and they can supply candidates for permanent positions within the supply chain sector. The partnership with STFC will be used to promote employment opportunities

## CHEQUE PRESENTATION TODAY



On Monday 6th August two teams of Legends from 'The Glory Years' of the Lou Macari and Glenn Hoddle eras returned to The County Ground, to raise money for the Prospect@Home appeal.

Former Swindon Town, Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday defender Phil King contacted players who donned the famous Red and White shirt during the 80s and early 90s, and the likes of Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor and Jan Aage Fjortoft as well as Arsenal Legend Paul Merson entertained a crowd of over 4,000.

The event raised over **£36,000**, and on Saturday 18th August at half time this afternoon, Swindon Town's Acting Chief Executive Martyn Starnes will be presenting a cheque for **£33,718.84** to Prospect@Home's Chair of the Board of Trustees, Sarah Garrett.

**Phil King**, organiser of the event, commented: "I who like to express my gratitude to Paul Sturrock and all at Swindon Town FC for their help in hosting this event. This game provided the fans of Swindon

past, present and future with the opportunity to see the Legends of Swindon Town in action one more time, whilst raising valuable funds for what is a very worthwhile cause."

**Martyn Starnes**, Swindon Town's Acting Chief Executive, said: "We were pleased to be involved in hosting this event. It provided our supporters with 90 minutes of entertainment that brought the memories flooding back, the ideal curtain raiser to the new season back in League One. For the event to have raised over £35,000 was just fantastic."

**Vicki Morrey**, chief executive at Prospect Hospice, said: "We were delighted that Phil organised this fantastic event to boost the Prospect@Home appeal. Swindon Town FC and Prospect Hospice are both much admired focal-points of the community. Our thanks go out to Phil and everyone at Swindon Town FC for making it happen."

The prospect@home appeal aims to raise **£250,000** to launch a new service for Swindon and North Wiltshire, which will mean patients will experience the care for which Prospect Hospice has built its excellent reputation in their own homes.

For more information regarding The Prospect Hospice please log on to [www.prospect-hospice.net](http://www.prospect-hospice.net)

## SUPPORTERS CLUB DONATION

At half-time on Tuesday night, the STFC Supporters Club presented the Centre of Excellence with a cheque for £7,000.

Over the previous six seasons the Supporters Club have already contributed around £30,000 towards the Centre's activities including paying for the teams transport to the Milk Cup in Northern Island, where they have had much success.



The increased payment this year results from the success of the Supporters Club Pounds for Points and half-time draw fundraising last season and supports one of their principle aims of supporting youth development at the football club.

For more information about the Swindon Town Supporters Club please turn to **page 69**.

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## anthony george axford

Swindon Town would like pass on it's sympathies to the family of Anthony George Axford, who passed away in the summer after a short illness, aged 74.

'Tony' had been following the Robins for over 50 years and he will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

## wedding bells

Congratulations to avid Swindon Town fans James Feeney and Hannah Carter-Hayward who are getting married this afternoon at 3pm at Christ Church in Old Town.

They must be a very special couple for the Club Chaplain the Revd Simon Stevenette to officiate at their wedding and so miss the first half of the game" God bless you Hannah and James and have a great day!

## birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to Brian Jones who is here today in the Executive Lounge and is celebrating his 70th Birthday. We hope you enjoy your day Brian.

Also, a very Happy Birthday to Sean Lovett who was 18 years old on August 15th with best wishes from Mum, Dad and Michelle.

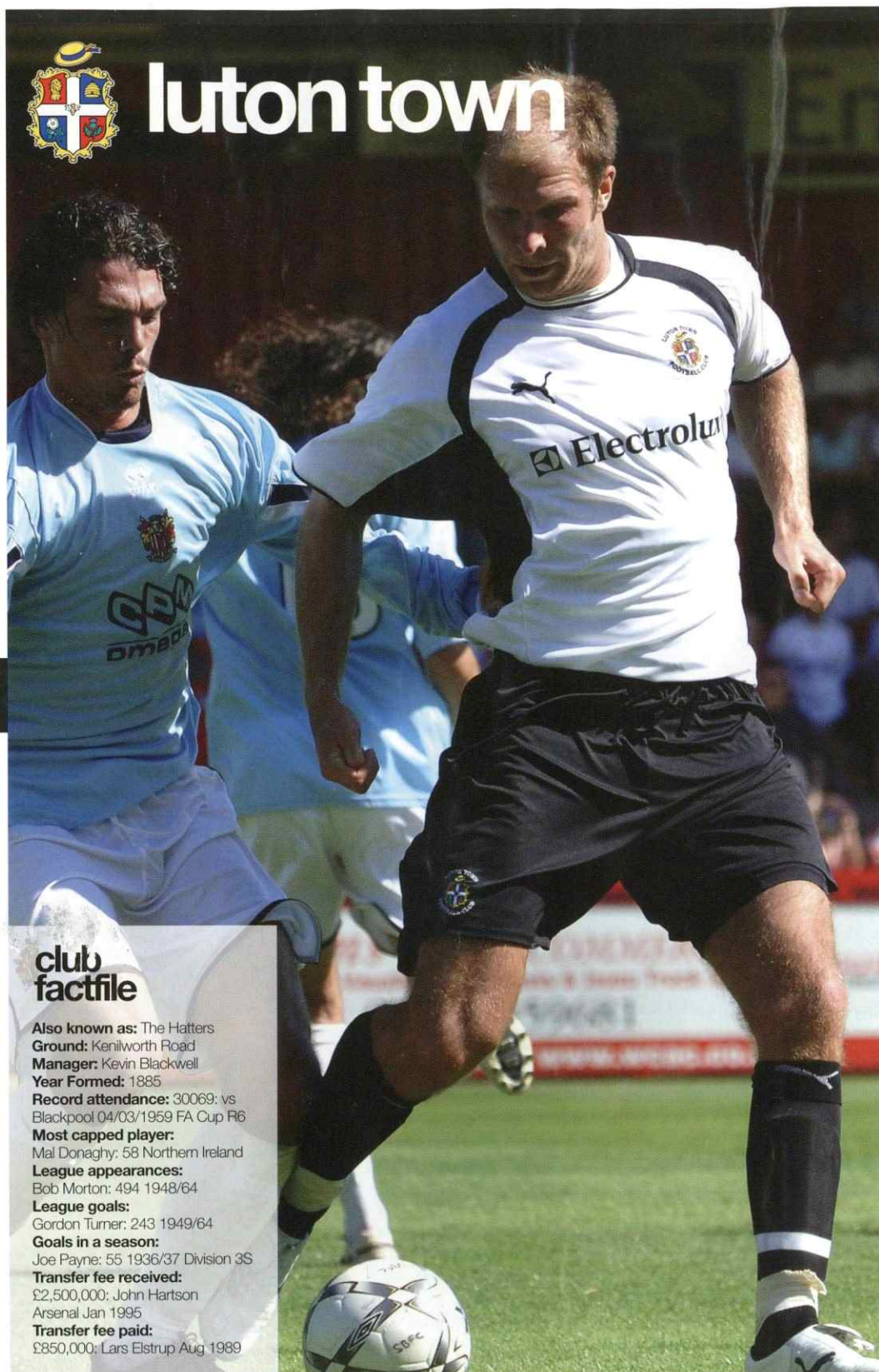




# luton town

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## club factfile

**Also known as:** The Hatters  
**Ground:** Kenilworth Road  
**Manager:** Kevin Blackwell  
**Year Formed:** 1885  
**Record attendance:** 30069: vs Blackpool 04/03/1959 FA Cup R6  
**Most capped player:** Mal Donaghy: 58 Northern Ireland  
**League appearances:** Bob Morton: 494 1948/64  
**League goals:** Gordon Turner: 243 1949/64  
**Goals in a season:** Joe Payne: 55 1936/37 Division 3S  
**Transfer fee received:** £2,500,000: John Hartson Arsenal Jan 1995  
**Transfer fee paid:** £850,000: Lars Elstrup Aug 1989

# kevin blackwell

Kevin Blackwell, 48, and born in Luton, took over in March 2007 but it proved to be too late to keep the Hatters in the Championship.

Kevin was manager of Leeds United for just over two years, and has also been Assistant Manager at Sheffield United and Bury.

He said on his appointment: "I've come here for the long term. There's a vision at this football club that excites me and it's something I'm looking forward to. There are things happening at Luton that could turn the club into a major player again and I want to be a part of that."

Blackwell is widely respected in football and thought of as the best-qualified coach in the UK. After he left Leeds he studied new coaching techniques at Real Madrid, Inter Milan and in Brazil.

As a player, Blackwell was a goalkeeper who saved a penalty at Wembley in the 1985 FA Trophy Final, although in a losing cause as his Boston team went down 2-1 to Wealdstone. He also helped Barton Rovers reach the 1978 FA Vase Final.

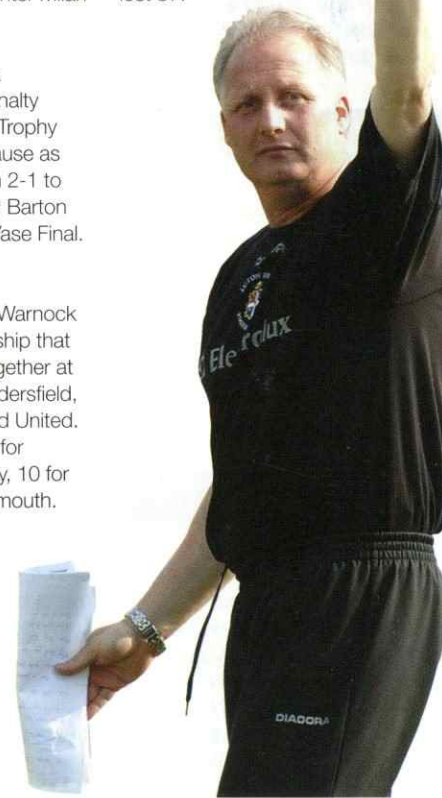
In 1986, he was signed by Scarborough manager Neil Warnock - the beginning of a relationship that was to see the two work together at Notts County, Torquay, Huddersfield, Plymouth, Bury and Sheffield United. Blackwell played 59 games for Scarborough, 20 for Torquay, 10 for Huddersfield and 27 for Plymouth.

He has worked under some notable managers in his time, going right back to Ron Atkinson when he was a young apprentice at Cambridge United. He was then signed by Barry Fry at Barnet in 1985. And he was taken to Leeds by Peter Reid in 2003, before

working under caretaker Eddie Gray and then getting the manager's job himself in 2004.

As Leeds manager, Blackwell took his side to 14th in the Championship in his first season and then 5th in his second, 2005-06. Leeds beat Preston 3-1 in the Play-Off semi-final but lost 3-0 to Watford in the Final, a scoreline made worse by an own goal on the hour and a late penalty.

Blackwell's record at Leeds was played 114, won 44, drew 33, lost 37.



sam parkin



KICK-OFF

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Sam Parkin will today miss out on a playing return to The County Ground.

The striker aggravated his ongoing ankle problem during the 2-1 win over Dagenham & Redbridge in midweek.

For 'Super Sam' it will be a bitter disappointment to miss the fixture with much of the pre-match build-up focus on the former Robins striker.

Luton Town Manager Kevin Blackwell confirmed the news speaking at his pre-match press conference on Thursday.

"The physio is confident that nothing is broken but because of the major surgery he has had on that leg, it could be traumatisation on the bone, coming from pounding on hard ground all the time.

"Sam is bitterly disappointed, because it looked as if he would be getting fit, and with Swindon on the horizon, he has gone back to square one slightly. However the prognosis is that it should be two to three weeks."



## LUTON TOWN. ROLL CALL 07/08

### GOALKEEPERS

APPS	GLS
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Dean Brill 1 0

### DEFENDERS

APPS	GLS
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Alan Goodall 1 1

Chris Perry 1 0

Chris Coyne 1 0

Richard Jackson 1 0

Lewis Emanuel 0 0

Paul Underwood 0 0

Sol Davis 0 0

### MIDFIELDERS

APPS	GLS
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Don Hutchison (1) 0

Dean Morgan 0 0

David Bell 0 0

Darren Currie 1 1

Steve Robinson 1 0

Stephen O'Leary 0 0

David Edwards 1 0

Ahmet Brkovic 0 0

Keith Keane 0 0

Richard Langley 0 0

Matthew Spring 1 0

### FORWARDS

APPS	GLS
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Sam Parkin (1) 0

Paul Peschisolido 1 0

Drew Talbot 0 0

Calvin Andrew 0 0

Paul McVeigh (1) 0

Paul Furlong (below) 1 0



## today's visitors



**DEAN BRILL**



Born: December 2nd, 1985. Brill was handed the number one shirt after Kevin Blackwell's appointment as Manager. Despite being relegated from the Championship last term, the youngster was named the Young Player of the Season for 2006/07. Began the season in between the sticks for the home win over Hartlepool United.

**ALAN GOODALL**

Born: December 2nd, 1981. Signed a two-year contract with The Hatters during the summer after joining from Rochdale, where he spent three seasons after signing from Bangor City. Has now made 111 league starts during a promising career and he has also experienced UEFA Cup football during his time with the Welsh club.

**CHRIS COYNE**

Born: December 28th, 1978. Brisbane-born defender who has made over 200 appearances for The Hatters since joining from Dundee in September 2001 in a £50,000 move. Spent four years with West Ham United after signing for The Hammers in 1996. During his time at Upton Park he had two loan spells with Brentford and Southend United.

**CHRIS PERRY**

Born: April 26th, 1973. Vastly experienced defender who has plenty of Premiership experience gained during spells with Wimbledon, Tottenham Hotspur and Charlton Athletic. Signed a two-year contract in the summer after leaving Coca-Cola Championship Play-Off finalists West Bromwich Albion. Made 26 appearances for The Baggies last term.

**RICHARD JACKSON**

Born: April 18th, 1980. Started out with Scarborough ten years ago before a £3,000 move to Derby County in March 1999. Spent eight years with the Rams but following Derby's promotion to the Premiership, was surplus to requirements and made the switch to Kenilworth Road. Began the season as part of the Hatters defence and will be looking for regular football at Luton.



