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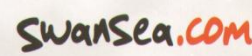


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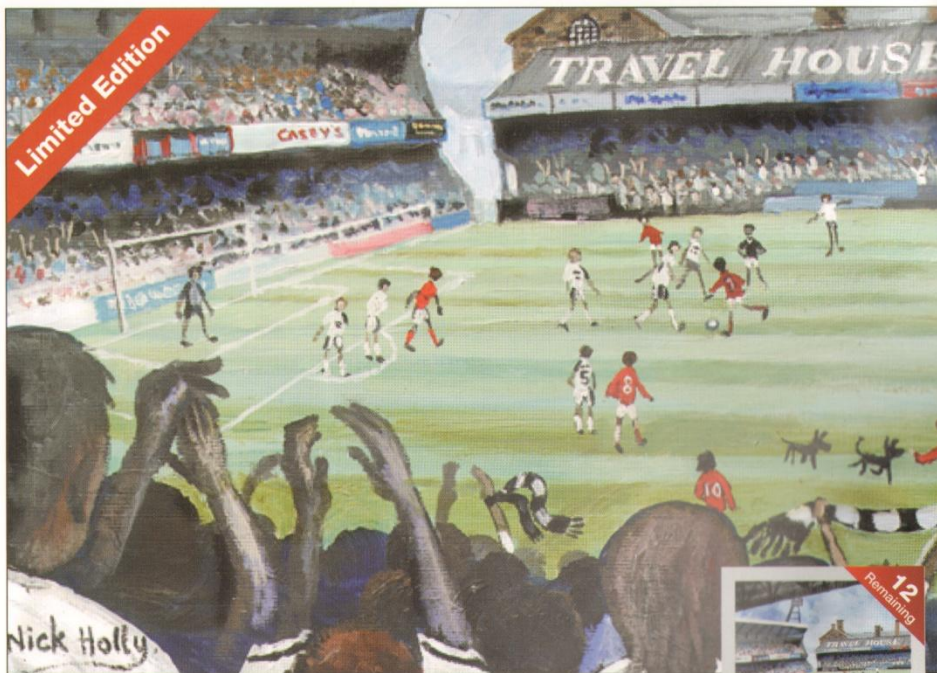
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Manager's Notes

...the first time the Cottagers visited our new home was to open our stadium back in 2005 for the first official game at our new arena. It was a huge day for our football club and one of our all time heroes at Swansea City with Alan Curtis' testimonial.



Welcome to an historic event in our Swansea City history as we entertain a Premiership club in the FA Cup for the very first time at our Liberty Stadium.

The players have been working very hard to be able to reach this stage of the competition. And to be able to enjoy it with our home support makes it a special occasion.

Beating the cup holders Portsmouth on their own ground was a huge achievement and a performance that has allowed us to grow towards our league demands.

The reaction from the national media has been immense and positive. But we all know that we cannot allow this to be a distraction from the standards we set and our level of performance that

we must maintain until the end of the season.

We have come a long way this season where we have faced many different challenges and environments where we have had to be ourselves. But we are still learning and getting stronger along the way.

With today's game we start an extremely demanding period with 10 games in the space of 35 days. But it's a challenge we are all excited about and ready to face.

Our last home game we faced a very good footballing side in Ipswich Town and we gave another determined display with a very mature performance full of quality and good play.

The game was a great advert for Championship football and earned us three precious points to prepare us for the beginning of a very important last third of the campaign.

I would like to welcome Roy Hodgson and his Fulham side back to the Liberty Stadium for their first official encounter.

As we all remember, the first time the Cottagers visited our new home was to open our stadium back in 2005 for the first official game at our new arena.

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time heroes at Swansea City with Alan Curtis' testimonial.

Today is going to be a completely different game with two sides fighting to get to the quarter-finals of this prestigious FA Cup competition.

Roy Hodgson guided Fulham to safety in spectacular fashion last season and they are now making more headlines for the good football and their proud position in the Premiership.

As we all know, we will have to be at our best to be able to compete against a fantastic group of players who have plenty of experience at the top of World football.

Our challenge is to be ourselves against such a talented team. To do that we will need to rely on your role as fantastic supporters, the same way we did in the last round on the South Coast.

So get ready for a tough game and a tough test, but don't stop feeling proud to enjoy the fifth round of the FA Cup with your Swansea City team.

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A handwritten signature of Roberto Martinez in black ink.

Behind the scenes with Roberto

Oh no, not another interview!

The FA Cup may still possess plenty of its magic, but manager Roberto Martinez may have been forgiven for wishing some of its sparkle would disappear in the build up to today's fifth round clash with Fulham.

Dealing with the weekly demands of the Welsh media is an arduous task in itself. But when the national media paid the Severn Bridge toll this week to enter God's country in search of the secrets behind Roberto's success, his diary was overflowing with requests.

Fortunately for the media and Swansea City's growing profile, Roberto's extremely media friendly.

But we thought it would be interesting to give you a brief insight into his managerial duties off the field.

Having completed all his post-match press interviews following Saturday's impressive victory over Ipswich, it was straight back into the firing line on Monday.

Luckily it was just a gentle introduction to the week ahead with Gareth Vincent from the Evening Post nipping in to the stadium for his weekly one-to-one before training – that's training for Roberto not Gareth!

On Tuesday it all kicked off. An in-depth interview with The Guardian newspaper at 1pm coincided with the arrival of the FA Cup to the club's training base at the Glamorgan Health Club in Llandarcy.

While Roberto was too superstitious to go anywhere near the trophy, he still squeezed in an interview with BBC Online and a few other journalists, while some of the players got their pictures taken with the glittering silverware before a few more interviews with the Welsh press and the Daily Star.

Wednesday morning saw Roberto go in front of the TV cameras as ITV's Ned Boulting arrived at the Liberty Stadium to capture an interview to be used in the pre-match build up to Saturday's live screening.

Filming then switched to the training ground before Roberto returned to the stadium in time to meet Alan Fraser of the Daily Mail for a 6.45pm interview and photo-shoot.

Once completed, it was straight into the



Roberto during a press conference with Anthony O'Connell

Chairman's office to meet up with Mark Clemmit of Radio 5 Live fame.

Clem had travelled down to Wales to link Roberto up live with their coverage of the Spain v England international – plus get a few words on today's FA Cup tie with the boss and Swansea stalwart Kristian O'Leary.

As the game was shown live on ITV, Roberto added his expert knowledge to the coverage live on air, before finally turning the microphones off at 11pm with the club's press officer still nagging him for his matchday programme notes. No chance!

Thursday morning saw Roberto do his usual long string of interviews for the club's weekly press conference that took in Welsh TV, radio and papers, plus the likes of Sky Sports and Setanta.

The BBC's Football Focus team was also in town to film Roberto and the boys for their Saturday lunchtime show.

After securing training shots and Roberto in coaching mode, he was transported down to the coast for some filming with the sand and cold Swansea sea in the background.

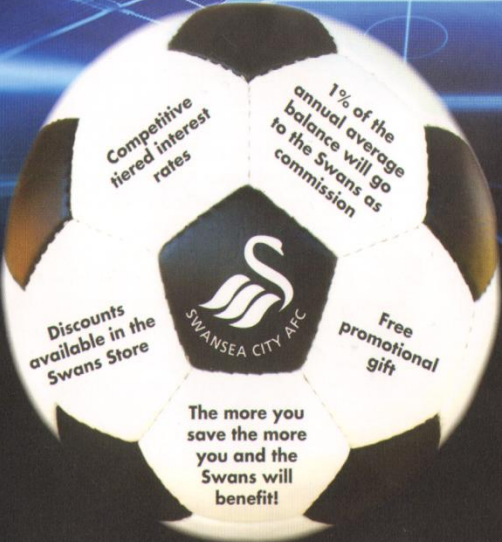
Then it was back to the stadium for a 2.30pm interview with Tom Dart from The Times; a 3pm phone interview with Reuters and a 4pm date with Charlie Wyatt from The Sun.

Exhausted, but still smiling, there's just the small matter of the club's Swans World TV to complete – and those missing programme notes.

The day before a match is always left free from interviews for both manager and players, so it's job done on the media front with Friday a no go area – not even for the bravest of reporters.

All that's left is the small matter of a fifth round FA Cup tie against Premiership opposition.

We thought the manager just picked the team!



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Huw Jenkins, Chairman

The Boardroom

Fulham have a strong squad of top Premiership players who are safe in the knowledge that they're an established team at the highest level. They also have the comfort of being owned by one of the country's most successful businessmen.



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Liberty Stadium.

The FA Cup is a wonderful competition for every Football League club to be involved in. It gives everyone the chance to play against the best the Premier League has to offer and, more importantly, it gives supporters up and down the country the chance to dream of a Wembley appearance.

With money these days playing an even more important role in football, the FA Cup can also provide the extra funds needed to secure the finances of many football teams from the Conference right through to the Premiership. Taking all that into account, the FA Cup is a vital part of every football season.

Today at Swansea City we are pleased to host Premiership Fulham at the Liberty Stadium - and I'm sure we are all in for a cracking cup tie.

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at the highest level. They also have the comfort of being owned by one of the country's most successful businessmen.

Saying that, I'm sure Roberto and our players are really looking forward to today's game. Once again we have the chance to test ourselves against a Premiership team after our trip to Portsmouth in the last round.

We're enjoying a good run of form at the moment, so we have very little to lose and everything to gain.

So on behalf of everyone at Swansea City, I would like to welcome all directors, staff, players and supporters of Fulham to the Liberty Stadium. I hope you have a safe journey to and from Swansea and enjoy a good end to your Premiership campaign.

As the season starts to wind down, game by game the pressure will be on many teams in the Championship to stay at the top until May. But at least Roberto and the players can look forward and enjoy the 15 matches we have in front of us

with the comforting thought that wherever we finish between now and May we have once again grown as a football club.

We have grown to another level and we shall take what comes our way with pride, safe in the knowledge that our proud football club is once again a force to be reckoned with.


We must all work hard to provide Roberto with a stable and happy environment to continue his work and bring Swansea City the just rewards your support deserves in the years ahead.

Enjoy today's game, because whatever the outcome we can be sure of one thing - we shall be playing Fulham regularly before too long, week in week out, in the Premiership.

Huw

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Garry Monk

Captain's Corner

We realise that we go into today's game as the underdogs against quality opposition. But, as in the last round, we as players see this as a chance to test ourselves against players competing in the best league in the World.



Hello and good afternoon to everyone at the Liberty Stadium.

Having seen off the challenge of Ipswich Town here last Saturday with a great 3-0 win courtesy of a Jason Scotland double and a superb free-kick from Jordi Gomez, it's now time for the magic of the cup.

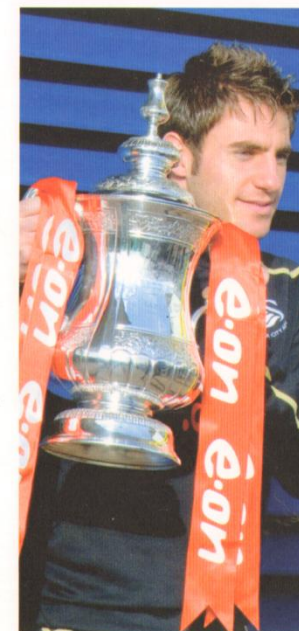
It's been an interesting week with a lot of media interest about this game, especially with the FA Cup itself making a visit to Swansea.

Some of the boys were lucky to see and hold it - and what an impressive trophy it is.

All this makes you realise just why the FA Cup is the best cup competition in club football throughout the world.

But with everything going on, the players and management have just gone about our business as normal and are all eager just to get the game underway - an earlier 12.45pm kick-off against Premiership side Fulham in the fifth round of the FA Cup. Not bad eh?

It has been a very exciting



cup run for us this year, playing non-league Histon in the third round before visiting the opposite end of the football spectrum against Premiership side Portsmouth who are also

the current holders of the cup.

Now a home draw against another Premiership side. It is something for the whole club to be proud of and also a massive incentive for the whole club to keep improving all the time.

We realise that we go into today's game as the underdogs against quality opposition. But, as in the last round, we as players see this as a chance to test ourselves against players competing in the best league in the World. We want to try and see how far we have come as a team.

Again, your support is crucial. As you have proved on many occasions this season, when you are at your vocal best and get behind the team from the first to the last minute no matter what, it really does make a massive difference.

That same support is needed today and for the rest of the season. Enjoy the game.

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Ailsa Jones

Treatment Room

The reason we sent him to Germany was because they are the experts in what they call the 'minimum repair technique'. Basically, the operating technique - which is split over two days - will allow Gorka to go through a quick rehabilitation process...



The club's Head of Sports Science, Richie Evans, has been away in Germany this week keeping a watchful eye on Gorka Pintado's groin operation. And with masseur Oscar Brau on international duty with Andorra in Portugal, physio Ailsa Jones was left carrying the medical bag on her own this week. So it's Ailsa who is looking after our Treatment Room column today...



It was nice to see Gorka return from Germany having undergone a successful operation on his troublesome groin.

The reason we sent him to Germany was because they are the experts in what they call the 'minimum repair technique'.

Basically, the operating technique - which is split over two days - will allow Gorka to go through a quick rehabilitation process so that we can get him back in action as soon as possible.

We will be able to give him an intensive rehab programme that will have him back running just three days after the operation.

And, if everything goes to plan,

he'll be available for selection again within two weeks.

Everyone is hoping El Toro can come back even stronger as he has been playing through the pain barrier for a number of weeks now to aid the Swans cause.

While Richie and Oscar have been away on 'international duty', Marcos Painter, Darren Pratley and Matty Collins have all been keeping me busy.

Prats has been annoying me with the sling for his dodgy shoulder, but more often than not they've done what they've been told - they are not brave enough not to!

Mr Pratley is now three weeks



post operation so we will be able to step up his rehabilitation soon.

Paints is also progressing well from his knee operation. After three months, he is ahead of schedule and he will be moving outside next week to do a bit of running.

He's been really excited about seeing the green grass again!

Matty Collins has also nearly recovered from his ankle injury. He should be back in full training on Monday and available for selection the week after.

It has also been nice to see youth team duo Jamie Grimes and goalkeeper David Cornell back on the training field after lengthy injuries.

David fractured his wrist about a year ago. We tried treating it conservatively at first, but it didn't respond well enough and was forced to have an operation.

I'm glad to see that he has now fully recovered and his hard work has been paid off after being called up for first team duty as back up to Dorus de Vries.

Jamie suffered a stress fracture of his right leg back in September, but is now also back on the training field.

So while it's been a busy week with Richie and Oscar both away, it's been enjoyable. Well nearly...!

Match Report

Ipswich Town

Liberty Stadium



Swansea City
Ipswich Town

Score: 3-0

Competition: Championship

Attendance: 14,020 Away: 639

Possession: SC62% IPT38%

Shots on target: SC14 IPT4

Shots off target: SC3 IPT4

Corners: SC6 IPT4

Fouls: SC10 IPT14

Most fouls: 3 Serran
3 Miller

Yellow Cards: SC1 IPT2

In Summary

Swansea City's quest for the Championship play-offs was handed another boost against Ipswich as they made it 13 league games unbeaten.

League debutant Albert Serran was the architect of the Swans' third minute opener as he picked out Jason Scotland to fire home from close-range.

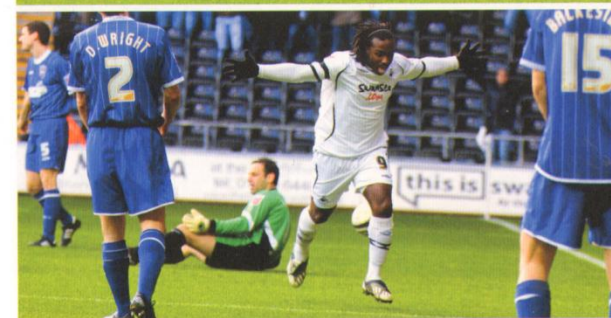
The game had to wait until the 73rd minute for a second Swans goal, a fine turn and shot by Scotland to take his season tally to 16, while Jordi Gomez's sublime free-kick made the game safe inside the last 10 minutes.

Man of the Match

Jason Scotland: The striker can't stop scoring and this brace against the Tractor Boys made it an impressive 11 strikes in his last 11 games. He held up the ball well in attack and took both his goals extremely well.

Goal Flash

3 min: Swans Albert Serran's



surging run ended with a low cross into the box where Scotland was at hand to convert.

73 min: Swans Scotland added a second later on, receiving the ball from Nathan Dyer before turning and firing low into the bottom corner.

