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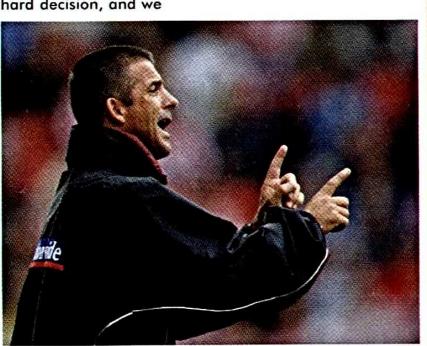
On Wednesday morning, following Tuesday's 3-1 defeat against Blackpool at Sixfields, Northampton Town Football Club announced that Kevin Wilson had been relieved of his duties as Manager.

The news came after the Cobblers have suffered a disastrous start to the season, following on from a poor run at the back end of last season.

Chairman Barry Stonhill expressed his wish to place on record his appreciation of the work Kevin has carried out in his 4 years at Sixfields and to wish him well for the future.

"The Board are very concerned at the run of results, not just this season, but also at the end of last season," said Mr Stonhill. "It was a very hard decision, and we would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Kevin for all his hard work here in the last 4 years, not only as a Manager, but also as Assistant to lan Atkins before that. We always take decisions we believe to be in the best interests of the club, however hard those decisions are, and this is not something we have taken lightly."

Wilson was in charge at Sixfields for a little under 2 years, and helped the club win promotion to Division 2 in 1999/2000, claiming 3 Manager of the Month awards on the way. The club had a poor finish to last season, finishing 18th after being in the Play Off contention for a large part of the season, and this season the club have lost 8 of their opening 10 league games.







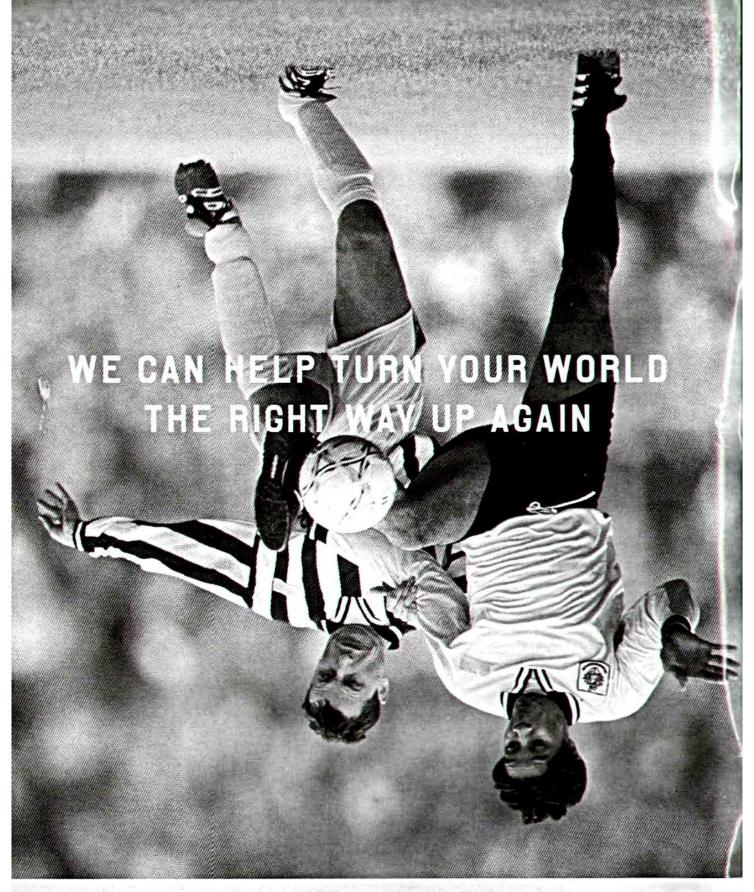
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sfrom the inside.

As the playing month of September draws to a close, it's been a month of meeting old faces now employed by their new clubs. The first game of the month saw the Cobblers come face to face with former goalkeeper Andy Woodman - now between the sticks at Colchester United, while the trip to Middlesbrough saw Roy Hunter and Richard Hope both return to their part of the country. Chesterfield came to Sixfields and although he was reduced to a watching brief, it was good to see former Cobblers midfielder Sean Parrish back on his old stamping ground. Former boss lan Atkins is now on the Cardiff coaching staff, and as if that's not enough, the Cobblers and today's opponents Swindon are both sponsored by Nationwide! It's a small world!

News of former Cobblers, and a number of players who left the club at the end of last season have fixed themselves up with new clubs, Two key members of the Cobblers promotion winning squad of 1999/2000 have dropped back into the third Division; Dave Savage has joined Mark Wright's Oxford United while centre half Richard Green has moved to Rochdale. James Gould has signed for preseason opponents Boston United along with Daryl Clare, while Kettering Town swooped to snap up Garry Hughes and former Cobblers YTS captain Brad Piercewright in a double deal a few weeks ago. Former Cobblers loanee defender Jim Whitely has joined Wrexham, while two former Cobblers are currently plying their trade at Forest Green Rovers - Lee Howey and Carl

Andy Morrow has returned to Northern Ireland and is currently with Newry Town.

The Cobblers Multi-Disabled team are still on the winning trail - they recorded a 10-1 win over Bristol City on Sunday September 16. City actually took the lead in the 10th minute but that was soon rectified when in the 15th minute

a sweeping move that started with keeper Lovesey ended with Bartley slotting home to level the scores. Bartley soon added his second, and just seconds later Chris Holland made it three. The floodgates were now open and Paul Goodridge made it four after 38 minutes, before Bartley added the fifth after Town skipper Scott Alderman saw his drive parried away in to the striker's path. Colin added the sixth and Goodridge the seventh in the 38th minute as the Cobblers began to run riot. Their progress was checked when Goodridge had to be taken to hospital with a back injury. The second half saw the Cobblers make a number of changes which affected the flow of the game and they had to wait until the 56th minute when McNelly scored his first of the afternoon. Holland completed the first ever hat trick of his coreer in the 75th minute with an 18 yard drive. Lovesey was forced in to making several good saves to keep City at bay but the scoring was rounded off in the 86th minute when McNelly drew the keeper and rounded him before slotting home. Cobblers squad; Mark Pearson, Graham Norris, Chris Fowkes, Antony Lovesey, Dave Ginns, Martin Rogers, Adam Longley, Kevin Rootes (Manager), Paul Goodall, Matthew O'Boyle, Daniel Bryant, Andy Gibbins, Jason Lack, Steven Prior, Steven Bartley, Chris Holland, Scott Alderman (capt), Colin Stewart, Steven Munnelly. LEADING SCORERS (AS AT 18/09/01) - Bartley 4, Munnelly 4, Stewart 3, Goodall 3, Holland

After his sending off against Chesterfield a fortnight ago, Marco Gabbiadini will miss today's game, next Sunday's trip to Peterborough and then finally the home game with Tranmere in a fortnight.

A reminder that next weekend the trip to Peterborough takes place on SUNDAY afternoon, with a 2pm kick off, not the usual 3pm start.





Northampton Town Multi-Disabled Team



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Team line ups;

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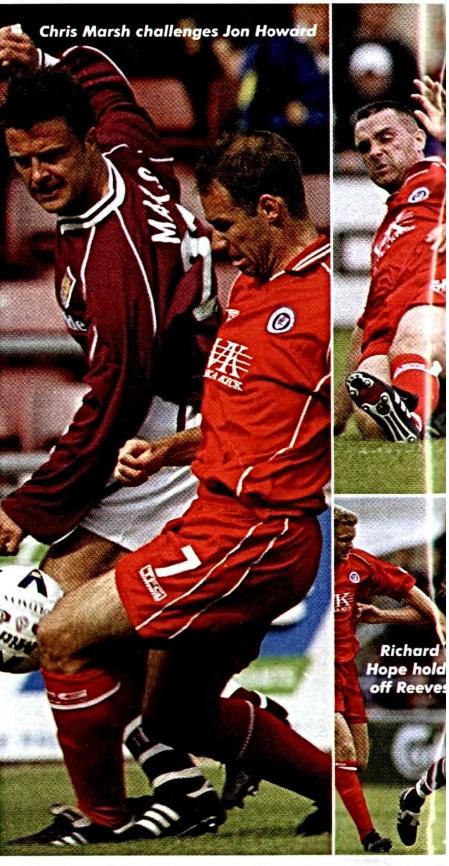
Sollitt, Marsh, Spedding, Evatt (sub 45 Dempsey), Hope, McGregor (sub Forrester 73), Hunt, Hunter, Wolleaston (sub 55 Asamoah), Parkin, Gabbiadini. Unused subs; Hodge, Bunn.