**STEVE ROBINSON**



Born: December 10th, 1974. Not to be confused with the ex-Swindon midfielder, Robinson has been with Luton for five seasons after signing from Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for £50,000. A regular in the midfield, he has now made an impressive 388 league starts and his former clubs include Tottenham Hotspur and AFC Bournemouth.



## luton town

**DARREN CURRIE**

Born: November 29th, 1974. Currie joined the ranks in the summer on a free transfer from Ipswich Town. An experienced winger, previous clubs include West Ham United, Shrewsbury Town, Barnet and Brighton & Hove Albion. Currie will no doubt entertain the Luton fans during the coming campaign, as well as adding solidity and flair to the cause.



**DON HUTCHISON**



Born: May 5th, 1971. A former Scotland International, Hutchison arrived in the summer on a free transfer from Championship outfit Coventry City. Signed a one-year contract after playing a successful part in Luton's pre-season tour to Norway. Everton, Liverpool and West Ham United are amongst his eight former clubs.

**MATTHEW SPRING**

Born: November 17th, 1979. A talented midfielder with an eye for goal, Spring returned to the club from Leeds United in January 2007. Began life as a trainee with the Hatters and came up through the ranks to make 243 league starts before attracting the attentions of Leeds United. He then joined Watford in August 2005, where he spent a year and a half.



**DREW TALBOT**



Born: July 19th, 1986. Signed for Luton Town in a £250,000 deal in January 2007 from Sheffield Wednesday. Scored one and made another on his debut against his former club. Began his career with Barnsley before drifting out of football before resurfacing at Hillsborough. Scored his first goal of the campaign in midweek against Dagenham & Redbridge.

**PAUL PESCHISOLIDO**

May 25th, 1971. Vastly-experienced front man who has 48 international caps and 9 goals for Canada to his name. Joined on a free transfer from Derby County and has netted 114 goals in 293 league starts. Former clubs include Birmingham City, Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion, Fulham and Sheffield United. Will be hoping to fire Luton to League One success.

**PAUL FURLONG**

Born: October 1st, 1968. Started out his career with non-league Enfield before signing for Coventry City in 1991, scoring 4 goals in 37 appearances for the Sky Blues. Then spent two seasons with Watford before enjoying successful spells with Chelsea and Birmingham City. Joined QPR in September 2002 and went on to score 54 goals in 132 appearances for The R's.

## last time out

The last meeting between the two sides at The County Ground was ironically, the opening home fixture of the 2004/05 season.

Having gone 2-0 down early on to goals from Kevin Nicholls and an own goal from Rory Fallon, Swindon battled back into the game but to no avail. Sam Parkin and Alan Reeves were on target for the home side although an effort from striker Steve Howard was enough to silence the Swindon fans amongst the 6,286.



**david preece**

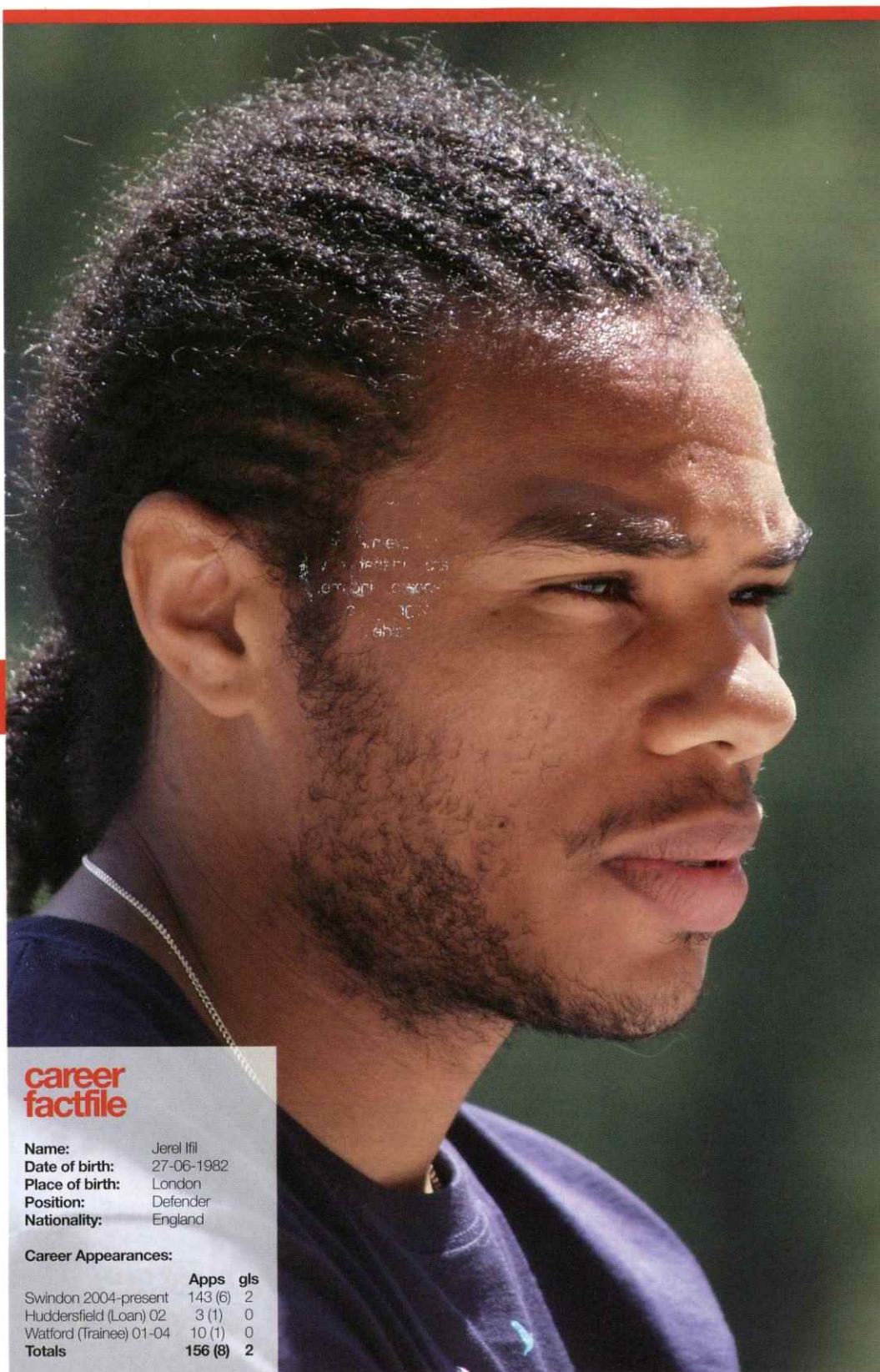
Everyone connected with Swindon Town FC was saddened to hear of the recent passing of David Preece.

The classy midfielder spent a loan spell with the club during the promotion-winning 1995-6 season, making seven appearances and scoring once in a 2-0 away win at Crewe Alexandra.

Swindon Town FC would like to send their deepest sympathy to David's family.







### career factfile

**Name:** Jerel Ifil  
**Date of birth:** 27-06-1982  
**Place of birth:** London  
**Position:** Defender  
**Nationality:** England

#### Career Appearances:

	Apps	gls
Swindon 2004-present	143 (6)	2
Huddersfield (Loan) 02	3 (1)	0
Watford (Trainee) 01-04	10 (1)	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156 (8)</b>	<b>2</b>

# defending the realm

Swindon Town defender Jerel Ifil is looking for his side to make the perfect start at home this afternoon.

After an away draw at Sixfields seven days ago and a defeat in the Carling Cup in midweek, the man affectionately known as 'The Beast' in Wiltshire has his sights firmly set on a home victory in the first league game of the campaign.

"It would be nice to begin with a home win under our belts", said the defender speaking on Wednesday afternoon. "Luton have made a good start to the season but we have to concentrate on our own game and be positive in our play."

'The Beast' has been tamed to some extent although the instinctive defensive qualities are still in place. The former Watford defender certainly benefited from the influence of Ady Williams alongside him last term and following the arrival of Hasney Aljofree from Plymouth Argyle, Ifil now has another mentor at the heart of the defence.

"I would like to think I have matured myself over the years and that I now have a bit of experience behind me. In saying that I do recognize the benefits of playing alongside the likes

to have come full circle at SN1 with 'The Beast' now able to pass on his own experiences to the new boy.

"Ben did very well and didn't look out of place at all. He was calm on the ball and did the right things. He was playing against experienced players with Premiership experience and he didn't let himself down in any way.

"He has a bright future and tremendous potential. We have a lot of experience in our squad and I am sure the lads will be passing on a few tips when required."

## jerel ifil

Ifil is speaking to STFC Magazine just 24 hours after battling with the likes of Marcus Bent and former MK Dons front man Izale McLeod – a familiar face – against Charlton Athletic on Tuesday evening.

"We kept them quiet and I thought we did well in the first half. Charlton had some real quality in their side and we frustrated them in parts and closed them down quite well.

"However, we had a few chances of our own and unfortunately we couldn't get the breaks we needed. We felt a little hard done by with the penalty but we have learned to get on with these things and keep the focus."

Ifil's level-headed approach is now a welcome sight for all Town fans.

of Ady, and now Hasney has come in who has experience too."

Tuesday's home encounter with Charlton Athletic marked the full debut of 17-year old defender Ben Tozer. With Ifil also part of the backline on the night, things seem







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### MANAGERIAL RECORDS

#### Paul Sturrock

Played 29 Won 16 Drawn 6 Lost 7 For 35 Against 24  
 Av Pts/game 1.86  
 Biggest Win(s) Lincoln City 2 Swindon 3 (25/03/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Stockport 3 Swindon 0 (03/03/2007).

#### Kevin Blackwell

Played 7 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 5 For 6 Against 14  
 Av Pts/game 0.57  
 Biggest Win(s) Southend 1 Luton 3 (28/04/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

### MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..3 Paul Sturrock.....1 Kevin Blackwell.....2  
 Draws ..0 Goals 1 Goals 4

#### Player with the most...

##### shots

Christian Roberts 75

#### shots on target

Christian Roberts 40

#### shots off target

Lee Peacock 36

##### assists

Lee Peacock 6

##### crosses

Christian Roberts 29

##### fouls

Lee Peacock 92

#### free-kicks-won

Lee Peacock 75



#### Player with the most...

##### shots

Rowan Vine 70

#### shots on target

Rowan Vine 35

#### shots off target

Rowan Vine 35

##### assists

David Bell 7

##### crosses

Carlos Edwards 70

##### fouls

Rowan Vine 55

#### free-kicks-won

Leon Barnett 49

### SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot
Christian Roberts	10	3	13	12	2
Lee Peacock	10	0	10	6	0
Paul Evans	3	1	4	4	1

### TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ....56 Swindon wins .....17 Luton wins.....24  
 Draws ....15 Goals 85 (1.5 per game) Goals 102 (1.8 per game)  
 0-0's .....5 Times failed to score 15 Times failed to score 11

**Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:**

28/08/1920 Swindon 9-1 Luton

24/02/2001 Swindon 1-3 Luton

# Stat Pack



### 2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

3	Position	24
46	Played	46
25	Won	10
10	Drawn	10
11	Lost	26
58	Goals For	53
38	Goals Against	81
85	Points	40

### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
12	5	5	1	5	5	14	21

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
13	5	6	5	5	5	12	23

### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
18	5	2	6	8	2	3	24

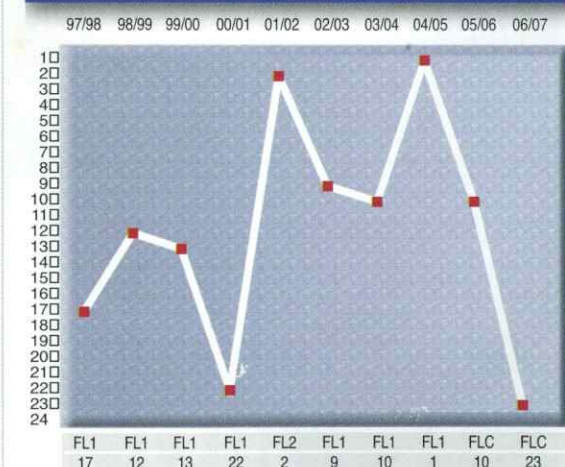
### Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	3	9	1	2	3	23	19

### Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[6], 2-0[6], 2-1[10], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], 3-2[1], Losses: 0-1[6], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[8]  
 Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[2], 2-1[2], 3-1[2], 3-2[2], 5-1[1], Losses: 0-1[5], 0-2[5], 0-3[1], 0-5[2], 1-2[5], 1-4[2], 2-3[6], Draws: 0-0[5], 1-1[2], 2-2[3]

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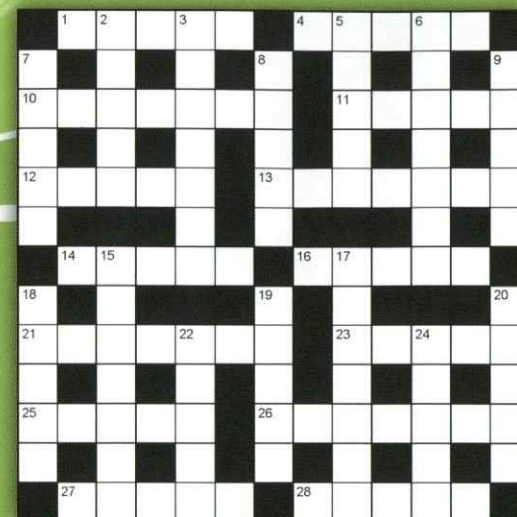
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## HALF-TIME QUIZ



### ACROSS

- William 'The Fridge' \_\_\_\_ of 80/90s gridiron fame (5)
- Was no Walker when worn down by Red Rum in the final strides of the National (5)
- Moody Brazilian midfielder at Boro under Robson with a Real Madrid namesake (7)
- Scottish jumps trainer Lenny \_\_\_\_ (5)
- Jeff \_\_\_\_, WBA forward legend of 60/70s (5)
- Jamie \_\_\_\_, Pompey's reserve keeper (7)
- Maldini or Rossi (5)
- Cambridge's Stadium (5)
- Skilful French left sided midfielder for Newcastle (1'6)
- Mansell or Reo Coker (5)
- One of the great heavyweights, nicknamed 'The Brown Bomber' (5)
- The \_\_\_\_, affectionate name for Fulham's ground (7)
- Female sprinting great implicated in Balco scandal (5)
- New Reading centre-back or recently departed Liverpool frontman (5)

### DOWN

- US tennis great engaged to Connors, married to John Lloyd (5)
- Idiosyncratic English wicketkeeper turned artist (7)
- Coates of Burnley and Spurs, Deller of the BBC (5)
- American MLS' Earthquakes (3,4)
- Rory \_\_\_\_, Irish utility man with Derby, Soton and Sunderland (5)
- Late US golfing great with more than 80 PGA tour wins (5)
- Villa's record signing from Watford (5)
- Italian defender who joined Blackburn from Rangers in 2003 (7)
- Chelsea keeping stalwart harshly remembered for Mexico world cup exit (7)
- \_\_\_\_ Italian cup, reconstituted in 1992 and discontinued in 1996! (5)
- Gabbiadini, Tardelli or Pantani (5)
- Youngest FA Cup finalist at Wembley in 1980, cousin a Sky analyst (5)
- Swiss FC side beaten by Boro in their UEFA Cup run (5)
- Essex Athletic in Blue Square National (5)

## QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS

- Where was the 1986 World Cup held?
- Which member of the Town management appeared in the 1986 World Cup?
- What football club did Ray Wilson play for when he won his 1966 World Cup medal?
- Which former Town midfielder featured for Bradford City at Wolves in midweek?
- Can you name the Swindon player who celebrates his birthday next Saturday?
- How many places were allocated to European teams for the 2006 World Cup, including the hosts Germany?
- Which former Town manager and England international is now working as a pundit in Singapore?
- And which former Town player-manager is now manager at Cambridge United?
- Name two former clubs that David Byrne has played for?
- Middlesbrough have which former Swindon Assistant Manager on their coaching staff?

