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#### A Warm Welcome:

# **Building For the Future**

Market research has shown that over the past decade the number of families attending football matches has increased dramatically.

Today's game against Bury offers us the chance here at Swindon Town to host a special Family Day and I would like to welcome all families who have taken up our special ticket offers to the County Ground.

We have been able to come up with a number of ticketing ideas for today's game as a thank you to those who made our FA Cup game against Coventry City such a memorable day and as a way of attracting new supporters to the club. We have also been able to offer a special deal for season ticket holders to bring along a friend at a discounted rate. I believe it is important that this club works closely with its loyal fans and with prospective new supporters to help build up our fan base and today's game is just the first of many ideas we are looking at.

In March we will be hosting a special Ladies Day with more ticketing initiatives and offers and we will be using the game against Swansea City on March 17 to aid the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Awareness Charity.

Today I would like to personally thank Skywalkers, Bookers Cash and Carry, Cadbury's, GWR and our new business partners in the town, Burton Menswear, for their generous support. It is very important that we continue to build links within our community and together we can build a club we are proud of.

Our LDV Vans Trophy game against Wycombe Wanderers next Tuesday also offers us the chance to provide some great prices to see the game and with season ticket holders able to get half-price discounts. This competition is important to us, so



please make every effort to come along and support the lads.

A lot of work has been going on off the field over the past few months and today I am pleased to announce that at our next home league game against Bristol City on February 10th we shall be launching our new club lottery. It's every fans chance to win up to £10,000 every day. Please watch out for more information in this programme and over the next week or so in the local press.

Finally, a warm Wiltshire welcome is extended to the Directors, players, staff and supporters of Bury FC. A warm personal welcome also goes to an old friend, chairman Terry Robinson, who has been working tirelessly over the past few months to safeguard the future of the club. Welcome to the County Ground, but as usual, there is only one winner -Come on You Reds!

Peter Rowe Chief Executive

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## **Fresh Faced Heywood Joins Town**



Swindon Town signed Burnley defender Matthew Heywood this week.

The 21-year old giant was handed a free transfer by Burnley boss Stan Ternent after failing to break through into the Claret's first team. Andy King had been alerted to his availability by new youth coach Shaun Reid, younger brother of Sunderland boss Peter Reid.

The 6ft 4in centre-back has signed an eighteen-month contract taking him to the end of next season and he should be a valuable addition to the squad. Burnley boss Stan Ternant said "Matthew has not been figuring in the first team. We have a responsibility to the young lad and it's a good move for him. He should be guaranteed first-team football at Swindon and we wish him well."

# **Commercial Manager** Looking For Sponsorship

Swindon Town Commercial Manager Jackie Kent is embarking on the challenge of a lifetime.

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#### Farewell Brian

Swindon Town lost one of it's lifelong supporters just before Christmas when season ticket holder Brian Gates was tragically killed in a car accident.

Brian attended every home game and many away games and will be sadly missed by all of his many friends here at the County Ground. Swindon Town was his life and our sincere condolences go out to his wife Barbara and sister Alison.

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# "...we know that we are capable of better, the players just need to have as much faith in themselves as I have in them."

Hello and welcome to the County Ground for today's Division Two fixture against Bury. Let's hope that the weather is a little kinder to us today than it has been so far this week.

Today's game is a massive encounter for everyone involved with the football club. Such are the results that we have encountered in the last few week's that every game from now until the end of the season becomes a 'six-pointer'. The last game here at the County Ground and indeed, in the league as a result of the bad weather, was the 1-o defeat by Port Vale. To perform 🐭 in the way we did and to lose the encounter was very disappointing. Like so often this season, had luck gone our way and we had been given a penalty in the first half, we may have taken the lead and gone

on to win the game. But when you are playing at home you should be making your own luck and the longer the game went on, the more anxious our players became. But as I have said before, there is no point dwelling on the past because you can't change it, instead you draw strength, look to improve and learn from your mistakes.

Fortunately, picking the lads up after the game wasn't difficult. Obviously they were down for a bit but they are professional footballers, they know that they have to improve in order to win games. No professional, whether it is one of the players or myself enjoys losing. Unfortunately we have not picked up results since the start of the New Year and the only way to improve things is to work hard, re-group and remain confident. I am certainly adamant that things will change because I have belief in the squad; I think you have to be as positive and upbeat as you can.

Today we face a side that has also been dragged into the relegation scrap. Andy Preece's side have encountered a run very much similar to our own and as a result have found wins difficult to come by. This despite a good start to the season and so, they will probably feel that they are better than what their current form suggests, we will certainly not be taking any chances.

Nevertheless this is a must win game for us and we have to start winning games, especially at home. I think that when we don't take the lead in a game there is an overwhelming sense of anxiety that manifests itself in the players.

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I have always explained how important it is to get the first goal and if we can do that today, I am confident we will collect all three points. We have done it several times before this season so we know that we are capable of better, the players just need to have as much faith in themselves as I have in them.

The last week has been disruptive with the two games being called off. I worry about the fixture backlog that the weather is creating, but even worse, is the effect that it must have on you, the fans. Whenever we travel away we are inspired by the amount of people who travel the length of the country to come and watch their side.

This week has been even more remarkable, with many fans braving the adverse weather and expense to travel to Brentford and Colchester. One fan in particular really touched the lads and I this week. You will have to forgive me because I have forgotten the lad's name (but he knows who he is!). The supporter who is such a lovely lad, turned up on Tuesday night in the cold in his wheelchair so enthusiastic and expectant.

To see such desire and passion in the lad gave us all an overwhelming sense of satisfaction and if we can apply that spirit to events on the pitch, then I am sure that things will improve. It just goes to show how great you, the backbone of the club has been in supporting us through this difficult period. I only hope that we can, today especially, repay that faith and play well for the club, the badge and the supporters. Finally, may I wish today's visitors a warm welcome, to the directors, management team, players and supporters of Bury Football Club.

I will also take this opportunity to welcome Matty Heywood to Swindon and wish Martin Williams the best of luck. Matt is a giant defender who signed for us this week from Burnley and I am sure that not only will he be a valuable addition to our squad, but also a great prospect for the future of this football club.

Martin Williams moved on to Peterborough United this week and I wish him all the best, it was a pleasure to work with him.

Enjoy today's game

Andy King

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#### The Visitors:

# Bury Football Club 2000/2001

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Back Row: (left to right) Nicky Hill, Jason Jarrett, Lee Connell, Chris Swailes, Sam Collins, Danny Swailes, Chris Billy, Paul Barnes.

Middle Row: Alan Raw (Physio), Paul Reid, Steve Halford, Darren Bullock, Paddy Kenny, Glyn Garner, Ryan Souter, Martyn Forrest, Lee Buggie, John Forrest (Coach).

Front Row: Lutel James, Matthew Barrass, Nick Daws (Captain), Andy Preece (Manager), Steve Redmond (Assistant Manager), Adrian Littlejohn, Dean Crowe, Dean Barrick

# The Shakers..

It has been just over a month since Swindon's unsuccessful visit north to Gigg Lane but Bury, like ourselves, have struggled to record any points since then with three defeats in four.

Since the Shaker's blistering start to the season (wins against Rotherham and Cambridge lifted them to second place.) they have found goals hard to come by and victories at a premium. Their momentum took a titanic blow in October by way of a 4-o drubbing by league leaders Millwall, followed by nine games without a win. It wasn't until December 23rd that Bury encountered respite from the slump, Paul Barnes scoring in the 1-o win over Swindon. Three defeats in four since then have coincided with two





blank scoresheets for Bury. Unfortunately the

answer must come from within the club, with little money available to buy new players. Paul Barnes will be looking to add to his tally of four, with a host of players behind him on two, including ex-Robin Darren Bullock.

Preece's greatest achievement this season has been to hold on to players such as Paddy Kenny, the goalkeeper attracting attention from a plethora of Premiership clubs including Liverpool and Everton. Unfortunately, Preece will have to sell before he can buy, but he'll be hoping to hang on to such young stars, to fulfil his aspirations of promotion.



ClubFACTS.... Name: Bury F.C. Nickname: The Shakers Ground: Gigg Lane Capacity: 11,841 Year Formed: 1885 Highest League Scorer: Craig Madden, 35, 1981/82

## Vital Windfall Boost

Bury received a vital cash injection last week via Ipswich's sale of former Shaker David Johnson to Nottingham Forest.

Chairman Robinson insisted on a sell-on clause of 20% of any profit made by Ipswich on the player bought for £1.1m three years ago. The transfer worth £3.5m earned the club £350,000 and Robinson is hoping for more, "There are a number of other players who we stand to make money from in sell-on clauses. Chris Lucketti, Paul Butler, Ian Hughes and three youngsters who could still come up trumps for us." Andy Preece was first appointed caretakermanager in December 1999 following the departure of Neil Warnock to Sheffield United, eventually installed on a permanent basis during the summer as player-manager.