85min: Swans Jordi Gomez's left-footed free-kick from distance was the icing on the cake as the ball curled around the wall and past the outstretched Richard Wright.

Roberto Martinez

"We have now moved into the last third of the season and our target must now be the play-offs.

Everyone should be proud of what we have achieved so far, but we must keep on progressing if we want to realise our dreams.

I am delighted we kept playing our normal game, but goals change matches and we imposed ourselves after scoring so early."

Jim Magilton

Ipswich Boss

"We were prepared right and we played some decent football at times but we lacked belief again in the last third of the pitch and I don't know why.

Swansea are in good form and had a real belief going forward and we didn't have that - and that's very disappointing and hard to take."

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Derby County v Swans

Coca Cola Championship
Tuesday March 3, 2009, 7.45pm

The Swans have been allocated 1,075 tickets for the game at Pride Park but up to 3,100 can be made available upon request.

Ticket prices:

Adults: **£21.50**

Senior (Over 60): **£12.75**

Under-16: **£7.75**

Tickets will also be available on the day (at the 'Lottery Office' adjacent to 'Gate 5' on the East Stand) but prices increase to **£25.00** (adults), **£15.00** (senior) and **£10.00** (under-16).

Disabled tickets are available at **£15.00**, which includes entry for a carer; for further details contact Anthony Parker at Derby County on 01332 667 531.

THEY WORE IT WELL

HOME KIT, 2003-05

Kit Maker: Puma

Chris Coleman's first Fulham side sported one of the most exciting and trendsetting ranges of kits in the modern era. Produced by Puma and including an asymmetrical design and reversed seams it was a real classic - although it split the opinions of the Fulham faithful. Worn in the 04-05 season that saw the club return to Craven Cottage after two seasons ground sharing with QPR at Loftus Road...



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The season so far & club facts

Fulham



Swansea City supporters will not want to be reminded of the last time both of today's sides met in the FA Cup.

It was a first round affair at Craven Cottage back in November 1995, and at the time both sides were plying their trade in different division's - the Swans in the old Division Two and Fulham in Division Three.

Bobby Smith's side were not enjoying the best start to the campaign and, after just four victories in 16 league encounters, they made the journey to Craven Cottage to tackle lower division opposition.

And you'd have sworn that it was Fulham who were higher up the league ladder as they put in a destructive performance to crush the Swans 7-0. Mike Conroy led the way with a hat-trick while Paul Brooker, Duncan Jupp and former Swansea City pair Nick Cusack and Martin Thomas found the target that afternoon.

Both sides met during the following campaign in the basement division, and while Jan Mølby's Swans narrowly missed out on promotion in the play-off final, Fulham went up automatically behind a Wigan Athletic side consisting of one Señor Martinez.

The meteoric rise of Fulham since our last competitive meeting in February 1997 has been nothing short of magnificent. They went on to lift league titles in both Division's Two and One and by 2001 Fulham FC were a Premier League club.

For the first five campaigns they managed to steer well clear of the bottom three, including a respectable ninth place finish in 2006, but in each of the last two seasons have avoided relegation; last term it went to the final game of the season when Danny Murphy's 76th minute header secured Fulham's top-flight status with a 1-0 win at Portsmouth.

That was under the guidance of Roy Hodgson, who has so far this season guided the west London club to tenth spot in the League. They have lost just three of their last 16 outings in all competitions but are still one of two teams in the top four divisions, the other being Stoke City, not to have won a league match away from home.

Despite this, their home form has been impressive with seven victories and one draw from their 11 matches at Craven Cottage, a run of form that has cemented their place in the middle of the Premier League table.

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OPPOSITION

Fulham Fact File

Formed: 1879
Stadium: Craven Cottage
Capacity: 25,478
Manager: Roy Hodgson
Website: www.fulhamfc.com
Record Win: 10-1 v Ipswich, Division 1, 26 December 1963
Record Defeat: 0-10 v Liverpool League Cup 2nd Round, 1st Leg, 23 September 1986
Highest League Scorer in Season: Frank Newton, 43, Division 3 (S), 1931/32
Most capped player: Johnny Haynes, 55, England
Record Transfer Fee Received: £11.5m from Manchester United for Louis Saha, January 2004
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £11.5m to Lyon for Steve Marlet, August 2001
Record Attendance: 49,335 v Fulham, Division 2, 8 October 1938

Did You Know?

In 1925/26 Fulham battled their way to the sixth round of FA Cup knocking out Everton - after a replay - Liverpool and Notts County with goalkeeper Ernest Cromwell Beecham outstanding in the run. He earned his second name as the first baby born in that new road!

Average Attendances

2007/08: 23,774 Premiership
2006/07: 22,279 Premiership
2005/06: 20,654 Premiership

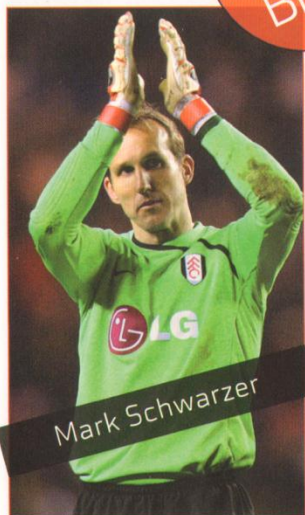
Swans versus Fulham at Swansea

Results	Total	%
Swans	15	54
Fulham	6	21
Draws	7	25
Goals	Total	APG
Swansea	63	2.25
Fulham	38	1.36

Player Spotlight



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BEST



Mark Schwarzer

MARK SCHWARZER

Schwarzer joined Fulham from Middlesbrough in the summer, and in doing so ended his 11-year tenure on Teesside. The vastly experienced international turned down both Juventus and Bayern Munich to sign for the Whites.

And his signature has turned out to be a masterstroke by manager Roy Hodgson and possibly one of the signings of the season. Ever present this campaign, Schwarzer has played a major role in the club's outstanding defensive form and

has kept eight clean sheets in the process. Schwarzer won the League Cup with Middlesbrough in 2004 and represented Australia at the 2006 World Cup Finals.

BREDE HANGELAND

A tall and commanding central defender, Hangeland has become one of the Premier League's top defenders, and has made more than 40 appearances for Norway as well as representing FC Copenhagen in the Champions League.

Prior to joining FC Copenhagen, Hangeland played under Roy Hodgson at FK Viking, where he was made club captain.

The popular centre-back was an inspirational figure at the back for Fulham during their end of season survival battle and has been near faultless ever since, thwarting Fernando Torres, Emanuel Adebayor, Nicolas Anelka and Didier Drogba.

A natural leader, Hangeland has even been touted as a future Fulham captain, having been handed the captaincy of Norway in August.

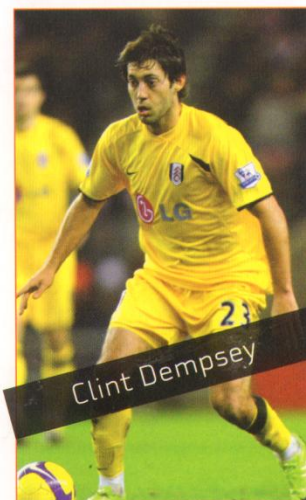
SIMON DAVIES

Davies was Fulham's outstanding

player last season and as a result was named Player of the Year by a landslide majority.

His wide range of attributes as a player, combined with his whole-hearted approach and high energy levels, have made him a valuable asset for the Whites.

The Haverfordwest-born midfielder made more than 100 appearances for Tottenham, before a brief spell at Everton followed. He moved to Fulham in January 2006 and reignited his playing career with a series of stunning displays.



Clint Dempsey



Fulham Squad 08/09

Davies provides pace, industry and superb assists from either flank. His form was also recognised on the international stage last season when he was appointed temporary captain of Wales.

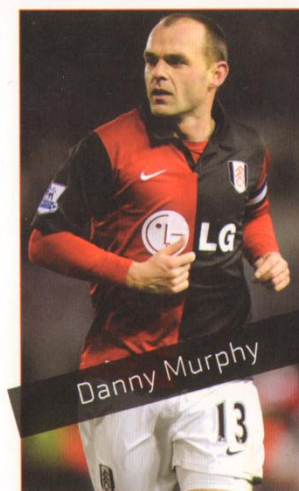
CLINT DEMPSEY

Dempsey signed for the Whites in January 2007 after being voted the MLS Player of the Season and winning the Honda Player of the Year Award for 2006.

A versatile attacking player, Dempsey is capable of playing wide right or leading the line and possesses skill, energy and strength in abundance.

Whilst his chances were few and far between during his first few months at Craven Cottage, Dempsey guaranteed his status as a firm fan favourite with the all important goal that guaranteed Fulham's top-flight status in 2007.

Last season Dempsey became an integral member of Fulham's starting eleven, making 36 appearances and scoring 6 goals and is currently enjoying a rich vein of form, having scored both goals in Fulham's 2-2 draw with Chelsea in December.



Danny Murphy

DANNY MURPHY

The Fulham skipper joined from Spurs in the summer of 2007 and since his move across the capital he has become an influential figure at Craven Cottage.

He also earned a place in the club's history books by securing Fulham's top-flight future with his headed goal at Portsmouth's Fratton Park.

Murphy began his career as a trainee with Crewe before joining boyhood favourites Liverpool, where he won the FA Cup, the League Cup and the UEFA Cup.

Fulham is Murphy's third

London club after spells with Charlton and Spurs, and having impressed over the course of the season has recently signed a new deal with the club that will take him up to the summer of 2010.

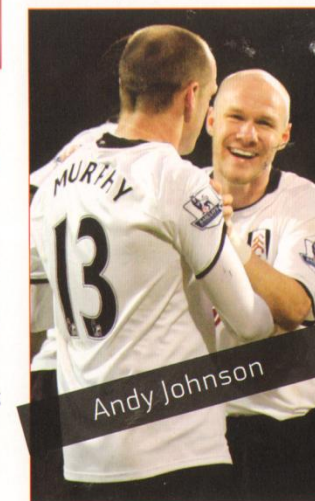
ANDREW JOHNSON

Fulham made Andrew Johnson their big money signing of the summer when he made the switch from Everton in August. The 28-year-old striker joined Everton in May 2006 from Crystal Palace for £8.6m and made 73 appearances and scored 22 goals during his time at Goodison Park.

Johnson started his career at Birmingham City in 1997 but rapidly came to the fore when he signed for Palace in July 2002, making 160 appearances for the Eagles, scoring 85 goals.

The 32 goals he netted during 2003/04, was the highest in the Championship Division that season and helped secure Palace's promotion to the Premier League.

He ended the 2004-05 season as the Premier League's top English goalscorer and made his England International debut in February 2005 against Holland.



Andy Johnson

Last Home Meeting

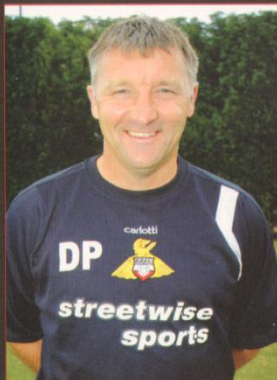
Swansea City 1
Fulham 2

Saturday September 14, 1996
Division Three

Swans' disappointing start to the campaign continued as Fulham came from behind to win their first Vetch Field encounter in 12 years.

Dai Thomas put the home side in front on the half-hour mark and that lead lasted until mid-way through the second period when Michael Conroy drew the Cottagers level.

And with just 11 minutes left to play Simon Morgan struck past Roger Freestone to complete the turnaround and clinch all three points for the London club.



Dave Penney

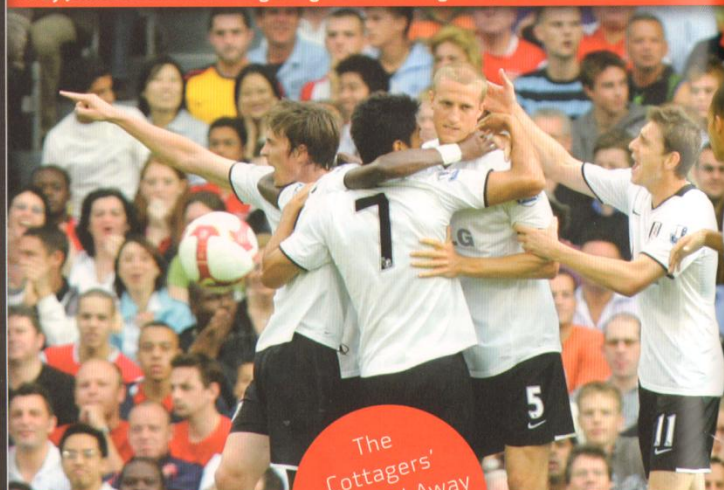
Swans: Freestone, Chapple, Edwards, Walker, Garnett, Jones, Jenkins, Penney, Torpey, Coates, Thomas. Subs: Appleby, McDonald, Heggs

Fulham: Lange, Watson, Herrera, Cullip, Cusack, Blake, Freeman, Angus, Conroy, Morgan, Scott. Subs: Brooker, Cockerill, McAree

Attendance: 3,791

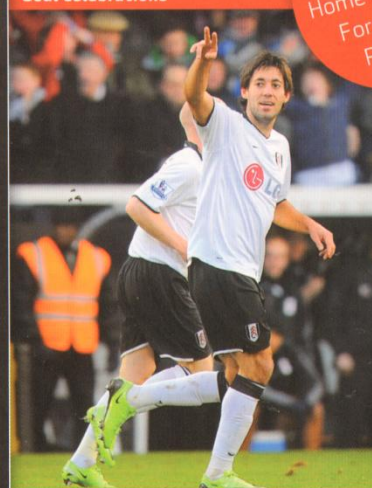


Andy Johnson celebrates his goal against Kettering in a 4-2 win in the last round

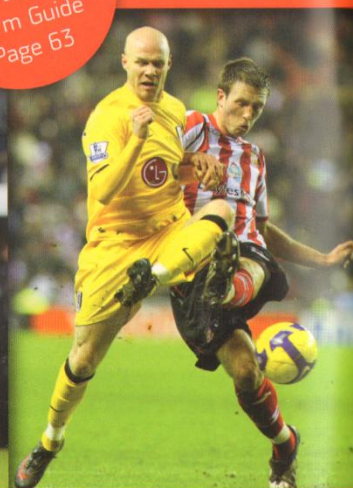


Goal celebrations

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Clint Dempsey



Johnson in action

Fulham Manager Profile

Roy Hodgson The Cottagers Gaffer

The appointment of Roy Hodgson as Fulham manager by Chairman Mohamed Al Fayed in January 2007 will surely be remembered as one of the most inspirational managerial appointments in Premier League history.

With the club residing at the foot of the table, Hodgson immediately set about reviving the fortunes of the south west London club, drafting in several new players and changing the style of play.

By spring the Cottagers were firing on all cylinders and achieved an incredible haul of 12 points from their last five games to secure an eighth successive season in the top-flight.

With over 30 years managerial experience on the domestic and international scene, Hodgson is a highly respected figure among the global football community having led Malmö to eight league titles, Inter Milan to the UEFA Cup Final and Switzerland to World Cup '94 and Euro '96.



Roy Hodgson



Welsh international Simon Davies



Simon Davies and Paul Konchesky celebrating victory

Managing to succeed



Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles leading Fulham managers from the past through to the present.

HARRY BRADSHAW

Harry Bradshaw managed Fulham to the Southern League title in two consecutive seasons. A former Burnley player, he became secretary-manager at Turf Moor and plotted their 1897-98 Second Division title triumph. He was appointed Woolwich Arsenal's boss in June 1899 and guided them to promotion in 1903-04, becoming Fulham's first full-time manager in April 1904. Guiding the Cottagers into the Football League in 1907, he took them to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1907-08 and remained in charge at Craven Cottage until leaving in May 1909. He was then secretary of the Southern League until his death in 1921.

JIMMY MCINTYRE

Jimmy McIntyre guided Fulham to the Third Division (South) title in 1931-32. Previously a forward with Notts County, Northampton Town and Reading, he was trainer at Coventry City before becoming manager of the Saints in August 1919. He took them into the Football League in 1920 and to the Third Division (South) title in 1921-22, then ran a hotel in Scotland prior to rejoining Coventry as manager in June 1928. Taking charge of Fulham in April 1931, he almost led them into

the top-flight in 1932-33 before being sacked in February 1934. He subsequently worked for Follands and resided in Southampton until his death.

FRANK OSBORNE

Ex-England international centre-forward Frank Osborne managed Fulham to the Second Division title in 1948-49. Born in South Africa, he impressed with Bromley prior to joining Fulham in November 1921 and netted 18 goals in 67 League games, moving to Spurs in Jan 1924. He joined Southampton in June 1931 and became a Fulham director in March 1935. Becoming general manager for 16 years in September 1948, he had a spell as team manager from September 1948 until June 1949, then again between October 1953 and January 1956. He died in Epsom in March 1988. His brother Reg also played for England.