Answers  
1. Perry, 4. Crisp, 10. Emerson, 11. Lungo, 12. Astle, 13. Ashdown, 14. Paolo, 16. Abbey, 21. N'Zogbia, 23. Nigel, 25. Louis, 26. Cottage, 27. Jones, 28. Clisse.  
Down  
2. Evert, 3. Russell, 5. Ralph, 6. Sanjose, 7. Delap, 8. Sneed, 9. Young, 15. Amoroso, 17. Bonetti, 18. Angio, 19. Marco, 20. Allen, 22. Basle, 24. Grays.  
Across  
1. Mexico, 2. Paul Sturrock, 3. Everton, 4. Paul Evans, 5. Blair Sturrock, 6. Fourteen, 7. Steve McMahon, 8. Jimmy Quinn, 9. Millwall, Fulham, 10. Malcolm Crosby.



## match action



### Swindon Town 0 Charlton Athletic 2

Date: 14/08/2007

Venue: The County Ground

Attendance: 6175

Referee: A Woolmer

#### Swindon Line-up

Peter Brezovan  
Jack Smith  
Ben Tozer  
Jerel Ifil  
Hasney Aljofree  
Christian Roberts 59  
Steve Adams  
Craig Easton  
Miguel Commings 59  
Lee Peacock  
Blair Sturrock 75

Phil Smith  
Jamie Vincent  
Sofiane Zaaboub 59  
Michael Pook 59  
Ibon Arrieta 75

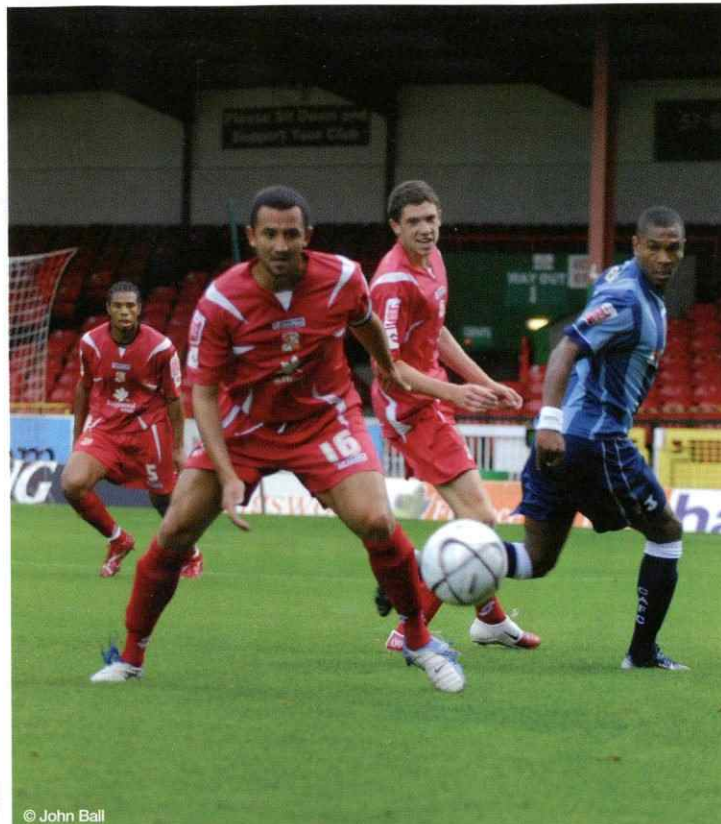
#### Charlton Line-up

Nicky Weaver  
Yassin Moutaouakil  
Chris Powell  
Madjid Bougherra  
Jose Vitor Semedo  
Lloyd Sam  
Andy Reid pen 63 79  
Darren Ambrose goal 52  
Jonathan Fortune  
Marcus Bent 78  
Izale McLeod 82

Darren Randolph  
Patrick McCarthy  
Chris Iwelumo 78  
Chris Dickson 82  
Dean Sinclair 79

#### match stats

	STFC	CAFC
Goals:	0	2
Possession:	38%	62%
Shots On Target:	1	2
Shots Off Target:	3	8
Corners:	8	4
Fouls:	16	9
Yellow Cards:	1	1
Red Cards:	0	0



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### a word from paul sturrock



"Ben Tozer made his debut and he was playing out of position at left-back. We wanted to have a look at him and he didn't let himself down.

"He did well and you wouldn't have known that he was making his debut tonight. He is a big lad and for seventeen and he has potential. I am very excited about him and there are several Premiership teams taking a look at our youth players at the moment, but at the end of the day we have to get service out of these players and that's what we are looking to do."

"quick  
quote"



# legends match action

**Gorman's XI - 6**  
**Macari's XI - 4**

**Date:** 06/08/2007

**Venue:** The County Ground

**Attendance:** 4,364

**Referee:** Adrian Smith

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## Gorman's XI Line-up

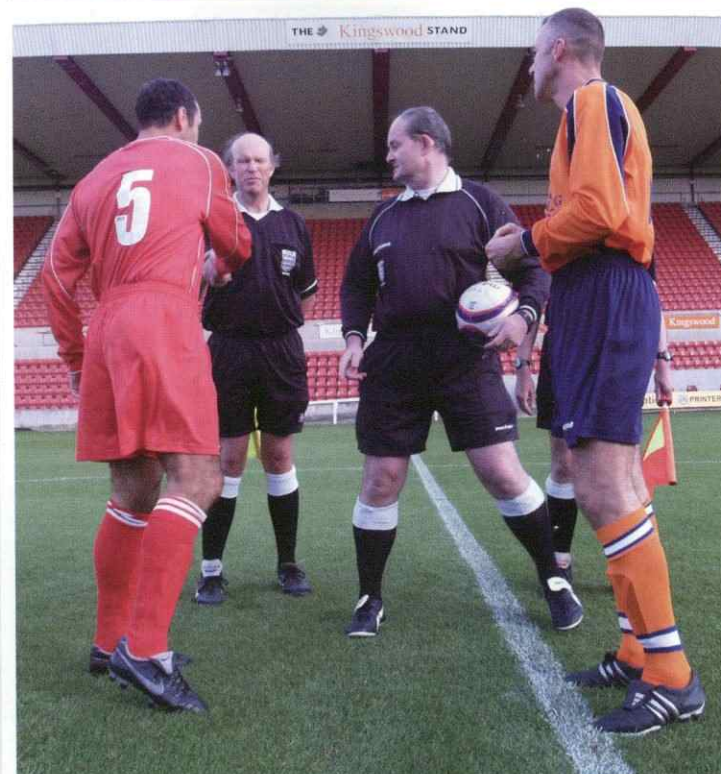
Kenny Allen  
Dave Hockaday  
Jon Gittens  
Colin Calderwood  
Phil King  
Charlie Henry  
Leigh Barnard  
Chris Kamara  
Paul Merson  
Jan Aage Fjortoft  
Bryan Wade

Paul Hunt  
Chris Ramsey  
Steve White

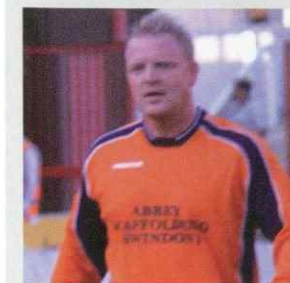
## Macari's XI Line-up

Steve Book  
David Kerslake  
Shaun Taylor  
Adie Viveash  
Paul Bodin  
Nicky Summerbee  
Tom Jones  
Luc Nijholt  
Martin Ling  
Andy Mutch  
Duncan Shearer

Gary Nelson  
Fitzroy Simpson  
Jamie Cox



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king



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**01** Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with?  
*Pete Doherty*

**02** Do you have a claim to fame outside of football?  
*I snogged Gemma Atkinson during a holiday to Magaluf in 2002.*

**03** If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?  
*San Diego*

**04** What's the funniest thing you have seen or heard on a football pitch?  
*Jerel picking the ball up when it hadn't even gone out of play a few seasons ago.*

**05** Who was the first autograph you got as a kid?  
*Timmy Mallett*

**06** What domestic chores do you do?  
*All of them because I live on my own!*

**07** What has been your biggest fashion extravagance?  
*Probably spending £200 on trainers.*

**08** Most bizarre place you have ever played football?  
*On a frozen river in St. Petersburg*

**09** Tell us something we don't know about a teammate...  
*Chris Blackburn has a tattoo under his beard.*

**10** What's the strangest item you have ever bought from eBay?  
*An apple peeler.*

**HAFTIME**

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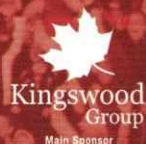
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It was good to see such a great turn out on Tuesday night, we certainly gave Charlton a run for their money in the first half but in the end the extra edge of the ex-Premiership stars saw them through. I would like to extend a warm welcome today to two companies with whom we have recently forged strong partnerships. Firstly today's Match Sponsors, **MAN ERF**. MAN ERF have kindly teamed up with Barnes Coaches to provide the Club with a brand new team coach for the new season. With its headquarters based right here in Swindon MAN ERF offers a comprehensive range of commercial vehicles, buses, coaches and industrial engines to operators and companies in the UK. We hope Vince Welsh and his guest enjoy their afternoon with us and we thank them once again for their support. Secondly, local Recruitment Company Go New will be hosting their own Lounge in the Corporate Area for the duration of the forthcoming season and beyond.

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manual workers to semi-skilled and skilled professionals. We do hope the guests of Go New Recruitment enjoy our hospitality this afternoon.

Looking forward to the autumn, the first Sporting Dinner of the new season will take place in the Supporters Club Legends Lounge on **Thursday 1st November**. One for the proverbial egg chasers, the guest speakers on the night will be the BBC's Rugby Correspondent **Ian Robertson** and the legendary Welsh fly-half **Phil Bennett**. The evening will include a high quality three-course meal, auction and raffle. Bookings are now being taken. A table of ten is priced at **£400** including vat, individual spaces are also available, priced at **£45** inc vat per person. A donation from the net profit of the evening will be made to the Alastair Hignell Interferon Fund, a charity dedicated to help Multiple Sclerosis sufferers.

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Enjoy the game...  
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→ Christian Roberts with Tuesday night's 'Platinum Day Out' winner



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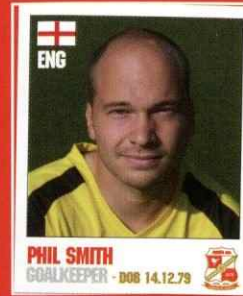
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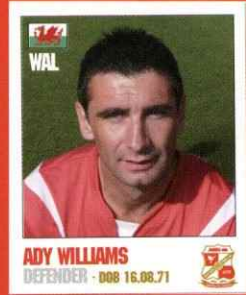
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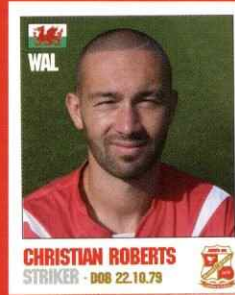
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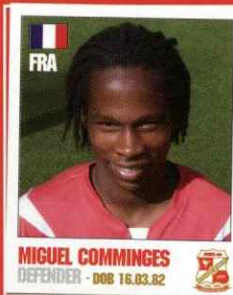
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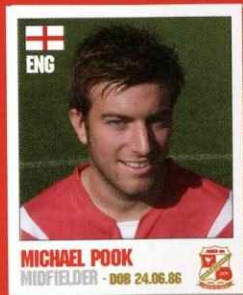
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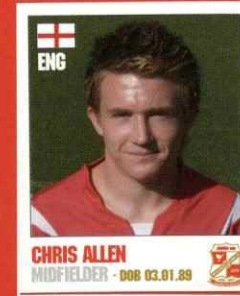


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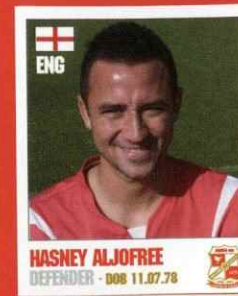


