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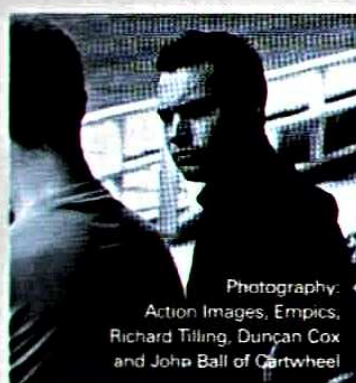
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EDITOR'S EYE

I am not sure what was more disappointing about last week's result at Ashton Gate, the actual outcome itself or Reeves's sending off. Then I concluded that perhaps one wouldn't have happened without the other if you get what I mean? The fact of the matter is that there are a lot of supporters going home feeling hard done by refereeing decisions all over the country. Now I could



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talk about Reeves's sending off all day but there are people who have done that for me elsewhere in the programme so I will not elaborate. What I will do is look at the wider picture. Four games I watched this week; in the first Fulham were the victims of an innocuous free kick against Man United before Tottenham and Leeds became casualties of at least one harsh sending off out of two. Then you hear about Chesterfield finishing their fixture at Vale Park with nine men against the ten men of Port Vale and you think to yourself, 'something is not right?' We could talk about referees until we are blue in the face but I think something needs to be done to make football more enjoyable again, I mean 60 free kicks in a game? (some poor chap actually counted them in the press box at Bristol City).

Onto today's game and let's hope that we can get our first three points of the season. Oldham, like us are still looking for that elusive win, but we have gradually been getting better and so I am pretty confident that we will be talking about events on the field for all the right reasons. Before I go, I think it worth mentioning the recent successes of Town's youth team and centre of excellence. You can read more on both on pages 18 and 47 respectively, it certainly gives us all hope for the future.

All the best and enjoy the read*.

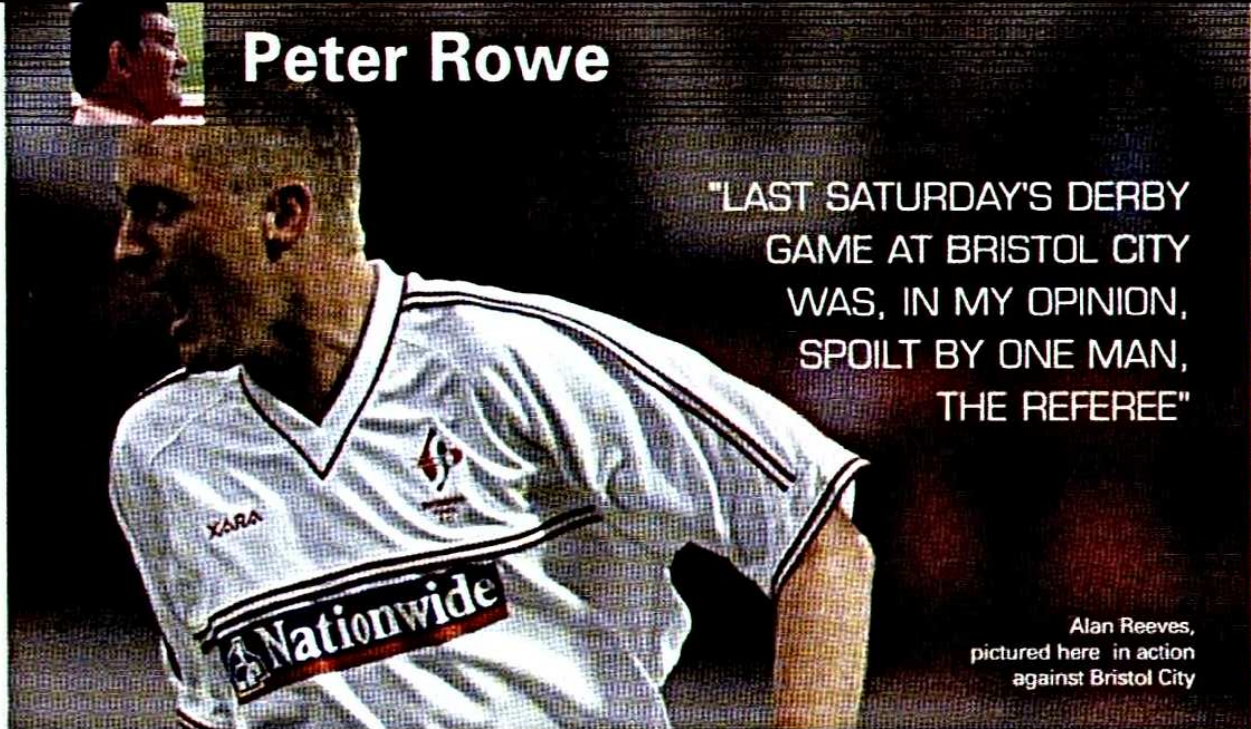
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"LAST SATURDAY'S DERBY
GAME AT BRISTOL CITY
WAS, IN MY OPINION,
SPOILT BY ONE MAN,
THE REFEREE"

Alan Reeves,
pictured here in action
against Bristol City

BEHIND THE SCENES

It was great to see so many faces at our opening game of the season. Unfortunately we were unable to come away with three points.

The old adage that one swallow doesn't make a summer is certainly true and I believe we must give Roy the opportunity over the next few weeks to assess our strengths and weaknesses before looking to add to the squad. Already he has received many calls from several Premiership clubs offering their help and I think this shows how highly he is still thought of in the game. Last Saturday's Derby game at Bristol City was, in my opinion, spoilt by one man, the referee. Already before August is out we are talking about officials, which is a worry. The Towns fans chant of '3-1 to the referee' summed up all our frustrations on the day because all we ask for is consistency and that was something I think was sadly missing at Ashton Gate. A few minutes before Alan Reeves was sent off - unfairly I think we would all agree - the City Centre Forward was pulled up for a foul. The referee beckoned him over, as he had already been booked, but bottled out of flashing a red card. This decision - or lack of one - made Reevesy's sending off minutes later even harder to stomach.

If the game had become nasty then perhaps the referee would have been right to hand out yellow and red cards, but both sides played fairly and I think a fair indication of this was the reaction of City manager Danny Wilson after the game. He too thought the referee had over reacted. A personal friend of mine, Richard Scudamore, who is the chief executive of the Premier League, was also at the game. For his sins Richard is a City fan and he turned to me midway through the second half and mentioned that the game deserved two yellow cards at best. It is frustrating to players and supporters alike when referees' man-management skills are taken away by FA directives and to prove my point I would harken back to the days of one of this country's best referees, Jack Taylor. Jack, of course, refereed the 1974 World Cup Final between Germany and Holland and gave two penalties in the first five minutes. Here was a no-nonsense official who didn't need to brandish yellow and red cards to control a game. Unfortunately these days the term 'common sense' has been taken out of the official's vocabulary. Don't get me wrong, a referees' job is the hardest on the field but I feel it could be made so much easier if he were given greater personal responsibility to control a game. With my whinge out of the way it leaves me with the task of welcoming Oldham Athletic to the ground for today's game. A warm Wiltshire welcome to all their directors, players and supporters - but as I say, there's only one winner. Come On You Reds!



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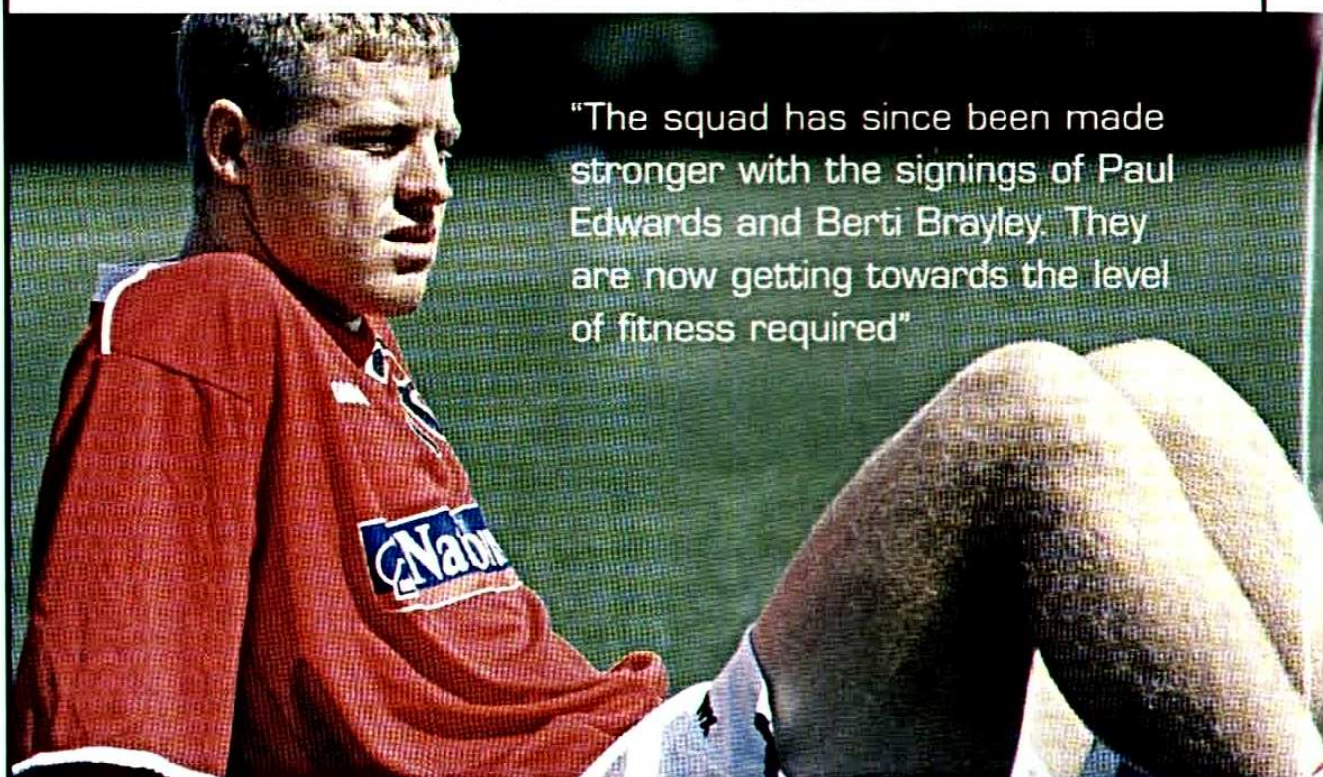
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THE WAITING GAME

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to everyone at the County Ground this afternoon for our second home fixture of the new campaign.

Before I begin may I extend a warm welcome to today's visiting management team, directors, players and supporters of Oldham Athletic. I know it is quite a long journey from Lancashire so I hope you all enjoy the afternoon and return safely. Oldham will be looking to get a win today as much as we are because they are yet to register their first win and so I am sure they will give us a tough game. Despite drawing twice, Andy Ritchie's side have scored four goals in two games and will certainly be very dangerous going forward. From our point of view it has been an interesting first week of the season. One draw, one defeat and two sendings off are not the ideal start. The sendings off are disappointing because they mean that those players are unavailable later on. But I have always been one to look at the positive aspects of any situation and so we can't dwell on the past. Firstly, I think I should congratulate those who came to the first home game of the season and those that travelled to Ashton Gate.

