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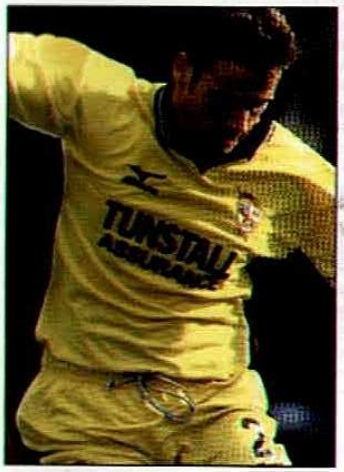
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Andy King reflects on a week of cup action and looks ahead to today's league fixture



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An FA Cup special pull-out featuring action shots of the game and a match report



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This week we take a look at Town players who have represented their country down the years

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A Warm **Welcome:**

Fantastic Supporters

Last weekend's near capacity crowd to watch our FA cup clash against Coventry City proves that with success on the pitch, this football club can attract the right sort of support.

I have never doubted that Swindon Town FC has the ability to pull in the fans if the results are going right on the park - and the opposition is of the right quality. The atmosphere and noise generated as the teams walked out of the tunnel was superb and I would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to make it a special day for us all.

I would also like to thank all our staff - full-time and the matchday staff - for helping to make it all go so smoothly. A lot of planning went into the day and it was nice to hear from the Swindon Borough Council's licensing department this week that they were very impressed with what they saw. To see a full ground singing their hearts out to the cry of 'Come on You Reds' - including everyone in the directors box - was magical and as I drove home on Saturday evening, my mind wandered back to a few hours earlier and, despite the result, I felt rejuvenated by what I saw and heard.

What we would all like to have at the club is an atmosphere like that every week and I would plead with everyone who came last week not to desert us - come back and support us every week - this club needs your support and together we can rebuild the club. As a special thank you we have decided to make our game against Bury in two weeks time a 'Family Day' and we are offering special 'Family Tickets' - that's two adults and two children - for a special price of £16.00 and £20.00, depending on where you want to sit. That represents a 50 per cent reduction in the normal price for such a ticket for a league game.


Town fans in full voice

We are planning a special day of activities to attract all supporters young and old to the club as it's obvious you want a team in this town to be proud of. Speaking to the players before and after the game I know they were impressed with the level of your support and would also like to thank everyone for their great backing. The message is clear: Stick with us - make sure you tell all your neighbours and friends that this is a club to be proud of and worth supporting.

Today it's back to league action with a real 'six-pointer' of a game against Port Vale. A warm Wiltshire welcome to the directors, players, management and supporters of the Potteries' club. But as always I will end with the belief that there is only one winner: 'Come on You Reds!'

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

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Swindon Shorts

Record Receipts



Action from the Coventry game

Peter Rowe was jubilant after hearing that the club had taken its record gate receipt last Saturday against Coventry.

Talking after the game, the club's Chief Executive said "The club made £169,562 gross profit from today's game, a marvellous amount for the club and the record receipt over the previous total which dates back to the Bolton game five years ago." He continued, "It was great to see so many fans here today, to see a packed stadium was such a great sight, I just hope that some of the fans who made it here today will come back and support the club for the rest of the season, starting next week against Port Vale. It makes such a difference for everyone involved if there is a packed stadium, especially the players.

Commercial Manager Takes to Trekking on the Roof of the World

Swindon Town Commercial Manager Jackie Kent is embarking on the challenge of a lifetime. In June 2001 Jackie will be taking part in a 12-day trek through Tibet in aid of Mencap to raise much-needed funds for people with learning disabilities.

Jackie will join a group of up to 90 trekkers in the first-ever challenge in Tibet. The trek will take them through breathtaking scenery including canyons, waterfalls, monastries and spectacular views of Everest. Jackie said "With a target of £2,500, fund-raising is going to be a big part of the challenge as well as getting fit!" Money raised by the Trek will go towards Mencap's vital work supporting people with learning disabilities, their families and carers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. If you feel as though you could sponsor Jackie in any way then she can be contacted at the club on 01793 333779.

Programmes For Sale

John Harvey has built up a large collection of Swindon Town football programmes over the last forty years and now wishes to sell them.

He no longer has any space for them and is offering them to collectors. John says that he is willing to swap his programmes for used match tickets as long as they are in good condition (one ticket for two programmes), or is willing to sell them for 10-12p. Anyone interested can contact John Harvey at the following address: 100 Alexandra Road, Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SG or alternatively, you can contact the programme editor at nick@pia-am.co.uk.

Reading Re-arranged

The home game to be played against Reading will now be played on Tuesday 27th March 2001 at 7.45.

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Manager's Message:



King, pictured here shaking hands with Coventry's Gordon Strachan last week

Hello and welcome to today's vital league game against Staffordshire club Port Vale.

Today sees a return to league proceedings after two cup games in a week following last week's FA Cup tie against Coventry City and Tuesday night's LDV Trophy fixture against Second Division leaders Millwall. I am sure today's game will be a completely different affair from the previous two, but the importance of the result and the quality of performance is paramount.

Last Saturday saw a huge crowd visit the County Ground in anticipation of our third round cup-tie against Gordon Strachan's side and that was very pleasing. Many supporters will have only seen some of the Coventry players on the television and so the attraction of the opposition was great because footballers, especially those in the Premiership, are now seen on television more than soap stars making them household names.

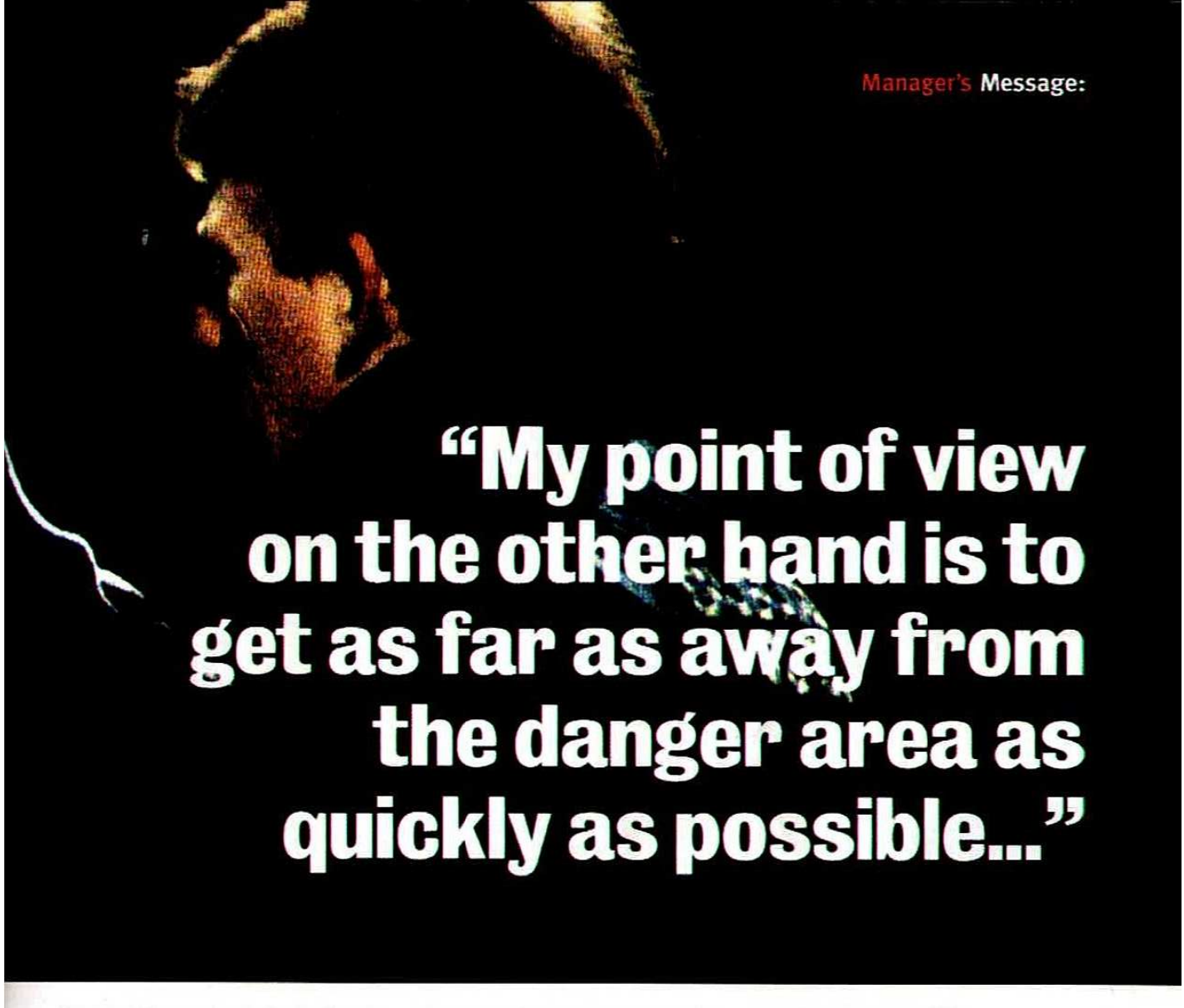
More importantly for the club though, is that nearly 12,000 supporters from Swindon came to support their side against Premiership opposition. Sometimes the crowd and the atmosphere at a game can be the catalyst to an exciting encounter, that was the case on Saturday and it made a huge difference to myself and the players.

To see a full house was a compliment to the town, this football club and the supporters themselves and I can only hope that some of them return this week to support us in what is a massive game for the club. Unfortunately, we did not get the result that we were after last week but result aside, I think there were many positive attributes that we can take from the game.

Obviously when you play any side from a higher league it is going to be difficult but we applied ourselves and adapted very well. The last thing you need is to give them any advantage and we did precisely that by gifting them an early goal. Like so often this season, the goal came from an individual error and we gave ourselves a huge mountain to climb, but to be honest one mistake is not a fair reflection on a player and Sol Davis has been superb this season.

I think the way in which we came back from that early blow was a credit to the lads, in terms of their commitment and hard graft, I couldn't have asked any more.

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"My point of view on the other hand is to get as far as away from the danger area as quickly as possible..."

We played some lovely football and up until the second goal, we had really put them under pressure. At the end of the day we have not qualified into the next round but we gave a very good account of ourselves.

On Tuesday night we had another cup-tie although perhaps not as glamorous, an away trip to Millwall in the LDV Trophy. I decided that it would be a good opportunity to field some of the younger lads and all credit to them, along with the rest of the side they did very well. At the end of the game it was nearly a youth team that we had on the field and so to come through it without conceding and to play like we did was very pleasing and the three experienced lads at the back of Robinson, Hall and Reeves did very well in particular. Steve Mildenhall also came in and played very well in goal. The most important thing for me was that we didn't lose the game. We had lost four previous to this game and so it was important to get out of the habit of losing. o-o was a fair result in the end because both teams had a number of chances but didn't take them and both teams defended solidly, but the character of the lads to come and win through on penalties was great.

I will be hoping that the lads can show the same level of commitment and desire in today's game against Port Vale. This is a very big game for both sides, Port Vale are languishing in the bottom four whereas we are on the fringe of the relegation zone, so both club's will be hoping to ease their situation with three points today. Port Vale have two games in hand over us and will be approaching the fixture with a view of getting three points and swapping places with us. My point of view on the other hand is to get as far as away from the danger area as quickly as possible, but at the end of the day today's result will come down to ability - it will be like a cup final out there on the pitch.

Finally, may I wish a warm welcome to the directors, management team, players and supporters of Port Vale Football Club and also thank the supporters once again for your continued support. If you can shout the team on as much as you did last week, then together I am sure that we can get a positive result today.

Andy King

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Swindon & Port Vale go Head to Head

Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Valiants' to the right and scored in sky

Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

Where



4	8
17	11
2	3

How



4	6
7	3
1	0
2	0
0	0
9	13

Top League Scorers



Danny Invincibile (Swindon Town) vs **Tony Naylor** (Port Vale)

23 in 24 games	Team Goals	22 in 22 games
0.96 goals	Ratio per Game	1 goals
8 in 23 games	Player's Goals	6 in 19 games
0.35 goals	Ratio per Game	0.32 goals

6	Games Scored In	4
2	Games Scored 1st Goal	2
4	Games Scored 1 Goal	2
2	Games Scored 2 Goals	2
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

2 (4pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	1 (2pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0pts)
1 (1pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0pts)
5	Number of points gained	2

SCORING SEQUENCES

	Consecutive Games Scored	
1	2 Games	1
0	3 Games	0
2 games	Maximum Scoring Run	2 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2	2 Games	2
2	3 Games	2
1	4 Games	1
9 games	Maximum Dry Spell	5 games

Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS

OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	2						
1	3	1	2	1				
2	2		2	1				
3	3	1	2					
4	1	1						
5								
6								
7								

shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Swindon have drawn 1 game 1-1

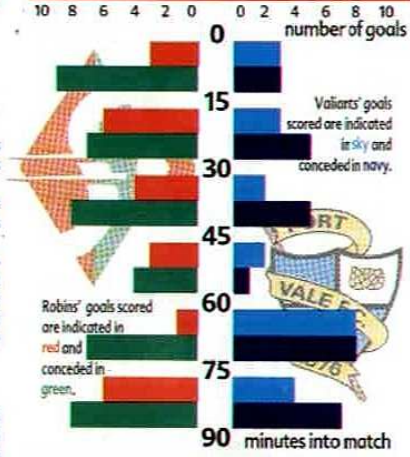
Vale's Results

PORT VALE GOALS

OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1	1		3				
1	4	4		1				
2	3	2	1					
3								
4	1	1						
5								
6								
7								

eg. Vale have won 3 games 3-0 and lost 2 games 1-2

When goals scored & conceded



Face2Face

Last Season

At The County Ground....2-1
At Vale Park 0-2

This Season

Robins' Season records:

Home Win..3-1 Cambridge
Away Win....1-0 Bristol City, 3-2 Luton, 1-0 Northampton
Home Defeat ..1-4 Walsall .....0-3 Stoke
Away Defeat.....0-4 POSH
Consec. Wins.....2
Consec. Defeats 3

Valiants' Season records:

Home Win .....3-0 Oxford, ...3-0 Swindon, 3-0 Luton
Away Win.....1-0 Swansea
Home Defeat..0-2 Rotherham
Away Defeat ..0-4 Cambridge
Consec. Wins.....2
Consec. Defeats 4

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

94 mins	All Goals for	90 mins
68 mins	Home Goals For	65 mins
154 mins	Away Goals For	203 mins
50 mins	All Goals Against	68 mins
47 mins	Home Goals Against	98 mins
54 mins	Away Goals Against	48 mins

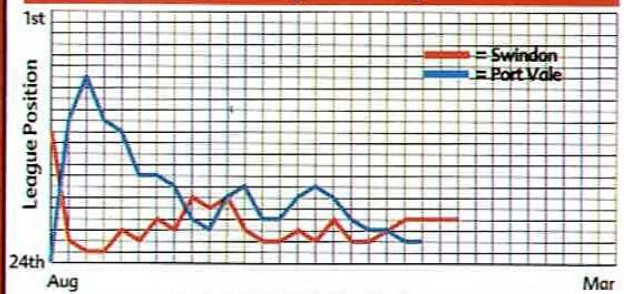
Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Robins	:	WSSLLWWLLL	F 11	A 17	Pts 11
Valiants	:	LSWSWLLLLD	F 8	A 10	Pts 9

Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Port Vale's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	4	2	Beckford	21	8,075
91/92	2	3	3	Foyle	11	7,382
92/93	2	3	1	Taylor	15	8,092
93/94	2	4	1	Foyle	18	8,323
94/95	1	2	2	Foyle	16	9,174
95/96	1	5	1	Naylor	12	8,227
96/97	1	3	3	Naylor	17	7,385
97/98	1	3	1	Mills	14	8,432
98/99	1	3	1	Foyle	9	6,991
99/00	1	3	1	Rougier	8	5,997

23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 5 3 1

It only takes a second to score a goal.
And 17.3 seconds to celebrate it.

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Port Vale Football Club 2000/2001



Back Row: (left to right) Sagi Burton, Liam Burns, Ville Viljanen, George O'Callaghan, Michael Walsh, Neil Brisco, Michael Twiss

Middle Row: Dean Glover (Director of Youth), Stan Nicholls (Kitman), Jeff Minton, Richard Eyre, Tony Rougier, Dean Delaney (GK), Martin Foyle (Coach), Mark Goodlad (GK), Allen Tankard, Paul Taylor, Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, Matthew Connery (Head Physio), Jon Hobbs (Youth Physio)

Front Row: Paul Donnelly, Alex Smith, Michael Cummins, Mark Grew (Assistant Manager), Tommy Widdrington (Captain), Brian Horton (Manager), Matthew Carragher (Vice Captain), Dave Brammer, Tony Naylor

The Valiants...

By Mark Stuart

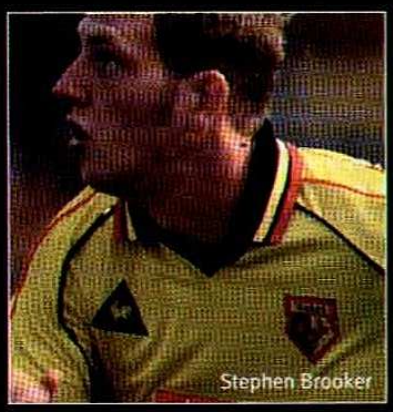
The 1990's have been Port Vale's most successful era since the 1950's, including six unbroken seasons in Division 1 and, in 1996-97, the highest league position since 1934 (8th).

Unfortunately, a mere three years on from that high-flying season the money-strapped side are languishing near the bottom of Division 2. Virtually all of Vale's success in the 90s was down to the managerial prowess of John Rudge, who was ousted from the club almost two years ago; ironically, just after defeat to The Town. Ex-Vale player Brian Horton was brought in to stop the rot, and having never been relegated as a player or manager it was to his utter disappointment that he couldn't prevent Vale from avoiding the trap door to Division Two again. Before the season started Vale were given short odds by bookies for a swift promotion. Instead, the situation has gone from bad to worse, with the Staffordshire club now in 21st position. As warning signs go, the opening day couldn't have been a more obvious indication of things to come - the Burslem-based side going down 4-1 to Oldham. But, with convincing 3-0 wins over Oxford and Swindon in August, Vale appeared to have turned the corner. However, with a record that has now seen just three wins in the league since, and a run of five straight defeats, including the FA Cup defeat at home to Ryman League side Canvey Island, the Valiants are once again facing a relegation dogfight.



Club FACTS...

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Nickname: The Valiants
Ground: Vale Park
Capacity: 22,356
Year Formed: 1876
Highest League Scorer: Wilf Kirkham, 38, 1926-27

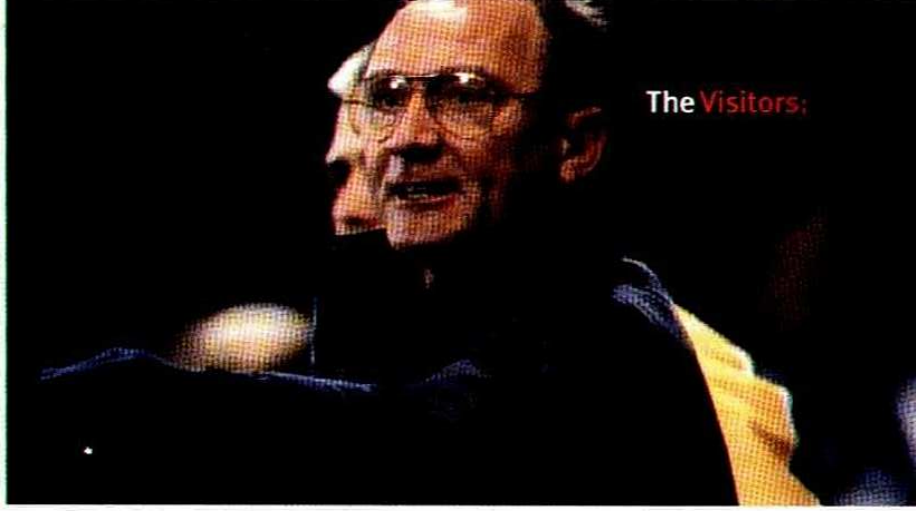


Stephen Brooker

On-Loan Hornet to Sting Town?