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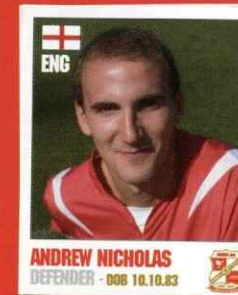
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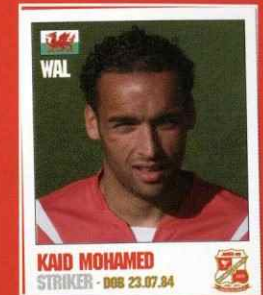
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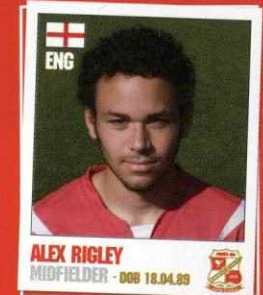
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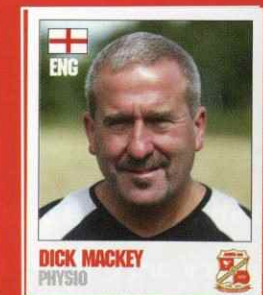
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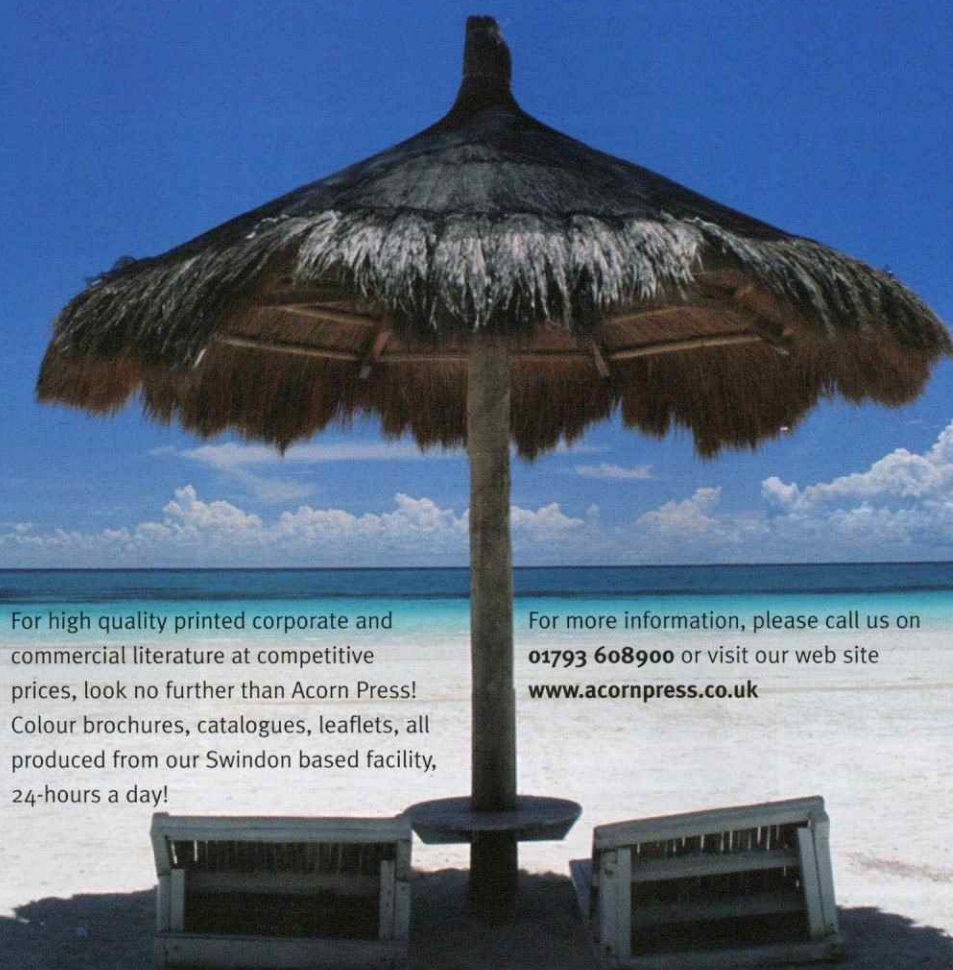
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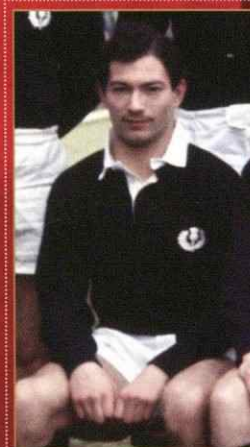
### **LEGENDS LOUNGE**

#### **7:30PM – 11:30PM**

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**



**IAN ROBERTSON** **PHIL BENNETT**



For the day Ian Robertson is the BBC Rugby Correspondent covering both Radio and TV. In the evening he is a very amusing, entertaining and highly articulate after-dinner speaker. His rugby career ended with a bad knee injury at the age of 25 but by that time he had won "Blues" at both Aberdeen University and Cambridge University, had played for London Scottish and the Barbarians and had won 8 international caps for Scotland. He was vice-captain of Scotland. He joined the BBC as a rugby commentator in 1972 and has covered almost all major matches all over the world for the past 20 years. A prolific writer he is author or co-author of over 20 books including several best sellers.

Phil Bennett's wizardry entertained crowds throughout the seventies. His mercurial skills included a devastating sidestep and swerve. His unique hunched running style proved deceptive and he had an uncanny ability to unlock defences with his twinkling feet. He made his Welsh debut in 1969 against France, gaining caps as a fullback and centre, and in 1972 finally settled into the fly half berth. His form earned him a place on the British Lions tour of South Africa in 1974, where he would reach new heights as the star of the tour, scoring 103 points. His 50 yard try in the 28-9 second test victory in Pretoria, ranks as one of the supreme examples of individual brilliance on a rugby pitch. He retired from international rugby in 1978.



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# JUNIOR ROBINS



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Good afternoon to all our **Junior Robins** here today and also to the **Junior Hatters**.

Well, we've spent those last few weeks waiting for the start of the season and it is now here at last. We got the one point last week at Northampton, now let's hope that we get the three points from today's game.

I've had a few more membership forms in the past week, but it would be great if I could get a

few more in please. We have lots of great things planned for this season, join in and be part of it. There's some out there who I know need to send the forms in - you know who you are, you have given me permission to nag!

If you have not received a membership form, or newsletter and would like one please let me

know and I will send them out to you. Also, for everyone that have already sent their forms back into me, if you could give me a bit more time to allow for the membership cards, and gift vouchers that would be great, thank you.

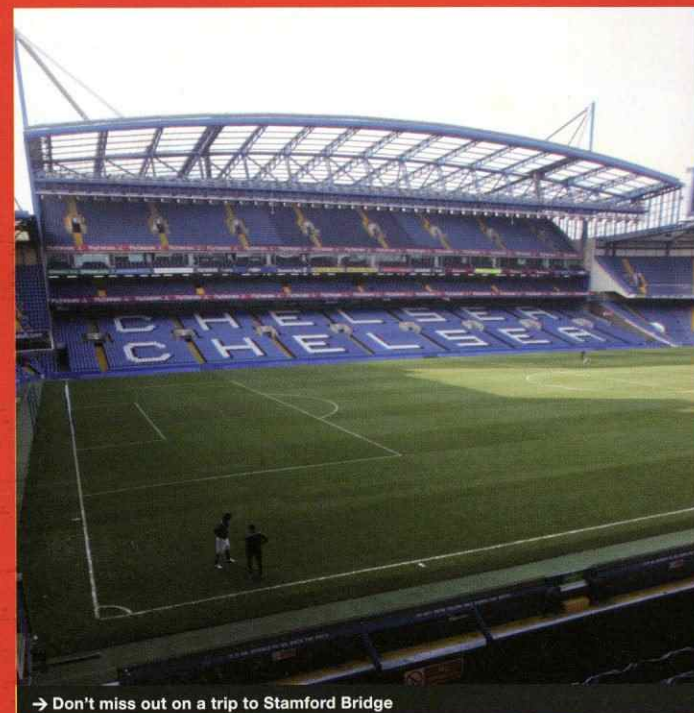
We've got away games planned, a meet the players evenings, a trip to Stamford Bridge, discos, etc. You will also get birthday cards, Christmas cards (which I will be organising a competition to design the latter), and a £5 gift voucher for the STFC Superstore.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in answers to the quiz in the newsletter, and also to those of you who have supplied answers to Random Robin questions. I can now announce that Tom Denmead of Lechlade is the winner of the newsletter quiz, and will be receiving his £5 STFC gift voucher very soon.

Please keep the Random Robin questions coming in. Everyone who has already sent them in - you will soon get into a matchday programme.

Many thanks

**Sharon Franklin**



→ Don't miss out on a trip to Stamford Bridge

## QUIZ TIME

1. What club has recently signed up Ashan Holgate?
2. What is Luton's ground called?
3. What is Luton Town's mascot called?
4. Who will we be playing in the first round of the Johnstones Paint Trophy early in September?
5. How many Swindon fans went to the Northampton game last week?
6. Name 2 clubs that Hasney Aljfree has played for.
7. Who were the two ex-Swindon Town managers who managed the teams at the recent Legends game?
8. Where did Swindon Town play before they were at The County Ground?



**Answers**  
1. Weston Super Mare  
2. Kenilworth Stadium (loan), Colchester (loan)  
3. Harry The Hatter  
4. Bury (at home)  
5. 1,338  
6. Lou Maclean and John Gorman  
7. The Goffs  
8. Dundee, Bolton

## TODAY'S MASCOTS



## RANDOM ROBIN



This weeks Random Robin is **Kieran Marvell** of Swindon.



**Your favourite current STFC player?**  
Christian Roberts

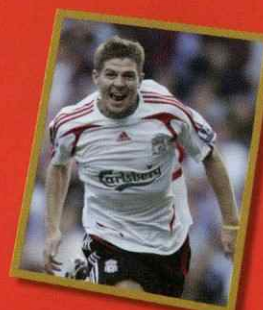
**Your favourite past STFC player?**  
Ricky Shakes

**Your favourite non STFC player?**  
Steven Gerrard

**First game you every went to?**  
Swindon v Millwall 2005 (friendly)

**Where's the furthest away game you've travelled to?**  
Walsall

**Do you play football yourself?**  
South Swindon FC  
Under 10s



← **Luke Eckersall**  
Luke is 7-years old and attends Foxmoor School in Cashes Green, Stroud. He plays in defence for Stonehouse Town under 8's. His favourite player is Lee Peacock.

**Zack Eckersall →**  
Zack is 4-years old and starts school at Foxmoor in September. His favourite player is Peter Brezovan.



← **Hannah Waring**  
Hannah is 12-years old and from Wellington in Somerset. Her favourite player is striker Drew Talbot.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Matthew Gale who will be 12 and to Joe Grant who will soon be 11. I hope you both have a great day. Also, a belated Happy Birthday to Ryan Blackwell who was 15 last week.





## stfc new recruits

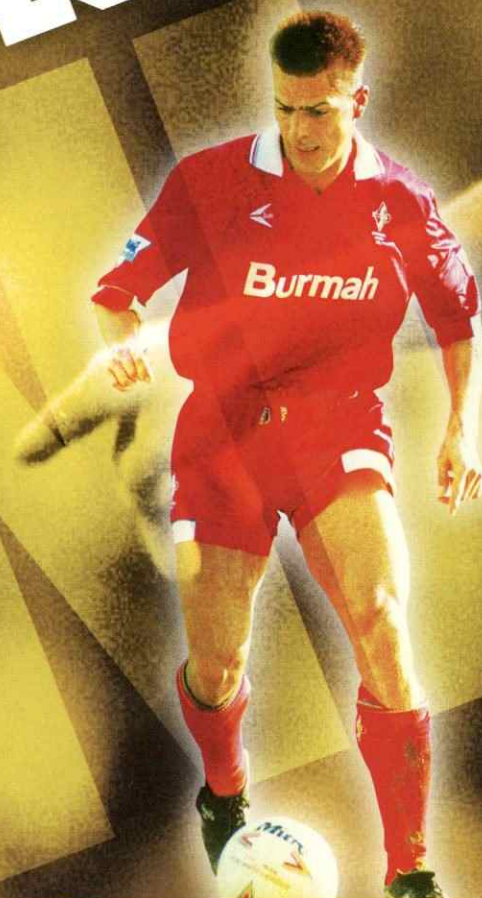
Left to right: Hasney Ajiotree (Team Captain), Miguel Comminges, Craig Easton, Chris Blackburn, Barry Corr, Kaid Mohamed, Blair Sturrock, Steve Adams, Ibon Ameta.



13 years on and **Luc Nijholt** returned to The County Ground – STFC took the opportunity to 'tackle' the Dutchman and catch up with one of Town's most **fearsome midfielders...**

Interview: Nick Judd

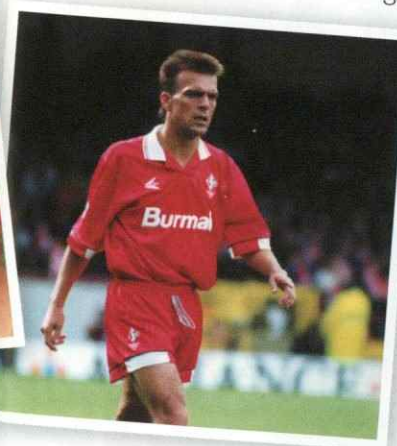
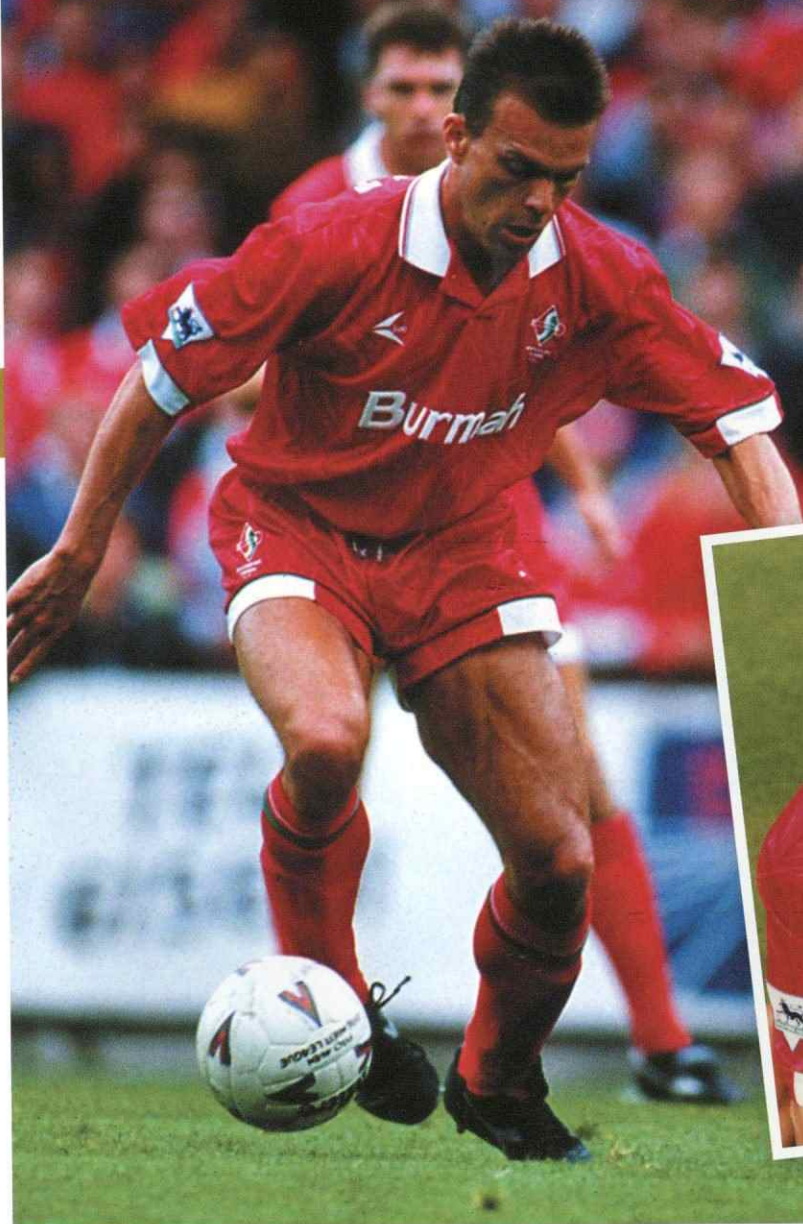
# LUC, LUC, LUC



# Burmah



"The **Manchester United** game, when I scored the equaliser [2-2], was the highlight. I still think about that a lot and it was a great moment for me."