# **Meet Andy Preece**



Preece was chosen by the Bury board because of his enthusiastic attitude on and off the pitch and he quickly gained the respect and confidence of the players and everyone involved at the club. A refreshing combination of youth and experience earned a respectable position in mid-table last season, Preece playing his part with twelve goals despite needing painkillers to numb the effects of a recurring back problem. The striker began his career with home club Evesham and got his professional break in 1988-89 with Northampton. However, opportunities with the Cobblers were limited and in 1990 he moved to Wales following a short spell at Worcester City. Preece moved to Stockport County for £10,000 and he quickly forged a prolific strike partnership with Kevin Francis. Crystal Palace paid £350,000 for his services and took him to the Premier League two years later, but Preece struggled to make the first team at Selhurst Park. Blackpool gave him the chance to play regular football again in 1995.

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#### The Visitors:

# Paul Barnes

Much-travelled centre forward who had a prolific strike rate when playing for Notts County, Stoke City, Chesterfield, York City, Birmingham City, Burnley and Huddersfield Town.

Joined the Shaker's in 1999 for £40,000 but last year's campaign was characterised by a catalogue of injuries but he was still able to take time out to help train the youth team. Barnes is a good finisher and hardworker but is now approaching the veteran stage of his career. His best return was 81 goals in 157 games for York City, but he will be hoping to prove that he can stay clear of injury and add to his impressive first team career goal tally during 2000-2001.

# Adrian Littlejohn

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#### Started his career with West Bromwich Albion before turning out for Walsall and Sheffield United.

Signed for Plymouth Argyle for £100,000 with whom he won promotion and went on to play for Oldham Athletic before Bury paid £75,000 for his sevices. Described as one of Bury's 'most skillful players', Littlejohn is a forward whose pace allows him to run at defenders or latch on to through balls. It was this type of forward running that bought him ten goals last season and three this term. Adrian has never really fulfilled his potential but it is hoped that he will this year in order to improve Bury's goal-shy attack.

#### Dean Barrick



Dean earned a call up to the squad after spending nine months in the wilderness and the reliable

defender slotted into the left-back role in September 1999. Another player who has encountered tremendous bad luck with injury, Barrick has earned his way back into the squad.

#### 4 Nick Daws

Team captain now entering his ninth season with the club and the only surviving player from the 1997 Division Two Championship winning squad. His incredible 218 consecutive appearances was broken up last term due to suspension. Nick's record sees him alongside some of th best players in the Shaker's history.

#### Sam Collins

Strong and reliable centre half signed from Huddersfield Town last summer. Another player to suffer from injury set backs last term, but bounced back to start the season brightly at the heart of the defence. Will be hoping for a bit more luck than last year in the centre of defence.

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#### 6 Chris Swailes



Was part of the deal that took David Johnson to Ipswich Town in November 1997. Experienced defender who

was sorely missed when sidelined last year, previously played for Doncaster Rovers after a short spell with Peterborough. Was an ever present last year and will be hoping to reproduce the same consistency.

#### **7** Chris Billy

Utility player who starred under former manager Neil Warnock at Huddersfield Town and Plymouth Argyle as well as Bury. His strongest quality is his pace and he arrived from Notts. County on a free transfer in September 1998. Can play in a number of positions and has regularly contributed to the score sheet.

#### 8 Martyn Forrest

Forrest took his first team chance with both hands last term when given the opportunity by Andy Preece. A series of impressive performances gave everyone at the club hope that he has a good future as a midfielder making a successful transition from striker.

#### 11 Paul Reid



Arrived on a free transfer from Oldham Athletic in July 1999. Enjoyed 162 appearances

and 21 goals with Leicester City, the club he started his career with. Went on to Yorkshire where he played in the colours of both Huddersfield Town and Bradford City. Has tremendous pace.

#### 12 Darren Bullock

A crowd favourite with Huddersfield Town where he notched up 19 goals in 147 appearances. The Town paid £400,000 for his services in 1997 and two years later he moved to Gigg Lane for a £250,000 fee. Has two goals to his name already this term but needs to calm his aggression in order to prevent suspensions.

#### 13 Paddy Kenny

Shot stopper snapped up in July 1998 for a £10,000 fee. Started out as understudy to Dean Kiely, now of Chariton Athletic, and commanded the goalkeeper spot last term, where he was an ever-present and won the fans' Player of the Season award. His form has been monitored by a host of top clubs.

#### 5 Bhaichung Bhutia



The first ever Asian player to appear in the Football League, captains the Indian national side. Made his

debut in October last year and has hit the target regularly for the reserves. A very skillful player who regularly chases lost causes, a lot more is expected of him this term.

#### 17 Steve Redmond

Strong, experienced defender who has over 500 league appearances to his name having formerly played for Manchester City and Oldham Athletic. Was given the role of player/assistant manager at the same time Andy Preece took over in the hotseat. Made way for younger blood last term but remains very enthusiastic.

#### 28 Lee Unsworth

Signed from Crewe Alexandra in the close season after being released and can play anywhere along the back line. Originally signed by the Railway Men for £12,500 from Ashton United, he is useful in the air and likes to get forward. Is still awaiting his first goal.



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#### Dan Chisholm:

Whatever the truth behind the suggestion that Stan Collymore could have been on his way to the County Ground to play for Swindon Town, I had to laugh when "Fireman Stan" finally delivered his response.



# **Lessons To Be Learned**



How funny that a man whose career hasn't in recent years exactly gone to plan (one could argue that it's now in tatters) feels he can be choosy about where he goes after Bradford City. Collymore could have notched us a very useful 20 goals between now and the end of the season. Younger players could have learned from him. But, before we get carried away - at what price? Any chance of a deal between the two clubs ended when Town manager Andy King joked that he wouldn't want him at the County Ground if his wages were 16 pounds a week - never mind 16 thousand ! It appears Stan didn't see the funny side, allegedly having a "pop" at the team's record under King. WELL! A man who's hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons lecturing a fellow professional about

standards! Pot, kettle, black. What a cheek. Stan Collymore is a very gifted footballer. What saddens me is that he doesn't seem to have learned important lessons from the past. Time will tell whether Martin O'Neill's reported attempts to take him to Celtic pay off, I certainly can't name another manager who would take the risk. Perhaps then he may find himself playing non-league football well below the level at which Swindon Town are competing. Now that would amuse me a great deal.

Dan Chisholm Breakfast presenter



## The verdict from the defeat against Port Vale...

# How they saw it

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Port Vale manager Brian Horton praised his captain Tommy Widdrington after he won the points for Vale with a spectacular volley from 30 yards.

Swindon goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall had looked like winning his side a valuable point during a second period that saw Allen Tankard and Marc Bridge-Wilkinson go close to scoring. Midfielder Ian Woan provided Swindon's best moments and he had the home side's only shot on target of the second half, four minutes from time.



A stunning 25-yard volley by Vale captain Tommy Widdrington seven minutes from time left Town with nothing to show for their efforts.

Defeat was a trifle harsh and a point apiece would have been a fairer reflection of a scrappy encounter. Van der Linden had a glorious chance to fire Town but Mark Goodlad stretched to keep out his shot. The home supporters tried to raise their team for the start of the second half but the visitors gradually began to show greater purpose, sensing Town were running out of ideas. The winner followed Brammer's cross, a half clearance was met by Widdrington's superb shot.

#### Away www.portvale.co.uk

Port Vale survived two penalty appeals before reaching the break on level terms in a fiercely contested, but goalless, opening 45 minutes at Swindon.

Vale were soon on the back foot as Swindon forced three corners in quick succession. That apart, Vale's defence was coping comfortably with the home side's best efforts, although Swindon seemed to have strong claims for two penalties. Vale were looking much the better side in the second half and they took the lead on 83 minutes through a sensational goal from Widdrington.



## Managers' views...



"I hope the players feel as bad as I do because that was the worst performance since I was given the job. I honestly thought we

would win today's game, I was very confident and the lads now have a big battle ahead."

Andy King described the match as the worst moment of his footballing career when talking to BBC Wiltshire Sound after the game.



"Tommy always gives us 110 percent and he's been one of our best players this year so it was nice for him to score a goal like that

because he doesn't get many. This was a massive result for us and hopefully we can build on it to pull away from the bottom four."

Brian Horton expresses his delight at his side's late win and hopes that his side can pull away from the relegation zone.

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#### **Community News:**



We had an exciting start last Thursday to our annual schools 6-aside competition. All the teams braved the freezing cold conditions and the 300 plus supporters were served a treat of some good entertaining football.

The four groups of four teams fought it out with the top team from each league progressing to the semi-final stage. In the semi-finals Salt Way beat Brookfield 1-0 with Windmill Hill narrowly beating Liden with a penalty shoot-out. In the final Windmill Hill defended gallantly, but Salt Way got the break through with a goal from Mark Wood, so they now contest the final against the winners from 25th January. We will let you know further details in the next addition of the programme. Our girls Under-13's competition is scheduled for Thursday 1st February, 4pm at Greendown, so do come along and offer your support if you can!

