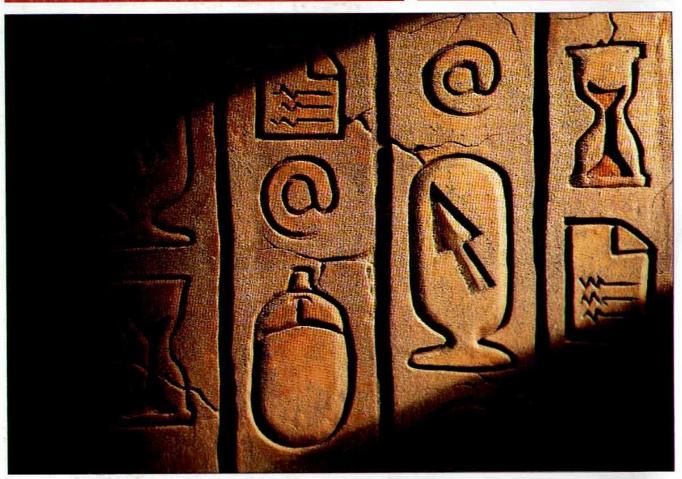


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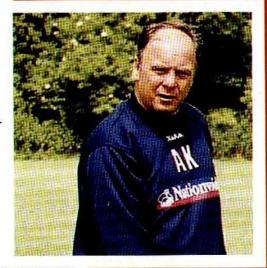
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### Andy King -

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Andy King looks back on last week's win and forward to today's league clash with Stoke City



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Ice-man Thordarson brings his Potteries side to the County Ground



Town's captain gives his verdict on the FA Cup win over Ilkeston Town last Saturday.





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This time the new kids on the block look as if they're here to stay - here's a look at five of the best.

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# **Setting the Standard**

It is with great pleasure that I can announce today that Swindon Town has become the first Football League Club in the country to publish a Customer Charter.

Many of you may have read the full contents of the charter in the Swindon Evening Advertiser last week and it is our intention to publish it in full in a match programme before the end of the year. The government, led by Culture and Heritage Secretary Chris Smith MP, asked all clubs through the FA, the Premier League and The Football League, to publish their own individual charters aimed at a number of issues including ticketing policies, accessibility to games, merchandise and the involvement of supporters in clubs.

Here at Swindon Town we have set up a policy on customer service, promising to contact any customer with a query or complaint within 10 days. We have agreed systems for communicating club policy through the supporters' club and through the media and our own publications. We have stated that we will offer wider access to matches by offering a broad range of ticket prices and we will offer concessions to junior supporters, senior citizens and other groups such as students and the unemployed.

We have also signed up to provide an area for our disabled supporters and have made a member of staff a liaison officer for this area. The charter also includes rules on merchandising, in that we will endeavour to ensure that all replica strips have a lifespan of two years and that we will communicate to our supporters any intended changes. We will also pledge to work within the community to build closer links between all groups to promote a family-orientated club. Swindon Town is an equal opportunities employer and we abide by the rules and

regulations of the FA and the Football League in that we are committed to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reasons of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or disability. We have a mission statement: Swindon Town FC will strive to provide the best possible service to all its customers at all times in relation to all its business activities. I am personally delighted that we have become the first club to officially adopt a Customer Charter - now we all have to work and maintain the standards we have set.

Sadly, the sick racist remarks, chanting and insults aimed towards Martin Williams during our FA Cup game last week bring into focus the need for every club to have a charter and to work to eradicate this moronic behaviour. I have written to the FA and asked for their observations on this very distasteful event and in due course I will advise all our supporters of their response.

Finally, a warm welcome to our visitors from The Potteries for today's game. Stoke City have a long and glorious history and a famous son who sadly passed away earlier this year - Sir Stanley Matthews. I have had the pleasure of being in Sir Stanley's company and can tell you he was an absolute gentleman.

So, a warm Wiltshire welcome to the directors, players, staff and supporters of Stoke City for today's Nationwide Division Two clash.

Peter Rowe Chief Excecutive



# **Home and 'Dry'den**



Former Saints defender Richard Dryden has joined Swindon on a month's loan. He Joined the south coast club from Bristol City for a fee of £150,000 in August 1996 when Graeme Souness was in charge.

Dryden started his career at Bristol Rovers and made 20 appearances for the Pirates. After a loan spell at Exeter City, he made a permanent move to St James' Park in March 1989 and went on to make 99 appearances before switching to Notts County for £250,000 in August 1991. A mildly successful spell at Meadow Lane followed in which time he made

38 appearances and also had a loan period at Plymouth. The effective central defender moved to Birmingham in 1993 and made 54 appearances before he joined Bristol City a year later. At Ashton Gate he spent over 18 months clocking up 45 appearances. Capable of posing a threat at the attacking end, Dryden has scored 22 goals in his career, and had made 53 appearances for the Saints before the start of the season.

### Official Apology

It is to our great dismay that our error of judgement caused so much disturbance on Saturday and we would like to apologise to you and all of the staff at the County Ground for the upset we have caused.

We at PIA put great effort into improving Swindon Town's matchday magazine, as we are all very proud Swindon Town supporters. However, we now realise that the cover for last Saturday's match was highly inappropriate and liable to cause much offence. Again, I would like to apologise unreservedly but may I also say

that it was never our intention to cause offence. The concept for the cover was a tongue-in-cheek attempt to symbolise what the FA Cup stands for and was in no way aimed as a criticism of the Club. In hindsight, it was an error in our judgement to 'run' the page and we recognise that it was detrimental to the Club's preparation for what was a very crucial match.

We would also like to congratulate the staff and players for achieving the victory despite our unintended efforts that may have undermined confidence.

PIA Sport

# Change in E-mail Address

Swindon Town Football Club have developed an e-mail news list in which anyone who joins can be sent all the latest news.

If you would like to know what is happening at the club on and off the pitch, what games are coming up, new players and any special events etc, then e-mail Jackie Kent on the new address: news@stfcnet.co.uk

# Christmas Festival

Swindon Town's first team and youth team are once again taking part in the Swindon Christmas Festival this Sunday throughout Swindon Town Centre.

The Festival starts at 10am and the players will be finishing their tour at Hargreaves Sport in the Brunel Plaza at 11am. Here they will be available for a limited time to sign autographs.



Hello and welcome to today's league match against Stoke City.

Obviously I am very pleased to have won last week's game 4-1 but I think that we were all disappointed with the first-half performance.

In saying that, the second-half showing was everything that I asked for from the lads. The result was right at the end and it probably could have been more such was the manner in which we played, which really pleased me.

We started quite slowly but the opposition made things difficult for us at the start of the game. At the end of the day it is their cup final and so you should expect it. They worked very hard and set their stall out to get players behind the ball and play on the break, that was their target. They had a lot of vocal

backing from their support too, but ours got behind us as we came more and more into the game. In a game such as that, where the pressure is on the bigger team to win, the onus was on us to take the game to them, create the chances and score the goals because they would have been more than happy to go home with a draw.

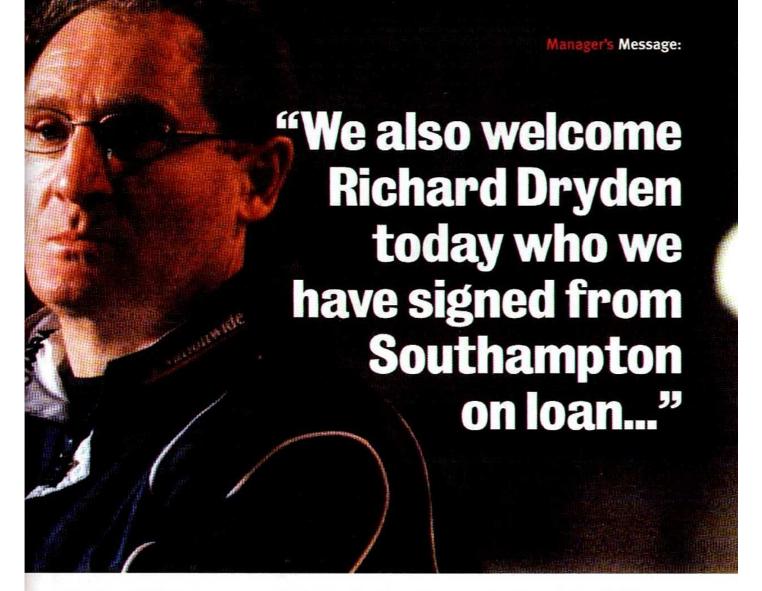
We scored at a crucial point just before half time, which was pleasing. People have made a lot about the penalty decision that happened just before that, but I don't think we need to. The referee didn't give it and we can't complain - you never can do anything about those decisions and we scored from the resulting corner - so there is no point in dwelling on it.

We changed our approach to the game in the second half. They went

down to ten men but sometimes it is harder to play against a depleted side. Sometimes a side with ten men pack their defence and make it hard for you.

What really got us going was the way in which we started playing. Players wanted the ball, were running with the ball, running off the ball to create space for others and there was a whole new energy about the side in the second period. We started stroking the ball around nicely and making space for ourselves by good movement.

Obviously it was nice to play well again after the previous week but this was a different game. You have to look at each game separately and it was just nice to play well in the second half after such a disappointing start.



The Peterborough game was different, as were those before that, and so will today's game. You attack each game as it comes with a plan that focuses primarily on that day, not worrying about what has happened before. We have to adapt to the game as each and every situation arises and we will do the same today.

I was more than pleased to see Martin Williams get on the score sheet. He has needed a goal for a while and he said himself the way it was going to come was in the way that it did, with a scuffed shot! He has had a few chances but at the end of the day he's got one and he can go on from there and take a lot of confidence from that - I certainly hope it's a turning point for him because he deserves it. I was also very pleased with the performance of Steve Mildenhall in goal - to step

into the fray after a long absence and play so well, shows great professionalism by him. A mention should also go to Alan Young on his first goal at Senior level. I have high hopes for the young lad, especially if he continues the improvement, attitude and entusiasm that he has shown.

I am also pleased to be at home in the next round of the FA Cup. Obviously it is one of those situations where you are expected to win and I would expect us to do so. But we won't even think about that game until it arises, because we have two important games before that.

As I said, today is a different game and we'll be approaching it in a different way than that of last week. Stoke are very tough, they will play in a different way to Ilkeston, they have better players, but we will be very prepared for the challenge.
They will obviously create more problems for us defensively but we will be up for it and we will be hoping to take all three points off them and try and lift ourselves away from our current situation.

We also welcome Richard Dryden today who we have signed from Southampton on loan - his nickname being "Trigger" - I wonder why? May I also thank you, the fans for your continued support. Over the last few weeks you have been superb and have really lifted the lads.

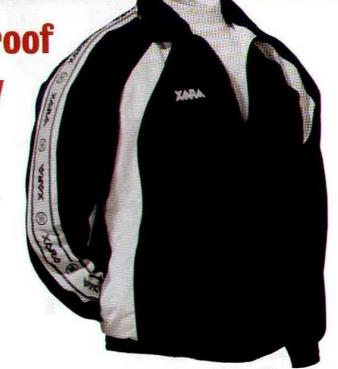
Finally may I wish a special welcome to Stefan Thordarson and my old friend John Rudge, the Directors, players and supporters of Stoke City.

**Andy King** 

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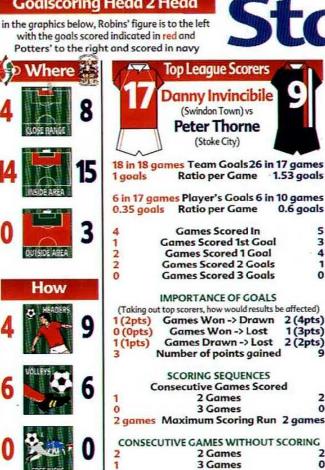
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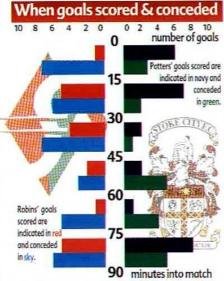
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Home Goals For 55 mins 68 mins 135 mins **Away Goals For** 62 mins All Goals Against 48 mins 77 mins 51 mins Home Goals Against 120 mins 45 mins Away Goals Against 58 mins

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### Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

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Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No

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4/95	1	3	3	Peschisc lido	13	12,910
5/96	1	3	3	Sheron	15	12,279
5/97	1	3	3	Sheron	18	12,748
7/98	1	3	3	Thorne	12	15,003
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### Stoke City Football Club 2000/2001



### The Potters...

Stoke City, despite their disappointing start, are striving for promotion this season having narrowly missed out on the last promotion place to the First Division in May.