BEDFORD JEZZARD

England international centre-forward Bedford Jezzard gave Fulham marvellous service as both a player and manager. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in October 1948, he helped Fulham win the Second Division title in 1948-49 and starred alongside Bobby Robson

and Johnny Haynes, netting 154 goals in 292 League games until injury ended his playing career in August 1957. He had a spell as Fulham's youth coach before becoming manager in June 1958, guiding them back to the top-flight in 1958-59 and remaining in charge until October 1964. A publican in Stamford Brook, he remained local until his death in May 2005.

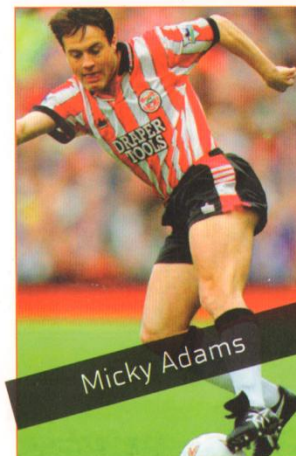
BILL DODGIN (Jnr)

Former England U-23 centre-half Bill Dodgin managed Fulham to promotion in 1970-71. Following his father of the same name from Southampton to Fulham in September 1949, he joined Arsenal in December 1952 but returned to Fulham in March 1961 and made 104 League appearances. He coached Millwall, then QPR and rejoined Fulham as manager from December 1968 until May 1972. After coaching Leicester City, he took charge of Northampton in June 1973 and plotted promotion in 1975-76, then repeated the feat with Brentford in 1977-78. Later managing Northampton again and Woking, he died in Chertsey in June 2000.

ALEC STOCK

Alec Stock managed Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final. He was a

forward with Charlton and QPR before becoming Yeovil Town's player-boss, plotting their epic 1948-49 FA Cup run. Appointed Leyton Orient's boss in August 1949, he led them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1953-54 and Third Division (South) title in 1955-56, returning from spells at Arsenal and Roma. He took charge of QPR in August 1959, leading them to the top-flight and League Cup glory, then guiding Luton to promotion in 1969-70. Managing Fulham between June 1972 and December 1976, he was later AFC Bournemouth's manager. He died in April 2001.



Micky Adams

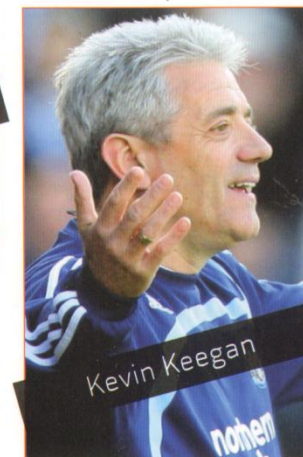
MALCOLM MACDONALD

Ex-England international centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald managed Fulham to promotion in 1981-82. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton Town in July 1969. He was leading marksman in their 1969-70 promotion success, joining Newcastle United in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he moved to Arsenal in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978. He became Fulham's boss in November 1980 and almost led

them to the top-flight in 1982-83, resigning in April 1984. Later managing Huddersfield, he now works in the North-East media.

MICKY ADAMS

Player-manager Micky Adams plotted Fulham's 1996-97 promotion success. Initially with Gillingham, the England Youth left-back moved to Coventry City in July 1983, then Leeds United in January 1987. He helped reach the Second Division play-off final and FA Cup semi-finals that season, joining Southampton in March 1989. Following Ian Branfoot to Fulham in July 1994, he became their player-boss in February 1996 and remained at Craven Cottage until September 1997. He managed Swansea and since had spells as manager/coach at Brentford, Nottingham Forest, Brighton, Leicester, Coventry and now Brighton again.

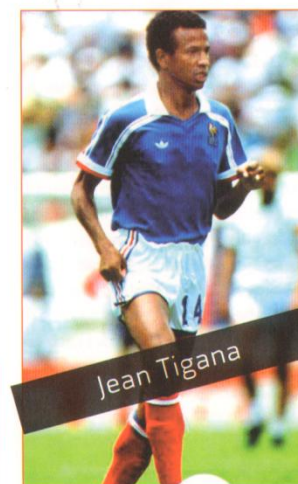


Kevin Keegan

KEVIN KEEGAN

Ex-England international striker Kevin Keegan managed Fulham to the Second Division title in 1998-99. Initially with Scunthorpe, he moved to Liverpool in May 1971 and won numerous European and domestic honours

prior to joining Hamburg in June 1977. He was twice European Footballer of the Year, moving via Southampton to Newcastle in August 1982. Starring in their 1983-84 promotion success, he returned from Spain to manage Newcastle to the First Division title in 1992-93. He became Fulham's chief operations officer, then manager for a year, since managing England, Manchester City and Newcastle again.



Jean Tigana

JEAN TIGANA

Former French international midfielder Jean Tigana plotted Fulham's 2000-01 First Division title triumph. Initially with Toulon, he moved via Olympic Lyonnais to Bordeaux in July 1981 and helped them win the French League title on three occasions including the 'double' in 1986-87. He joined Marseilles in August 1989 and won the French League title twice more, also appearing in the 1991 European Cup final. After a spell coaching Olympic Lyonnais, he became Monaco's coach and plotted their 1996-97 French League title triumph. He was Fulham's manager from July 2000 until April 2003, then was in charge of Besiktas.

Dream team



Football historian Leigh Edwards selects a post-war Fulham 'Dream Team' with the help of several Fulham supporters and club officials.

TONY MACEDO

England U-23 goalkeeper who starred as Fulham were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1957-58 and 1961-62. The son of a Spanish international, he signed professional at Craven Cottage in October 1955 and made his League debut in Fulham's 5-0 victory at Bristol City in December 1957. He starred as they regained top-flight status in 1958-59 and was ever-present in 1962-63, making 346 League appearances for Fulham prior to joining Colchester United in September 1968. Subsequently emigrating to South Africa, he played for Durban City and Highlands Park and now lives in Johannesburg.

GEORGE COHEN

England international right-back who was capped 37 times while at Craven Cottage, including the 1966 World Cup final triumph. Signing professional for Fulham in October 1956, he made his League debut in their 2-1 defeat at home to Liverpool five months later and was an important figure as Fulham won promotion to the top-flight in 1958-59. He was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1958 and 1962, netting six goals in 408 League games until injury ended his career in March 1969 and then had a spell as

Fulham's youth boss.

Subsequently manager of Tonbridge, he ran his own building and property business.

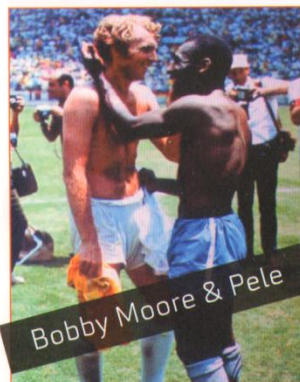
JIM LANGLEY

Popular left-back who gained three England caps while at Fulham. He impressed with Guildford City prior to joining Leeds United in June 1952 and moved to Brighton in July 1953. Ever-present in 1953-54, he joined Fulham in February 1957 and starred in their 1958-59 promotion success. He was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1958 and 1962, netting 31 goals in 323 League games prior to joining QPR in July 1965 and featuring in their 1966-67 Third Division title and League Cup 'double' triumph. Later managing Hillingdon, he was steward at West Drayton British Legion and died in December 2007.

ALAN MULLERY

England international midfielder who was voted Footballer of the Year and awarded the MBE after captaining Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in December 1958, he helped Fulham clinch promotion that season and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1962. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur in March 1964 and starred as

they won the FA Cup in 1967, the League Cup in 1971 and UEFA Cup in 1972 before rejoining Fulham in August 1972. Scoring 37 times in 364 League games overall for Fulham, he then managed Brighton, Charlton, Crystal Palace, QPR and Barnet.

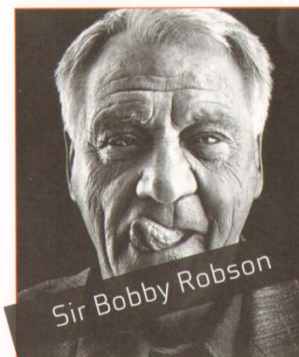


Bobby Moore & Pele

BOBBY MOORE

Legendary England international central defender who was a key figure as Fulham were FA Cup finalists in 1975. Signing professional for West Ham in June 1958, he captained their 1964 FA Cup final success and 1965 ECWC final triumph, also playing in the 1966 League Cup final. He was Footballer of the Year in 1964 and skippered England's 1966 World Cup final success, gaining a club record 108 caps before moving to Fulham in March

1974. Scoring once in 124 League games while at Craven Cottage, he subsequently managed Oxford City and Southend United. He died in February 1993.



Sir Bobby Robson

PAUL PARKER

Versatile defender who was capped 19 times by England after leaving Craven Cottage, featuring in the 1990 World Cup semi-final. Signing professional for Fulham in April 1982, he scored twice in 154 League games prior to joining QPR with Dean Coney in June 1987 and was ever-present in 1987-88. Sold to Manchester United for £2,000,000 in August 1991, he helped them to win all three major domestic honours and moved to Derby County in August 1996. He briefly rejoined Fulham from Sheffield United in January 1997 and then played for Chelsea before management posts at Ashford and Chelmsford.

GORDON DAVIES

Welsh international favourite who holds Fulham's all-time goalscoring record. Impressed with Merthyr Tydfil before moving to Craven Cottage in March 1978 and was Fulham's leading marksman in five successive seasons. Starring in their 1981-82 promotion campaign, he also featured prominently as Fulham nearly clinched top-flight status in 1982-83 and moved to Chelsea

in November 1984. He rejoined Fulham from Manchester City in October 1986 and netted 159 goals in 394 League games overall before joining Wrexham in August 1991, subsequently playing for Northwich Victoria.

SIR BOBBY ROBSON

England international inside-right who had two spells as a player with Fulham. Signed professional at Craven Cottage in May 1950, he formed a brilliant inside-forward trio with Bedford Jeppard and Johnny Haynes before moving to West Brom in March 1956. He switched to wing-half and was capped 20 times while at The Hawthorns prior to rejoining Fulham in August 1962, scoring 77 goals in 344 League games overall for the Cottagers before retiring in May 1967. Now Sir Bobby, he has managed Fulham, Ipswich, England, PSV Eindhoven, Sporting Lisbon, Porto, Barcelona and Newcastle United.

GRAHAM LEGGAT

Scottish international forward who was capped 11 times while at Craven Cottage. Was a prolific scorer for Aberdeen, starring in their 1954-55 Scottish League title triumph and also winning two Scottish Cup medals before moving to Fulham in August 1958. A key figure as they regained top-flight status in 1958-59, he scored for Fulham in the 1962 FA Cup semi-final and netted four times in their 10-1 demolition of Ipswich Town on Boxing Day 1963. He scored 127 goals in 254 League games prior to joining Birmingham City in January 1967, then played for Rotherham and emigrated to Canada.

JOHNNY HAYNES

Widely regarded as Fulham's best-ever player, this England

international inside-forward gained a club record 56 caps while at Craven Cottage. Signing professional for Fulham in May 1952, he was an influential figure as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1958 and 1962. He also starred as Fulham regained top-flight status in 1958-59 and became captain of club and country, netting 146 goals in a record 594 League games prior to joining South African side Durban City in August 1970. He then had spells with Wealdstone and back in South Africa, residing in Edinburgh until his death in October 2005.

LES BARRETT

Long-serving England U-23 international winger who played for Fulham in the 1975 FA Cup final. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in October 1965, he starred alongside Allan Clarke and Steve Earle in the top-flight and was ever-present and leading marksman in Fulham's 1970-71 promotion success. He was also ever-present in 1971-72 and 1973-74, thrilling the crowd with his electrifying speed down the left flank and netting 74 goals in 423 League outings for Fulham before moving to Millwall in October 1977. Subsequently with Woking, Slough and Carshalton, he runs a market garden at Earlsfield.



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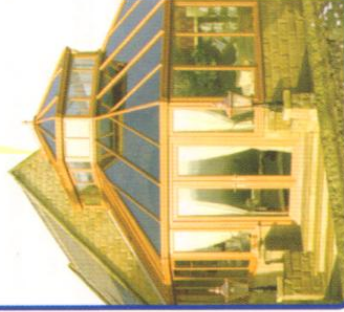
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Life away from the Liberty...X Files catches up with former Swans as they go about their business throughout the leagues.



Izzy in action v Blackpool at the Liberty Stadium back in 2005

New Bristol City signing Izzy Iriekpen has spoken of his desire to make an impact – and get on the scoresheet – at Ashton Gate.

The central defender, released by Scunthorpe last month, agreed a deal to keep him at the Robins until at least the end of the season.

"If I can get into the team and

start playing well then it will work out for me, and of course the club will benefit too," said the 26-year-old, who made his debut as a late substitute against Norwich last weekend.

Although he has had no first-team football since December, Iriekpen popped up with a goal that beat Bristol Rovers in a recent behind-closed-doors

reserve team friendly.

"It was nice to get a goal for the reserves with my head,"

"I'm a defender who likes to go up for corners and set-pieces and I've already scored goals for Scunthorpe this season because of that."

Iriekpen was all smiles as he posed with a Robins shirt on the day he signed – a far cry from his expression in the famous picture captured when he went head-to-head with City boss Gary Johnson in a touchline bust-up during the player's stint with the Swans.

Iriekpen said: "In the heat of the moment it was a passionate thing. Everyone wants to win football matches and you fight for your team. That's the kind of person I am. I'm a winner – I don't like losing."

"I did apologise to him afterwards. He's a good guy and shook hands. I've seen the pictures since – my mum doesn't recognise me in them and I don't even recognise myself in those images! It's behind us now."

City boss, meanwhile, says Lee Trundle's loan extension at Leeds United "works out well for everyone concerned".


The Robins agreed on Monday to allow the striker to stay with the League One club until March 10, following an initial one-month loan stint at Elland Road.

"We've hit a bit of form recently and have a settled squad, while Lee has been playing games for Leeds," said the former Yeovil boss.

"I know Lee is enjoying himself at Elland Road and now he gets an extra month there."

"We've also got a 24-hour recall clause if we need to use it and things change here."

"I think the whole situation works out well for everyone concerned."




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in the crowd face

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Travel Club

With Ugo Vallario

Happy days...Swansea City have got their first home FA Cup tie against a Premiership club since moving to the Liberty Stadium.

In the last round the Jack Army was the 12th man at Fratton Park when we outshone our hosts and cup holders Portsmouth.

Today we need the vocal support of previous matches here like last season's Leeds game and the ones against Cardiff City this season.

Just think who we could get in the next round if we succeed in this game?

Going back to our current league status, it appears all set up for a charge into the play-offs and perhaps automatic promotion to the Promised Land called the Premier League.

Hopefully we can do it, especially now that Roberto Martinez has gone public. But let's not be too disappointed if the dream does not materialise this season. I for one am enjoying each game for what it is and each win is a bonus.

Having seen us reach these heights for the first time in over 20 years, it's brilliant. We are more than holding our own, especially against the top teams - many of whom are former holders of Premiership places.

With reference to the following away games, would you please ensure that bookings are made no later than 48 hours prior to the trip - and even then it is dependent on availability.

Bookings can be made in the club shop on non-match

Steve Griffiths'

Travelling Jacks

Watford

Tuesday 17th February 2009, 7.45pm kick-off
Vicarage Road, Watford WD18 0ER
Telephone: 0845 442 1881 Internet: www.watfordfc.com



What's it like

Initially 576 tickets have been allocated to Swans fans in the Vicarage Road Stand at one end of the ground, but this can be increased to 2,300. There shouldn't be any hassle with the locals, although at there can be a heavy police presence around the ground and in the town centre. Food available in the ground includes pies, pasties, sausage rolls, pizza pods and rollover hot dogs. There is unusually plenty of leg room in the away end and there can be a great atmosphere. Unfortunately, the concourses are very small and can get easily crowded.

What the Hornets Fans Think

Dave Summers says: "The best thing is the community aspect of the club. I'm a fan now because I live locally and one night many years ago a guy from the club came around with a special offer for the last few matches of the season. I haven't stopped going since! The worst thing was the old board, but they've all gone now. Prediction for the game is difficult; but whoever goes through to the next round of the cup on the Saturday will probably slip up in the league! At the end of the season, we'll finish somewhere between relegation and mid table.

Hopefully nearer the latter.