Best wishes, Clive, Jon & Luke

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The Soccer Centres are now well under way in 2001 and the courses are getting very busy.

Nevertheless there are still spaces at some of our centres, so if any boys and girls between five and eleven years old are interested, then ring me at Swindon Town on 01793 644777 for more information.

Today we extend a very warm welcome to two special guests today, Joel Barder and David Grundy. These lads have attended our Soccer Centres at Ridgeway for more than two years now and their enthusiasm and attitude is fantastic. They are now both twelve years old which is

# Centres

really old for the Soccer Centres, but Dave Turner who coaches at the centre

spoke to me and said that it would be such a shame to tell the lads that they could not come anymore.

This sums up what the Soccer Centres are about, everything is aimed at boys and girls enjoying themselves, regardless of ability. Joel and David are here with their parents so I hope that they see the lads win today! Keep up the good work lads.

Enjoy the match

**Jimmy Fraser** 

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Friday	4.00 - 5.00pm	5-7 years
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	6.00 - 7.00pm	11 years +

NB: Non Swindon Borough Course proces may differ, please check with your Centre.

# **Town Swan Down To South Wales**

## Our Under-17's played Swansea City F. C. away last Saturday winning 2-1, goals from Chris Hughes and Mark Draycott securing the victory.

On the Sunday we travelled to Swansea again, this time with the Under-14's and Under-15's. We decided (with our Under-12's and 13's called off) to mix the squads. It was great to actually get the games and for some boys it was their first game for six weeks. I watched the Under-15's game and was absolutely delighted with our lads although Swansea won the game 2-1, our boys were head and shoulders better than the opposition. The players were very disappointed with the result but the coaches and I couldn't have been more pleased with the performances of our younger lads. Special mentions for their performances must go to Michael Pouk and Justyn McKay who were both outstanding.

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.

Who Are Ya?

#### How and when did you join Swindon Town?

I first joined Swindon Town twelve years ago, a long time now! I have been a groundsman all my life and before joining Swindon I had worked , for Walsall, spent a long time at Birmingham and then Bristol. In fact, I was at Bristol when I saw an advert for the job here. I went for it, got an interview and the rest is history!

I then left for a brief spell for a number of reasons about three years ago but was eventually contacted again this year. I was delighted to come back, after all, this is the club I support and that's despite being a brummie! So this is my second time here and it's great to be back.

#### What do you do?

Ultimately I am responsible to the manager for the state of the pitch. He and the players want the best possible playing surface on matchday. The ground staff team we have here are very good and we constantly strive and endeavour to maintain the best possible surface for the players, after all it is they who have to play on it week in week out.

Name : Geoff Warren

Job Title: Head Groundsma

Year Joined: 1989 & 2001

Our job becomes a lot more difficult at this time of year. First it was rain and now it's the frost!

In the last three weeks we have had everything, frost, snow and ice, but there is nothing you can do about it and I enjoy the challenge. The Nationwide stand creates a shadow over the pitch which can make our job harder. But we have managed to get most of our games on which is a credit to everyone here ...

#### Describe your average day?

I always come in early because I live so far away, but I don't mind because I manage to get away a bit earlier too! But the main job, especially at this time of year is to get as many divots back into the pitch as possible and then roll it as

flat as possible. There are so many little jobs that need doing but we are overwhelmed with new equipment and it makes those jobs a lot easier.

We never had any of these things fifteen years ago and so it is great to have them at our disposal. When the conditions improve we can really make the most of them.

#### What do you do on Matchday?

On matchday we put finishing touches to the pitch, getting it in the best possible condition before the game. At half-time and after the game it starts all over again, repairing any divots and trying to get it in as good a condition ready for the following week.

#### Most memorable moment at Swindon?

So many happy memories, too many to mention! When I first came here Lou Macari was in charge and he was a great fella. We had just come up from the old fourth division, into the third and then the second, great days, big crowds and a tremendous atmosphere. Then it was Ossie Ardiles and he got them playing some lovely football. Then of course it was Glenn's (Hoddle) era and it's sad that we couldn't stay up there. But that's football isn't it?

#### Lowest point at Swindon?

Well it would have to be when I left here after my first spell. It was about three and a half years ago and I was also ill at the time which didn't help. But those days have gone, I am better now and I am back at the club that I love. I never thought that I would be back but I got the 'phone call five weeks ago and here I am, continuing to support the club and do the best for them by providing the best possible conditions.



This afternoon we welcome Bury to the County Ground with our defeat at Gigg Lane still fresh in the mind - let's hope that we can set the record straight this afternoon.



# **Let's Bury 'em**



Our trip to the North West two days before Christmas filled us with little cheer, in fact it was the start of our dismal run, so maybe a win today could be the start of something. Bury are also in desperate need of points which should help make today's game an interesting one.

The Shakers, like ourselves, have yet to record a win this year apart from in the LDV Vans Trophy against Kidderminster (why are they in the Northern half of the draw?) and last week they beat Accrington Stanley (who are they?.... exactly) in a friendly. Their results should not make us complacent, they are an uncompromising side with a number of good players including manager Andy Preece, 'keeper Paddy Kenny as well as skipper Nick Daws and their Indian International - Baichung Bhutia. Bhutia is the only Indian born professional playing in Britain and is certainly a help to Bury off the pitch as I believe the Shakers are now well supported in Asia.

Former Town favourite Darren 'Psycho' Bullock will be hoping to prove something this afternoon (if selected). A hero when he arrived at the County Ground back in February 1997, he scored on his debut in a 3-1 win over Birmingham City. But one goal in 57 starts for the Town and a series of inconsistent performances led to him becoming a target for the boo boys.

The last fortnight or so has been frustrating for us, frozen off at Brentford, waterlogged at Colchester and even the reserves have been postponed, so it is great to be back "where the action is" this afternoon. I had a feeling the Brentford game was going to be off. As I staggered around West London in the early hours of Saturday morning, there was a powder covering of snow on the ground and it was very cold, it was even colder up there than it was in dear old Swindon. As for Tuesday night, both Kingy and his Colchester counterpart Steve Whitton wanted the game to be played but the referee said the pitch was unplayable. Apparently he arrived late, maybe he wasn't ready, and just maybe he needs the expenses twice over. I must say that Colchester showed a very kind gesture by giving vouchers to the members of the Official Supporters Club that made the trip, they were not obliged to do it, but they did.

A belated warm welcome to Kyle Lightbourne who is on loan with us from Stoke, let's hope the big Bermudan can fire the goals to get us away from the wrong end of Division Two. Let's get behind Andy and the boys this afternoon for the whole 90 minutes please...

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 Captain's Corner:

# "We have enough ability here so we just need to stop under-achieving."

#### Hello and welcome to the County Ground for today's league game against Bury.

We come into today's match having had a two week break, the last result a very disappointing one. The , Port Vale game must have been horrible to watch, it certainly wasn't a nice game to play in. What it showed was that both clubs are struggling at the bottom of the table, finding it difficult to score goals and win games. At the end of the day it had nil-nil written all over it but a terrific goal stole it for them. I am pretty sure he won't score one of those again, or at least not for a long while. Perhaps Vale's luck is changing, let's just hope that a bit of luck will come our way.

We have re-grouped and moved on since then but we wanted the opportunity to put things right by playing more games. We all want to start winning games and today is the perfect opportunity. We certainly believed that the two games that were called off were games that we could have won and today is no different. Spirits are high and we have tremendous belief in our ability to beat Bury, a club who themselves are finding a win hard to come by.

Our home form has been poor this season but we have to rise to the challenge and get over that. I have said that we do need a bit of luck but I also believe that you make your own luck. We have enough ability here so we just need to stop under-achieving.

This week a new face has come in and joined the club. A new face always adds something to the squad and so we welcome Matt Heywood. He is a tall lad and although I have only played twice with him in training, I am pretty confident that he will be a valuable addition. On the other hand we lost Martin Williams to Peterborough, he wasn't having the best of luck here and so he has decided that a move may do him good. He was a good player and a nice bloke so I wish him all the best at Peterborough United.

Today's game is a must win situation. On Tuesday night the gaffer gave us a team talk and told us that we had to win. A draw isn't the end but we have to start winning because before you know it you start running out of games and that would put us in an awful situation. I am confident that we will win today, I hope that with your help we can really play as well as we all know we can and get three points.

Enjoy the game

Alan Reeves

## Evening Advertiser

The cynics might say two clean sheets and two games undefeated. Sadly, you don't get any points for postponements.



# **Two Games Unbeaten**



Sadly, you don't get any points for postponements. While the supporters must prepare for trips to Brentford and Colchester later in the season, the players face an exhausting end to the campaign.