This season has been very disappointing - with a lack of consistency as the key. The only difference being that this year the club has a new man at the helm. Despite an impressive run of ten unbeaten games that helped Stoke climb the table, Gary Megson was axed in favour of Icelandic Gudjon Thordarson. It is hoped by the club's Icelandic owners that he can restore the club to its former glory.

Stoke eventually finished sixth in the table and progressed into the

play-offs, where they began well with a 3-2 home win against Gillingham; but suffered a cruel defeat at Priestfield with that double blow in extra-time. This season has not lived up to its billing for the Britannia faithful who were expecting Championship form. Instead, victory has been followed by defeat or draw, no better summed up by their form at the start of the season when an impressive 2-1 away win over Bristol City followed a disappointing o-o home draw against Wycombe Wanderers, Nevertheless Thordarson and his Icelandic backers still have the support of the fans and the squad itself may benefit by the return of Thorne who underwent an ankle



### ClubFACTS...

Name: Stoke City FC Nickname: The Potters

Ground: The Britannia Stadium Turned Professional: 1863

Capacity: 28,000

Highest League Scorer: Freddie

Steele, 33, 1936-37



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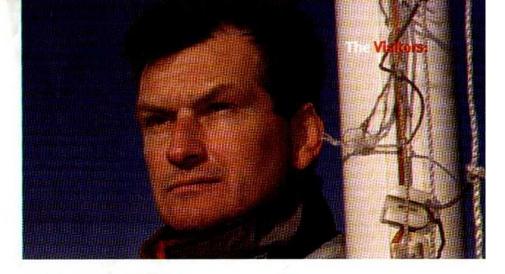
operation in the summer. Let's hope

he doesn't return to haunt us today!

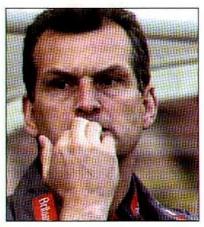
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At the beginning of his managerial career, Thordarson twice won the Icelandic championship with two different teams, and enjoyed great success as manager of the national team after taking over in 1997.



# **Meet Gudjon Thordarson**



He transformed them from also-rans into serious contenders, and came close to guiding his side into the final stages of Euro 2000. Thordarson arrived in Stoke in November 1999 with new club chairman Gunnar Gislason and he has already done enough to suggest he will be a big success in England.

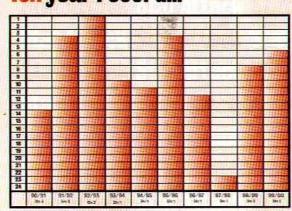
This season is Thordarson's first full term in England and, after last year's success, has been somewhat of a disappointment. Still, he has

high hopes of repeating some of the form that earned a promotion spot and Auto Windscreen Shield trophy (following the 2-1 victory over Bristol City) in last year's final at Wembley.

That Wembley triumph was a memorable occasion, but the priority for this year remains promotion. His side has shown signs of promise but the 'Ice-Man' will need to eliminate the draws and defeats that are costing the Potters dearly in the promotion stakes.

### clubfacts...

### Stoke City... Ten year record...



### The last five meetings...

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### **Full time results...**

10-3 WBA Record win 0-10 Preston NE 1889/90 Record loss

### **Club** honours...

**League Cup Winners 1972** Best Season Division 1 (old) 4th 1935-36, 1946-47 Auto Windscreen Shield Winners 1992, 2000

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### goalscorer

Thorne S. Thordason O'Connor

Peter Thorne

Manchester born Peter
Thorne could do no wrong in
the final 2-3 months of last
season, scoring no less than
twenty goals in the
remaining 17 games to finish
as Division Two's leading
goalscorer with 30.

That isn't including the crucial winning goal that the former Town hitman scored at Wembley in the Autoglass Windscreen Final against Bristol City in May.

Sidelined by injury for the pre-season programme, he made his comeback this season against Port Vale and it is hoped that he can lead Stoke to the play-offs again.

Carl goal will

14 Carl Muggleton

Carl is a fantastic goalkeeper who will be increasing the competition for the number 1 jersey this season. Carl has

recently signed a one-year contract and his signing strengthens the goalkeeping position in preparation for the promotion push this season.

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Born in Middlesbrough, 30-year old Nicky Mohan offers the Potters plenty of experience, having played for Middlesbrough, Leicester, Bradford and Wycombe

Mohan made his debut last year and has impressed ever since - an ever present in City's defence and also club captain - the highlight of his career was leading the Potteries out at Wembley in the Auto Windscreen Shield.

Last season he was a rock in Stoke's defence despite having to play with several defensive partners.

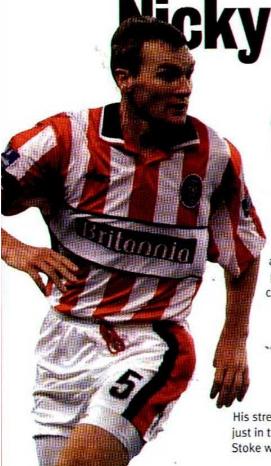
His strength is his commanding presence (not just in the air but vocally within the team) and Stoke will need him to push them towards the play-offs like he did last year.

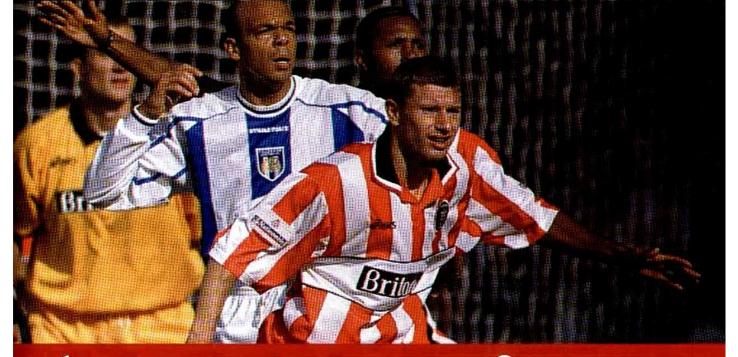
### 2 Mikael Hansson

Mikeal signed for Stoke City in early December last year. He has a Swedish international cap and scored 19 goals in 205 games for his previous club, where he played for over ten years. This flying Swede can play right back or wing back and he loves to attack.

### 4 Henrik Risom

A former Danish international Henrik impressed during three trial games on this summer's tour of Iceland and signed from Danish club Veile for just £20,000. A ball-playing midfielder who can control the tempo of the game, he has been a stylish addition to the summer recruitment programme.





### 6 Brynjar Gunnarsson



Another of the Potters' Icelandic contingent, Gunnarsson was a club record £600,000 signing in January.

Nurtured by boss Gudjon Thordarson at domestic and international level, he can play in defence or midfield and has quickly become a key performer.

### 7 Bjarni Gudjonsson

The eldest son of manager Gudjon
Thordarson, he joined Stoke for
£250,000 from Belgian Champions FC
Genk in March, having spent 18 months
with Newcastle earlier in his career. A full
Icelandic international who can play in a
variety of attacking positions.

### 8 Graham Kavanagh

Ireland international who started his career with Middlesbrough and joined the Potters for £250,000 in 1996. A good competitor with excellent passing ability, he missed the beginning of the season through suspension. Voted into last season's Division Two Select XI.

### 12 Kyle Lightbourne



A Bermudan international who developed a very good partnership with Thorne last year. Began his career with

Scarborough before moving on to Walsall and then Coventry. Is a committed player, he declined to play for Bermuda, instead opting to play on Easter Monday in Scunthorpe.

### 15 Tony Dorigo

Capped 15 times by England, Tony arrived from Derby under the Bosman ruling and was a vote of confidence to Stoke City's greater ambition and credibility in the outside world. Still has a tremendous appetite for the game and is an exciting player to watch.

### 17 James O'Connor

An incredible athlete who enjoyed an outstanding first season last year. A midfielder who has boundless energy, enthusiasm and aggression and he also has a knack of timing runs to give himself goal-scoring opportunities. Came through the youth ranks at the Britannia Stadium.

### 18 Ben Petty



Ben, a Brummie who can play right back or centre half. A fit, strong and forceful athlete who is

comfortable with the ball at his feet. He may need to be patient before winning a long run in the side but has done little wrong when called upon.

### 19 Stefan Thordarson

Arrived in the close season under the Bosman ruling from German club Uerdingen. An Icelandic international who has played throughout Europe, he is a left-sided striker who can also play on the left wing. No relation but known to the boss since childhood.

### 10 Rikhardur Dadason

Rikhardur joined Stoke City from Norwegian club Viking FK with an impressive goal scoring record, which 26 goals in 26 games demonstrates. A strong forward with an impressive heading ability, he is an established Icelandic international with 30 caps and 10 goals to his credit.

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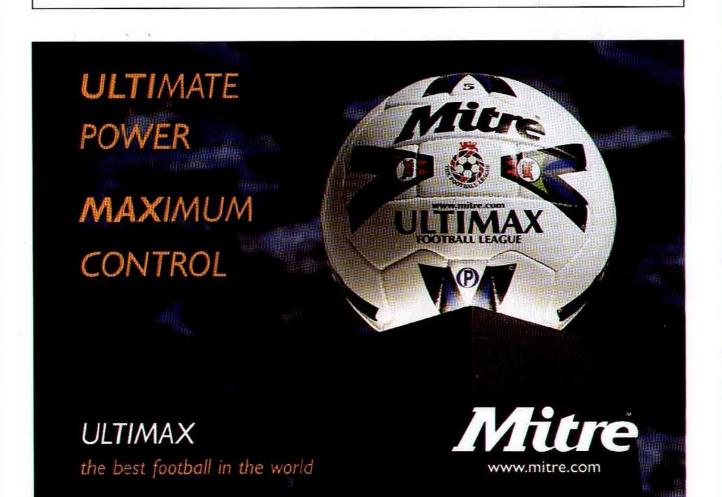
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### Swindon Town Line up:

Farr, Hall, Heiselberg, Robertson, Davies, Smith, J Williams, McHugh, Grazioli, Alexander, Cowe.

### Subs:

McReavey, Mills. Young, Campagna, Halliday



# **Two Points Dropped**



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Town, playing with three up front (Grazioli, Alexander and Cowe) had several chances to win the game in both halves, dominating for long periods but could not put the ball in the back of the net.

Grazioli had two excellent scoring chances early on, the first when he was put through on goal but he dwelt too long on the ball and the second was saved only by a last-ditch tackle. Town played some nice football but in the wrong areas, and it was Cambridge who penetrated first. With the Town defence looking for an offside, nippy winger Franco Nacca latched onto a defence splitting pass to drill past the despairing dive of Craig Farr in the Town goal.

The goal seemed to wake Town up and they laid siege on the visitors' goal. On the half-hour mark Alexander, who had won everything in the air, had a superb looping header disallowed for offside. Robertson was causing Adam Tann several problems on the left hand side with his pace and skill and, having won a corner, crossed superbly for Alexander to head home off the post. Alexander came close once again just three minutes later with another header, this time from a lames Williams cross.

Steve Cowe drilled a shot wide five minutes from half time but it was Cambridge who nearly went in at the break a goal to the good. Against the run of play, Hansen got on the end of a Nacca cross, only for Farr to deny him with a fantastic save from point-blank range.

Town, despite making several changes, started the second half just as they'd finished the first with Alexander setting up James Williams but his shot hit the outside of the net. Ten minutes later Cowe broke and Town had surplus men in attack but he shot from long range and it nearly paid off. Gareth Davies, back from injury, also came close from another Robertson corner with the 'keeper saving from close range, only for Grazioli to head the rebound straight at the keeper.

In the last ten minutes Alan Young was introduced to the action and it was his sublime dummy that allowed Gareth Hall to cross for Robertson whose header was angled just past the post. In the dying moments Cambridge nearly snatched all three points when Town substitute Jamie Mills under-hit a back pass. Once again, Farr in goal did well to deflect the resulting shot wide for a corner.

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Phew - the first of the FA Cup banana skins is out of the way (sorry Stoke fans) ... only to be confronted by another.



# **A Club with Proud Traditions**



At least the second round draw has brought us a home tie with Gateshead and the prospect of a third round match against Premiership opposition.

In fact, last weekend I had a dream that Swindon were drawn at home to Arsenal and we beat them three-one. A sense of deja vu, or is my brain working overtime? Who said I need more sleep?

