

Today's Match Info

Home Team	Apps	Goals
24 Richard Marsh (GK)	28	0
16 Tom Green (C)	23	2
36 Dean Thorpe	22	1
6 Rob Dixon	26	2
73 Daniel Thomas	15	10
37 Colin Griffiths	14	0
10 Dave Heason	34	24
3 Terry Rikeard	35	10
77 Matt Fellows	35	4
Haydn Powlter	3	2
13 Andy Balmforth	32	12
James Thorpe	3	1
Michael Rockson	2	0
4 Jon Dixon	37	21

Away Team	Apps	Goals
1 Matt O'Regan (GK)	23	0
7 Rob Green (C)	37	3
87 Joe Feehan	22	25
39 Kevin Robertson	17	4
Ryan Powlter	3	5
67 Darren Winnard	25	15
52 John Donnellon	11	1
17 Nathan Moore	18	14
8 Daniel Cheng	34	4
14 Ben Middleton	14	0
99 Steve Foreman	10	8
18 Lee Waterfall	11	3
5 Bob Thorpe	11	0
57 Ian Palmer	6	0
Matthew Thorpe	3	1

Dates for the diary

Annual Vets Weekend tour:

Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th November 2025

Annual Christmas Match, awards and Meal:

Friday 5th December 2025 (Provisional at moment)



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FA Veterans FC 2025



Swansea City
Friday 6th June
Swansea.com Stadium
Kick-off 12:45pm

Swansea City

Founded: 1912 (as Swansea Town) 1969 (as Swansea City)

Nickname: *The Swans, Yr Elyrch (Welsh), The Jacks*

Colours: *White/Black Home, Black/White Away*

Ground: Swansea.com Stadium, Capacity 21,088

Current League Position: *EFL Championship, 11th (24)*

Highest League Position: *Division 1 (Level 1) 6th, 1981/82*

Best FA Cup Run: *Semi-Final (2) 1925/6, 1963/64*

Other Notable Achievements: 3rd Division Champions (Level 3) 1924/25, 1948/49, 2007/08 Fourth Division (L4) 1999/2000, Football League Cup Winners 2012/13, Welsh Cup winners on 10 occasions, thus playing in Cup Winners Cup 7 times and the Europa League once



Christmas Quiz!



An apology

[Template apology for when you don't really give a monkeys but probably should - don't forget to remove the square brackets] The management would like to apologise to [Affected Group] Mr Andre Blamford for the scurrilous accusation in the quiz answers in our previous programme (distributed on 27 May 2025) that he has lost every single game he's captained. We now understand that was completely inaccurate and he has in fact managed a single draw back in 2022. We apologise for any harm or confusion this may have caused. When the new evidence (Mr Balmforth whining) came to light, the management moved quickly to address the error and [Make up actions taken to correct the issue] our statistician has been subjected to correctional training at the Lake-Waite cellar facility. [Optional: Add a statement about future actions to prevent similar errors] Given the seriousness, we are taking further steps to rectify this situation, including requiring him to:

- Watch Dave Heason's goals' highlight reel until he can accurately determine the combined distance from goal of them all
- Calculate the dB level of an Matt O'Regan on-pitch rant
- Count the amount of times Nathan Moore can be offside and moan when correctly called
- Use a radar gun to determine the lightning pace of Dixon (either of them).

We are implementing a new review process to ensure accuracy in the future, which involve a cursory glance at the data and a half-baked attempt at caring.



As a nod to Welsh legend Tom Jones, our captains for to-day's game have been chosen to reflect 'The Green Green Grass of Home' That's our Green/Green: Rob and Tom of course



Meet the Captains



16 Tom Green

Name: Tom Green

Age: 41

Location: Buckingham

Tell us about home life / family: Married for 11 years to April with 2 boys, Sam aged 9 and Charlie aged 7

Job: Global Validation Manager at Reckitt (think Nurofen, Strepsils, Lemsip, Gaviscon)

Which team do you support?: Sheffield United

Favourite ever player?: Ollie Arblaster (Current), Billy Sharp (All-time)

Earliest football memory?: Sheffield United winning 2-0 away at Middlesbrough 1988

Best ground you have played at?: 45 Minutes at Bramall Lane with Football Aid mates. I really like going 'behind the scenes' to experience a match day at grounds where I've been as a supporter (thanks Dave) who I'd met at anti-natal classes before Sam was born. There was a last minute space available for the 2nd tour of Scotland, I've played every game I've been in the country since.

Best thing about the FA Vets?: Going to random parts of the country to have a laugh attempting to play football with mates. I really like going 'behind the scenes' to experience a match day at grounds where I've been as a supporter

Do you play football outside of FA Vets?: Yes, a bit of 5 and 7 a side as often as I can as work requires me to travel a fair bit

What position do you play?: Central defender—no one else seems to like it that much, but I've always enjoyed it

What would be your dream stadium to play at?: I'd love to play a full game at Bramall Lane with the Vets, Wembley, Nou Camp or Bernabeu

Do you have any pre match rituals?: Not really, just like to wander round, warm up and kick a few balls

What else do you do with your spare time – hobbies / interests etc?: I coach my sons team, do DIY and other jobs so that when a game comes up I can play



7 Rob Green

Name: Rob (Bobby) Green

Age: 41

Location: Chester

Job: Finance at Manchester United at time of writing but could be anything by match day

Which team do you support?: Everton

Favourite ever player?: It changes between Big Dunc, Kanchelskis and Cahill

Earliest football memory?: Me Dad taking me to a Wrexham v Halifax game, crap game and it was freezing

Best ground you have played at?: Nou Camp

How did you get involved with the FA Vets?: Played in the Football Aid game at Elland Road and got invited to the WhatsApp group, haven't looked back since

Best thing about the FA Vets?: There was always a risk with Football Aid that you'd be playing with idiots, all the games with FA Vets have been great, played in the right way, a great bunch of lads

Do you play football outside of FA Vets?: Try to play a couple of times a week, both indoor and outdoor

What position do you play?: Wherever I'm told. Think I've played almost everywhere except goalkeeper

What would be your dream stadium to play at?: Bramley Moor has to be top of the list now

Do you have any pre match rituals?: No, all nonsense that stuff

What else do you do with your spare time – hobbies / interests etc?: Go to Glastonbury most years