Pubs and Grub

The 'Oddfellows Arms' (HP3 9SP) is a five minute walk from the ground. Most fans head for the Wetherspoons pub 'Moon over Water' (WD17 2BS) on the High Street, 10 minutes away. On this street, among others, are O'Neills (WD17 1AH) and Walkabout (WD17 1AW).

Directions, Parking & Train

Leave the M4 at J4b to join the M25 (clockwise), leaving it at J19, onto the A41. Shortly after, join the A411, then the A412, A4178 and A4145, heading for Rickmansworth, for the ground. There are private match day car parks available at some industrial units near the ground, as well as the Vicarage Road Girls School, close to the stadium. Charges are around £5 per car.

By Train: The nearest station is Watford High Street, a 10 minute walk away from the ground. You're more likely to come into Watford Junction, a 20 minute walk. Either get a train to Watford High Street or, if you have time to walk to the ground, then leave the station and take main road straight opposite (Clarendon Road) all the way (over Ring Road at lights) up to the High Street. Turn LEFT and go past the 'Moon under Water' on your right and then take the first RIGHT after 100 yards into Market Street. Continue along again crossing Ring Road to T junction & LEFT at the 'Ebb-Tide', (WD18 OPT) a recommended chip shop. Vicarage Road is the next RIGHT. Watford has its own tube station, on the Metropolitan Line and is under a mile from Vicarage Road. However, regular trains from London are normally quicker.



Travel Club Memberships are still available. Forms can be picked up from the club shop, ticket office, and can be downloaded from the official site and our site; www.swanstravelclub.co.uk
No photos are needed this year...

days or at the cabin outside reception on match days up to 30 minutes before kick off. In other words, be earlier on match days please.

Our next away presentations are as follows;

Travel Club

Watford

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2009, 7.45pm
Liberty Stadium 1.00pm

Price

Members £17.00
Non-Members £20.00

Parking allowed at this match.
In the North car park only.

Derby County

Tuesday, Mar 3, 2009, 7.45pm
Liberty Stadium 1.00pm

Price

Members £16.00
Non-Members £20.00

Parking allowed at this match.
In the North car park only.

Nottingham Forest

Saturday, Mar 7, 2009, 3.00pm
Liberty Stadium 8.00am

Price

Members £16.00
Non-Members £20.00

Parking allowed at this match.
In the North car park only.

Queens Park Rangers

Tuesday, Mar 17, 2009, 8.00pm
Liberty Stadium 1.30pm

Price

Members £16.00
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Let's get behind the Swans today as we always do.

Until next time
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Isabella Rose-Knight took centre
stage as the FA Cup rolled into
town this week. Dressed up in
her Welsh outfit, photographer
Jai Eastwood was in the right
place at the right time to take
this great picture.



Swans pictured away from the nest

Jacks Away

If you would like to be included in this section of the Swan, then please send in your photographs (Swans related) to info@visions-creative.com with a brief description of who, what, where and when! You can also post pictures to Jonathan Wilsher, Swansea City, Liberty Stadium, Swansea, SA1 2FA. We apologise in advance that these pictures will not be returned.



Inset;

I'm an East Stand season ticket holder having been an ardent fan since the late 1960s. I have included some photographs of two colleagues in Pampa Melchorita in Peru. Both Eduardo and Grover asked me to get them some away shirts. They now wear them proudly around the place. Thanks - David Jones



Above;

We are sending you a picture of us holding up a Swans scarf at our candlelight dinner on the night of our wedding. We got married on 6th January at the Sandals Resort in the Bahamas. We are both season ticket holders in the East Stand. Caroline and Christopher Richards.



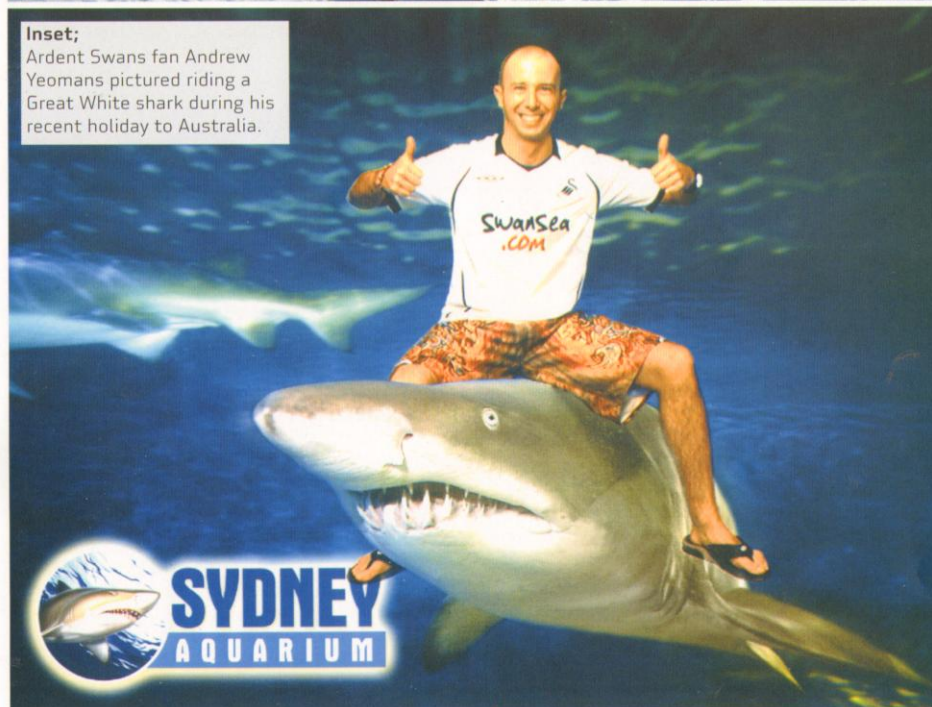
Inset;

Aaron Lewis, 10, from Sketty, takes to the slopes on holiday in Austria proudly wearing his Swans shirt.



Inset;

Ardent Swans fan Andrew Yeomans pictured riding a Great White shark during his recent holiday to Australia.



By Ade Roberts

The beautiful game... and the transfer sagas

In 1999 Zat Knight was 'sold' by non-league Rushall Olympic to Fulham for a massive fee of just 30 tracksuits. The Fulham chairman Mohamed Al-Fayed must have ordered 30 extra tracksuits into his Harrods' store especially. I bet the Rushall Olympic players were lording-it-up in those Harrods trackies! Another player who went on to become an England international was also transferred for other sporting clobber.

What is going on in football today when we hear of transfer fees for playing reaching over 100 million pounds?

Is there any player within our most beautiful game that is truly worth splashing out that kind of money for? The majority of us I'm sure would say not.

All this hype about Kaka and Ronaldo just recently and their potential moves to here and there can only be described as outrageous.

When Man City brought Robinho from Real Madrid at the start of this season we were impressed or amazed or disgusted (whichever viewpoint you care to take) at the £38.5 million paid for him.

More recently though we're hearing about the possibility of a £100 million transfer fee being paid. Will there eventually be a limit set by football's ruling bodies on how much a player is actually worth?

Perhaps most of you may not remember the very first million pound transfer of a football player. It was amazing at the time that a football player could cost a club a million quid, but this is where it all began to get a bit silly!

In September 1979 Trevor Francis became England's first £1m player when Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough brought him in from Birmingham City. As Clough didn't want Francis to get a big head over the fact that he'd become the first million pound player, he insisted that the fee paid was in fact £999,999 - just a quid short of the £1m mark.

However, after VAT, the actual cost of the transfer was nearer to £1.1m. Francis spent two

years at Forest before a further million pound transfer took him to Manchester City.

After moves to Italian sides Sampdoria and then Atalanta, before further moves to Scotland with Rangers, he came back to English football and joined QPR where he took his first steps into football management.

Following the first million pound transfer of Francis in 1979 were those of Steve Daley, from Wolves to Man City in the September of '79, and also Andy Gray from Villa to Wolves, again in the September of the same year. That's where it all started - the madness of the transfer market!

Talking of transfers, there are some weird and wonderful fee stories which have occurred over the years.

The earliest recorded transfer fee record was the £700 paid by Newcastle United in 1904 for Andy McCombie. Can you imagine how extraordinary that must have seemed back in 1904. £700 would have been an absolute fortune back then.

The following year, Alf Common went to Middlesbrough for the first ever four-figure fee. The sum caused a national sensation and outraged many within the football authorities.

The £5,000 mark was first reached in 1922 when Falkirk paid for West Ham United's Syd Puddefoot. It was a further six years before the £10,000 figure was reached when Arsenal paid this fee to acquire the services of David Jack from Bolton Wanderers.

Following the Second World War, it was the European clubs that splashed the cash more than the clubs in Britain. This resulted in the transfer records jumping substantially. John Charles was

the first British player to fetch a fee of £50,000 when he went to Juventus all the way back in 1957. The first £100,000 player was in 1961 when Denis Law joined Torino.

It's not just hard cash that has changed hands between clubs in exchange for players services, there have been some strange fees paid.

The lovable Ian Wright, former Crystal Palace, Arsenal and England international, was very literally worth his weight in weights as the player was brought from Greenwich Borough by Crystal Palace for the princely sum of 'a set of weights'.

In 1999 Zat Knight was 'sold' by Non-league Rushall Olympic to Fulham for a massive fee of just '30 tracksuits'. The Fulham chairman Mohamed Al-Fayed must have ordered 30 extra tracksuits into his Harrods' store especially. I bet the Rushall Olympic players were lording-it-up in those Harrods trackies!

Another player who went on to become an England international was also transferred for other sporting clobber. John Barnes was brought by Watford back in 1981 from Sudbury Court FC for some 'sporting kit'. Five years later in 1986 fans favorite Barnesy went to Liverpool for £900,000. Not bad eh? He went from being worth a few shirts and shorts to nearly a million!

Who knows how the transfer fees will spiral over the next few years? When you think that it was only 30 years ago when a club first paid a million for a player, where will we be in 30 years from now? How much will a player be worth then - a billion, a trillion, a spaceship, a planet? Who knows?

As God is my witness and football my mistress - let's hope inflation increases by the same percentage as the transfer fees!
Enjoy the game.



Trunds being closely marked by Zat '30 tracksuits' Knight during Alan Curtis' Testimonial at the Liberty Stadium on 23rd July, 2005



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Nick Cusack

The day that Swansea City celebrated FA Cup success at Portsmouth marked the seven-year anniversary of the current Swans board's takeover from the infamous Tony Petty.

The Australian-based businessman tried to sack players and reduce wages to cut costs, moves from the owner that earned the wrath of the PFA and Swans fans far and wide.

Fortunately, the Vetch Field side had a key

Nick Cusack

Petty mistake!

member of the players' association within their ranks at the time. Nick Cusack was an influential midfielder and club captain at the Swans and also combined his role as Chairman of the PFA.

When news broke of Petty's intentions to heavily reduce the club's costs by sacking players from their contracts, Cusack stepped in and used his authority to enlist the aid of the PFA to help pay players' wages.

"It was a very worrying time for Swansea City," reflected the 43-year-old, who remains at the

association to this day as a Senior Executive.

"Each player was worried about their own personal situation and that of the club's. Swansea City is a club with great tradition; a club that has had great success and is a big part of the community. The thought of it going under and no longer existing was something that was a major issue for all the players.

"The guy was totally misguided. He didn't have the club's best interests at heart and just tried to do things for himself. We had to stand up to him, everyone fought that battle because Swansea City FC was at stake and, thankfully, we got rid of him."

Cusack played a major off-field role in ousting the controversial Londoner and was appointed player/coach, alongside goalkeeper Roger Freestone, shortly after the businessman returned Down Under.

The pair replaced Colin Addison and Peter Nicholas in March 2002, but their tenure only lasted six months as Brian Flynn was appointed to the Vetch Field hot seat and Cusack opted for a career elsewhere.

He retired from the game that handed him a professional start with Leicester City in 1987 to take on a full-time role with the PFA.

"After I finished playing I worked with the PFA on the financial side to begin with, but in the last few years I've worked mainly on the general side," said the Yorkshireman, who also enjoyed spells with the likes of Motherwell and Fulham.

"And one of my other roles is to get in to clubs, speak to players about the PFA and what it does, offer support, and if they have any

problems they can contact me and I'll go and represent them at the FA."

And that's not all. He has been involved with the recent administration cases of Luton and Bournemouth; commits himself to a lot of political work through Government initiatives via the PFA; is a licensed football agent; represents players at disciplinary hearings and is a referee assessor for the Premier League.

"It's a varied role," he added.

Since leaving south west Wales six-and-a-half



football a reality. "It's fantastic to see the club doing so well," beamed the man that lifted the Third Division trophy at Rotherham in 2000.

"Since my time, Brian Flynn, Kenny Jackett and now Roberto have all come in and helped transform the fortunes to where it is today.

"And now in Roberto the club has a really, really talented young manager who's very highly regarded in the game; who likes to play football and gets the best out of players.

"The future is very bright for Swansea City and this season, hopefully, the club can push on and get into a situation where they're challenging for promotion, which would be a fantastic transformation from the very dark days."

Cusack makes his first visit to the Liberty Stadium for this early afternoon cup tie as a guest of the club and is looking forward at taking in a match that involves two clubs for which he still maintains a passion.

He was taken to Craven Cottage after a spell at Oxford United, going on to make 136 appearances for the south west London club before another ex-Fulham player, Alan Cork, made him one of his first Swansea City signings in October 1997 for £50,000.

"I spent many happy years at Swansea and I believe that the club and supporters deserve all of the success that comes their way after the years of on and off the field problems.

"My time as a player with Fulham was really enjoyable, too. I had equally the same amount of success during my time there and, just like at Swansea, the fans were fantastic. I really did feel at home with both clubs." ■

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years ago, Cusack has followed the highs and lows, of the club that he played for 222 times, and has enjoyed the accomplishments that his successors have brought to Swansea City in a short space of time.

Brian Flynn kept the Swans in the Football League; Kenny Jackett won various honours, including promotion to League One, while current boss Roberto Martinez has taken football at Swansea City to a whole new level with promotion to the second tier and dreams of top-flight

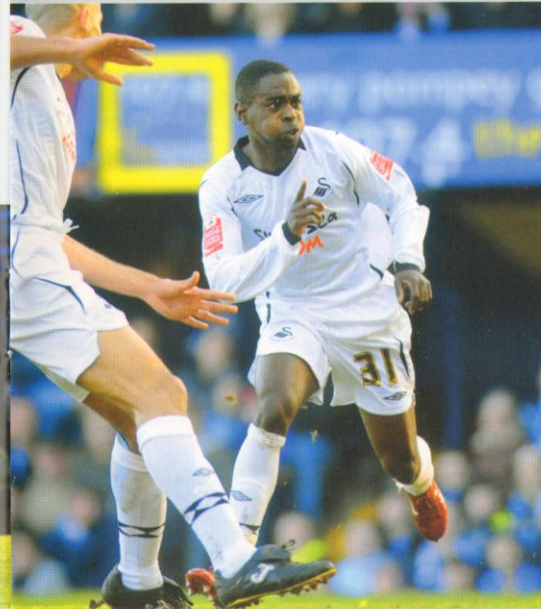




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Ronnie Barker, Carol Vorderman, Apsley Cherry-Garrard, Gail Emms, Tim Foster, Garry Monk, Andy Johnson – spotted the link yet?

Of course you didn't.

A legendary comedian; mathematical genius; Antarctic explorer; Olympic silver medalist in badminton; coxless four's Olympic gold medalist; Swansea City captain and Fulham striker.

Now that's a variety of skills.

Actually, you can add actor and comedian John Le Mesurier, MK Dons striker Sam Baldock and William Fitzhugh – founder of an American dynasty that married into the lines of George Washington and General Lee – to the list. Okay, I'll stop now.

For all those mentioned above all share the same birthplace – Bedford.

Based in the East of England, the town has certainly chalked up some names that will forever go down in history.

And two men on that list hoping to help create history will be locking horns today.

Swansea captain Monk will have the job of preventing Johnson from firing Fulham into the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Strength and aerial prowess against electric pace and a knack for goals – some combination that.

The Bedfordians have taken different paths in their careers, yet could be pitted on the same stage next season.

With Swansea having taken to life in the Championship like a duck to water, Roberto Martinez is now looking at reaching the play-offs as a realistic target.

Even though supporters have been talking about it for months, hearing Martinez say it adds further belief in these parts.

Martinez's side has really caught the eye this season with their free-flowing football which has been a joy to watch.

But it was the 2-0 victory over holders Portsmouth in the FA Cup fourth round which has really put them on the map.

Following that lesson, the media suddenly woke up to the Martinez revolution.