Today, we welcome Stoke City to the County Ground. A side enjoying a decent start to the season - just ten points off the lead - following their play-off triumph last year. Above all that, a club with a magnificent history. Let's reflect on some of the names who played on the turf at the Victoria Ground in the pre-Britannia Stadium days: Stanley Matthews, Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton, George Eastham, Jimmy Greenhoff, Alan Hudson, Terry Conroy and for those who go back a lot further, Frankie Soo. Frankie was, in the 30's and 40's, the first player of Chinese descent to play in the football league before being transferred for £4,600! Quite a fee at

that time. These days, our visitors have a mixture of youth and experience including a number of players with Premiership experience. Manager Gudjon Thordarson has blended some excellent foreign talent alongside players like Tony Dorigo and, arguably, two of the best goalkeepers in the league in Carl Muggleton and the injured Gavin Ward.

Hopefully, Town will be fired up following last weekend's cup success and ready to continue their climb away from the lower reaches of the division. Now's a good time for the Robins to put a run together ... as if they need an incentive, have you seen what's on the horizon? Reading and Walsall aren't that far away.

Dan Chisholm Breakfast presenter

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Swindon cruised into the second round of the FA Cup against non-league Ilkeston after a nervous start.

Shortly after the referee had waved away penalty claims with Williams having been brought down, Willis headed home from a Woan corner. Ilkeston's woes deepened seconds later when Mark Clifford received a red card for dissent. Williams eased the fans' anxiety on 63 minutes, shortly followed by Bobby Howe with his second of the season. Paul Cox scored a consolation goal and then Alan Young scored the last, latching onto another deadly Woan delivery.

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Alan Young gave Town fans a glimpse of his glittering potential as he headed his side into the second round of the FA Cup.

Town's first followed furious appeals for a penalty, Willis heading home from a corner. Tempers boiled and Clifford's decision to hack the ball away led to his sending off. Williams' hard work was rewarded on 63 minutes when he netted with his scruffiest shot of the afternoon. Howe made it 3-0 to silence his critics before Ilkeston got one back when Cox headed home at the far post. Young met a corner with his head to score his first senior goal at the end.

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Ilkeston started the game well and hit the bar on 40 minutes from a Helliwell header.

Following a fracas in the box involving several players, Swindon scored their first goal and then Clifford clashed with Sol Davis to get himself sent off. On 60 minutes Swindon got their second when a low cross was converted by Williams. Bobby Howe made it three but Ilkeston scored when Cox headed home at the back post. Swindon made it 4-1 when Young finished off the scoring.



### Managers' views...



"We should have scored seven or eight goals and in all honesty we should be expected to beat non-league opposition, especially at

home. But I was pleased my players kept their heads even when the game started to get a bit out of control."

Andy King expresses his delight at beating Ilkeston 4-1 and with the second half performance in particular.



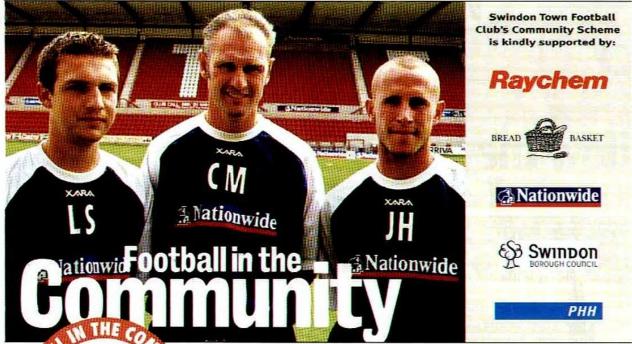
"I thought the lads played with a lot of spirit in the first half and we could even have scored when we hit the bar. But

when we went down to ten men we were always going to struggle and Swindon showed their class and fitness."

The Ilkeston Manager praises his side's first half performance but was disappointed with the way they fell apart in the second half.

# John McGovern

### **Community News:**









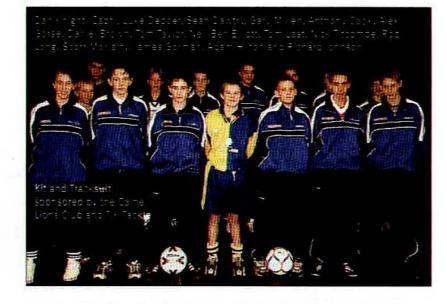
Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to everybody for today's big match against Stoke City.

It will be nice to see Peter Thorne back here again, but let's make sure he and the other Stoke lads leave at 5.00pm empty handed.

The Community Office would like to extend a warm welcome to Dave Gillett and his Under 15's Calne Colts side who are our visitors on the Saturday Team Club.

Dave has worked extremely hard in organising the day for the lads and let's hope they have a great day and return in the future. We also have pleasure in welcoming Dave Tait and his Stratton Juniors Under 15s who are here to cheer the lads on for this afternoon's game.

The closing date is nearly upon us for our Primary Schools six-a-side which will start in January 2001. Entries need to be submitted by December 1st so please check with



your schoolteachers that they have sent in their forms. Another major Community Office tournament to start in the New Year will be the Smoby Table Top competition. You may remember last year that Anthony Cachio from Grange Juniors done us proud by reaching the Grand Final at the Millennium Dome. Anthony narrowly lost the

final, so let's hope we can get another representative for next year's competition.

We'll give all the entry details nearer the time.

All the best and enjoy the game.

Clive, Jono and Luke

Swindon's SOCCEP

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the kids from the Soccer Centres who have taken up my offer of a free ticket, I hope you enjoy today's game.

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Following on from our 15% discount offer for the home kit, all Soccer Centre kids are going to be offered the



same deal for the new AWAY KIT which is now on sale in the club shop.

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Enjoy the match

Jimmy Fraser

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# **Centre of Excellence**

Last Sunday I watched our U-15's play Cardiff City.

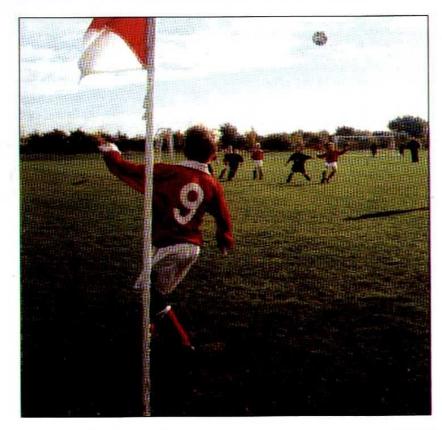
The pitch was very heavy as it continued to rain throughout the match. In these conditions you can see which players are prepared to roll their sleeves up and battle through the conditions. It was a very competitive game which ended in a draw. Our goals were scored by Dave Stanbra and Phil Carter, but an outstanding performance by Aaron Salter at the back deserves a mention. He's certainly one player prepared to roll up his sleeves for the rest of the team. Well done.

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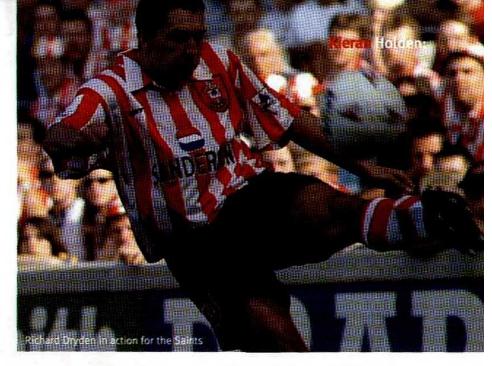
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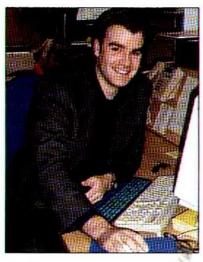
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t's back to the bread and butter of Division Two today, and our visitors must be oh so glad.



# **Potters' Sweet & Sour in the Cups**



Stoke City arrive at the County Ground today after being knocked out of the FA Cup by non-league opposition. It must be a strange feeling for the Potters, because it's been them who have been causing shocks in the Worthington Cup this season.

This coming week they welcome Liverpool to the Britannia Stadium after knocking out Barnsley and Charlton on the way, so their FA Cup exit to non-league Nuneaton must have been hard to swallow. One thing is for sure, Peter Thorne and Co will be making every effort to set the record straight this afternoon. But enough of them, what about us. Well

last week's victory over Ilkeston was an enjoyable one, particularly in the second half, and very satisfying for a number of reasons. Say what you like, but I'm sick and tired of all non-league sides being referred to as 'plucky' and 'courageous' because, let's face it, some of them are not. Ilkeston came here last week and tried to kick lumps out of our boys. They hoped their spoiling tactics would work. They didn't, and we should have won by more.

I was delighted to see Martin Williams on the scoresheet, he's worked very hard since arriving at the club and creates a lot of chances from his running. It had been a long time since his brace at Luton and I know he was desperate to hit the back of the net. Praise too, for young Alan Young, it was great to see him score his first goal for his home-town club, there must be something special about scoring for the club you supported as a boy. He was a season ticket holder here, many of us have probably dreamt about scoring in the Red and White of Swindon but, unfortunately for most of us, it remains a dream, and always will be, but not for Youngie.

Last week we experienced a minority of the visiting supporters chanting

racist abuse. This is something that is NOT acceptable in any way, shape or form here at the County Ground. I can't remember the last time I heard anything like it here, (but that's not to say it doesn't happen), I thought it was more a 1980's problem but, sadly, those idiots spoilt the day for the majority of the Ilkeston fans and many other people in the stadium.

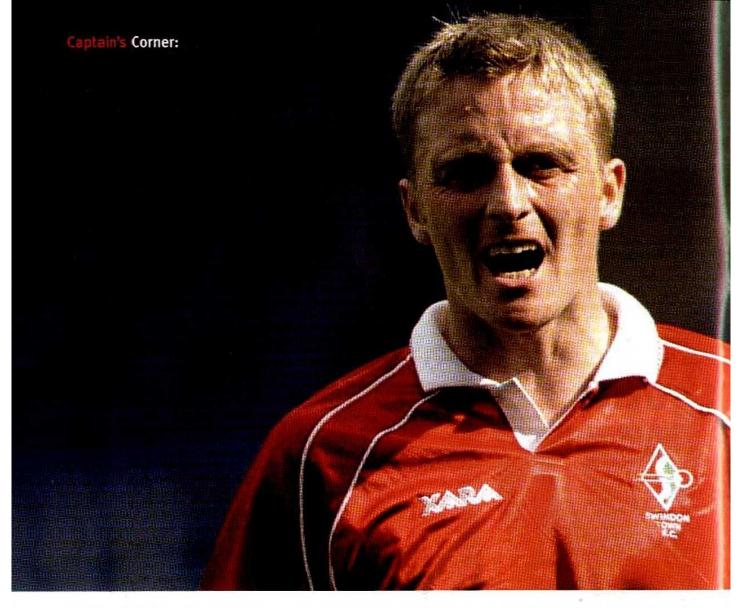
The club have made an official complaint to the FA and I believe that Wiltshire Police have been able to identify a number of those who were taking part, and will be taking action against them.

A warm welcome to Richard Dryden who has joined us on loan from Southampton, he is a local lad - he grew up in Tetbury - he told me that a lot of his friends are Town fans, but he didn't tell me where his allegiances lie, no doubt at the moment they are with Swindon. Welcome aboard Trigger!

Get behind the boys for the full 90 minutes this afternoon and shout them to victory...

Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden Matchday Announcer



Last Saturday was a decent result for us. Obviously the first half was quite close but I think we had the best of it and it all happened in the last five minutes. Just before the break we got a goal and then they had a player sent off. I don't really know what the lad was thinking of because after that the game turned in our favour.

I think he was a young lad and he let his side down but he will probably learn from that. We took advantage of the situation and started to knock the ball about really well and created a lot of chances - the final score was 4-1 but we could have had about 10.

The most disappointing thing for us defensively was to concede a silly goal. With the game already lost they threw a few players forward for

a set piece and the lads put it in off the bar, although I didn't think it went in anyway, but it was just one of those things and very disappointing. Ilkeston did very well, they are obviously a few leagues below us and they set their stall out for a nil-nil and we struggled to break them down until the fella got sent off, we just concentrated on our own game. In the end I think we showed that we can create chances and play good attacking football.

In the second half with them only playing one up front, it meant that one of the three defenders could push forward to put a little bit of pressure on their defence. At one stage van der Linden found himself on the left wing, I was shouting at him to get back because I was knackered! But he has got a great

deal of skill as well as being a good aggressive centre half and he even put a couple of crosses in.

