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08/09/18 KO: 3PM Sky Bet League 2



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ood evening everybody and welcome to tonight's Checkatrade Trophy game against Swansea City.

We are proud to be breaking new ground this evening with our interactive programme and therefore, I ask you to click the link above to hear my thoughts ahead of the game.

Thanks once again for all your support, it has been a good start to the season and together we can keep it going.

Best wishes,

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ood evening and welcome to this evening's first Checkatrade Trophy Group match against Swansea City Under 23's.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the players, staff, officials and directors of the Welsh Club who have this evening made the journey from South Wales. Having personally spent the past two seasons at

Newport County AFC where the two Clubs crossed paths in both pre-season and this competition on several occasions. I know that this evening will present us with a strong test on the pitch, as we seek to progress into the knockout stages of the competition for the first time since its reformation.

Having been back at the Club for almost two months now, I am sure you will have started to see some positive changes

off the field. Our focus and mindset is very clear; we must increase our engagement with our supporters and improve the experience they have with the club on both match days and non-match days. Also, we must also improve our level of engagement with members of the local community, whether that be through the excellent work that the Foundation carry out or through targeted marketing and events.

The need to be slightly different and ahead of the game in certain areas is also key if we are to start to and attract new people to the club and that is why this evening's match day programme is in digital format for the first

time. I am sure you will have seen much debate in the media surrounding the future of match day programmes around the country in hard print format in recent weeks which follows the EFL's decision in the summer to make them non-mandatory requirements for clubs. For us we know that the match day programme holds great levels of sentiment and is a part of the make-up of our great game. However, there comes a time when there is a need

to look at the wider world and access current trends.

This evening provides us with an opportunity to launch and test a digital version that includes video interviews and highlights, as well as the ability for interaction with player profiles, ticket bookings, and advertisers. The ability to capitalise on the advertising opportunities and increase revenue streams is an exciting

opportunity and one which we can evidence value in through the reading figures and online click-through statistics. While some Clubs in England and Scotland have already issued uploaded PDF versions of their match day programmes; we are at the forefront of the game in being the first that offers it in an interactive digital format, I hope you enjoy it!

Enjoy this evenings match, and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday for Derby Day!

#### Regards

Alex Tunbridge - Chief Executive

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#### STREAMING SUCCESS AS MIDWEEK EFL ACTION DELIVERED LIVE ON IFOLIOW

Stevenage fans across the world and in the UK made history last Tuesday as they successfully streamed Boro's midweek clash at Forest Green Rovers.

Although the game ended in a 0–0 draw, supporters have since been in touch to praise the new system that will be available for all midweek games in 2018/19.

For the first time ever, domestic supporters could pay £10 for an iFollow Match Pass and get behind the boys from the comforts of their own home.

EFL matches across all three divisions were made available to domestic supporters for the first time on Tuesday evening, following a successful introduction for overseas viewers during 2017/18.

In total, 24 matches were streamed live via EFL Clubs' iFollow services for a £10 match fee with the platform the only place to view events in League One and League Two, whilst enhanced coverage was available for a number of games in the Skybet Championship.

"We have been really encouraged by Tuesday night's debut performance," An EFL Spokesman said. "While subscriber numbers will not be available for a number of days, the response on social media and our own analysis has shown there is a definite appetite amongst fans of the EFL who couldn't attend tonight's matches in person to



watch their team live, particularly those that followed the visiting teams. The services across our Clubs have been delivered successfully with very few issues throughout the evening.

"With it being the first midweek round of the season, this was the first real test for iFollow and overall the feedback received from supporters has been extremely positive.

"We will continue to work in conjunction with our Clubs to evolve the product and improve the experience for fans which ultimately should lead to the growth of the subscriber base over the coming weeks and months."

#### CLUB SHOP HOURS CHANGED

The club would like to remind supporters of recent changes to its club shop opening hours as of Monday 20th August 2018.

The changes now include increased evening open hours and are reflective of the club's decision to remove advance discounted match tickets.