Radio phone-ins were packed with discussions on the South West Wales club, national reporters were having to learn how to spell and pronounce Swansea's various Spanish contingent, while broadcasting companies also took notice.

Of the matches pulled out in the fifth round draw, Swansea-Fulham was, as expected, chosen for television coverage.

ITV are at the Liberty Stadium this afternoon – no premature ad breaks this time, please – as the scent of an upset lingers.

Some Swansea supporters may not be surprised should Fulham be heading back to London with tails between their legs, such was Portsmouth's demise last month.

But those fans should also note that Fulham are a team rejuvenated under Roy Hodgson.

The well travelled manager, who has taken in stints at Inter Milan, Switzerland and Finland to name but a few, has redirected the club following the sacking of Lawrie Sanchez.

Now sitting tenth in the Premier League, Fulham shouldn't have to relive the heart-stopping drama of battling for top-flight status.

Ultimately strong at home – just one loss in the league – and a mixed bag on the road – no wins from 12 – the Cottagers are a dangerous draw in this competition.

Too far from the European spots and relatively safe enough from relegation, a cup run will sit pretty highly on Hodgson's agenda.

But Martinez will have one or two tricks up his sleeve to ensure that is wiped from Fulham's wish list come the end of today's fifth round tie.

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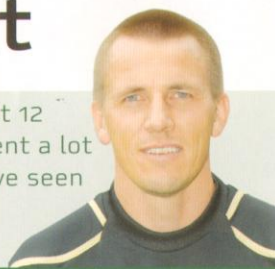
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Mark Gower and David Cornell pictured with the FA Cup

Tony Pennock has hailed the progress made by young goalkeeper David Cornell as he made a long awaited return from injury this week.

The 17-year-old has suffered with a wrist injury picked up on the summer tour of Spain and before Wednesday's reserve fixture hadn't featured in a match since last season.

He was picked to face Exeter City's second string at Port Talbot and completed the full 90 minutes as well as impressing throughout for Pascoe's side.

And Pennock is pleased with the development of his young scholar who has now been handed number 27 in Roberto's squad list.

"I've had injuries, I know how bad it is to spend time away but when you're a youngster like Dave you have to realise that there is light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

"He's had a difficult time, he's had a serious injury for a goalkeeper and he's learning to live with that now.

"But I'm just so pleased for him. It has been a difficult 12 months, (goalkeeping coach) Iniaki (Bergara) has spent a lot of time with the lad and in the past six to eight I have seen a massive change in him.

"He's now back catching the ball and training, plus with Dimi leaving he can get his chance and it couldn't have happened to a nicer lad."

A former pupil at Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr, Cornell was taken on as a scholar under David Moss back in 2007 and was a key member of the youth team before Roberto and his coaching staff saw enough in the youngster to take him away with them in July.

But after just a few days in Catalunya the Wales Under-17 international picked up the wrist injury that has kept him all this time. And since the departure of Dimi Konstantopoulos he has

been brought in to train with the senior side, a dream come true for a lifelong fan of the Swans.

"It's been really good, I've been enjoying every minute of it," beamed Cornell, who turns 18 next month.

"Swansea City is my team, I've always dreamt about playing for them and just getting involved and getting the chance to warm-up in front of a big crowd is fantastic. It's what dreams are made of."

Roberto has also been impressed with the strength shown by the 'keeper whilst training with the first-team.

"He has been working with us and look very strong," added El Gaffer. "We have been impressed with David's progression and we feel he is ready to push into the first-team squad now."

Five new scholars...

Swansea City is pleased to announce that five members of the club's Under-16's have been handed two-year scholarships.

Ben Davies, Matthew Whatley, Gwion Edwards, Jordan Prosser and Sam Rose-Miles will all be a part of Tony Pennock's Under-18 squad next season.

"The hard work for these boys starts now," said the Head of the Youth Development.

"They need to have a professional and focused attitude and must hit the ground running when reporting for training in July."

You can read more about the latest intakes in next weekend's copy of The Swan.

New scholars for next season:

Ben Davies (Neath), Matthew Whatley (Ebbw Vale), Gwion Edwards (Lampeter), Jordan Prosser (Morriston), Sam Rose-Miles (Dunvant)

Puma Youth Alliance Fixtures South West Conference Under-18

Season 2008/2009					Updated 7/12/08	
Sat	Aug 16	Bristol Rovers	H	W 4-1		
Sat	Aug 23	In Service Training				
Sat	Aug 30	Yeovil Town	H	W 4-1		
Sat	Sep 6	Plymouth Argyle	A	postponed		
Sat	Sep 13	Plymouth Argyle	A	L 0-2		
Sat	Sep 20	Torquay United	H	W 3-2		
Sat	Sep 27	Yeovil Town	H	W 5-0		
Sat	Oct 4	Exeter City	A	W 1-0		
Sat	Oct 11	Bristol Rovers	A	W 2-1		
Sat	Oct 18	Torquay United	H	W 2-1		
Sat	Oct 25	Swindon Town	A	L 1-0		
Sat	Nov 1	Exeter City	A	W 2-1		
Sat	Nov 15	Cheltenham Town	A	D 1-1		
Sat	Nov 22	Exeter City	A	W 5-2		
Fri	Nov 28	AFC Bournemouth	H	W 2-0		
Tue	Dec 2	Man City FAYC	A	L 0-3		
Sat	Dec 6	Hereford United	A	W 2-0		
Sat	Dec 13	Oxford United	H	L 0-2		
Sat	Jan 10	Bristol Rovers	A	postponed		
Sat	Jan 17	Yeovil Town	A	W 3-2		
Sat	Jan 24	Swindon Town	H	L 5-0		
Sat	Jan 31	Plymouth Argyle	H	L 1-0		
Sat	Feb 7	Torquay United	A	PP		
Sat	Feb 14	Swindon Town	H			
Sat	Feb 21	Exeter City	H			
Sat	Feb 28	Cup semi-final				
Sat	Mar 14	Cheltenham Town	H			
Sat	Mar 28	Plymouth Argyle	A			
Sat	Mar 28	AFC Bournemouth	A	ko 12pm		
Sat	Apr 4	Oxford United	A			
Sat	Apr 18	Hereford United	H			
Sat	May 2	In Service Training				

Puma Youth Alliance League Table South West Conference Under-18										
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1 Swindon	11	9	1	1	35	10	+25	28		
2 Swansea	11	7	1	3	20	11	+9	22		
3 Plymouth	9	7	1	1	20	12	+8	22		
4 Exeter City	10	5	1	4	21	13	+8	16		
5 Bournemouth	10	5	1	4	17	14	+3	16		
6 Bristol Rovers	11	4	3	4	24	16	+8	15		
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Centre of Excellence

The weather once again proved the winner for our recent fixture programme against Swindon Town.

Unfortunately our under 9's, 10's, 14's and under 15's all travelled to Swindon only for the games to be called off after a pitch inspection by the officials.

Our apologies go to the players and parents for their wasted journey, but we had no notification that there was a doubt regarding the pitches - and neither did Swindon think there was a doubt.

Our under 16's played on the same pitches the day before and they were good.

As for the home games against Swindon, they went ahead and both sets of players were happy to be playing again.

The under 11's had an indifferent start to their game with a lack of concentration and the inability to keep the ball for more than a few passes. Needless to say they were behind by a couple of goals within the first period of play and looked like being overrun.

However, as the match progressed the young Swans eventually forced themselves back into the game and took the lead. The saying 'it's a game of two halves' applied to this one as it swung in our favour and we started to take control, finishing very strongly with another goal.

It is vital that in situations when things are not going your way, the players must keep plugging away and they will



James Eynon and his family got a close up view of the Liberty Stadium pitch before kick-off after Swans boss Roberto Martinez congratulated him on signing for the CofE Under-10 squad

benefit by the experience.

On the day, Ben Aldred had a very good game and was well supported by our two new signings, Luke Raymond and Callum Jones.

The under 12's were involved in another good contest with both defences dominating for the early periods as both teams unable to break each other down. Eventually the young Swans midfield took control and created a number of chances, mainly from wide areas.

The breakthrough came by the way of a long range strike from Dylan Thomas. Then further periods of pressure resulted in Kieran Williams putting us further in front.

We created a few more chances, but we were unable to convert them into goals and the score remained the same until the final whistle.

The under 13's were involved in a good game and played very good football on a heavy surface.

The Swans took the lead through Jordan Vickers and then added further goals from Richard Gay, Kyle Williams and Ben May to finish the game very strongly.

This week our opponents will be Plymouth Argyle, so we will be hoping for some good weather.

Anthony Avo,
Centre of Excellence Coordinator

We are pleased to announce some new individual sponsorship for the following Centre of Excellence players.

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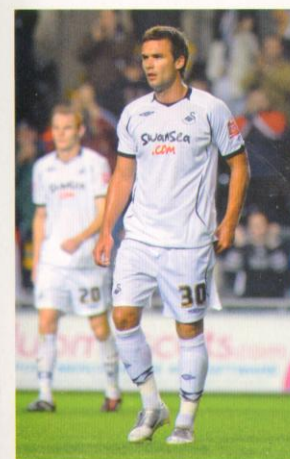
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Chad Bond

Colin Pascoe's reserve side was victorious on Tuesday night with Chad Bond's 64th minute strike the only difference between the two teams.

The two senior members of the squad, Chris Jones and Bond, combined just after the hour with the latter latching on to the end of a wicked cross from the left to convert from close-range.

David Cornell made his return between the sticks after a long spell out with a wrist injury and looked confident throughout. Fellow youngster Jamie Grimes also featured for the first time in five months after suffering with shin splints.

Swans: David Cornell; Daniel Sheehan, Joe Walsh, Steven Berry, Jamie Grimes (Daniel Alfei, 67'), Lee Lucas, Chris Jones, Jazz Richards, Matthew Wright (Casey Thomas, 80'), Chad Bond (C), Kieran Howard. Not Used: Adam Orme, Rhys Wilson.

Swansea City's reserves are back in home action on Wednesday February 25 when Plymouth Argyle make the trip to the GenQuip Stadium in Port Talbot (7.00pm).

Swans' fans are reminded that all reserve team matches for the 2008/09 campaign will be staged at the GenQuip Stadium, the home of Port Talbot Town, and admission will be charged at £3 (adults) and £2 (concessions).

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Bristol City	7	5	1	1	+17	16
Yeovil Town	9	5	0	4	+11	15
Swindon Town	9	4	3	2	+4	15
Forest Green	8	4	1	3	-4	13
Plymouth Arg.	5	3	1	1	+3	10
Salisbury City	9	3	1	5	-14	10
Cheltenham Tn	7	2	1	4	-1	7
Bournemouth	8	2	0	5	-10	7
Swansea City	7	1	1	5	-13	4

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August

Tue 19	Cheltenham	A	L4-0
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September

Wed 3	Reading	H	L3-0
Tue 9	Salisbury	A	L3-1
Wed 17	Bristol City	H	D1-1

October

Wed 1	Swindon	H	W1-0
Wed 8	Bristol City	H	D0-0

November

Wed 12	Exeter City	A	L1-4
Mon 17	Southampton	A	L2-1

December

Wed 10	Yeovil	A	L0-3
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January

Wed 14	Yeovil Town	H	L1-3
Tue 20	Swindon	A	L6-3

February

Wed 11	Exeter City	H	W1-0
Wed 18	Bournemouth	A	(2pm)
Wed 25	Plymouth	H	

March

Wed 4	Bournemouth	H	
Mon 15	Forest Green	A	
Wed 25	Cheltenham	H	

April

Wed 1	Salisbury	H	
Tue 7	Bristol City	A	
Wed 15	Forest Green	H	
Tue 21	Plymouth	A	(2pm)

Games yet to be confirmed

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Against the odds – Swans' cup success against top-flight opposition...

People often talk about the magic of the FA Cup and the major upsets it brings year after year. It was only a year ago that the Swans made the headlines for the wrong reasons after falling to non-league Havant & Waterlooville at the third round stage, and missing out on a trip to Anfield, but wind the clock forward 12 months and Roberto's side are playing the current cup holders off the park on their own patch.

The destruction of Pompey was the second time in three years that the Swans had upset the odds with victory at Premiership opposition in the cup, and with top-flight Fulham the visitors this afternoon we take a look back through history at the games where top division sides succumbed to defeat against Swansea Town and City.

Swansea City 1 Blackburn Rovers 0 Saturday January 9, 1915

The home side upset the odds with this solitary goal victory over Football League champions Blackburn. Swansea Town, who were still only a Second Division Southern League side, had to battle through the qualifying rounds with victories over Newport, Port Vale and Leicester Fosse before tackling Rovers. Ben Beynon, the only amateur on the field, scored the decisive goal.

Swansea City 2 Arsenal 1 Saturday March 6, 1926

Len Thompson and Jack Fowler were on target for the Swans as they dumped Arsenal out of the cup to book the club's place in the semi-finals for the very first time. Joe Bradshaw's side, who were plying their trade in Division

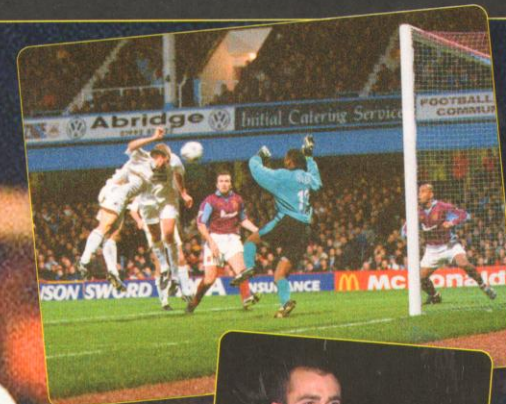
Two, shocked a Gunners side that ended the campaign as runners-up in the First Division.

Liverpool 1 Swansea City 2 Saturday February 29, 1964

The Swans made it to the last four for the second time in its history with this remarkable result at Anfield. Jimmy McLaughlin and Eddie Thomas scored the goals to give the visitors this famous victory against Liverpool who, at the end of the campaign, went on to lift the First Division title. Swansea Town, meanwhile, fell at the next hurdle against fellow second tier side Preston at Villa Park.

Swansea City 2 Crystal Palace 1 Monday January 14, 1980

It took three games to settle this tie but it was the Swans that eventually came out



on top against a side two divisions above them. Following a 2-2 draw at the Vetch and a 3-3 stalemate at Selhurst Park, a second replay was contested at a neutral venue – Ninian Park. Player-boss John Toshack and David Giles got the goals to see the Swans through safely to face Reading.

Swansea City 1 West Ham 0 Wednesday January 13, 1999

Swans fans were given the perfect New Year treat as a star-studded West Ham side left a rain swept Vetch Field on the end of a major cup upset. After holding the Hammers to a 1-1 draw at Upton Park, where the hosts levelled late on, a shock was on the cards when Martin

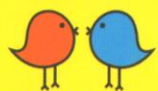
Thomas (above) drilled home from outside the area. The hosts did hold on to record a famous victory and sent Harry's Hammers packing.

Sheffield United 0 Swansea City 3 Saturday January 6, 2007

Over 5,000 Jacks travelled to Yorkshire for this third round encounter and they weren't to be disappointed as an injury plagued Swans side swept the Premiership outfit aside on their own patch. All three goals came in a 14 minute second-half spell with Tom Butler putting the visitors in control with a quick-fire double just before the hour. Leon Britton made the game safe on 67 minutes as he converted from the penalty spot.

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Gan Gareth Blainey

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Roger Freestone; Shaun Byrne (Kristian O'Leary), Alan Tate, Izzy Iriekpen, Michael Howard (James Thomas); Brad Maylett, Leon Britton, Roberto Martinez, Andy Robinson, Jonathan Coates (Kevin Nugent); Lee Trundle.

Dyna dîm Abertawe a'r eilyddion ddaeth i'r maes y tro diwethaf iddyn nhw chwarae yn rownd un ar bymtheg olaf Cwpan Lloegr oddi cartref yn erbyn Tranmere. 'Roedd y gêm honno union bum mlynedd yn ôl ar brynhawn Chwefror 14eg. 2004 ac fe gollodd Abertawe o 2-1 yn erbyn tîm oedd adran yn uwch na nhw.