CHESTERFIELD:

Abbey, Richardson, Breckin, Howard (sub 76 Ingledow), Reeves, Ebdon, Beckett, Booty, Williams (sub 52 Edwards), Payne, Hyde. Unused subs; Pearce, Richmond, Jones.

THE REACTION OF THEN COBBLERS BOSS KEVIN WILSON;

"We conceded an early goal and then we had Marco Gabbiadini sent off. I am very disappointed at the moment. The lads worked their socks off but things are not going right for us and whatever happens I've no regrets because I know that the players have worked hard for me today. Sam Parkin is a young lad and maybe we've got too many young lads out there at the minute. We've got plenty of experienced players as well but unfortunately Keith Welch, Gerard Lavin, John Frain, Chris Hargreaves, Ian Sampson and Daryl Burgess are all sitting in the stands today. We are missing leaders. There is a chance that Keith Welch might be fit for Tuesday night. Ian Evatt did well today but he is still suffering with his virus, I have wanted to play him in midfield but injuries mean that I can't. The fans can have a go at me but please support the players. Whoever was Manager today would experience the same problems. The young lads will learn from the experience but who knows who will be here to see them come on? We are down to the bare bones before the game started and then we had Gabba's sent off. It didn't happen today for us no excuses. I will keep going and we will keep battling. I've never walked away, only weak people do that."



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GOALKEEPERS

Giant keeper BART GRIEMINK was signed by Colin Todd on a free transfer in the summer of 2000. Griemink is a former Dutch Under-21 international who spent a successful loan spell with The Robins two years ago as cover for Frank Talia. He came to English football in 1995 with Birmingham and deputised competently for the injured lan Bennett, playing in the 1995 League Cup semi-final. He then followed Barry Fry to Peterborough United but lost his place to the promising Mark Tyler. Has started this season solidly. Goalkeeper CRAIG FARR was an unused substitute for the Robins in the 2000-1 season and will hope the departure of Steve Mildenhall gives him more of a chance.

DEFENDERS

A former club captain, MARK ROBINSON has made over 300 appearances for the Robins. An apprentice at West Brom, Mark made three appearances for the Boggies before switching to Barnsley where he played more than 150 games. He spent a year at Newcastle before joining the Robins. Robinson cost £600,000 in 1994 from Newcastle and has been a regular ever since. Tipped to leave in the summer of 2000, Mark instead became captain, though defensive sidekick Alan Reeves later replaced him as skipper. Steve McMahon used him as a wingback but he can also play right back and centre back. Fended off competition from Juan Cobion last season but has been injured for the start of this campaign. Young left back SOL DAVIS progressed through the youth team ranks at Swindon to make his debut in 1997 just after his 18th birthday. He played in more than half the games in the 1999-2000 season and was a regular again the following campaign. A

committed player, Davis' main

problem is his poor disciplinary record, which results in frequent suspensions: he was booked 14 times in 2000-01. He is a quick and hardworking player and will no doubt figure in Andy King's plans this year. Centre back ADAM WILLIS was revitalised under Colin Todd. Willis arrived at the County Ground in 1998 on a free transfer from Coventry and was Steve McMahon's last signing for The Robins. He scarcely figured for Jimmy Quinn and was allowed to go on loan to Mansfield after being told he could leave Swindon. But Todd liked the tall defender and gave him a new contract. Willis was a regular in the first half of the following season and scored his first goal for Swindon in the 4-1 win against Ilkeston in the FA Cup. A trainee at Coventry, Willis never made the break through to the Sky Blue's first team and will need to re-establish himself in the Robins' side. Attacking right back JUAN COBIAN chose Swindon instead of his former club Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 2000. Argentinian Cobian played for Boca Juniors before moving to Hillsborough in 1998. He was subsequently sold to Charlton and Aberdeen without playing much first team football. Made only three league appearances in his first season for the Robins, with Mark Robinson the normal right back. Talented though Cobain is, he needs a regular spell of first team football to prove what he can do. Welsh centre back GARETH DAVIES has been plaqued with injury during his time at the County Ground. Davies is a solid centre back who is competent in the air and a good tackler as well as being more comfortable on the ball than many defenders. He was signed by Swindon by his former Reading boss, Jimmy Quinn in 1999 after falling out of favour with then Royals boss, Tommy Burns. Davies made over 100 appearances for Hereford before signing for Crystal Palace in 1995. He joined Reading two years later but missed the entire 2000-1 season through injury. Experienced centre back ALAN REEVES is

particularly strong in the air. Reeves always causes problems from set pieces and for a brief period last term he was the club's top goalscorer. In 2000/01 he was told by Colin Todd that he could leave the club, but persuaded the manager to reconsider with some fine pre-season performances. Reeves went on to be a permanent fixture last season and even ended up captaining Swindon in Mark Robinson's absence. Before joining Swindon in 1998, he spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale. One of Swindon's best players last season, Reeves signed a new oneyear deal in the summer. MATTHEW HEYWOOD failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. Has signed until the end of next season and has shown in the few games that he's played, just how good a player he is. Strong in the tackle and good in the air, Heywood could prove to be a great asset to the club. It is no coincidence Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and he also poses a threat in the opposing box. ANDY GURNEY joined Reading from Torquay in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender who can also play in midfield. He started his career at hometown club Bristol Rovers, where he spent four seasons before moving to Torquay for one year and impressing during their surge to the play-offs. Established a regular starting place with Reading in 1999/2000 and figured in the Royal's promotion push last year. Was keen to join Town after the impressive performance against Reading and King snapped him up on a Bosman. NEIL RUDDOCK or 'Razor' as he is more commonly known began his career at Millwall before establishing himself as a regular with Southampton. A good spell at Spurs saw him secure a lucrative move to Liverpool where he met Roy Evans.

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After five years at Anfield, Neil has more recently had spells at West Ham and Crystal Palace.

MIDFIELDERS

An attacking central midfielder, MATT HEWLETT was once tipped for the top by all at Ashton Gate. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join the Robins on a Bosman in the summer of 2000. He was a regular for Colin Todd until being hit by injury again and went on to play 26 league games. Irish midfielder KEITH O'HALLORAN was one of several Bosman signings Colin Todd made in the summer of 2000. O'Halloran is a talented right-sided player who became first choice on the right of midfield, a position Swindon struggled to fill the previous season. O'Halloran was a trainee at Middlesbrough, but only made six appearances for Boro before moving to Scotland in 1997. He was a success at St Johnstone, and was offered a new contract but preferred to try his luck in Division Two. A good striker of the ball, O'Halloran proved one of Swindon's best signings of 2000, netting seven goals from midfield (most of them from the penalty spot). Had it not been for injury, O'Halloran probably would have played in every game for Town last season. Has played in every game this season so far and is the club's top scorer with three goals, all from the penalty spot. Attacking, skilful midfielder STEPHEN (who likes to be known as Bobby) HOWE often bears the brunt of the crowd's frustration at the County Ground. Howe had a disappointing start to his Swindon career, but recovered to become a regular in their relegation season of 1999-2000 season and was expected to leave Swindon that summer. But he impressed Colin Todd in training and pre-season friendlies and earned a place in the team. Nonetheless, he was criticised by fans during poor results last season. Howe began his career with Nottingham

Forest, where he showed promise but only started nine games. Only scored once in the league in the 2000-01 season and missed much of the second half of the campaign through Achilles Tendonitis, Australian midfielder DANNY INVICIBILE endeared himself to the fans having been recommended to Colin Todd by Harry Redknapp at West Ham. Danny subsequently joined the Robins on a free transfer. After a slow start (although he did score on his debut against West Brom), Danny showed the club what he was capable of with five goals in four games in October/November last season. The former Marconi Stallion and Aussie Under-21 star would later become Town's top scorer with ten goals, arguably his most important coming in the last home game of the season against Peterborough in the ninetieth minute. Danny is at his most dangerous when he is running at defenders. Tough-tackling, energetic right-footed midfield terrier STEVE **ROBINSON** signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of the season. Found in the centre or right of midfielder, Robinson likes to win the ball and pass it on quickly. A former Birmingham trainee, he broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry but has constantly been dogged by injuries that have limited his first team chances. He made over 50 league starts for Blues, but almost joined Sheffield United in 1999, only to fail the medical. Involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, but was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad. Has been an ever present since joining Town and he will run all day in the centre of midfield. Northern Ireland Under 21 international midfielder PAUL McAREAVEY holds the dubious distinction of being the first player sent-off for his country at that level. Made his first two appearances for Swindon as a substitute against Norwich and on another substitute appearance, he netted his first Swindon goal against Oldham in March 2001, impressing with his lively movement.

