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Programme Notes – Birmingham City, Saturday 17th January 2026 – Dave Jones writes:

Today we welcome Birmingham City and their coach Chris Davies, who some of you will remember from his time with us as assistant coach to Brendan Rodgers in 2010 at only 25 years old. He later moved to Liverpool with Brendan before leaving when Jurgen Klopp became Liverpool manager. If he had stayed on, he would have worked with Vitor Matos who himself was a development coach at Liverpool under Klopp in 2019.

The FA Cup match v WBA was a disappointment I'm sure for all Jacks. However, it gives us the opportunity to concentrate on the league and it now has to be onwards and upwards. In the second half of that game, we saw Joel Ward make his debut. Joel, although in his mid-thirties is a player of vast experience and who can play across the back four, or even as a defensive midfielder. We welcome Joel and wish him all the best at Swansea. Apart from that signing it's expected that the Club may sign at least one more player? On that I'm certainly not going to add to the rumours flying around which always happen during the run up to and during the transfer period.

Birmingham City were promoted from League One as Champions at the end of last season. At the time of writing Birmingham are in 14th position on 34 points, two points and three places better than us and with a slightly superior goal difference. In the previous game on the 20th September at Birmingham we lost 1-0 to a Lyndon Dykes goal in 90+4 minutes, in a game we could have won, or at least come away with a point.

As a professional club Birmingham City FC were formed in Birmingham in 1875 as Small Heath Alliance. It was renamed Small Heath in 1888, and then became Birmingham City in 1943.

Our complete record of home matches between the Swans and Birmingham read as follows for the statisticians amongst us (* kindly provided courtesy of Gwyn Davies)

Swansea City v Birmingham City Head-to-Head Home Record *

Total Matches	22
Matches Won	6
Matches Drawn	7
Matches Lost	9
Goals Scored	28
Goals Conceded	29
First Home Match	22 nd September 1945 (lost 2-4)
Most Recent Home Match	5 th August 2023 (drew 1-1)

So, with Birmingham slightly edging it on past encounters, it's time to begin addressing that today as well as putting us proud Jacks above them in the Championship table.

Some of the players who played for both Swansea and Birmingham include, but not limited to are: Scott Sinclair, Steve Jenkins, David Cotterill, Jefferson Montero, Jason Bowen, John Cornforth. Kyle Bartley and Ethan Laird.

On the Supporters' Trust front we are now organising our AGM for Thursday 5th February, and all our Trust members received email notification of that last week.

In the meantime, enjoy the experience of today's game, so let's get behind the team for a comfortable win – Come on You Jacks.

Dave