Games in hand are all very well but points in the bag are far more valuable. The only consolation is that the players have enjoyed an unexpected mid-season break which may recharge a few batteries and allow extra time for niggling injuries to heal. There's no disguising that it hasn't been the start to the New Year we had hoped for.

The optimism of early December and victories over Northampton and Rotherham has ebbed away. The

defeats against Bury, Brentford and Walsall were depressing in different ways.

As a spectacle, the clash at Gigg Lane was not very exciting at all. We went to sleep at the start of the second half against Brentford and at Walsall it seemed inevitable that the home side would win the game, it was jusr a matter of when and how.

Boxing Day was the last chance we had to see a goal and let's hope that's rectified today as we welcome The Shakers to the County Ground. Talk at this stage of the season is all about six-pointers and here's another one. Bury's defeat in midweek prevented them pulling away from Town. All the battling qualities demanded by Andy King will be needed to secure three points this afternoon.

While the league form has been poor, I honestly believe LDV glory is there for the taking. The penalty shoot-out at Millwall was one of those nights where you start to wonder if your name's on the cup.

There is serious dosh waiting for the winners. While Division Two survival is the absolute priority, it would be foolish to reject this opportunity for cup success and a day out at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. Andy has had another busy week on the hunt for new players. Let's hope Kyle Lightbourne can end the goals drought and gets a chance to play with Youngy.

Despite Alan's obvious potential, a touch of patience will be needed. One promising teenager does not make a team and he should not have the weight of the world pressed onto his shoulders. At the other end of the field we have Mildy and Bart competing for the goalkeeping slot. At last, a positive problem for Andy.

Finally, a warm welcome to new signing Matt Heywood. Let's hope he can kick off his Town career with a clean sheet and maybe a goal at the other end.

See you all for the Wycombe game on Tuesday.

Enjoy the game... Come on YOU REDS

#### Jon Ritson

Evening Advertiser Town reporter

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# A Warm Welcome to Today's Funday Sponsors

# Carterton Calling

The club's marketing department donated a matchday mascot package to the Carterton Town Football Club's annual charity auction night recently.

The Town donation received the highest bid of the night and in total the auction raised £1726.10 which is to be given to local children's charities. Bob Taylor, chairman of Carterton Town said "Swindon's contribution was very well received and greatly appreciated - the very best wishes to everyone at the County Ground for 2001."

# Jersey Thank You

It is always nice to get thank you letters from satisfied customers and one such letter came in from Mrs Jackie Edwards recently.

Jackie from Jersey bought a matchday mascot package for the game against Wycombe Wanderers on November 4 and has written to say how much Craig and Gary enjoyed themselves on the day. "We spent a fabulous afternoon at the Town and hopefully will be back next season. It will be a Millennium memory that will last forever," she writes.





Swindon Town Football Club would like to thank all of today's sponsors for making today's fun day go ahead, Burtons Menswear, Booker's Cash & Carry, Cadbury's and Skywalkers of Fleet Street.



#### **Today's Mascot**



Today's lucky mascot is Stephen Tamkin from Kettering, Northants. Stephen, pictured here, is nine years old today and is hoping that he will be celebrating a Swindon win as well as his birthday come 5pm! As well as being an avid Swindon fan Stephen likes to watch Manchester United and even play himself, his favourite player is Town striker Danny Invincibile. In his spare time Stephen also likes to read, draw, play Lego or watch Pokemon. Happy Birthday Stephen!

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#### In November last year, ten sixteen to twenty-year olds from Swindon departed to Ocotal in Nicaragua.

The three week expedition was in aid of the local communities who suffered from the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch in 1996.

The venture was planned twelve months in advance and was funded by The Expedition Company (a firm based in Somerset) and Swindon Borough Council (Youth Service Division) and it was hoped that it would provide some of Swindon's young people with the unique opportunity to experience a different culture whilst being an integral part of a worthwhile cause.

Not only would the expedition act to strengthen old friendships but hopefully build new ones. The ten-strong team were selected following a weekend at Lydiard Park last year, a weekend that would test the applicants aptitude and attitude towards the venture. Once the team had been selected, the lucky travellers then went about the gruelling task of raising money to fund the venture! Once again Swindon Borough Council offered their financial support and a training weekend later and coach ride down the M4 and they were off!

On arrival in Nicaragua, the local group needed little time to adjust, settling into their new homes quickly and integrating with the locals. The youngsters shopped in the local markets for food, chatted to the local people in Spanish and in return taught them English.

The initial focus for the trip had been a reforestation project in which all of the team members were to be a part of. The trip in terms of work and participation was a huge success, but after a hard days work the expedition team would wind down in the best way possible, with a game of football against the locals.

They spent one day watching the local 6-12 year olds play in the school grounds and decided to invite them to play a friendly game, unfortunately Swindon were beaten hands down.

During their final week the team were rewarded for all of their efforts with the opportunity to explore a bit more of the country. From trekking around volcanoes to exploring the Pacific coastline, the Team was subjected to a world of outstanding natural beauty untainted by the effects of natural disaster.





If you could ask any of the Swindon players anything in the world, what would it be? We cobbled together twenty questions and spoke to Town midfielder Keith O'Halloran in the first of a new series of interviews.

#### 41 Choose three words to describe yourself?

That's a tough question! Easy-going (that's two) and up-for-a-laugh (can I count that as one?!).

**Q** Now choose three words that your team mates might use to describe you?!

I don't think I could repeat that in the programme!



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It would have to be that goal against Gateshead that I scored here, the shot from the edge of the area.

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#### Best player ever played against?

I once played against Ruud Gullit for Middlesbrough, he was a great player, good passer, very skillful.

#### **4**5 Best and worst moments in your footballing career to date?

Making my debut for Middlesbrough against Derby County was pretty good and the worst has got to be losing to Rangers in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup.



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#### **Q**6 What is the last football match you paid to watch?

It was a while! In fact I can't remember the exact date but it was a couple of years ago in Ireland, an international match.

# **Q**7 If you could sit anywhere in the County Ground on Matchday, where would it be?

It would have to be in the corner of the Nationwide stand where most of the noise comes from!



Roy Keane. He's a fellow Irishman for one thing! No seriously, like me he came into the game very late but he managed to play at the highest level and at a consistently excellent standard.

#### Most embarassing moment on or off the field?

A couple of week's ago I fell over an advertising hoarding at Walsall and into the home crowd which was pretty embarassing.

# **Q**10 What has been your strangest encounter with a football fan?

Getting punched by a Walsall fan after I had fallen over the advertising hoarding!

#### **Q**11 Any embarassing habits of any of the lads you can tell us about?

Reevesy has got some terrible sayings which are pretty annoying and David Duke has to be the worst dresser here, he's got some terrible gear!

#### 12 If you weren't a footballer, what would you be?

Probably a builder on a building site somewhere?! I don't know really, being a footballer is what I have always wanted to do, I never really considered anything else.

#### **Q**13 Your ultimate ambition as a footballer?

My ambition has always been the same, to play at the highest level you can. I think it is the same for most footballers, you want to play for the best teams in front of the big crowds. After that you have international aspirations, to play for your country is the biggest honour and every player's dream.

**U**14 If Swindon could sign any player in the world, who would you most like to play alongside?

Roy Keane.

**U**15 Do you have any other hidden talents other than football we should know about?

Unfortunately not, sorry!

#### Q16 Favourite sporting moment/memory?

It was probably when Ireland reached the quarter finals of the 1990 World Cup. We only scored two goals and weren't that great to watch but we performed heroically. We managed to get to the quarter-finals by way of a penalty shoot out and got knocked out by a single goal against Italy.

#### 17 If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money and why?

I think I would probably still play football, I couldn't give it up. I think I would just play football for a bit and then go and take it easy in Dublin for the rest of my life!

#### **Q**18 You're on a deserted island and you can take three possessions, what are they and why?

I suppose I'd have to say my missus (!) but a TV, Playstation and crate of lager would do!

**Q**19 If you were on 'Who wants to be Millionaire' and you had to have one of your team mates as your 'phone a friend', who would it be and why?

I wouldn't fancy my chances with many of them (!) although Mark Robinson is pretty intelligent and knowledgeable, it would have to be him.

# Q 20 What would your advice be to any young players hoping to pursue a football career?

Work as hard as you possible can and give it everything you have got. Some places will take you on and things go well, others won't. You may take a few knock backs but just keep at it and if you put the effort in and you want it enough, you will get there in the end.

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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. 18 London Pride in the Early 60's

We have already seen how, in the 1950's, Chelsea and Arsenal illuminated a dour standard of programmes. As clubs throughout the country failed to improve their programmes when the 'swinging sixties' got underway, it was London which once again provided the shining exceptions to the rule of mediocrity.