STRIKERS

Robin's fans had high hopes of London-born striker GUILIANO GRAZIOLI for the 2000-01 season. His form was one of the few positive aspects of a disappointing campaign during previous season. Grazioli's eight goals from only 11 starts compared well with many of his team-mates and with fellow forwards Chris Hay and Iffy Onuora sold, Grazioli was expected to be the spearhead of Swindon's attack the following season. Instead, after a disappointing start, he largely featured as a substitute and netted only two goals (all be it with one against Oxford), leaving the striker to prove himself again. Grazioli was signed for Peterborough from nonleague Wembley in 1995. His goalscoring record for Fry's Peterborough was impressive: 16 in 23 league starts. While on loan at Stevenage, he scored the goal that knocked Swindon out of the 1999 FA Cup. JO KAFFOUR was Arsenal's reserves top scorer last season grabbing 11 goals in just 16 starts. Jo also scored 13 goals for the Under-19s in just eight starts and he certainly has that priceless knack of being in the right place at the right time. On a three-month loan deal, Jo is a very exciting prospect. BERTI BRAYLEY began his career at West Ham where he played in the same team as England players Joe Cole and Michael Carrick. Berti also had a spell at Spurs before moving to QPR for a season. Brayley has a good first touch and fine ball skills. He's a very confident player, signed on a shortterm deal he could term out to be a surprise package this season. Few have heard of the young Frenchman ERIC SABIN, but from what we have seen of him, Town supporters could be in for a very exciting season. Sabin joins Town from French Second Division club Wasquehall who finished 18th last season. Sabin contributed with seven goals in 58 starts but King describes his style of play as that of Thierry Henry.





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THE SHOW MUST GO ON... And on, it shall. It has certainly been a rocky ride since my arrival in late July and sometimes you do wonder where it all has to end. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and I am pleased that all the initiatives that are underway are being supported by the Board.

It is with thanks to them that I am here and that the Club can begin to flourish but it is thanks to you that all we are trying to achieve is being well received, supported and I hope we can begin to reward your patience.

We've come so far in so little time but it is time which has been against us on the field with injuries and a poor run and this has brought to our current situation. Now, the

plan is how to move on from here and look at all the opportunities that present themselves daily.

Moving on, last Tuesday was a areat success for us and all the youngsters that took advantage of our 'kids for a quid' and this will be repeated in the school holidays at our game against Huddersfield Town on Tuesday 23 October. We will notify schools early and will be mindful of the holiday period but it will, at least, allow every youngster to have a late night, without getting up for school the next morning!!

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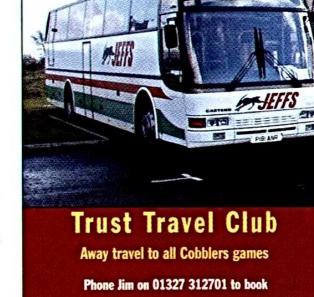
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FORMER BOSS KEVIN WILSON TALKING AFTER THE DEFEAT AT CARDIFF CITY

"At the end I told the referee that I think he cost us the game. I thought he was very well placed to see the first penalty, the ball has hit the lad in the stomach and the linesman has given it."

WILSON IN HIS FRIDAY PREVIEW OF THE TRIP TO PORT VALE

"It's wide open pitch and they have had a few injury problems themselves. We need to start turning it round, and with the help of a few players becoming available again, we are confident."

WILSON AFTER THE 1-0 SUCCESS AT PORT VALE

"Some of the lads are saying that Roy will have to wash his hair now after heading that goal! We may have had a touch of luck but it's nothing we haven't deserved over the last few weeks."

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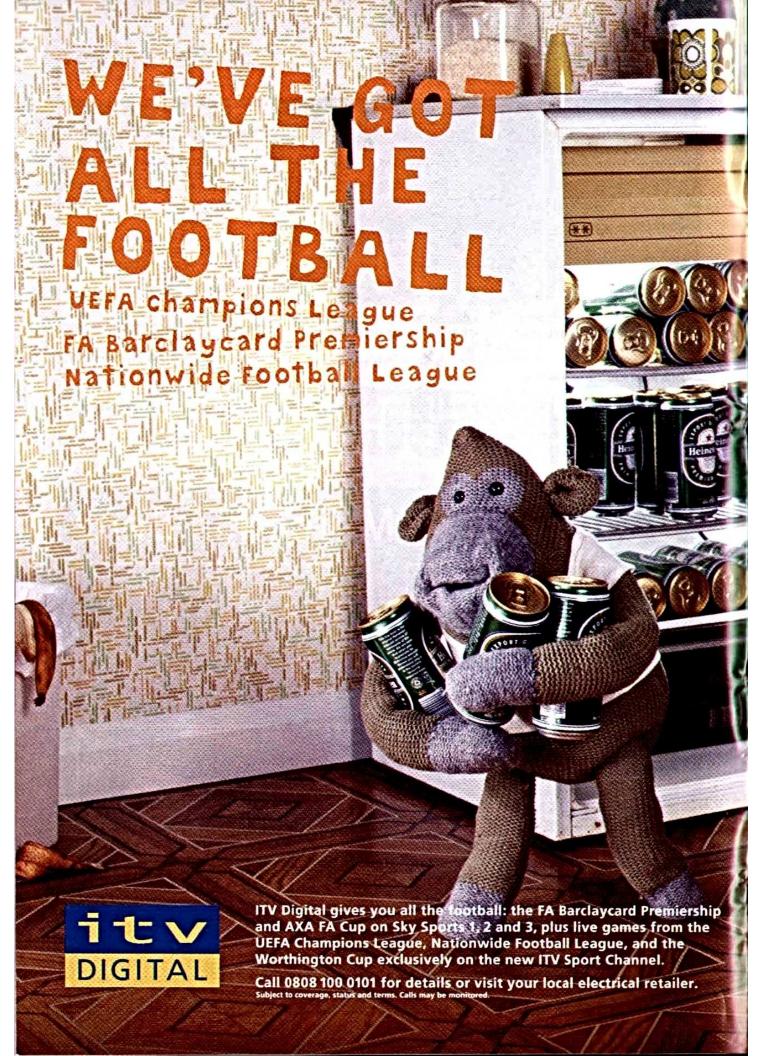
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FORMER MANAGER KEVIN WILSON RELFECTING ON THE GAME AT CARDIFF

"We've got into some great positions tonight but the end product wasn't really there and that is due to a lack of confidence in the side at the moment. We've come to a place like Cardiff and we've been beaten by two penalties. Welchy did well to save the first one but it's gone straight back to Kavanagh, that is the way our luck is going at the moment."

WILSON ON THE STORY LINKING HIM TO A MOVE FOR FORMER STRIKER STEVE HOWARD

"I know he's not happy at Luton and he's a winner. He will never be a prolific scorer but he creates lots of chances for others. I worked hard to improve him when he was here and I rate him very highly. I never wanted him to leave."



THE EX-COBBLERS BOSS AFTER THE WIN AT VALE PARK

"Chris Hargreaves has suffered a small reaction to his injury and may be struggling for Tuesday night, but at the moment I want to enjoy today as we haven't had too many wins this season!"