Port Vale's biggest threat today could be on loan signing Stephen Brooker. The striker signed from Watford, made his debut for the Valiants last Saturday against Oldham and looked very dangerous in the 0-0 draw.

Brooker started life in Watford's academy and joined the professional ranks on a pre-season tour to Dublin and celebrated his promotion with a goal against St Patrick's Athletic. Brooker's signing gives manager Brian Horton more attacking options and whilst Stephen has made just two substitute appearances for Watford he will be hoping to gain regular first team experience at Vale.



Brian Horton joined Port Vale as manager in January 1999 after taking over the reins from long-serving manager John Rudge. He was born in Hednesford in Staffordshire where he played for Staffordshire schools.

Meet Brian Horton

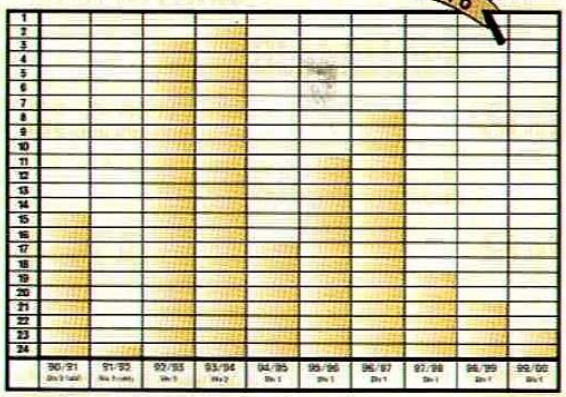


On leaving school, Horton played non-League football for Hednesford Town before joining Vale as a professional.

He played 236 League games for the Valiants and scored 37 goals before Peter Taylor signed him at Brighton in 1976. He led Albion to promotion from Division Three in 1977 and two years later to Division One. He was transferred to Luton Town in the summer of 1981 and again earned promotion as skipper to Division One. His managerial career started at Hull City (as player-manager) and he led them to promotion to Division Two in his first season. He was sacked in April 1988 and moved to Oxford United as Mark Lawrenson's assistant. He took over the managerial role there six months later before jumping into the Man City hot-seat in 1993. He lost that post under Francis Lee and was immediately installed at Huddersfield where his tenure ended in 1997. A sentimental move back to his old club Brighton was followed by a move back to Staffordshire.

Club Facts...

Ten year record...



The last five meetings...

Port Vale	3-0	Swindon Town	(Div 2) 28-08-2000
Swindon Town	2-1	Port Vale	(Div 1) 26-10-1999
Port Vale	2-0	Swindon Town	(Div 1) 25-09-1999
Port Vale	0-1	Swindon Town	(Div 1) 16-01-1999
Swindon Town	1-1	Port Vale	(Div 1) 29-08-1998

Port Vale...

Full time results...

Port Vale	9-1 v Chesterfield	1932/33	Record win
Port Vale	1-10 v Notts Co	1894/95	Record loss

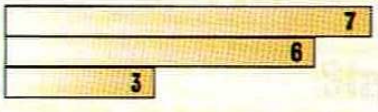
Club honours...

Division Three (North) Champions	1953/54,
Division Three (North) Champions	1929/30
Division Four Champions	1958/59

Next five fixtures...

Sat Jan 20	Port Vale	v	Wrexham	H
Sat Jan 27	Rotherham	v	Port Vale	A
Sat Feb 3	Reading	v	Port Vale	A
Tue Feb 6	Bristol R	v	Port Vale	A
Sat Feb 10	Port Vale	v	Bournemouth	H

Top goalscorer's ...



Tony Naylor

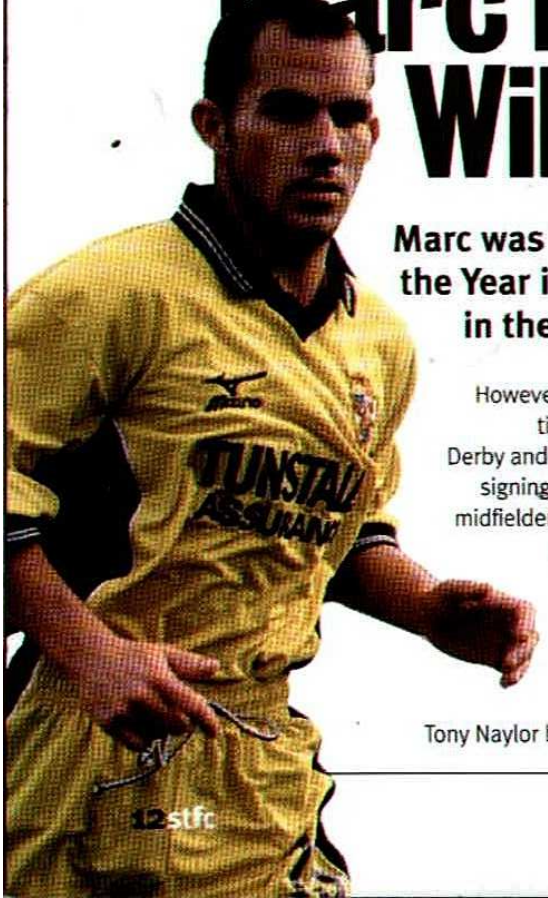
He began his career with non-league Droylsden before moving to Crewe in March 1990 for £20,000.

He was bought from Crewe for £150,000 in July 1994. Due to his small frame he is able to turn defenders inside out and back to front in the box, is very nippy and able to turn sharply in front of goal.

Tony has been Vale's leading scorer twice and has scored a total of 61 goals in 167 appearances. Frustrating at times he more than makes up for it with the touch of class that can leave you shaking your head in wonder. Tony scored the 100th goal of his career last season against Ipswich Town but could only manage one more before spending the rest of the season on the bench. This season however, Naylor has proved that he still has the talent to score goals and has pitched in with 7 goals this term.



Marc Bridge-Wilkinson



Marc was Derby's Young Player of the Year in 1998/9 and top scorer in the reserves in 1999/2000.

However, with competition for first team places tight at Pride Park, Marc was released by Derby and snapped up by Brian Horton as his first signing of the new season. A skilful right-sided midfielder he comes with a reputation for scoring goals from midfield. This is Marc's first season playing in the football league but he hasn't looked over-stretched and has scored some stunning goals. In recent weeks Marc has been deployed up front to play alongside Tony Naylor because of Vale's paper-thin strikeforce.

1 Mark Goodlad



Mark was signed on a free transfer after an initial trial period at Vale Park. Horton was impressed with the youngster and signed him on a free transfer for the rest of the 1999/2000 season. He made his full debut in the final match versus Wolves and impressed with a dominant display.

2 Matthew Carragher

Matt joined Vale during the closed season of 1997, initially on a one-year contract from Wigan. The attacking right back has now extended his contract and has slotted into Port Vale's first team squad with ease and has proved to be a mature and experienced defender despite his youth.

3 Allen Tankard

Tankard has established himself as an important part of the experienced Vale defence. He moved to Vale in July 1993 after spells at Wigan and Southampton. He has now played over 300 games for Port Vale and scored three goals.



4 Dave Brammer



Brian Horton clinched the central midfielder for a fee of £350,000 from Wrexham where he had been since a trainee. He is a strong player who is not afraid to have attempts on goal. He is also a fine passer of the ball and can use both feet equally well.

8 Michael Cummins



A strong but skilful box-to-box midfielder, Michael signed on a free transfer for Vale after a brief trial. An Eire U21 international, Cummins made a handful of appearances for Middlesbrough but moved to Vale Park in 2000 determined to rebuild his career.

12 Dean Delaney



The young Dubliner was signed by Brian Horton to add competition to the goalkeeper position at Vale Park. An Eire U21 International, Dean first came to the Vale Manager's attention when he arrived on trial last season from Everton ,Horton soon snapped him up.

5 Michael Walsh

Michael is renowned for his long throw (40 metres, only four metres short of the world record) and signed for Port Vale during 1998 for £100,000. Before joining Port Vale he played at Scunthorpe where he progressed from a trainee to a first team regular.

9 Ville Viljanen

Finnish international Ville joined the club on a short-term contract at the end of last season. The striker has played in Sweden for the last few years and made his debut as a substitute for Vale against Stockport County in February. He is a menacing attacker who is great in the air.

19 Alex Smith

Alex Smith was signed by Horton when he scored for Chester against the manager's former team Brighton two years ago. Started his career at Everton and moved on to Swindon and Huddersfield. Alex is a left-sided midfielder who can carve up the opposition's defence and put great crosses into the box.

6 Sagi Burton

Birmingham-born Sagi is a well-built central defender who started life at Crystal Palace. The 23-year-old is a good solid defender and because of his height is known to dominate in the air. After initially signing a short-term deal, he earned himself a more permanent contract after suitably impressing Horton.

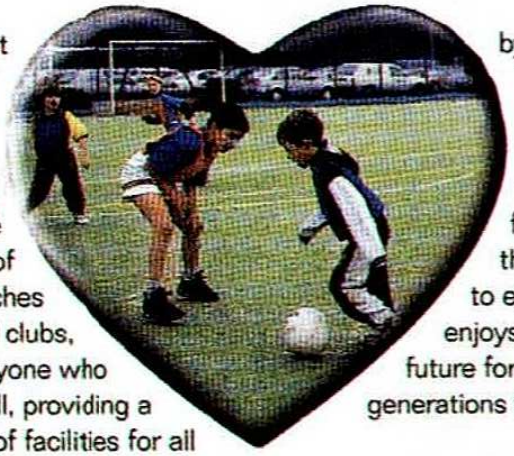
11 Tommy Widdrington

Tommy joined Port Vale after spending a couple of months on loan at the end of season 1998/99 from Grimsby. The ex-Southampton player is a left-sided midfielder, a tough-tackling ball-winner who is also comfortable in a full-back or sweeper role. Is exceptionally committed to Port Vale.

21 Liam Burns

Liam is an Irish central defender who turned professional in July 1997. A Northern Ireland under-21 international, he made his debut as first team substitute at Sunderland in front of almost 40,000 fans and did well in an unaccustomed left wing back role. Since then he has been given a regular first team place.

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Lynch: Pictured here playing for Leeds

Millwall Stalemate


Malcolm Crosby

Reserve League Fixtures Season 2000/2001

Wed	16th Aug	Wycombe W.	2.00	0-1
Wed	11th Apr	Oxford United	2.00	3-0
Wed	30th Aug	Brighton	2.00	0-1
Wed	13th Sept	Bournemouth	2.00	2-0
Wed	20th Sept	Bristol Rovers	2.00	-
Wed	27th Sept	Cheltenham	2.00	4-1
Tues	3rd Oct	Norwich City	7.30	1-2
Wed	11th Oct	Colchester	2.00	1-1
Mon	6th Nov	Peterborough	2.00	2-0
Wed	15th Nov	Cambridge	2.00	H
Wed	29th Nov	Luton Town	2.00	H
Wed	6th Dec	Northampton	2.00	A
Wed	20th Dec	Barnet	2.00	A
Wed	3rd Jan	Southend	2.00	H
Wed	10th Jan	Millwall	2.00	0-0
Wed	17th Jan	Leyton Orient	2.00	A
Wed	24th Jan	Gillingham	2.00	H
Wed	7th Feb	Q.P.R.	2.00	H
Tues	13th Feb	Crystal Palace	7.30	A
Wed	28th Feb	Reading	2.00	H
Wed	14th Mar	Brentford	7.00	A
Wed	21st Mar	Bristol City	2.00	H
Tues	27th Mar	Portsmouth	7.00	A

Ticket Prices will be included in forthcoming programmes.

No less than 24 hours after the first team had fought out a nil-all stalemate at the Den, the reserves followed it up with a similar result, this time at the County Ground in the Avon Insurance Combination League.

The draw will be a blow to Malcolm Crosby whose side, despite being top of the league, have played more games than any other team.

As a result of the bad weather, Crosby's league leaders have had to wait more than two weeks for a game since their fixture at Barnet. Furthermore, with many of the regular reserve players getting a call up for the LDV Trophy fixture, the team that lined up to face Millwall was a combination of youth team players and trialists, Damien Lynch (Leeds United) filling the right back spot.

Chances were at a premium in the first half, although each side came close just before the break. Firstly an impressive run from Kevin Braniff on Millwall's right flank culminated in a dangerous cross and then Chris Hughes had a shot pushed round the post at the other end.

The second half continued in similar fashion to the first, the away side coming closest to stealing the points. Michael Gilkes wasted a superb opportunity in the box after Byron Bubb had beaten his defender and crossed well, and then Craig Farr kept the visitors out in the Town goal with a superb succession of saves under pressure.

All in all an impressive performance from Town's youngsters, some nice touches preluded some attractive football but they lacked firepower in the final third.

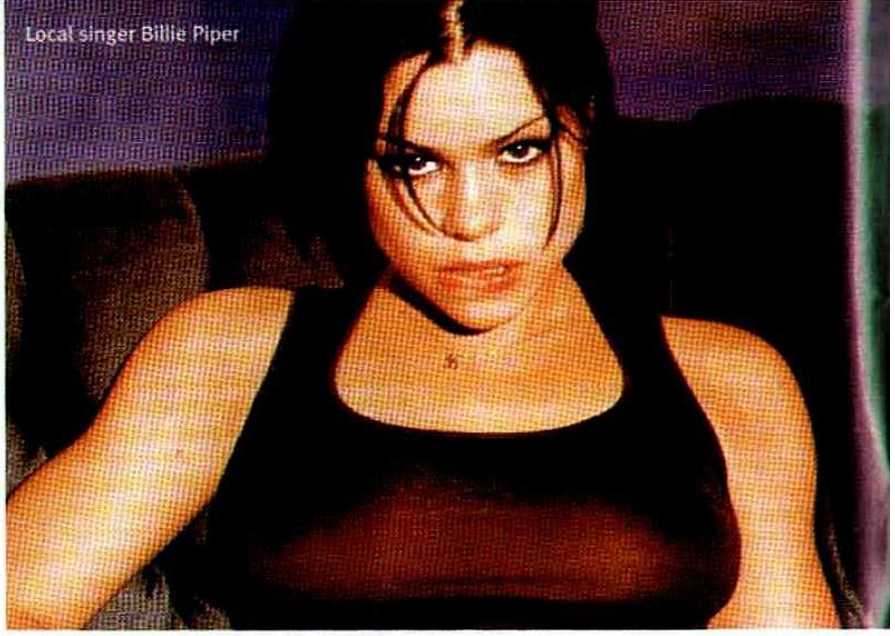


McHugh: Just one of the players that received a call-up for trip to the Den

Dan Chisholm:

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At a time when more and more money seems to be working its way into the Premiership coffers, my ears always prick up at talk of a showbiz personality buying a football club - especially in the lower divisions.


Local singer Billie Piper

Billie, Do Be a Hero

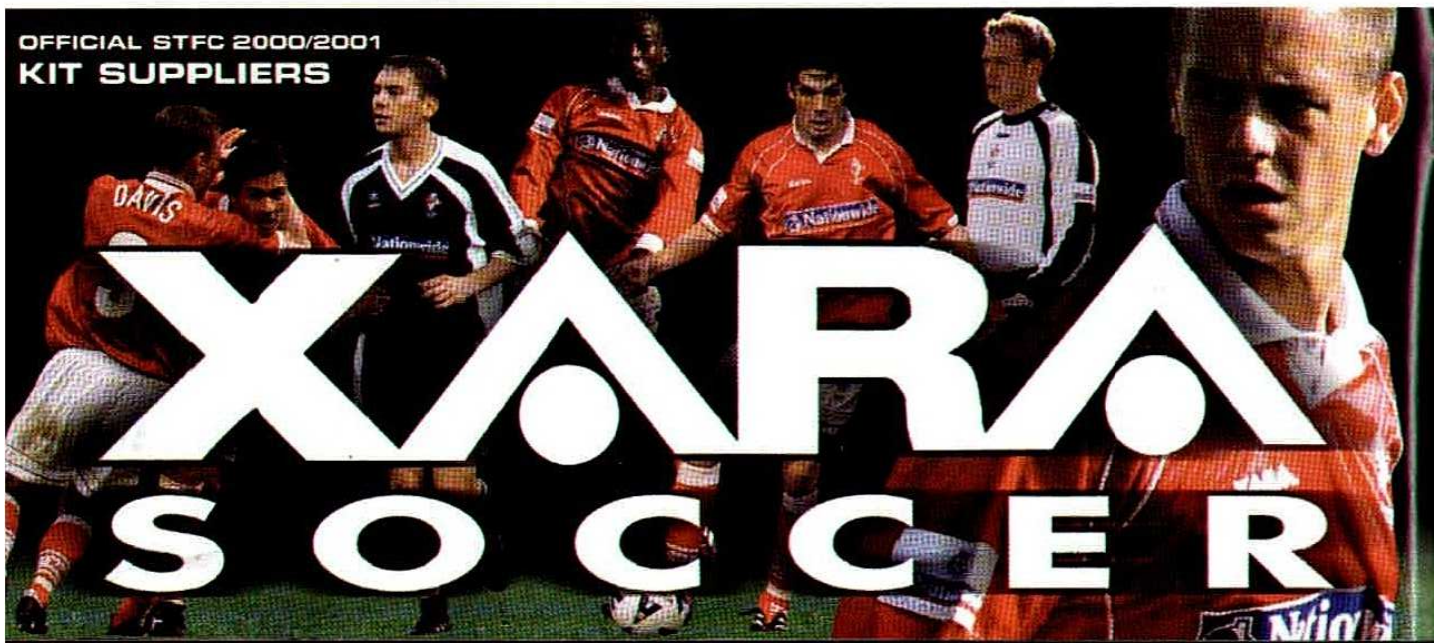


To the best of my knowledge this has only really happened with Elton John's renewed involvement with Watford.

All quiet at Manchester City on any financial involvement of the Gallagher brothers from the rock band Oasis who talked about buying the club. Football clubs are in danger of becoming the latest fashion accessory (after the baby being sported by many celebs) ... Delia Smith's money has hardly been the recipe for success at Norwich City (although I hear the food is better these days) ... and tabloid newspaper talk of Nigel Kennedy adding financial backing to his beloved Aston Villa made me laugh. The concept of chairman "Deadly Doug" allowing anyone into the boardroom who, by profession, is always on the fiddle, is unlikely. Before any lawyers get ideas about suing me .. I was joking - fiddle, violin, geddit? Recently, I read that Robbie Williams had expressed an interest in owning today's visitors, Port Vale. Without wishing to inflame club chairman Bill Bell after his denial of a financial crisis at the club, it's obvious that an injection of cash on the scale that Robbie could provide, would be an enormous help. It did, however, set me thinking. Chairman Terry Brady has done a great job for Swindon Town.

At a time when broadcaster Chris Evans was reported to have given away a staggering 34 million pounds to charity, if the most recent reports of a relationship with Swindon pop queen Billie Piper are true, perhaps she could persuade him to invest a little spare cash in her local football club. If so, let's hope the Piper calls the tune .....

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter



The verdict from the cup defeat against Coventry...



How they saw it

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Record-signing Craig Bellamy gave the 1987 FA Cup winners a dream start as they strolled through to the fourth round at Swindon.

Bellamy pounced on a weak backpass from defender Sol Davis after just four minutes, drilling under a helpless Bart Griemink. City's second came after a cross from Thompson squirmed through to Moroccan international Youssef Chippo. Chippo's initial shot was blocked by Griemink but he squared the rebound to his international team-mate Hadji for the simplest of tap-ins.

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Sol Davis hashed an attempted back pass on the left edge of the penalty area and Craig Bellamy nipped in to give Coventry the lead.

The visitors effectively killed the tie when the visiting skipper hit the target on the hour. Another defensive error allowed City to roar forward down the right. Bellamy slipped the ball to the unmarked Chippo who saw his shot blocked by Griemink. The Coventry striker was quickest to react and threaded the ball across the six yard box where Hadji had the simplest of tap-ins. The goal was greeted by stunned silence and both players and fans seemed unsure whether it would be allowed to stand.

Away www.teamtalk.com

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Coventry City defeated Swindon Town 2-0 at the County Ground, with strikes from Craig Bellamy and Mustapha Hadji enough for the Premiership side.