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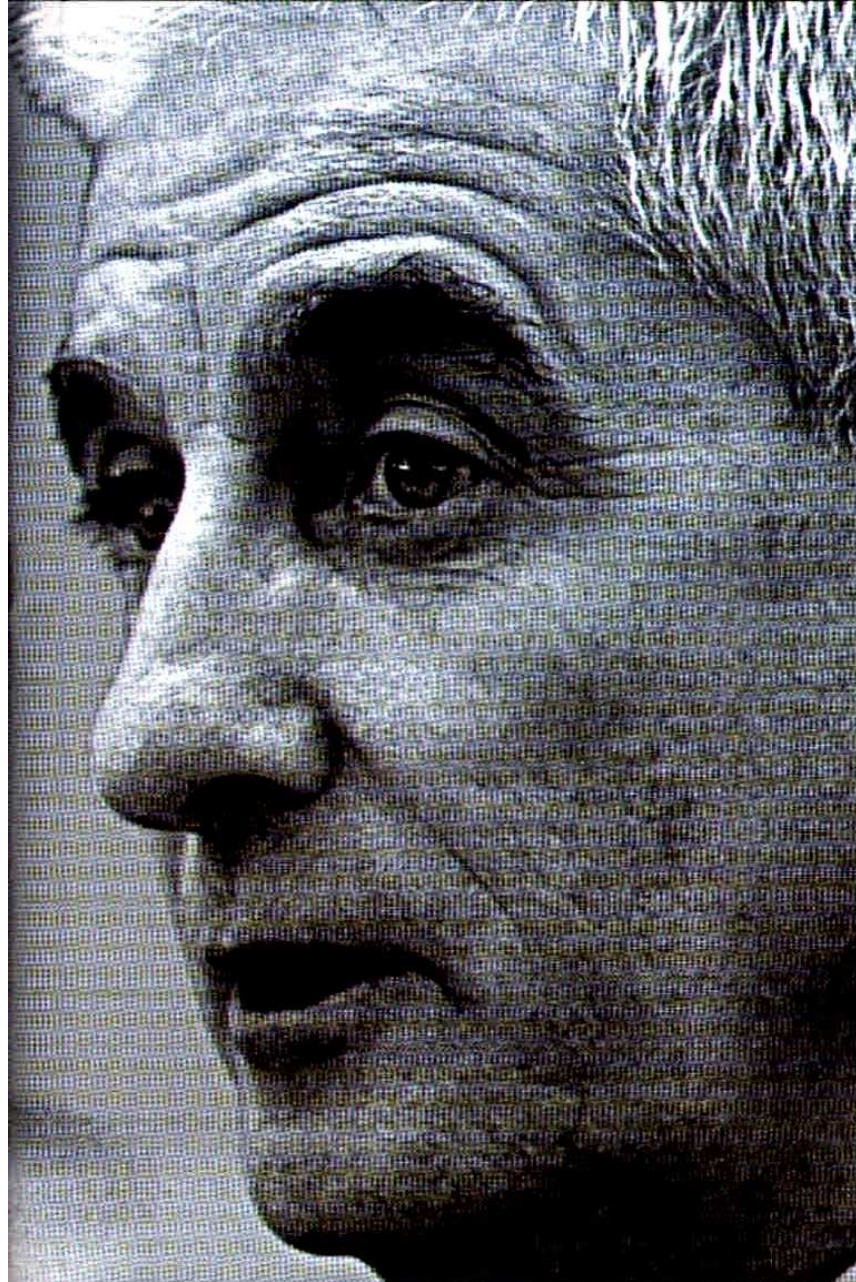


"The squad has since been made stronger with the signings of Paul Edwards and Berti Brayley. They are now getting towards the level of fitness required"

The support last week was superb, especially when you consider the bad weather and traffic delays. If you can stick with us and keep providing that kind of support then it will go a long way in helping us achieve that first win. I know it has been a frustrating time for you but the lads just need a chance to adapt to us and vice versa, this is the time we need you most. On the pitch it hasn't quite been the start that we were after, but there are still many positive aspects from which we can build upon. Against Peterborough we looked very nervous and that is sometimes the case on the first day of the season. Whether it be playing the first competitive game for a while or just the anxiety to impress the new management, you do sometimes experience opening day nerves. I wasn't that concerned because I know that the lads are capable of much better than that and they have responded well in training.

We worked very hard the following week on passing the ball, keeping possession and movement and I think there was an improvement at Bristol City. At the start of the game at Ashton Gate we looked very confident and kept possession of the ball for long periods, making it hard for the home side to get into any rhythm. Even when they scored the first goal I thought we were in with a chance but when your side goes down to ten men you are always going to struggle. Even then, when City got on top of us we showed tremendous spirit and battling qualities. We were not prepared to roll over and we kept working as hard as we could. Playing the final 30 minutes with a man short took its toll and they scored another two, perhaps making the score line a bit generous on their behalf. What did concern me was our final ball and lack of imagination going forward, we lacked a cutting edge.

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It is one thing to keep possession but if you are unable to take that forward into the opponents half with an end product then there is no point. Nonetheless, Razor, Malcolm and I have worked closely with the lads and hopefully those chances will come. In time, these elements that we have been working on will come together but as I said last week, there is no magic wand. Instead it will take a lot of hard work in order to raise the overall quality and variety of our play. The squad has since been made stronger with the signings of Paul Edwards and Berti Brayley. They are now getting towards the level of fitness required. Razor has also been training and working hard to get himself match fit, the result of which will mean that we should have some competition for places all over the park. It may make team selection a little bit harder but it is a great problem to have!

We are also still looking to recruit some new personnel, but like I have said, it is not worth buying new players unless they are better than what we have already. In closing may I just wish you all the best for the Bank Holiday weekend and hopefully, after a good result today we will see as many of you as possible in Bury. Enjoy the game.



CROZZERS COLUMN

Town's assistant manager gives his views on events of the last week.

It has been a frustrating start to the season, a 0-0 draw in the first game in front of our own fans was followed up by a defeat against Bristol City last Saturday. Nevertheless you have to pick yourself up and I don't think the lads were too despondent, after all they have had to finish both games with ten men.

There were definitely improvements in last week's game and if we can keep developing at this rate, then I would be surprised if we had to wait that long for our first win. Roy, Razor and myself have been working hard with the lads in training on movement in the final third to make us a bit more clinical. We have to take our good passing to another level and improve the quality of our play going forward. So far this season we haven't caused our opponents enough problems and our only real chances of scoring have come from the penalty spot.

We were lucky that we had the opportunity to put things right against Wolves on Wednesday, it is always nice to have a game immediately after a defeat because then you can get it out of the system. Hopefully we got the right result and will do so again today. Enjoy the game.

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**10TH AUG****BERTI BRAYLEY SIGNS FOR TOWN**

Berti Brayley signs for Roy Evans' side just a day before the start of the season. Brayley, just nineteen, signs a short-term contract having scored four goals during pre-season. Brayley comes from West Ham where he scored three goals in the FA Youth Cup Final in a team including Joe Cole and Michael Carrick.

11TH AUG**POOR START FOR TOWN AGAINST POSH**

Town begin their season with a disappointing 0-0 draw against Peterborough United. Barry Fry's side enjoyed the better chances, but Town had the perfect opportunity to take the lead when awarded a penalty. Unfortunately O'Halloran failed to convert and Town's misery was confounded when Grazioli was sent off.

15TH AUG**EDWARDS BECOMES EVANS' SECOND SIGNING**

Paul Edwards became Roy Evans' second signing, pledging his future to the club for one year. The 22-year old, like Brayley, impressed Evans in two pre-season games against Dorchester and Supermarine. The former Man City winger and close friend of Wes Brown can play on the left wing.

15TH AUG**RESERVES DEFEATED AT HOME**

Town's second string were defeated by Wycombe Wdrs reserve team despite fielding a strong side. Ruddock, Davis, Davis and Steve Robinson all started for Town alongside trialists Nicky Banger, Barry Lavery and Christian Lee. It was Lee's header that forced Town into the lead, but they eventually went down 3-1.

18TH AUG**BRISTOL CITY TOO SLICK FOR TOWN**

Town failed to repeat last year's victory at Ashton Gate and instead went down 3-1. Despite starting well, Town could not convert possession into chances and went behind after a Reeves mistake. City converted two more, Town's Alan Reeves was sent off in the process. O'Halloran got one back from the penalty spot.

22ND AUG**WOLVES TAMED BY LIVELY ROBINS**

Town sail into the second round of the Worthington Cup with a surprising win at Molineaux. In a crazy three-minute period, Town took the lead through Bobby Howe before Tony Dinning equalised for the home side. Keith O' Halloran scored the winner with his second penalty in a week to give Town's new management their first win.

Gossip COLUMN...

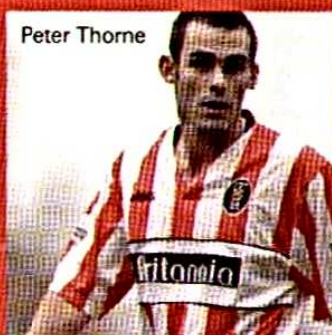
Shaun Maher just can't keep himself out of the rumour mill and, even after signing a one-match deal with Bournemouth, people are still linking the former Bohemians star to Swindon Town. Those of you that have been reading this page from its inauguration in the pre-season magazine will know that Town were pursuing Maher (former Fulham and Irish under 21 international) for a long time before he was linked to a move to Luton. Maher then signed a one-match contract with Bournemouth last week, allowing him to play in their fixture against Stoke. Whether or not he signs a more permanent contract remains to be seen.

From prospective new players to former players and Fraser Digby looks like he could be making a return to the County Ground... with Huddersfield Town. The former Swindon Town keeper has been given a trial by Lou Macari, a former Town manager. Macari was a big fan of Digby's professionalism and is keen to add some competition for the 'keeper's jersey.

Cardiff City are desperate to reunite new boy Graham Kavanagh with former team mate Peter Thorne. Thorne, a crowd favourite here at the County Ground. However, Sam Hamann's revolution suffered another setback when their latest bid of £1.3million was turned down. Stoke's football executive John Rudge confirmed: 'There has been interest in Peter from Cardiff. Obviously, everyone has their price, but we have told them we don't want to sell.' Another former Town striker, Steve Cowe has found a new home with Newport F.C. on the Isle of Wight.



Fraser Digby



Peter Thorne



Dean Court



Steve Cowe

Dick Mackey's Treatment room...



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In the treatment room at the moment we have the two Robinson's, Mark and Steve. Mark has had a bilateral hernia that means that he has had an operation on both sides of his abdominal. I am hoping that this will bring about a satisfactory conclusion to his problems. We do try and treat the players without surgery but with Mark, we thought that it was the best solution, especially on having the specialist's advice. He is now two weeks into his rehabilitation and is doing some gentle exercises.

I have also been looking after Steve since the Bristol City game. He came off, originally with a groin strain that disappeared very quickly and he is now suffering with a dead leg. It would have been touch and go to see if he was ready for the Wolves game, but hopefully he will be fit for today's clash. What we don't want to do is risk his fitness in the long run.

James Williams has been injured since pre-season with an abdominal strain similar to Mark's. He is doing a rather complicated set of exercises twice a week. His running is fine and last week we rang along the Ridgeway, however the problems start when we introduce a ball. He is off to Lilleshall next week to do some ball work.



TOWN'S NEXT HOME
MATCH IS ON WED SEPT
12 V BOURNEMOUTH,
2.00PM KICK-OFF AND
FREE ENTRY.

Chrsten Lee, pictured
here playing for
Bristol Rovers

IN RESERVE

Town started their Avon Insurance Combination campaign with a disappointing home defeat against a youthful and vibrant Wycombe Wanderers side.

With both Evans and Sanchez in the stands assessing a number of trialists, both sides were out to impress. Trialists Christian Lee (former Bristol Rovers and Gillingham), Nicky Banger (Southampton, Oxford and Oldham) and Barry Laverty (Dundee) joined Sol Davis, Steve Robinson and Neil Ruddock in a strong starting line-up that took the lead on six minutes. A header from Christian Lee following Banger's cross was deflected into his own net by a Wycombe defender. However, within two minutes the visitors (featuring David Carroll and Keith Ryan) were level courtesy of a 30-yard effort from Danny Senda. Town continued to put the Chairboys under pressure but it was the visitors who looked the more likely to score. Leeyon Phelan on the left wing causing Town all sorts of problems with his pace and trickery. Lee was involved in most of Town's attacks along with new signing, Berti Brayley, but it was Wycombe who took the lead courtesy of a penalty after Ruddock was adjudged to have brought down the opposing no. 9. Ruddock received his first booking for the club, but as a result of recent disciplinary rule changes, his booking won't count when involved with the first team. Lee nearly crowned his fine performance with a goal just before the break when he found himself straight through on goal, but he could only find Mark Osborn in fine form in the visitor's goal. Wycombe increased their lead after the break; an impressive run from another young trialist was nonchalantly finished with a low shot that gave McKinney no chance. Town had no answer and it was Wycombe who finished the stronger of the two sides and they nearly extended their lead further but squandered a one-on-one opportunity. A disappointed Malcolm Crosby said after the game, "It wasn't the best start to the season, but we had a few trialists playing who may not have played for a while. They all played their part in the game but it is hard for them to impress in such a short space of time, we can only hope that on the odd occasion we unearth a gem. However, we must be careful that by giving players a trial we do not neglect the youngsters because the reserves are a fantastic opportunity for them to get some proper match practice." New signing Paul Edwards added, "We didn't deserve to lose 3-1 but at the end of the day we just did not make the most of our chances."