Chelsea and West Ham continued to produce excellent programmes, both favoured a small page format, shorter than the then-standard A5 size, but larger than the mini-pocket-

sized issues of the late 50's and early 60's. Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur also favoured this page size and while their issues were amongst the best in the country, they were more predictable and short of the extra ingredient which set the Stamford Bridge and Boleyn Ground programmes above the rest. The Hammer' was lovingly tended by Jack Heliar, whose family printing firm had presided over the West Ham programme from its birth. Editorial was affectionate and thoughtful, and information on the club and its staff was imparted in a manner which made readers feel involved and informed. The editor's lifelong involvement with the club lent an historic perspective, both in terms of recollections, and in commentaries on the modern game.

The West Ham programme was not a one-man band though; managers, coaches, players and - in deference to the new pop society - the matchday DJ/announcer - all contributed to a lively, informative, yet exceedingly homely programme. Completely devoid of advertisements - in common with its counterparts at the major London clubs - 'The Hammer' was also the first to introduce full colour photographs of players. Across the capital, the good work of the previous two decades was being continued at Stamford Bridge. Albert Sewell edited a compact 20 page programme which was brimming with club information. There was a superb collection of pictorial coverage of previous

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matches, features on past and present players, and a complete statistical and factual account of playing affairs at first team, reserve and youth level. Part of the attraction of these programmes, looking back some 35 years, is that each one had its own identity. Local printers, editors who were usually long-standing supporters, and content which reflected the precommercialised days of 1960's football, meant that no two club programmes were alike. The smallsized Chelsea, West Ham, Spurs and Arsenal programmes of the early 60's may not take as long to read as their 1990's descendents, but they retain a charm and character that the modern emporia of colour and gloss cannot reproduce.





Loyalty and commitment are two attributes that are being slowly eroded by the modern age of football, however today's 'Where Are They Now?' was someone who epitomised those very characteristics during a period of eighteen years at the club.

Andy Rowland was signed by today's visitors by Dave Mackay for a fee of £7000 after having started his career with Derby County. Andy experienced a rather unconventional route into football, instead of starting life as an apprentice, he impressed Brian Clough by scoring a hat-trick for the English amateur team against Scotland and was signed up by the pragmatic manager. Before that, Rowland had played for his local County side and existed on County's books as a non contract player.

His career at the Baseball Ground was effectively ended with the advent of Dave Mackay's reign. Mackay took over following Clough's falling out with the Chairman and unfortunately, signalled the end of Rowland's opportunity. Instead, he was given his chance under Bobby Smith at Gigg Lane where he started to enforce himself on the game as a player. Ironically, Rowland made his debut in a 2-o victory against Swindon and he would later forge a formidable partnership with Derek Spence, posing a dangerous threat in the air. Just over a year later Bobby Smith (after a brief period with Vale) was installed as manager of Swindon Town and one of his first signings was Andy Rowland.

Rowland's Swindon career started in the best possible fashion with a goal in a 3-1 win over Gillingham (Alan Mayes scorer of the other two, also signed from Bury.) Swindon were fifth during 1978/79 season and the win over Gillingham incited joyful celebration from Town fans who

were expecting promotion. Unfortunately two defeats followed and the club's promotion push was over for another year. The following season was captivated by a league cup semi-final courtesy of a lastgasp winner in the quarter finals by Rowland against Arsenal. Unfortunately Town would lose the semi-final against Wolves. Rowland maintained a regular spot in the Town line up for seven years amassing 287 appearances. Rowland would eventually fall just short of 100 league goals (fifth amongst Town's highest goalscorer's with 80 goals) before joining the club's training staff. Rowland worked wonders as the club's coach and even experienced a short period as Caretaker Manager after John Gorman's sacking. After more than 18 years with the club, Rowland moved on after a brief period as McMahon's assistant and he now enjoy's life as owner of the Plough pub in Old Town.

#### **Division Two Review:**

# Bantam Loan Star?

Ronnie Moore is looking to increase the competition at his club with the signing of Bradford striker Gareth Grant, on loan.

The Bantams striker has emerged as a possible target for the Millers' boss who would like to give his current strike force more competition.

Moore has contacted clubs in the Premiership to enquire about the availability of players on loan and Bradford boss Jim Jefferies feels that Grant could benefit from a spell on loan. The 20-year-old has already joined Halifax on a temporary basis and has also had a spell with First Division high flyers Bolton. Moore is aiming to secure Grant's services on a deal until the end of the season with Rotherham's attacking resources stretched to the limit through injury and suspension.





# **Defoe Setting Record Straight**

On-loan star Jermaine Defoe, fast becoming a regular on these pages, has set his sights on breaking a Football League goalscoring record.

The 18-year old West Ham striker has become the third player since the war to score in nine consecutive league games during a season when he opened the scoring in the 2-2 draw

# Angel Release For Walker?

Luton Town boss Lil Fuccillo is hoping to sign Aston Villa striker Richard Walker with the arrival of Juan Pablo Angel to Villa Park.

Fuccillo has made his intentions to sign the striker very clear, but his attempts to take him to Kenilworth Road have been knocked back by the Midlands club. "We've been given the green light to bring players into the club by the

 board of directors, and I'm hoping to bring a new face in by the weekend" he

said. Fuccillo has also hinted that he may sign another Premiership player on loan, he hasn't revealed his name but has divulged that he is a centre back playing for Middlesbrough.

against Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground. Defoe became the first player in 13 years to score nine league goals on the spin in a season since former Cherries star Kevin Russell. Russell was in the Wrexham side that faced Bournemouth two weeks ago and it was whilst with the Robins that Russell achieved this record.

**Division Two Review:** 



# Cambridge Looking Sharpe

Lee Sharpe is the latest in a long line of players set to leave Valley Parade. The former Manchester United and Leeds winger is a target of Roy McFarland at the Abbey Stadium.

The left sided player has failed to make an impact in the Premiership since his move nearly two years ago and is wanted by the U's boss despite his reluctance to divulge information, "I don't want to comment on that." However, McFarland has been after a new forward player for some time now and Lee Sharpe would be the perfect answer to slot into his strike force. It has been well documented that Bradford are looking to off-load some of their players and Sharpe is believed to be on of those surplus to requirements.

# Foxes Hunt Carrol

Premiership side Leicester City are considering a £2million bid for Wigan Athletic goalkeeper Roy Carrol.

The 23-year old goalkeeper has been at the JJB Stadium for nearly four years since joining from Hull City during the 1996/97 season.

His form this season has earned Carrol the reputation as one of the best 'keepers outside of the top flight and has thus made him a target for clubs such as Leicester.

Leicester boss Peter Taylor is keen to tempt Carrol away from Wigan to join his Europe-chasing Foxes.



#### **Brentford Sell-Off**

Having sold arguably Brentford's best striker to Oxford United for £50,000, Ron Noades is now looking to sell Griffin Park and move the club out of the borough.

Noades is said to have held talks with both Conference outfits Kingstonian and Woking with a view to Brentford playing there next season. Like the sale of Andy Scott to Oxford, the news has been greeted with horror by Bees fans. Noades could recoup millions from the sale of Griffin Park, but he has effectively quelled the club's promotion hopes by selling off the club's best players. He has also stated that more sales could be on the cards in an attempt to balance the books and reduce the 28-man squad to 22.

#### **Trinidad Talks**

Wrexham have reopened talks with Trinidadian International Dennis Lawrence. The giant defender has discharged himself from the army to sign up for the Robins.

Lawrence has already had trials at Newcastle and Bolton but is keen to sign for the Welsh club to link up with his international team mates Hector Sam and Carlos Edwards, Assistant manager Kevin Reeves said, "We are hopeful of trying to do something with Dennis. He is desperate to come across and play for us. We have agreed personal terms, but we now have to agree a fee with the army club he plays for." Lawrence is currently playing for the Defence Force club, part of the Trinidad and Tobago regiment based in the Port of Spain.

#### Fans Page:





#### Pictured here 'Showing His Colours' is loyal Town fan, 22-year old Harvey Fremlin.

Harvey is shown here holding his scarf aloft with pride at the 'Stoney Desert' in Tunisia, more famously known for the location of the latest Star Wars movie. Harvey says he has been a loyal fan for over thirteen years and had attended most home games this season. He states that his favourite player is Danny Invincibile, although his greatest player of all time is "the fantastic" Fraser Digby.



Pictured here 'Showing His Colours' is 32-year old Sean Watson in Stanley, situated outside of the Falklands capital.

Sean is a fire-fighter serving in the Falkland Islands on a four-month tour with the RAF which is set to finish in the middle of March this year. Sean is an avid Swindon fan and season ticket holder and has been a supporter all his life. We wish Sean all the best and look forward to having him back at the County Ground in March!

# 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!





This picture was sent to us by Gemma's Dad Hugh who like his daughter, is a massive Town fan!

This picture was taken whilst on a family holiday to Italy in August last year and Gemma is standing in front of the hotel in which they stayed. Hugh says, "It doesn't really look like Italy but you can just about see some Italian cars in the background!" We welcome both Gemma and Hugh to the County Ground for today's game.