Luc Nijholt shakes my hand and looks me firmly in the eye. His grip is vice-like. I imagine it's as assured as he used to be in the tackle. His piercing blue eyes look stern and even now, 13 years following his departure from The County Ground, the Dutchman likes to be in control, whatever he's doing.

Back in 1993/94 many midfielders felt the same way. Nijholt was signed for £175,000 in the summer of 1993 following Town's promotion to the top-flight. John Gorman hoped he would help bolster his team's defence along with the capture of Adrian Whitbread, both brought in as a result of Colin Calderwood's move to Spurs.

Nijholt by reputation was a tough-tackling defender, or sweeper. Yet such was his presence that Gorman later deployed the then 31-year old in midfield to help snuff out such middlemen as Paul Ince, Jamie Redknapp and Paul Merson. He continued playing in midfield when Town were relegated back into the Championship – the Dutchman cut from a similar job to his second manager, Steve McMahon. Town may have come off worse in most of the encounters in both seasons – Nijholt rarely did. The likes of Martin Ling, Kevin Horlock and John Moncur were able to pick out a killer pass, or link play, but Nijholt gave Town a presence the others couldn't offer, and few got the better of the man

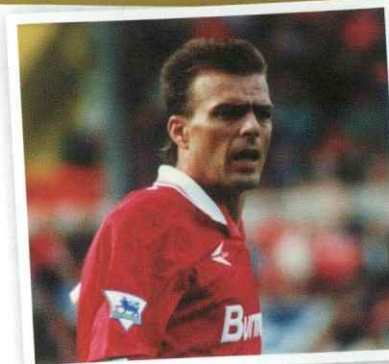
with the crew cut. It probably comes as no surprise that he carried a poor disciplinary record in the two years he spent here – yellow cards as frequent as goals against and he was suspended for Town's trip to Anfield.

A goliath on the pitch he was a different person off it. Affable, friendly and honest, despite Town's lack of success during his stay he will always be remembered fondly by Town fans. Someone that would sweat blood for the shirt on the pitch, yet give fans the time of day off it – he also had an element of self-restraint – the Dutchman once holding McMahon back from doing undue damage to Bolton's John McGinley following Mark Robinson's seemingly unjust sending off against the Trotters in the Coca Cola Cup semi-final in 1995.

Only Town fans with a keen eye on action north of the border had heard of Nijholt preceding his arrival in 1993 from Motherwell. With 13 seasons already under his belt, including three in Scotland and nine in Holland – he had the necessary experience to deal with Town's top-flight challenge, more so than many of his teammates, but his name raised more than a few eyebrows when Gorman parted with almost two hundred grand. Few of Town's squad had played top-flight football, let alone in three countries (as well as Holland and Scotland, Nijholt spent a season in Switzerland).

Old school in his approach Nijholt was a 'busy' player. Confident on the ball, probably as a result of his Dutch schooling, he was as competent going forward as he was getting stuck in at the back – he was a rare mix of brain and brawn – something he admits he's keen to take into his managerial career.

"There's not as much passion in Holland as there is in England," he says. Currently managing



Telstar of the Dutch Division 1 (not the Eredivisie) – he will be looking to build on an opening draw away from home (sounds familiar).

"We are more technical and tactical – but we lack the team spirit you have in England and we're certainly not as physical. We like to play, build-up slowly – I used to love the physical side – it suited me as a player and I like my team to be the same, with a bit more technical ability."

Town fans used to love seeing him get involved in a hefty challenge, or rampage forward not knowing what he was going to do next – but such was his understanding of the game that he's already carved out a decent coaching career for himself, one that saw him linked to the vacant Swindon manager's position last season before Paul Sturrock assumed the reigns.

"I would love to come back, perhaps in the next three or four years," he told STFC Magazine. Granted, the recent all-star game may have evoked fond memories, but it's clear that Swindon is a place Nijholt holds close to his heart. "One day I would love to come back to the County Ground as manager because I love it here – my family liked it here when I was playing. I liked the country, as did my family, and it's a lovely club to work for."

There's no doubting Town fans are happy with the eventual outcome of last year's managerial merry-go-round – Sturrock is a popular



## luc nijholt career history

**Name:** Luc Nijholt  
**Height:** 5.11  
**Weight:** 12.01  
**Date of birth:** 29-07-1961  
**Place of birth:** Amsterdam  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Nationality:** Netherlands

Career Appearances:	Apps	gls
FC Volendam 95	-	-
Swindon 93-95	94 (2)	5
Motherwell 90-93	-	-
Basle OB 89-90	-	-

Transfer Fees:	Fee
Basle OB to Motherwell	£125,000
Motherwell to Swindon	£175,000
<b>Career Total</b>	<b>£300,000</b>

figure. Yet the mention of Nijholt's name as a candidate did pull at the heartstrings of many fans harking back to the days when, well when Swindon were more of a footballing power. Whether or not Nijholt will return one day remains to be seen, but the memories he has already left will live long in the annals of many Reds. Take his shooting skills, for example...

"The Manchester United game, when I scored the equaliser [2-2], was the highlight. I still think about that a lot and it was a great moment for me." Town fans won't remember many of Nijholt's other strikes, there were five in total, but his looping deflected effort Peter Schmeichel will never be forgotten. Had it not been for Eric Cantona's stamp on John Moncur in the game – it probably would be more universally well known.

13 years on and Nijholt was back gracing The County Ground turf. Thanks to Phil King's tireless organisation, Nijholt took time out from his own preparations at Telstar to attend the Legends charity match. He's still got it, too.

Like many of his teammates, Martin Ling and Jan Aage, for example – Nijholt hasn't lost his ability to pick a pass, to pass and move or control the tempo of play. And when a 50/50 loomed, just like when Jan Aage was through on goal, the crowd looked on in anticipation – would he come out on top? Yes, was invariably the answer.

"It was an easy game for us tonight," he laughs at the final whistle, embarrassingly not as out of breath as I am having sprinted down the Arkells steps to greet him.

"Jan, Shaun, Lingy – it was great – they've all

still got it," he says in praise of his teammates, many of which, like him, are now respected coaches in their own right.

"You knew in the Premier League that a few of the lads were going to be going into training [coaching] – it's good. They all played at a high level and so they know the game well – the higher the level of football the more coaches you're likely to get. "I still talk to them on the phone, or through the internet now and again. But it's good to see them in the flesh. We are very busy back in Holland because it's pre-season, but I managed to get a day and a half off and it's nice to see some good friends, as well as do something for charity."

The fact that the likes of Luc and Jan took the time to visit Swindon once again goes to show how much their time in SN1 meant to them. You could also see on the pitch, with the banter and the fluency of play, just how good and close a side it was – even if it wasn't good enough for England's elite division.

"We all had a great time playing in the Premier League. It was only for one year, but it was a great experience playing against the likes of Manchester United, Arsenal, Newcastle. These days the Premier League is big money and teams that get promoted have a bit more to spend. We didn't have that, but hopefully Town can reach that in the next few years."

Nijholt admits he still casts an eye over his former club's results, and that with Sturrock now at the helm, they have every chance of getting back to the Championship at least.

"Unfortunately they were struggling for a few years, but with last season's promotion they can now look to build again, and perhaps in a year or two climb the league again and go into the Championship. This is a tremendous club – it has a good support, nice people – they deserve to be in a higher league."

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## 1 Curtis Davies

A precocious talent who started out his career with Luton Town as a trainee, Davies went on to make a total of 54 league starts for The Hatters after making his debut in November 2003 against Rushden & Diamonds. Went on to make six further appearances during the 2003-04 campaign.

The 22-year old attracted the attentions of West Bromich Albion after an impressive 2004-05 campaign and left Luton in a £3 million move in the summer of 2005 and he has since racked up 65 league starts for The Baggies.

## 2 Rory Fallon

A popular New Zealander who joined Town during Andy King's time at The County Ground in November 2003. Often used as an impact substitute as his 32 appearances from the bench would suggest.

21 goals in 43 league starts tempted Swansea City to part with £300,000 for his services but after failing to settle at The Liberty Stadium, he made a similar switch to Plymouth Argyle. He began the season well for Ian Holloway's side and was on the scoresheet in a 3-2 opening day victory at Hull City.

## 3 Kevin Nicholls

Newham-born midfielder who began his career with Charlton Athletic in August 1995 and spent four years with The Addicks before further spells with Wigan Athletic and Brighton & Hove Albion (loan) before Luton for £25,000 in August 2001. Spent five successful seasons as a pivotal figure in the Hatters midfield before departing for Leeds United in July 2006 for £750,000.

After a fall-out with Dennis Wise, Nicholls left Elland Road for Preston North End in the summer.

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## william pitt

The founder of Swindon Town Football Club.  
By Peter Lupson



When I began exploring the church roots of famous football clubs for my book 'Thank God for Football' I could never have guessed that my research for the chapter on Swindon Town would lead to the Robins changing the date on their club badge.

You can imagine my delight when Director Mike Bowden invited me to the Community Day at The County Ground to talk about my discovery and the club's founder William Pitt. Pitt's story is told in full in the Swindon Town chapter of my book (available in the club shop) and it's a great pleasure to be invited to write something about him for this magazine now that the date in which he formed the club is clear.

### Pitt arrives at Christ Church

William Pitt, an Exeter man, was appointed curate of Christ Church in Swindon's Old Town at the age of 23. He soon became very popular in the parish, especially among young people. He related easily to others and had the gift of bringing together people who didn't get on. It was a valuable gift at a time when there was mutual suspicion between the residents of Old and New Town. Pitt was keen to build a bridge between the two communities and it was football that gave him the opportunity.

### The Club is Born

In autumn 1879 he invited some young lads from New Town to meet with him to discuss the formation of a football

club. They were quickly won over by his contagious enthusiasm and the club was born. However, the name proved to be a problem as Pitt explained years later 'we decided to call our club the Swindon Town Football Club. But we found that that was rather a large mouthful to shout out, and we afterwards changed the name to the Spartan Club.'

### The Ongoing Spirit

Pitt played in the first ever match on 29 November 1879 and continued to play until 1882 when he left Christ Church to become rector of All Saints, Liddington. But he never lost his affection for the club and he was proud to be invited to speak at The County Ground in September 1911 at the Southern League Championship celebration. In front of thousands of supporters he was saluted as the father of the club. In his speech he summed up the spirit in his day, saying 'I cannot say that we ever achieved any great results. We always played for the love of the game, and we always played a straight game.'

He then attributed the success of the championship side to the strong Christian spirit that prevailed at the club, no doubt with players such as the legendary Harold Fleming in mind. How delighted he would have been, therefore, to know that there is an official Christian presence at the club today in the form of club chaplain Simon Stevenette and how appropriate that Simon should be Vicar of Christ Church where it all started.

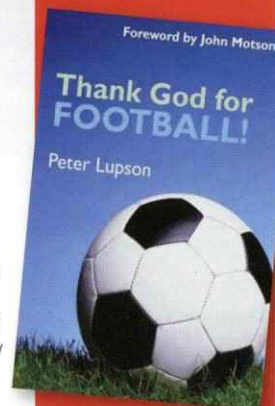


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## stfc youth report

Good afternoon and welcome to today's home clash with Luton Town.

First of all I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Ben Tozer on his first team debut against Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night in the Carling Cup. For those of you who were not aware of him, you probably are now! Ben is a 17-year old defender who joined us from Plymouth Argyle in the summer. He played for me at College level in Plymouth and got himself into the England Colleges National Squad and was a player that, as soon as I made the move to Swindon, I wanted him to join me here. Along with Ben Joyce and Sean Morrison, the three players joined us in June as first year scholars.

Ben's performance on Tuesday night, as already mentioned, was impressive and he showed maturity beyond his years. I think this shows that Paul (Sturrock) has faith in the youth system we have here at Swindon Town Football Club and he has shown the rest of the younger lads that he will not hesitate to give them the experience if they are performing consistently at youth team level.

Talking of the youth team squad, I am over the moon with our new intake and although expectation levels are high following last year's FA Youth Cup and league successes, I feel this year

we have a squad that is capable of matching or surpassing last season's achievements. I say this because I feel we have a stronger squad with 13 first year scholars and five second year scholars in the squad. We have a good blend as a lot of the first year players have already got experience from last season.