Swindon Res 1
Wycombe Res 3

Wednesday 22nd August
kick-off 2.00pm

Swindon line-up:

McKinney, Cobian, Davies,
Ruddock, Davis, Banger, Willis,
S Robinson, P Edwards,
Brayley, Lee. Subs: Collins,
Laverty, N Edwards

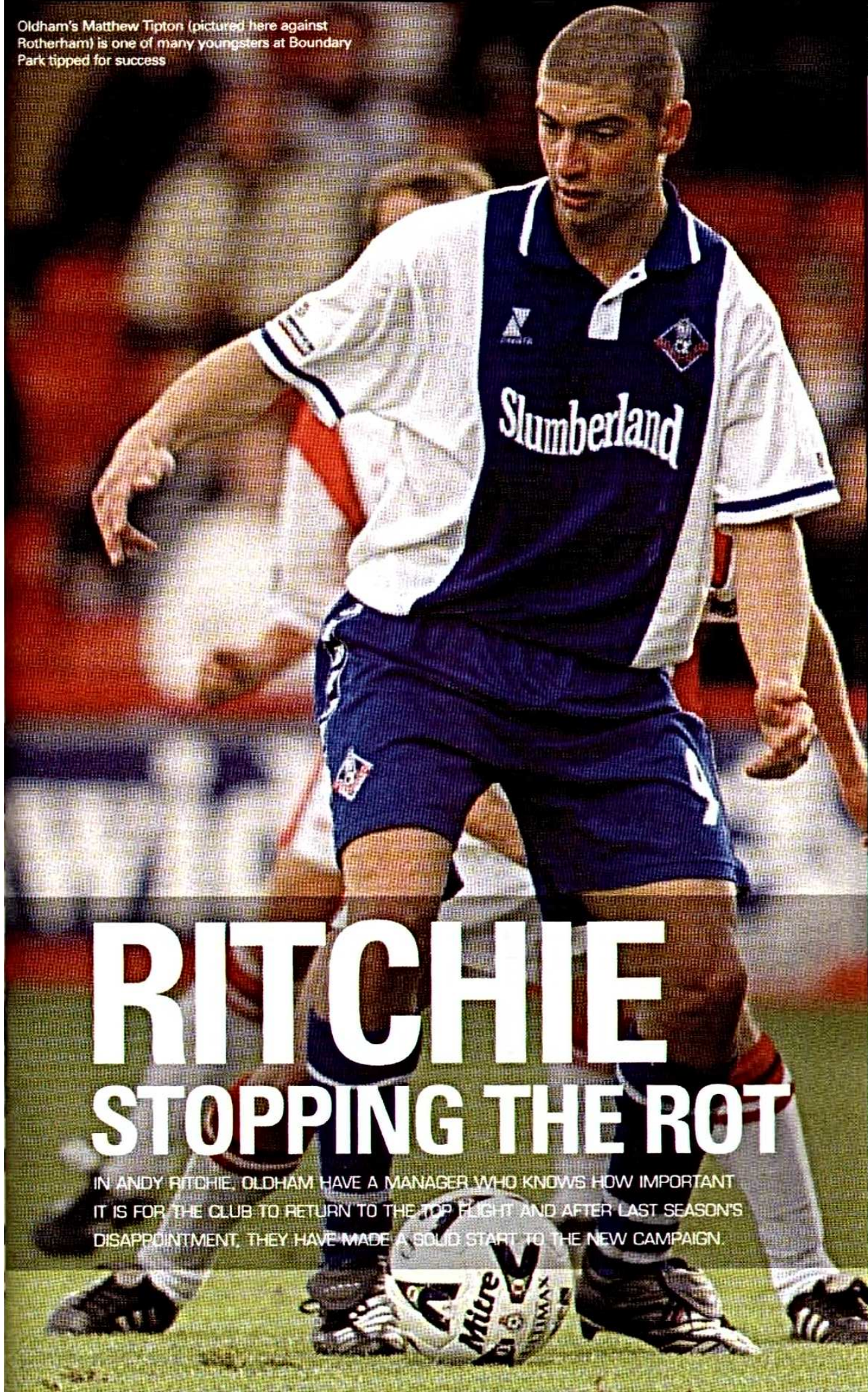
Oldham's Matthew Tipton (pictured here against Rotherham) is one of many youngsters at Boundary Park tipped for success

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RITCHIE STOPPING THE ROT

IN ANDY RITCHIE, OLDHAM HAVE A MANAGER WHO KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THE CLUB TO RETURN TO THE TOP FLIGHT AND AFTER LAST SEASON'S DISAPPOINTMENT, THEY HAVE MADE A SOLID START TO THE NEW CAMPAIGN.





Today's visitors followed Town through the relegation trap door in 1994 having played in the top flight for three seasons, one of which included a devastating FA Cup semi-final defeat against Man United. Like Town, the effects of relegation were crushing, but Ritchie's side are showing signs that better times lay ahead.

Latics facts

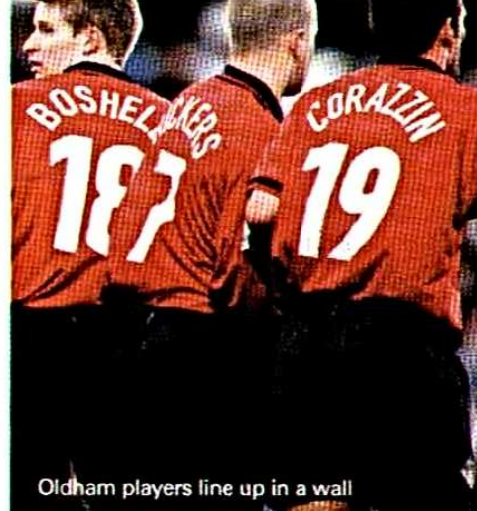
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 Formation 1895 as Pine Villa
 Nickname The Latics
 Stadium Boundary Park (13,700)
 Management team
 Bill Urmson
 Position 2000/01 15 (Division Two)
 Recent signings
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 Aug 28 Northampton T (H) 7.45pm
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 Second Division Champions 1991
 Third Division Champions 1974
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 Champions 1953
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 Swindon: 11, Latics: 9, Draws 7
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The Latics' demise may not have been as dramatic as our own, nevertheless since 1997 they have had to contend with Second Division football. Yet one can't be too harsh on the achievements of Oldham Athletic Football Club; living in the shadow of both Manchester United and Manchester City, they have had to also contend with the rival attraction of rugby league. Despite this, they have managed to carve out a distinctive cultural identity of their own, proving that footballing success doesn't have to be bought, instead a degree of financial stability, spirit, attitude and a bit of luck are the requirements for successful development. Some say that Hughes' goal in 1994 "broke the heart of the club", but Andy Ritchie's appointment in 1998 appears to have been the catalyst for a period of stability. In his first season, the former Latics marksman managed to stave off relegation (thanks largely to a 4-0 win by Manchester City on the final day of the season, City ironically led at the time by former boss, Joe Royle). The sanctity of mid-table was his reward in 1999/00 and 2000/01. This season Oldham are looking to introduce a younger breed of players (Matthew Tipton, Danny Boshell) to compliment the efforts and experience of Lee Duxbury and John Sheridan. Two draws and four goals against both Wrexham and Chesterfield would suggest that the attacking days of the club (made famous by Ritchie himself) are returning to Boundary Park.

Boundary Park, the home of Oldham Athletic





Oldham players line up in a wall

Andy is now in his fourth season as a manager after a long and very successful playing career. Andy Ritchie's career started at Old Trafford with Manchester United under the fatherly hand of the late Sir Matt Busby. After making only 33 appearances for United including 13 goals (including two hat-tricks), Andy moved on to then First Division, Brighton & Hove Albion for £500,000. After making 89 appearances and scoring 23 goals Ritchie moved on to Leeds United in a player exchange /cash deal valued at £750,000. 136 games and 40 goals later, Andy surprisingly agreed to join Oldham Athletic for a tribunal set fee of only £55,000.

The rest, as they say, is history as Andy went on to become one of the Latics' greatest ever goalscorers, scoring an incredible 105 goals in 250 games before being given a free transfer in 1995 when he joined Scarborough.

After spending just 18 months on the North East coastline the call from Latics brought Andy back 'home' to Boundary Park to take on the coach's role. Just 12 months later he was handed the manager's job and the task of taking Oldham Athletic back into the big time. Last season didn't exactly turn out the way Ritchie intended, his club in the bottom three for much of 2000 until a decent run saw them climb the league and finish comfortably in mid-table.

In the dug-out..

ANDY RITCHIE



One to watch...

CRAIG DUDLEY

Signed for the Latics in 1999 from Notts County for £10,000, Craig has appeared for England at under-19 and under-21 level. His main asset is his lightning quick pace; he can run at defences and has the ability to cause panic amongst opposition ranks.

After a slow start at the club Craig was loaned to Chesterfield but returned to Boundary Park revitalised and quickly became a crowd favourite. Scored the winning goal against Town last season in the 1-0 win in October.

Young gun...

MATTHEW TIPTON

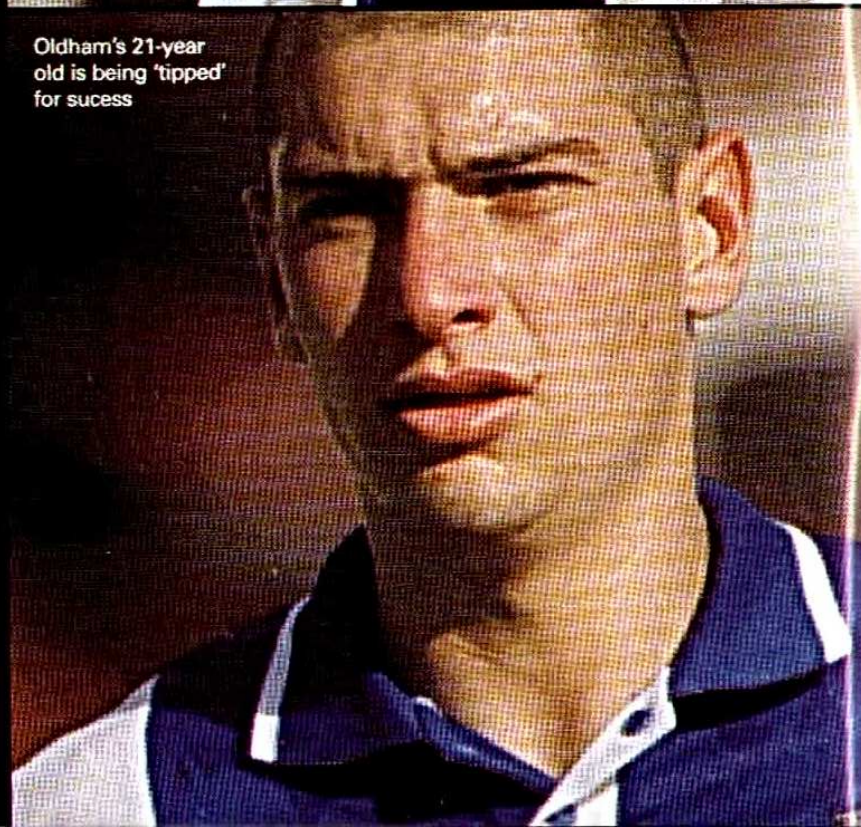
Tipton is a 21-year-old Welsh international whose main asset is his electrifying pace. Scorer of a number of late goals for the Latics last season, his robust approach to the game sometimes gets him into trouble with officials but has made him a fan's favourite. Tipton developed through the club's youth ranks and into the reserves like so many of Ritchie's current squad. He is hoping that an impressive season with the first team will lead to a full cap.



Craig will be looking to score against Town like he did last year



Oldham's 21-year old is being 'tipped' for success



Gary Kelly

Experienced 34-year old goal-keeper who has represented his country (Eire) on many occasions. Gary is a renowned shot-stopper and great enthusiast for the game. The Latics paid Bury £10,000 for his services in August 1996. His previous clubs include Newcastle and Bury and he has made over 500 Football League appearances.

Stuart Balmer

The 33-year old defender started his career with Celtic before moving to Charlton Athletic for £120,000. 250 appearances later Stuart moved on to Wigan for £200,000 before joining the Latics last summer on a 'Bosman'. Represented Scotland at schoolboy and youth level, very forceful player who is dynamic in the air and strong in the tackle.

Tony Carss

Tony, 25, started his career with Bradford City before moving on to Blackburn Rovers, Darlington, Cardiff and Chesterfield. Carss is a talented midfield player with a great motor who won 'Player of the Year' at Boundary Park last season. He is now one of the fans' favourites at the Lancashire club.

Scott McNiven

23-year old full-back with a wealth of experience behind him. Son of ex-Leeds United star, David McNiven and one of twins with brother David junior who was top scorer at York City last season. Scott is a very solid defender with quick feet and good vision.

Lee Duxbury

32-year old midfield player with over 500 league appearances with Bradford City (twice) and Huddersfield Town and who joined the Latics for £350,000 in 1997. Lee is a strong tackler, a threat when going forward and a quality passer of the ball. Was runner-up in 1999/01 'Player of the Season Award'.

David Eyres

David has been in the professional game for just 12 years having worked at the Fords Heywood Plant on Merseyside. He turned professional with Blackpool before moving around Lancashire with Burnley, Preston and Oldham. Famous for his crossing, Eyres joined Latics on a 'Bosman' and has scored over 100 league goals.

Darren Sheridan

34-year old brother of midfield maestro John, Darren came into the game late with Barnsley in 1993. He has a good left foot, is ferocious in the tackle and is comfortable at the back or in midfield. Joined the Latics of Oldham from the Latics of Wigan on a 'Bosman'.

Paul Rickers

26-year old Yorkshireman with over 250 league games under his belt. Paul is a hardworking, versatile midfield player who can also fill in at full-back. A good passer of the ball with quick feet, Paul is solid but unspectacular, always works hard for the team and always gives 100% effort when he plays.

Danny Boshell

Just 20 years old, Danny came through the Boundary Park youth system and has now been taken under the wing of John Sheridan. A very good passer of the ball and enthusiastic footballer, Danny came into the first team last season and has a very promising future ahead of him.

Shaun Garnett

32-year old central defender signed from Swansea City for £150,000 in September 1996 having spent just six months with Swansea after his move from Tranmere Rovers for £200,000 in 1996. A commanding, no-nonsense centre-half, Shaun is excellent in the air and like good wine matures with age.

John Sheridan

Very experienced 37-year old midfielder, John has played in two World Cups for Eire. He started his career with Man City and Leeds before joining Notts Forest for £650,000 in 1989. John moved to Sheffield Wednesday and Bolton Wanderers before joining Oldham where he became 'Player of the Year' for two consecutive years.