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# **Town's Birthday Duo**

Two members of Swindon's Town backroom staff are celebrating birthday's this weekend. Senior Secretary and football administrator Linda Birrell celebrated her 20th birthday yesterday. Linda has been with the club for two and a half years and is an avid Town fan. Linda acts as a PA to both Andy King and Peter Rowe. Administrator and conferencing co-ordinator Andrea Elliott celebrates her 31st birthday tomorrow, Andrea's many tasks at the club include organising the officials for every home game and co-ordinating media requirements. Andrea has been at the club for eight years and is famous or dancing on tables at the club Christmas party. Her sister Natalie is responsible for providing this picture! Happy Birthday from everyone at the club.



Linda Birrell



Andrea Elliott

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**Town Ladies:** 

# **Town Bow Out**

#### The Town Ladies were knocked out of the "AXA" Women's FA Cup by Enfield in a thrilling fourth round tie.

The Town went ahead in the 21st minute when Holly Ashman headed in Kim Reeves' cross. The Town just had the edge but were unable to build on their advantage despite several close attempts including a penalty which was saved by Enfield's 'keeper. With just 90 seconds remaining Enfield equalised and sent the tie into extra-time. During the period of additional time Enfield snatched a winner. Despite their best efforts. Town were unable to find the net and save the tie. The Town reserves beat Burham by six goals to nil in the Southern Region League, Michelle Rich got a hat-trick, Hayley Sprules bagged a brace and Natalia

Zarcznski got one. The Town have fifteen players in the County squad to face Devon at Warminster. Georgia Alcock, Holly Ashman, Pam Ashman, Lucy Bailey, Diane George, Katy Lemon, Tracy Peacock, Kim Reeves, Nicola Relph, Michelle Rich. Leanne Taylor, Jessica Weir, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness and Natalia Zarcznski have been included. Tomorrow the Town travel to Somerset to face high flying Yeovil Town. The two sides drew one-apiece when they met in Swindon earlier in the season. The Town reserves are also away and meet Alton United.

#### **Roger Reeves**

#### South West Combination League

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## **Matches from Memory**

**By Dick Mattick** 



Not only had Bobby Smith become manager but four of his former Bury players had joined him: Billy Tucker, Andy Rowland, Ian Miller and Brian Williams.

On December 8th 1979 all were involved as Swindon obtained revenge for that October night at Gigg Lane. Swindon were riding high in the League and looking forward to a fifth round league cup replay with Arsenal. It was hardly a surprise when, with only ten minutes played, Ray McHale exchanged a one-two with Alan Mayes and cracked a powerful shot into the Bury net. Bury's approach was somewhat physical in the opening stages and prompted one of Clive King's unforgettable smiles describing Bury like a teenage mugger who finds their victim is Mohammed Ali. Swindon landed another blow to Bury when, with goalkeeper John Forrest and Carl Halford desperately trying to stop Rowland getting a header in, the ball went through to Chris Kamara who nodded home.

Most critics agreed that Swindon's third goal was the best of the game with Kamara sending Miller scuttling down the wing and the low cross being controlled and swept in by Mayes. Mayes turned provider just before half-time finding the head of Rowland who powered home a bullet header. Four minutes into the second half it was two of the Bury It was a 5-0 hammering at Bury in October 1975 when Bobby Smith was in charge at Gigg Lane that must have been instrumental in persuading Swindon to appoint him as their manager.

old boys who combined for Swindon's fifth; Williams' corner being stabbed home by Tucker at the second attempt. Chants of "Bring on the Arsenal" were replaced with cries of "We want six" and six it was when Rowland shot his second of the match past Forrest. A handling offence by Danny Wilson resulted in a penalty which Ray McHale slotted home.

#### "...Bring on the Arsenal" were replaced with cries of "We want six..."

With 22 minutes remaining a place in the record books seemed to be beckoning but Bury, despite being reduced to ten men when Alan Waldron was injured, managed to contain Swindon to just one more goal, a left foot effort from Alan Mayes five minutes from time. The final score of 8-o was, and before today still is, Swindon's biggest post-war League win. Only 7,685 people watched the match and, even allowing for the fact that Arsenal bought more supporters than Bury, the attendance at the match with Arsenal only days later of 21,795 demonstrates that the appearance of thousands of 'supporters' for big match occasions



is not a new state of affairs at the County Ground. Despite beating the mighty Arsenal in the cup and scoring 50 goals in their home league games (more than any other team in Division Three) Swindon's promotion challenge fell away and they finished in a disappointing 10th position. Bury finished in 21st position and were relegated.

#### Swindon:

Allan, Lewis, Ford, Tucker, Stroud, McHale, Williams, Kamara (Carter), Miller, Rowland and Mayes.

#### Bury:

Forrest Ritson, Halford, Whitehead, Howard, Waldron, Madden, Wilson, Johnson, Hilton and Mullen (Lugg).

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Matty Hewlett: Resuming training soon?

& Junior Robins:

## **Hewlett to Return**

Hello and welcome to today's league game here at the County Ground. It has been two weeks since our last league game and so we have had a little bit of time to re-group and develop those that have been with us in the treatment room.

Matty Hewlett has come on leaps and bounds and is now entering the final stages of his recuperation. Matty returned from Lilleshall and the results were very positive. We are hoping that in the next 10 days he will return to some sort of training. We are looking to work him hard in terms of kicking balls, running and twisting and introduce him to partial fitness training. He should also be able to take part in small sided games and other controlled situations.

Graz is also doing very well and is at the same stage as Matt. He will be following the same criteria as Matty and we will be working him that little bit extra hard to get him up to speed. Bobby Howe, who was suffering with an aggravation to his Achilles heel is now pretty much back to full fitness and should be available today. Stevie Cowe has also returned to full training and Like Bobby, will also be available. Jamie Mills joined us last week after the Millwall game. He picked up a slight strain to his peronial tendon/muscle and so he will be with us for a short while.

Finally, the latest on **Andy Williams** is that he has spent the last week at Lilleshall. We had taken him as far as we could and we are hoping that their more advanced technology can develop him that little bit further.

## Junior Robins

We were all looking for a good away trip to Brentford but unfortunately the game was called off due to the bad weather.

The rearranged match will now be an evening game and will have to be cancelled for the Junior Robins - many apologies for this but the following matches are still OK. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any alterations on this page.

WrexhamFebruary 4th 2001Bristol RvrsMarch 24th 2001MillwallApril 14th 2001Stoke CityMay 5th 2001Please book early at the booking

office to confirm that you are a Junior Robin and give them your membership number. We are always looking for more of you to join the Robins' o-16 year olds. It only costs £3 and you can collect your application from the Travel Club Office. Julie Page is still recruiting for her Robinettes, so if you are aged between 12 and 16 years of age and you feel you can be part of Julie's team, please give her a ring on 01793 763349, but don't forget you must be a dedicated member and attend regular training. If you are aged between 12 and 15 years of age, don't forget Richard is always looking for more ball boys/girls. If

you are keen, please contact Richard on 01993 703110.

A list of February birthdays will appear in our next programme. Robin's don't forget, this is your page so if you have any pictures, jokes, poems or stories that would be of interest to other juniors or if it's your birthday/friend's birthday, send in your request. We will do our very best to put them on this page for you.

#### **George Chadwick**

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# PARLE Shooteours

Etched in our nation's tradition is the inability to convert a penalty in a shoot-out. Thankfully the same fate that has quelled England's cup hopes over the years did not apply to King's victorious squad at the New Den two week's ago. Love them or loathe them, the penalty shoot-out has provided great entertainment in the past, here are five of the best.



The World Cup Final had been a dull affair, both clubs had the opportunity to win the cup for their fourth time, but neither lived up to jt's reputation or did the competition any justice.

Moreover the shoot-out of 1994 was in fact the first to conclude a World Cup Final and it will be remembered for those that failed rather than those that converted. Brazil, uninspiring and playing in the shadow of the mercurial side of 1970, failed to enliven a game which, at times, lacked momentum and skill. As a result a o-o draw was followed by an equally uninspiring period of extratime and then penalties. Baresi and Massaro had already missed for Italy when Roberto Baggio, instrumental in getting Italy to the final stage, stepped up. His kick was vital in ensuring the game go to sudden death penalties, Brazil leading 3-2

with one shot left. He blazed his shot over the bar to stun the 94 thousand supporters in the Rose Bowl, not to mention the millions watching on TV around the world.



Another first, this time the first use of a penalty shoot-out to settle a major final between national teams.

This shoot-out was the result of Czech keeper Ivo Viktor's only mistake of the night, a feeble attempt to punch Bonhof's corner resulting in Holzenbein heading in Germany's equaliser to draw level at 2-2.