Coventry got off to the best start as Bellamy hammered the ball past Bart Griemink in the Swindon net. Mustapha Hadji doubled Coventry's advantage on the sixty minute mark following a mix-up in the Town box.

Managers' views...



Andy King

"I thought we were lucky to get Coventry on a bad day," admitted King. "They were there for the taking. Both their goals came from bad mistakes from us, and apart from that I didn't think they looked like scoring."

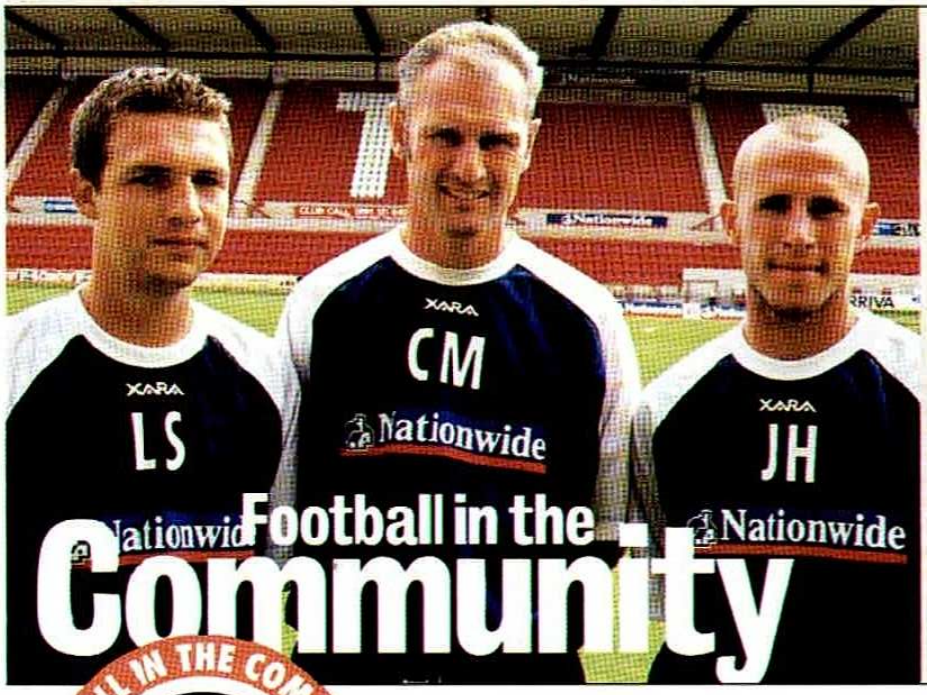
Andy King talking after the game believes that Coventry were there for the taking and was disappointed that Town didn't cause an upset.



Gordon Strachan

"This was always going to be a very difficult tie, many had tipped us to be the side that would be caught out by lower league opposition. The first goal settled us down and despite not playing that well, we did enough to see us into the next round."

Gordon Strachan, talking after the game, expresses his delight and relief of getting through to the fourth round.



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Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's important league fixture against Port Vale.

Here in the Community Office at Swindon Town, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a belated happy and healthy New Year.

The start of every year gives us the chance of planning our major events for the coming year. As we mentioned in our last programme notes, the first big venture of 2001 is our annual Primary School six-a-side tournament.

Normarsh from Wooton Bassett were our gallant winners last year and they went on to represent Swindon Town Football Club in the area finals at Bristol.

Our tournament starts on Thursday 18th January at 4.00pm at Greendown School. The second group games commence on Thursday 25th January at the same time. We have a fantastic 28 local schools battling it out, so if you want to see some entertaining football, come along and support the lads next week.

Our in-school coaching programme has re-started, but again the problem has been the weather. Things are certainly a lot better than they were before Christmas.

Another important date for your diaries is the first course of 2001 which will take place on the Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of February here at the County Ground.

Please give us a call or alternatively, collect your application form from the main reception under the Arkells Stand.

Best Wishes

Clive, Jono and Luke


Action from a recent coaching session



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Swindon's Soccer Centres

Anyone interested in joining the Swindon Town Soccer Centres should ring me at the football club on 01793 644777.

The Centres are open to boys and girls of any ability. At the centres we concentrate on giving the kids coaching in all the basic skills involved in football, as well as playing games. But the main emphasis at the centres is that the kids enjoy themselves.

Although we take kids of all abilities we do have some who are of a good standard and we offer them trials at the Swindon Town Centre of Excellence. Starting this week we have an under-8's trial group starting and there are five kids attending this from our Soccer Centres.

So even though we look for kids of all abilities, there is a chance to progress on to our Centre of Excellence which is a fantastic opportunity.

Enjoy the match

Jimmy Fraser

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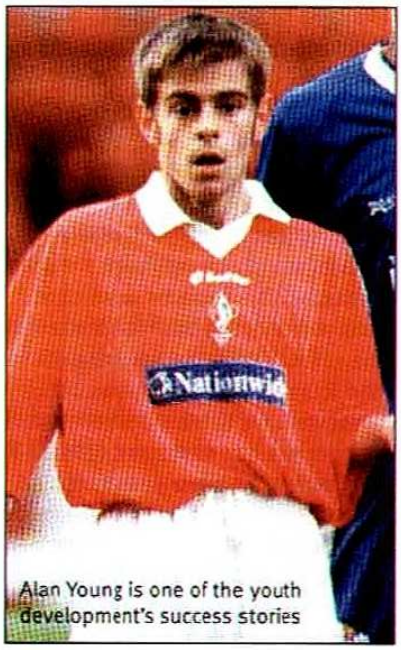
Last weekend our under-17's travelled to Bath University for a game against Bristol Rovers. All season we've been playing a mixture of U-14's, 15's & 16's in these games to develop more "physically developed" youngsters quicker by letting them play against older players.

We've been delighted with the way they have taken their chance and performed to very high standards. Against Bristol Rovers we had a mixture of two U-14's lads, five U-15's, six U-16's & one U-17.

The performance of the U-14's was particularly pleasing with Justin McKay outstanding. Two goals from Mark Draycott and one from Dave Brampton led to a 3-1 victory. The scoreline flattered Bristol Rovers as our lads could have scored a few more. All in all the lads played very well.

On Sunday the U-19's travelled just up the road to Highworth Football Club for a Wiltshire Cup game.

Two goals from Mark Fenwick and scores by Phil Scarlett, Ian Herring and Neil Crosby enabled us to run out convincing winners on what was an atrocious pitch.



Alan Young is one of the youth development's success stories



In a series of new articles we take a look behind the scenes at Swindon Town Football Club and interview members of staff who work off the field.

How and when did you join Swindon Town?

A friend from my previous company told me about it, I had just finished a contract in Chelmsford, she thought I'd be ideal for the challenge ahead and recommended me for an interview. It was the season of 1995/96, a season that would later see us crowned as Champions. I started as ticket office manager, at that stage the office was situated at the back of the Arkells stand and was very outdated! The systems were such that you couldn't book a ticket over the phone! Things have changed and it is remarkable to think about what we have achieved since then. Supporters can now book tickets two months in advance over the phone, by fax, post or even on the Internet. The season ticket, which in 1996 used to be the old books of paper tickets, are now cards that can be swiped, the first of their kind in English football. They were part of a three-year plan, which was unfortunately halted by our period in administration. You never know we might be able to put them to work in the new stadium!

What do you do?

As the seasons have flown by my role has become more integrated with marketing and retail, which shapes the kind of role, that I have now. As well as looking after all areas of ticketing, I get very involved with special events such as Fans' Forums, Open Days, special matches and events such as the Christmas Parade. I manage the content of the On-line shop/ticket office and out news e-mail service. I design and buy all merchandise for the club including the 1st Team Kit for retail and the squad.

I am particularly proud of bringing together the deal that we have with Xara because that came at a time when we were in administration and many suppliers were abandoning us! To get the Kit ready for the squad in time for the start of the season and in the club shop was a great effort.

Describe your average day?

My first major job is to check the response to the news link that I set up this year. Customer orders also come through by e-mail and so it can take a couple of hours to respond to enquiries. The on-line shop can take a lot of updating and then I will help out with ticket sales or serve customers in the shop if I can. With an NTL deal coming up for the internet site, it should become a lot easier to deal with that side of things. Then I will attend a series of meetings with either suppliers to look at new products, or with local Businesses/Colleges to plan forthcoming fixtures and events.

What do you do on Matchday?

I oversee all ticketing and shop operations and deal with any problems that might arise - I don't get to see much of the games themselves! The ticket office is open until half time so by the time the money has been counted and the entire reports checked then it is pretty much the end of the game!

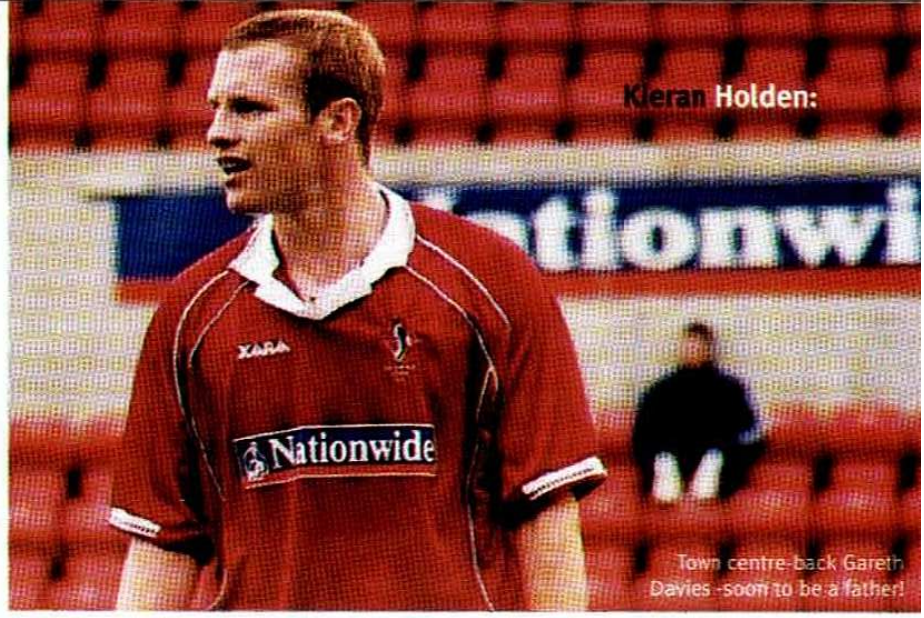
Most memorable moment at Swindon?

Well, before I started working here it had to be the play-off final in 1990 which my friends and I went to. But since I have started working at the club, the Second Division Championship was a highlight, Glenn Hoddle's Chelsea at home for a pre season friendly in 1996 and the recent NSPCC Charity Match, which was enjoyed by everyone who was there. Oh, and getting the youth team to dance to S Club 7 for the 2000 kit launch (Brian)!

Lowest point at Swindon?

There hasn't really been a low point since I have been here, but the constant change and all the things that we have going on can be a bit unsettling.

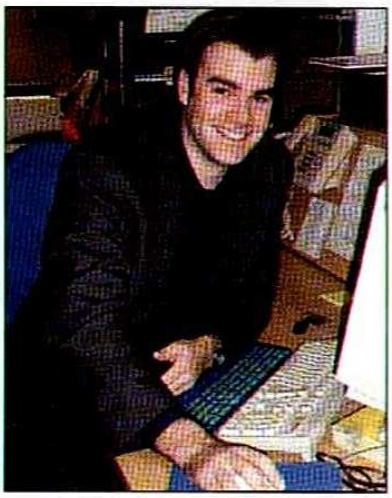
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Town centre-back Gareth Davies -soon to be a father!

It was similar to when the circus came to Town, the old buzz was back at the County Ground, the roads were chocka-block, the car parks were full and there was plenty of excitement despite Coventry coming into the game with an impressive record.

Great Day, but Let's not Talk About the Scoreline



I, and many other Town fans fancied Town's chances. However it wasn't to be and now we are left to focus our attention on the Second Division and the LDV Trophy.

The cup provided a nice distraction from our stuttering league form and gave us all some optimism and hope. It also reminded some of our supporters where the County Ground is, my Father made his annual appearance of the season and so did many other friends who of course, are too busy to come this week. Pleasingly though, there will be some people who came to the County Ground last week and enjoyed the atmosphere and the 'crack' of coming to a football match and that has brought them back here this week.

The events of the past seven days have certainly made me think, that maybe there is too much football on television. While I dragged myself out of bed towards the pub on Sunday to watch Fulham v Man U, I knew that it was going to be another painfully long day. Yes, the spectacle of the Division One leaders taking on the Premiership champions was worthy of watching, but Newcastle and Villa??? Do me a favour, somehow I managed to remain in the pub with the big screen to watch that dross, my boredom extinguished by Guinness. Too many fickle football fans are content to watch their football on the box and not with us in the stands. I could go on but I won't.

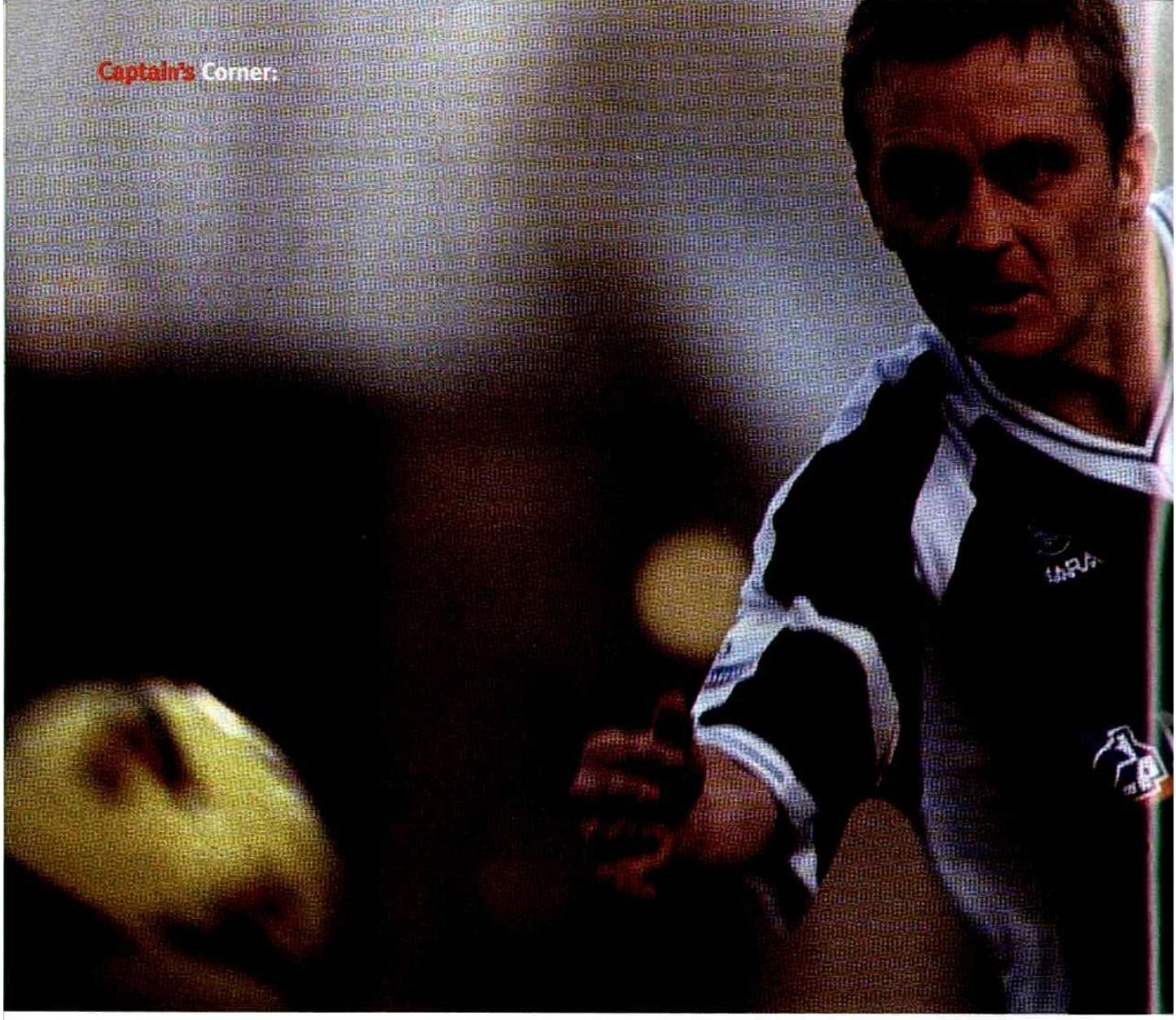
Earlier this week we progressed to the third round of the LDV Trophy with two Swindon born youngsters doing well, Young Alan Young and Kevin Halliday. What has impressed me the most about these two is their confidence, taking a penalty, and scoring. Even someone like me knows that confidence is a very important factor in the beautiful game. Today we play host to the visiting Valiants, a team blessed with about as much luck as us this season. We have both struggled since relegation last season and today as we all know is a six pointer for both sides. One man keen to do well will be Alex Smith. A player who showed real promise during his time here at the County Ground, I seem to remember a 2-1 win at West Brom, with Mr Smith grabbing a goal and inspiring the win from midfield. Unfortunately Alex Smith lost his place in the side and was subsequently transferred.

Finally congratulations go to Gareth Davies who is soon to be a father.....Yes it is a very scary prospect indeed.

Lets shout the boys to 3 points this afternoon... Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden
Matchday Announcer

P.S. Keep you birthdays dedications and requests coming to reception at the County Ground by 'phone 01793 333 700, in person or by email: countyground@email.com



Those of you who followed us up to Staffordshire in August will know how important this fixture is to the players. As a professional footballer, you hate to lose - let alone by three goals as well as the three points, we will be playing for a bit of pride too today.

The importance of this game can be shown by the league positions of the two clubs. Since that 3-0 victory over us in August, Port Vale have endured a terrible run of form and have subsequently dropped into the relegation zone. Ourselves, on the back of a poor Christmas, are looking to climb away from our present position, just one place above the relegation zone.

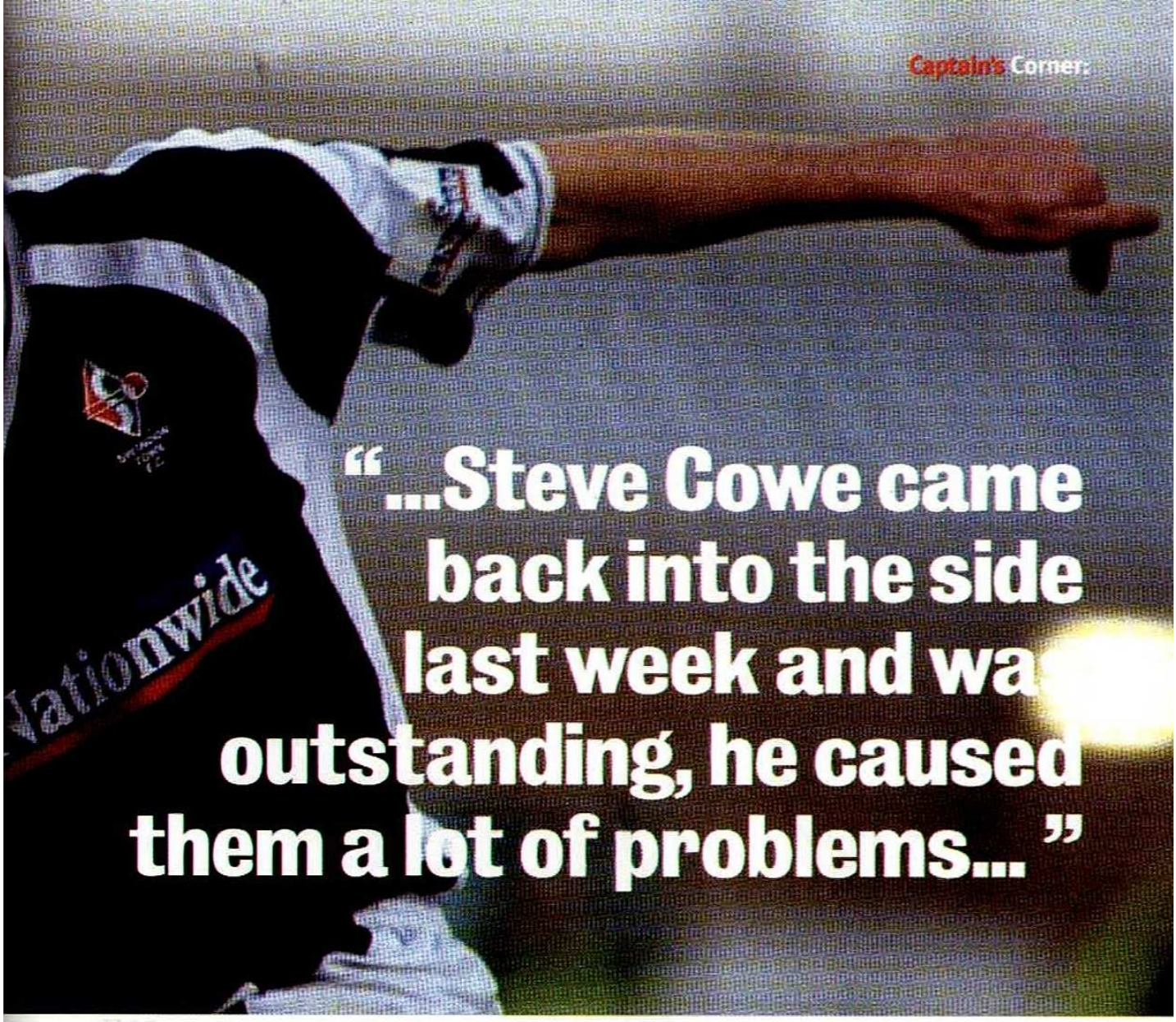
Moreover, Vale have two games in hand over us and so to get three points is paramount. We are all hoping that some of the supporters who were instrumental in creating a fantastic atmosphere last week, will turn up to cheer us on today.