Mark Allott

Another youngster (23) who came through Oldham's youth system at Boundary Park, Mark is a very skilful player who holds the ball up well and has scored over 20 goals in the last two seasons. Mark is superb in linking the midfield and attack and he is expected to make his mark this term.

In the first of a new series of articles, we interview one of Town's rising stars, Kevin Halliday.

RISING STAR



KEVIN HALLIDAY

Born? 08/07/1983

School? St Joseph

What made you want to become a pro?

I just love playing football

Brief footballing background?

I started playing with a club called Westside before joining Swindon Schoolboys under-11s. From there I joined the Centre of Excellence at the same age and developed through to the youth team.

Club supported as a boy?
Swindon Town

What brought you to STFC?
It was my local professional club.

Best and worst moments in football?

My best was playing for the first team against Millwall last year (pictured above) and scoring a penalty. The worst was getting injured last year, I was out for about four months.

Ultimate hopes for the future?
Hopefully turn professional at Swindon and go on to play at the highest level.

Any advice for younger players?
Work as hard as you can and never give up.

How will Town get on this season?

Hopefully about 10th.



YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Phil Cannon

Town's youth teams both started the season with impressive victories, the under-19s winning 1-0 away at Cardiff, the under-17s the 3-1 win against local rivals Oxford United. Town started their first league game with superb football. In the first five minutes they knocked the ball around with great confidence, but for the rest of the half their passing became sloppy.

There were too many times when Town gave the ball away and even when they won it back, quickly relinquished possession again. Town found some consistency in the second half and created several chances. Young and Collier both came close but Town in general were too greedy and couldn't penetrate. Towards the end of the game Alan Young was brought down by City's goalkeeper, unfortunately the referee waved away Town's appeals for a penalty. However, Town were to receive a penalty late on and Kevin Halliday swept it home for Town to collect all three points.



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Sat Aug 25	Exeter City	H	
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Sat Sep 15	Cirencester	H	
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sat Oct 6	Torquay United	A	
Sat Oct 13	Youth Alliance Cup		
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	H	
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat Nov 3	Youth Alliance Cup		
Sat Nov 10	Oxford United	H	
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	
Sat Nov 24	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Sat Dec 1	Youth Alliance Cup		
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	
Sat Jan 26	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Feb 2	Cardiff City	H	
Sat Feb 9	Exeter City	A	

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Sat Aug 18	Oxford United	H	3-1
Sat Sep 1	Cheltenham Town	H	
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Sat Sep 15	Exeter City	H	
Sat Sep 22	Cirencester	H	
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat Oct 13	Torquay United	H	
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	
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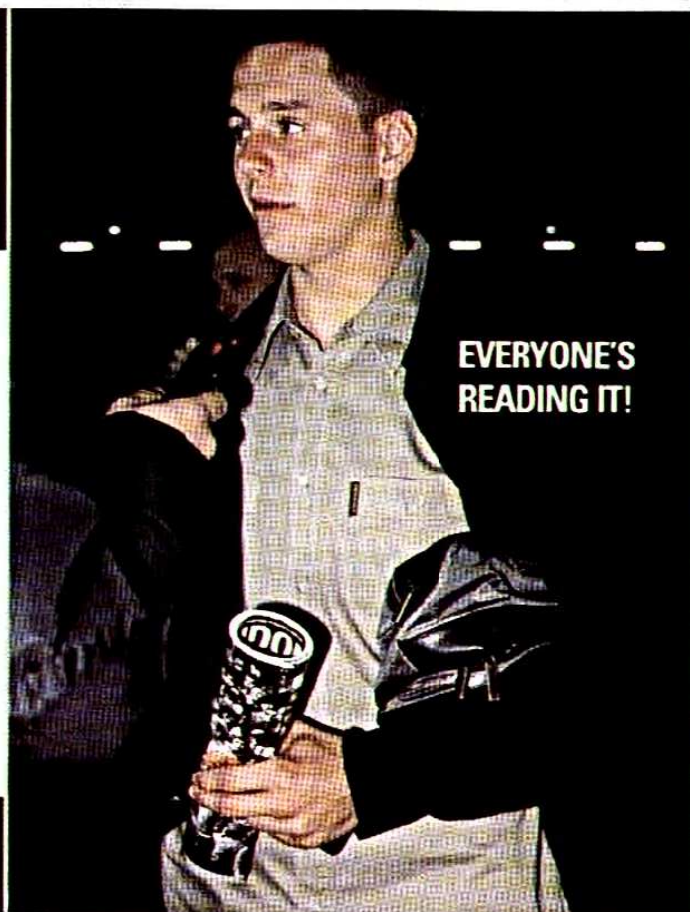
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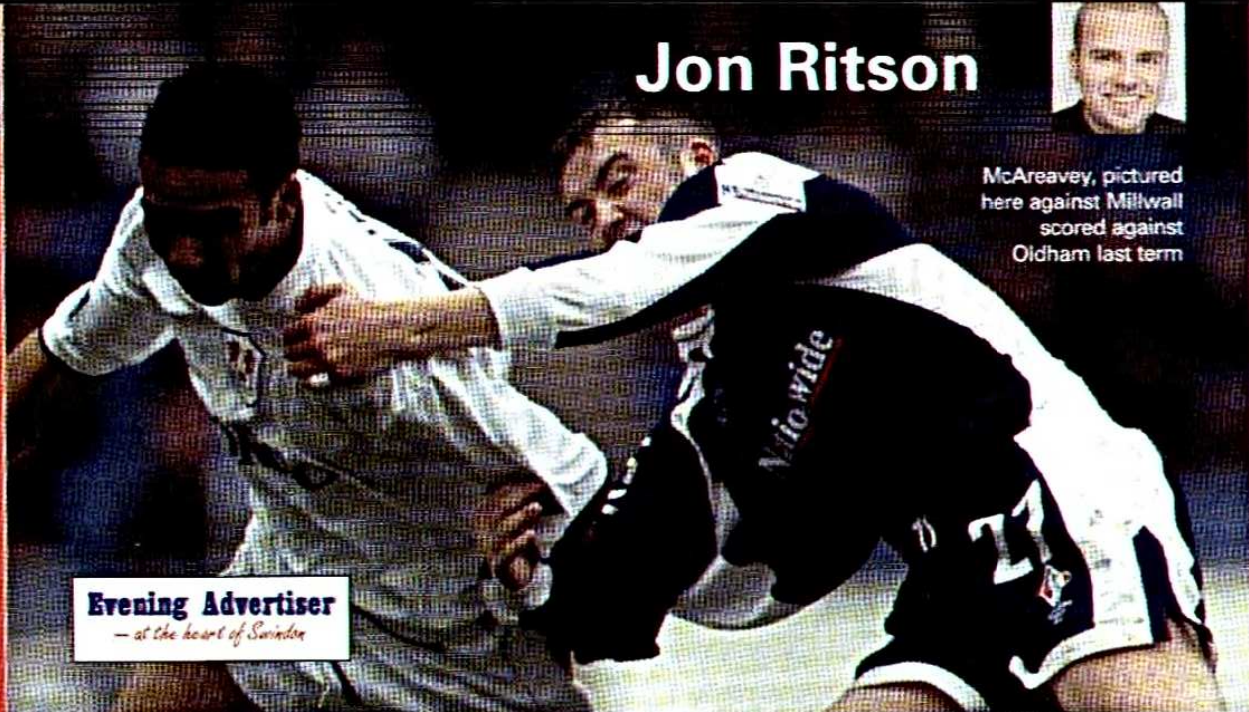
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McAreavey, pictured here against Millwall scored against Oldham last term



FROM THE **PRESS** BOX

I sometimes wonder whether the Football League computer has an in-built sense of humour. Why on earth are we playing Oldham at home in August?

Anyone who has ever been to Boundary Park knows it is about the coldest place on the planet and even in August it isn't exactly the Caribbean. Why couldn't we play away first? Sadly, it seems that the computer in question is not a Swindon fan. How else could you explain Oldham away on January 5! These notes were penned at Advertiser Towers after the Bristol City game so I am unaware of our result at Wolves on Wednesday evening. Hopefully we produced a quality performance to book a place in the second round of the Worthington Cup. If not, it's time to roll out the old cliché about 'now we can concentrate on the league'. It hasn't been the flying start to the season we'd all hoped for but then is that really so surprising? We are not going to become world-beaters overnight and it is important to give Roy, Razor and Crozza time to get things right. Patience and football supporters don't exactly go hand in hand but I think we have to be realistic. Getting that first league win under our belts as quickly as possible would give the lads that extra confidence boost. All too often the home form let us down last season. Hopefully a win this afternoon will banish any jitters left over from last year and set us up for a good campaign.

The referee didn't do us any favours at Ashton Gate and once Reevesy was sent off it was always going to be difficult to get anything from the game. Funnily enough, we seemed to put together some of our best play when we were down to ten men. But it would be nice to get through today's game with all eleven lads still on the pitch. I wonder whether Paul McAreavey will feature this afternoon? Macca certainly made an immediate impact in last season's fixture and a repeat performance would be welcome. To be honest, I don't care who scores the winner. You cannot fail to have noticed that matters off the pitch continue to rumble on. Will it ever end? I hope so for my own sanity. My discussions with Steven Spielberg for Swindon Town - The Story They'd Never Believe, are going well. The next question is casting. Any suggestions for actors to play the leading roles?

Finally, thanks to everyone who responded to my request for goal celebration tunes. There were several for Razor that made me laugh but unfortunately he wouldn't be terribly happy if I printed them. See you all back here for the Colchester United game. Come on you Reds.



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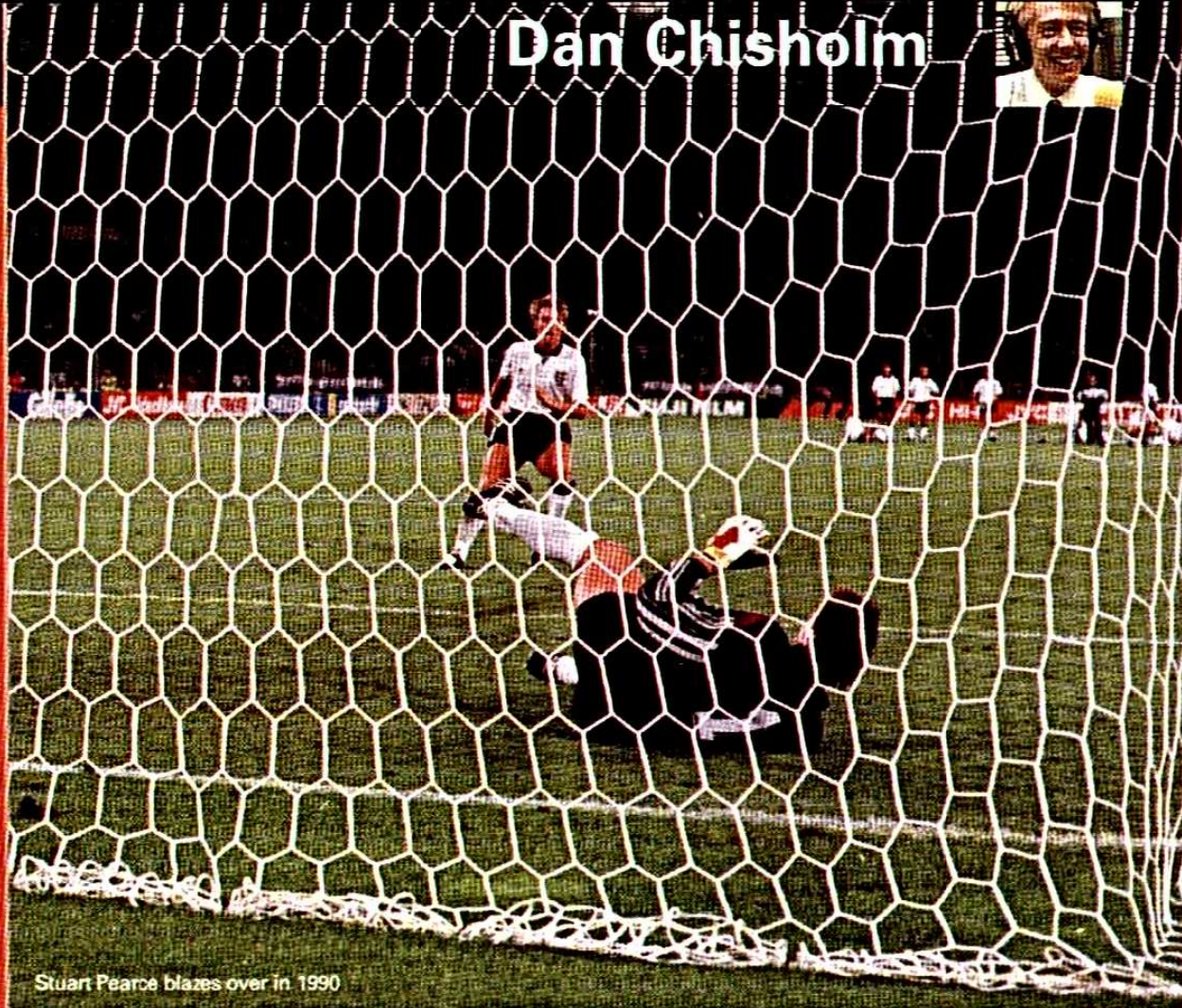


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Stuart Pearce blazes over in 1990

FROM THE AIRWAVES

What is it about taking a penalty kick that sends the professional footballer into the sporting equivalent of the "Twilight Zone"?