The first seven kicks were converted successfully before a reluctant Uli Hoeness stepped up for the Germans. Hoeness was no stranger to missed penalties having failed in converting a spot-kick in the 1974 World Cup. His kick blazed over the bar and as a result, he never played



again for the Federal Republic of Germany (despite being only 24!) and the ball was found years later when the stadium was knocked down! Czechoslovakia's winner is one of the most famous spot-kicks in history, a cheeky little chip by Antonin Panenka into the middle of the net enough to send Maier in the German goal the wrong way. The shot had just enough power to climb over the goal line and ensure a famous 5-3 victory for the Czechs.





By the time Euro '96 had reached the quarter-final stage, the England bandwagon was well and truly in motion.

A disappointing draw with Switzerland was followed by two emphatic wins over Scotland and the Netherlands. earning them a quarter-final tie with perennial under-achievers Spain. England failed to turn on the magic that put four past Holland, instead Spain came closest to winning the game with chances from Salinas and Manjarin. Had the referee punished Paul Gascoigne's rash tackle on Alfonso with a penalty instead of the Spaniard being booked, the game could have been won without the need for penalties. As it happened, the game remained goalless and it needed a shoot-out to see who would face Germany in the semi-final. Memories of England's failure in Italy six years previous were still rife. Stuart Pearce

played his part in erasing some of those haunting images with a courageous display, slotting home his spot kick in emphatic fashion. His relief was clear for all to see and the job was completed by one of the heroes of the tournament, David Seaman, as he dived low to his left to, secure Venable's young lions a place in the next round.



#### In 1992 Southampton were drawn away to Manchester United in a tie in which they were given little hope.

Despite the gulf that existed between the two clubs, Southampton would knock out Ferguson's side in a dramatic penalty shoot-out, the first of it's kind in the FA Cup. It was the Saints (playing in an unfamiliar blue away strip) that took the lead, Shearer scoring the first and Stuart Gray (now First team coach) putting the south coast club two goals to the good. Mark 'Sparky' Hughes scored an equaliser on the stroke of halftime, the effervescent Brain McClair ensuring an extra time period with virtually the last kick of the game. Neil Webb skied United's first spot kick over the bar before both clubs traded blows successfully. Ryan Giggs nonchalantly took the long walk from the half way line, with a dazzling display of keep-ups as he prepared to take the vital penalty kick. Anything less would see Manchester United knocked out of the competition. Giggs struck his shot to Flower's left and the Saints' 'keeper dived low to save it before sprinting the length of the pitch annd being rugby tackled in front of the jubilant away fans by Micky Adams.





Five Of The Best:

Luther Matthaus consoles a distraught Chris Waddle

## This Week's Winner England v Germany



Once again the penalty shoot-out became the focus of anger and frustration as England reached the semi-finals for the first time since 1966 and against Germany and produced some of their best football of the tournament.

Neither side deserved to lose in a game in which Paul Gascoigne was the driving force, however, a silly tackle on Berthold earned him a booking which, if England were to win the game, would see him miss the Final. His tears formed one of the most profound images of the World Cup, however there were to be many more.

An Andreas Brehme free-kick was deflected over Peter Shilton to give the Germans the lead, Lineker equalising ten minutes from the end to take the game into extra-time, and then penalties. Things looked good for England, 3-3 without a miss until Stuart Pearce hit his kick straight at Illgner's legs. The nation held its breath as Chris Waddle stepped up to take the deciding penalty, anything but a goal would see England dispatched out of the competition. Waddle blazed his effort well over the bar and he and Stuart Pearce were comforted by the rest of the squad, the side's disappointment clear for all to see. Germany went on to win the competition with another penalty, this time a spot-kick resulting from open play converted by Andreas Brehme. England not only lost the third place play off against Italy, but also walked away with the Fair Play Award, scant reward for a superb performance in the tournament.



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### v Wycombe Wanderers Football Club

#### (HOME) Tuesday 30th January 7.45pm

Picture: Michael Simpson



Town's second round victory in the LDV Trophy at the New Den has earned them a home tie against Wycombe Wanderers in round three.

After receiving a bye in round one, goals from Invincibile, Young and Halliday in a dramatic penalty shoot-out against Millwall ensured the cup encounter with Sanchez's men. Wycombe eased their way through the previous round, a 2-0 victory against Leyton Orient with goals from Matt Brady and Sam Parkin. A 2-1 win away at Luton Town followed and with four players signing new contracts (Brown, Lee, Townsend and Bates), things are looking good at Adams Park. In fact, Town were lucky to share the spoils last time the Swans visited the County Ground. Alan Reeves cancelling out Andy Rammell's opener and earning a point for King's ten men. This game may provide King the opportunity to field some of his younger players once again, with Alan Young, Steve Mildenhall and Kevin Halliday earning great praise from the boss in the previous round.

## Nationwide V Wrexham Football Club

(AWAY) Sunday 4th February 1.00pm

Picture: Carlos Edwards



Wrexham's fortunes have faired better than Town's since the 2-2 draw in November, Wrexham now just seven points off the last promotion place.

Town's performance was one of the best of the season and deserved more, Chalk and Edwards scoring the visitor's goals that earned them a point in reply to O'Halloran's and Invincibile's strikes. As a result Town will be looking to avenge that game with some points at the Racecourse Ground, not an easy task when you consider that Wrexham have encountered just one defeat in the last six home games, a defeat that dates back to early November. The last time Town won at the Racecourse Ground is back in 1986 and it will be a tough test for King's men to gain anything from North Wales. Wrexham have become a difficult side to beat with the addition of Hector Sam and Carlos Edwards to the squad. Town will be hoping that by kick-off time, the Robins attentions will be focused on the rugby.

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#### 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 luniors: £4 - £5

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## Saturday 17th February 3.00PM

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

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#### **HOME v Bournemouth Football Club Tuesday 20th February 7.45pm**

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#### HOME v Luton Town Football Club Saturday 24th February 3.00pm

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Winner of the draw for the Port Vale game was Ms N. Young who has prepaid ticket number 122 and won £290.00. We have now given out prize money of over £1000 during the last 3 matches. Many thanks to penalty hero Kevin Halide, for drawing out the winning ticket at half time. Today will see a special family day laid on by the Football Club in a bid to attract more supporters into the ground and we can only hope that their efforts will be rewarded despite disappointing results on the field in recent weeks. It is difficult to generate enthusiasm when results on the field do not go our way, but there is still a Football Club there to support and with the help of everyone the situation can be turned around before the end of the season.

Any family attending today should be aware that the supporters club offers special membership terms for families and this gives plenty of opportunity to benefit from the link with the Junior Robins including special arrangements for a number of away games. Please write to us C/O The County Ground or visit our web site at HYPERLINK http://go.to/swindontown for full

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Last week the Court of Appeal came down firmly on the side of the Sun newspaper on the matter of the integrity and honesty of one Mr Bruce Grobbelaar - goalkeeper, retired.

Football is, above all, a team game played by groups of closely-bonded brothers-in-arms, no matter what level it is played at. For the most part that is, dressing room and training ground spats are inevitable and some players avoid certain team-mates off the pitch. Indeed in January 1979 Charlton's Mick Flanagan and Derek Hales were sent off in an FA Cup tie - for fighting among themselves! But those situations arise in all walks of life. Players must rely on and trust one another implicitly on the pitch and, when it's confirmed that a player has greedily sold himself, his team-mates, his club, his fans - and the sport - down the Swanee, it is little short of sickening. Much more so when it concerns a player of international repute on the books of a leading European club.

In his time at Liverpool Grobbelaar had become an icon, a quirky, unpredictable character adored by the Anfield faithful and respected by his adversaries. Who would have suspected in those heady days what monster lurked beneath what was a cheerful, clownish and reliable facade. Grobbelaar's original victory over the charges brought against him owed greatly to the testimony of the former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, Bob Wilson. After watching hours of video-taped matches Wilson testified to the jury that he could see no evidence of Grobbelaar letting in goals and throwing matches. The Sun's successful appeal last week was based upon the fact that Grobbelaar had not been charged with that in the original hearing, he had been charged with taking money for match-fixing. The fact that he apparently didn't fix matches was irrelevant and the original verdict was pronounced 'perverse' and was overturned. A bit reminiscent of a South African cricket captain recently - yes I took the money but I didn't do anything else!.

Corruption in sport is nothing new, it has always been there. In recent years footballers and clubs have been fined, banned and even gaoled for accepting bribes and making irregular payments etc. What is worrying is the FA's attitude to the problem, just how rife is corruption in football and why will they not address the matter head on? It was perhaps foolish and naive of Harry Redknapp to claim recently that the scale of player's wages nowadays has all but eliminated the problem. The courts are full of corrupt millionaires, the problem exists and will continue to do so because of one simple thing - sheer greed.