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed See Home Match Day Hours
- Wednesday: Closed
  - Thursday: 10am 7pm
- Friday: 10am 7pm
- Saturday: Closed See Home Match Day Hours
- Sunday: Closed

#### Home Match Day Hours\*

- Midweek Matches: 12pm Kick Off + 15 Minutes After Full Time
- Weekend Matches: 12pm Kick Off + 15 Minutes After Full Time

\*Includes Tottenham Hotspur U23 matches

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Tickets are on sale for Saturday's upcoming derby game against Cambridge United.

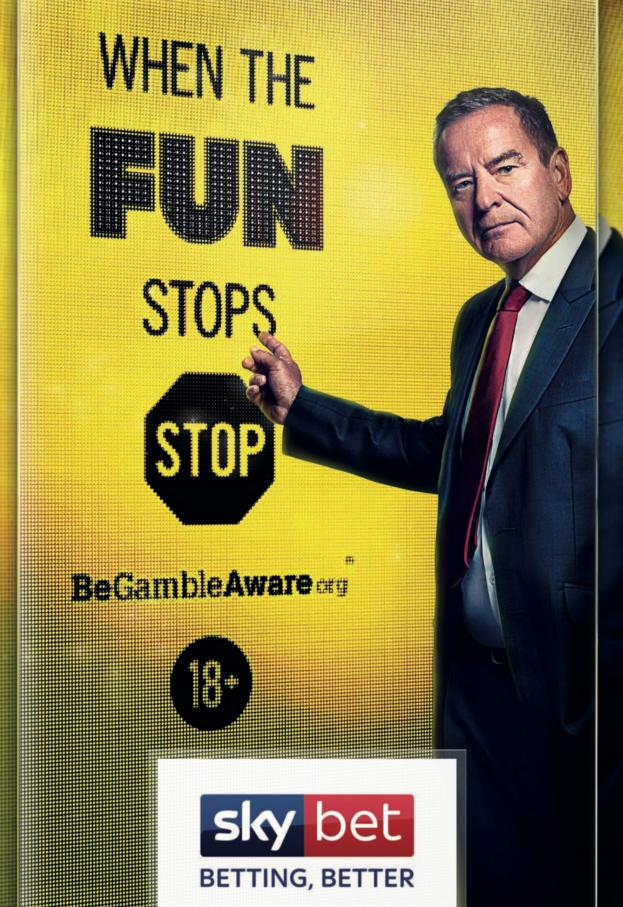
Kick-off is at 3pm on Saturday 24th August and with the team going strong, we hope for a big crowd to cheer on the lads.

Games between Stevenage and Cambridge are always exciting affairs with plenty of local bragging rights at stake, so make sure you book your tickets for as little as £15 adults, £5 kids.

Matchday Tickets for all Stevenage FC home games are available from the club shop, over the phone on 01438 223223, online at borotickets.co.uk or from the turnstiles on the day of the game.

#### **Prices:**

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#### **MY MATCH REPORT**

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#### QUICKFIRE

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#### FIRST MATCH YOU REMEMBER **WATCHING?**

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CAMBRIDGE GAME AS THAT IS WHERE I GREW UP. THE FIRST GAME I REALLY REMEMBER IS WHEN THEY LOST TO LEICESTER IN THE PLAY-OFFS TO MAKE IT INTO THE PREMIER LEAGUE.

YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL?

ALAN SHEARER

#### GREATEST CAREER **ACHIEVEMENT**

MY TWO GOALS AT THE PLAY-OFF FINAL WITH ROTHERHAM AND GETTING PROMOTED INTO THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### POST-CAREER ASPIRATION?

I AM DOING MY COACHING BADGES SO THAT WOULD BE A NATURAL CAREER PROGRESSION. I HAVE ALSO GOT A DEGREE IN TEACHING THOUGH SO POSSIBLY THAT BUT AT THIS STAGE, I AM NOT SURE BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW IN FOOTBALL.

BIGGEST CAREER **DISAPPOINTMENT...** 

MY TIME AT CARDIFF. I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE AN IMPACT AND I MOVED THE FAMILY DOWN THERE BUT IT NEVER REALLY HAPPENED.