I thought in the first half we were unlucky not to get a penalty when Martin Williams was brought down. From where I was standing it looked like a definite penalty and the referee should have been strong, especially with all of the fracas that followed afterwards. Their lad claimed that Martin had dived but I don't think he did, I know that Martin would have staved up and scored if he could have done. There were one or two instances where it all got a bit heated but it was a big game for both clubs. It was their cup final and for us it was a break from the league and it was no surprise when everyone started getting involved, but the referee handled those situations well.

# "We went from strength to strength as the game went on. It was especially pleasing to see Alan Young get onto the score sheet."

We had a bit of a nerve-racking moment in the first half when they hit the crossbar. I'd just like to clear up that it didn't come off my head! I flicked it backwards and it hit the big lad's forehead. I even asked him afterwards "Did you head that?" and he said "Yeah, you flicked it on to me!" But you know, in games such as those you need a little rub of the green and fortunately for us they didn't score.

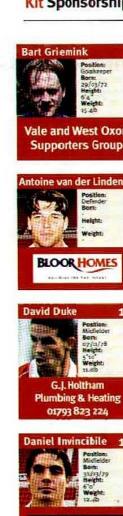
On the whole the win was a big confidence booster. Before the Peterborough game the previous week we had just been on a good run of results with no defeats in four games and we were also playing quite well. After what happened at London Road we needed to get back on our feet and we did with that win. As I said, it was the fact that we created

numerous chances. If we had won 4-1 by creating just four chances then we would be worrying but that was not the case. Sometimes it is harder to play a side like Ilkeston, but like Andy said in his notes, if you match them for their effort and endeavour then your skill should come through and it did.

We said to ourselves that we needed to get an early goal to keep their fans quiet. After all it is a special day out for them and they were enjoying it by making a lot of noise but we got the goal eventually and gave our fans something to shout about.

We went from strength to strength as the game went on. It was especially pleasing to see Alan Young get onto the score sheet. He has been scoring a lot of goals for the youth team and playing well in the reserves so the gaffer rewarded him with a first team appearance. He is a busy little player and he managed to score with his head, not bad for someone only 5'4"! I could have got a couple as well and I was a little bit disappointed not to make the most out of the chances that I had. But the important thing is that we won and that we can look forward to Gateshead in the next round, it's nice to be at home again.

Today's game is one that we need to win, especially after the defeat at Peterborough which halted our little run. They will probably bring a few fans and they are a decent team but we have matched teams like that before, especially at home, so there is no reason why we can't do the same again today.





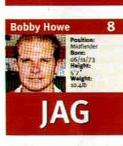
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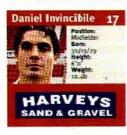


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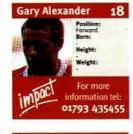
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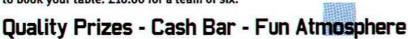
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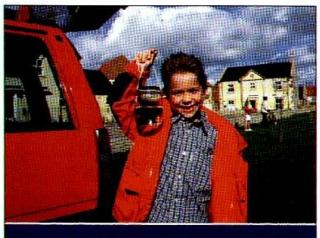
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Watching the FA Cup highlights at the weekend reminded me just how important it was for Andy and the boys to get past Ilkeston in the first round.



# Alive and Kicking



So many other sides in our position failed to see off the non-league challenge and it was certainly a relief for the Town that we eventually raised our game in a decent second half display against the Dr Martens side.

Of course, talk of the FA Cup might be enough to send our visitors into a nervous fit of panic as they were indeed one of those sides who were knocked out by one of the lesser clubs. It was a typical cup exit for the Stoke boys who no doubt have been licking their wounds for the past few days and now want to come back strongly and get their league form back on course. The replay was one of those games which had it all. Lots of action,

plenty of chances and a late, late goal that sealed a memorable win for Nuneaton Borough. It was a very wet and muddy pitch for what was a very tough, unforgiving 90 minutes and they will have been feeling the effects of the tie this week no doubt.

But football fans know all too well that nothing is more dangerous than an injured lion and I know that Andy was at the game on Tuesday night so he knows only too well what to expect from the boys in red and white.

In direct contrast, our FA Cup win was something of a bright light in what has been something of a difficult season for the boys at the County Ground. We all had such great hopes at the start of the season and you don't need me to tell you that things have rather fallen apart around our heads.

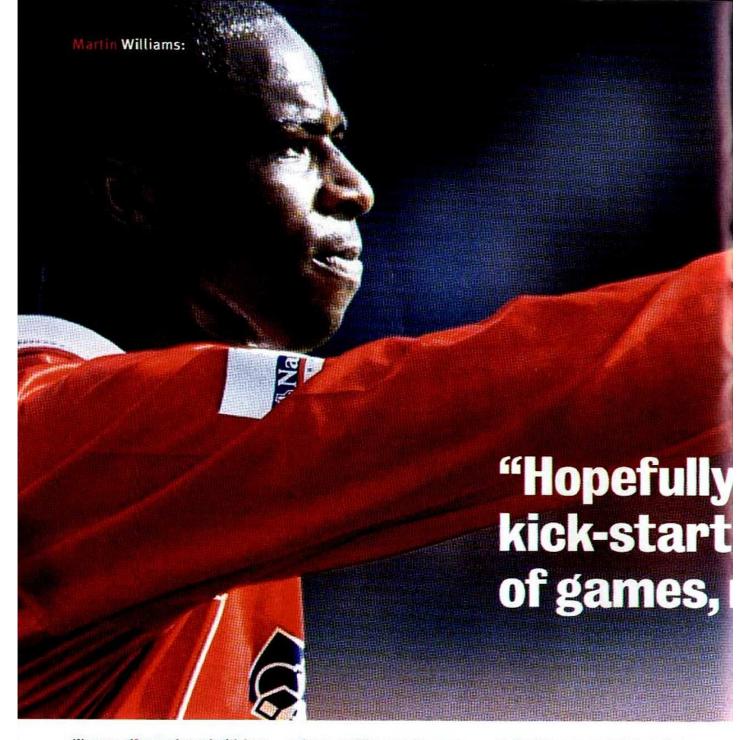
But there is no need to feel despondent, it's not even Christmas yet and, under Andy King, we have already seen some levels of improvement (apart from the obvious disaster at Peterborough). The fact of the matter is that Andy has a very tough task ahead of him. He's taken over a side in the lower reaches of the league with players

who were purchased by a previous manager. He will want to bring in his new men and that process has already started with the arrival of Saints' defender Richard Dryden. We all want to give him a big welcome to the County Ground and, if things work out, he could be a great addition to the side. He has the type of experience that we need in defence and I am sure he'll settle in well. I understand there will be more new faces coming to the club with chairman Terry Brady and Mr King keen to boost the squad with new arrivals who can lift us up out of the bottom region.

Unfortunately there is likely to be one key figure missing for today's game and that is me. For the second week running I am laying in my sick bed with a chest infection picked up at Peterborough (told you it was a bad day) and I will be listening to the chaps at Wiltshire Sound, waiting for the latest news and reading the live match report on the Evening Advertiser web site at www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk.

Enjoy the match.

Matt Reeder Sports Editor



We were all very pleased with last week's result and it is nice to be in the second round of the cup. They brought a lot of fans and they made a terrific noise but eventually we silenced them by winning the game, and that is the important thing.

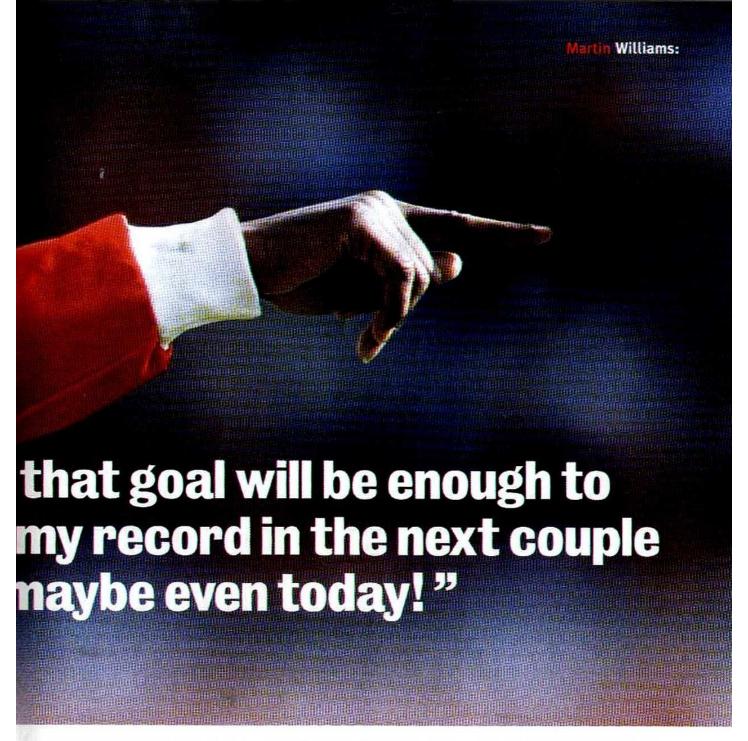
In a game like that you will always find it difficult because it is their cup final and they are giving everything. Their fans travelled down from Derbyshire in large numbers and their players battled really hard. It was especially testing

at the start of the game because the fans were nervous and you just want to get an early goal to ease the pressure. We really wanted to start quickly to get the fans behind us, it is our job to lift them and get them going, and we didn't really do that to start off with.

In the second half we played as we should've started, with some nice football and a countless number of chances. I think the sending off was the turning point, it really changed the game for us. I didn't really see it because there were a lot of

bodies between me and the ball, so I'm not sure whether it was for the initial challenge on Sol or because he kicked the ball away, but after that I don't think there was any way back for them. In saying that we also upped our game in the second half.

There were a lot of challenges flying about. Reevesy even managed to pick up a black eye in the first minute and I got knocked about a few times, but you just have to rise above it and apply the frustration into your game.



Personally, I wasn't too happy with my own performance. I had three or four chances, three in a row at one stage. The first one was a one-onone and I had so much time to decide where I wanted to put it and it was disappointing to put it wide.

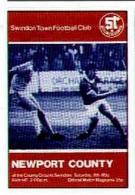
The next one hit the post and, strangely, the one I scored was the one I miss-hit but I suppose that's the way it works out! Myself and Danny both struggled really and we talked about it, saying the only way either of us would get on the score sheet would be to miss-hit the ball!

Hopefully that goal will be enough to kick-start my record in the next couple of games, maybe even today! It was especially nice for Youngy to grab a goal, big lad - big header! I'm sure he celebrated that one after the game on Saturday night!

It's nice to be at home again for the cup second round. I don't think it really matters who we got because every game is difficult, especially the ones against non-league opposition. The main thing is to be at home and hopefully progress to round three. But that's two weeks away and we

have two important league matches to think about before we can even look forward to the cup again.

Today's game is very important for us, they are a decent team and I've played against them a few times before. It will be very tough but we can see how far we've come recently. We have matched teams like Stoke at home already this season so there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to get three points. The result at Peterborough was disappointing and so we really need to bounce back from that today.











A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine, describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football.

# No. 1 2 Foreign Issues Set the Post-War Standard

England's humiliation at the hands of the Hungarians in 1953 and 1954 was the most vivid manifestation of the eclipse of British football by rising standards on the continent in the decade which followed the Second World War.

In terms of football programmes, a similar trend had been evident long before Messrs Puskas and Hidgekuti displayed their skills. The few continental programmes which found their way back to these shores after the war were years ahead of their UK counterparts, the latter struggling to shake off postwar rationing and restrictions and, more pertinently, lethargy and disinterest by their publishers.

In May 1957, when England visited Dalymount Park to play Eire, the Shelbourne Supporters' Club issued a 24 page programme packed with interesting features and articles the likes of which would not appear in many English programmes for another decade.

Even the poorest of continental programmes compared well with their British counterparts. Precommunist Hungary issued 12 page international programmes in black and white, but only two of the pages were advertisements. British programmes in the 1940s and 1950s were colourless in more ways than just the use of printers ink, and full colour cover illustrations were not to arrive on these shores until the 1960's.

As the 1960's loomed, and the penny-dreadfuls (which actually cost 3d) remained in place throughout the game, examples from clubs abroad put British programme producers to shame.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, the better clubs from England, Scotland and Ireland were invited to play tournaments in Canada and the USA during the close season, and from these games emerged large, brochure-sized match programmes filled with photographs. From the

'Programme Monthly & Football Collectable' contains up to 150 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting.