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In this section we feature a brief review of what that day's press are saying about events at Sixfields. It's just a brief taster, but it's enough to whet your appetite! For example;

Wednesday 19th September
The Chronicle & Echo reflects
on Tuesday night's events at
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angry boss Kevin Wilson hit
out at referee Trevor Parkes
after two controversial
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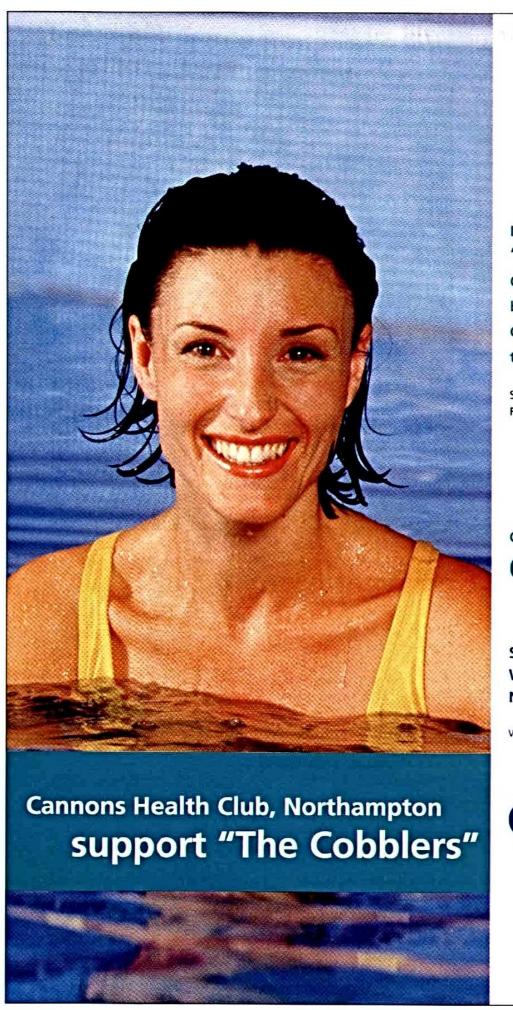
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Programme collecting takes many forms. Some people collect just Cup Final programmes. Others Internationals. So the first question for the budding programme collector is what to collect. For example: - One team only. One per club, per season. Friendlies. Follow a player or manager. Various Cup matches. Non League. Grounds visited. European Cup matches. One per country, or one per country per year. The World Cup or perhaps just from a certain year. You may want to keep cards, pennants, badges or maybe something else as the categories go on and on.

These are just some examples. Personally I collect anything to do with the Cobblers. First class matches & Reserve team football fixtures at either the County Ground or Sixfields. That's plenty

Once one has decided what to collect, then next comes the question of how to about starting a collection. At Sixfields we are lucky in that there is a used programme stall outside the West Stand prior to every first team match. You may well pick up one or two programmes there to get your collection off to a bright start. Buy a football weekly magazine and contact some programme dealers for their catalogue or you may find out about the location and dates of programme fairs. These are like car boot sales but only for football programmes and

paraphernalia. Auctions are another means of picking up programmes but these are for the more serious and its best to walk before you run as the saying goes because once involved in auctions one is then becoming more serious and specialised in collecting.

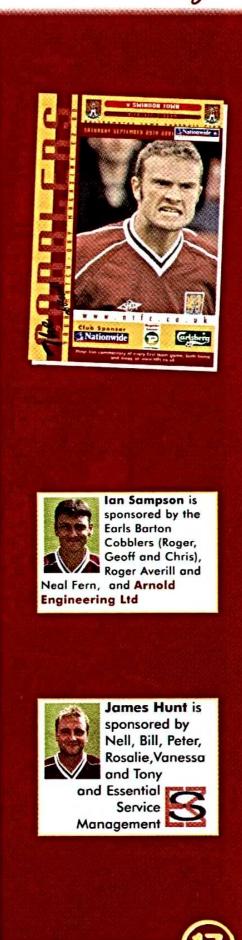
Some people buy a programme on match day, just look at the team line up and then at the end of the motch they throw it away. Others put theirs' straight into a plastic wallet and once back home file it along with the match report from the local rag where it may never see the light of day for many a year. Hopefully to be worth a fortune by the time they retire.

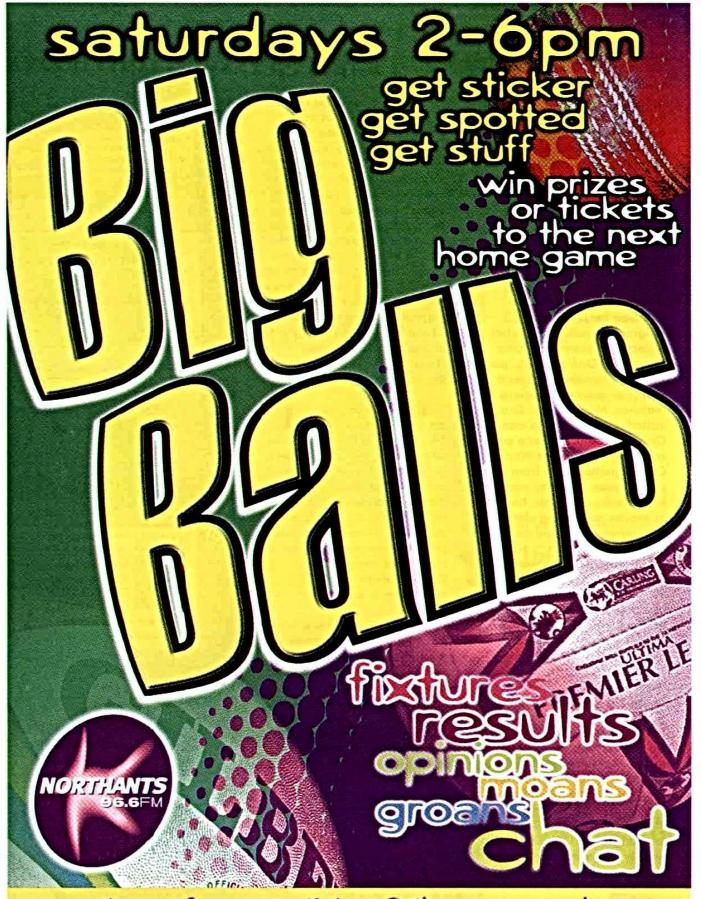
Then there is the question that a non-collector always asks. "How much is it worth?" Well, who knows, the most unlikely programmes may become valuable but this is only determined by a number of factors for each programme published. Namely - number in print run, demand, sell out or remaining copies. Postponement or any supplements issued.

So first of all if you are thinking of collecting programmes - pick a category and know what you want to collect, then come down for a chat before the game to our programme stall outside the West Stand and we will try and help you get started. Then as winter sets in you can build your collection. They make great reading during close season or a rainy day when you can't get down the potting shed.

Next time I'll go back over the years starting with Northampton, giving you some idea of what football programmes and paraphernalia from our town are worth.

Rowland Jordan



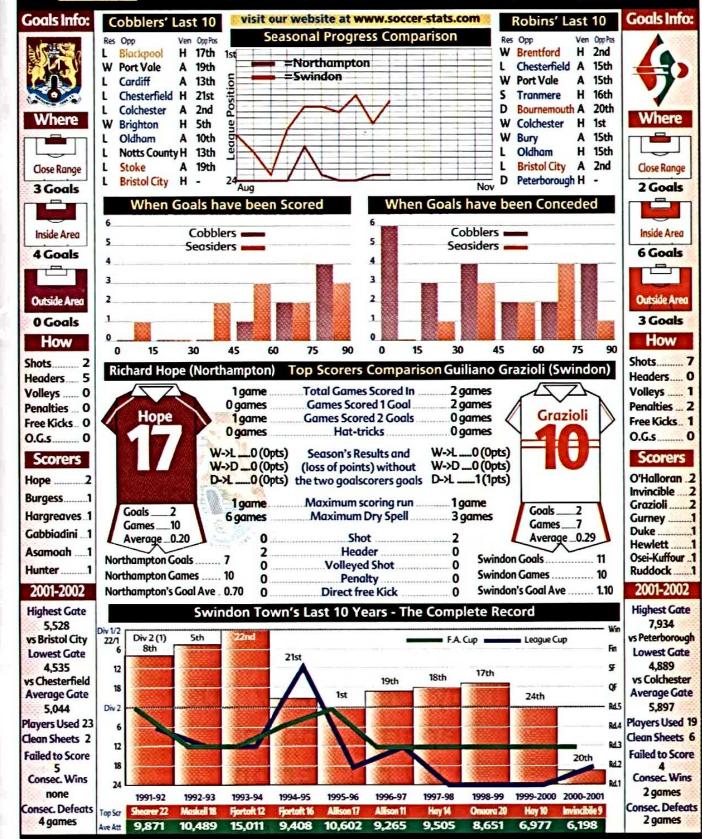


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THE Professional Footballers'
Association this week balloted
their members on the possibility
of taking strike action in all live
televised games over the
distribution of the millions that
comes into the game from
broadcasting.