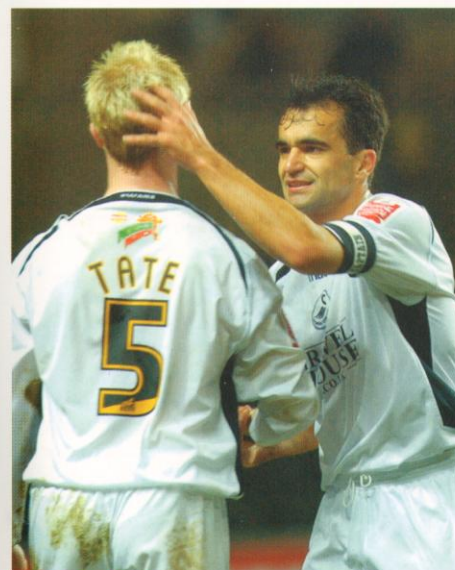
Dechreuodd tîm Brian Flynn yn dda ond wyth munud yn unig ar ôl i Andy Robinson eu rhoi nhw

ar y blaen yn erbyn ei gyn-glwb ar ôl 16 o funudau daeth Ryan Taylor â Tranmere yn gyfartal gyda chic o'r smotyn ar ôl trosedd gan Michael Howard ar Eugene Dadi a sgoriodd Iain Hume ail gôl i'r tîm cartref ar ôl 58 o funudau. Gorffennodd yr ymwelwyr gyda deg dyn ar ôl i Alan Tate gael ei ddanfôn o'r maes am drosedd ar Sean Connolly ond enillodd Abertawe apêl yn erbyn y cerdyn coch a 'chafodd Tate mo'i wahardd rhag chwarae.

Felly heddiw fydd yr eildro i Tate brofi cyffro rownd un ar bymtheg olaf Y Cwpan gydag Abertawe a'r eildro hefyd iddo fo a'i gyd-chwaraewyr geisio curo tîm o'r Uwch Gynghair yn y gystadleuaeth y tymor hwn ar ôl y fuddugoliaeth gampus yn Portsmouth dair wythnos yn ôl. Mae Tate wedi perfformio'n gampus yn gefnwr chwith yn y deufis diwethaf ond efallai na ddylsen ni synnu ei fod o wedi gwneud cystal mewn safle sy'n anghyfarwydd iddo o gofio ei fod o wedi chwarae yng nghanol y cae, yng nghanol yr amddiffyn, yn gefnwr de a hyd yn oed yn eilydd yn y gôl i Abertawe!

Gareth Blainey

BBC Wales football commentator Gareth Blainey recalls Swansea's last appearance in the last sixteen of the FA Cup at Tranmere exactly five years ago with a team including Roberto Martinez, Leon Britton, Alan Tate and Kristian O'Leary as a substitute. Brian Flynn's side lost 2-1 against their opponents from a higher division after Andy Robinson gave them the lead and Tate was sent off for a foul but the Swans won their appeal against the red card. Tate has performed excellently in an unfamiliar role at left-back in the last two months but that's hardly surprising bearing in mind he's played in midfield, in central defence, at right-back and even as a substitute goalkeeper for us!



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Andrea Morris and Joe Kelly

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Andrea Morris and Joe Kelly

Welcome

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's fifth round FA Cup tie against Fulham.

This is the first time we have welcomed a Premiership side to our Liberty Stadium for an FA Cup fixture.

And it has added appeal in the fact that Fulham officially opened the stadium back in 2005 in a testimonial match for our own Alan Curtis.

As if even more excitement

was needed, we also welcome ITV to our stadium as they are broadcasting the tie live throughout the country.

I would like to welcome manager Roy Hodgson, his team, directors and supporters to the Liberty Stadium and hope that both sides produce a treat for everybody in the stadium and the viewers at home.

You will have notice that we are being sponsored for this one game by Paddy Power who are emblazoned on the front of our shirts today.

We must sincerely thank Martin Morgan for allowing us to replace Swansea.com as our main sponsor for this unique occasion.

Further more, the shirts worn for this match are currently up for auction on ebay, with all proceeds going to ChildLine, a service provided by the NSPCC.

I spoke to Martin before today's game. He said: "While the TV coverage would have lifted the profile of Swansea.com

and Morgans Hotel even more, sometimes in life there are far more important priorities to consider.

"As a local company we always try and support as many charities as we can, but being a proud parent of three children, the NSPCC has always been close to the hearts of myself and my wife Louisa.

"ChildLine is such an important service that it is vital they have the funds to continue their fine work in Wales.

"We are just doing our little bit to help and I hope Swans fans support the cause as well by bidding for these exclusive shirts when they go up for auction on ebay after the game."



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Funds raised locally help run direct services for children and their families, including the therapeutic centre in Swansea, which provides an accessible service specifically designed for children, young people and their families, where the child or young person has experienced abuse.

Child abuse has an impact on all communities. Over the last year the NSPCC Cymru/Wales Helpline received more than 2600 calls from adults concerned about a child's safety.

The ChildLine base in Swansea counselled more than 10,000 children, with the most common issues being bullying, family relationship issues and emotional and physical health.

With our help, the NSPCC wants to transform its helpline services, including ChildLine, to answer many more children's cries for help.

So last year, the NSPCC launched the Child's Voice Appeal which aims to raise £50 million nationally to help run and grow these vital helplines.

I also caught up with the local fundraising manager for Swansea, Julie Richards, who said added: "We believe that every child who needs someone to turn to must have access to confidential help and support whenever they need it.

"Our vision is to provide every child with the help and advice they need 24 hours a day - by phone, online and by SMS text.

"The NSPCC is also committed to providing the opportunity for every adult who has concerns about a child to have someone to turn to 24 hours a day."

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If you would like to support the work of the NSPCC Cymru/Wales in the Swansea area please contact Julie Richards, S. W. Community fundraising manager on 01269 870 255.

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Paddy Power

The Paddy Power people said: "We're all about the underdog, so backing the Swans in a fight against another Premier League giant was a no-brainer, even though we make the Swans favourites for the match!

"The Jack Army will look back

to February 2007 when Paddy Power was the first bookmaker to make El Gaffer, Roberto Martinez, favourite to take the hot seat at the Swans.

"We haven't forgotten Swansea City since then and have followed the Swans impressive climb up the leagues with great interest.

"So, Paddy Power being the punters' pal, famous for crazy bets, giving money back and early payouts, are delighted to be Swansea's exclusive shirt sponsor for the match.

"We're looking forward to being involved in the Swans' attempt at pulling off a second Premier League giant-killing in as many rounds.

"With Jason Scotland scoring for fun, the strong midfield rising to every challenge and the back four led by the inspirational skipper in Garry Monk, the Cottagers won't be relishing their trip to Abertawe!

"And here's hoping we'll be seeing Swansea City FC go all the way to Wembley in May! Why not?

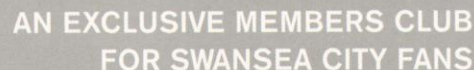
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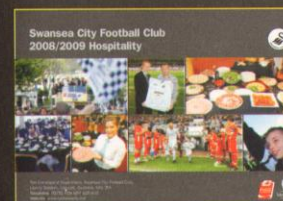
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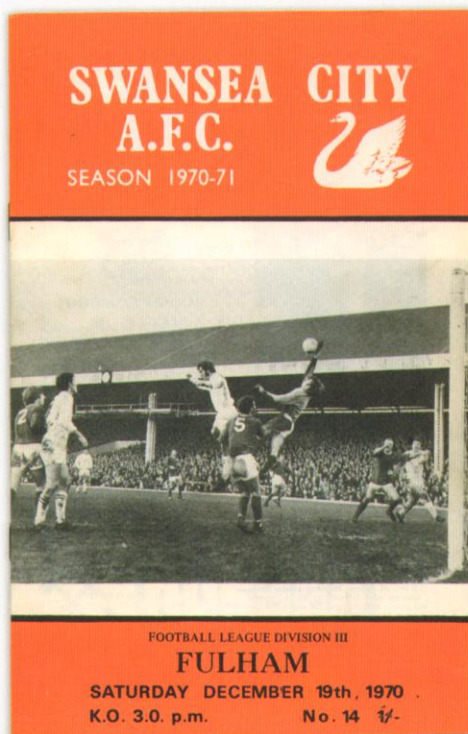
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Nostalgia

Saturday 19 December

Score: 4-1



Matchday programme cover for the Fulham fixture

Our first fixture with to-day's opponents Fulham came in a Division Two encounter in season 1925-26, when we would complete a double over the Londoners, winning 6-0 at the Vetch and 1-0 at Craven Cottage. The teams would meet on a regular basis up to season 1958-59 when Fulham gained promotion to the First Division, with all

the previous games played in Division Two. There would be one fixture in Division Three in 1970-71, followed by games against each other sporadically in Division Three during the late 1980s and early 1990s. Our last encounter in the league was in the 1996-97 season in the basement division with the Cottagers doing the double over us by winning 2-1 in both games. The one and only FA Cup tie prior to to-day's game saw the Swans suffer a humiliating 7-0 defeat in the first round at Craven Cottage in season 1995-96.

Roy Bentley's promotion winning side from the 1969-70 season had been strengthened by the signings of Len Hill from Newport and Barrie Hole from Aston Villa, the latter for a then record fee of twenty thousand pounds. Unfortunately the retirement of Mel Nurse to concentrate on his business ventures left the team short of experience in the heart of a defence that in the early part of the season found life in the higher division a real struggle. So much so that only one victory was gained in the opening eight fixtures, with to-day's opponents Fulham winning handsomely 4-1 in our first away game of the season. The situation prompted manager Bentley to hold a series of talks with Nurse to convince him to return to the club in its hour of need, and to the relief of players and supporters alike, Nurse returned in a part time capacity to help the club out. This was by no means the only time that Nurse's actions would help save the club, as events in years to come were to prove.

The visitors started the game brightly and had the home defence under pressure in the opening minutes. They were awarded a free kick that was taken by Callaghan and met by Earle with a header that flew over the bar. Then Horne broke through the home defence and tried his luck with a shot

that lacked the pace to worry Millington in the home goal. Slowly the home side gained a foothold in the match and from a David Gwyther effort Fulham keeper Seymour failed to hold on to the shot and he needed centre half Horne to clear the ball for a corner with Brian Evans and Herbie Williams in close attendance. With a quarter of an hour gone Brian Evans brought the crowd to their feet with a dazzling run in which he beat three defenders and forced a corner. It was from this corner, taken by Len Allchurch, that the Swans opened the scoring with a fine header from Gwyther that struck the bar and was then bundled in by him. This stung Fulham to greater effort and Barrett's effort was well saved by Millington in the home goal. On twenty-two minutes Gwyther doubled his, and the team's, advantage with a goal that saw the Londoners vainly appealing for off-side, but he kept his head and calmly finished in some style. The crowd were enjoying a flowing match and Fulham were certainly playing their part in a first class contest in which Hole and Screen were prominent in mid field for the Swans.

The second half saw Fulham begin in lively fashion, and with only two minutes gone they reduced the arrears with a goal from Johnson. A fine move saw Mansley fire in a low hard drive that Millington in goal could only parry and Johnson reacted first to reduce the deficit.

This only spurred on the Welsh side and Evans and Williams combined well to force a good save from Seymour in goal, while yet another Williams shot cannoned off a defender and went just outside the post with the keeper beaten. Though the home side were on top Fulham were dangerous on the break and Nurse and his colleagues could not relax, with Barrett and Mansley a dangerous combination.

Fulham were employing a dangerous offside trap that, though frustrating the home side, was finally broken on sixty five minutes by Williams who raced on to a through ball from Gwyther to score his team's third goal and register his one hundredth goal for the club. This finally took the wind out of the Londoners' sails, and in the seventy seventh minute Herbie Williams beat the off side trap and coolly chipped the ball over the head of the on rushing Seymour to complete the scoring in a fine match witnessed by a crowd of over 10,600.

The season would end with the Swans finishing in a creditable eleventh position in the league, while the team would also create a record of nineteen games unbeaten in a season that started badly but gradually got better over the months, but that did finally see the retirement of Mel Nurse in the early months of the New Year.



Back Row David Robertson, Stan Horne, Jimmy Dunne, John Richardson, Ian Seymour, Malcolm Webster, David Moreline, David Roberts, Fred Callaghan, Wilf Tranter.
Front Row Reg Matthewson, Mike Pentecost, Jimmy Conway, Barry Lloyd, Steve Earle, Vic Halom, Les Barrett, Stan Brown.

News...

Swans v Ipswich DVD

A Jason Scotland double and a sublime free-kick from Jordi Gomez strengthened the Swans' play-off bid as Championship rivals Ipswich were well beaten at the Liberty.

It was another superb performance from the Swans as they moved up to seventh and extended their unbeaten run to 15 games.

Now you can re-live every moment with our latest DVD release that includes goal replays, full commentary and plenty of great football.

It really is a performance worth watching over and over again.

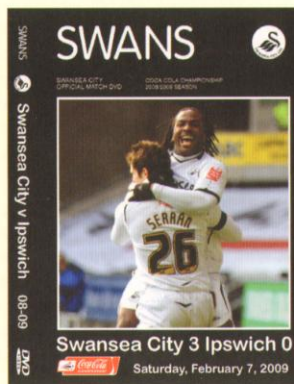
Priced at just £9.99, the DVD is available now via our media website www.swanssuperstore.co.uk and the club shop.

Team of the Week

Jordi Gomez and Jason Scotland earned themselves a place in the Coca-Cola Championship 'Team of the Week'.

Top-scorer Scotland fired a brace against Ipswich to take his tally to 16 for the season, and his eleventh in 11 games, while a stunning Jordi Gomez' free-kick five minutes from time completed a fine afternoon for the home side.

Team: Andy Lonergan (Preston); Paul Connolly (Derby), Youl Mawene (Preston), Mark Beevers (Sheffield Wed.), Tommy Spurr (Sheffield Wed.); Matthew Jarvis (Wolves), Jordi Gomez (Swans), Paul McKenna (Preston), Michael Gray



(Sheffield Wed.); Rob Hulse (Derby), Jason Scotland (Swans).

Simon Harris

Swans fans are asked to remember Simon Harris, a life long supporter of Swansea City who died recently of the young age of 47 after a brave three-year fight against cancer.

Simon was a well known supporter, regularly travelling away with the Swans, mainly in the 70s and 80s with Fosca.

He was a season ticket holder in the West Stand and our thoughts are with his wife Alison as well as friends and family.



Jordi and Jason in action

Reg Davis

We are sad to announce the death of former inside forward Reg Davies at the age of 79.

Reg was a Welsh international who won six caps and helped the Swans win the Welsh Cup in 1961.

Born in Cymmer, Port Talbot, he toured theatres throughout Britain as a boy soprano after leaving school.

He began his footballing career with local side Cwm Athletic after completing his National Service with the Army.

Initially with Southampton, he joined Southend United in July 1949 and scored on his League debut in their 2-0 win over Notts County five months later.

He moved to Newcastle for £9,000 in April 1951 and was unlucky to miss their 1955 FA Cup final success with tonsillitis.

Joining Swansea as part of the deal that took Ivor Allchurch to Newcastle in October 1958, he netted 29 goals in 111 League games and played in both their European Cup Winners Cup games against East German side Motor Jena.

He moved to Carlisle United in June 1962, before appearing



for Merthyr and then King's Lynn as their player-manager.

He emigrated to Australia in 1971, settling in Perth where he continued to play and coach until the age of 55.

In February 2003, Reg was re-united with the Welsh shirt he wore against East Germany in 1958 when it was presented to him during a concert he attended in Perth given by Morriston Orpheus Choir.

Reg had earlier given the shirt to Sunnybank Workingman's Club in Clydach, but for a number of years he had wanted to give the shirt to his daughter Caroline, a football fanatic.

Man of the Match

Young Abigail Phillips (right), aged six, had a day to remember against Ipswich last week after she got to present Swans striker Jason Scotland with his Premier Club Man-of-the-Match award after the 3-0 victory. Jason's now her favourite player!



QPR date confirmed

Swansea City's fixture at QPR has been re-arranged for Tuesday March 17 (8.00pm).

The original match was due to be played at Loftus Road on February 3 but was called off because of the bad weather conditions in London.

Tickets for the original date will be valid but refunds are also available for supporters unable to make the journey next month.



Swans fan Abigail Phillips after presenting Jason Scotland with his Award

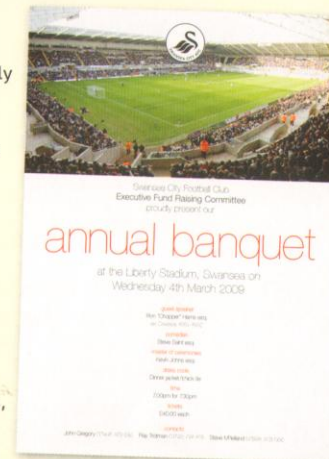
Sad Loss

Swans recently lost another member of its footballing family after the sad death of Phillip Phillips, aged 86.

Phillip played for the Swans in War-time regional football in season 1944-45, making 32 appearances.