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early days of European club competitions came club newspapers and more substantial conventional programmes from the so-called undeveloped continental clubs.

The example from abroad, where programmes were not as much a part of the football fabric as they were in Britain, showed that the inadequate matchday programmes being offered within these shores were not so much a sign of the times, as an illustration of complacency and bad customer relations. Little was to change until the mid 1960's.

























Today sees the return of a former favourite to the County Ground, Stoke City's Peter Thorne.

'Thorney' spent two and a half years with Swindon and formed an integral part of Steve McMahon's Division Two championship-winning side in 1996 alongside Wayne Allison and Steve Finney. He was an all-round centre forward with power and pace. With youth on his side, Thorne was quick, had a ferocious shot on him and had the ability to hold the ball up.

Signed from Blackburn Rovers for £225, 000 in January 1995, Thorne

went on to play over 60 games for the Town scoring over 30 goals, his most memorable a spectacular equaliser (pictured above) at Old Trafford. During the 1995/96 season Thorne was on top form but suffered from injury early on - he even had to miss the Coca-Cola cup tie against his former club Blackburn!

Even with Allison and Finney scoring on a regular basis he managed to fight his way back into the side but in 1997 he was sold to Stoke City, the temptation of a big stadium too great to resist. The popular Mancunian had an outstanding season last term, the first Stoke City player for some time

to net more than 20 goals in a season. His performances, particularly in the second half of the campaign (which coincided with Stoke's rise to the play-offs), were a revelation, he netted four in the home game against Chesterfield and less than a month later a hat-trick against Bury in May.

His winning goal in the Auto
Windscreen Shield Final against
Bristol City at Wembley typified his
sharpness and answered any
possible doubts that had previously
been expressed about his
goalscoring abilities by fans and
media alike.

# Fuccillo Up-Hill Struggle at Luton

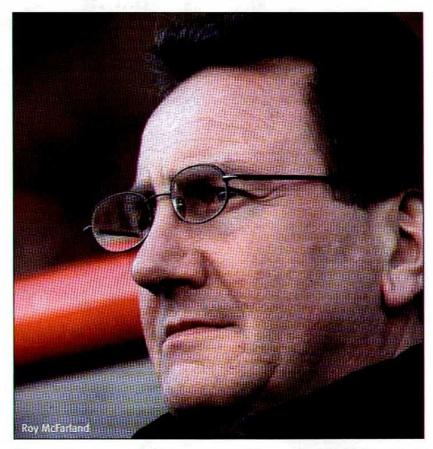


Following Luton's poor start to the season, with just two wins in seventeen matches, boss Ricky Hill and the club have decided to part company.

First team coach Lil Fuccillo will replace Hill as Manager with onetime Hatters' boss John Moore as his Assistant.

Hill had been in charge for just five months but, because of his side's poor start, Luton were lying second from bottom of Division Two.
Fuccillo was brought back to the club several weeks ago by a close friend and became Hill's assistant after Chris Ramsay's sacking. He is a former Luton player as is Moore, who also managed the club during the 1986-87 season and played alongside David Pleat and Bruce Rioch in the sixties.





# **Ambers Given Green Light**

Roy McFarland has been given the green light by his Chairman Reg Smart to recruit some new faces.

The club is currently short of midfielders since Neil Mackenzie's sacking and would benefit from another addition to the squad. The news was warmly greeted by the

Manager. "It's welcome news," said McFarland. "But unfortunately people shouldn't expect immediate signings.

"We've been tracking several players, but coming to an agreement with players, clubs and agents can be a very lengthy process."

### U's Hoax Blags Freedom

Last week a convicted shoplifter escaped a jail sentence by claiming to be a professional footballer with Cambridge United.

19 year-old Uchenna Nwanokwu's lawyer claimed that his client had turned over a new leaf and started a new career with the U's. He even asked that the judge in the Westminster Court dealt with the case immediately because Nwanokwu was due to play a match

in the evening. In her summing up, District Judge Mrs Eleri Rees fined Nwanokwu claiming that "The fact that you have now turned over a new leaf and have a promising career as a footballer, which I wouldn't wish to interrupt, means I propose to hit you in the pocket." Amazingly, Cambridge United's secretary, Andrew Pincher, said he had never been signed by the U's. "That's absolute rubbish. We've never even heard of this man!".



### Italian Job for Horton

Port Vale boss Brian Horton is looking as far as Italy and Cameroon in a bid to end his side's dismal start to the season.

The Valiants, currently 17th, were tipped for promotion but instead find themselves languishing at the

Vale and the players concerned." Kemp's **Olympic Aid** 

wrong end of the table. Director

agents from both Italy and Cameroon, "The Italian agents represent players from Italy and

Charles Machin has admitted that

the club have held discussions with

Cameroon and a deal could benefit

U's manager Dave Kemp has enlisted the help of Olympic athlete John Regis to help the players out with their sprinting technique in training.

"I've known John for some time and worked with him before," Kemp said. "He is able to help with everything. Some need work on their sprinting, some

on their stamina and some on their running style. Players like Chris Hackett, Paul Powell and Manny Omovinmi are quite quick but they can all improve."

# Siggi Sad

# to Leave Walsall

Icelandic striker Siggi **Evojolfsson has left Division** Two hot shots Walsall to join Belgian side Harelbeke.

Evojolfsson has failed to hold down a first team place at the Bescot Stadium this season and has slipped down the side's pecking order behind Brett Angell, Jorge Leitao and Darren Byfield. Manager Ray Graydon had made it clear to the Icelandic that he was no longer part of his promotion plans. 26year old Eyojolfsson had been a part of the club for well over eighteen months, joining the Nationwide Division Two side in February 1999 from IA Akranes.

### **Swans Floating** to Division One?

Swansea boss John Hollins have been given the go-ahead to sign several new players in an attempt to buy his way out of the relegation zone.

The Welsh club are due to be floated on the stock exchange next January and it is believed by club officials that this should create enough revenue for new players' salaries. Neil McClure, chief executive of parent group Ninth Floor plc, said: "Division One is the next stage, the club is now in a very advantageous position."



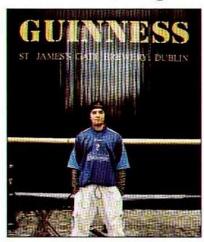
### **Notts County Treading Water**

Notts County have been told that their Meadow Lane pitch will have to be dug up.

Safety experts have told County Chiefs that the pitch could be a danger as a result of the recent floods. The pitch was under two feet of water at the height of the floods and therefore could be contaminated by bacteria from the river water. Executive deputy chairman Peter Storrie said: "To put it in layman's terms, the flooding two weeks ago has left some sort of bacteria on the playing surface. Our thinking is that we will dig it up next week and fresh turf will be laid in its place."

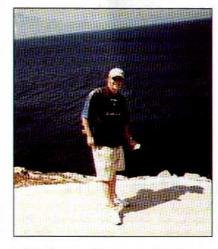
# FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!



Pictured above is Nick Judd
'Showing his Colours' while visiting
the Guinness brewery in Dublin.

The 'Juddmiester' is a big Town fan and had sampled enough of the 'black stuff' to convince himself that this was a good idea. His Dad, Mike, had even more and only just managed to point the camera in the right direction.



Shown here are is Town supporter Simon Eddie 'Showing his Colours' in the sun on holiday in Greece.

Simon is bravely showing his colours on a steep cliff face whilst on holiday with his girlfriend Katherine Robbins. We still can't work out whether Katherine is holding the camera at a bizarre angle or Simon is leaning over the cliff!

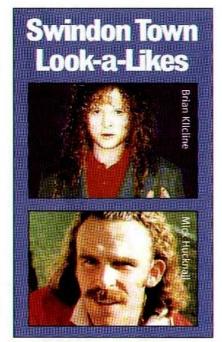


### Happy Birthday!

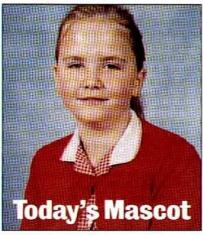
Eileen Butcher and Dorris
Mackey (Dick's Mum) are
both celebrating a big birthday
at Swindon Town today in the
Platinum Suite. We would like
to wish them all the best
and we hope they enjoy
today's game.



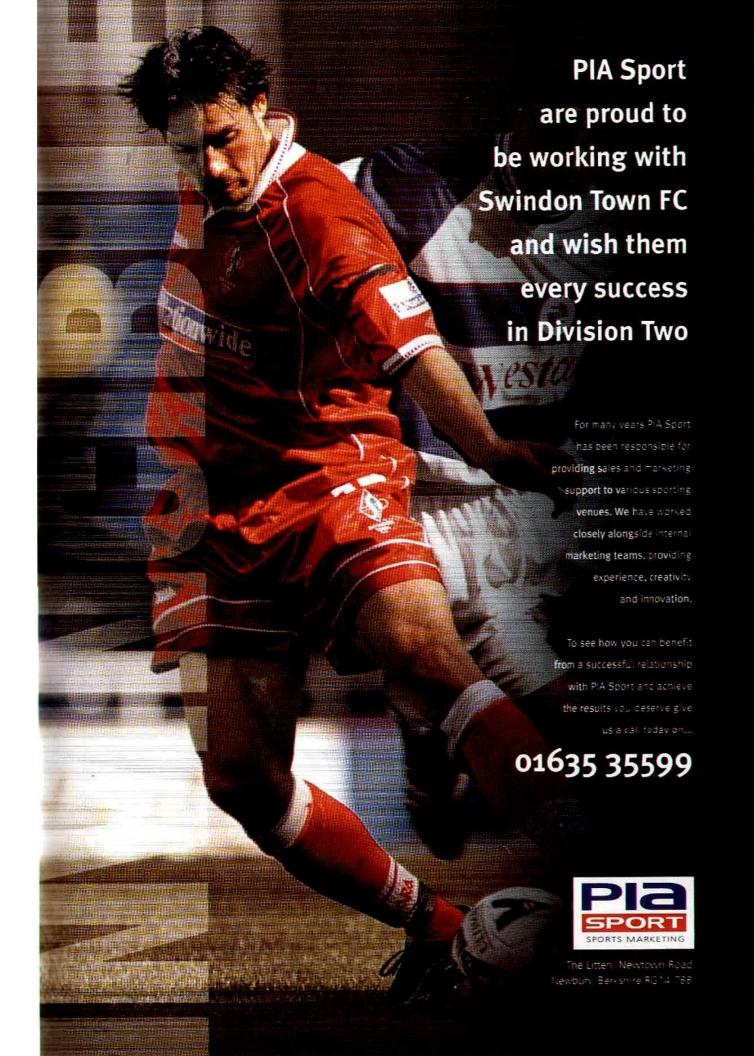
Thanks for everyone who has recently sent stuff in to us. But we are still looking for any more bits and pieces, so keep'em coming!







Pictured here is today's lucky mascot, nine-year old India Wigmore from Hungerford. Her birthday was on Monday the 20th November. She is an avid supporter of the Town and says that her favourite players are Bart Griemink and Andy Williams. When she is not watching the Town or England in action, she likes to listen to music, dance, sing, swim or cycle - a very busy supporter! We hope that she enjoys her special day today and that she brings the Town good luck!



### **Normal Service is Resumed**

The Town Ladies returned to League action with a 9-3 victory over Denham United in the South West Combination League.

The game was played on a very muddy County Ground Extension pitch and Netti Wyness put the Town ahead in the second minute.

Four goals each for front-runners Tracy Peacock and Leanne Taylor took the Town's tally to nine whereas the Buckinghamshire side could only manage three in reply.

The Town Reserves game against Caversham Reserves was postponed and in the third round of the Axa Women's FA Cup, the Town have been drawn away to the winners of the Chelmsford v Stowmarket Town tie. Town defender Adelle Taylor joined the Welsh under-18 party for

a four-nation tournament in Dublin. Wales will face England, Turkey and Ireland. Tommorrow, the Town travel to Reading for a South West Combination League fixture.

The two sides have not met since they both played in the Southern Region League, with Reading playing their first season in the higher division having been promoted. The Town reserves entertain Denham United reserves in the Southern Region League on the Ballards Ash Sports Field at Wootton Bassett. The kick-off will be at 2:00pm.

**Roger Reeves** 

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# **Matches from Memory**

By Dick Mattick





If there was concern among Swindon fans that the sale of Phil King to Sheffield Wednesday for £400,000 might have an adverse effect, then they were to receive their answer in this match.