I can't describe the difference it made for the lads to run out in front of a packed, partisan crowd. It makes such a difference and to everyone who came last week, thank you! It was just a shame that we could not get a result and progress into the next round of the FA Cup.

I thought for prolonged periods of the game we played very well and gave a very good account of ourselves. We went a goal down early on and it is very hard to come back from that, especially against Premiership opposition. The goal came from a mistake but nobody is blaming Sol, it is forgotten as far as I can see - we have all made mistakes at some stage of our careers and he has had a superb season.

He is also big enough to come back from that, it wouldn't surprise me if he won the first tackle confidently today.

I can't speak highly enough of Sol Davis, I doubt that you will find a better full back in the division, I thought he did very well to keep his head up after the goal and he played very well until he was substituted.



"...Steve Cowe came back into the side last week and wa outstanding, he caused them a lot of problems..."

Towards the end of the first half and in the first fifteen minutes of the second we looked very dangerous, up until their second I honestly thought we were going to equalise and peg Coventry back to 1-1.

Coventry are a very good side and they were always going to have more of the possession. But I thought that we contained them fairly well and with a bit more luck in front of goal, could have troubled them. Our chances were limited in number and we did get caught offside far too many times, but the chances we did have were very dangerous.

It was a great challenge for the lads to show more experienced players, such as the Coventry lads, just how good we are. It is always nice to play against players from higher leagues and I thought we coped admirably against them. Admittedly Bellamy had a bit of pace on him and he was all over the place. Mind you, in saying that, little Steve Cowe came back into the side last week and was outstanding, he caused them a lot of problems and has done his chances of a return to the side no harm at all.

Despite the fact that we have not progressed into the next round, I think we can take heart from our performance and integrate that spirit into today's game. Mind you, by the time you read this we will have played Millwall in the LDV Trophy so let's hope that we had a good result and can perhaps develop in that competition. Hopefully today we can take the positive approach and battling quality that we showed last week into today's game and really put Vale under pressure.

I think if you asked anyone which game they would have rather won between this one and the Coventry one, we'd take this one because after all it is the league in which you play week in week out. We keep saying that we are better than the position we are in, but it is no good repeating that if we are not winning games.

A victory today would lift the whole club and would put a little bit of breathing space in between ourselves and one of the other struggling clubs. Enjoy the game.

Bart Griemink 1



Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 29/03/72
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 15.4lb

Vale and West Oxon Supporters Group

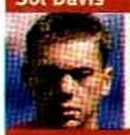
Mark Robinson 2



Position: Defender
Born: 21/11/68
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12.4 lb

Barnes Coaches

Sol Davis 3



Position: Defender
Born: 04/09/79
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11.0 lb

Six Barrows

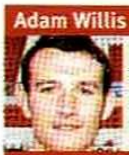
Matthew Hewlett 4



Position: Midfielder
Born: 25/02/76
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 11.3 lb

Bob Rosalind & James Haville

Adam Willis 5



Position: Defender
Born: 21/9/76
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 12.2 lb

The Two Peters

Antoine van der Linden 6



Position: Defender
Born: 04/09/79
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12.2lb

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Keith O'Halloran 7



Position: Midfielder
Born: 10/11/75
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12.3lb

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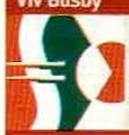
Bobby Howe 8



Position: Midfielder
Born: 06/11/73
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10.4lb

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Viv Busby Youth Manager



Position: Youth Manager
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

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Giuliano Grazioli 10



Position: Forward
Born: 23/03/75
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12.0lb

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David Duke 11



Position: Midfielder
Born: 07/11/78
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 11.0lb

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Juan Cobian 12



Position: Defender
Born: 11/9/75
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11.10lb

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Steve Cowe 14



Position: Forward
Born: 29/9/74
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10.2lb

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Andy Williams 15



Position: Midfielder
Born: 08/10/77
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 10.10lb

50-50 Draw

Daniel Invincibile 17



Position: Midfielder
Born: 31/03/79
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12.4lb

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Gary Alexander 18



Position: Forward
Born: 15/01/79
Height: -
Weight: -

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Frazer McHugh 20



Position: Midfielder
Born: 14/7/81
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11.8lb

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Gareth Davies 21



Position: Defender
Born: 11/12/73
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 11.12lb

Study Centre

Alan Reeves 22



Position: Defender
Born: 19/11/67
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 12.0lb

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Steve Mildenhall 23



Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 13/05/78
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 13.5lb

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Andy King Manager



Position: Manager
Born: -
Height: -
Weight: -

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Malcolm Crosby A Manager



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Born: -
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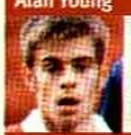
Martin Williams 24



Position: Forward
Born: 12/07/73
Height: 5ft 9
Weight: 11.12

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Alan Young 26



Position: Forward
Born: 12/08/83
Height: 5ft 6
Weight: -

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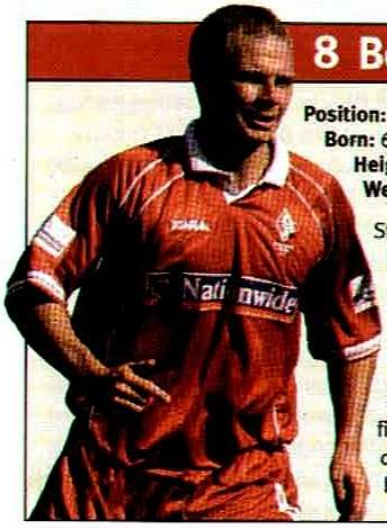
Ian Woan 31



Position: Midfield
Born: 14/12/67
Height: 5ft 10
Weight: 12.4

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8 Bobby Howe



Position: Midfielder
Born: 6.11.73. Annisford
Height: 5ft 7in
Weight: 10st 4lb

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Stephen, who likes to be known as Bobby, is an attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. His confidence suffered last season and he fell out of favour in the first team. However, after being told he could leave the club he has worked hard to re-establish himself in the side.

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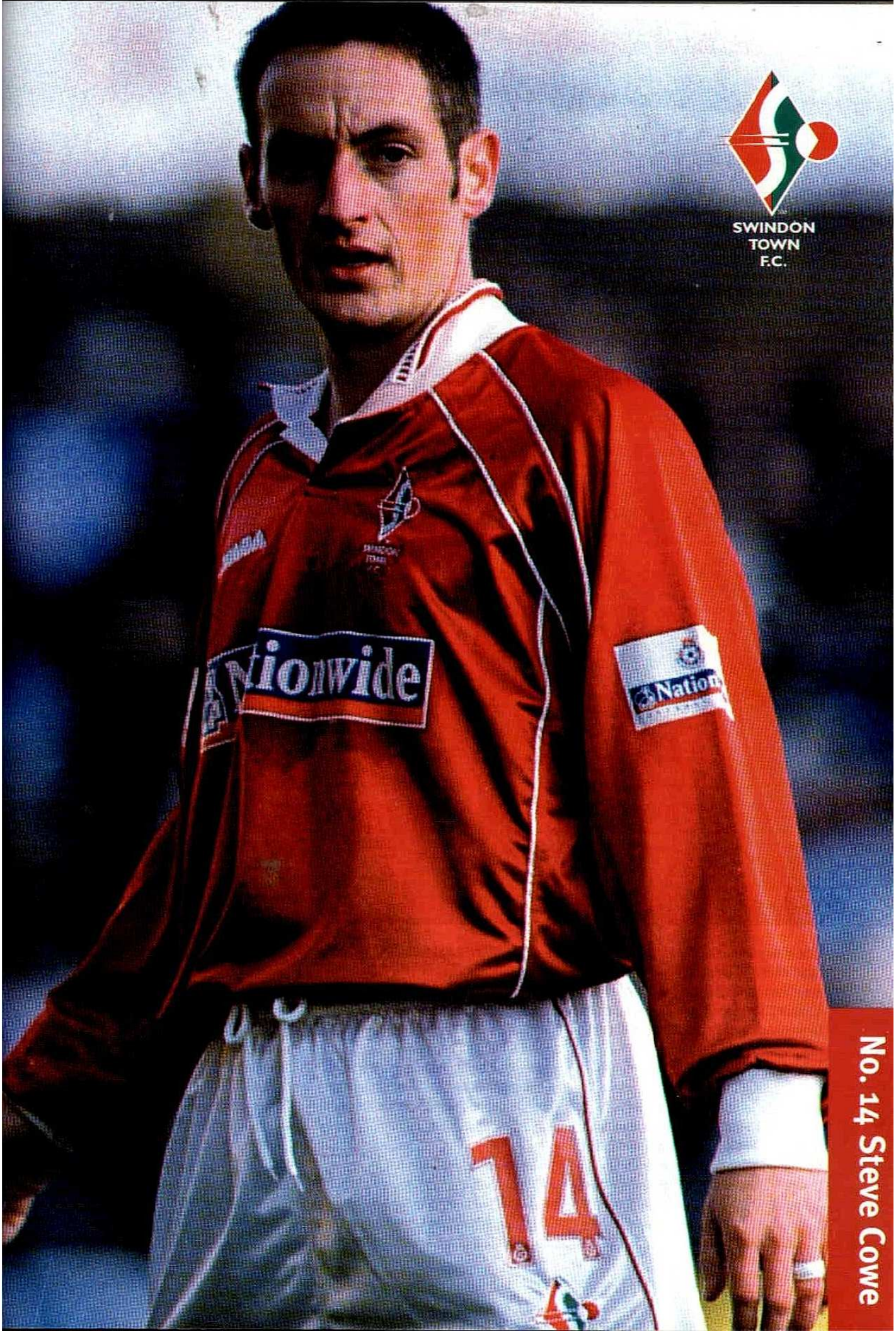
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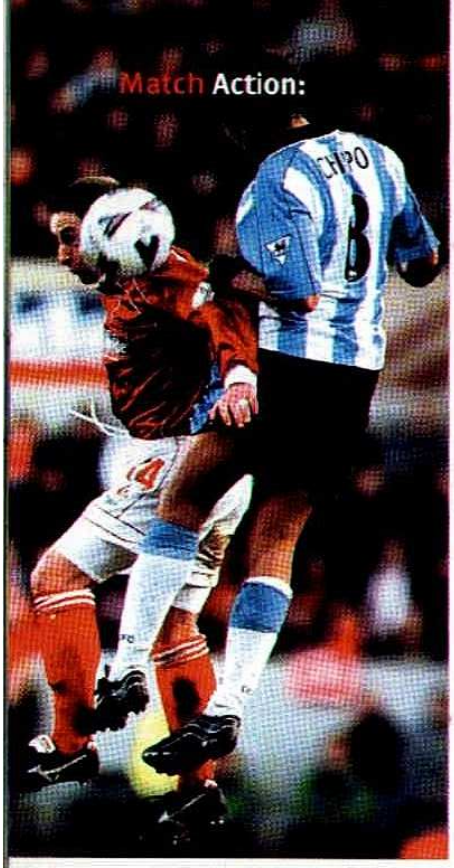
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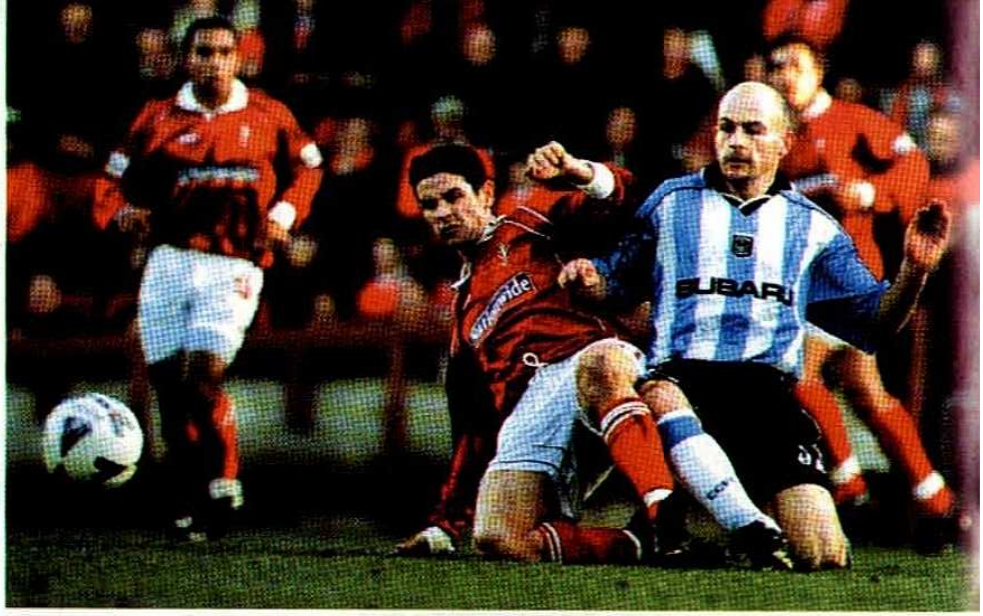
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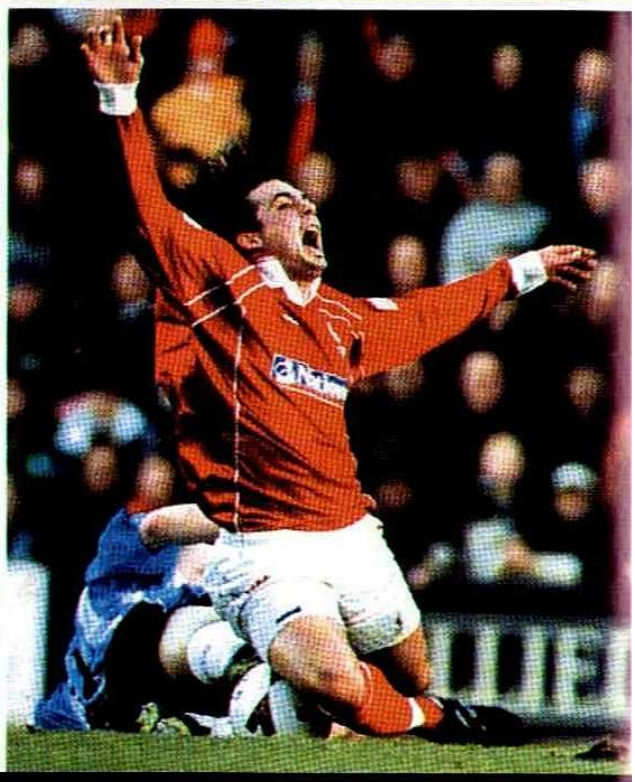
No. 14 Steve Cowe

Match Action:











Swindon 0 vs Coventry 2 C.Bellamy(4) M.Hadji(63)

The glory and romance of the FA Cup would appear to have manifested itself at the County Ground last Saturday, over 14,000 fans turning out to see King's men take on Coventry City.

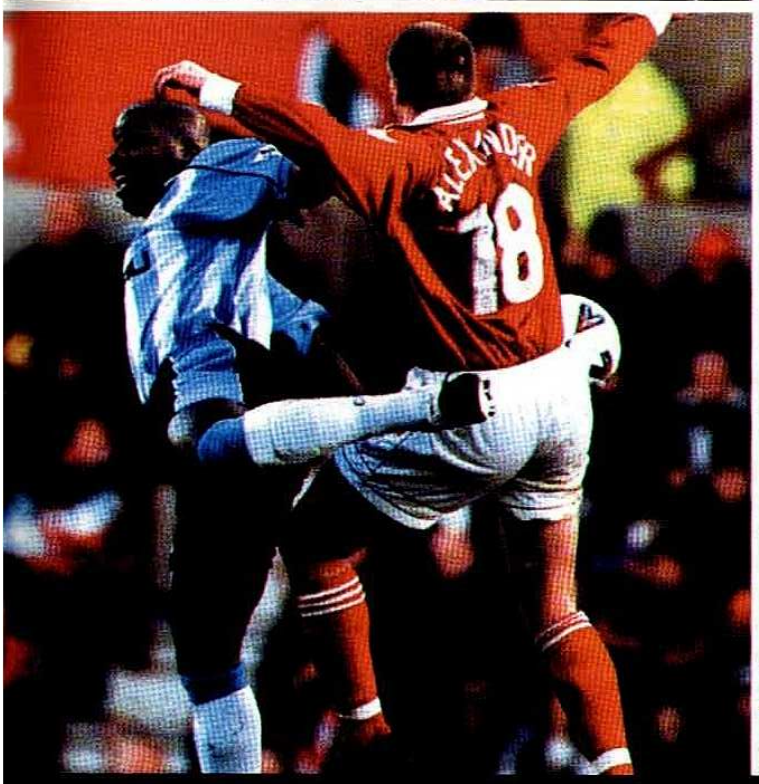
Unfortunately, the optimism and buoyancy of the chairman, players and fans alike was quashed as early as the fourth minute when a mistake by the usually irrepressible Sol Davis was seized upon by Craig Bellamy who struck his sixth goal of the season.

Last Saturday's game was a nostalgic reminder of the Premier League for many fans (if not for the opposition then for the sight of a packed County Ground), but despite the scoreline, Town gave a positive account of themselves, something that can only inspire confidence for today's game and for the rest of the league campaign.

Ian Woan was inspirational in midfield, ever-methodical with what seemed like an eternity on the ball. Steve Cowe was vivacious on the wing and it was from one of his crosses that Town nearly drew level, a wicked delivery that caught out the travelling defence but was foiled by Kirkland in goal. In the second half Invincibile narrowly failed to chip the ball over City's keeper with Alexander waiting to pounce on the rebound.

Within a minute The Sky Blue's had doubled their advantage, the energetic Mustapha Hadji seizing upon another mix-up in the box to effectively end Town's hopes of a cup run.







Match Action:

Town can take heart from this performance, neither side were on top of their game but Coventry's performance did not imbue what would be expected of a Premiership side worth over £40m and on the back of a good run in the league. At times Town played nice football and had it not been for Coventry's effective, if not frustrating offside trap, then perhaps the likes of Invincibile and Alexander may have had a more fruitful afternoon. Still, last Saturday will live long in the annals of the memory of all who attended the game, none more so than Chief Executive Peter Rowe who exclaimed that the club had recorded it's highest gate receipt, £175,175. More importantly was the reaction of the players to the crowd and if we can attract a fraction of those that turned up last week to many league games, then who knows? Anyway, there's always the LDV Trophy...