Hopefully by the time you are reading these notes we will have taken three points from Yeovil Town in our first youth league fixture of the campaign. Andy Westall has had a slight hamstring injury through the week and we were without Callum Willmoth who had missed the week's training with a viral infection.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Paul Bodin, Ian Howell, Roger Reeves and Centre of Excellence Manager, Jeremy Newton, on their Milk Cup success in Ireland with the Under 15's. It was another fantastic achievement for the club which is now truly back on the map in relation to it's youth team set-up. Well done everybody!

Enjoy the game.

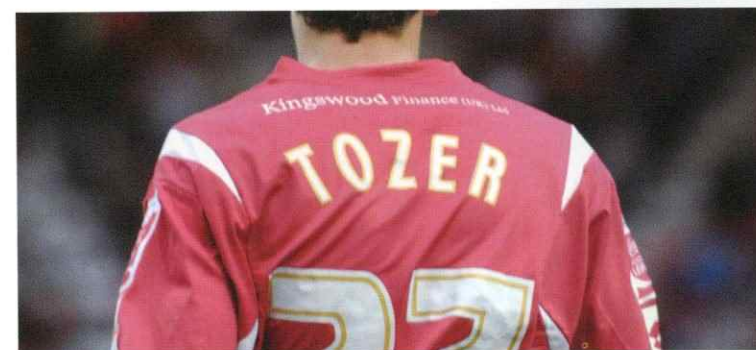
**David Byrne**



### puma youth alliance u18 south west

Aug 18	Yeovil Town	H
Aug 25	In Service Training	
Sep 1	Cheltenham T.	A
Sep 8	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sep 15	Yeovil Town	H SC(11)
Sep 22	Bristol Rovers	A SC(12)
Sep 29	Oxford United	H SC(13)
Oct 6	Southend Utd	A SC(14)
Oct 13	Gillingham	H SC(15)
Oct 20	Colchester Utd	A SC(16)
Oct 27	Leyton Orient	H SC(17)
Nov 10	Hereford United	H
Nov 17	Swansea City	A
Nov 24	SC2	
Dec 1	Bournemouth	H
Dec 8	Oxford Utd	A
Dec 15	Bristol Rovers	H
Jan 12	Exeter City	A
Jan 19	Hereford Utd	A
Jan 26	In Service Training	
Feb 2	Swansea City	H
Feb 9	Bournemouth	A
Feb 16	Oxford Utd	H
Feb 23	SC3	
Mar 1	Bristol Rovers	A
Mar 15	Exeter City	H
Mar 29	Yeovil Town	A
Apr 5	Cheltenham T.	H
Apr 19	Plymouth Argyle	A
May 3	In Service Training	

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Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Luton Town.

The Centre of Excellence is now  
up and running and the U13's  
and U14's have been in action  
last week when we entertained  
Aston Villa at the training ground.  
It was the first time that we had  
played Villa and it was a good  
test for us because they are a  
massive Academy. They train  
three times a week with games  
on Sundays and it just sometimes  
shows that an extra training  
night is invaluable to player's  
development. However, having  
said this, we coped very well and  
it was a good game. It showed  
me how far we have come and  
what we need to do to achieve

the level of the Academy clubs.

This weekend will see the 9 - 16's  
play West Bromwich Albion, again  
playing another Academy club will  
test us, but is so important to the  
club, and the player's individual  
development. The 9's, 10's,  
14's and 15's are at the training  
ground this Sunday, while the  
11's, 12's, and 13's make the trip  
up to the Midlands, with the 16's  
also making the trip on Saturday.

The U7's and U8's are up and  
running and this is boding very  
well in the intake of our U9's this  
season. Six of last seasons U8's

have signed contracts with us for  
the U9's this season, and I wish  
them all the success with us.  
So it does work, and if we don't  
develop them, and scout them,  
then the other clubs that we are  
competing will soon take them  
up. Although in saying that, it  
does seem a bit strange having 6  
year olds in our system! However  
it is essential to the clubs future  
that we as a Centre of Excellence  
continue producing local talent.

Enjoy the game...

**Jeremy Newton**  
Centre of Excellence Director



Top Row, Left to Right: **Matty Russell, Adam Corcoran, Tyler Shepperd, Scott Montgomery, Giancarlo Carpinelli**  
Middle Row, Left to Right: **Jordan Roberts, George Sealey, John Rees, Jason Hull, Callum Antel, Chris Hughes, Stephen Bray, Billy Bodin**  
Bottom Row, Left to Right: **Roger Reeves (Physio) Darren Jefferies, Gio Wrona, Paul Bodin (Coach) Ian Howell (Coach) Marcus Welch, Ryan Stanners, Jeremy Newton (Centre of Excellence Manager)**



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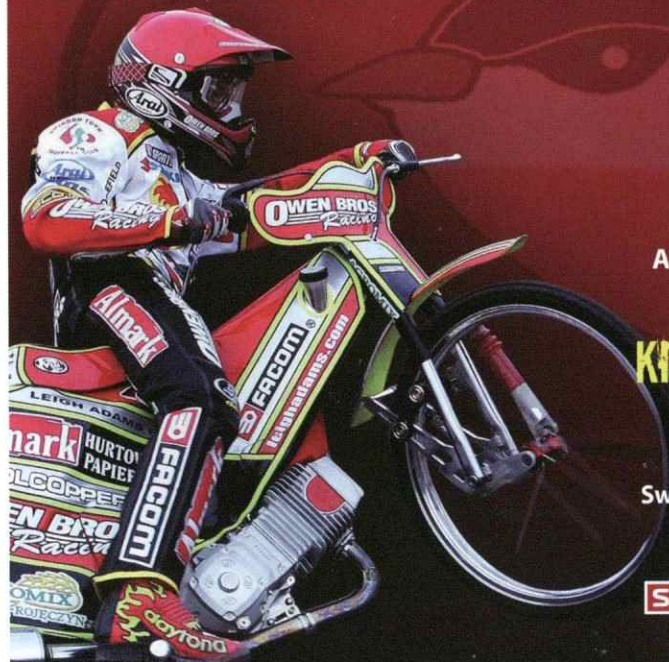
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STFC Magazine will be featuring a different member of the Youth Team in each edition over the coming season. This afternoon we feature winger **Lloyd Macklin**.



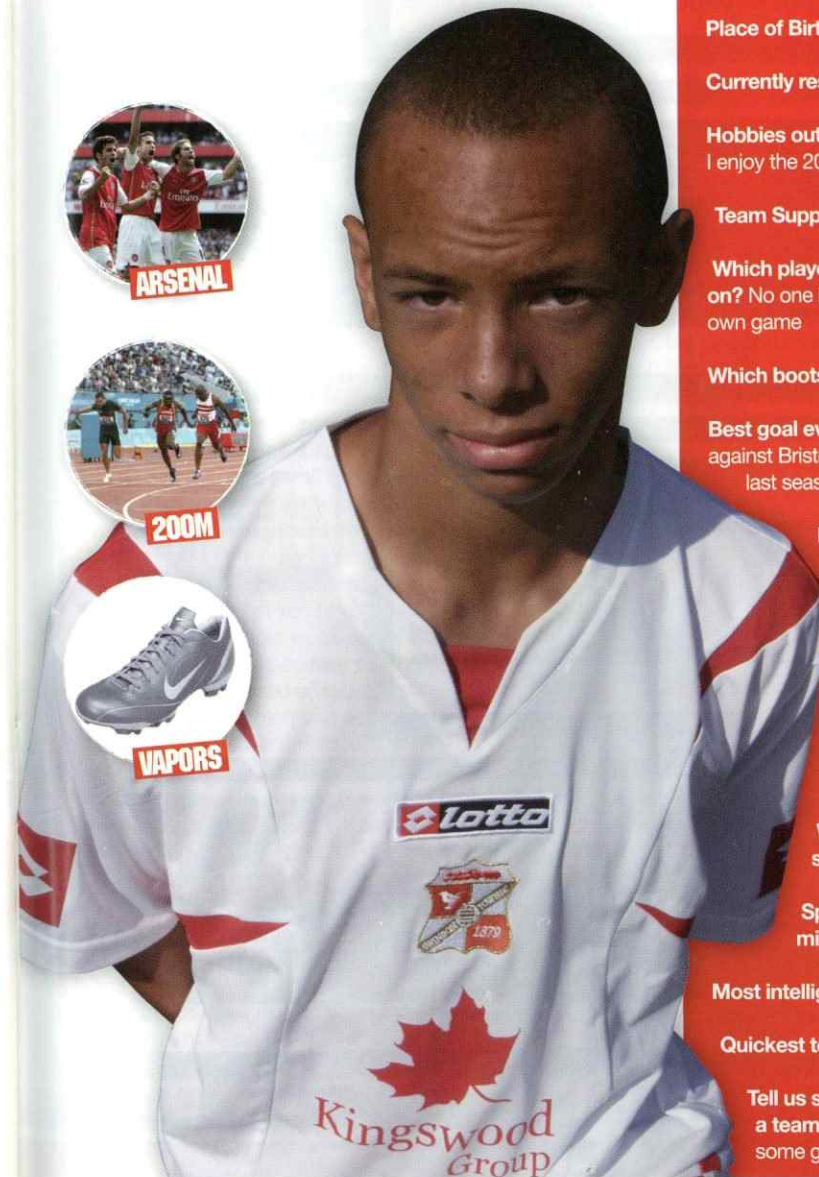
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## PLAYER FACTFILE

Name: Lloyd Macklin

Date of Birth: 02/08/91

Place of Birth: Frimley, Hampshire

Currently resides: Rodbourne, Swindon

Hobbies outside of football: Athletics.  
I enjoy the 200m and that's about it

Team Supported: Arsenal

Which player do you model your game on? No one in particular, I just play my own game

Which boots do you wear? Nike Vapors

Best goal ever scored? A 30-yard strike against Bristol Rovers for the Youth Team last season

How many goals will you score this season for Town? More than last season I hope. I got 11 last term so an improvement on that

## YOUR TEAMMATES

Who is the joker in the Town squad? Callum Kennedy

Spends most time in front of the mirror? Jake Hyde, definitely.

Most intelligent? Nathan Thompson

Quickest teammate? Jack Winter

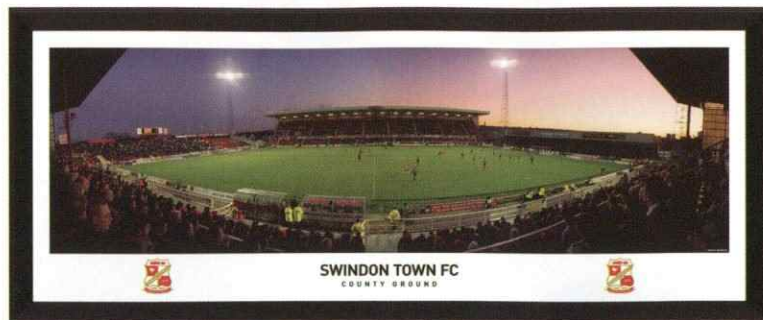
Tell us something we don't know about a teammate... Callum Kennedy has some good moves on the dance floor





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# football in the community



Welcome to our first home league fixture of the season where we welcome back familiar faces in Sam Parkin and Sol Davis.

Both of the above players helped us out on our various community projects and Sam in particular showed great enthusiasm with the children during his time at the club. Players taking an interest in our courses are always a great boost for the scheme and we look forward to this continuing with the current squad as the season progresses.

This week's course has been a total contrast to the first two weeks; with the Great British summer turning against is in some force. There was plenty of rain and the high winds certainly made things difficult. Our indoor strategy kicked in on Tuesday with the children being transported to the magnificent indoor facilities at Croft, St. Joseph's, Dorcan, Oakfield and finally Hreed Parkway. Although the children would rather be outside, the facilities that we provide do contribute to the children receiving the same quality coaching and sessions in a safe and dry environment. Jon and I would like to pay tribute to our course coaches who once again showed their terrific adaptability during a testing week. We would also like to thank Tim Hower at Stagecoach who has taken over from Richard Hall. Both gentlemen have been absolutely fantastic for Football in the Community and without their support and commitment we would find it extremely difficult to run our courses with the same high-quality.

We have been very fortunate over the past fourteen months to have Rob Paget on board with us as a full-time community coach. Rob has had a

full-time placement with us and has proved to be a great asset to our team. As well as working as part of our coaching set-up, we have used him as a goalkeeping coach on Saturday Team Club and Holiday Courses. Rob returns to Bournemouth University in September and the place won't be the same without him around with his dry humour and good nature. Jon, the lads and myself would like to wish Rob all the best on his return to University and hope that he achieves his goal of attaining his degree.

Enjoy the game and let's hope for a home win!