Gordon Taylor is adamant that the PFA should receive the regular five per cent of the TV money cake that it has always received in the past, but with the massive amounts now being paid for screening rights that percentage would amount to something like £80 million. Perhaps not surprisingly, the chairmen of the Premiership and bigger division one clubs are up in arms over Taylor's demands. They feel that as they are paying some players upwards of £1m a year in wages, they shouldn't have to hand over another couple of million or whatever it is to those same players' union. The top clubs are offering the PFA an amount closer to one per cent - which even with my limited maths knowledge is still a pretty chunky slice of around £16m. Now I can see the Premiership chairmen's point of view, but I can also see where the PFA is coming from, and why they claim they need more money. That's because the PFA is about much more than the Premiership

The union represents all 4,000 professional footballers currently playing in England.

and highest earning players in

this country.

Yes there are thousands of handsomely paid players in all the divisions, but there are plenty who won't be nipping down to the Jaguar showroom for a new motor just vet. Some won't even be looking out a new Lada... Also, as well as current players, the union also represents an estimated 50,000 former players, with the motto being that once you are a member of the PFA you are always a member of the PFA. And this is where the PFA is so invaluable and does do much good work, looking after the interests of players who have their careers cut short by injury

as well as those forced out of the game simply because their careers come to a close in their mid-30s.

Also, let's not forget what the PFA has done for smaller clubs in this country with Taylor and his union playing no small part in keeping the Cobblers going back in the dark days of the early 90s when the club was so close to going bust

The PFA even now regularly dishes out loans to clubs struggling with cashflow to ensure their players are paid, and it is a union that seems to genuinely have its members at heart.

That is why I feel the PFA deserves to be treated with a little more respect by certain chairmen who are questioning the union's role in the game today.

Whether the PFA is deserving of such an amount as £80m is debatable, but surely some sort of happy medium can be found here without the players resorting to strike action.

Let's hope that common sense, and not greed and pigheadedness, prevails.

THE current season may not have yet gone to plan for the Cobblers, but there has been a shiny silver lining to what has been a pretty dark cloud hanging over the club at times in the past few weeks.

And that silver lining goes by the name of Roy Hunter.

The midfielder has struggled terribly with injuries for the best part of two years, but those problems at last seem to be behind him.

With every game he plays he is getting sharper and sharper, and is now close to being the outstanding footballer he had become before he first suffered problems with his troublesome knee.

You could see in his face what it meant to him to score the winner at Port Vale last Saturday, and let's home he can enjoy many more moments like that in the rest of his career.





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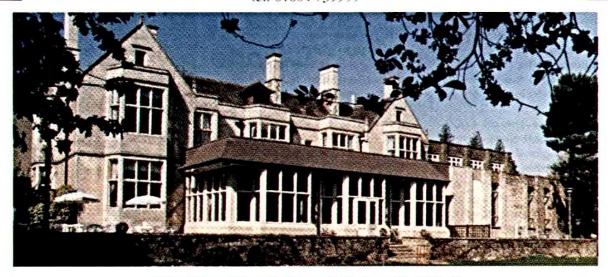
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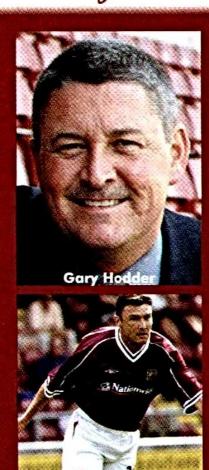
Northampton Town Chief Executive Mr Gary Hodder has been explaining the club's decision to relieve Kevin Wilson of his duties. After Tuesday night's 3-1 defeat left the Cobblers in 23rd place in Division Two the Board of Directors took the decision on Wednesday morning.

"The decision was made at 7.30am on Wednesday after the Board of Directors had a night to think things over," said Mr Hodder. "A lot of people will ask why now? I think it was inevitable, ultimately after the disappoining end to last season and the poor start we have made to this season. The injury situation has not helped Kevin with his plans, but the Board have decided that now is the time to act for the future of the club. "I think Tuesday night was the catalyst. Kevin Wilson knew in his heart that this was inevitable. Tuesday night just forced the issue. You can't live game by game with a cloud hanging over you. We all knew that Kevin Wilson wouldn't walk away from the club and he is to be admired for that but the Board have made their decision. Kevin Wilson leaves with all our best wishes. He is a passionate manager and I am sure he will rise again. "He bought in six players over the summer and has strengthened us since the start of the campaign. The squad he leaves us with is greatly improved compared to the one he inherited. He has left the club in a

better position than how he found it."

Northampton Town Club Captain Ian Sampson admitted that the news of Kevin Wilson's departure has hit the players hard, but admitted that as club captain, he would do his bit to help the team through the next few weeks. Sampson has not yet kicked a ball through injury so far this season, and said, "It's hard for you as a player when any Manger gets the sack. I just hope the situation is resolved quickly and as club captain it's up to me and some of the senior professionals to try and help the lads through. It is a shame for Kevin but you know that any Manager is judged by results and at the end of the day, our recent results haven't been good enough. Saturday's game against Swindon is approaching fast and what we have to do now is channel all of our thoughts towards Saturday's game. I'd like to see a new man in place as soon as possible but like everyone else, we'll just have to wait and see."

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Sat Aug 18	Stoke City	A	0-2	12,845 (807)	0		
Tue Aug 21	QPR (WCR1)	Н	2-1	4,638 (1,683)			
Sat Aug 25	NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-2	4,648 (771)	0	24	11.
Tue Aug 28	Oldham Athletic	A	2-4	4,941 (186)	0	24	6
Fri Aug 31	BRIGHTON	H	2-0	5,408 (1,078)	3	18	9
Sat Sep 8	Colchester United	Α	1-3	3,705 (407)	3	23	
Tue Sep 11	Middlesbrough (WCR2)	A	1-3	3,918 (458)			-
Sat Sep 15	CHESTERFIELD	H	0-2	4,535 (667)	3	24	
Tue Sep 18	Cardiff City	A	0-2	11,232 (117)	3	24	
Sat Sep 22	Port Vale	Α	1-0	4,419 (533)	6	23	1
Tue Sep 25	BLACKPOOL	H	1-3	5,103 (591)	6	23	
Sat Sep 29	SWINDON TOWN	H					
Sun Oct 7	Peterborough United	A	(2pm	ko) ALL TICKET	- see	page 4	47
Sat Oct 13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H					
Tue Oct 16	OXFORD UNITED (LDV)	H					
Sat Oct 20	QPR	Α					
Tue Oct 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	All ch	ildren £1!			
Sot Oct 27	Cambridge United	Α					
Sat Nov 3	READING	Н					
Sat Nov 10	Bury	A					
Sat Nov 17	FA CUP 1R						
Tue Nov 20	Wycombe Wanderers	A					
Sat Nov 24	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H					
Sat Dec 1	Wrexham	A					
Sat Dec 15	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	Н					
Fri Dec 21	Brentford	A					
Wed Dec 26	COLCHESTER UNITED	H					
Sat Dec 29	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Н					
Tue Jan 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	A					
Sat Jan 5	Notts County	A		FA CUP 3R			
Sun Jan 13	STOKE CITY	H					
Sat Jan 19	Bristol City	A					
Tue Jan 22	BRENTFORD	H					
Sat Jan 26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED			FA CUP 4R (1	2 noo	n ko)	
Sat Feb 2	Swindon Town	A					
Sat Feb 9	QPR	H		F4 CUD 50			
Sat Feb 16	Tranmere Rovers	A		FA CUP 5R			
Sat Feb 23 Tue Feb 26	Chesterfield PORT VALE	H					
Sat Mar 2	CARDIFF CITY	Н					
Tue Mar 5							
Sat Mar 9	Blackpool AFC Bournemouth	A .		FA CUP 6R			
Sat Mar 16	WREXHAM	H		FA CUP OK			
Sat Mar 23	Huddersfield Town	A					
Fri Mar 29	BURY	Ĥ					
Mon Apr 1	Reading	A					
Sat Apr 6	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Ĥ					
Sat Apr 13	Wigan Athletic	A		FA CUP SF			
Sat Apr 20	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H		TA CUT SE			
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Wed May 1	Play Off semi final						
Sat May 4	FA Cup Final						
Sat May 11	Play Off final						
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- * = First Substitution
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MATCHES AND STANDINGS