IF NOT FOR FOOTBALL, WHAT **WOULD YOUR CAREER HAVE BEEN?** 

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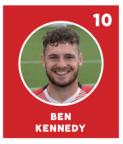
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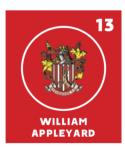
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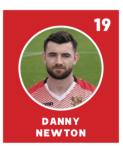
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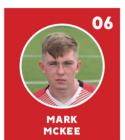


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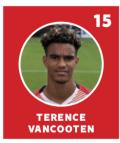
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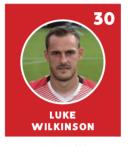




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warm welcome to The Lamex
Stadium to the players, officials
and supporters of Swansea City for
this evening's Checkatrade Trophy fixture.
This is first of our three group matches in

the competition. After tonight's fixture we face Charlton Athletic here at The Lamex Stadium on 9th October before travelling to South London on 6th November to face AFC Wimbledon.



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The 21-year-old recently joined the development side on a one-year professional deal following a successful trial. He made his debut for the young Swans in their 1-1 Premier League 2 clash with Derby County at Landore on Monday evening. Gould previously played for Bridgwater Town, Cardiff Met University and Taffs Well.





Brandon Cooper was delighted after returning to the fold with Swansea City under-23s on Monday following a five-month injury layoff. The defender suffered leg and ankle injuries during the 3-1 Premier League 2 victory over Leicester at Landore in March.

"It was great to be back," the 18-year-old said. "It meant a lot to be starting and playing with the under-23s once again. "It has been a tough few months. It was a lengthy spell out, but I feel it had made me stronger. "I just want to do my best to stay in the team and help the team going forward.

"It was a disappointing result for us. We created some good chances to score from but their keeper made some great saves. We are disappointed we did not come away with at least a point but we just have to keep working and pushing. The positives are we did not fold. We kept battling and we just have to keep working on that attitude."



#### **GEORGE BYERS**

The midfielder spent 13-years at Watford before signing a two-year deal with Swansea City in July 2016. He played a major role as the Under-23s delivered a league and cup double lifting the Premier League 2 (Division 2) title and the Premier League Cup last season scoring eight goals across the campaign. Byers has also represented Scotland at Under-17 level.

"Former Watford boss Slavisa Jokanovic gave me my chance after a few months' training with the first team," he said. "It was a chance which I am still very grateful for. Even though I only had one game in the Championship that season, I fully believe my time training with the first team helped make me a better player. "I learned a lot playing with grown men and training with them behind the scenes. Troy Deeney was a big help for me. I was very close to him during my time at Watford. I looked up to him and he gave me good advice on and off the pitch."



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RICHARDSON

Swansea City signed striker Courtney Baker–Richardson on a two-year deal from non-league side Leamington FC in August 2017. The 21-year–old former Coventry City youngster linked up with the Swans Under–23s squad and made his debut in the 2–1 win over Cheltenham Town in the Checkatrade Trophy days later. The forward scored 21 goals for Leamington the previous season.

"it still has not sunk in," said Baker-Richardson. "The welcome I have had has been superb and I feel it is a move that can benefit my career and help me push me on. I have had to take a few knock backs in my career, but whenever people tell me I am not good enough, it only motivates me to prove them wrong. I had a good 18 months at Leamington and feel I can deliver at this level."

#### **LAST TIME OUT**

Swansea City Under-23s were held to a 1-1 draw by Derby County in their first home game of the Premier League 2 season last week. Ikechi Anya's stunning effort cancelled out Adnan Maric's first-half strike as the spoils were shared at Landore.

The Swans also had new signing Josh Gould to thank for their first point of the new campaign, as the goalkeeper marked his debut with a brilliant penalty save to deny Cameron Cresswell.

Meanwhile, Derby finished the game with ten men after Max Bird was given his marching orders for a high foot on George Byers, who captained the young Swans.

Gould was one of three changes made to the side beaten at Leicester last week, with Keston Davies and Marco Dulca also coming into the starting XI.

Derby were on the front foot in the early stages of the contest and were awarded a penalty in the 12th minute when Alex Babos was brought down by Aaron Lewis. However, Gould guessed correctly to push away Cresswell's effort.