Keith O'Halloran's penalty miss in our opening game against Posh was particularly gutting. It was well directed and didn't miss the goal by much - but we all know a miss is as good as a mile. A shame it robbed us of that vital first win under Roy and 'Razor'. At least Keith got it right at Ashton Gate last weekend. It really set me thinking. It's strange how players react under pressure. May 1993, four minutes to go and Paul Bodin runs up with the pressure of a place in the Premiership on his shoulders. I predicted that he would thump it 'up the middle' and that if Kevin Poole stood tall (hard for a 5ft 7ins keeper) he would save it. But pressure? I wonder. It's rather like England's ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in 1996 and 2000 against Germany and Argentina. I still find it hard to believe that Stuart Pearce missed that crucial penalty. I'm sure I jinxed him by saying "Pearce NEVER misses." How many times have we been in the crowd to witness that missed spot kick, screaming that we could do better. BUT Paul Bodin's kick was probably the equivalent to putting your life's earning on one kick of the ball. Imagine...

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the travelling supporters who've made the trip from Oldham and the team from BBC Wiltshire Sound's sister station, GMR who are also here today. The miles these guys cover to bring the best possible coverage to fans who are unable to make the trip is breathtaking. Almost as shocking as the Premiership game I witnessed in my home city of Leicester last weekend - beaten five-nil at home by Bolton (and, frankly, played off the park). God help them at Highbury today.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

ITV Sport channel kicks off new era in televised sport.



Town fans can now enjoy more coverage of their side through ITV's new sports channel. Through ITV, the Nationwide league will enjoy as much coverage as the Premiership does on SKY. ITV claims that the channel provides football fans "with what they want", with 135 live matches and exclusive football programmes. The UEFA Champions League also features heavily with 40 live clashes and highlights shows, and the Worthington Cup make up is set to be a winning line-up.

Live football coverage on the channel will be enhanced by a number of outstanding innovations including the introduction of Hawk-Eye. Already used by Channel 4 to judge lbw decisions in its award winning cricket coverage, the missile tracking technology will now be employed to solve the constant debates on off-side and line decisions. Also a new interactive service on all Nationwide, Champions League and Worthington cup games will mean you can keep up-to-date with all the other fixtures taking place that night as well as other features designed to keep you in-the-know.

The ITV Sport Channel provides a lot more than just live football though. There will be extensive coverage of the Nationwide League, including the Nationwide's first ever dedicated prime time highlights programme. Football 2nd and Football 3rd on Sunday lunch times will do the same for their respective divisions, again for the first time ever. There is also a country wide footy quiz featuring supporters from Manchester United to Carlisle, a travel show to make the life of the away fan that little bit easier, preview and review shows; as well as goal round-ups from the week's action. This all for £6.99 a month.

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TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot is six-year old Town fan Eric Cameron. Eric celebrated his sixth birthday on August 5 and although he is not that familiar with the names of the players yet, he loves to watch Swindon and Newcastle. Eric also likes to play a bit of football as well as rugby, cricket and tennis. From everyone at STFC, we hope you enjoy your day.

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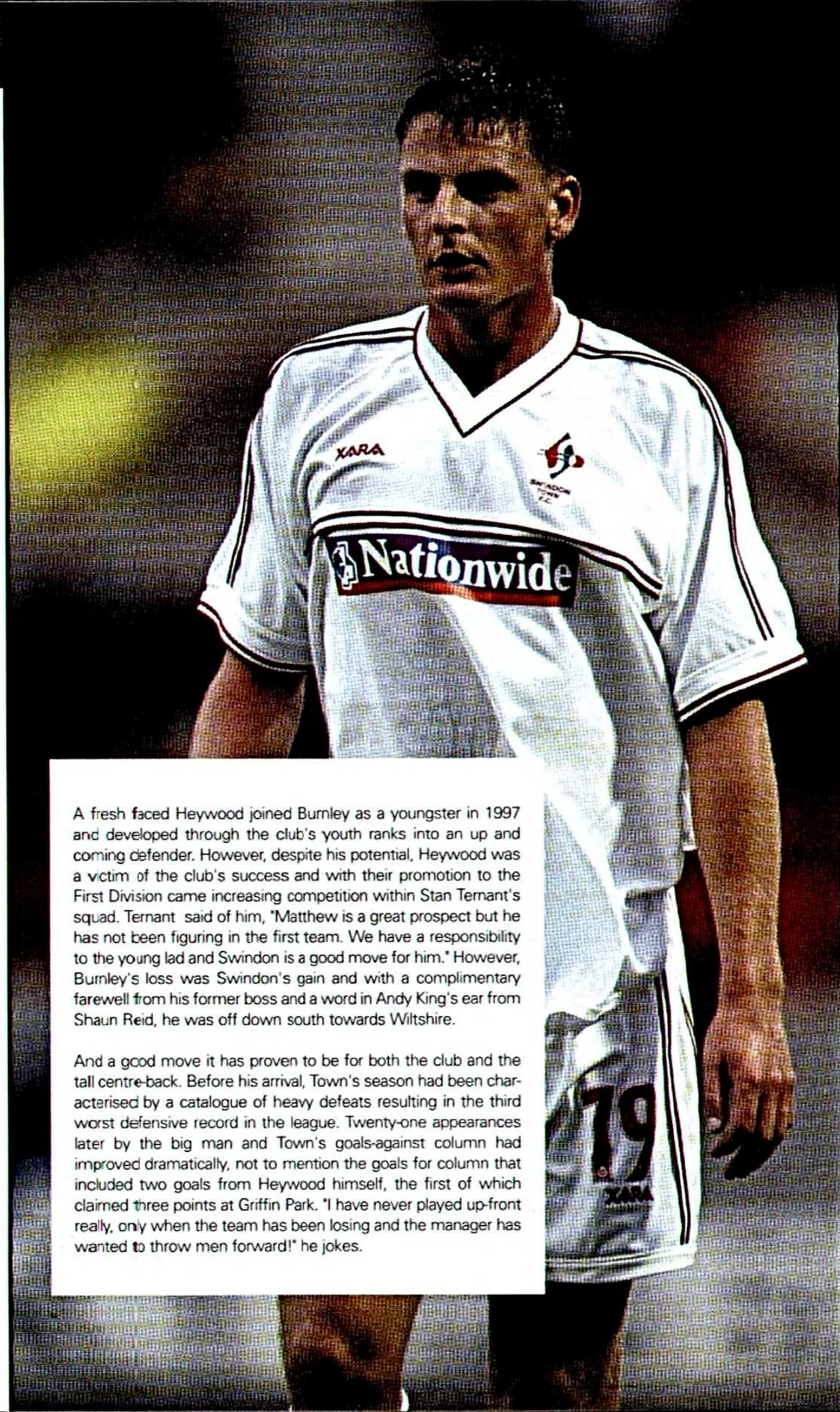
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THE ROCK

They say in football that when one door closes, another opens and that appears to be what has happened to Swindon's proverbial rock in defence, Matty Heywood.

After years building up his reputation as a strong defender at Burnley, Heywood is now fulfilling his reputation in Town's red and white. His performances since joining the club in February not only helped shore up Town's defence towards the end of last season, but have also endeared the star of this month's cover feature to the County Ground faithful and as he tells Nick Judd, 'the best is yet to come'.



A fresh faced Heywood joined Burnley as a youngster in 1997 and developed through the club's youth ranks into an up and coming defender. However, despite his potential, Heywood was a victim of the club's success and with their promotion to the First Division came increasing competition within Stan Ternant's squad. Ternant said of him, "Matthew is a great prospect but he has not been figuring in the first team. We have a responsibility to the young lad and Swindon is a good move for him." However, Burnley's loss was Swindon's gain and with a complimentary farewell from his former boss and a word in Andy King's ear from Shaun Reid, he was off down south towards Wiltshire.

And a good move it has proven to be for both the club and the tall centre-back. Before his arrival, Town's season had been characterised by a catalogue of heavy defeats resulting in the third worst defensive record in the league. Twenty-one appearances later by the big man and Town's goals-against column had improved dramatically, not to mention the goals for column that included two goals from Heywood himself, the first of which claimed three points at Griffin Park. "I have never played up-front really, only when the team has been losing and the manager has wanted to throw men forward!" he jokes.



On a more serious note, he continues, "The move to Swindon was brilliant for me. I was doing alright at Burnley and I was playing in the first team at the age of 18. In came a new chairman and loads of money and chances became limited. I had been looking to get away for a while after I lost my place and Shaun Reid came down to watch me in the reserves. I was then invited to a trial and that was it really. I thank Andy (King) and Shaun (Reid) for giving me that chance when perhaps others didn't." Heywood's debut came in the 3-0 win against Bury. Yet such was the predicament at the time that Town sat perilously in the bottom three, a tough time for any new player to join the squad. "It was a difficult time for the team but it was great for me to come and play first team football. It was enjoyable, I mean I'd rather play regular 1st team football than play in the reserves on a Wednesday night in front of 25 people! But even though we weren't doing that well, there was a great team spirit and so I had no problems in settling in really." Heywood's perennial inclusion in Town's defence is a testament to the faith that the management team have in him, that despite the signing of Andy Gurney and appointment of Neil Ruddock as player/coach, not to mention the continual change in formation. "There is a lot of competition in the side now, something that didn't exist last season. Gareth Davies is back to full fitness now; Adam (Willis) is back, Reevesy, Gurney and 'Razor' are all competing for those defensive slots. That is good for the team but it also pushes you as an individual to get better and improve.

"Eric Sabin and Richie McKinney have also come in, along with the more recent signings of Berti Brayley and Paul Edwards. I am sure there will be a few more, but it means that there is now competition all over the field and that is fantastic for the team in general because everyone will be working that little bit harder to ensure they get a place each week. It also gives the gaffer a nice problem in having to make decisions on who to pick as opposed to having those decisions made for him." One feels as though Evans and Ruddock are yet to stamp their own identity on Town's side, but Heywood believes that despite the change in management things haven't really changed. "I think the gaffer knows that to bring in a host of new players would be quite disruptive.





"The players he has brought in have been good additions to the squad, but there were clubs last year that proved that you don't need big money signings to get promoted. Look at Rotherham, they didn't really sign that many players and they did extremely well, as did Walsall. All it took was a good start and a bit of confidence to get them going. The majority of players at this club have been together for a few months and know each other inside out. Not only that but they are more than good enough to climb this league, it is just a matter of getting a bit of consistency together and getting the start we need. In terms of the influence Roy and 'Razor' have had, well they haven't really changed anything in training. Obviously we were in a routine with Andy (King) but that hasn't really changed and football is football, you just have to get on with it. We still do the same exercises and practices which is good, but over time and as the season develops they will instill their own ideas to improve us as a team. The training is still very enjoyable and the lads are responding really well."

Heywood, along with the management and the squad, was disappointed with the 0-0 draw with Peterborough. Yet the 22-year old is confident that Town's anxious and nervy performance is only a minor blip in the club's pursuit to improve on last season. "We were all disappointed with the performance especially the quality of passing which we know we can improve, we proved it last season and we do it every day in training. I think it must have been nerves, whether or not they were a result of it being the first game of the season, or trying to impress the new manager I don't know. But we were all very excited going into the new season and maybe we were too excited, too anxious to get that first win under our belt? People have mentioned this fear about playing at home but I don't think the players really think about it. Last season we certainly won more away games than we did at home which is quite rare, but I don't know why that is. It is certainly something that we have to address because the more it is talked about, the more it will affect us."

What better way for the club to put their home form right than with a win today and for Heywood, to do it against one of his former Lancashire rivals, Oldham Athletic.

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Two league games, one point and two red cards have not exactly provided the ideal start that we all hoped for. Then again it is early days and Roy and 'Razor' must be given time to settle in, that and Bristol City will be one of the better sides Town come across this term. Yet perhaps the most frustrating element about last Saturday wasn't the questionable refereeing or Town's lack of penetration in the final third, but the length of time it took to travel from the County Ground to Ashton Gate. Thankfully by leaving at midday we made it to the ground in time for the 15.15 kick-off, many others didn't. Those that did arrive in time saw Town start relatively well, long periods of possession proved to be a marked improvement on our previous game against Posh. However, as the game wore on, Town could not convert possession into chances and the home side grew in confidence. Aaron Brown came close on several occasions but it was Brian Tinnion who gave them the lead. Tony Thorpe latched onto a mix-up between Alan Reeves and Bart Griemink to cut the ball back to Tinnion who converted. Town tried in vain to equalise, two penalty appeals were turned away and they went in at half time one down.