Enjoy the game.  
**Clive and Jon**



→ Clive Maguire



→ Jon Holloway

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→ Children pictured at the end of another successful FITC Funweek

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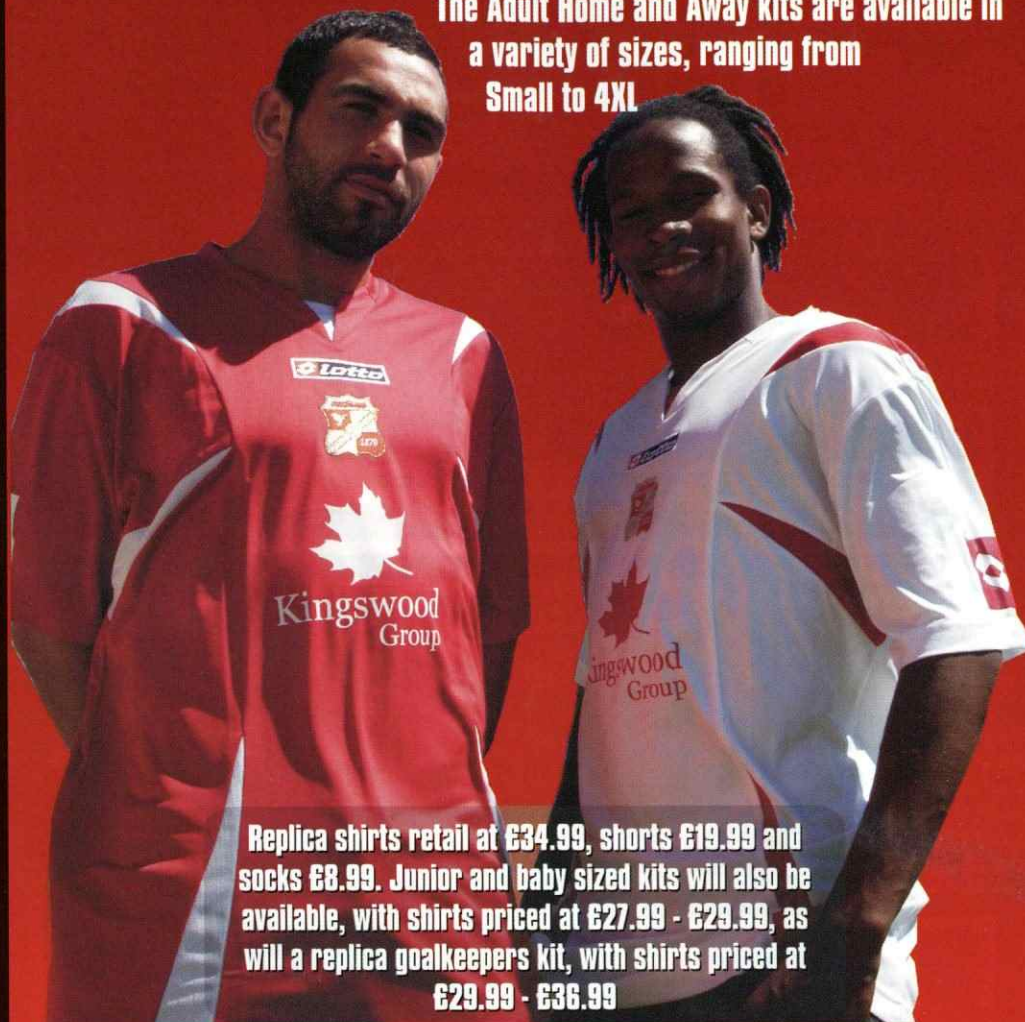




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# stfc soccer centres



with Shane Hewlett, Adam Greaney & Luke Sharps

Good afternoon and welcome to today's first home league game of the season and we would like to wish Paul Strurrock and the first team all the very best for the 2007/08 campaign.

## Tiny Tots Round up (3-4 yrs)

We are currently enrolling for this September with all but one of our sessions sold-out. The available session is: Wednesday - Stratton (Grange Drive) 13.15-14.00

If you would like information on how to enroll your children on these sessions then please contact Luke Sharps on 01793 617718

## Soccer Centres (5-13 yrs)

Soccer Centres will restart for the 2007/08 season on the week commencing September 3rd with the majority of places taken. We still have some spaces available in various age groups, however places are going fast so please contact Shane Hewlett on 01793 617718 for further information.

Over the summer we have seen some

of our coaching staff leave to go onto pastures new. Kirk McGinn and Tom Hartley have moved on to take posts with The FA and Dan Minhinett is moving to Hertfordshire so we wish them all well with their new roles.

Coming in the other way is Mark Draycott who has just returned from a successful spell in America and fellow former Town players Ben Wells and Justin McKay. All these lads have their relevant coaching qualifications and are raring to go in September.

We are still looking to strengthen our team further for September so if you have a level 2/3 qualification and would like to get involved then please send a CV to Shane Hewlett at The County Ground.

Enjoy the game today and let's support the lads to a win today.

Shane, Adam and Luke



→ The Oasis Soccer Centre group



## Course Schedule

**Link Centre** (Swindon Borough)  
Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-6yrs  
5.30-6.30 8-11yrs  
Thursday: 4.30-5.30 5 yrs  
5.30-6.30 7-8yrs

**Oasis** (Swindon Borough)  
Monday: 5.00-6.00 8-11yrs  
Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-8yrs  
Saturday: 10.00-11.00 5-8yrs

**Highworth** (Swindon Borough)  
Tuesday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
5.00-6.00 7-8yrs  
Thursday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
5.00-6.00 8-11yrs

**Haydon Centre** (Swindon Borough)  
Thursday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
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6.00-7.00 9-11yrs

**Stratton**  
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4.30-5.30 9-11yrs  
Tuesday: 3.30-4.30 5-6yrs  
4.30-5.30 9-10yrs  
Wednesday: 3.30-4.30 7-8yrs  
4.30-5.30 8-9yrs  
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6.00-7.00 8-11yrs

**Clanfield**  
Friday: 5.00-6.00 5-7yrs  
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Friday: 4.00-5.00 5-8yrs  
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**Croft** (Swindon Borough)  
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5.45-6.30 4-5yrs  
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## swindon town ladies

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Sarah Maisey will run the Under 8s who train at the Isambard School, Redhouse on Tuesday evenings between 6-30 and 7-30. The team do not play in a league but take part in mini soccer tournaments.

Both the Under 9s and Under 10s will play in the Wiltshire County Under 10s League. Home matches are played on Saturday mornings at Oaktree School, Priory Road, and kick off at 10-30. Steve Skitrall will take charge of the Under 9 side and Paul Walters the Under 10 team.

The Under 12 team will again play in the Wiltshire County League. Games are play on Saturday mornings at 10-30 with a home pitch at Colebrook School in Towcester Road, Stratton. Pasky Vitale looks after this team.

Once again the Under 14 team will play in the Wiltshire County League with Sarah Maisey managing the

side. Fixtures are played Saturday or Sunday mornings at 10-30. No home ground has been fixed yet.

The Under 15 side with Paul Scofield in charge play in the Bristol Girls League. Matches are played on Saturday or Sunday morning kicking off at 10-30. The team still has to fix a home venue.

Steve Drewett runs the Under 16 team who play in the Wiltshire County League. Home games are played at Colebrook School, Towcester Road, Stratton on Saturdays kicking off at 12.30pm.

The Town's opening game of the new season is against Frome Town at Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2.00pm.

Any women or girls interested in joining the club should contact Club Secretary **John White** on Swindon **01793 824470**.



### fixtures 2007/08 south west combination

2 Sep	Frome Town	H
9 Sep	Bournemouth	H
16 Sep	Reading	A
23 Sep	Southampton S.	H
7 Oct	Yeovil Town	H
14 Oct	Team Weston	A
28 Oct	Fa Cup - 1	
4 Nov	Forest Green R.	A
12 Nov	Fa Cup - 2	
18 Nov	QPR	A
25 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
2 Dec	League Cup	
9 Dec	Yeovil Town	A
16 Dec	Reading	H

### 06/07 final table

	P	GD	PTS
Newquay	20	45	51
Plymouth Argyle	20	24	47
QPR	20	34	43
Swindon Town	20	10	37
Chesham United	20	4	30*
Luton Town	20	9	27
AFC Bournemouth	20	-5	19
Forest Green Rovers	20	-25	19*
Clevedon	20	-18	16
Frome Town	20	-43	13
Oxford City	20	-35	10

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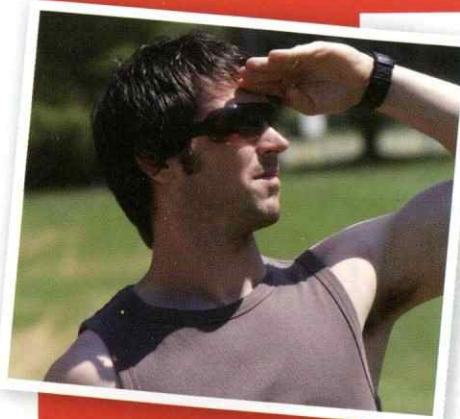
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# easton austria



Swindon Town midfielder Craig Easton provides STFC Magazine with a unique insight into the club's recent pre-season tour to Austria.



## PART ONE

### AIRPORTS

"As usual on trips like this there was always a lot of waiting around at airports. It was a case of trawling the airport shops – where you usually end up spending money on the usual airport nonsense."



### THE LADS

"It was a great opportunity for myself and the rest of the new boys to get to know everyone and find out all their annoying habits! Although we were there for training, we also had time for a laugh and a joke when the opportunity arose and a good night out at the end of the tour with some dodgy dancing involved."



### TRAINING

"The pitches were first class and although we were moaning about it being too hot, I would rather train in the heat in a stunning setting than on a boggy pitch in January. This photo was taken after a little small-sided competition and we emerged victorious – although it took some work!"



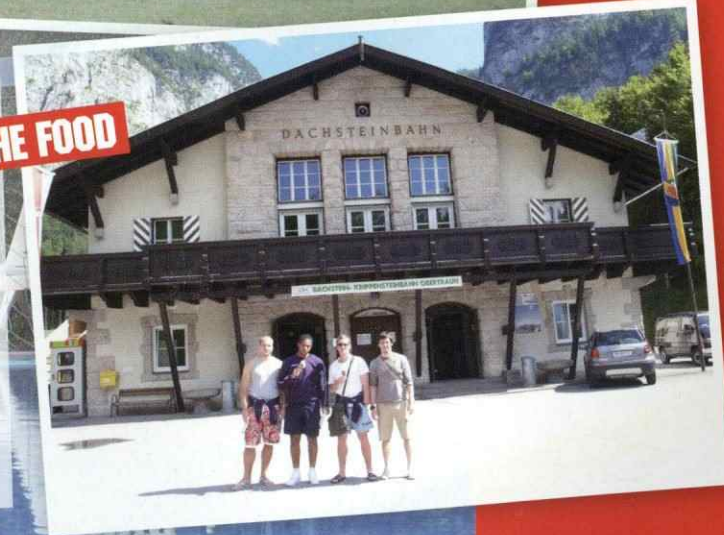
### MATCHES

"We played three games during the tour with one win, one draw and one defeat. The teams we faced were decent opposition and it was more about getting match fitness than the end result. The venues were varied and it was nice to see different parts of the country during our trip."



### THE FOOD

"There was a canteen at our training base in Obertraun where we took all our meals. The food was brilliant for replacing all the lost energy that we lost during the training sessions and was just what we needed. This was my fourth trip to Obertraun and it had certainly improved to a very high standard, although we did sneak in a cheeky ice-cream during an afternoon out!"





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## brunel fm media view

Silence is golden – but it's time to put the record straight. Actually my vinyl copy by the Tremeloes is a little warped. A bit like me.

There has been a strong urge at 107.7 Brunel FM to respond to the "flack" we have been taking recently since securing the rights to full match commentaries on Swindon Town's league and cup campaigns. I don't think one day has gone by without taking an e mail or phone call on the subject. And of course we welcome feedback. We will always welcome feedback. And being called a bunch of "nutters" doesn't make pleasant reading. Even if we are!

So why I am raising the issue now? Well perhaps the time has come to speak out.

Today's game against Luton will be only our third full live match commentary. And as we prepare for each programme there is a strong will to make each one even better. We have an ambition to make our coverage the best Swindon has heard.

And allow me to put "all the flack" into context. We have also received congratulations and support for what we are doing. And if you have comments or observations about our coverage then please let us have them. We have a policy of answering each and every query. We can't offer solutions in every case but we do take your comments seriously.

It was great to listen to ex-Town pro Alan McLoughlin last Tuesday evening. Alan who is now an accomplished broadcaster made his debut as a commentator for Brunel FM. You will hear more from Alan across the season. Paul Bodin, Tom Jones and Micky Hazard are also warming up

to play their part. And where is Nigel Turner? Nigel is on holiday but will be picking up his microphone very soon.

Finally a welcome to the Hatters - but I don't want to hear any noise from your part of the ground today. Just silence as you ponder on a defeat at the hands of the Robins.

107.7 Brunel FM is looking forward to a prosperous and successful relationship with STFC and all supporters. You can catch our full match commentary on 107.7 Brunel FM and on 107.5 3TR FM in West Wiltshire.

Here's to a great season – every game, every goal.

**Keith Stainer**  
News Editor



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# county ground fm

with Gary & Stuart  
(Stadium Announcers)

Good afternoon Ladies, Gentleman, Boys and Girls and welcome back to The County Ground and CGFM for our first Home League Fixture of the season.

A lot has happened within the club during the close season with players moving on and new ones arriving, a trip to Austria, the takeover and the Community Open Day.

I hope you were here for the Legends Game that was organised by ex-Swindon player Phil King on behalf of the Prospect Hospice. What a night to remember with some real favourites giving up their valuable time and returning to the Town to grace the County Ground pitch once again. It was an absolute treat to watch (Paul Merson put in a 89 minute guest performance and looked as though he could still do a good job for most clubs at this level) and must have brought the memories flooding back for the majority of the 4,364 people who attended. Your response to their efforts on the pitch typified the fantastic support you gave to the team last season and we are sure with the same vocal encouragement this year the team will do very well.

Last weekend's result away to Northampton was a solid start and a well-taken penalty from Christian Roberts. Your support was truly impressive with 1,338 backing the Town in the quest for glory on the opening day.

The midweek match with Charlton Athletic in the cup (remember they have only just come out of the Premiership) was an entertaining one and it was another sound performance from Luggy's men.

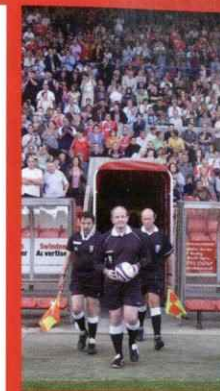
Today we welcome the Management, Players and Supporters of Luton Town to The County Ground. Over the years we have had some thrilling contests with the Hatters and there are also a number of

connections between the clubs. Two that come to mind are Sol Davis (who during the latter part of last season was taken ill and we hope has recovered fully) and more recently, a man who gave up his own time to attend the legends match, "Super" Sammy Parkin. I am sure both will get a very warm reception from you this afternoon and in wishing them lots of success for the remainder of the season we hope they leave empty handed.

As always your vocal encouragement and support for the team is vital. For many of our new players this is going to be the first home league fixture where they will get to feel that home support during the heat of the battle. Let's make sure they remember what it is like and roar the lads on to victory - You are the twelfth man!

"Make some noise for the Swindon Boyz"

Enjoy the game.  
**Stuart and Gary**



"I hope you were here for the Legends Game that was organised by ex-Swindon player Phil King on behalf of the Prospect Hospice."