Bookings:
G.Alexander (foul 46), L.Carsley (foul 16) C.Bellamy (dissent 65)

Swindon:
B.Griemink, S.Davis (J.Williams, 70), A.Reeves, R.Dryden, D.Duke, S.Cowe, J.Whitley (K.O'Halloran, 46), D.Invincible, G.Hall, I.Woan, G.Alexander (A.Young, 77) Unused subs: S.Mildenhall A.van der Linden

Coventry City:
C.Kirkland, M.Edworthy, G.Breen, P.Williams, B.Quinn, D.Thompson, L.Carsley, P.Telfer, Y.Chippo, M.Hadji, C.Bellamy Unused subs: M.Hedman, M.Konjic, G.Strachan, I.Guerraro, J.Aloisi



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. 17 Some Early Sixties Surprises

Programmes did not emerge from their post-war slump in standards until after the 1966 World Cup, but there were rare beacons to illuminate the gloom for early 1960's programme buyers.

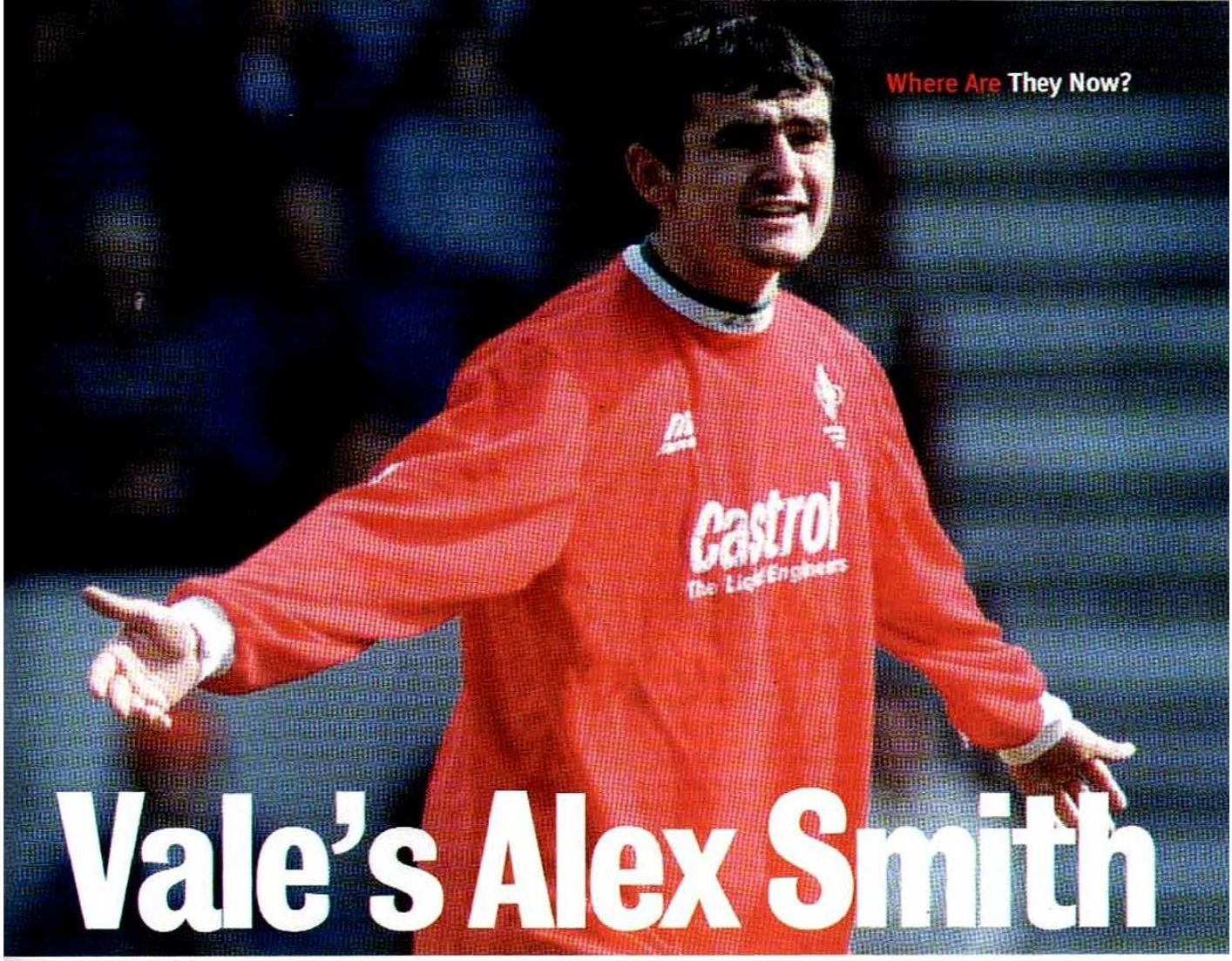
The continued excellence of some of the major London clubs was matched only in isolated instances elsewhere in the country. In Scotland, a notable exception to the rule of indifference was in the capital city, where both Hearts and Hibs produced excellent programmes from the war until the early1960's. Hibs, in particular, enjoyed splendid large-page issues, with thoughtful, informative editorial, an attractive design and plenty of photographs. It could be argued that the Easter Road programme was just about the best in Britain in the1950's. An unlikely outpost for programme excellence was Barrow, now in the Conference, but then a perennially struggling Third or Fourth Division club. For many years the front cover never changed from its stark dark blue and white advert-dominated basic design which contained no match information, inside however, there was unsurpassed value for money in an enormous article by 'Chatter Box'. This ran for up to 7 or 8 pages, consisting of paragraphs of news and comment presented without headings or illustrations. Aesthetically pleasing it was not - but it made for an excellent read. Fulham's programme in the 1960's matched the team - unheralded in comparison with its larger London neighbours, but clinging doggedly to top League status. There was always plenty to read in the Craven Cottage programme which was one of the first to introduce full colour to the front cover. Not far away in West London, Eric White had taken over the Brentford programme and had begun to impart his love for the Bees through its pages. The programme was a slim volume, but the reader-friendly Bees programme of some thirty years under White's influence was beginning to emerge. Portsmouth made an effort to improve their programme in that period with a determination to provide more candid articles from manager and players. In common with their counterparts throughout the Leagues, Pompey could not justify an increase in size or pages and modern print and design techniques were expensive and in their infancy.

However, they recognised that giving more thought and imagination to the contents could easily make the programme more attractive to potential buyers. Such thoughts were not shared amongst the major clubs. The programmes of the Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and Birmingham clubs could not be considered the worst in the League, but they were predictable, changed little with each passing season, and performed only the rudimentary functions. It took the 1966 World Cup to galvanise clubs into action towards improving their image and catering for their supporters needs.

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

The current edition is available priced £2.30 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL or send 9 x 1st class stamps.





Vale's Alex Smith

Alex Smith arrived at the County Ground in January 1996 from Everton, a pacey left sided player who was hotly tipped to go a long way.

Smith spent two years with the Merseyside club as a trainee before signing for the Town who were, at the time, led by another Liverpudlian, Steve McMahon. Smith would eventually stay at the club for just over two years but despite the potential, never really found his ideal position under McMahon. There were signs that Smith was capable of playing alongside his fellow professionals in Divisions One and Two, but he was never given a run in the side long enough to establish a run of form that would substantiate his early praise. Nevertheless, Smith celebrated some fine form in the 1996/97 season but would only appear in Town's starting line-up twice the following year, two successive away games against West Bromwich Albion and Manchester City. Unfortunately the latter of the two was a disastrous 6-0 drubbing that cost several players their places after being lambasted by McMahon, one of which was Alex Smith.

Unfortunately the talented youngster was regarded by the management as a squad player, and after spending a long period of time in the shadows, he relented and moved on to Huddersfield Town. At Huddersfield Smith was often used as a left-wing back and showed how much of a good passer and tackler he was, with a liking for getting forward and threatening the opposing goal. Surprisingly, after only five months at the McAlpine Stadium Smith was released and signed for Chester City later that year and then nine months later, today's visitors Port Vale. Chester, despite recognising his talents were forced to sell having suffered from financial difficulties - it was even rumoured that he was in line to receive 'Players' Player of the Year.' It was an impressive performance including a goal after just twenty seconds against Horton's former club Brighton that persuaded Vale's manager to sign him up for a minimal fee of £75,000 in 1999.

The 1999/2000 season was blighted with injury for Smith. After starting both games against his old club Chester in the Worthington Cup, he injured his ankle in the next league game against Tranmere Rovers and did not reappear in the first team for another six months.

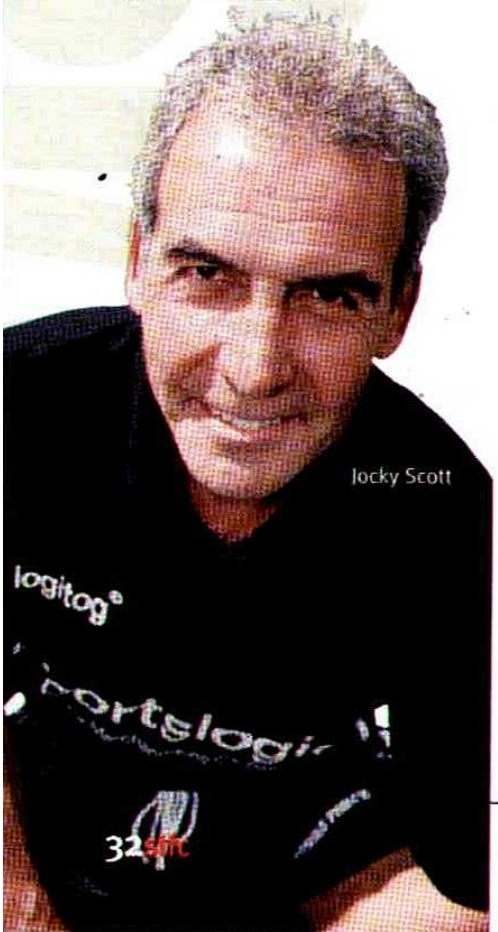
Alex managed six starts after his return to fitness but the team lost five of those games. This season has started brightly for the former Robin, perhaps the highlight being a goal against Swindon earlier this season in a 3-0 win at Vale Park. Let's hope that he doesn't repeat that kind of form in today's vital league game!

Magpies Flying High

Notts County boss Jocky Scott was saluting his players after being awarded Nationwide Division Two's Manager of the Month award for the month of December.

Scott has also proclaimed that he is using his side's rich vein of form to mount a promotion bid to Division One. The Magpies are flying high after an excellent December run lifted them into the top 10 and to within five points of the play-off places.

Automatic promotion is probably beyond Scott's side with over half the season already gone but Scott, at a Nationwide lunch to celebrate his managerial award, insisted that climbing into the first division is well within their capabilities, "The play-offs are our best option. But one never knows in this game and if we can continue our good run into next month and the month after that, who knows?"


Jocky Scott



Lucas Neill

Neill Attracting Attention

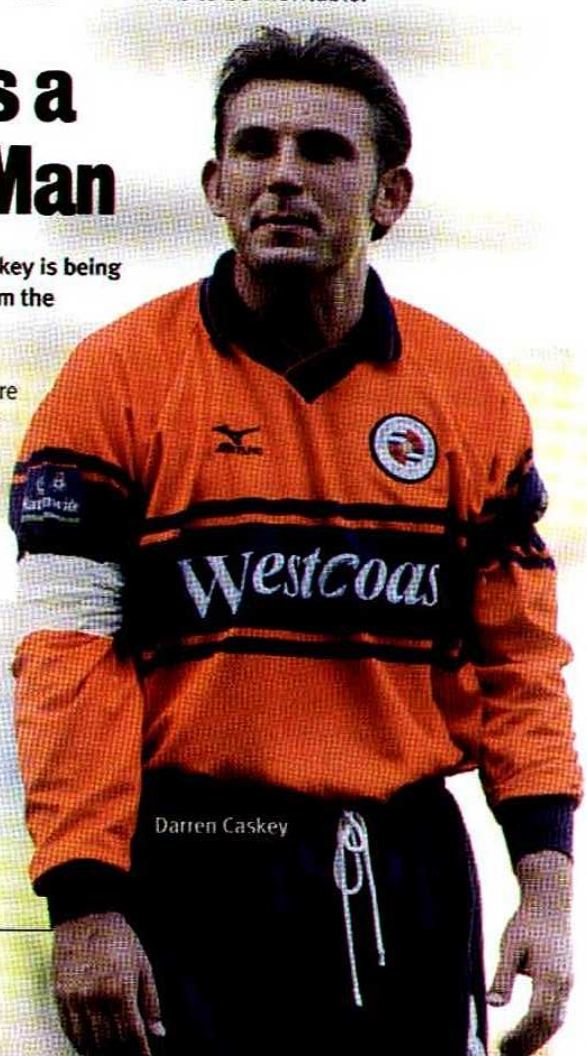
Once again the form of Millwall's Lucas Neill has sparked rumours that he may be leaving the New Den for the Premiership having attracted the attention of Leicester City and Sunderland.

The 22-year-old Australian wing-back has been in outstanding form for the Lions this season and has attracted the attention of a host of big clubs, with Leicester and Sunderland (amongst others) leading the race for his signature. Neill will be a free agent at the end of the season and available on a Bosman transfer when his contract expires. A move away from the second division South London club looks to be inevitable.

Caskey is a Wanted Man

Reading hit-man Darren Caskey is being linked with a move away from the Madejski Stadium.

Bristol City and Wimbledon are reportedly in the hunt for the former England Under-21 international, who has become increasingly unsettled and despondent. The former Tottenham midfielder, who cost the Royals a then club record £700,000 in 1995, was dropped for a couple of games last month. The 26-year old has been a popular figure amongst the Berkshire faithful, but his tenure with the Thames Valley club has often been uneasy.



Darren Caskey

Barker to Join the Millers



Macclesfield Town striker Richard Barker has joined Nationwide Division Two high-flyers Rotherham after rejecting a move to third division Rochdale.

The former Brighton centre-forward has joined Ronnie Moore's ambitious outfit for £100,000, hours after doing a U-turn on a decision to join Steve Parkin's well-placed Dale side. Barker has long been touted as one of the third division's most dangerous strikers and was the leading scorer with 16 goals for the Silkmen last term.

Division Two Give a Good Account in Cup

Despite only a small number of Nationwide Division Two clubs making it through to the next round of the FA Cup, the clubs made a good account of themselves. Bristol City assured themselves a place in round four with an impressive win at Huddersfield.

Whilst Town were narrowly beaten by the Sky Blues, Peterborough were humbled by Ranieri's cosmopolitan side at Chelsea whilst Liverpudlian Ronnie Moore saw his side educated at Anfield in a 3-0 defeat. Walsall put up the biggest fight against Premiership opposition, putting two past the Hammers but unfortunately narrowly going down 3-2. Cambridge are the only other side to have gone into the hat for the fourth round, facing Bolton at home.


Action from the Coventry Game

Ice Bond Strengthened at Stoke

Stoke City have appointed Icelandic Supreme Court Attorney Stefan Geir Thorisson as vice-chairman, ending speculation that Phil Rawlins would fill the position left vacant by Efar Adelsteinsson last month.

With the advent of Adelsteinsson's decision to quit the position, it was expected that Rawlins would be offered the position as a gesture of goodwill after buying a 10 percent stake in the club. However, the Icelandic company that owns two-thirds of the club felt the position should be filled by fellow IcelanderThorisson, "I am delighted to be joining the Board of Stoke City. It is a challenge and a very exciting appointment for me."

The Lawless Cobblers

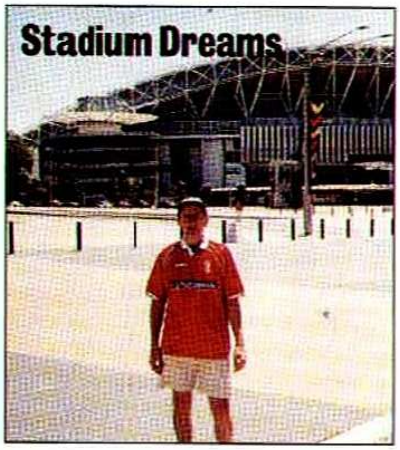
Northampton Town are reported to be keen on non-league strike sensation John Lawless.

The Burscough striker has made a dramatic impact since making his debut for the first team at the end of last season. The 18-year-old frontman became an instant hit with the fans when he netted the equaliser to secure promotion to the UniBond Northern Premier League for the club. Northampton have been watching Lawless' form very closely and were present at the club's two-all draw with Altrincham.

FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!

Stadium Dreams



Pictured here is Kelvin Brewster 'Showing His Colours' in front of the Olympic Stadium in Australia.

This picture was sent in by Ken McKenzie and Kelvin, also from Kintbury, is hoping that Swindon's new stadium will look something like Sydney's Olympic Stadium! Both Kelvin and Ken visited the arena shortly after the Paralympics were held there.

Paris getting an Ei-ffel



Pictured above here is avid Town fan Tracy Richman sporting the new club kit in Paris, France.

Tracy is a mad Town supporter and was fortunate enough last year (October) to visit Paris, she is pictured here 'Showing Her Colours' on the Eiffel Tower overlooking the capital. We hope that Tracy enjoys today's game against Port Vale!

Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

Please send in your suggestions to PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB, or e-mail nick@pia-am.co.uk.



WWF's The Big Bossman



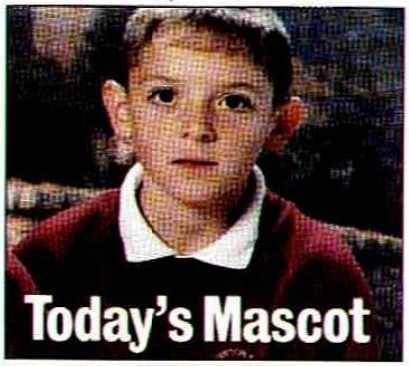
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New Year Appeal!

Once again we are appealing to all Town fans to send in their contributions for this page, your opportunity to get your picture or story into the official matchday magazine.

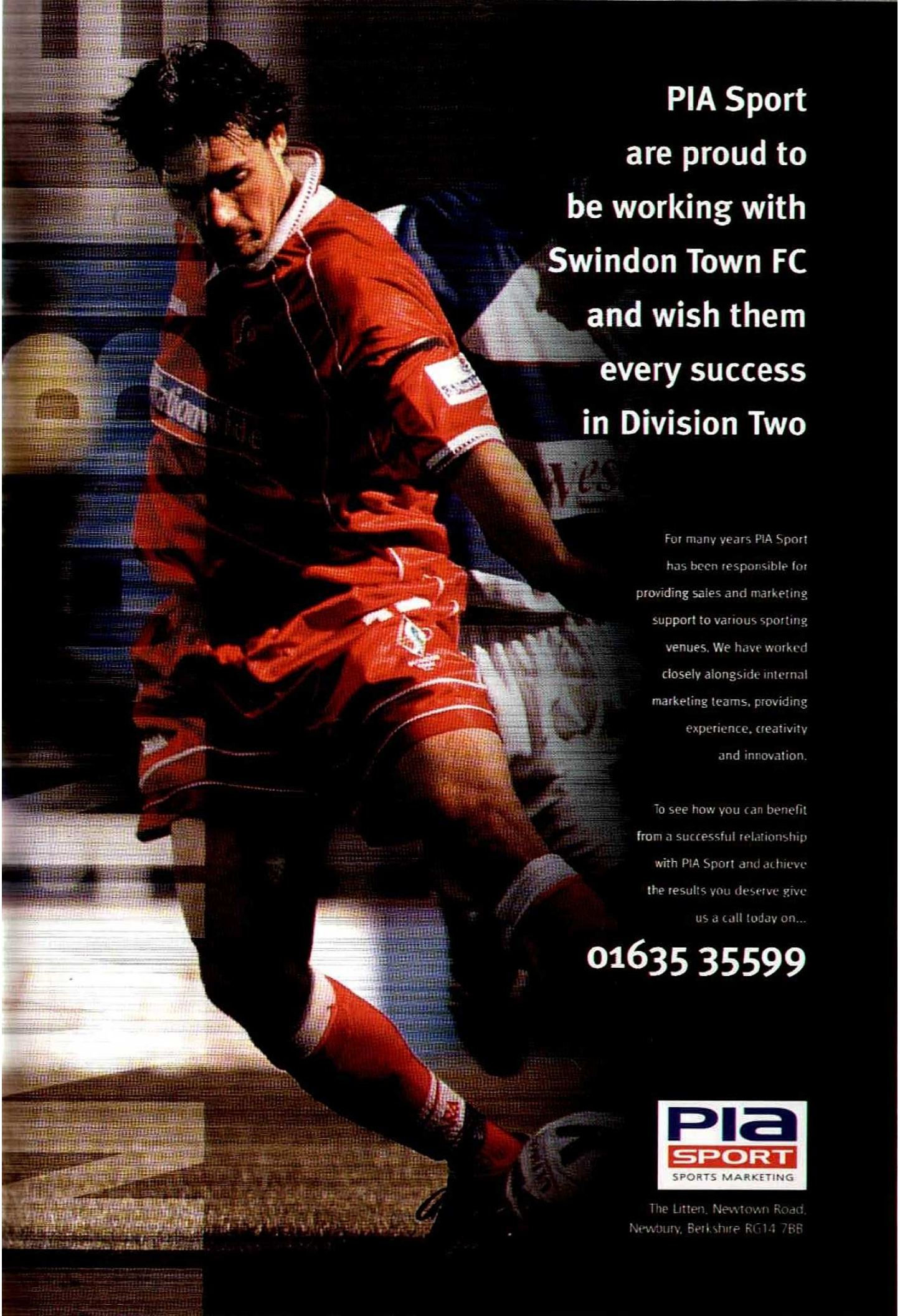
As you can see, we are running out of ideas for the look-a-likes so why not send us your ideas? Any pictures of you or your friends in Town kit around the world or on away travel, we would love to see them! We would love to see this page as full as possible with your stuff -so it is up to you and let's see those contributions coming!