The game was only eight minutes old when Scottish striker, Duncan Shearer back heeled the ball to Alan McLoughlin.

Barrett advanced from his goal but was beaten by the shot that is often the most difficult to stop - a miss-hit one which bobbled past him and had just enough power to trickle over the line. There was no lack of power in the shot that brought Swindon their second goal in the 21st minute, a right foot effort by Shearer which rocketed into the top corner of the Potters' goal.

That was the way the score stayed until half-time but with Stoke having managed only one win in their opening fifteen League matches of the season it was not surprising that they were subjected to abuse from their own fans who called for the sacking of Manager Mick Mills.

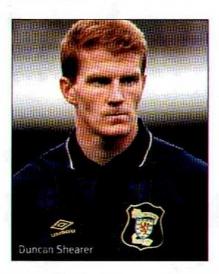
Their misery was increased in the second minute of the second half. This goal could well form the basis of a trick quiz question: How many goals did Dave Bamber score for Swindon? To the ones he scored in the Town colours could be added his own-goal in this match. Colin Calderwood challenged for a right wing corner by Fitzroy Simpson and the ball dropped onto Bamber's shins and shot into the Stoke goal.

The fourth goal for Swindon was perhaps the goal of the game and showed what an admirable replacement Swindon had for King in Paul Bodin. He linked up with Simpson and sent an inch perfect centre to the man who is now his

assistant at Bath City, Steve White. A fierce volley sent the ball towards the Stoke goal and despite the valiant efforts of Scott Barnett and Ian Cranson, the ball was ruled by the linesman to have crossed the line.

# "...a right foot effort by Shearer, rocketed into the top corner of the Potters' goal."

Alan McLoughlin, judged 'Man of the Match' by reporter Graham Russell whose comments had once seen him banned from the County Ground, set Shearer away and he demonstrated his versatility by executing a finish with the left foot as good as the one with his right in the first half. Not to be out done 'Chalky' White got his brace by heading in a left wing cross from Simpson.



Chris Kamara, a former Town player in the Stoke team that day commented "This performance had three thousand things wrong with it."

Evidently the Stoke board did not disagree as the game was to be the last for Mills who was sacked the following Tuesday.

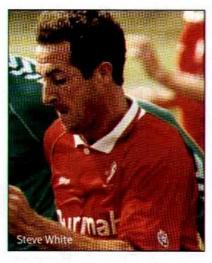
The season ended in relegation for Stoke, the last match being against Swindon and a promotion for Ossie Ardiles and Swindon via the playoffs which was to prove short lived as the authorities relegated them back to Division One.

#### Swindon:

Digby, Hockaday, Bodin, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Gittens, Jones, Shearer, White, MacLaren and Simpson.

#### Stoke:

Barrett, Butler, Statham, Kamara, Cranson, Higgins (Hackett), Beeston, Palin (Ware), Bamber, Morgan and Saunders.





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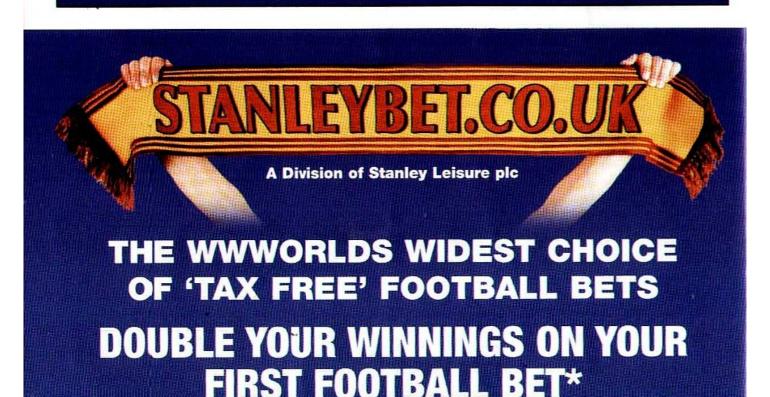
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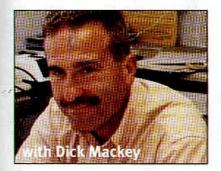


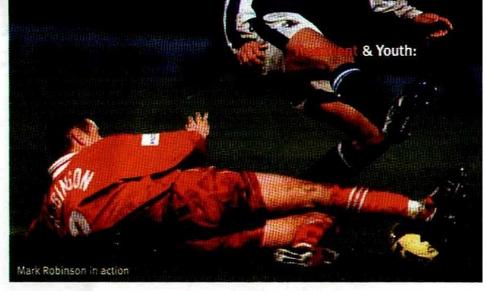
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# No Cup Casualties to Report

Fortunately there were no new casualties from Saturday's cup tie which was good news.

Mark Robinson appears to have a bit of a wear and tear problem. That appears to be a little bit better and he trained on Tuesday before he saw a specialist who has reassured us that there wouldn't appear to be any underlying problems.

By the time you read this, he will have trained on Thursday as normal and we will have monitored him just to make sure he is on the straight and narrow. There is no reason why he shouldn't play today as long as he comes through his training.

We have also got Matty Hewlett who is making good progress now. He is feeling a bit happier in himself because he is able to do more things. He has carried on with swimming, upper body weights and we are just going to introduce him to a bit of jogging which is good news - all in all he has been working very hard and he is building up his leg muscles and getting as strong as he can.

Finally the only other news to report is on **Andy Williams** and his hernia.

He has had a hernia operation and his rehabilitation will last for 6 to 7 weeks. That will include what he is doing now, treading and running in water and it will be a progressive build up. There is a hierarchy of recovery that these guys adhere to and he is on his way - on the third week of recovery, maybe even nearly half way back to fitness.

There was also good news with Gareth Davies coming through the reserve game last week without any problems. There was no reaction and so he will be training as normal this week.

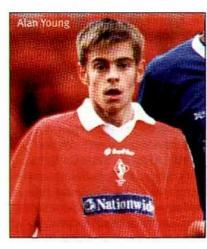
# **Under-19's Romp to Victory**

Last Saturday our U-17's V Exeter game was called off late on Friday night, so only the U-19's played. We played against Torquay United at Allied Dunbar and ran out 2-1 winners.

It sounds a close game but in fairness, our lads had dominated the game but had failed to convert their chances. We limited Torquay to about three efforts, one of which they took with a superb volley which gave Craig Farr no chance.

Kevin Halliday scored our first with a header at the far post but it was only in the last minutes of the game that we went ahead. Adam Collier turned his marker inside the box and was up-ended by a Torquay defender. Kevin Halliday converted the subsequent penalty which ensured a well deserved victory.

After the game Craig Farr dashed back to the County Ground to be part of the first team squad. This follows some great performances at Youth and Reserve level and along with Alan Young, has really deserved his chance of getting good experience within the first team squad.





5 Jermaine Defoe West Ham

Town supporters may recognise the name Jermaine Defoe because he has been a regular in our Division Two Review pages!

The West Ham starlet has been on loan with Bournemouth for nearly a month now and he has had a significant impact on the south coast club. Sean O'Driscoll brought him in to diversify his attacking options and Defoe hasn't disappointed, bagging three goals and lifting them away from the danger zone.

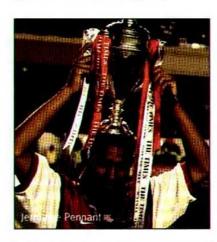
The striking sensation who joined the "Hammers for £1.65m from Charlton 15 months ago has only just celebrated his 18th birthday and made a name for himself at Upton Park by scoring 43 goals last season across the Under-17's, Under-19's and reserve teams. O'Driscoll said: "The lad has a box of tricks and finishes very well. Of course he will

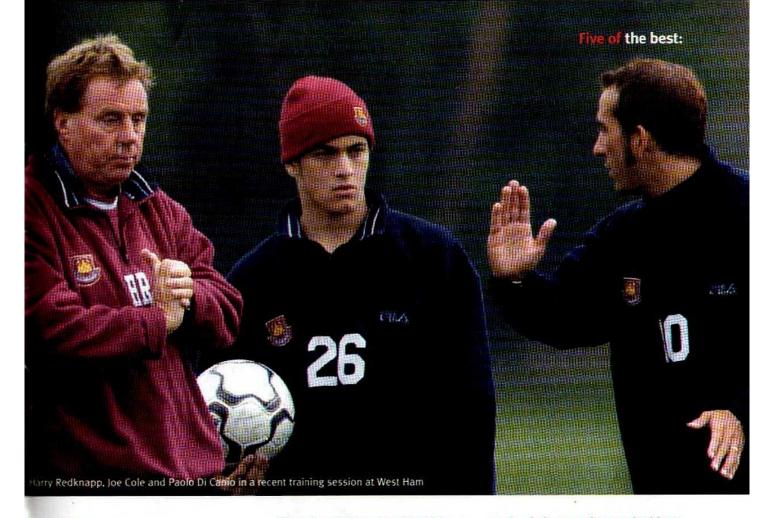
have a tough challenge adapting to first team football but he is highly regarded by West Ham and hopefully he has offered something different for us up front." Jermaine has searing pace, strength and exceptional ability on the ball and in the air. Having proved himself in the Cherries first team, Redknapp may consider him for duties at Upton Park.

Jermaine Pennant Arsenal

Jermaine Pennant, also only 17, has a great weight on his shoulders for success at Highbury. Signed by the Gunners from Notts County at just 15 years old for £1 million, Pennant is tipped for the top but because of his billing, has a lot to live up to.

Jermaine is an attacking midfielder and can play upfront if called upon. He is another player with explosive pace but is also tough tackling, hard working and ridiculously skillful. He joined Arsenal in January last year and played an integral part in the Gunner's FA Youth Cup win in May against Coventry City. In front of nearly 14,000 supporters, Pennant inspired the side to a 2-0 victory in front of the Sky cameras during the second leg, with the first already won 3-1. He became Arsenal's youngest ever player at 16 years and 319 days old when he made his debut at Middlesbrough in the Worthington Cup in November 1999. Jermaine has also played for England U-15's and U-16's and so is another great hope for both Arsenal and England.







In years gone by, Brazil has been known for its production line of young talent, with a constant stream of marketable youngsters with all the flamboyant skills that have become a trademark of their national side.

Ronaldinho is another 'wonderkid' who has been earmarked for such fame and fortune as Ronaldo and Rivaldo, Ronaldinho Gaucho became an instant hero on a freezing night in Paraguay last year when he scored one of seven goals, a solo effort that included a lob over one defender and the beating of two more before a superlative shot. In one fell swoop he had become the darling of the Brazilian Press, supporters and even the players new and old. Ronaldinho has everything. One British agent who observed the South American

Olympic qualifiers described him as priceless. Some would say that may be an over zealous statement but from watching him play there may be some justification. He has fantastic individual skill without being too individualistic and the scope of his ability is breathtaking. He can defend but also split defences with his passing, track back or beat defenders with unrivalled ease. Opponents put him on his left because he favours the right yet he still glides past them with embarrassing ease. It is surely only a matter of time before he moves to Europe and with it, joins the elite band of mega stars.

**Joe Gole**West Ham

Joe Cole, still only 19, has been the name on eveybody's lips for well over two years. Why? Who knows, maybe it's because he can fill the void left behind by Paul Gascoigne or simply because he can do things with a football the rest of us can only dream of.

Cole signed professionally for West Ham on the 8th November, 1999 (his 17th birthday) and since then has established himself in the first team, played for the England U-21's and trained with the full England team.

To put this lad's talent into perspective one only needs to listen to the reviews from his fellow team mates (including the likes of Frank Lampard, Rio Ferdinand and Paolo Di Canio.) Fans even started calling him the 'White Pele' whilst regulars at the training ground enthused about his range of passing, vision and ability to mock defenders.

In a game against Georgia earlier this year, Cole orchestrated proceedings with a combination of deft feints and and awe-inspiring trickery. The Premiership is yet to see such explosive wizardry. But as he says, he has time on his side.