Babos then sent a good opportunity wide, while Lewis and Courtney Baker–Richardson were also narrowly off target before the Swans took the lead in the 28th

minute. Maric reacted quickly to latch onto the loose ball after a Byers block and calmly slotted through the legs of Henrich Rayas.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men six minutes after the break, as Bird's late challenge left referee Richard Hulme with no choice but to produce a straight red card.

However, they continued to battle and were rewarded with the equaliser 14 minutes from time, as Anya latched onto a crossfield ball before arrowing a sublime half-volley into the top corner beyond a helpless Gould. Both sides pushed for a winner, with Gould producing a fine save to deny Chris Martin in stoppage time and ensure it finished honours even at Landore.

Swansea U23s: Josh Gould, Tyler Reid, Aaron Lewis, Ryan Blair, Keston Davies, Brandon Cooper, Adnan Maric, Marco Dulca (Jordon Garrick, 65), Courtney Baker–Richardson (Botti Biabi, 69), George Byers (capt), Liam Cullen. Substitutes not used: Nathan Shepperd, Joe Lewis, Kees De Boer.









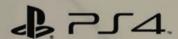


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#### APPRENTICE LEON ATTENDS **SEASON LAUNCH**

Foundation coaching apprentice, Leon O'Brien was invited to Notts County Football Club to represent Stevenage FC at the official EFL Season Launch.

Leon was joined by fellow community ambassadors, players and managers including Stoke City boss Gary Rowett, Notts County manager Kevin Nolan and Barnsley forward Jacob Brown.

Leon is a former National Citizen Service participant who has progressed onto a coaching apprenticeship with the Foundation and is about to start his second year with the club. The day was a great way to round off a fantastic year as Leon has achieved so much including being selected for the regional NCS youth board as well as completing his FA Level 1 coaching certificate.

Always the optimist, Leon was one of many interviewed on the day and was quick to note his prediction of a Stevenage promotion push this season.

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The session runs from 8pm-10pm each and every Friday night and is just £1 per player for 14-17 year olds to get involved in. Simply turn, bib up and play!

For more information about the Kicks session, please visit www. stevenagefcfoundation.com/kicks.

#### WOMEN'S FUN FOOTBALL WITH STARLETS

Our new Women's session in partnership with FA Charter Standard Club Stevenage Starlets got off to a great start at Lodge Farm Primary School in Stevenage.

The sessions run from 8pm – 9pm every Monday are for people of all abilities and are a great way to exercise, build confidence, make new friends and have fun! So, if you fancy giving football a try in a relaxed and friendly environment, why not come along and give it a go...the first session is FREE!

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#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

With summer nearly over the Foundation turns its attention to heading back to our local schools to get children active and using football and sport to tackle key topics like numeracy and literacy.

One major element of our school work is our network of After-School Clubs that run across 25 primary schools in North Hertfordshire, Stevenage, East Hertfordshire and Welwyn Hatfield offering not just football but a range of

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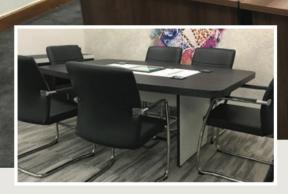


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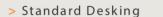
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Take for example this latest matchday programme by Stevenage FC whih has been published with Hashtag Digital Media.

We are rightly proud of the club as they have helped to make history - this is the first ever truly interactive digital programme which has been published.

This groundbreaking venture is not only a boost for the club and for the town, but it also shows that this form of publishing is fast becoming THE way to effectively communicate.

Along with traditional words and images, digital of course has many extra benefits including the ability to show video clips



which truly bring any story to life. If a picture is worth a 1,000 words - then what price a video to show exactly why your business or group is better than any other?

Of course along with video you can also embed links which will take you directly to web site home pages, and

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Other embeds allow readers to click on live links which will take them straight to an email address. They can read all about you and instantly set up a dialogue. And of course if they want to find out more then how about social media feeds? Once again with just one click you can use these links as shop windows for feeds such as Twitter, Facebook and instgram.

There's a lot of love for print - and rightly so. But times have changed and while it served us well, there can be no doubt digital is now the only way to publish.

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