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Today's Mascot

Today's lucky mascot is Ashley James Warriner who is nine years old today! Ashley attends Chesterton Primary School and apart from being a massive Town fan, he lists his other hobbies as playing football, swimming and judo. Ashley will be hoping to catch a glimpse of his favourite player Bart Griemink as the Town take on Port Vale today. We wish Ashley a Happy Birthday and let's hope that he brings us luck today!



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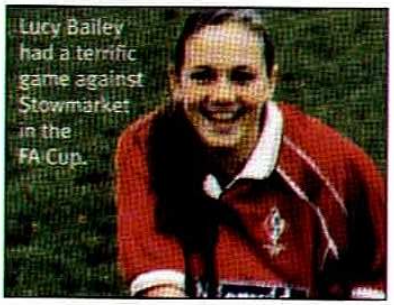
The Town Ladies reached the fourth round of the "AXA" Women's FA cup with a 2-1 win over Stowmarket Town.

Having been postponed twice, this tie was eventually played on a pitch that was very muddy in patches making it difficult for both clubs to play good football. Stowmarket settled quicker and the Town were put under severe pressure early on. The Town were attacking the heavy end of the pitch and found it difficult to string any passes together in the mud. The Town however did take a first half lead against the run of play through Katy Lemon who scored from 35 yards. The Town were able to play better football in the second half but as the game progressed, the home side threw everything they had forward in an attempt to get back into the game. In the 83rd minute they drew level although it was very short-lived, in fact the next time that a Stowmarket player touched the ball was to pick it out of the back of the net. Holly Ashman was fouled almost straight from the restart and Pam Ashman knocked the free-kick into the box to Tracy Peacock who fed Diane George to score from close range. The winning goal made the long journey home bearable! The Town reserves were beaten by five goals to four by Fleet Town. Laura Morgan scored a brace, Hayley Sprules and Angie Tinson notched the other goals. Tomorrow the Town face Enfield in the fourth round of the "AXA" Women's FA Cup. The game will be played at the Ballards Ash Sports Ground in Wooton Bassett and will kick-off at 1.00pm.

Roger Reeves

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	P-P
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
1st	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	6-2
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-2
29th	Oct	Wimborne - FA Cup 1st	9-0
12th	Nov	Southampton - FA Cup 2nd	3-0
19th	Nov	Denham United	9-3
26th	Nov	Reading	6-1
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2nd	2-1
10th	Dec	Portsmouth	P-P
17th	Dec	Bristol City	P-P
7th	Jan	Stowmarket - FA Cup 3rd	2-1
14th	Jan	Enfield - FA Cup 4th	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A



Lucy Bailey had a terrific game against Stowmarket in the FA Cup.



Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1990 VS

Swindon Town players had just returned from a break in Spain when they faced up to Port Vale in a bid to secure more points towards securing a play-off place in Division Two.

For supporters it was a chance to take their minds off the growing rumours of illegal payments.

Also a topic of conversation on the terraces and in the stands was the decision of the Wiltshire branch of the Safety in Sports Grounds Committee to force Swindon to make all of their remaining home games all ticket.

There seemed to be no danger when Swindon were awarded a free kick following a hand-ball by Vale defender Robbie Earle. Town skipper Colin Calderwood spotted Vale keeper Mark Grew off his line and belted a huge kick from fully fifty yards. It floated over the keeper and into the net for what is probably the longest shot ever to bring about a goal at the County Ground. Swindon increased their lead in the 26th minute when a cross from Tom Jones on the right had the Port Vale defence in rouble.

Neil Aspin was not able to reach it and, with Mark Grew racing out of goal at the last minute and colliding with his defender, Steve White slipped in to head the ball into the empty net. It was a 'route one' effort that brought a further Swindon goal in the 41st minute. Digby hoisted a long clearance kick that bounced over the visitors defence and into the path of Duncan Shearer who hit it home on the volley.

The second half was something of an anti-climax. Grew seemed to have recovered from his first half misfortunes and twice did well to stop Alan Mcloughlin's efforts, as well as preventing Shearer and White from adding to their goal tally.

Even Grew was helpless when Jon Gittens moved up to join the attack but the central defender's header just cleared the bar. "They play neat, attractive football and are undoubtedly one of the best sides in the division" was the comment of long-serving Vale manager John Rudge on Town's team, whilst Colin Calderwood said it was pleasing to have produced a good display for home fans in a season when most of their best football had come in away matches.

"The victory over Port Vale put Swindon third in the table and they remained in a play-off position at the end of the season."

The victory over Port Vale put Swindon third in the table and they remained in a play-off position at the end of the season. They won their way through to Wembley but the 1-0 victory over Sunderland proved to be something of a hollow one as the League authorities took away Swindon's place in the top division. Port Vale finished the season in mid table with 61 points.


Steve White

Swindon:
Digby, Kerslake, Bodin, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Gittens, Jones, Shearer, White, McLaren (Hockaday 89) and Foley (Simpson 75)

Port Vale:
Grew, Mills, Hughes, Walker, Aspin (Parkin 54), Glover, Porter, Earle, Cross, Beckford (Millar 69), Jeffers

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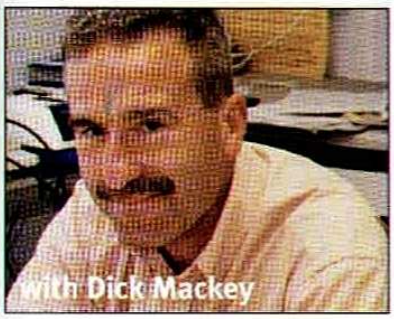
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Bobby Howe could play today

Coming Along Nicely

Hello and welcome to today's important league game at the County Ground. Those of you who were here last week at the Coventry game will have read that we had a growing injury list. Fortunately there were no additions from that two-nil defeat.

Instead it is more of a case of treating the same faces as last week, quite fortunate as there were a few of them! There were about five or six players in the treatment room on Monday morning, some of which had very minor injuries and subsequently resumed training later that day. However, we do still have **Adam Willis** who is still recovering from the injury to his heel. Unfortunately (and frustratingly for him) he is still encountering a small amount of discomfort. On Monday we tried to get a shoe on him, it sounds trivial but it is really affecting a small area of his heel. **Bobby Howe**, who last week had an aggravation called Achilles Tendinitis, is doing very well. He has come through the last week very nicely and should have been back in training before today's game and indeed, could be in the frame to play today.

Matty Hewlett continues to do well - to progress at a steady pace. He is still earmarked for a trip to Lilleshall on the 15th of January - that visit will really establish how well his recovery is going and also where we go from there. We are hoping that we can introduce some more complicated ball work - really test his leg.

Andy Williams is still with us, we had hoped that he may have returned to some ball training by now but he is still a casualty of some tenderness on his abductors which he did have prior to this injury - so he is not having the best of luck. As a result we left him until Thursday when he saw a specialist - it is a big problem but we have to make sure that he is absolutely right when he returns.

Finally, we have **Martin Williams** with us who, last week, had a haematoma on his back. He really struggled with it last week because there was also a slight strain on his AC joint, but it would have appeared to have improved dramatically.

Junior Robins



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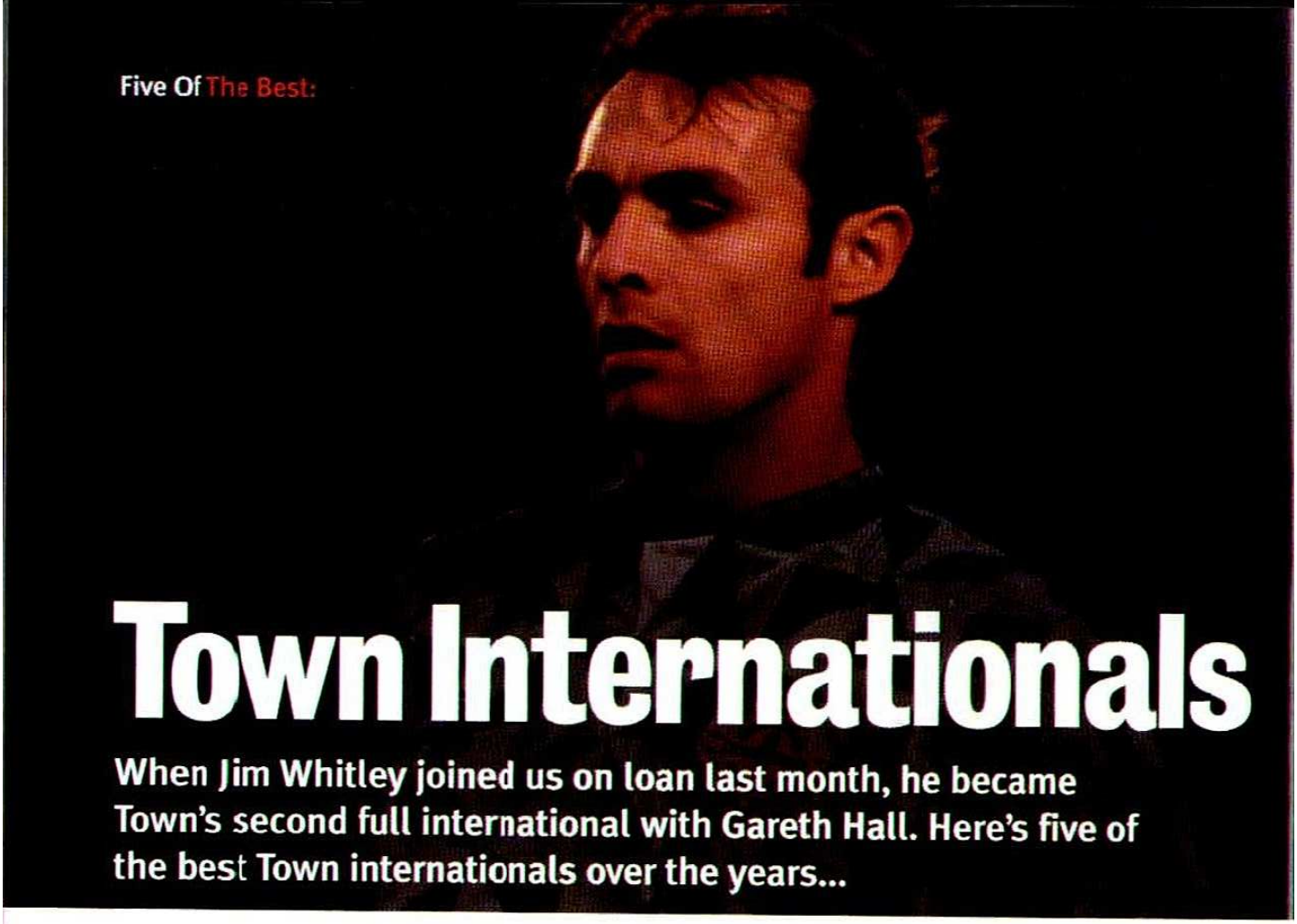
Our away match to Brentford on January 20th is our first trip for 2001 - only a short journey on the M4, so come on you Robins, let's see if we can have a full coach this time. The following matches are also booked for you:

Wrexham	**February 4th 2001**
Bristol Rvrs	**March 24th 2001**
Millwall	**April 14th 2001**
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George Chadwick



Town Internationals

When Jim Whitley joined us on loan last month, he became Town's second full international with Gareth Hall. Here's five of the best Town internationals over the years...

5 Jimmy Quinn
Northern Ireland

Jimmy Quinn was born in Belfast on the 18th November 1959. Jimmy's usual position with Swindon in his early days seemed to be on the bench.

After being signed from Oswestry Town for £10,000 his first appearance was in the number 12 shirt in a home match against Walsall on 9th March 1982. A move to Blackburn Rovers saw him score 23 goals before he returned for a second spell at the County Ground in December 1986. Quinn exercised his right to move at the end of the 1987/88 season and the Football League tribunal awarded Swindon £210,000 when he joined Leicester City.

A true test of a class player is how he performs at international level and, although playing for Northern Ireland, by no means a great power in the soccer arena, Jimmy had enough quality to score 12 times in his 48 international appearances.

4 Jan Aage Fjortoft
Norway

It was Town's assistant manager David Hay who first brought Jan Aage Fjortoft to John Gorman's attention.

Fjortoft had previously played under Hay whilst he was in charge of Lillestrom FC. The six foot four inch Norwegian international became Swindon's most expensive-ever signing prior to the start of the 1993-94 season when he signed in July for £500,000. 'Jan the Man' Fjortoft's international caps eventually reached the grand total of 73. Town needed a player of international quality to spearhead their Premiership campaign.

Jan went 21 matches without scoring and was only making an appearance against Ipswich Town in the League Cup due to Keith Scott being cup tied. Fjortoft latched onto a through ball by Ling and equalised for the Town and in doing so, opened his account for Swindon Town. In all Jan recorded 38 goals in 74 starts for Town despite his slow start. It became clear that Steve McMahon, who replaced John Gorman, decided that the extravagant Fjortoft was not his kind of player and he was soon on his way. Fjortoft left to join Middlesbrough for £1.3m in March'95. Fjortoft went on to play for Sheffield United and Barnsley, amassing over £3m in transfer fees in the English game before leaving Britain for Eintracht Frankfurt.



Jan Aage Fjortoft



Nestor Lorenzo tackles a Cameroon player in the 1990 World Cup

Glenn Hoddle in action for England

3 Nestor Lorenzo
Argentina

Arguably one of Swindon Town's forgotten greats, Nestor Lorenzo is this week's number three with his impressive display in the 1990 World Cup Final for Argentina.

Nestor Lorenzo was signed in 1991 by former Argentinian (and number one in this week's five of the best) Ossie Ardiles as cover for the injured Colin Calderwood. During his loan period from Bari, Lorenzo proved to be a rock at the heart of the Towns' defence, but in a cup tie against Norwich, he showed the physical element of the game. Lorenzo left his mark on 24 minutes when, after a professional foul, he was sent off.

Still, Lorenzo formed part of Carlos Bilardo's Argentinian squad of 1990, starring along the likes of Diego Maradona, Batista, Caniggia and Jose Basualdo. Nestor wasn't there to make up the numbers either, appearing three times, including the final against West Germany. In fact, Nestor was one of the Argentinian players to swarm around the referee following his decision to give West Germany the penalty that would see Germany win the cup.

One can only imagine that Ossie Ardiles' presence lured such a precocious talent to Wiltshire. Not only a crowd favourite and proverbial defensive stalwart, but also a rarity in these parts, one of the original foreign imports, along with Newcastle's Mirandinho he instigated the current influx to the lower divisions.

2 Glenn Hoddle
England

Glenn Hoddle is arguably the most gifted player ever to grace the County Ground.

Described as one of the most skilful players of his generation, Hoddle won 53 England caps scoring 8 goals in the process during his 12 years at Spurs before he moved to French club Monaco. After his release in 1990, he was appointed manager of Swindon Town in April 1991. Together with assistant John Gorman, Hoddle established the club as a passing team and also brought overwhelming success in promotion to the Premier League. On the opening day of the 1992/93 season, Hoddle scored the winning goal against Sunderland with a 30-yard screamer, as well as the opening goal in the play-off final at Wembley. His ability to turn a game with a defence-splitting pass will never be forgotten at the County Ground, and people will always wonder what might have been had he played for Swindon in the Premiership.

Having started the European revolution as manager of Chelsea, Hoddle moved up to the England hot seat. He is now manager at Southampton.



Ossie Ardiles on his way to winning the World Cup in 1978 against Holland

This Week's Winner: Ossie Ardiles

1 Osvaldo Ardiles
Argentina

'Ossie' was born on the 3rd August 1952 and went on to become one of the all-time greats of World football.

His illustrious career took off at Argentine side Huracan where he made a name for himself as a midfield playmaker and brought the attention of national coach Cesar Louis Menotti. It was in his home country of Argentina that Ossie Ardiles scaled the dizzy heights of world football supremacy, lifting the World Cup in Buenos Aries in 1978.

No sooner had Ardiles collected his winner's medal when both he and international team-mate Ricardo Villa became the surprise subject of a move to Tottenham Hotspur.

Ardiles made up £300,000 of the deal that brought international quality to Britain. His time at White Hart Lane brought the North London club great success, winning the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, making Ardiles an absolute bargain buy.

Following the departure of Lou Macari in 1989 Town opted for the diminutive Argentinian to succeed him as the manager of Swindon Town Football Club. Ardiles put his stamp on Town's team, adjusting the formation to give it a more flowing and attacking look.

Town enjoyed instant success under Ardiles, winning at Wembley in the play-off final of 1990. Town were demoted and a year later, Ossie Ardiles moved north to take over at Newcastle United where he could expect greater financial backing to build his team.

Following an unsuccessful stint with the Magpies, Ardiles returned to Tottenham in 1993 but it only lasted a year and he left these shores in search of a new challenge - taking him to Asia and later back to his home country.