TODAY

Blackpool v Wigan Athletic
Brentford v Colchester United
Cambridge United v QPR
Cardiff City v Brighton & Hove Albion
Chesterfield v Tranmere Rovers
Huddersfield Town v Bristol City
Oldham Athletic v Notts County
Reading v Bury
Stoke City v AFC Bournemouth
Wrexham v Peterborough United
Wycombe Wanderers v Port Vale

Nationwide Division 2 Table

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QPR	10	5	3	2	14	9	18	5
Huddersfield	10	5	2	3	12	10	17	2
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Reading	9	5	1	3	9	5	16	4
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Swindon	10	4	3	3	11	11	15	0
Peterborough	10	4	2	4	15	11	14	4
Stoke	8	4	1	3	9	5	13	4
Chesterfield	10	3	4	3	14	12	13	2
Wycombe	9	3	3	3	11	10	12	1
Tranmere	10	3	3	4	17	17	12	0
Blackpool	9	3	3	3	14	16	12	-2
Cardiff	8	3	2	3	11	10	11	1
Port Vale	10	3	2	6	13	18	10	-5
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Wigan	8	2	2	4	9	10	8	-7 -1
Cambridge	10	1	4	5	9	14	7	-5
Wrexham	9	1	3	5	13	24	6	-11
Northampton	10	2	0	8	7	21	6	-14
Bury	9	1	0	8	5	19	3	-14

APPEARANCES

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	Birthplace	Date of Birth	Apps	Sub	Goals	Apps	Sub	Goals	Apps	Sub	Goals
Derek Asamoah	Ghana	01/05/81	2	9	1	2	9	1	2	9	1
Daryl Burgess	Birmingham	24/01/71	4	0	1	4	0	1	364	16	14
Chris Carruthers	Kettering	19/08/83	0	4	0	1	6	0	1	6	0
Aaran Cavill	Bedford	05/03/84	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Paul Dempsey	Wirrall	03/12/81	7	2	0	12	3	0	12	3	0
Ian Evatt	Coventry	11/11/81	10	1	0	10	1	0	10	2	0
Jamie Forrester	Brodford	01/11/74	11	0	1	65	2	26	234	31	81
John Frain	Birmingham	08/10/68	7	0	0	202	1	7	529	10	33
Marco Gabbiadini	Nottingham	20/01/68	9	1	1	47	12	8	612	74	243
Chris Hargreaves	Cleethorpes	12/05/72	9	0	1	42	2	1	257	73	22
John Hodge	Skelmersdole	01/04/69	0	2	0	29	17	1	312	118	42
Richard Hope	Stockton	22/06/78	12	0	2	80	9	2	146	11	3
James Hunt	Derby	17/12/76	9	0	0	140	28	5	157	35	7
Roy Hunter	Saltburn	29/10/73	8	1	1	149	28	17	155	34	18
Gerard Lavin	Corby	05/02/74	3	0	0	3	0	0	273	15	5
Richard Lopes	Waterford	10/08/81	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Danny Lowe	Barnsley	12/01/84	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
Paul McGregor	Lverpoo	17/12/74	7	2	1	7	2	1	104	39	30
Chris Marsh	Sedgley	14/01/70	3	0	0	3	0	0	426	44	30
Sam Parkin	Rochampton	14/03/81	7	0	1	7	0	1	20	12	10
lan Sampson	Wakefield	14/11/68	0	0	0	331	3	27	346	10	28
Adam Sollitt	Sheffield	22/06/77	7	0	0	15	0	0	15	0	0
Duncan Spedding	Frimley	07/09/77	10	0	0	97	16	2	101	19	2
Chris Thompson	Swindon	15/08/82	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Keith Welch	Bolton	03/10/68	5	0	0	88	0	0	645	0	0
Rob Wolleaston	london	21/12/79	2	5	0	2	5	0	10	9	0

100 YEARS AGO

It was semi final time in the Northants Senior Cup and the COBBLERS opponents were Rushden Town again. The game turned out to be very one sided, Herbert Chapman hitting a hat trick, Tim Coleman having a goal disallowed, with Rushden playing the second half with just 10 men because of injury. The attendance of just 200 reflected the interest, or rather the lock of interest!

SWINDON notched their first win of the season, beating Millwall 2-1. Their previous 3 games had ended in a draw and two defeats.

England play their second match against Germany, this time at Hyde Rd in Manchester. The visitors faired little better, this time going down 10-0.

50 YEARS AGO

The COBBLERS see-saw season continues, after a run of wins they go down 2-0 to Brighton at the Goldstone Ground. Jimmy Sirrell later to find fame as Notts County's Manager, scored both the goals.

SWINDON draw 0-0 at Walsall, picking up their first away point of the season. Their previous two games on opponents ended with defeat.

In Division Three North, Lincoln City beat Crewe Alexandra 11-1 with Andy Graver scoring 6 of the 11 goals for the Imps! Dennis Murray, the Crewe goalkeeper, was making his debut! He did manage to make one more appearance for the Railwaymen before disappearing in to oblivion.

25 YEARS AGO

No game for the COBBLERS, but a chance to reflect on their poor start to the season. Just one win and four defeats in their first seven games, and they were also out of the League Cup. Midfielder Dave Carlton had re-joined his old Manager Bill Dodgin at Brentford and home gates had dropped to under 5,000. A few problems then for Manager Pat Crerand.

SWINDON lost 1-0 at Peterborough. The defeat drops them out of a top three place in Division Three. It was only their second defeat in eight games.

Manchester City full back Michael
Docherty is criticised by the Manchester
United Manager concerning his tactics
in the recent derby. The United
Manager was Tommy Docherty - his

father! Playwright Willis Hall joins the Brentford board. Jimmy Greaves scores on his debut for Chelmsford v Barnet in the Southern League.

10 YEARS AGO

The COBBLERS find time to fix up a friendly against neighbours Kettering. Bobby Barnes scores both goals in the 2-1 win, with David Scope hitting the bar three times! Neil Grice, on trial from Fisher plays, but just 732 watch the game.

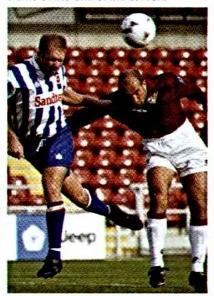
A 3-1 home win against Watford keeps Swindon up with the leaders in Division 2.

Paul Gascoigne is taken to hospital after an incident in a Newcostle nightclub - the following day he has an operation on his knee. Swansea lose 8-0 to Monaco in the Cup Winners Cup. Tranmere beat Newcastle on penalties in their Zenith Data Systems Cup match after 120 minutes of football had ended 6-6!

5 YEARS AGO

An easy 3-0 win for the COBBLERS over Brighton. Danny O'Shea was taken off injured after an hour. SWINDON suffer a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Wolves in their Division One match. This left them in a midtable position.

Alan Smith parts company with Wycombe after being Manager their for 15 months. Alex Miller leaves a similar position with Hibs after 10 years. The Goldstone Ground is invaded by fans during Brighton's game with Lincoln. The fans are worried about what will happen to their club who are due to leave their home at the end of the season.



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1990 NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1 HALIFAX TOWN 0 Division Four

NORTHAMPTON; Beresford, Chard, Wilson, Terry, Scully, Angus, Beavon, Wilkin (Collins 60), Bell, Barnes, Brown (Berry 53). HALIFAX; Brown, P Fleming, Barr (Donnelly 71), Evans, C Fleming, Futcher, Gregory, Butler, Juryeff, Richardson (McPhillips 71), Martin.

GOALS; Darren Collins headed in a Paul Wilson cross six minutes after coming on as a sub NOTES; Peter Gleasure was dropped by the Cobblers after 229 consecutive appearances. Terry McPhillips (Halifax sub) had a loan spell at Northampton the previous season.

1987
SOUTHEND UNITED 1
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
Division Three

SOUTHEND; Steele, Martin, Johnson, Burrows, Westley, Hall, Robinson, Pennyfather, Nogan, McDonough, Ling. SNU; Rogers, P Clark

NORTHAMPTON; Gleasure, Reed, Logan, Chard, Wilcox, McPherson, Bunce (Senior 67), Benjamin, Gilbert, Morley, McGoldrick. SNU; Scott

GOALS; Hall scored after a mix up in the Cobblers defence, firing in to an empty net
Morley netted with a piece of individual skill, beating 3 players.