In a game encapsulated by too many free kicks and needless bookings, Alan Reeves was sent off for shirt pulling on the hour. Four minutes later City killed the game off, Lee Matthews squeezing his back post header past Griemink. Steve Jones made it three when he latched onto a Gurney mistake to slot home from close range. Whether City took their foot off the gas or Town started to impose themselves, Town began putting the home side under pressure. With just eleven minutes to go they were awarded a penalty when Sabin was brought down on the edge of the area. O'Halloran converted from the spot to give Town's travelling throng hope. Sabin came close to grabbing a second when he cut in from the left, but he could only slot his shot past the post. An improvement by Town, but they will have to become more clinical in the opposing half today against Oldham. Similar vociferous noise from you today will go a long way towards that much needed first victory.

Sound bites...

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

on **Bristol City** defeat...

"We didn't manage to create much and had to rely on another penalty for our goal. But I don't think Roy Evans is the sort of man who will allow heads to drop. We will just keep working hard in training and hopefully things will turn for us."

KEITH O'HALLORAN

on **scoring** from the spot...

"I was pleased to see my penalty go in after the miss last week and as long as I'm in the team I'll happily continue to take them. We created a few bits and bobs but it is going to take time for us to settle under a new manager."

MATTY HEWLETT

on **losing to former club...**

"It was just one of those days where it didn't happen but obviously it was more upsetting because nobody likes to lose a local derby. I know the fans see Bristol City as one of the games of the season along with the game against Reading."

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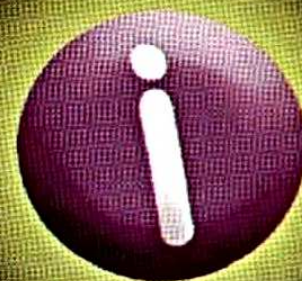
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with Dick Mattick

Dick Mattick strolls down memory Lane and has a look at the fortunes of STFC and today's visitors, Oldham Athletic.

Swindon enjoyed a dream start to the season winning their first six league games to shoot to the top of the table. To be playing (never mind beating) the likes of Manchester City and Sunderland was something that Town fans would never have dreamed of three seasons previous. Town's league form manifested itself in the League Cup as First Division side Chelsea were confidently swept aside 3-0. For good measure, Town now had its own weekly newspaper, The Swindon Echo that featured colour photographs and gave away full-page posters of the players. 'Swinging Swindon' had become a common piece of alliteration for headline writers. Town's impressive run eventually came to a halt at Elland Road where they drew 0-0 with Leeds, followed swiftly by a 4-0 thumping at the hands of Northampton Town who, the season before, had handed Town the Division Three title. As a result, Swindon sadly began to slide down the table. Jack Smith was sold to Brighton for £6,000 and Norman Oakley, a goalkeeper from Hartlepool, was purchased for a similar amount. Bert Head's request to the board for £35,000 to strengthen the squad was met to a limited extent of £15,000. Seeing that it was unlikely that top level football would be obtainable at Swindon, Bobby Woodruff asked for, and was granted (by a majority boardroom vote) a transfer to Wolves - the same day that Frank Large was signed from QPR for £10,000.



Swindon finished the season in fourteenth position; quite why a slide had developed after such a promising start was a mystery. The absence of Ernie Hunt with tonsillitis was a factor, as was Bert Head's apparent inability to spot (and groom) young talent (although his capacity to buy more established players was second to none). A home tie with West Ham produced a new crowd record of 25,582. The Hammers won the game 3-1 and went on to win the cup. Ever-present in the Town squad that season were Keith Morgan (captain) and John Trollope. The leading scorer was Ernie Hunt with 12; Bill Atkins (with 10) was the only other player to reach double figures. It was not such a memorable season for Oldham. They eventually finished ninth in Division Three with 48 points from 46 matches. Although they managed to battle through to the third round of the FA Cup they were comprehensively swept aside 6-3 by Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Their leading scorer was Herbert Lister with 15 league goals. The following season he was on the move to Rochdale having made 135 appearances for the Latics. A notable character in the Oldham team at this time was Scot Jimmy Frizzell who made over 300 appearances after signing from Morton.



R'S FANS PUT MONEY WHERE MOUTH IS

'Cash strapped' Queens Park Rangers have finalised a deal for Frenchman Ebeli M'Bombo after two Rangers' fans stumped up the cash to pay for the midfielder who impressed whilst on trial at Loftus Road. "We agreed a budget with the administrators for players but Ian Holloway said he wanted to sign M'Bombo because it gave the side something extra" explained Acting Chairman Nick Blackburn. Alex and Matthew Winton answered the Chairman's SOS phone call and agreed to sponsor M'Bombo for a year which will cover the cost of his wages and accommodation. Not surprisingly Blackburn was gushing with praise for the pair "We are very grateful to them and it's a good example of how fans can help the club in difficult times".

MEXICAN FANCIES BLACKPOOL VACATION

Steve McMahon's Blackpool have handed a trial to a mysterious Mexican defender known as 'Carlos Lopez', who claims to have previously played for Athletic Bilbao. Lopez is attempting to win a contract at Bloomfield Road and will appear for the Tangerines second string. Lopez previously turned up at Cambridge United for a trial, suggesting he turned down Athletic Madrid to give it a go at the Abbey Stadium. "He sent us a blurry video and it was difficult to say how good he was" admitted Cambridge Chief Scout Glenn Bonnell. "John Beck had a look at him and decided on the spot that he wasn't good enough". No-one has been able to find any evidence that Lopez has ever played for either Athletic Bilbao or the Mexican outfit Necaxa.

DIGBY KEEN TO SHOW TERRIER INSTINCTS

Former Town keeper Fraser Digby has gone on trial at Huddersfield aiming to win a contract from his former Town boss Lou Macari.

Macari brought Digby to the County Ground from Manchester United for a fee of £32,500 in 1987, but after leaving Swindon, Digby had an unhappy two year stay at Crystal Palace before his contract was cancelled by mutual consent midway through last season. Digby's season was curtailed after sustaining an injury while training with Bristol Rovers, but Macari has been impressed with the man who was the backbone of the Swindon side for so many years. "Fraser hasn't had a pre-season so we are trying to knock him into some sort of shape" commented Macari.



Ebeli M'Bombo



Steve McMahon



Fraser Digby



BEES TO TAKE STING AWAY FROM FANS

Brentford will create football history later this season when they will allow all supporters to watch their Division Two clash against Peterborough for free!

The Free Bee Day on October 13 is taking place thanks to support from sponsors GMB and St George, and is open to all football fans as part of their Target 10,000 initiative which aims to halt the ailing gates at Griffin Park.

Bees boss Steve Coppell believes it is an excellent idea, "We don't have great crowds so we can't produce great income to buy better players. We're trying to generate a big crowd so that people can come to Brentford and see how enjoyable it is and want to come again."

SANCHEZ'S BALD PREDICTION

Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez was so impressed by his side's opening day defeat at Cardiff that he has tipped his former Wimbledon team mate Alan Cork to become a leading manager declaring, "He might have no hair, but he has got what it takes!" More than 18,000 turned out at Ninian Park to see Cork's Cardiff win 1-0 and Sanchez admitted that Cardiff are onto a winner, "If that many can turn up for the first game of the season, think what they would get in a bigger stadium if they were chasing promotion. Alan knows all about Sam Hammam from spending so much time with him. He proved himself as an excellent number two at Fulham, but this is his chance to skipper a ship and I'm confident he will take it with some style".

READING'S SQUAD ADDITION

Our friends at the Madejski Stadium have come up with a novel idea to get their fans on their side by handing over the number 13 shirt to them. For many years the 'dreaded' number has been avoided like the plague, with many players refusing to wear the unlucky digits and no-one in the present squad was man enough to take up the challenge. Thinking caps were donned at the Madejski and instead of a player wearing 13; the squad number has been allocated to 'RFC Fans' and will appear in the club's official squad lists. The Football League have given the go-ahead to the idea, and the Berkshire boys no doubt believe that their supporters will be happy to be the team's thirteenth man in some way, shape or form.



Steve Coppell



Alan Cork



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SEASON STARTS IN STALEMATE

South West Combination League 2000/2001

Final League Table

Team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Bristol R (Pl)	22	20	2	0	75	5	+70	62
Portsmouth	22	16	2	4	53	26	+27	50
Swindon T	22	14	4	4	49	38	+11	46
Yeovil T	22	12	5	5	43	27	+16	41
Bristol C	22	12	4	6	54	33	+21	40
Clevedon T	22	8	6	8	38	34	+4	30
Reading	22	7	4	11	49	59	-10	25
Cheltenham T	22	7	5	10	37	42	-5	24*
Salisbury P	22	5	6	11	27	53	-26	19*
Southampton	22	5	1	16	23	81	-58	16
Denham U (Pl)	22	3	3	16	32	66	-34	12
Oxford U (Pl)	22	0	4	18	19	75	-56	4

Town Ladies entertained newly promoted Newton Abbot in the South West Combination League and were held to a 2-2 draw.

Town took the lead after 10 minutes when a Newton Abbot defender was adjudged to have handled in a penalty area and Michelle Rich made no mistake with the resulting spot-kick.

The visitors equalised just before half time and within four minutes of the restart took the lead. Town had to wait to five minutes from time before Netti Wyness latched on to Clare Wheeler's through-ball to put the home side level.

Town played two pre-season friendlies beating Wimborne Town 6-2 and losing by the only goal to last season's champions Bristol Rovers. In addition, Town took part in the "Crazy Gang Challenge" at Wimbledon which is an annual event for invited teams from the National League. Town drew with Southampton and lost by a single goal to Brighton & Hove Albion. Both of these sides are Premiership teams. Town's last match was a thrilling 2-2 draw with the University side from Rochester in the United States.

Tomorrow Town travel to the coast to face Clevedon Town in the league. When the two sides met last season, Town won the home game but lost the away fixture. The Somerset side finished in sixth spot last year, three places behind Town.



PLAYER PROFILE

Michelle Rich

Midfield

Age 17

Occupation Student

Previous clubs None

Honours

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CLASSIC GAMES

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Wembley Stadium, London.

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THE PROGRAMME - The only single-match issue of the tournament was in the same style, size and format as the tournament brochure, but the full colour illustration was of the Jules Rimet Trophy and the tournament logo on a blue background. The bulk of the 68 pages consisted of results and action photographs of the matches in the Finals. Squad details of all 16 countries, and the qualifying tournament results were copied from the tournament brochure. There were messages of welcome in four languages and from various officials, four pages listing FIFA delegates and full page portraits of the Patron and President of the Football Association. The only other text to note was a one page history of the World Cup and while this substantial brochure is a fitting souvenir of the occasion, the matchday buyer did not receive a great deal of entertainment for his 2/6d. The centre fold has head and shoulder photos of the 22 players in both squads and a space for team line-ups and the result. Many original purchasers did just that and unmarked copies now sell at a premium. The programme was, until recently, available for £20 but the price has increased steeply in recent months, in some cases as much as £70. Most major dealers have sufficient stocks to include it on their sales catalogues. Unfortunately, the programme was illegally reproduced a number of years after the match and, while experienced collectors and dealers discriminate between the two programmes, many newer collectors unsuspectingly have a reproduction in their collection.



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SEEING RED

TOWN'S CAPTAIN, ALAN REEVES TAKES US THROUGH THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON AS HE SEES IT INCLUDING THE 0-0 DRAW WITH PETERBOROUGH, HIS SENDING OFF AT LAST WEEK'S DERBY DEFEAT AGAINST BRISTOL CITY AT ASHTON GATE.

YARA

After what happened at the beginning of last season, I can safely say that we are all pretty disappointed with the similar way we have started this time around.

However, I think it would be unfair to start making comparisons because the situation is totally different. Furthermore, the gaffer, 'Razor' and 'Crozzler' have not had all that long to work with us and I am sure that, in time, we will get used to doing the things that they believe will improve as a side. In saying that, I think that within the space of a week (the week before the City game) we improved dramatically. With our first match being at home, we were desperate to get a good win under our belt and in front of our home fans, but we just did not play well enough on the day. What made it even more disappointing was that we had such a good crowd here supporting us. Whether it was nerves being the first game of the season, or playing in front of a new manager I don't know, but it wasn't the performance we were after.

At City there were vast improvements. Against Peterborough our passing was not as good as it should have been and we gave the ball away too easily. Last week, especially in the first half we managed to keep possession and make them work hard to get the ball off us. It was something that the gaffer had worked on in training that week and to see it work in a game is pleasing, he even said after the game that our passing had improved greatly. Defensively, up until the first goal, I don't think they caused us too many problems. Even when we went a goal down I still believed that we were in with a chance. Unfortunately I got sent off and when you go down to ten men you are always going to find it difficult, especially when you are a goal down and away from home. I don't really want to dwell on it too much because you just find yourself in more bother, but just two minutes before the incident I warned the lads to keep their cool because there were a lot of bookings. I didn't really make a tackle the whole game and yet I was sent off! It is just a shame not just for the players, but for the supporters who came to support their team.

That is in the past anyway and we have to concentrate on picking ourselves up and getting the first league win. Unfortunately these notes were written before the Wolves game, but if we got a result there then we can really approach today's game with great confidence. Something that has caused us problems so far is our final ball, our inability to hurt opponents in the final third. That is something that we will have worked on this week and will be looking to put into practice this afternoon. You can't really fault the lads for their effort though, let's just hope that their hard work pays off. A bit of support similar to that of last week would be fantastic as well, you really played a part and I hope we can repay you today.