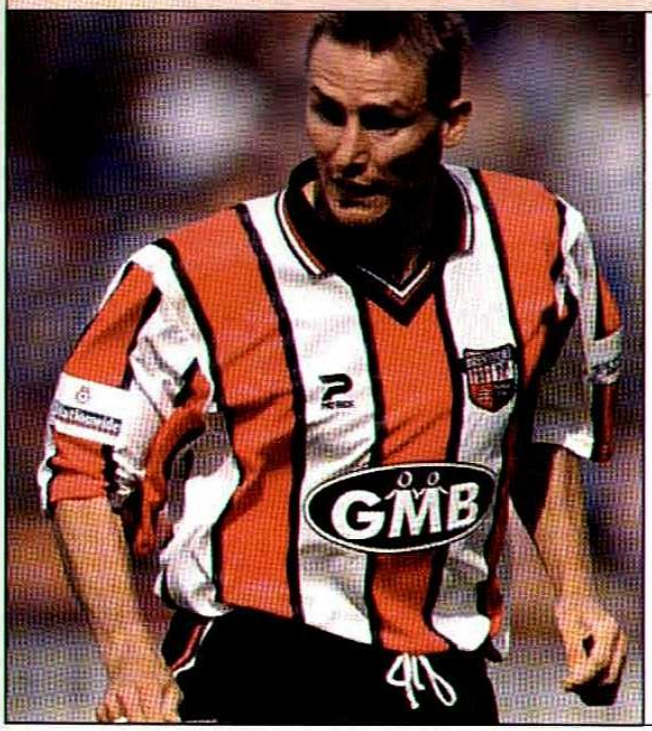


Ossie Ardiles celebrates our short-lived promotion in 1990

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE — V Brentford Football Club

(AWAY) Saturday 20th January 3.00pm

Picture: Andy Scott



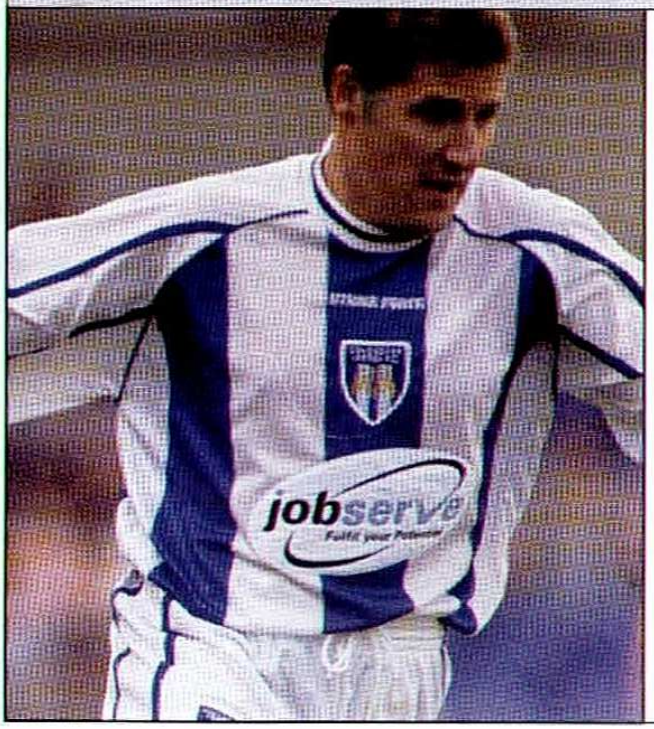
Town travel to Griffin Park to face a boisterous Brentford side less than a month after their 3-2 home home defeat by the Bees.

That 3-2 win (courtesy of a 71st minute winner from Paul Evans) extended an unbeaten run of six games, a sequence that continued with a convincing 3-0 win over strugglers Oxford. And all that without a contracted, permanent manager! A poor start to the season paved the way for Ray Lewington to deputise as caretaker-boss, yet his mercurial vein of form has not earned a permanent bond with the club - the latest option, former coach Brian Sparrow, throwing a proverbial spanner in the works. Brentford's blistering form has coincided with Andy Scott's fortune in front of goal, add to his strike against Swindon a brace against Oxford United to take his season's tally (at the time of writing) to 15, no surprise then that the offers have been coming in. Swindon will have to keep him quiet if they are to get a result.

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE — V Colchester Utd Football Club

(AWAY) Tuesday 23rd January 7.45pm

Picture: Steve McGavin



Town defenders will be relieved that they will not be facing Lomano Tresor Lua Lua when they face Colchester United for the second time this season.

The skilful striker did everything but score in the 0-0 draw earlier in the season, with a display of silky skills and terrific pace that would later see him sign for Newcastle in a deal worth £2.25m. Colchester were the bookies' favourites to enter the relegation trap door this season but the U's have established themselves in mid table. The club's present position could be a result of their ability to defeat the side's below them, although they have not fared as well against the higher clubs - wins against Oxford and Luton before Christmas were followed by a 6-1 mauling at the New Den, a run of form that imbues the club's lack of inconsistency. Still, the form of players such as Steve McGavin and Karl Duguid has been so influential in keeping the U's above the relegation zone, and the arrival of Keith Scott has also bolstered a thin squad.

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Nationwide Football League

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AWAY v Brentford Football Club
Saturday 20th January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at Griffin Park. 636 seats available to pay on the day.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults:	£15
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AWAY v Wrexham Football Club
Sunday 4th February 1.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture at the Racecourse Ground. No tickets, pay cash at the turnstile.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults:	£13
Concessions:	£8
Juniors:	£8

AWAY v Colchester United Football Club
Tuesday 23rd January 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture at Layer Road.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults:	£10 - £12
Concessions:	£5 - £7
Juniors:	£5 - £7

HOME v Bristol City Football Club
Saturday 10th February 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 Bury Football Club
Saturday 27th January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. This is a Family Day with half price family tickets, for further information ask at the ticket office.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults:	£15 - £18
Concessions:	£8 - £10
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*if bought in advance

AWAY v Cambridge United Football Club
Saturday 17th February 3.00PM

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the Abbey Stadium. No tickets, pay cash on turnstile. 300 seats,1800 Terrace.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults:	£10 - £11
Concessions:	£7
Juniors:	£7

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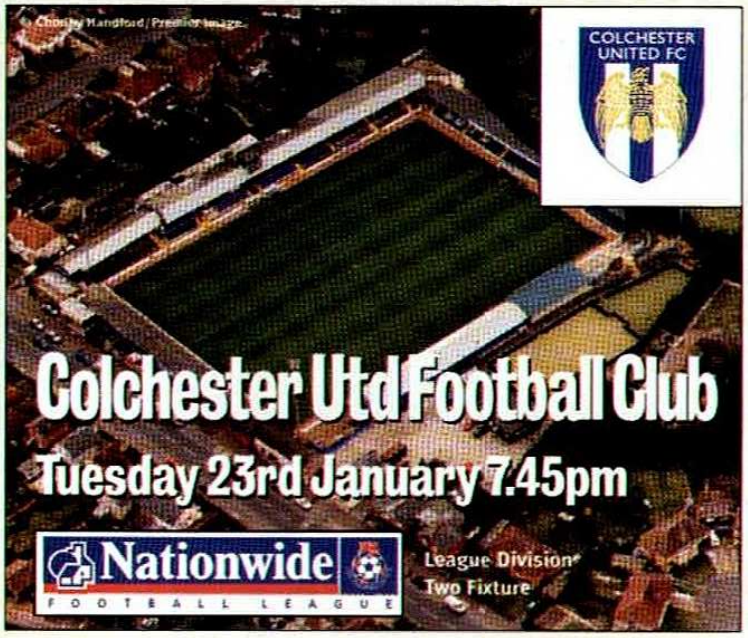
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What a fabulous turnout last week by fans of the Town and we can only hope that a high percentage of them turn out again for today's game, which is just as important for the fortunes of the team.

Last week's attendance certainly gave an indication that there are a significant number of Town fans out there just waiting for a small upturn in fortunes before returning to the fold. We do hope that a large number of those attending last week are here today and reading these notes, for what is a vital game. In our attempt to preserve our second division status. Let's give the team every support in noise level and try to re-create last week's atmosphere. The Coventry match last week saw the Football Club set a record for gate receipts. We ourselves generated record sales of the Evening Advertiser Robins Revival Half - time draw.

Ticket sales for the day amounted to 980, leading to the prize fund reaching an all time record high of £490. The winner of this windfall was Mr T.J. Bull who purchased his ticket number of 618 in the Danny Williams hospitality suite. This is the first time this season that a ticket purchased in this area has won, but what a match to do it in.

Our thanks to Ernie Hunt for drawing the ticket on the pitch at half time and we are only sorry that his prediction of a 1-1 scoreline did not come true. The ticket drawn by Ernie took prize money given away this season to in excess of £5000 and we hope that supporters continue to support the draw. We must also thank all those supporters who responded to our request for additional sellers on the day. Your efforts were tremendous and resulted in such a significant achievement. Thank you. If any other supporters wish to help at future matches, please contact Roger Bunce on 01865 820499. It is not too late to join the regular payment scheme for the last 10 matches of the season. Please complete the required details from the form printed below and send to us C/O The County Ground. Good luck!

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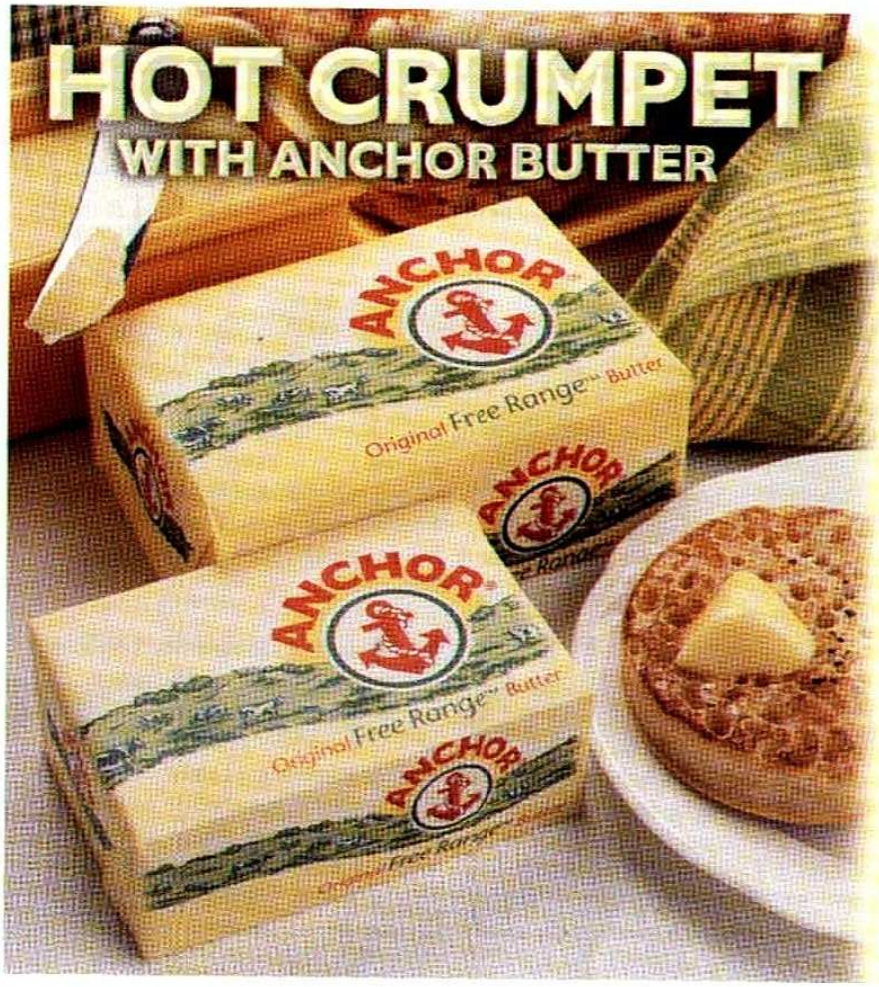
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A Working Man's game?

The game of football has seen many changes in recent years and, doubtless, will see many more in the future.

The game is currently in a period of massive transition and 'the people's game' or 'the working man's game', as descriptions of our national winter sport, are no longer relevant. The monies involved and the relentless incursion of the corporate machine have ensured that.

Football has come an enormous way since its origins. However, those roots are wholly uncertain. We simply don't know where, how and by whom football was first played. Academics have unearthed evidence that a form of football was played in China, centuries before the Romans invaded the British Isles and brought their game 'harpastum' - from which the modern game has evolved - to these shores. Indeed, when Japan made their bid for the 2002 World Cup some years ago, they made reference to their own 14th century game of 'kenatt' from which they claimed soccer had developed. The rules have changed over the centuries but what is certain is that the pursuit of a ball, in some form or another, has been man's passion from time immemorial. Football in this country appears to have evolved from a lawless game played locally on Shrove Tuesdays, beginning in the town square or on the village green.

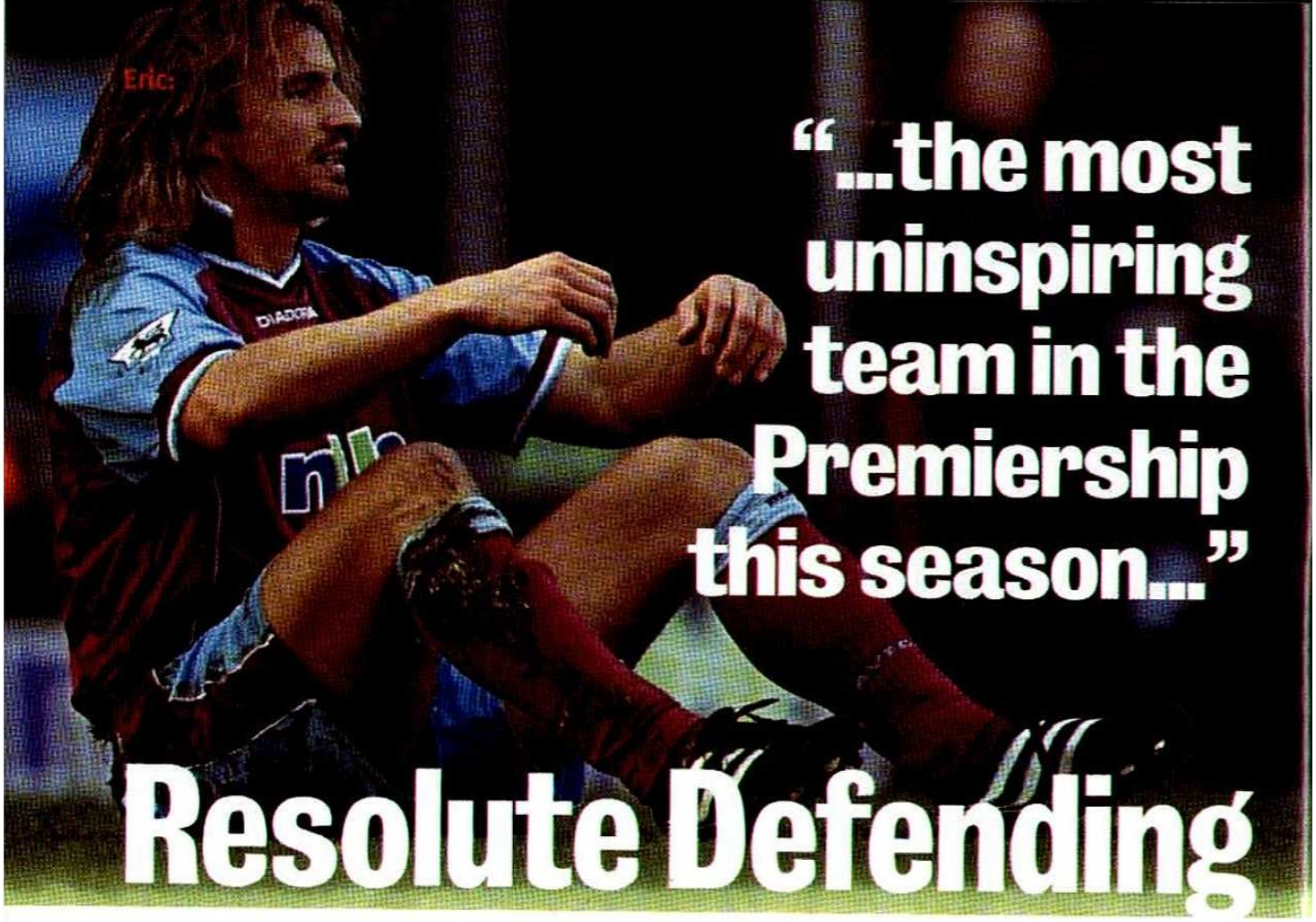
The object was simply to propel a ball into the opponents' goal - usually some distance away - by whatever means. This form of football is played annually to this day in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. By the early nineteenth century the game had become widespread. It was played between teams of unlimited numbers over large, borderless areas. It had also become an extremely violent game and a very dangerous pastime to pursue.

Over the years many attempts had been made to outlaw it. In 1314, Edward II banished the game from London and declared it to be a breach of the peace after being petitioned by traders whose businesses were being affected by games involving huge numbers of people being played in the city's streets. In 1349 he again tried to put an end to football fearing that the youth of the day were spending more time playing it than practising archery and honing their military skills. Richard II, Henry IV and James III all made similar attempts to banish football, all to no avail, and the game continued to flourish. However, Cromwell succeeded in putting an end to it and it did not become popular and widespread again until the late 17th century.

The game as we know it today - played between teams of eleven on an enclosed area - came about via the public schools and the universities of Oxford and Cambridge in particular.It was they who sought to standardise football and bring order to what had become an excuse for mass disorder and physical carnage. This fact flies in the face of the 'working man's game' epithet for it was developed by the rich and priviledged - for the rich and priviledged! The first determined attempt to regulate football was initiated at Cambridge university in 1846 when a meeting involving representatives of all the major public schools and universities drew up a set of rules which were later adopted by the Football Association when it came into being in October 1863.

The rest, they say, is history.

The Wanderer



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Resolute Defending

Only seven days into my New Year's resolution and I had already broken it.

When deciding upon which option to go with this year, I presented myself with another alternative to the usual; 'I'm going to cut down my mobile phone bill' and 'I'm going to lose weight' because, after years of experience, I have realised that they will never happen. I decided to stop doing something I didn't like, thus giving myself more chance of success. Little did I realise that it would only last a week, a full seven days less than normal.

I had decided not to waste my Sunday afternoons/Monday evenings watching Aston Villa play football on television. For those of you who have had the displeasure of watching the most uninspiring team in the Premiership this season, you will understand that it wasn't a bad resolution. Time-after-time I've sat through Andy Gray describing how John Gregory's men are 'hard to beat', isn't it just another way of saying boring? I found myself settling down to Newcastle versus Villa in the FA Cup third round and, when the rest of the draw produced cup-ties to savour, I sat through another very forgettable 90 minutes in the presence of the 'Villains'. With plenty of time to occupy my mind I found myself lamenting. 'Is being hard to beat enough to think they can challenge for the Premiership title, or even challenge for a European position?' I concluded that if the actions of their own players over recent months is anything to go by; England internationals Gareth Southgate and David James vaunting their dissatisfaction with life at Villa Park by submitting transfer requests, then the answer must be a resounding no.

Not forgetting that Villa are a big club and with the likes of Merson, Ginola, Hendrie and Barry on the books, why are the men in claret and blue failing to produce the kind of football that gets fans to their feet? Much-maligned chairman Doug Ellis has, in the past, made available the necessary funds to turn John Gregory's also-rans into European contenders at the very least.

The problem, it seems, is that the Villains can't attract Europe's big-name players and every time I watch them it is becoming more obvious why the fans at Villa Park are turning up in fewer numbers and why they should expect more than just 'hard to beat'. In these times, for our country's elite clubs, this isn't enough. Perhaps it's just that Gregory is finding it hard to let go of the strong-arm tactics that he developed so well incharge of Second Division Wycombe Wanderers. Admittedly, it's all relative, how much would us fans at the County Ground enjoy the tag 'hard to beat' for our team?

All is not lost for the Villa Park faithful, the imminent arrival of a big-money striker is in the offing and whether it's Juan Pablo Angel or Benni McCarthy, it shows that Gregory is aware of the problem he is facing. On the other side of the coin, I'm certain Andy King knows the extent of the problem he is facing. Just making the current Town team 'hard to beat' will be his immediate concern and mine will be to plan next year's resolution with a little more care.