Football has come a long way since it became organised in the late 19th century. At one time the game was epitomised by the Corinthians who later merged with the Casuals and still exist today as Corinthian Casuals in the lower echelons of the nonleague pyramid. At the height of their powers they remained staunchly amateur and shunned cup competitions as they were considered tainted by professionalism. They were known to refuse to score from penalties by deliberately shooting wide and similarly their goalkeeper had stood to one side of his goal when a penalty was awarded against them. True gentlemen and sportsmen to the core - and sadly missed.

But perhaps the Corinthian spirit is not completely dead and gone, witness Paolo Di Canio's act of sheer altruism in coming to the aid of a stricken goalkeeper recently by deliberately handling the ball and negating an opportunity to score. Maybe there's hope yet.

#### The Wanderer

Eric:

## Big Tony is Gone, Long Live the Kids!

Last weekend Arsenal's 'captain fantastic' retired from international football after first pulling on the England jersey back in 1987. He made 66 appearances for his country, captaining the side on 13 occasions.

He has decided to 'listen to his body' and devote what time he has

, left in the game to his club. At 34years of age the Gunners' defensive stalwart has been increasingly prone to injuries causing him to miss the most part of this season. He also has only been available for 21 of the last 49 international matches in any case. In a bid to repay the faith his domestic club showed him while he dealt with his personal problems some years ago. he aims to give 100% to Arsenal and rest during international weekends. Taking the lead of former international captain, Alan Shearer, he has made his England exit at the right time and with profound dignity.

My own memories of 'TA' are somewhat different. In what I now realise could well be regarded as 'stalking' by some people, I often found myself cruising past Tony's house at 5mph as a passenger in my housemate's clapped-out Renault 5. It was actually quite innocent, honest!

He was a huge Gunners' fan and season ticket holder plus it was on the way home - well, sort of, I never had a confirmed sighting myself but my housemate returned home one day and gleefully reported that he had seen 'Big Tony' in his lounge wearing a cream, heavy-knit roll neck and faded jeans, "a true professional" he proclaimed. Now the curtain has come down for the second time, this time on his 13-year international career instead of his lounge window, surely my housemate's statement could never be more accurate.

In the late 1980's Mr Adams found himself at his lowest ebb. His wellpublicised personal problems meant that he was an easy target for the national press and he had to deal

with the 'Donkey' label for some time. Ever since, Arsenal's most successful captain has re-invented himself and is now regarded as a national hero. Seldom do we see such commitment to a domestic club as Tony has shown the Highbury faithful since making his league debut against Sunderland as a 17-year-old. Having appeared over 600 times for the Gunners, he recently signed a contract that will keep him playing at Highbury for at least another year-and-a-half and he then has the option to move into coaching at the end of that.

FA head of communications Paul Newman said: "During his 13 years of playing for England, Tony Adams has been a marvellous servant for his country and an influential captain, particularly to the younger players around him. His experience, enthusiasm and commitment will be sorely missed."

With credentials like this, he should be in the game for a long time yet.

## **Week in Pictures**

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



#### Thursday 18th

Want-away Manchester United goalkeeper Mark Bosnich finally leaves the club and signs for Chelsea on a free transfer



#### Saturday 20th

Luis Boa Morte scores a brace for high-flying Fulham against Watford in a 3-1 win at Craven Cottage



#### Sunday 21st

former England captain **Tony Adams announces** his retirement from International football



Martin Williams has left Swindon Town to join Peterborough United



### Arsenal defender and

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

**Capriati beats Monica** Seles in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open to secure a place in the semi-finals



#### Monday 22nd

**Paolo Di Canio scores** a wonder goal for the Hammers against **Charlton at the Valley** to level the score at one-all



#### Wednesday 24th

Former Ireland boss **Jack Charlton blasts Tony Adams for** quitting international football accusing him of deserting the national squad





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#### Goalscoring Head 2 Head tats in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Shakers' to the right and scored in blue When goals scored & conceded **Top League Scorers** Where Face2Face 9 10 8 6 4 2 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 9 Last Season Danny Invincibile number of goals 0 At The County Ground..n/a (Swindon Town)vs At Gigg Lane\_ \_n/a Paul Barnes Shakers' goals 15 This Season (Bury) scored are indicated in blue and conceded Robins' Season records: 23 in 25 games Team Goals 22 in 26 games 0.92 aoals Ratio per Game 0.85 goals in oreen. 3 Home Win.3-1 Cambridge 30 Away Win. 1-0 Bristol City 8 in 24 games Player's Goals 4 in 12 games 0.33 goals **Ratio per Game** 0.33 goals 3-2 Luton, 1-0 Northampton 45 Home Defect ... 1-4 Walsall **Games Scored In** 2 Games Scored 1st Goal 3 .0-3 Stoke 4 Games Scored 1 Goal 4 Robins' goals scored 60 2 **Games Scored 2 Goals** 0 Away Defeat.....0-4 Posh are indicated in red and 0 **Games Scored 3 Goals** 0 conceded Consec. Wins. How insky. 75 **IMPORTANCE OF GOALS** Consec. Defeats. (Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected) 2 (4pts) 0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn Shakers' Season records: 2 (4pts) Gomes Won -> Lost Games Drawn -> Lost 0 (0pts) 90 minutes into match Home Win\_\_\_\_2-0 Walsall 1 (1pts) 1 (1pts) Number of points gained Average time of Scoring / Conceding 2-0 Port Vale SCORING SEQUENCES All Goals for 98 mins 106 mins **Consecutive Games Scored** 73 mins **Home Goals For** 105 mins Home Defeat.1-4 Wrexham 2 Games 1 0 154 mins Away Goals For 3 Games 0 **108 mins** 2-5 Bournemouth 2 games Maximum Scoring Run 3 games 51 mins All Goals Against 69 mins Away Defeat.0-4 Millwall 49 mins Home Goals Against 84 mins CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING Consec. Wins. 3 54 mins Away Goals Against 57 mins 2 Gomes Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games. 2 3 Games Consec. Defeats. 4 Games 2 9 games Maximum Dry Spell 4 games Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison **Robins' Results Shakers' Results** Robins : SSLLWWLLLL F 8 A17 Pts 8 SWINDON GOALS BURY COALS Shakers : SLLSWLDLLL 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 0 2 4 3 1 5 3 1 F 7 A14 Pts 6 01234567 022 Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right OPPOSITION COALS COALS 14121 2 2 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 1 213 Bury's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record NOTISO440 411 DIV FAC WC 412 15 Gis Ave Att 90/91 3 1 1 Lee 15 3,572 91/92 stows the number of results for each scoreline eg Bury have won 4 games 1-0 3 1 1 Stevens 17 2,901 eq. Swindon have last 3 games 0-3 ond lost 5 games 0-1 92/93 3 3 3 Stevens 14 2,667 Seasonal Progress Comparison 93/94 3 1 1 Carter 20 2,597 1st 94/95 3 3,223 = Swindon 3 1 Pugh 16 Bury -edgue Position 95/96 3 3 1 Carter 16 3,262 96/97 2 1 2 Carter 12 4,500 97/98 1 3 2 Battersby/Swan/Ellis 6 6,179 3 3 D'Jaffo 98/99 8 5,475 2 99/00 2 1 Preece 12 4,025 24th Aug Mo 23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 5 з

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WIGAN	28	11	3	0	22	8	3	8	3	17	16	53	+15
WALSALL	28	11	4	0	35	12	4	3	6	14	17	52	+20
ROTHERHAM	27	6	4	3	24	16	7	4	3	18	16	47	+10
STOKE	26	7	3	3	18	10	5	6	2	22	17	45	+13
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### Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD HOLS	APPS.	CUP APPS.	AFFS.	GOALS AL
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	8(8)	3	11(8)	
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	24	6(1)	301)	4
BOBBY HOWE	8	16(2)	4	20(2)	5
KYLE LIGHTBOURNE	9	1		1	
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(10)	1(3)	5(13)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	14(7)	5(3)	19(10)	1
UAN COBIAN	12	3	4	7	
STEVE COWE	14	2(4)	1(2)	3(6)	2
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	23(1)	2(1)	25(2)	9
GARY ALEXANDER	18	13(4)	6(1)	19(5)	2
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	•	1	1	
GARETH DAVIES	21		-		
ALAN REEVES	22	22(1)	8	30(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	1(1)	2	3(1)	
RICHARD DRYDEN	25	7	1	8	
ALAN YOUNG	26	(2)	1(3)	1(5)	1
AMES WILLIAMS	29	(1)	1(1)	1(2)	
AN WOAN	31	12	3	15	1
SARETH HALL	30	1(1)	2	3(1)	
EVIN HALLIDAY			(1)	(1)	5
AMIE MILLS		-	(1)	(1)	

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4 Matthew Hewlet	t	Nick Daws	4	S. D. Habgood
5 Adam Willi	; ()[	Sam Collins	5	Assistant 2
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7 Keith O'Hallora	n 🗇	Chris Billy	7	4th Official
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21 Gareth Davie		Nicky Hill	20	Full-Time Score
22 Alan Reeve	<u> </u>	Lee Connell	21	
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