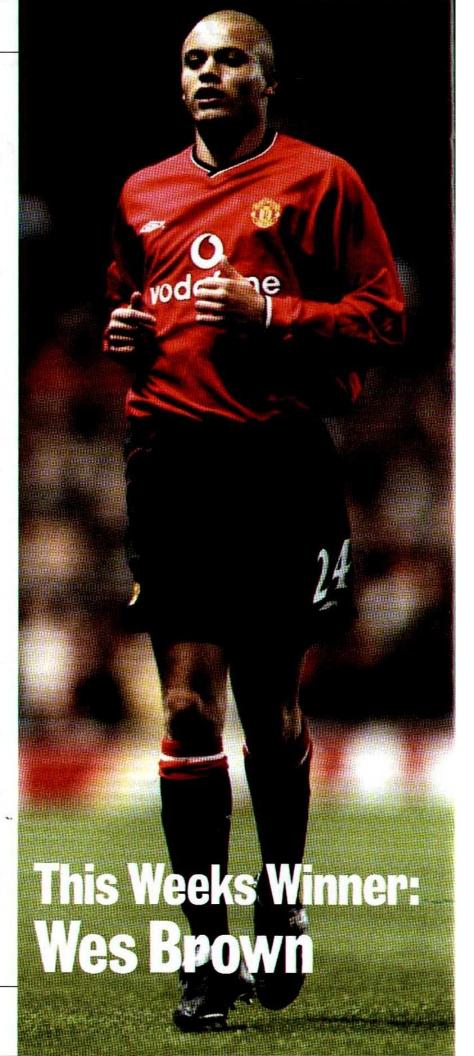
# Wes Brown Man Utd

This week's winner is the oldest and arguably most accomplished of today's five, Manchester United defender Wes Brown.

The twenty-one year old was a former student at the FA School of Excellence at Lilleshall and he's also played for Manchester and Greater Manchester as a schoolboy. He signed for the Red Devils as a trainee on leaving school in July 1996 and signed professional terms four months later at just 17.

Performances throughout his first full season earned him a place on the first team subs' bench against Leeds United on 4 May 1998. Brought on in the 60th minute to replace David May, he appeared in the starting lineup for the first time the following week as United beat Barnsley 2-0. His performances in the 1998-99 season again caught the eye with him gaining a regular first-team place, deputising for the injured Denis Irwin at full-back. Quick and able to surge forward down the wing, Brown has had football critics revelling in his potential, likening him to a young Paul McGrath.

An established international at Under-18 and Under-21 level, Brown made the step up to the senior squad during the 1998/99 season and received his first cap under Kevin Keegan, playing against Hungary in Budapest. With Sven Goran Erikson looking to England's youth, Wes must surely figure in his plans for the future. After the disappointment of missing out on the majority of last year due to a training-ground injury, Wes has targeted this season to get himself back in the reckoning both at home and in the international set-up. He has already played several games this season and has been a proverbial rock in the heart of United's defence in the absence of Jaap Stam.

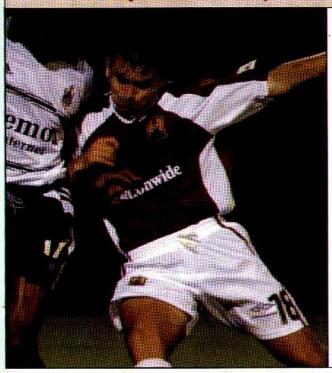




### V Northampton Town Football Club

(AWAY) Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Picture: Jamie Forrester



Having won promotion last season from division three, Northampton have more than held their own and are chasing the promotion pack in seventh position.

At the start of the season Northampton were one of the favourites to struggle but, like many of those predicted to go down, they have not only survived but also surprised many people. Described as a successful club that survives with hardly any money the Cobblers, under Kevin Wilson, have developed a passing game that has enabled them to compete with the division's top clubs. Even the fans have been surprised with the success of the side who expected the drop to be staring them in the face. The Cobblers success is largely thanks to the form of striker Jamie Forrester, who has scored 12 league goals in 15 starts since signing permanently from FC Utrecht for £150,000. Town, at the time of writing, have climbed to seventh position, just outside the play-offs and are only nine points behind leaders Wigan.



### V Gateshead Football Club

(HOME) Saturday 9th December 3.00pm

Picture: Gateshead's home ground



Having dispensed of Ilkeston Town in the first round of the FA Cup, Town are at home again, this time to Gateshead in round two.

Gateshead disposed of third division Halifax in the previous round with two goals from Paul Dalton. Halifax's hopes were effectively ended when Hawe was sent off for a second yellow card, Gateshead subsequently taking control and battling their way to a 2-o victory. Gateshead Football club came into existence in 1977 after previous club Gateshead United went bust. The present club replaced United in the Northern Premier League where it slowly established itself before promotion was won to the Conference in 1983. After that Gateshead became a bit of a 'vo-vo' club and after several seasons of toing and froing from the Vauxhall Conference and the Unibond league, they now play in the Northern Premier Unibond League under the guidance of manager Matt Pearson at the international stadium pictured on the left.



# **Box Office**



Up-to-date ticket information for forthcoming matches, home and away.

#### AWAY v Northampton Town Football Club Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at the Sixfields Stadium. This match is **ALL TICKET** with 1000 tickets available.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £12 Concessions: £8.50 Juniors: £8.50



#### AWAY v Bury Football Club Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at Gigg Lane.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £tbc Concessions: £tbc Juniors: £tbc



#### HOME v Gateshead Football Club Saturday 9th December 3.00pm

FA Cup 2nd round fixture at the County Ground. Season ticket holder's seats will be held until December 2nd.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: f10 Concessions: f5

Juniors:

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#### HOME v Brentford Football Club Tuesday 26th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

#### **Matchday Prices From:**

Adults: £15 · £18 Concessions: £8 · £10 Juniors: £4 · £5



#### HOME v Rotherham United Football Club Saturday 16th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 · £18 Concessions: £8 · £10 Juniors: £4 · £5



#### HOME v Reading Football Club Saturday 30th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: f15 · f18
Concessions: f8 · f10
Juniors: f4 · f5



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Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
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Saturday (matchdays) 9.00am - Half Time
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All tickets for home matches are now on general sale.

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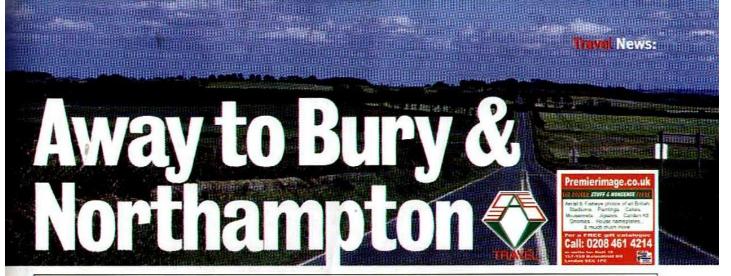


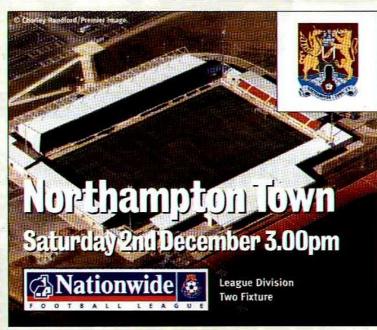












#### **Travel Information**

Northampton Town Football Club, Sixfields Stadium

Ground Capacity: 7, 653
Club Nickname: The Cobblers



Adult Fare: £8 U-15 Fare: £7

Supporters' Club Members receive a 50p discount on fares.

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 11.00
Depart ERMIN STREET: 11.15
Depart WEST SWINDON: 10.45



#### **Travel Information**

Bury Town Football Club, Gigg Lane

Ground Capacity: 11,841
Club Nickname: The Shakers



Adult Fare: £14.50 U-15 Fare: £13.00

Supporters' Club Members receive a 50p discount on fares.

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 09.00
Depart ERMIN STREET: 09.15

Depart WEST SWINDON:

08.45

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#### Supporters Club:

# Junior Robins

Once again we urge all you Junior Swindon Town supporters who haven't signed on as Junior Robins to do so as soon as possible.

If you would like a registration form, please contact Brenda Chadwick on 01672 520679 and she will be pleased to forward a form to you 1st class.

The more members who get signed up the more hope we have of organising events for you. Straight away you can get 10% Discount in the Souvenir Shop and of course,

free tickets for the following away Matches:

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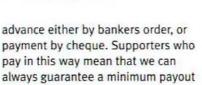
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The Christmas Disco is now a firm date for Wednesday December 20th, so make a date in your diary. Your friends will be welcome to come along too. The disco will start at 7.30 and will cost 50p for Juniors and £1 only Mums and Dads and any other adults who would like to come along. We have arranged for the Bar to be open, more details soon.

Our lucky Junior Robins Mascots for the cup match against Ilkeston were Jonathon Woodhouse and Shaun Barlow, both are celebrating their birthdays.

You could be a lucky Mascot too, but don't forget you have to be a registered Junior Robin to qualify.

# Swindon Town Football Club



These supporters had their names drawn out at random earlier in the season and we are sure they will enjoy their special day out. Should other supporters wish to join the subscription scheme please ring Roger Bunce 01865 820499, or download an application form from our website detailed below or contact a ticket seller on a matchday.

For those not attending the Ilkeston match winners at previous matches include:-Cambridge L Dobie Ticket number 365 £200 Wycombe Mrs K Young Ticket number 719 £304 Wrexham S Hockley Ticket number 170 £200

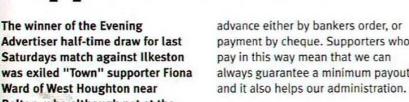
Full details of previous winners are available on our web site.

Publication of the Football Club's fans charter, reinforced one of the benefits of membership of the supporters club, that of ticket priority.

With a home draw in the next round of the FA cup, we are maybe just one match away from a glamour tie and there could be no better time to join to ensure that you enjoy this particular benefit. You will need to be signed up within our rules prior to any draw being made. We have a committed and active committee but are always looking for additional help and if any supporter would like to become involved then please contact us C/O The County Ground and we will be delighted to meet you.

Details of Supporters Club application forms and issues can be found on our web site at http://go.to/swindontown, (or by searching the link with swindonweb) or by contacting us at the County Ground either by post or personally on a match day.





Saturdays match against Ilkeston was exiled "Town" supporter Fiona Ward of West Houghton near Bolton, who although not at the match, benefited by being in the regular subscription scheme.

The winner of the Evening

Fiona's ticket number of 199 was drawn at half time and she was delighted when we rang to give her the news. It also gave us the opportunity to update her on the Youth team progress in the FA youth cup which sees us playing the 3rd round on her doorstep.

Today's half time draw is being made on our behalf by goal-scoring hero Charlie Henry, who starred in our promotion campaigns during the 80's. He's sure to receive a warm welcome as many can remember his vital goal against Gillingham during the play-off final. We are also playing host today to 10 supporters who contribute to the half-time draw by making regular subscription in



# Over-Paid! Who's Over-Paid!

As the debate on the demands made by top premiership players rumbles endlessly on, the protagonists from both sides of the great divide should consider and digest a series of developments that came about recently on the other side of the Atlantic.

A friend now living in the United States e-mailed me some days ago a precis of what was, apparently, one of very many articles on the brouhaha created by a baseball player by the name of Alex Rodriguez, who plays shortstop (whatever that is!) for the major league Seattle Mariners.

Now, here's the story. Rodriguez's contract was up with Seattle and he knew that the New York Mets were interested in him so, as they do in the world of sport when a superstar becomes available, negotiations commenced. Rodriguez and his team of agents, advisors etc drew up, among others, the following demands. Firstly he wanted, at the very least, a 10-year contract at a minimum basic salary of \$25 million a year. Reasonable enough? Read on. He also wanted assurance that throughout his tenure he would always, no matter whatever circumstances arise, be the Mets' highest-payed player, i.e. if, in say 2 year's time, a player was brought in on \$50 million a year, his salary would automatically be hiked to at least \$50,000,001.00 and, should his career be finished through injury in two weeks time, the deal would still be on. Reasonable enough? Well, a man's got to eat hasn't he?, plus there's her indoors and the kids to feed. Furthermore, there were unconfirmed (as well as undenied) reports that there must be a personal jet permanently at his disposal - got to get to see the folks back home now and then, with the minimum of hassle. He also demanded a suite of personal offices at the Mets' stadium complete with full-time staff to count his money, keep an eye on his best interests and negotiate his sponsorship deals etc. However, he wasn't naive enough to exclude a clause giving him the right to renegotiate his contract every three years along with the option to hotfoot it off to another club who were prepared to improve his meagre earnings from the miserly Mets. He also demanded a 'guaranteed billboard presence', this would mean that the club would have to stump up for enormous billboard advertisements all over New York City lauding the qualities of the superstar (and considerably enhancing his personal sponsorship and endorsement values) for the duration of his contract.