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→ Lee Peacock battling hard in our league opener at Northampton



## SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Billy Sharp	Scunthorpe	30	2	32
Leon Constantine	Port Vale	22	4	26
Luke Varney	Crewe	17	8	25
Chris Porter	Oldham	22	1	23
Paul Heffernan	Doncaster	11	10	21
Lee Trundle	Swansea	19	1	20
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	17	2	19
Andrew Morrell	Blackpool	16	3	19
Nicky Maynard	Crewe	16	3	19

## WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	23	77	3.35
Millmoor Ground	Rotherham	23	76	3.30
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	23	70	3.04
Bloomfield Road	Blackpool	23	65	2.83
Griffin Park	Brentford	23	65	2.83
Leyton Stadium	Leyton Orient	23	62	2.70
Vale Park	Port Vale	23	61	2.65
Brunton Park	Carlisle	23	59	2.57
Intersonic Stadium	Bradford	23	58	2.52
Glanford Park	Scunthorpe	23	57	2.48
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	23	57	2.48
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	23	56	2.43
Ashton Gate	Bristol City	23	55	2.39
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	23	55	2.39
Prenton Park	Tranmere	23	55	2.39
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	23	55	2.39
Boundary Park	Oldham	23	54	2.35
City Ground	Nottm Forest	23	54	2.35
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	23	53	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	23	53	2.30
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	23	52	2.26
The Den	Millwall	23	52	2.26
Recreation Ground	Chesterfield	23	51	2.22
Huish Park	Yeovil	23	34	1.48

## TEAM LEADERS

### Team with the most..

**shots on target** 324 Swansea. **shots off target** 330 Bristol City. **corners** 322 Carlisle. **hit woodwork** 24 Swansea. **offsides** 203 Blackpool. **fouls** 639 Millwall. **yellow cards** 92 Millwall. **red cards** 8 Swansea.

## PLAYER POWER

### Player with the most..

**Shots** 140 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). **Shots on target** 81 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). **Shots off target** 59 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). **Assists** 14 Andy Liddell (Oldham). **Crosses** 184 Chris Shaker (Tranmere). **Offsides** 81 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). **Fouls** 93 Gareth Taylor (Tranmere). **Free-kicks won** 87 Richard Wellens (Oldham).



2006/07 SEASON



## GOAL COUNTER

1387

### RIGHT FOOT

772 goals



### LEFT FOOT

310 goals



### HEADERS

276 goals



Own goals 23 (1.7%), Other body part 6 (0.6%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

### From the start of a match

Michael Husbands (Port Vale vs Nottm F) 0:14

### By a substitute after coming on

M. Williams (Millwall vs Oldham) 0:39

## DISCIPLINARY



2.7 cards per match

0.2 cards per match

## QUICK-FIRE CARDS

### From the start of a match

Justin Cochrane (Brighton vs Rotherham) 0:48

### By a substitute after coming on

Anthony Barry (Yeovil vs Scunthorpe) 0:52

## SUB TOTALS

Subs used .....2580

Offsides .....3431

Corners .....6023

Shots Off Target .....6098

## BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

2 0 3

2006/07 stats

# the stfc supporters club

Welcome to The County Ground, for some it may be their first visit this season so I hope everyone has had a good summer and are now looking forward to the new campaign.

The Supporters Club is back in full swing with the Half-Time draw, Pounds for Points, scratch-cards and The Red Army Fund again featuring in our fundraising efforts.

One little change is that we are now introducing a second cash prize for the Half-Time draw. This has been done following feedback from supporters and the success of the ticket selling last season. Winning details from Charlton Athletic and also today's game will appear in our next programme and on our website, soon after today's game.

Our Pounds for Points scheme already has pledges of around £60 per point already and it would be great if we could again beat the record established last season. Full details can be found on our website or by contacting Mavis Knight.

On Tuesday, if you were not here to see it we presented a cheque of £7,000 to the Centre of Excellence much of which was raised through that scheme and I would like to thank all supporters who contributed and congratulations to the team for winning the BT Trophy in Northern Ireland.



→ The BT Trophy

I hope you had the chance to visit the re-named Supporters Club Legends Lounge before the match. As you will be aware we paid for improvements to the décor last year and we have been working in the summer to bring a flavour of the history of Swindon Town on the walls.

Why not pop in and have a look, you only need to have a home match ticket to gain entry exactly as it was last season. However be warned, it can be filled to permitted capacity, particularly in the last three-quarters of an hour before kick-off – so get there early and watch the big screen TV.

Our Supporters Club membership is available for a cost of just £5 per Adult, £3 for a Concession and £2 for Under 18's. Don't forget, membership entitles you to a number of benefits included discounted cost of travel with the SAS 2005 travel organisation. If you are not yet a member, I hope to welcome you soon.

Meanwhile, why visit our website which can be found at [www.swindontownsupportersclub.com](http://www.swindontownsupportersclub.com).

Finally, we may end up welcoming a Supporters Club Player of the Season from previous a campaign in the shape of Sam Parkin and it would be wrong not to spare a thought for Sol Davis another of our ex-players who suffered a serious illness on the way to a game last season whilst playing for Luton.

Enjoy the game.

Roger

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### 2007/08 Participants

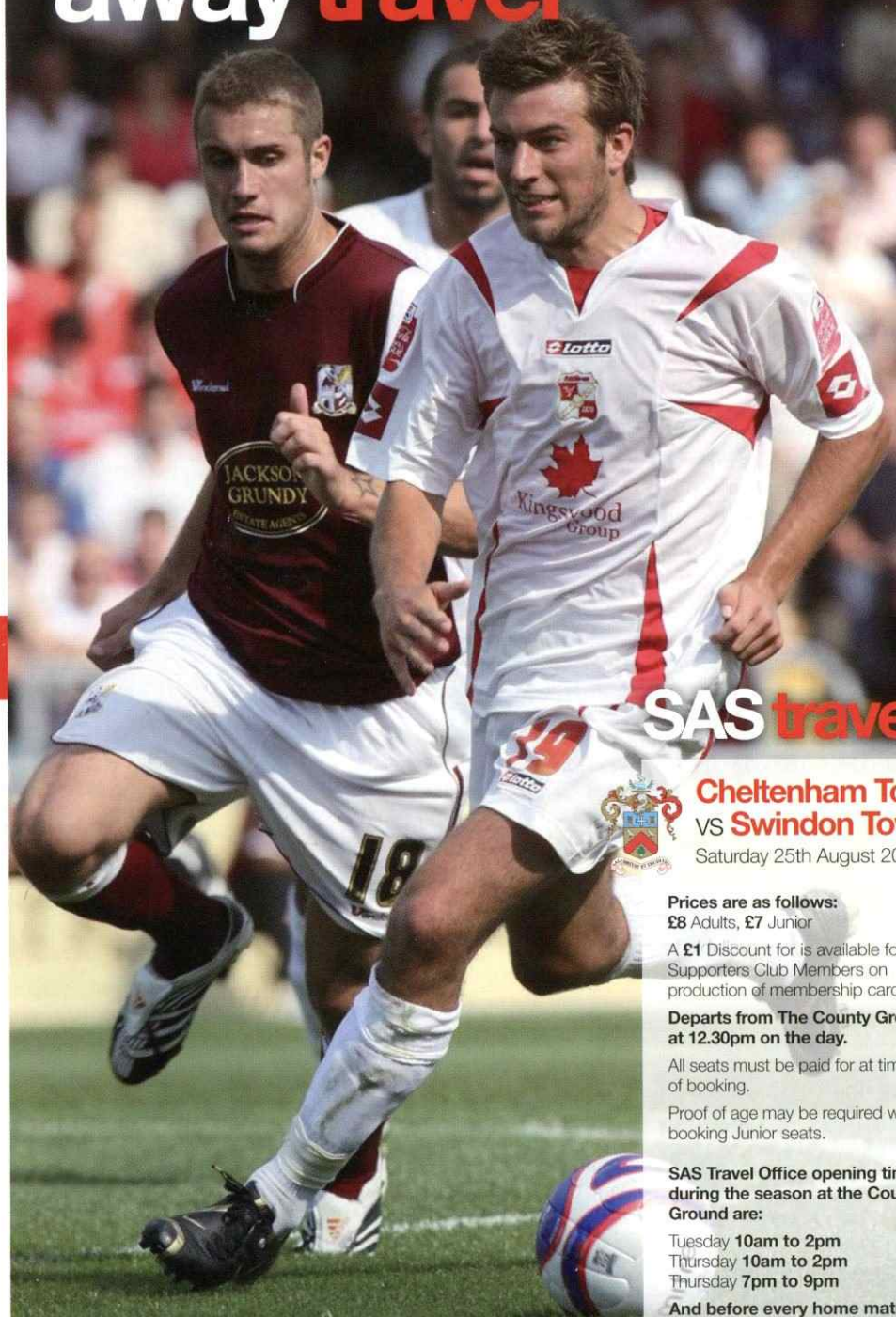
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<b>TOTAL PER POINT</b>	<b>£58.50</b>

### CURRENT TOTAL

£ 0 0 5 8



# away travel



## SAS travel

**Cheltenham Town  
VS Swindon Town**  
Saturday 25th August 2007

Prices are as follows:  
£8 Adults, £7 Junior

A £1 Discount for is available for  
Supporters Club Members on  
production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground  
at 12.30pm on the day.

All seats must be paid for at time  
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Proof of age may be required when  
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**SAS Travel Office opening times  
during the season at the County  
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ticket information for forthcoming stfc fixtures...



**Cheltenham Town vs Swindon Town**

Saturday 25th August 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Advanced tickets are priced at **£18** for Adults, **£12** For OAPs and Students, **£7** for Under 16's. Wheelchair Disabled **£12**. Tickets are on sale to season ticket holders up until Monday 6th August, maximum of two tickets per season ticket holder.

**SAS Travel** coach fare is **£8** for Adults and **£7** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a £1 discount. Departs from the County Ground at 12:30pm.



**Swindon Town vs Crewe Alexandra**

Saturday 1st September 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are now available from the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.



**Swindon Town vs Yeovil Town**

Sunday 9th September 2007 KO: 4pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are now available from the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.



**Hartlepool United vs Swindon Town**

Saturday 15th September 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

960 seating tickets are available. Tickets are priced at **£20** for Adults, **£10** For OAPs and Students, **£10** for Under 16's. Wheelchair Disabled **£10** helper free.

Tickets will be available soon the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.

**SAS Travel** coach fare is **£28** for Adults and **£26** for Juniors. Depart Ermin Street: 6.00am, West Swindon: 6.00am, County Ground: 6.30am. £2 Discount for Supporters Club Members. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.

## booking information



### OPENING HOURS

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**EMAIL - [brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk)**  
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### PAYMENT

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Swindon Town Football Club) or by credit/debit card. All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking.

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Adults	£18.00	£20.00
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Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£29	£38
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£44	£58
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

### TOWN END \*\*\*\*

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£15.00	£15.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£7.00	£7.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£26	£29
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£40	£44
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

### FAMILY ENCLOSURE \*\*\*

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£18.00	£18.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£4.00	£4.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£23	£26
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£40	£44

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\*Please note that NO student tickets are available on matchdays. Please purchase in advance.  
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**holland on  
task ahead**



Crewe Alexandra's Steve Holland is looking forward to working with Director of Football Dario Gradi this season as he prepares to take over the managerial reins.

"The ultimate objective of this period is me taking over totally as the manager of Crewe Alexandra. Dario will take the administrative managerial responsibilities, have an influence on players being bought and sold and deal with contracts and the press.

"This will allow me to focus all my attentions on the coaching and selection of the team. We have had a long time to plan this between the three of us and assistant Neil Baker, too, we know what the score is and we've got a good chance of making it work."

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**don't  
miss  
out!**

**next at  
home**



Our next home game does not arrive until Saturday 1st September when Crewe Alexandra make the journey South to The County Ground.

Cast your mind back to 21st October 1995 and with Swindon chasing promotion back into what was then Division One, Crewe Alexandra were the visitors to The County Ground. 12,633 packed into SN1 that day for what was a memorable encounter. Goals from Wayne Allison (The Chief) and Steve Finney (there's only one) secured a 2-1 victory and ensured the vocal Town contingent went home happy. Swindon went on to win the Championship title that season.

12 years on and Dario Gradi is now Director of Football at Gresty Road. Steve Holland has now been appointed as First Team Coach and will no doubt be benefiting from Gradi's experience gained from well over 1,000 games in charge.

Crewe made a winning start to their own league season with a 2-1 victory over Brighton & Hove Albion. Goals from

The home side were dealt a real blow on the opening day though with 20-year old front man

Nicky Maynard (pictured) breaking a leg against The Seagulls. Maynard could be out of action for up to four months with a fractured fibula and ankle ligament damage. At the time of writing, Crewe were rumoured to be eyeing up loan moves for Spurs striker Lee Barnard (a former Swindon target) and Charlton's Chris Dickson, who made his first team debut at The County Ground on Tuesday night in the Carling Cup. Meanwhile, Crewe's own Carling Cup adventure came to an abrupt end with a 3-0 defeat to Hull City.

Swindon currently tip the balance in terms of games won between the two sides. There have been a total of 20 encounters between the two sides with Town having won on ten occasions, with just one draw between the two teams.

The last meeting between the two came in April 2003 with Stefani Miglioranza's 75th minute deflected effort handing Town all three points away from home. The midfielder then celebrated a rare goal with some sort of celebratory jig – much to the delight of his teammates.

The combination of a 2-1 home win and a celebratory jig on Saturday 1st September would do just nicely.



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**Assistant 2:** A R Hendley

**4th official:** J Flynn

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## next at home

**15.00** Saturday 1st September

**Swindon Town**

vs **Crewe Alexandra**

Coca-Cola League One

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## supporters man of the match

To vote, fans will need to text the word **PICK**, followed by either **H** for Home or **A** for Away, followed by the players squad number.

For example if your favourite Home player is wearing shirt number 9, you would text **PICK H9 to 60777**  
If your favourite player is Away team player wearing shirt number 2, you would text **PICK A2 to 60777**  
Texts will be charged at 25p each, plus normal operators rates.

The vote will close around 10 minutes before the final whistle and the results will be announced on the big screen at the end of the match.

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