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Last encounter - Swindon Town 3-0 Bury (County Ground - Sat Jan 27)

Form guide (league) - Swindon LDWLDL Bury LWDLWL

BURYAL GROUND

Town's second away day of the season takes them to Gigg Lane, the home of Bury Football Club and where they have not won since 1986/87.

However, Town fans have good reason to be optimistic, Bury are yet to register a win at home and Town are more successful away from home. The Shakers have had a tough start to the season, the fixture list pitching them against sides that fell through the First Division's relegation trap door last term.

Nevertheless, a surprising 2-1 win away at Tranmere gave Andy Preece's side an impressive start; an early goal from Jon Newby (playing close to his Liverpoolian stomping ground) gave the visiting side the lead until Phil Parkinson equalised for Rovers. A late goal from Paul Reid ensured three points, but last week against QPR (despite scoring another early goal) they failed to match the strength of Ian Holloway's new-look side.

Jon Newby will be one to watch; having already notched one goal this season, Newby was Bury's joint top goalscorer last term with five, that from just seventeen starts in the league. Town fans should also look out for former Oxford defender Matt Murphy and Town midfielder Darren Bullock.



Jon Newby celebrates his first of the season against Tranmere

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HOME



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 (COUNTY GROUND)
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HOME



vs Colchester United
 (COUNTY GROUND)
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AWAY



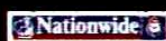
vs Port Vale
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vs AFC Bournemouth
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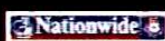


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This match is all ticket at Dorchester's ground.

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 (SALTERGATE)
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HOW TO GET THERE:

CAR - Exit the M66 at Junction 3 and turn left (right if heading south) onto Pilsworth Road. Go straight over the roundabout and continue for about a mile before turning right at the lights onto Manchester Road. Gigg Lane is on the right after the playing fields on the left. Street parking is in reasonable supply if you arrive early.

TRAIN - Bury's metrolink station offers direct connections for Manchester Piccadilly mainline station. Turn left out of the station, left again at the T-junction into Knowsley Street, then left into Manchester Road. Gigg Lane is a left turning off this road.

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Firstly, may I begin by welcoming this season's new members and thanking those that have renewed their membership for the new season. Membership cards (essential for claiming discounts at the club shop and on away travel) can be collected from the away travel office prior to kick-off (that is if you did not enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application). Please call in and see Tracy who will be in residence between 1.30 and 2.45.

Despite the summer break, a great deal has happened at our football club. One event that has been of particular significance to us is the launch of the Supporters Trust (TrustSTFC). It is our aim to assist those promoting TrustSTFC whenever possible, as both the aims of the supporters club and the trust are to ensure that we have a successful community based club where supporters play a major part in decision making. There is a long way to go but if everyone works hard it will be successful.

The disabled group will be holding their AGM on Monday September 3 in the Winners

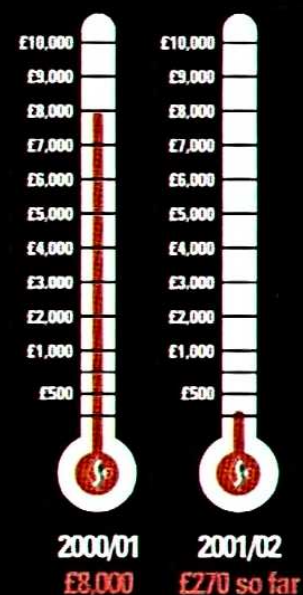
Lounge starting at 7.30pm. Disabled supporters and their helpers are welcome and a warm greeting will be given to both new and existing members. A reminder also that the group run their own kiosk at the western end of the Nationwide stand during match days, why not check it out?

This season (for the first time) the Supporters Club is taking part in the national quiz run by ITV Digital. Around 100 Nationwide and Scottish League teams are taking part. The first recording session has taken place so keep an eye open for future transmissions. We do not intend to spoil your viewing by giving results, but if you missed the programme check out the details on the ITV web site under the programme name of "Do I not know that."

Finally, welcome back to the Robins Revival half-time draw, once again sponsored by the Evening Advertiser to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. The draw at the Peterborough game was made by Dave Syrett who still lives in the County and played for both teams. The winner drawn out of the hat was Keith

Drewett (ticket number 67) paying an amount of £270 for his £1 stake. This number has proved very successful for Keith as he won a special day out at the County Ground last season! Keith is part of the regular payment scheme that is still open, should anyone wish to join and save time on a match day, please speak with one of our match day sellers. Keith is the very first dual winner!

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In a series of new articles for the new season, we interview the supporters (from the Supporters Club) and reflect on what it really means to be a Town fan. The first 'victim' from a 'lucky draw' is Maureen Large who is 61 and watches home matches from the Arkells stand.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

Swindon against the mighty Sunderland in 1989.

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Duncan Shearer (Maureen was inclined to say Keith Morgan, only because he pops in from time to time. At this point she was reminded that his playing days preceded her time watching and therefore didn't count!).

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

The one and only Danny Invericible.

MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

The first leg of the play-offs against Tranmere; two goals inside the first three minutes started our journey to Wembley with a bang.

MOST MEMORABLE AWAY MATCH?

The 2-1 League Cup defeat at old Trafford five years ago with as many as 8000+ Town fans travelling in hope and expectation. This game also brought my favourite goal; Peter Thorne's equaliser from five yards, right in front of the huge following of Town fans.

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

Away fans who constantly stand during games and make a general nuisance of themselves with bad language and bad behaviour.

WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE BACK IN A TOWN SHIRT?

Steve Mildenhall.

UNUSUAL STORY FROM WATCHING THE TOWN?

Having a hot dog thrown at me by Port Vale fans (it missed!).

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

Mid-table respectability.

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WITH PHIL CANNON

Last week we were invited up to Everton Football Club's Academy to compete in several tournaments against Premiership opposition.

To be invited to play in this tournament is a compliment to all connected with our Youth Department, especially the players. The under 9s and under 10s are always well supported with parents enjoying watching their son's against quality opposition and results at this age don't matter to us, but try and tell the youngsters that! The under 10s were only beaten by Everton having played Derby, Blackpool and Coventry (a special mention goes to Billy Bodin who scored four great goals.)

However, the most pleasing group of the lot were our under 15's who were grouped against Everton, Leeds, Notts Forest and Blackpool. This squad has improved over the past two months and to say I was proud would be an understatement. They beat Everton 1-0 in their first game, drew against Blackpool (who scored with their only shot) in the second before facing Leeds in the third. Leeds have always been the yardstick as far as youth football goes but what a game we gave them! Mitchell Wyatt bagged the deciding goal by rounding the keeper before scoring from a tight angle in the top corner.

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BUILDING BRIDGES

SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's home game against Oldham Athletic. This week has seen us on our travels to Chippenham and Marlborough.



We have had a great week, with Jon Holloway covering the Chippenham course and myself looking after things at Marlborough. Everybody went away on Thursday delighted with their goody bags. The boys and girls at Marlborough have all taken away a brand new leather ball along with other bits and pieces, and everybody at Chippenham has taken home a pair of Adidas Shin Pads for the forthcoming season. Last week we coached a brilliant 150+ youngsters here at the club and some of them managed to catch the second half of Town's reserves game against Wycombe Wanderers. Next week sees our last course of the summer being held here at the club. We have a staggering 200 youngsters attending, an STFC Community office record for a holiday course.

On the 31st August we will be holding our 2nd annual Nova Mundial want-to-play day. Adidas 'football in the County' kit and equipment suppliers are sponsoring the event, supplying everybody who attends with quality give-aways.

Our Saturday Team club will also be running this season and we have sent out information to hundreds of local junior clubs. If you would like some details for your football team give us a call on 421303. The Saturday Team Club involves local junior football teams visiting the club on match days and having a look at what goes on at the club behind the scenes by way of a guided tour. The day also consists of a ninety minute coaching session (with qualified coaches), lunch, a match day programme and a ticket in the Arkell's Stand to watch the game.

Best wishes
Clive, Jon and Luke.

STFC's Study Centre is part of a national project entitled 'Playing for Success'. This is a partnership between the FA Premier League, Football League, DFES, local authorities and private business sponsors; the Swindon Centres are sponsored by NTL. 'Playing for Success' operates at 35 other league clubs with 45 clubs committed to the scheme.

SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE

PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

Students from Swindon schools work at the centres after school and during the school holidays. During their time at the County Ground the students will improve their ICT skills and develop their numeracy and literacy skills through a number of practical activities. Study Support started at Swindon Town Football Club in November 1998 and since then over 2500 school students have worked in the study centres since they were opened. If you would like to know more about how your school can access the Study centres please contact Martin Turnbull, Study Centre Manager Tel 01793 333752 / 333758 Fax 333755 e-mail martint@stfcstudy.org.uk



ADULT COMPUTER TRAINING

Swindon Town Study Centre delivers the City and Guilds 7261 Computer Applications course in partnership with Swindon College. The course covers Word processing, Spreadsheets and Databases. There are optional modules in Desk Top Publishing and Power Point presentation. The centre also offers the European Computer Driving License, Internet, and Start IT courses. Bobby Howe and Mark Robinson are latest players to enrol at the Study Centre. The courses are designed to be self-learn, that is, you will learn by progressing through workbooks. Trained tutors will be on hand at all times to help you through. You will gain understanding and skills in Word processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, or Desktop Publishing.

MAN WITH THE MIC

WITH GARY TATE

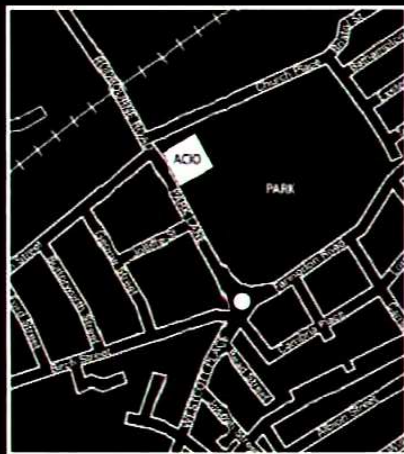
It is a sad reflection that, with only two games gone into the new campaign, the knives are out from the doom and gloom merchants who feel that Town are on a slippery road to relegation already.

In recent years, with the exception of the 1995/96 and 1997/98 seasons, we have never achieved more than one point from our first two league outings. Following our championship season in 1995/96 our visitors today, Oldham Athletic gave us our first win (in front of 8,025) of the season having lost to Norwich and drawn with Port Vale. If we can get that kind of support and keep 11 men on the pitch, I would suggest we won't be too far away from victory this afternoon.

Talking of sendings off, did you see Ugo Ehiogu's last Saturday? Graz's was bad enough, but I just hope that referees start to take into account the supporters, players and managers alike before it gets too silly.

Don't forget we need your suggestions for new jingles. STFC have agreed to supply two tickets for the best suggestion that we get, so get those thinking caps on and get your ideas to us by August 31! Enjoy today's game.

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YOUR CHANCE

Once again we are putting out an appeal for Town fans to get writing for their matchday magazine. If you have any funny stories, traveller's tales, best and worst ever line-ups or anything else you would like to send in, then do so now! This is also your chance to get your photo in the mag, or maybe you just want to stitch a friend up? Any jokes, birthdays or tributes, then get them in to Nick Judd at Dunwoody Sports Marketing, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB, I look forward to seeing them!

REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



PLAY YOUR PART

You can now play your part in the football club by helping TRUSTSTFC. The trust, launched on August 8 was set up by a team of 14 people and is aimed at giving Town's supporters a say in matters concerning the club. If you would like to contribute to the running of the club or offer your services to help, then you can get in contact with them via their web site at www.truststfc.co.uk.



MCKENZIES' BACK!

Ken McKenzie is back on his travels in his Town kit. Last season we followed him on his travels around the world, and this season looks set to be no different. This time Ken is pictured at the Olympic Stadium in Sydney just after the Paralympic games last year.



BREWSTER ON TOUR

One of Ken McKenzie's travelling partners in crime was Kevin Brewster, also of Kintbury. Together the two Town fans have travelled the world 'spreading the word' with their shirts. Kevin is pictured here in the sun with the famous skyline of Hong Kong in the background.

Quick Quiz answers
What year? 1991 (Colin Calderwood)
Guess who? Bertie Brayley

QUICK QUIZ

WHAT YEAR?

Can you guess the year from this picture?



GUESS WHO?

Can you identify the Town player described below from the use of these clues?

1. Has previously played in the same team as Joe Cole and Michael Carrick.
2. He came on at the death against Peterborough.
3. He scored two goals against Supermarine in pre-season.
4. He once scored three goals in four games on loan at Spurs.
5. He has recently acquired a blow-up goal!

From page 47.

Town then completed a marvellous run by beating Notts Forest. Goals from Ashan Holgate and Mitchel Wyatt meant that we topped the group with Everton finishing second. In the final, the Toffees got their revenge in front of hundreds of supporters, winning 3-1. Our lads were devastated after the game, but we told them that we were proud of their performances. I think they now realise that they are as good, if not better than the Premiership Clubs. Ray Hall, Academy Director of Everton declared in a speech that he had witnessed the highest level of football at under-15 level he had seen, comments that I endorse.