The following season, the 1945/46 Victory season, he played in 14 league games, initially at right full back but then at left half back, alongside the likes of 'Kitch' Fisher, Trevor Ford, Ernie Jones, Frankie Burns and Joe Payne.

He will be sadly missed.



Fulham form guide

LAST TIME AT HOME

Saturday, 31 January, 2009
Fulham 3
Portsmouth 1

Fulham: Schwarzer, Pantsil, Hughes, Hangeland, Konchesky, (Dempsey Gera 92), Etuhu, Murphy, Davies, Zamora (Nevland 63), Johnson
Not Used: Zuberbuhler, Teymourian, Gray, Stoor, Kallio
Scorers: Johnson 14, Nevland 71, 80, Nugent 84
Bookings: Fulham: 0 Portsmouth: 1
Attendance: 23,722

LAST TIME ON THE ROAD

Saturday, 7 February, 2009
Wigan 0
Fulham 0

Fulham: Schwarzer, Pantsil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Davies, Etuhu (Dacourt 46), Murphy, Dempsey (Gera 90), Johnson, Zamora (Nevland 75), Not Used: Zuberbuhler, Gray, Stoor, Kallio
Cards: Dempsey 34, Pantsil 50, Figueroa 69
Bookings: Wigan 1 Fulham: 2
Attendance: 16,499



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Swans World TV

Tatey and Chad go head-to-head

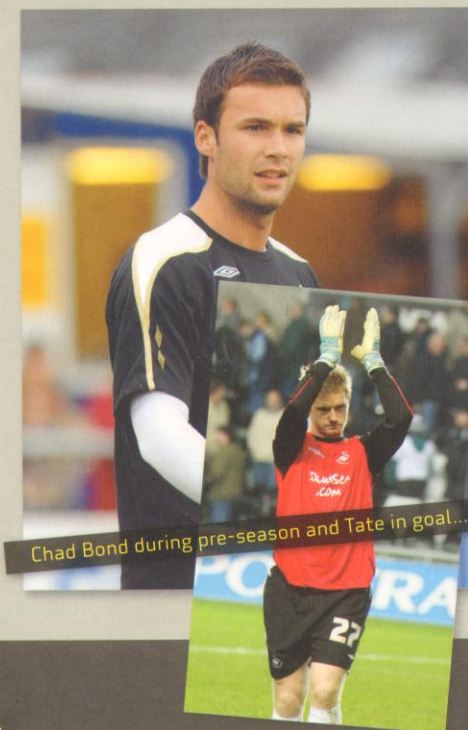
Swans World TV continued its head-to-head feature this week in a bid to find the brainiest member of Roberto's Championship squad.

We have been putting members of the squad under the spotlight and under pressure by firing quiz questions at them in front of the camera.

By the end of the season we hope to crown one of the players the 'Brainiest Swan'.

The series continued with Alan Tate taking on Chad Bond. Tatey would only take part if he could pick his opponent; so we don't know what he was trying to say Chad!

To find how they got on, you'll have to sign up to Swans World TV. It's well worth it, just to see them squeal as they search for the answers they really should know!



Chad Bond during pre-season and Tate in goal...

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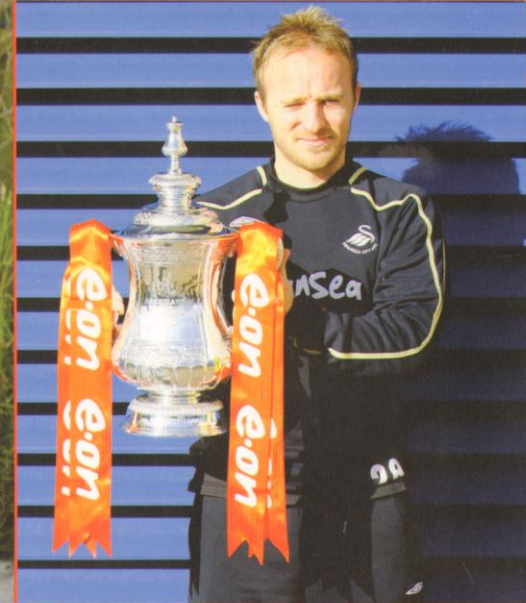
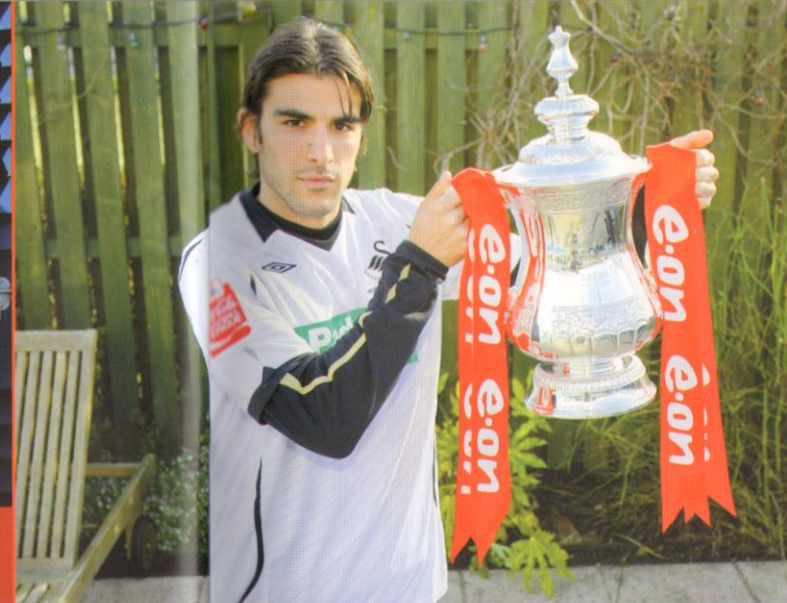
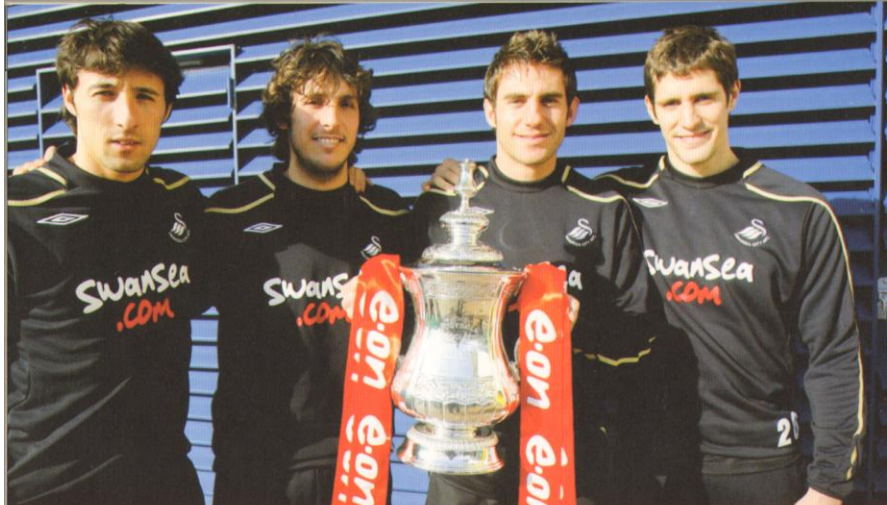
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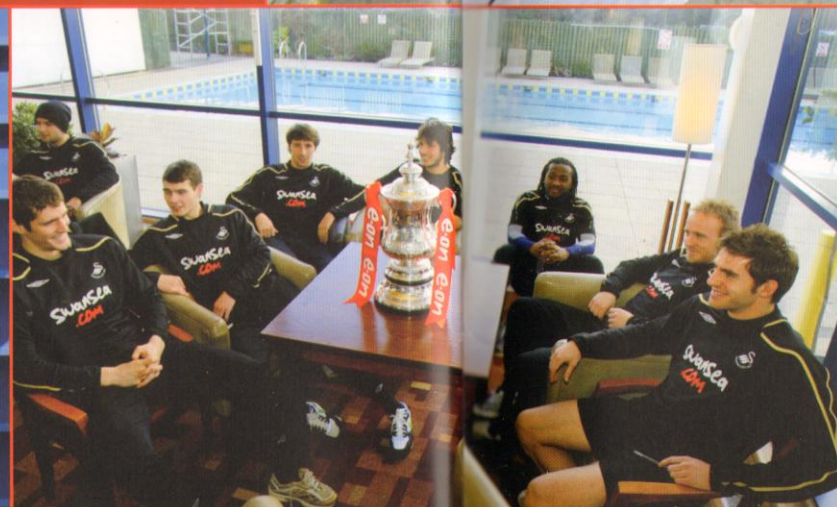
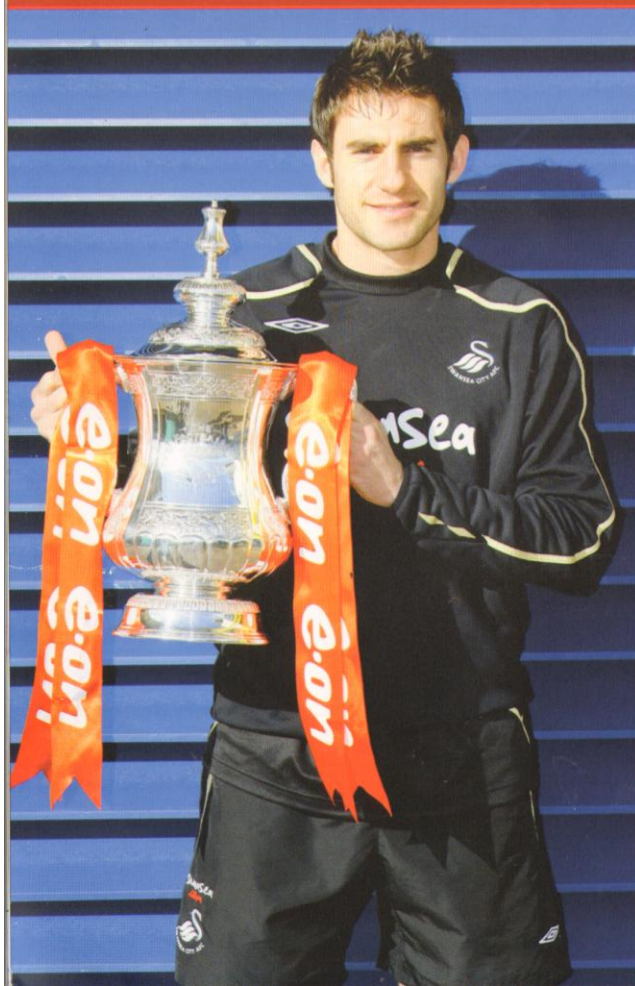
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FA Cup fever pitch...



The children of Gwrysydd Primary in Treboeth, Swansea, were given a special surprise this week when FA Cup sponsors E.ON brought the original trophy to school for a special picture session. The youngsters had a great time - and they've got the pictures to prove it.

The FA Cup moved on to the club's training base at The Glamorgan Health & Rackets Club where Harry Jenkins of Bryncoch got up close as the Swans players looked on.





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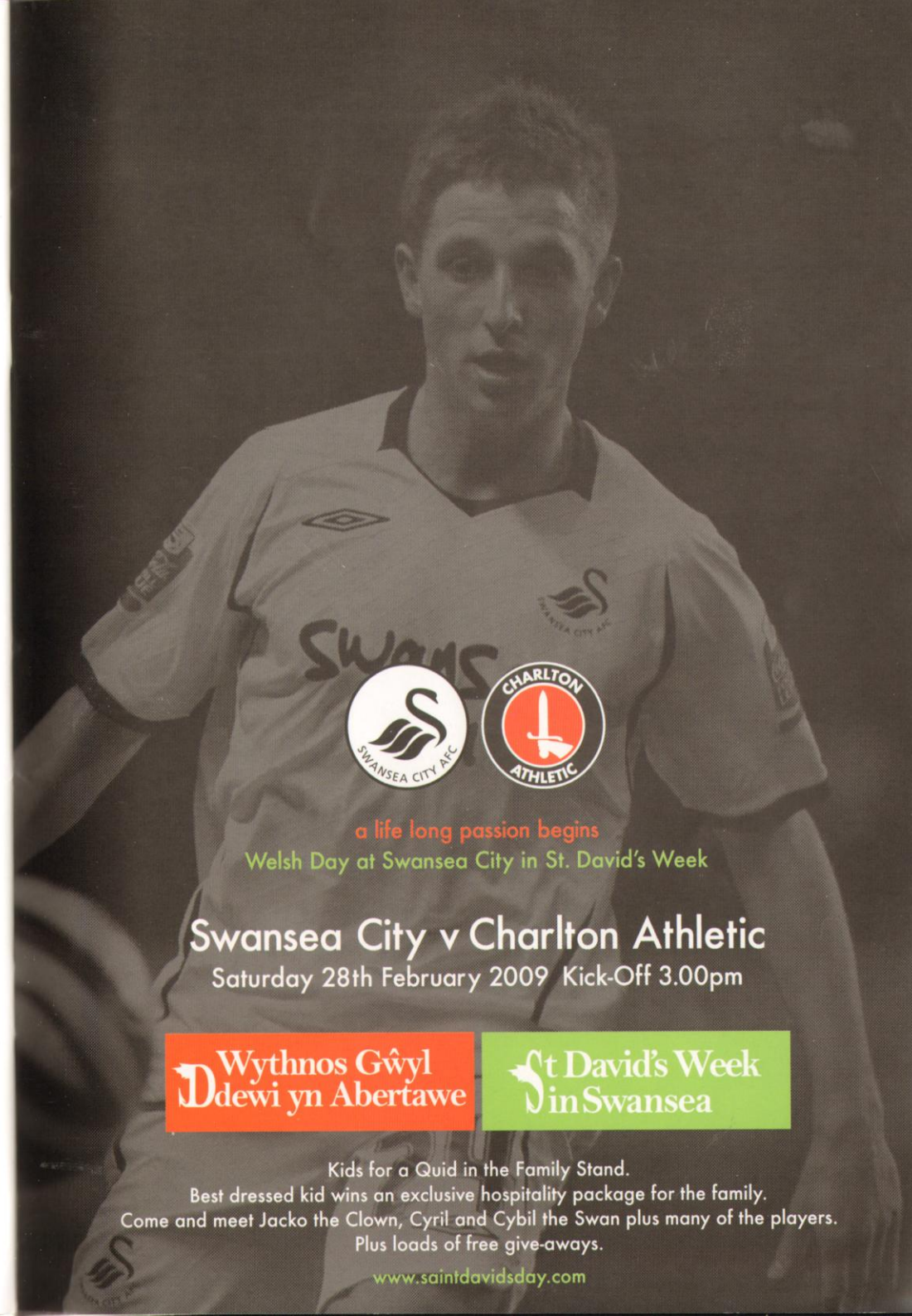
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Kev Johns, Swans' matchday chaplain

Vicar Joe at the Grand...

A comedy show for all the family at The Grand Theatre Arts Wing, Singleton Street, Swansea - Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st February, 2009 at 7.15pm.

Tickets cost £8.00 for adults and £6.00 for concessions.

Contact the Box Office on 01792 475 715 for more information...



Kev on the pitch at half time with some entertainment

Vicar Joe is back!

Joe, who was first introduced through Peter Read's highly popular plays, *Toshack* or *Me!* and *To Hull and Back*, is still up to his old tricks.

Will Mr Phelps and the Church Council allow pop music in the church; how will they respond to his desire to see more and more street homeless using the church premises to sleep?

There is, of course, still the little matter of him spending more time at the Liberty Stadium watching the Swans than he does in the parish.

How does Joe get out of a wedding service on the day that the Swans play their first Championship match against Nottingham Forest?

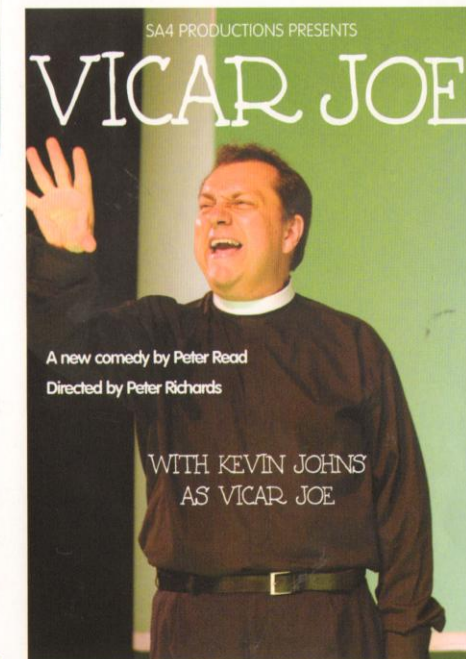
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Despite the similarities in their story, Kev insists that he was not the inspiration for the Vicar Joe character.