Week in Pictures

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

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Thursday 4th

Finnish international Jari Litmanen signs for Liverpool from Barcelona in a two-and-a-half-year deal



Friday 5th

Jim Jeffries suggests that Bradford cannot afford luxuries such as Stan Collymore and Benito Carbone



Saturday 6th

Non-league Dagenham and Redbridge celebrate a draw against Premeirship Charlton at the Valley



Sunday 7th

Sherigham scores the winner for United in a narrow 2-1 win over Fulham at Craven Cottage



Monday 8th

Hamilton Ricard scores the winner for Middlesbrough against Bradford in front of a depleted crowd at Valley Parade



Tuesday 9th

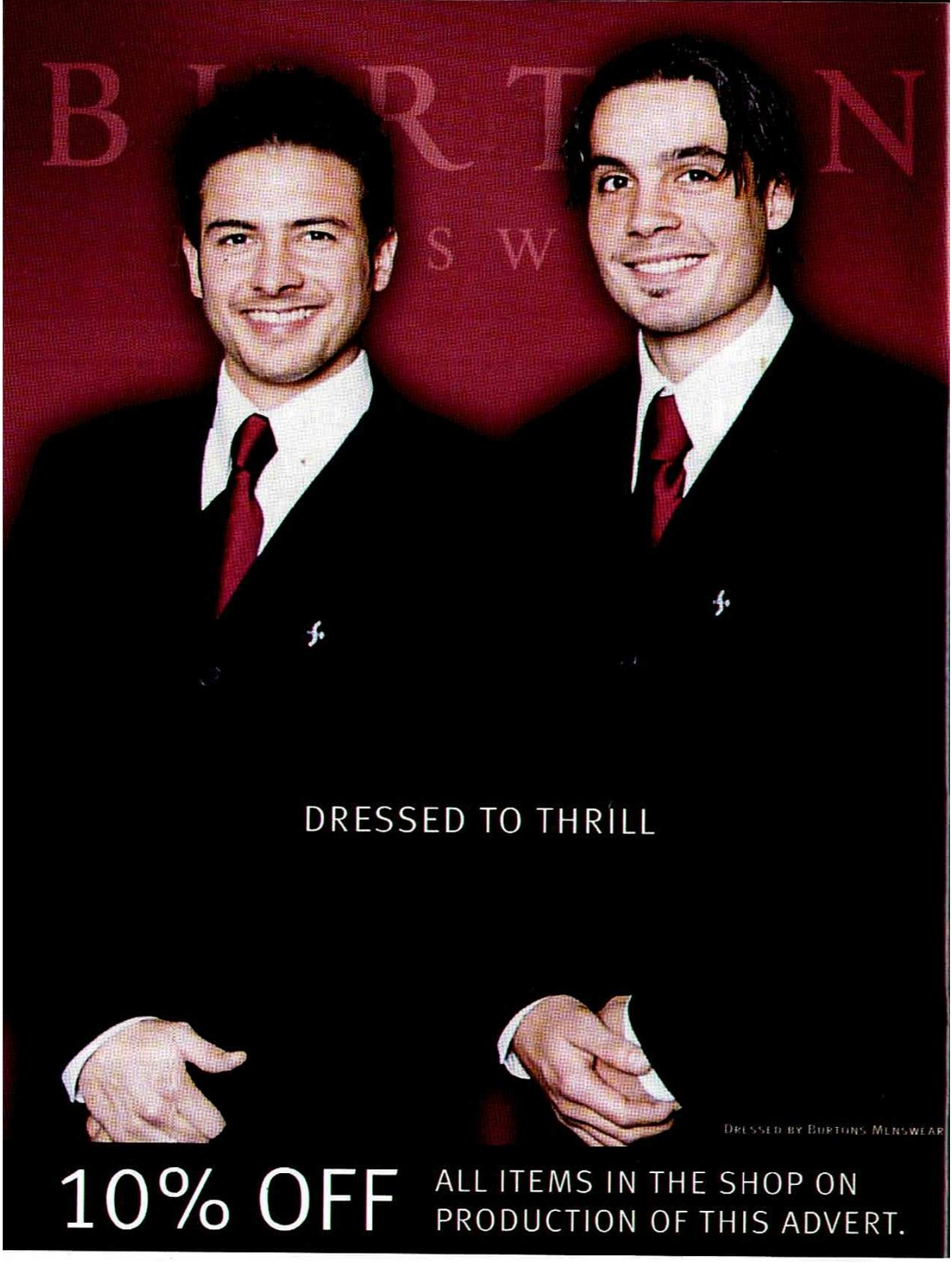
Sven Goran Eriksson resigns as coach of Lazio after a poor run of form including a defeat against Napoli



Wednesday 10th

Clinton Morrison celebrates Crystal Palace's second goal in a 2-1 victory over Liverpool in the semi-final of the Worthington Cup at Selhurst Park





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Around the Grounds...

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

Cameron is doubtful for today's game in which Rovers must record a victory to stop their slide down the table. Wilson could return depending on how he fared in midweek against Plymouth.		V		Brentford's successful run could continue today but the club is no closer to resolving it's managerless situation. However, the club will be boosted by the return of Lloyd Owusu.
Cambridge have confirmed that on-loan star Paul Connor will be staying for another month after his loan spell was extended by Stoke last week.		V		Notts County have not beaten Cambridge for two seasons but their skipper Gary Owers says that they must win to keep their promising momentum going.
Lil Fuccillo is facing an injury crisis at a time when points are at a premium. Strike duo Peter Thompson and Mark Stein could be absent although Stuart Douglas may return.		V		Wycombe will be boosted by the signings of Martyn Lee and Ben Townsend who have signed extended contracts. Both got improved new pay deals until the summer of 2003.
The high flying Lions will be looking to keep their impressive run going, but have not beaten Wigan in the last six games between the two clubs - a run that includes three defeats.		V		Scott Green is set for a recall to the first-team after Keith Gillespie's dramatic return to Blackburn Rovers. Roy Carroll, Kevin Sharp and Stefan Bidstrup are all doubtful.
Northampton are unbeaten in their four games over the Christmas period and look set to recall Jamie Forrester to replace the impressive Marco Gabbiadini.		V		Darren Bullock could be banned for three matches after being red carded in Bury's 3-1 Avon Insurance League win over Doncaster. Bury have beaten Northampton 5-0 twice in the last 5 meetings .
Oldham have won four out of the last six meetings between the two football clubs although they could only manage a draw in the last match this season in August.		V		Steve Whitton called for Steve McGavin and Karl Duguid to start finding the net more regularly in the second half of the season.
The U's are in the middle of an injury crisis with Paul Powell, Paul Tait, Phil Gray, Ian McGuckin and John Robertson all missing, although the physio is working hard to get them all fit for today's game.		V		Despite the difference between the league positions of these two clubs, Walsall have only recorded one victory against the U's in six games spanning over three seasons.
Ronnie Moore is expected to field an unchanged side from the Anfield game last week. Moore is hoping to unleash a new striker, but probably not in time for today's game.		V		Lee Peacock has still not fully recovered from injury which means that Peter Beadle and Tony Thorpe will be leading the attack against the Millers.
Mikael Hansson and Tony Dorigo are expected to be back in action in time for today's game. The defensive duo both missed out on the New Year's Day draw at Notts County.		V		Reading have a superb record against the Potters, having only lost twice in five seasons. The Royals will need a win today if they are to gain ground on the promotion pack.
Not only have Swansea already beaten the Posh 3-2 this season, but they have also not lost to Barry Fry's men in three seasons.		V		Peterborough have to look back to the 1997-98 season to find their last victory over the Swans. However, in that same season, they beat the Swans on no less than four separate occassions.
Hector Sam could be doubtful for today's game after suffering a knock to his left knee in last week's exciting 4-4 friendly draw with Manchester United.		V		Steve Purches and Player-coach Peter Grant may be doubtful for today's game. Grant is ruled out after needing six stitches to a head wound picked up during the win over Luton last Saturday.

Statistics 2000/2001...

*0-0 AET, SWINDON WIN 3-2 ON PENALTIES

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The Key...

FAC = F.A.CUP
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

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Date	Opponents		Result	Attn	Pos										
SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H	0-0	7,296	9	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBILE	DUKE '	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOL	
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A	0-2	14,134	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	HEWLETT	INVINCIBILE	O'HALLORAN	ALEXAND	
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H	1-1	5,193	-	GRIEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	ALEXANDER	HOWE	DUKE -	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOL	
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H	1-4	5,492	24	GRIEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG '	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	HEWLETT	INVINCIB	
MON AUG 28TH	PORT VALE	A	0-3	3,526	24	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O' HALLORAN +	DUKE	HOWE	REEVES	COWE	HEWLET	
TUE SEPT 5TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A	2-1	2,625	-	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O' HALLORAN)	INVINCIBILE	DUKE '	HOWE	M WILLIAMS +	REEVE	
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A	1-0	10,110	21	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O' HALLORAN	INVINCIBILE	DUKE +	HOWE	M WILLIAMS "	REEVE	
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A	0-3	3,673	22	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	HOWE	INVINCIB	
TUE SEPT 19TH	TRANMERE WC2 (1)	A	1-1	4,289	-	GRIEMINK	COBIAN '	TUOMELA	O' HALLORAN	ROBERTSON +	DUKE	HEWLETT	M WILLIAMS	REEVE	
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A	* 3-2	4,993	20	GRIEMINK	ALEXANDER	COBIAN '	DUKE +	DAVIS	REEVES	TUOMELA	M WILLIAMS 2	O'HALLO	
TUE SEPT 26TH	TRANMERE WC2 (2)	H	0-1	4,753	-	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER)	M. WILL	
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H	2-2	4,895	21	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER	M. WILL	
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H	2-1	7,975	18	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBILE)	HEWLETT	DUKE	
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A	0-1	4,009	19	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS)	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBILE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLE	
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A	0-0	6,333	18	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE '	INVINCIBILE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
SAT OCT 21ST	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	1-3	8,097	21	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES +	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE '	INVINCIBILE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
TUE OCT 24TH	MILLWALL	H	0-2	5,030	20	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON)	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBERTSON	HOWE +	INVINCIBILE	M WILLIA	
SAT OCT 28TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A	2-3	4,502	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS +	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBILE 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
TUE OCT 31TH	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3-1	3,452	20	GRIEMINK	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	WOAN	INVINCIBILE 2	O'HALLORAN	REEVE	
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H	1-1	5,226	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS "	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBILE	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H	2-2	4,423	18	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN "	HOWE	INVINCIBILE	REEVE	
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A	0-4	5,700	20	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	DAVIS +	O'HALLORAN	ROBERTSON "	HOWE	WOAN	
SAT NOV 18TH	ILKESTON TOWN (FAC1)	H	4-1	4,406	-	MILDENHALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	COBAIN "	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	REEVES	WOAN	
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H	0-3	4,923	22	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON "	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE	
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	1-0	5,816	21	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	DUKE "	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE	
SAT DEC 9TH	GATESHEAD (FAC2)	H	5-0	4,703	-	GRIEMINK	DAVIS)	ROBINSON	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	HOWE	WOAN	O'HALLORAN 2	INVINCIB	
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H	2-1	4,740	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBILE +	WHITE	
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A	0-1	2,921	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBILE)	WHITE	
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H	2-3	6,649	19	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON)	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBILE +	M. WILLIA	
MON JAN 1ST	WALSALL	A	0-1	5,548	19	GRIEMINK	COBIAN +	REEVES	DRYDEN	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	HOWE +	WOAN	DUKE	
SAT JAN 6TH	COVENTRY CITY (FAC3)	H	0-2	14,445	-	GRIEMINK	HALL	DAVIS +	REEVES	DRYDEN	WOAN'	DUKE	WHITLEY)	ALEXAND	
TUE JAN 9TH	WILLWALL (LDV CUP)	A	3-2*	2,394	-	MILDENHALL	HALL	ROBINSON	INVINCIBILE P	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	MCHUGH "	J. WILLIAMS +	YOUNG	
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H													
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A													
TUE JAN 23RD	COLCHESTER	A													
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H													
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A													
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H													
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A													
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H													
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H													
SAT MAR 3RD	WIGAN ATH.	A													
TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H													
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A													
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H													
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A													
TUE MAR 27TH	READING	H													
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A													
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H													
SAT APR 14TH	MILLWALL	A													
MON APR 16TH	NOTTS COUNTY	H													
SAT APR 21ST	WYCOMBE W.	A													
SAT APR 28TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H													
SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A													

Top Scorers 2000/2001...

DANNY INVINCIBILE	9
REEVES, O' HALLORAN, HOWE	4
M. WILLIAMS	3
ALEXANDER, COWE	2

Top Gates 2000/2001...

COVENTRY CITY	14,454
BRISTOL ROVERS	8,097
OXFORD UNITED	7,975
COLCHESTER UNITED	7,296

Last Four Matches...

MILLWALL	10TH JAN	A	W 3-2
COVENTRY CITY	6TH JAN	H	L 0-2
WALSALL	1ST JAN	A	L 0-1
BRENTFORD	26TH DEC	H	L 2-3

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SATURDAY JANUARY 13TH 2001 3.00PM
VS **PORT VALE**

PLAYER IN RED DENOTES SCORER
(P=PENALTY SHOOT-OUT SCORER)

SYMBOL IN GREY (< >) DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED

		1	2	3	4	5
Willis	Hewlett	Howe *	Cowe +	Griffin	Cobian	Mildenhall
Grazioli*	Duke +	Howe *	Griffin +	van der Linden	Cobian	Mildenhall
Van der Linden	Hewlett +	Cowe *	A. Williams +	Griffin	Robinson	Mildenhall
Grazioli	Alexander	Davis *	Griffin	Willis	Duke	Mildenhall
Griffin *	Davis	Grazioli *	Williams +	Cobian	van der Linden	Mildenhall
Davis	Hewlett	Robertson *	Grazioli +	Cowe >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Davis	Hewlett	Grazioli *	Robertson +	Cobian	van der Linden	Mildenhall
O'Halloran	M Williams	Tuomela	Grazioli	Cobian		Mildenhall
Davis	Alexander	Robinson *	A. Williams +	van der Linden	Grazioli	Mildenhall
Hewlett	Robertson >	Robinson *	Invincibile +	Young >	Grazioli	Mildenhall
Tuomela +	Robertson *	Invincibile *	Willis +	Grazioli >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Willis	Invincibile	van der Linden	Cobian	Grazioli	Young	Mildenhall
M. Williams	Alexander +	A. Williams *	Grazioli +	van der Linden >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Alexander +	M. Williams	A. Williams *	Grazioli +	van der Linden >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Alexander +	M. Williams >	Robertson *	Grazioli +	Young >	van der Linden	Mildenhall
Grazioli	M. Williams >	A. Williams *	van der Linden +	Robertson >	Young	Mildenhall
A. Williams (s/o)	O'Halloran	Cowe *	Reeves +	Grazioli >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Woan	M. Williams	Robertson *	Grazioli	Reeves	Duke +	Mildenhall
Robertson*	M. Williams +	Cowe*	Grazioli+	Cobian	Young	Mildenhall
Howe >	M. Williams +	Grazioli *	Robertson +	Duke	Cobian	Mildenhall>
Woan	M. Williams +	Robertson *	Alexander +	Cowe	Grazioli	Mildenhall
Invincibile	M. Williams >	Duke *	Grazioli +	Alexander >	Cobian	Mildenhall
Invincibile >	M. Williams+	Duke *	Alexander +	Young >	Grazioli	Farr
Invincibile	M. Williams +	Duke *	Alexander +	Grazioli >	van der Linden	Mildenhall
Invincibile +	Alexander	van der Linden *	M. Williams +	Cowe	Hall	Mildenhall
Alexander	M. Williams *	Cowe 2 *	Young +	Duke >	Willis	Mildenhall
Alexander	M. Williams *	Duke *	van der Linden +	Young	Cowe	Mildenhall
Alexander	O'Halloran *	Duke *	M. Williams +	van der Linden >	Hall	Mildenhall
Alexander +	O'Halloran	Duke *	van der Linden +	Hall >	Cowe	Mildenhall
Invincibile	Alexander *	van der Linden *	Cowe +	J. Williams >	Davies	Mildenhall
Invincibile	Cowe	Young *	J. Williams +	O'Halloran >	van der Linden	Mildenhall
Reeves	Alexander	Cobian *	Mills +	Halliday > P	Campagna	Farr

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Nationwide Football League Division Two 2000/2001

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Team	Pld	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	Pts	GD
Millwall	25	8	1	3	28	9	8	2	3	26	18	51	27
Wigan	26	10	3	0	19	7	3	8	2	16	13	50	15
Walsall	25	10	3	0	29	10	4	3	5	13	15	48	17
Rotherham	24	6	3	3	23	15	7	3	2	16	11	45	13
Stoke	24	6	2	3	17	10	5	6	2	22	17	41	12
Reading	24	9	2	2	40	15	3	2	6	12	18	40	19
Bristol City	25	6	3	4	30	17	5	4	3	13	9	40	17
Northampton	25	4	4	3	14	13	6	3	5	16	16	37	1
Notts County	24	4	4	3	18	17	6	1	6	12	20	35	-7
Wycombe	24	7	1	3	18	12	2	6	5	7	12	34	1
Brentford	23	5	6	2	17	17	3	4	3	13	17	34	-4
Wrexham	24	5	2	5	13	15	4	4	4	20	20	33	-2
Bournemouth	23	4	4	4	15	12	4	3	4	22	17	31	8
Cambridge	25	5	4	3	20	13	3	3	7	15	27	31	-5
Colchester	23	5	3	4	14	12	3	3	5	11	17	30	-4
Oldham	25	5	3	4	15	14	2	6	5	11	20	30	-8
Peterborough	24	6	3	3	17	12	2	2	8	10	19	29	-4
Bury	24	5	4	4	12	14	3	1	7	9	17	29	-10
Bristol Rovers	22	0	6	4	8	15	5	3	4	20	13	24	0
Swindon	24	3	4	5	16	23	3	1	8	7	20	23	-20
Swansea	23	3	4	4	12	11	2	3	7	11	21	22	-9
Port Vale	22	4	5	4	18	12	1	1	7	4	17	21	-7
Luton	24	3	1	8	12	22	1	5	6	14	25	18	-21
Oxford	24	2	2	8	11	17	1	0	11	14	37	11	-29

Nationwide Football League Appearances 2000/2001

Player Name:	Squad No.s	League Apps.	Cup Apps.	Total Appl.	Goals All Comps
Bart Griemink	1	24	6	30	-
Mark Robinson	2	21(1)	4(1)	25(2)	1
Sol Davis	3	20(1)	6(1)	26(2)	-
Matthew Hewlett	4	10	4	14	-
Adam Willis	5	17	2(1)	19(1)	1
Antoine van der Linden	6	7(8)	3	10(8)	-
Keith O'Halloran	7	23	6(1)	29(1)	4
Bobby Howe	8	16(2)	4	20(2)	5
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(10)	1(3)	5(13)	1
David Duke	11	14(6)	5(3)	19(9)	1
Juan Cobian	12	3	4	7	-
Steve Cowe	14	1(4)	1(2)	2(6)	2
Andy Williams	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
Jim Whitley	16	2	1	3	-
Daniel Invincibile	17	22(1)	2(1)	24(2)	9
Gary Alexander	18	13(3)	6(1)	19(4)	2
Frazer McHugh	20	-	1	1	-
Gareth Davies	21	-	-	-	-
Alan Reeves	22	21(1)	8	29(1)	4
Steve Mildenhall	23	(1)	2	2(1)	-
Richard Dryden	25	6	1	7	-
Martin Williams	24	17(1)	5	22(1)	3
Alan Young	26	(1)	1(3)	1(4)	1
James Williams	29	(1)	1(1)	1(2)	-
Ian Woan	31	11	3	14	1
Gareth Hall	30	(1)	2	2(1)	-
Kevin Halliday	-		(1)	(1)	
Jamie Mills	-		(1)	(1)	

The Squads

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sat Jan 13th 2001
Nationwide League
Division Two

Swindon Town

The Squad

1	Bart Griemink
2	Mark Robinson
3	Sol Davis
4	Matthew Hewlett
5	Adam Willis
6	Antoine van der Linden
7	Keith O'Halloran
8	Bobby Howe
10	Giuliano Grazioli
11	David Duke
12	Juan Cobian
14	Steve Cowe
15	Andy Williams
17	Daniel Invincibile
18	Gary Alexander
20	Frazer McHugh
21	Gareth Davies
22	Alan Reeves
23	Steve Mildenhall
24	Martin Williams
25	Richard Dryden
26	Alan Young
29	James Williams
30	Gareth Hall
31	Ian Woan

The Manager

Andy King

Port Vale

The Squad

Mark Goodlad	1
Matt Carragher	2
Allen Tankard	3
Dave Brammer	4
Michael Walsh	5
Sagi Burton	6
Wayne Gray	7
Michael Cummins	8
Ville Viljanen	9
Tony Naylor	10
Tommy Widdrington	11
Dean Delaney	12
Richard Eyre	14
Marc Bridge-Wilkinson	15
Jeff Minton	16
Neil Brisco	17
George O'Callaghan	18
Alex Smith	19
Paul Donnelly	20
Liam Burns	21
Paul Taylor	22
Michael Twiss	23
Delapo Olaoye	24

The Manager

Brian Horton

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Saturday January 27th 2001
Nationwide League Division Two VS Bury

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Match Officials

Referee
A. R. Hall

Assistant 1
K. R. Butler

Assistant 2
L. C. Jones

4th Official
A. D. Sainsbury

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Match Facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

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