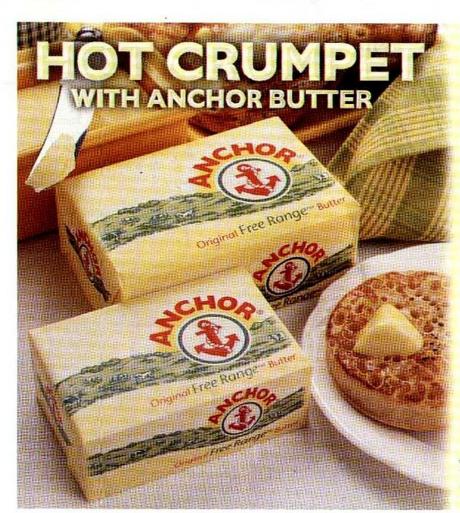
However, after giving the matter serious consideration, the Mets turned him down. Not because of the sums of money involved, but because of concern over the effect his appointment would have in the locker-room among the rest of the squad. Make no mistake, they really were prepared to meet his fiscal demands. He is now, presumably, being hawked around the other major league clubs and it is almost a certainty that he will achieve his aims, or very close to them, somewhere.

Eat your heart out Roy Keane, whose alleged salary pales into insignificance in comparison, but let's try and look at footballers' incomes in perspective. The truth is that our top professional soccer players' salaries are way down in the list of sportspersons' earnings. For example, boxing's Lennox Lewis has earned over £30 million this year - for three fights! Formula One driver Eddie Irvine has picked up £7 million plus and, at the age of 43 with his career in decline, golfer Nick Faldo has pocketed almost £3 million (name me a soccer player who could do that), the list of higher-thansoccer sporting incomes goes on and on. Top people in motor sports, tennis, golf, athletics etc earn vastly more than footballers. For instance, David Beckham's £40,000 per week equates to £1.08 million per year, so to call our top footballers overpaid, considering the virtually year-long demands made of them, perhaps doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

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What's more, if a rounders player can demand an absolute minimum of \$250 million over ten years then Keane is being veritably frugal and charitable in his requirements. Where is it all going to finish? Who knows, but I'm getting my rounders bat out of the attic and I'm off to the Big Apple - I was leading scorer in my Church Hall Youth Club side back in the sixties and it won't take me long to get back in shape.

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# **Week in pictures**

A look back at this weeks sporting moments with...



#### Thursday 16th

Rene Gattuso sparks a war of words with David Beckham, after accusations that Beckham dived in Italy match



#### Saturday 18th

Dan Luger goes over the line in the last minute to secure England's victory over World Champions Australia at Twickenham



#### Friday 17th

Liam George scores for Luton in their 1-0 victory over Rushden & Diamonds in the FA Cup 1st round.



#### Sunday 19th

Tim Sherwood rises to head past Westerveld in Spurs' 2-1 victory over Liverpool at White Hart Lane.



#### Tuesday 21st

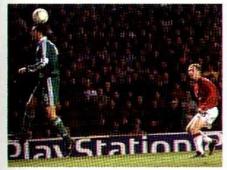
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Scholes adds the finishing touch to a 32 pass move to complete United's 3-1 win over Panathinaikos



#### Monday 20th

Jim Jefferies is confirmed as the new boss of relegation threatened Bradford City.



#### Wednesday 22nd

England Rugby Union team go on strike over 'Pittance Pay' dispute only four days after their historic win over the Aussies.





I can visualise the scene now. All my long-lost relatives arriving at the front doorstep, with hands outstretched, yearning for some of my new-found wealth.

You see, I've invented an indispensable scientific product for all football clubs and it's to be fitted at the entrances to every ground. It will determine whether you are a true football supporter or just 'one-cell pond-life'.

Dreaming aside, how embarrassing it was for all those Ilkeston fans who travelled down from Derbyshire to watch their side's most important 90 minutes of this or possibly any other season? I'm not talking about the small proportion of racist bigots though.

The embarrassment was suffered by the majority of their supporters who had to sit through the game and be associated with the tirade of insults directed at Martin Williams. The immediate action by our Chief Executive, Peter Rowe, which resulted in the ejection of the offensive element within Ilkeston's support, needs to be applauded. The racial abuse of Clyde Best at West Ham, through to the infamous John Barnes 'banana backheel', have all but been eradicated from our professional leagues. But unfortunately, as recently reported in the 'non league' paper covering the Conference and Pyramid leagues, the age-old problem is still rife within their structure and increases as the standard drops.

Luckily my new 'invention' is not just biased to racial discrimination, it also picks up on the 'mindless prat' brigade, namely the imbeciles who travel to football under the banner of 'if it's got talent and plays for the opposition, abuse it!'

The coin-throwing treatment and constant taunting of David Beckham by a section of the Manchester City crowd, was nothing short of treasonable. Here is a young man, not brash or overbearing in his

undoubted ability, at a time in his life when he has just been made his country's captain and who, after only 2 minutes of the Manchester Derby, scored another mind-blowing goal. Yet he still struggles to gain respect from people whose understanding of football ends with the 'fantasy leagues' of the tabloids. So, it is these unwanted 'lowlifes' who would fall foul of my 'turnstiles terminator' and Maine Road would be the port of call for the first installation. Not that this article was written by a Red Devil living too far from Old Trafford, just a supporter of football and Swindon Town FC.

# **Around the Grounds...**

We take a sneak preview at what's going on elsewhere around the grounds in Division Two.

Defoe and Cummings should return today alongside Carl Fletcher who has been suspended. The duo missed last week's game because their clubs didn't want them cup-tied.



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Reading have suffered a recent slump in the league, especially away from home and Pardew's men will be hoping to catch up some lost ground on leaders Wigan.

Wilson will be hoping to extend his team's 13 game unbeaten run. He has highlighted skipper Keith Millen and also Brian Tinnion for their recent good run of form.



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West Ham 'keeper Alex O'Reilly started his short-term loan spell at the club on Saturday as cover for the suspended Roy Carroll. He may figure in today's game.

Bury could be boosted by the news that a Norwegian millionaire might take over the club. The businessman is said to be involved in shipping and was present at last week's game.



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Ron Noades has quit following the Bees defeat by Kingstonian. Ray Lewington will take charge of today's game. Steve Coppell has been mentioned as a candidate.

McFarland is set to make several changes after last week's poor display in the cup. Defenders Dreyer and Cowan and loan strikers Connor and Gudmundsson are all set to return.







Swans boss John Hollins has denied that his team is facing a crisis after Saturday's cup defeat at Bournemouth. Nevertheless he will be looking to silence his critics today.

Steve Whitton is poised to make changes for today's clash with Wycombe. His options are limited but he may re-shuffle his side from the one that got thumped by Yeovil.







Striker Paul Emblen has undergone surgery to repair his cruciate ligament injury. The goal scorer had the operation last week but will be out for the rest of the season.

John Sheridan could be making a return to the reserves as his comeback programme reaches it's final phase this week.







Sam Parkin, who spent two months on loan at the New Den has been taken on loan by Queens Park Rangers after he had originally returned to Chelsea.

U's boss David Kemp was delighted with his team's Cup win on Saturday, and believes he is well on the way to shoring up the Oxford defence.







Out-of-favour Manchester City striker, Danny Allsop has signed for County in a one month loan deal with a view to a permanent move.

Port Vale will not be taking too much for granted against Luton today after Sunday's dramatic 4-4 draw with non-league Canvey Island.



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Hatters' Striker Mark Stein could be sidelined after he hobbled off the pitch during the 1-0 win over Rushden and Diamonds in the cup last Friday.

Rotherham manager Ronnie Moore is looking to bring in a player on loan with a defender the rumoured target. His transfer kitty has shrunk after spending £150,000 on Alan Lee.



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Barry Fry has been having a clear-out following the signing of Leon McKenzie. Matt Hann has joined Bishop Stortford & James Campbell Spalding United, both on loan.

Walsall manager Ray Graydon has issued a 'clean up your act' warning to Bescot skipper Tom Bennett. Bennett has to sit out today after picking up a ban for five bookings.



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Cobbler's boss Kevin Wilson has confirmed the good news that John Hodge has not broken his leg although the winger could be out of action for up to three weeks.

Brian Flynn held his hands up after his side's departure from the FA Cup and said that his side weren't good enough. He will be looking for a vast improvement against Rovers.







Ian Holloway will ring the changes today after last week's embarrassing thrashing at Cardiff in the Cup. He has asked for money to bring in some new faces.

## **Statistics 2000/2001...**

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BRISTOL CITY	17	3	2	3	15	9	4	4	1	11	5	12	27
STOKE CITY	17	4	2	2	13	6	3	4	2	13	14	6	27
P'BOROUGH UTD	18	5	2	2	15	10	2	1	6	8	13	0	24
BURY	18	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	5	7	11	-6	24
BRISTOL ROVERS	16	0	5	2	5	8	5	2	2	18	9	6	22
CAMBRIDGE U'TD	17	4	2	3	16	10	2	2	4	9	13	2	22
WREXHAM	17	2	1	5	7	12	4	3	2	20	18	-3	22
BRENTFORD	16	4	3	2	10	13	1	4	2	7	12	-8	22
Notrs Co	17	2	3	3	12	13	4	0	5	6	14	-9	21
COLCHESTER U'TD	18	3	2	4	9	10	2	3	4	7	11	-5	20
AFC B'MOUTH	18	2	4	3	9	8	2	3	4	17	16	2	19
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	17	3	2	3	10	10	2	2	5	9	18	-9	19
PORT VALE	16	3	4	2	14	8	1	1	5	3	14	-5	17
SWANSEA CITY	17	2	3	4	9	10	2	2	4	7	12	-6	17
SWINDON YOWN	18	ž		3	12	16	2	1	6	6	18	-16	37
LUTON TOWN	17	2	1	6	9	15	0	5		8	14	-32	12
Oxfore United	18		2	4	開對	11		8	8	10	28	-24	8

#### Nationwide Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.S	Arra.	APPS.	APPS.	COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	18	4	22	
MARK ROBINSON	2	16(1)	2(1)	18(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	14(1)	4(1)	18(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	
ADAM WILLIS	5	16	2(1)	18(1)	1
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	7(3)	2	9(3)	•
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	18	5	23	2
BOBBY HOWE	8	10(2)	3	13(2)	2
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(9)	1(3)	5(12)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	12(2)	4(1)	16(3)	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	2	3	5	
STEVE COWE	14	1(3)	(1)	1(4)	
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	
KIM HEISELBERG	16	1	1	2	
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	16(1)	2(1)	18(2)	7
GARY ALEXANDER	18	8(2)	3(1)	11(3)	1
MARK ROBERTSON	19	4(4)	2(1)	6(5)	1
FRAZER MCHUGH	20				
GARETH DAVIES	21				
ALAN REEVES	22	15(1)	5	20(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	(1)	1	1(1)	
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	14	4	18	3
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)	(1)	(2)	1
IAN WOAN	31	5	1	6	
RICHARD DRYDEN		8			

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J. P. Robinson

**Assistant 1** 

G. J. Chapman

**Assistant 2** 

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4th Official

B. D. Baker

#### Match Facts

Half-Time Score

**Full-Time Score** 

**Attendance** 

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	The Squad	The Squad	
1	Bart Griemink	Gavin Ward	1
2	Mark Robinson	Mikael Hanson	2
3	Sol Davis	Clive Clarke	3
4	Matthew Hewlett	Henrik Risom	4
5	Adam Willis	Nicky Mohan	5
6	Antoine van der Linden	Brynjar Gunnarsson	6
7	Keith O'Halloran	Bjarni Gudjonsson	7
8	Bobby Howe	Graham Kavanagh	8
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Peter Thorne	9
11	David Duke	Kyle Lightbourne	12
12	Juan Cobian	Carl Muggleton	14
14	Steve Cowe	Tony Dorigo	15
15	Andy Williams	Paul Connor	16
16	Kim Heiselberg	James O' Connor	17
17	Daniel Invincibile	Ben Petty	18
18 🌼	Gary Alexander	Stefan Thordarson	19
19	Mark Robertson	Kris Sigurdsson	20
20	Frazer McHugh	Robert Heath	21
21	Gareth Davies	Chris Iwelumo	22
22	Alan Reeves	Wayne Thomas	23
23	Steve Mildenhall	Matthew Bullock	24
24	Martin Williams	Ashley Woolliscroft	25
25	Richard Dryden	Stephen Taafe	26
26	Alan Young	Chris Short	27
31	lan Woan	Lewis Neal	28
		Marc Goodfellow	29
	•	Dean Crowe	30
	•	Graham Fenton	31



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