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

We hope you enjoyed the journey to Bristol City last Saturday, it is just a pity about the result.

We are hoping to organise a general meeting for members and parents soon so keep an eye out for the date. We want as many of you to come along and support us so we can get your views and ideas for the new season.

Home mascots - this is a fantastic opportunity for anybody who would like to have a better look at what goes on behind the scenes on match days, as well as being a mascot for the day. If you would like an extra special birthday treat then contact Rob O'Carroll on 01793 333718 for further information. There is a special discount for Junior Robins.

Away mascots - if you are interested in being an away mascot then please contact George Chadwick on 01672 520679. Remember that he will need to know about it at least two weeks before the game. Richard's now recruiting new ball boys/girls for the season. If you are interested and you are between the ages of 12 and 15, then contact him on 01993 703110.

If you are interested in joining, then contact Swindon Town's Soccer Centre co-ordinator, Jimmy Fraser, on **01793 644777**



 **service point**

SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER

Hello and welcome to today's game against Oldham Athletic. In the last programme we said that we would list the times and dates of our soccer centres and so you will find them listed below. The Soccer Centres are run in and around Swindon and Wiltshire (in conjunction with the school term) for boys and girls of all abilities aged between 5-11 years of age. The courses are run by Qualified FA Coaches who work to a structured coaching programme designed for everyone's enjoyment. The next course starts the week commencing Monday 10th September (Haydon Centre re-starts Thursday September 6). To book a place, you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses are £2.50 per session (sessions are one hour).

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER CENTRES

OASIS (Swindon Borough)

Monday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 5-10 years
Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 am 5-8 years
10.00 - 11.00 am 5-8 years

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5-6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 5-8 years
Thursday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 8-11 years

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Thursday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5-6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 7-8 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 9-11 years

MALMESBURY ACTIVITY ZONE (new)

Monday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5 & 6 years
Monday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 7 & 8 years

STRATTON

Monday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 6-7 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 9-11 years
Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 5-6 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 9-10 years
Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 7-8 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 8-9 years
Friday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 5-6 years

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Monday 4.30 - 5.30 pm 5-6 years
5.30 - 6.30 pm 8-11 years
Thursday 4.30 - 5.30 pm 5 years
5.30 - 6.30 pm 7-8 years

MARLBOROUGH

Wednesday 3.30 - 4.00 pm 5-7 years
4.00 - 5.00 pm 7-9 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 9-12 years

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 5-7 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 8-11 years

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm 9-11 years

BAMPTON

Friday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 7,8 & 9 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 10-11 years

TIDWORTH (new)

Friday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5-6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 7-8 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 9-11 years

Goals Info:



Where



Close Range

0 Goals



Inside Area

1 Goal



Outside Area

0 Goals

How

Shots.....0
Headers.....0
Volleys.....0
Penalties.....1
Free Kicks.....0
O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

O'Halloran.....1

2001-2002

Highest Gate
7,934

vs Peterborough

Lowest Gate
7,934

vs Peterborough

Average Gate
7,934

Players Used 14

Clean Sheets 1

Failed to Score
1

Consec. Wins
none

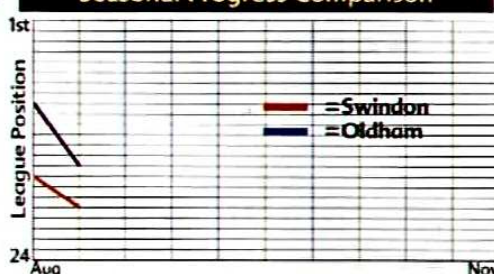
Consec. Defeats
none

Robins' Last 2

Res Opp Ven Opp Pos
L Bristol City A 2nd
D Peterborough H -

Week 3

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Latics' Last 2

Res Opp Ven Opp Pos
S Chesterfield H 23rd
S Wrexham A -

Goals Info:



Where



Close Range

1 Goal



Inside Area

2 Goals



Outside Area

1 Goal

How

Shots.....2
Headers.....1
Volleys.....1
Penalties.....0
Free Kicks.....0
O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

Allott.....2

Eyres.....1

Corazzini.....1

2001-2002

Highest Gate
5,534

vs Chesterfield

Lowest Gate
5,534

vs Chesterfield

Average Gate
5,534

Players Used 16

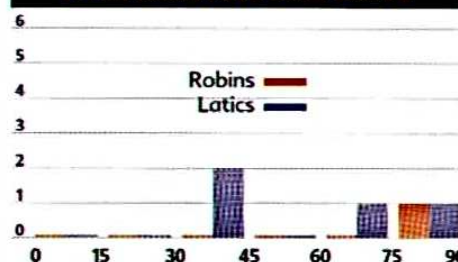
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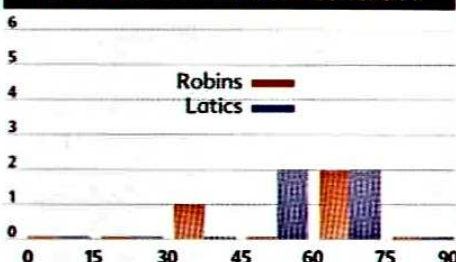
Consec. Wins
none

Consec. Defeats
none

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Keith O'Halloran (Swindon)



1 game.....Total Games Scored In.....2 games
1 game.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....2 games
0 games.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....0 games
0 games.....Hat-tricks.....0 games

W->L.....0 (0pts) Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
W->D.....0 (0pts)
D->L.....0 (0pts)

1 game.....Maximum scoring run.....2 games
1 game.....Maximum Dry Spell.....0 games

0.....Shot.....1
0.....Header.....1
0.....Volleyed Shot.....0
1.....Penalty.....0
0.....Direct free Kick.....0

Swindon Goals.....1
Swindon Games.....2
Swindon's Goal Ave.....0.50

Mark Allott (Oldham)



2 games.....Total Games Scored In.....2 games
2 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....2 games
0 games.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....0 games
0 games.....Hat-tricks.....0 games

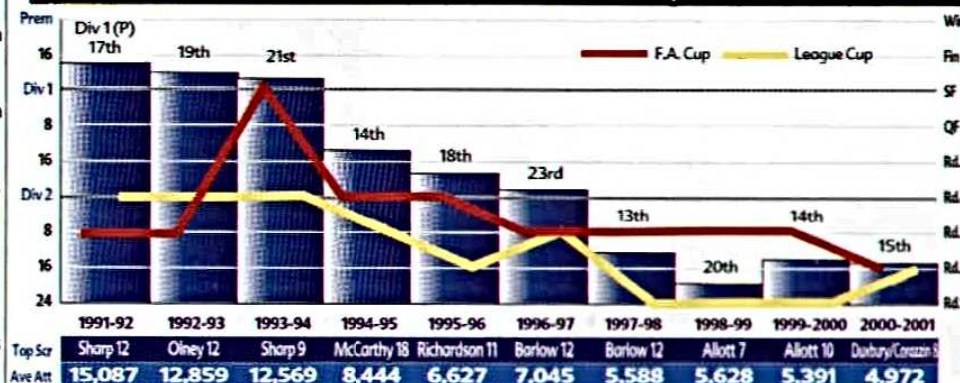
W->L.....0 (0pts) Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
W->D.....0 (0pts)
D->L.....2 (2pts)

2 games.....Maximum scoring run.....2 games
0 games.....Maximum Dry Spell.....0 games

0.....Shot.....1
0.....Header.....1
0.....Volleyed Shot.....0
0.....Penalty.....0
0.....Direct free Kick.....0

Oldham Goals.....4
Oldham Games.....2
Oldham's Goal Ave.....2.00

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STATS 2001/02

STATS KEY

GRAZIOU	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU	Scored goal
GRAZIOU 2	Scored two goals
GRAZIOU	Caution
GRAZIOU	Sent off
GRAZIOU	Sub not used
GRAZIOU(67)	Sub used (time)
GRAZIOU(67)	Player replaced (time)

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,894	0-0	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT	WELLS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(57)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	DAVIS(82)	HEWLETT	WELLS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(84)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves (VFC)	7,598	2-1	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WELLS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(85)	GRAZIOU(85)	DUKE	COBBAN
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd													
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury													
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth													
Wed Sep 12	Worthington Cup Second Round														
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tanmire Rovers													
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale													
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield													
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford													
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town													
Sat Oct 6	(H) 3.00pm	Wrexham													
Wed Oct 10	Worthington Cup Third Round														
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading													
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City													
Tue Oct 23	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd													
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers													
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City													
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool													
Sat Nov 17	FA Cup First Round														
Tue Nov 20	(A) 7.45pm	QPR													
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove													
Wed Nov 28	Worthington Cup Fourth Round														
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath													
Sat Dec 8	FA Cup Second Round														
Wed Dec 12	Worthington Cup Fifth Round														
Sat Dec 15	(H) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town													
Sat Dec 22	(A) 3.00pm	Notts County													
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth													
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Bury													
Tue Jan 1	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath													
	FA Cup Third Round														
Wed Jan 9	Worthington Cup Semi														
Sat Jan 12	(H) 3.00pm	Bristol City													
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd													
Wed Jan 23	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County													
	Worthington Cup Semi-Final														
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham													
	FA Cup Fourth Round														
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town													
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City													
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Reading													
	FA Cup Fifth Round														
Fri Feb 22	(A) 3.00pm	Tanmire Rovers													
Sun Feb 24	Worthington Cup Final														
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chesterfield													
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale													
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford													
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town													
	FA Cup Sixth Round														
Sat Mar 16	(H) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath													
Sat Mar 23	(A) 3.00pm	Cambridge Utd													
Sat Mar 30	(H) 3.00pm	Blackpool													
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City													
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	QPR													
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove													
Sun Apr 14	FA Cup Semi-Final														
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers													
Sun May 4	FA Cup Final														



Fixtures and kick-off times are subject to alteration for television purposes and other league requirements.

TOP SCORERS

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
10	Danny Invincible	26%
9	Gary Alexander	24%
7	Keith O'Halloran	19%
5	Michael Reddy	20%
4	Alan Reeves	8%
3	Ian Woan	14%
3	Martin Williams	13%

SPOTLIGHT

KEITH O'HALLORAN

AGE	25
DATE OF BIRTH	10.11.75
PLACE OF BIRTH	Dublin
HEIGHT	5' 9"
WEIGHT	12st 3lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS	St Johnstone
GOALS	2

GATES / FORM

14.454	Coventry City	6.01.01
10.031	Bristol City	10.02.01
8.145	Peterborough Utd	28.04.01
8.097	Bristol Rovers	21.10.00
2-1 W	Wolves	22.08.01
1-3 L	Bristol City	18.06.01
0-0 D	Peterborough	11.08.01
3-0 W	Dorchester	04.08.01

Season 2000/01



14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SABIN	McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	EDWARDS	DAVIES	REEVES	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	McAREAVEY	WILLIAMS			
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SWINDON

Director of Football

Roy Evans

Bart Griemink	1
Mark Robinson	2
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Guiliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincibile	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Gareth Davies	21
Alan Reeves	22
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreevey	27
James Williams	29
Chris Collins	-
Craig Farr	-

OLDHAM

Manager

Andy Ritchie

Gary Kelly	1
Scott McNiven	2
Darren Sheridan	3
Shaun Garnett	4
Stuart Balmer	5
Lee Duxbury	6
Paul Rickers	7
John Sheridan	8
Matthew Tipton	9
John Eyre	10
Mark Innes	11
Mark Allott	12
David Miskelly	13
Phil Salt	14
Lee Hardy	15
Ryan Sugden	16
Craig Dudley	17
Danny Boshell	18
Carlo Corazzin	19
Mark Hotte	20
Barry Prenderville	21
Ben Smith	22
Ben Fletcher	27
David Eyres	28
Paul Jones	29
Tony Carss	31



Saturday 25th August 2001

kick-off 3.00pm

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	S. G. Tomlin
Assistant 1:	A. J. Webb
Assistant 2:	D. Whitestone
4th Official:	R. P. Desmond

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Sat Aug 25 2001/02

Blackpool	vs	Wycombe W
Cambridge	vs	Stoke City
Cardiff City	vs	Bournemouth
Chesterfield	vs	Brentford
Huddersfield	vs	Bury
Northampton	vs	Notts Co
Port Vale	vs	Peterborough
QPR	vs	Reading
Swindon	vs	Oldham
Tranmere	vs	Brighton
Wigan	vs	Bristol City
Wrexham	vs	Colchester



Division Two 2000/2001

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bristol City	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Colchester	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
Reading	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
QPR	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Cardiff City	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Wycombe W	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Stoke City	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Port Vale	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Bury	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Huddersfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Notts Co	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Blackpool	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Oldham	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Peterborough	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Wigan	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Cambridge	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Swindon	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Wrexham	2	0	1	1	5	8	1
Chesterfield	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Tranmere	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Bournemouth	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Northampton	2	0	0	2	0	5	0



Danny Wilson
of league leaders
Bristol City

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