Club historian Frank Grande looks back on this week in years gone by



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the reserve team.



Reserve team boss Mark
Kearney was satisfied with his
team's performance in the 1-1
draw against Cardiff at
Sixfields recently.

"We didn't have the best of starts," said Kearney. "In fact, we were one down very early on, but we battled back and showed great character to come back and equalise soon after. We had several youth team players in the team but despite that we showed great discipline and we were very well organised. The main bonus from a first team point of view was that Daryl Burgess got through OK and hopefully by the time you read this he will have returned for the first team. The side that Cardiff put out was very, very strong and maybe would have held it's own in Division 3 so this was a good result for us. But, as always at reserve team level you have to remember that results are not the be all and end all, but it can help breed confidence and that is just as important. Marco got his name on the scoresheet and that would have helped him. and John Hodge got some football under his belt and all of these are steps in the right direction."

The Cobblers side for that game included a trialist in the shape of Roy Essandoh, he of Wycombe Wanderers FA Cup fame. He was the man who you may recall scored the goal that put Wycombe through to last season's semi final with a

last minute winner in the 2-1 success at Leicester last March.

The next action for the reserves is an away trip to QPR next Tuesday, while Crystal Palace come to Sixfields on October 10.



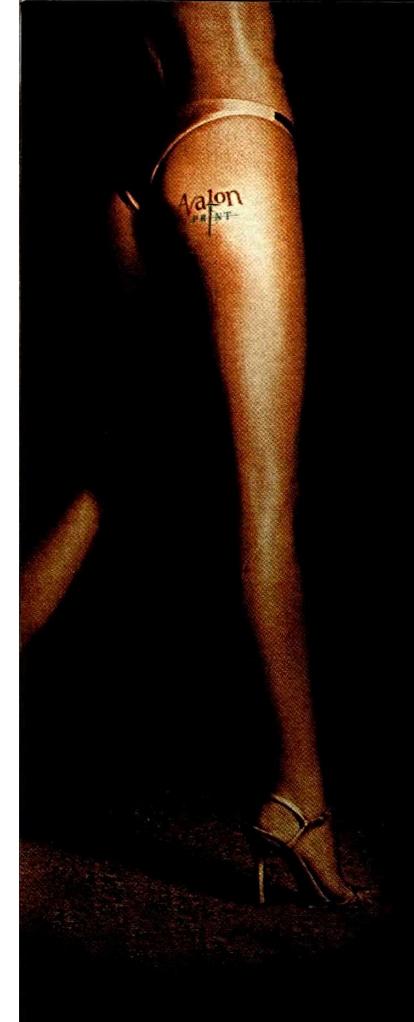
Action from the game with Cardiff City. Aaran Cavill (above) and Chris Thompson



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Tue Oct 2	QPR	A	2.00pm
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Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields and especially to our friends from Swindon Town.

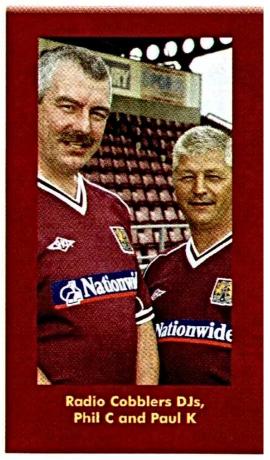
Both clubs are of course sponsored by Nationwide, and we hope that their guests and their representatives enjoy their day with us. We'll do our best to keep you entertained before kick off and at half time, and we hope that the players do their bit between 3pm and 4.45pm!

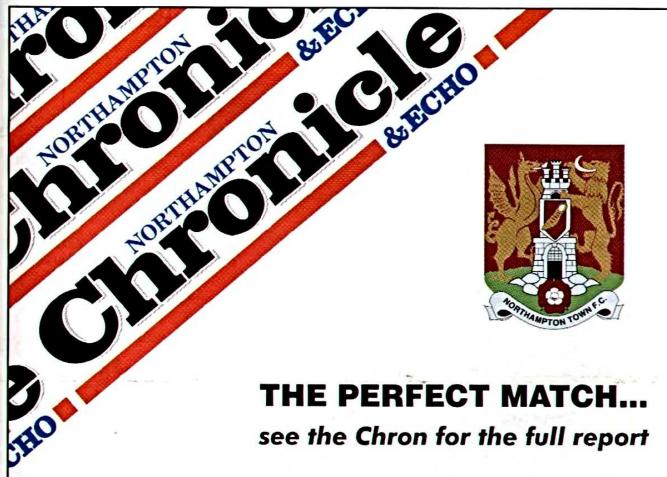
Enjoy the afternoon and make some noise to get behind the lads this afternoon and also at London Road next Sunday!





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s the youth teams.

Last Saturday, the under 19s recorded their first success of the season with a 3-0 victory over West Brom. The Cobblers goals came from Steve Morison who hit two, and Ben Daly. There was not such good news of the under 17s, who were beaten 2-0 at Leyton Orient.

"It was a good performance by the under 19s," said boss Mark Kearney. "Results haven't been great so far, but you have to remember that the injuries in the first team have had a knock on effect and the likes of Chris Carruthers and Mark Bunn haven't played much at youth team level. But, everything at a football club is geared towards the first team and the young lads involved will have benefited from the experience.

UNDER 19s V WEST BROM TEAM; Bunn, C Thompson, White, Cavill, Spooner, Laws, Champelovier, Cracknell, Morison, Lowe, Daly.

UNDER 17s v LEYTON ORIENT TEAM; Amin, Hackett, Chambers, Foster, Sandy, Johnson, Toulemain, Yates, Marshall, Saunders, Root.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Name; Chris Thompson Position; Right back, right wing back, right midfield Date of Birth; 15.08.82 Place of Birth; Swindon

Who is your hero in your position? David Beckham/Denis Irwin Who is all your all time sporting hero? Bryan Robson What has been the best moment in your career so far? Signing YTS at Northampton What team did you support at school? Manchester United Your most memorable match? We beat Southend 1-0 and I got the goal! What's the best thing about playing for Northampton Town? Playing and training everyday and working on my game Who has been the biggest influence on your career? Mum and Stepdad Describe yourself in 3 words? Athletic, strong, determined What other sports do you



follow? Tennis and

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Sat Aug 18	Rushden	1-2
Sat Aug 25	WALSALL	0-0
Sat Sep 8	Rushden (Cup)	1-2
Sat Sep 22	WEST BROM	3-0
Sat Sep 29	Notts County	A
Sat Oct 6	Luton Town	A
Fri Oct 12	CAMBRIDGE (Cup)	H
Sat Oct 20	Cambridge	H
Sat Oct 27	Kidderminster	A
Sat Nov 10	PETERBOROUGH	H
Sat Nov 24	WBA	A
Sat Dec 15	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat Jan 12	CAMBRIDGE	H
Sat Jan 19	Peterborough	A
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Sat Dec 15	Portsmouth	A
Sat Jan 12	Colchester	A
Sat Jan 19	GILLINGHAM	H
Sat Feb 2	Brighton	A
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If you are looking to attend any Youth Team game, please contact the club to check kick off time and venue.



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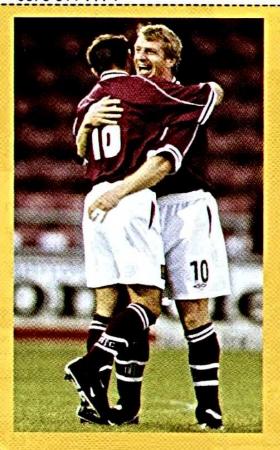
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CLARENCE

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields once again.

Today I have some exciting news for you about my brand new web site. Things are all becoming very exciting and I am spending a lot of time in my secret cave working on my web site. When I have more news for you - I'll make a great big announcement right here!

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In the meantime, please get behind the players today and let's make lots and lots of noise. It's our support that can make a difference!

All together now, Come on you Cobblers!



CLARENCE'S AUTOGRAPH

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Good afternoon and welcome to Sixfields for what I am sure will be a successful day!

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TODAY'S MASCOTS

9 year old Melanie Hill attends Delapre Middle School in Far Cotton, Northampton. She lists her hobbies as watching the

> Cobblers home and away, drama, playing on her scooter, playing football, swimming, St Marys brownies, singing and reading. Her favourite Cobblers player is goalkeeper Keith

Welch and she is Clarence's number one fan! She is a nifty footballer herself, playing for Eastern Eagles Under 10s.