Like Joe, Kev has followed the Swans since childhood and went to Theological College, studying for a Cambridge University Diploma of Religious Studies in London.

However, writer Peter Read's character is a mix of several real characters from Curates to Canons!



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What music do you listen to in the car?

I listen to my iPod, mainly Hip Hop and RnB.

Last gig you attended?

The Spice Girls world tour in Manchester. Very good!

Favourite gig?

Jay Z in Manchester.

Favourite/Worst artist?

My favourite is Jay Z and the worst is Oasis.

Last song you downloaded?

Movado - I'm on the Rock.

Who has the worst taste in music in the squad?

Tom Butler - Really depressing stuff on his iPod.

If you had to pick, which song would you run out to at the Liberty Stadium?
Follow Me by which we

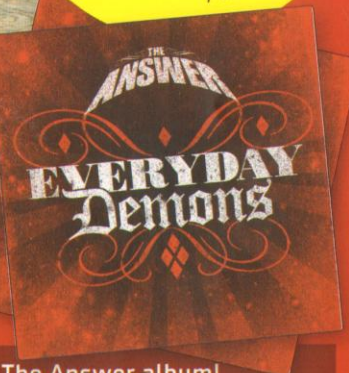
listen to in the changing room.

What music do you have in your rack at home?

Loads of Hip Hop and RnB.

If you could be in a band, which one would it be?
American band Day 26.

Glasvegas Album winner in the Ipswich programme was **Andrew Tucker, Gowerton**
There are also two more copies on their way to our runners up.



Win a copy of the new The Answer album!

The Answer will be releasing their hugely anticipated new album 'Everyday Demons' on March 2 - and The Swan has got copies to give away courtesy of Shoot Promotions.

The album is a follow up to their successful debut 'Rise' that was released in July '06 and has now sold over 100,000 copies worldwide, garnering praise from press and legends alike.

They have also announced a run of UK club headline shows in April, built in around their main support slot on the AC/DC UK arena tour. Check out www.everydaydemons.co.uk for more details.

To stand a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

Q: Who are The Answer on Tour with in 2009?

A: AC/DC

B: Led Zeppelin

C: Queen

Email your answers to info@swansea-cityfc.co.uk

Mark the subject The Answer.

We'll announce the winner next week in the Doncaster Rovers programme

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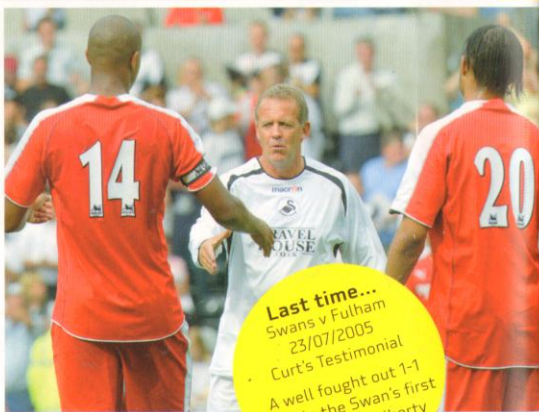
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Saturday 9 August	3:00pm	Charlton Athletic	Away	0-2	L	21,675	3,300	0	23	de Vries	Collins	Monk	Williams	Paint
Tuesday 12 August	7:45pm	Brentford (Carling Cup 1)	Home	2-0	W	5,366	141	-	-	de Vries	Tate	Lawrence	Serran	Besso
Saturday 16 August	3:00pm	Nottingham Forest	Home	3-1	W	16,611	1,016	3	14	de Vries	Collins	Monk	Williams	Paint
Saturday 23 August	5:20pm	Plymouth Argyle	Away	1-0	W	9,203	559	6	7	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Tuesday 25 August	7:45pm	Hull City (Carling Cup 2)	Home	2-1	W	8,622	147	-	-	de Vries	Collins	Monk	Serran	Paint
Saturday 30 August	3:00pm	Sheffield Wed	Home	1-1	D	16,702	1,318	7	2	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Saturday 13 September	3:00pm	Crystal Palace	Away	0-2	L	14,621	1,667	7	7	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Tuesday 16 September	7:45pm	Derby County	Home	1-1	D	14,003	516	8	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams*	Paint
Saturday 20 September	3:00pm	Burnley	Home	1-1	D	13,299	622	9	12	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Tuesday 23 September	7:45pm	Cardiff City (Carling Cup 3)	Home	1-0	W	17,411	1,457	-	-	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Saturday 27 September	3:00pm	Reading	Away	0-4	L	20,093	2,874	9	18	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Tuesday 30 September	7:45pm	Preston North End	Away	2-0	W	10,558	315	12	15	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Saturday 4 October	3:00pm	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home	3-1	W	17,556	2,470	15	8	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Saturday 18 October	3:00pm	Ipswich Town	Away	2-2	D	20,026	403	16	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Tuesday 21 October	7:45pm	Queens Park Rangers	Home	0-0	D	13,475	473	17	11	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Saturday 25 October	3:00pm	Southampton	Home	3-0	W	15,564	1,089	20	7	Krysiak	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Paint
Tuesday 28 October	7:45pm	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away	1-2	L	21,988	1,485	20	11	Krysiak	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Saturday 1 November	3:00pm	Doncaster Rovers	Away	0-0	D	9,534	488	21	9	Konstan	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Sunday 9 November	2:00pm	Watford	Home	3-1	W	13,891	601	24	9	Konstan	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Tuesday 11 November	7:45pm	Watford (Carling Cup 4)	Home	0-1	L	9,549	270	-	-	Konstan	Tate	Monk	Serran	O'Hall
Saturday 15 November	3:00pm	Norwich City	Away	3-2	W	24,262	475	27	7	Konstan	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Friday 21 November	7:45pm	Birmingham City	Home	2-3	L	16,956	705	27	9	Konstan	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Tuesday 25 November	7:45pm	Coventry City	Away	1-1	D	15,149	821	28	8	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Sunday 30 November	11:15am	Cardiff City	Home	2-2	D	18,053	1,630	29	8	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Saturday 6 December	3:00pm	Bristol City	Away	0-0	D	16,405	969	30	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Besso
Tuesday 9 December	7:45pm	Barnsley	Home	2-2	D	11,442	113	31	11	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	O'Hall
Saturday 13 December	3:00pm	Sheffield United	Home	1-1	D	14,744	782	32	11	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	O'Hall
Saturday 20 December	3:00pm	Blackpool	Away	1-1	D	7,007	339	33	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Tate
Friday 26 December	3:00pm	Coventry City	Home	0-0	D	17,603	721	34	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Tate
Sunday 28 December	3:00pm	Birmingham City	Away	0-0	D	21,836	2,141	35	11	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Tate
Saturday 10 January	5:20pm	Burnley	Away	2-0	W	13,740	260	38	10	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Tate
Tuesday 13 January	7:45pm	Histon (FA Cup 3)	Away	2-1	W	2,821	438	-	-	de Vries	Serran	Monk	Williams	Tate
Saturday 17 January	3:00pm	Reading	Home	2-0	W	15,197	891	41	9	de Vries	Rangel	Monk	Williams	Tate
Saturday 24 January	3:00pm	Portsmouth (FA Cup 4)	Away	2-0	W	17,357	3244	-	-	Konstan	Rangel			



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A well fought out 1-1
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
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Butler	Pratley	Bodde*	Britton	Gower	Scotland	Rangel	Bauza	Brandy	Pintado*	Gomez						
Pratley	Bodde	Britton	Gower	Butler	Scotland*	Gomez	Pintado	Tate	Brandy	Bauza						
Allen	McDon	T Jones	Gomez*	Orlandi	Bauza	O'Leary	Tate	Pinatdo*	Lawro	Brandy						
Bodde*	Pratley	Britton	Gower	Butler	Scotland	Pintado	Gomez	Brandy	Tate	Orlandi						
Pratley	Bodde	Britton	Gower	Butler	Scotland	Brandy	Pintado	Bessone	Gomez	Tate						
Bodde	Britton	Pratley	Gower	Butler	Scotland	Gomez	Pintado	Brandy	Tate	Bessone						
Bodde*	Britton	Pratley	Orlandi	McDon	Pintado	Scotland	Gomez	Gower	Tate	Brandy						
Bodde	Britton	Gomez*	Butler	Gower	Scotland	T Jones	Tate	Brandy	Krysiak	Orlandi						
Bodde	Britton	Gomez	Butler	Pintado	Scotland	Tate	Orlandi	T Jones	Brandy	Gower						
Gomez*	Bodde*	Britton	Gower	Gower	Pintado	Bessone	Brandy	Tate	Bauza	T Jones						
Gomez*	Pratley	Britton	Gower	Orlandi	Scotland**	T Jones	Pintado	Bauza	Tate	Brandy						
Gomez*	Pratley	Britton	Bodde*	Gower	Pintado	T Jones	Butler	Scotland	Tate	Brandy						
Gomez	Pratley	Britton	Bodde	Gower	Scotland	Butler	Tate	Pintado	T Jones	Brandy						
Gomez*	Pratley*	Britton	Bodde	Butler*	Scotland	Konstan	Pintado	Brandy	Tate	Gower						
Gomez	Pratley*	Britton	Bodde	Gower	Scotland	Konstan	Tate	Butler	Pintado	Brandy						
Gomez	Pratley	Britton	Bodde	Gower	Scotland	Pintado	Krysiak	Bauza	Brandy	Tate						
Gomez	Pratley	Britton	Bodde*	Gower	Scotland*	Pintado	Krysiak	Bauza*	Brandy	Tate						
T Jones	McDon	Bodde	Bauza	Brandy	Pintado	Gomez	O'Leary	Pratley	Collins	Krysiak						
Gomez	Pratley*	Britton	Bodde*	Gower	Scotland*	Krysiak	Pintado	Bauza	Tate	Brandy						
Gomez*	Pratley	Britton	Bodde	Gower	Pintado	de Vries	Brandy	Bauza	Scotland	Tate						
Gomez*	Pratley	T Jones	Gower	Pintado	Scotland	Krysiak	Tate	McDon	Butler	Bauza						
T Jones	Pratley*	Britton	Butler	Gower	Scotland	Konstan	Bauza	Tate	McDon	Pintado						
T Jones	Pratley	Butler	Gomez	Gower	Scotland	Konstan	Tate	Allen	Pintado	Brandy						
T Jones	Britton	Gomez	Butler	Gower	Scotland**	Konstan	Pintado	Tate	Allen	Brandy						
Gomez	Pratley	Britton	Allen	Butler	Scotland*	Konstan	Brandy	Tate	Gower	Pintado						
Gomez	Pratley	Allen	Britton	Butler	Scotland*	Konstan	T Jones	Pintado	Brandy	Serran						
Gomez	Pratley	Allen	Britton	Butler	Scotland	Brandy	Serran	Pintado	Gower	Orlandi						
Gomez	Pratley	Allen	Britton	Gower	Pintado	Scotland	Butler	Orlandi	Serran	Brandy						
Gomez	Pratley	Allen	Britton	Gower	Scotland**	Konstan	Serran	Butler	Dyer	Pintado						
T Jones	Britton	Butler	Orlandi	Bauza*	Pintado*	T Jones	McDon	O'Leary	Rangel	Pennoch						
Gomez	Pratley	Allen	Dyer	Gower	Scotland*	Orlandi*	Pintado	Serran	Bauza	T Jones						
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	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wolves	32	19	6	7	64	42	22	63
2	Reading	31	17	8	6	58	26	32	59
3	Birmingham City	31	16	9	6	38	28	10	57
4	Cardiff City	29	13	12	4	41	26	15	51
5	Sheffield Utd	32	14	9	9	43	29	14	51
6	PNE	32	14	8	10	43	39	4	50
7	Swansea City	31	11	15	5	46	33	13	48
8	Bristol City	31	12	11	8	40	36	4	47
9	QPR	31	12	11	8	33	29	4	47
10	Burnley	31	13	8	10	44	44	0	47
11	Ipswich Town	31	11	10	10	42	34	8	43
12	Sheffield Wed	31	11	9	11	34	43	-9	42
13	Crystal Palace	29	11	7	11	39	34	5	40
14	Coventry City	31	10	10	11	35	38	-3	40
15	Blackpool	31	9	10	12	32	41	-9	37
16	Derby County	30	9	8	13	33	41	-8	35
17	Plymouth Argyle	31	9	8	14	28	37	-9	35
18	Notts Forest	31	8	10	13	34	43	-9	34
19	Doncaster Rov	30	9	7	14	24	35	-11	34
20	Norwich City	32	8	8	16	43	51	-8	32
21	Barnsley	30	9	5	16	29	41	-12	32
22	Watford	30	8	6	16	42	53	-11	30
23	Southampton	31	6	10	15	29	48	-19	28
24	Charlton Ath	31	5	7	19	32	55	-23	22

First team Statistics						
	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	App	Goals
Dorus de Vries	26	0	3	0	29	0
Ashley Williams	32	1	2	0	34	1
Marcos Painter	11	0	1	0	11	0
Kristian O'Leary	0	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Alan Tate	8 (5)	0	4	0	12 (5)	0
Ferrie Bodde	18	7	1	0	19	7
Leon Britton	29	0	2	0	31	0
Darren Pratley	27	4	1 (1)	0	28 (1)	4
Jason Scotland	26 (5)	15	2 (1)	1	28 (6)	16
Andrea Orlandi	3 (2)	1	3	0	6 (2)	1
Mark Gower	26 (3)	0	0 (2)	0	26 (5)	0
Febian Brandy	0 (15)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (16)	0
Jordi Gomez	24 (5)	10	3 (1)	1	27 (6)	11
Dennis Lawrence	0	0	1	0	1	0
Garry Monk	32	0	4	0	36	0
Owain Tudur Jones	4 (4)	0	4	0	8 (4)	0
Gorka Pintado	7 (23)	3	2 (2)	2	9 (25)	5
Chris Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shaun MacDonald	1 (1)	0	3 (1)	2	4 (2)	2
Federico Bessone	11 (1)	0	1	0	12 (1)	0
Angel Rangel	28 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	29 (3)	0
Guilem Bauza	1 (8)	2	3 (1)	1	4 (9)	3
Joe Allen	8 (2)	0	2	0	10 (2)	0
Matthew Collins	2	0	1	0	3	0
Albert Serran	1	0	4	0	5	0
Thomas Butler	16 (7)	1	1	0	17 (7)	1
Stefan Morrison	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Evans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerry Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Graves	0	0	0	0	0	0
Artur Krysiak	2	0	0	0	2	0
Dimi Konstant.	4	0	2	0	6	0
Ste O'Halloran	2	0	1	0	3	0
Nathan Dyer	3 (1)	0	1 (1)	1	4 (2)	1

Correct as of Monday, 9th February, 2009

) Numbers in brackets are for substitute appearances

Key: Sub1 Sub2 Sub3 Red Card Yellow Card *Goal

Doncaster Rovers, Saturday, February 21, 3.00pm

Next up at home



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Striker Jamie Coppinger was delighted after helping his side to an "important" 3-2 victory against Blackpool on Saturday.

With three matches off because of frozen pitches, Coppinger believes it was important the South Yorkshire side picked up three points to continue their pull away from the relegation zone.

Coppinger said: "That was a great game to play in. We are learning a lot through the season and feel that we have the ability to stay in the Championship.

"It was an important one for us to win today with other clubs not playing. Blackpool are a good side and got a great win at Palace with 10 men last week.

"It was an exciting match and we knew we just had to keep going because there was so little in it at times."

Coppinger's 64th-minute strike proved decisive. The sides were level at 1-1 at the break after Rovers midfielder Brian Stock cancelled out fellow Welsh international David Vaughan's strike from distance with a long-range effort of his own.

The match ignited after the restart as three goals in 10 minutes tipped the game in Doncaster's favour as they went on to claim their fourth successive away win.

Sam Hird put the visitors 2-1 up in the 54th minute but Blackpool equalised immediately through DJ Campbell before Coppinger hit the winner after being played in by Stock.

Rovers' boss, Sean O'Driscoll, said: "It was an exciting game between two well matched sides.

"I thought we did really well to come back from being one nil down.

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Doncaster's record at the Liberty is an impressive one, the Keepmoat outfit registering two wins out of three visitors to the Swans' new home.

They were the first team to take all three points away back in August 2005 while a Richie Wellens double in the final 22 minutes condemned Roberto's side to another 2-1 defeat in the opening weeks of the last campaign.



Donny celebrate Richie Wellens' winning goal last season at the Liberty Stadium

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