7 year old Nick Hill attends Briar Hill Lower School. His hobbies are watching the Cobblers home and away, playing football, watching TV, playing on the computer, bike riding, reading and St Marys beavers. Nick likes to sing when Clarence bangs his drum! Nick may be out on the pitch himself one day as a player - he currently plays for Eastern Eagles under 8s.

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I would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks to the Sexfields staff, and we look forward to working with you on further events in the future

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Man of the Match Keith Welch pictured with the Matchball Sponsors after Tuesday's game.

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Saturday Club

Today's guests of the Football in the Community scheme are Preston Gawcott. They are a junior football club comprising teams from under 7s to colts. The club currently has 187 players and 31 Managers/coaches. In the past teams from the club can boast many successes in many leagues, small sided tournaments and Cups thanks to the support and effort of the coaches. In 1999 the club was the winner of the Buckinghamshire Sports Club of the Year award and last season they picked up the County Fair Play award from the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire FA. Preston Gawcott would like to thank Northampton Town for giving it's players, Managers and parents the chance to tour and train with the club today and wishes the club every success this season.

The photograph shows some of the players from one of the teams at Preston Gawcott.

Any teams, clubs or schools that would like information on the Saturday Club are asked to ring the Community Office on 01604 588676.

Football Fun Courses

Autumn half term is quickly approaching and the Football in the Community will be busy holding two football courses at Duston Upper School and Moulton College. For further details please ring the Community Office on 01604 588676. The photograph shows players from a previous course at Moulton College having a well deserved rest.







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syouth development.

Last Sunday we played Luton Town at a number of age groups. Although Football League regulations prevent us from printing the exact results, when I tell you that honours were even at the end of a 10 goal thriller, I'll leave the rest up to you! Both teams struggled to come to terms with a small pitch and a gale force wind that was blowing down a slope. Sam Maude once again, and James Francis were in excellent form. The under 13s recorded a comfortable win over their Luton counterparts in what is usually a very close and tight game. As the win was not in any doubt a long time before the end, the players took the chance to try out different formations in a matchday situation. Our under 14s also came out on top, but their's was a closely fought game. It was a game of few clearcut chances but the pleasing aspect was the clean sheet that reflected the recent work undertaken on the defensive side of their game. Jordan Williams and Philip Cassidy emerged with great credit. The under 15s struggled against a mixed under 15/under 16 Luton side. Our lads battled on gamely, despite having 4 or 5 of our better players missing, and were well beaten after never really getting to grips with the game.

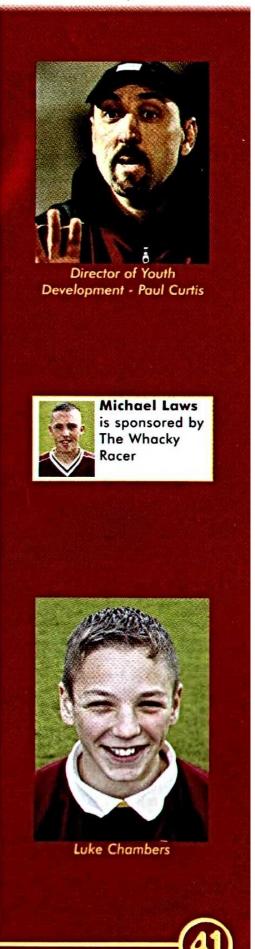
Charlie Brewster reflects on the under 9,10, and 11 players. "They have made an encouraging start to a new era within the youth structure, starting to learn the tools and professional attitude that will I am sure enable some of them to one day pull on a first team shirt. I have been quite uncompromising in the standards expected from them both on and of the pitch. This is such and important age band in the overall development programme, where the coordination and balance skills

with the attitude to practice over matches are implanted, and will shape their whole career in football.

I know some of the local team managers and parents are unsure of players coming into a professional environment, instead preferring to stay with their local teams, however, it is this understanding of the development of young players we have here at Northampton Town that forms the basis of my argument against this, a young player who does not take up an offer from a centre of excellence or academy club will not be party to the learning environment I mentioned that will enable him to progress through the later age bands, if you add playing with and against the best players in the country the difference between the two environments will slowly become so great it will be impossible for players to catch up."

CENTRES PROFILE

Name; Luke Chambers Position; Central Defender Date of Birth; 28.09.85 Place of Birth; Kettering Who is your hero in your position? Rio Ferdinand Who is all your all time sporting hero? Alan Shearer What has been the best moment in your career so far? Going on tour to play against Rangers and Celtic What team did you support at school? Arsenal Your most memorable match? Playing against Leicester City at Sixfields What's the best thing about playing for Northampton Town? It's a great chance to improve your abilities Who has been the biggest influence on your career? My Fother Describe yourself in 3 words? Quick, strong, athletic What other sports do you



follow? Most sports

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DID YOU KNOW

EDWIN LLOYD DAVIES was once changing for a game for Northampton when he received a telegram saying his infant son had died in Wales. Despite being given permission to leave for home, he played the game before departing for Wales.

BOB EDWARDS played one game for Chelsea in the season they won the First Division in 1955. He played one game for Norwich in the side that was promoted from Division 3 in 1960. He also made 13 appearances in Northampton Town's side that won promotion from the Fourth Division in 1961, but he never qualified for a medal with any of them.

PAT TERRY was a target of the Northampton Town Manager Dave Bowen for some time. He landed the forward in July 1961, but by the following February he had left the club, saying his family could not settle in Northampton. Terry played league football until he was 35 and then played for 4 non league sides.

FRANK LARGE had a few jobs outside of football. He worked on the railways before turning professional. The

he had a spell working in a dye factory before settling in Ireland as a farmer.

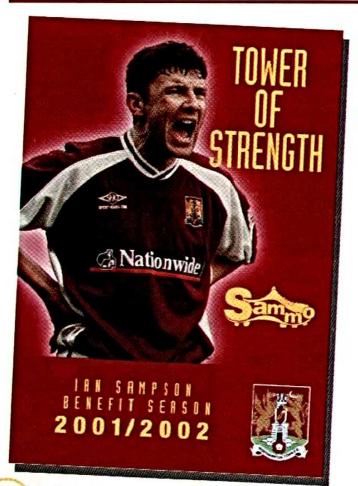
BOBBY JONES played for Bristal Rovers for nine years but in 1966 he joined the Cobblers. By the start of 1967 he was back at Rovers and gave them another 4 seasons. In between he had played for both Northampton and Swindon and made Rovers an £11,000 profit.

ERIC WEAVER comes from a multi talented sporting family. Not only was he a footballer but in his earlier days he was capped by the East African coast at Rugby. His son is a present day top jockey.

RUSSELL LEWIS played league football for over 10 years without any major honours coming his way. But when he stepped down in to non league football he was capped by Wales at semi-professional level.

BOBBY BARNES picked up a useful piece of sponsorship in his Cobblers days. He was offered a steak for every goal he scored for the club by a local butcher. After 40 odd goals in 2 seasons the sponsor quipped, "I thought he was a goalkeeper!"

Club Historian Frank Grande provides some facts on players who have appeared for both ourselves and today's opponents



Ian Sampson will be signing copies of his benefit brochure - launched today - in the Superstore between 2pm and 3pm.



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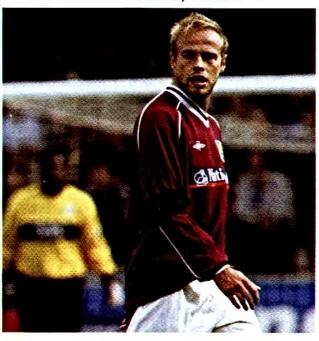
Northampton Town have confirmed arrangements for their LDV Trophy first round tie with Oxford United.

The club have confirmed that prices for all areas of the ground will be reduced and junior season ticket holders will get to see the game free! General admission prices for all areas of the ground will be £10 for adults and £5 for concessions, while season ticket holders will only have to pay £7.50 (adults), £2.50 (senior citizens) and it's FREE for junior season ticket holders.

When Chief Executive Gary Hodder announced the scheme for £1 a kid admission for selected league games this season, he promised junior season ticket holders would not be forgotten, and speaking about these prices he said, "We wanted to reduce the prices across the board to try and make the game more attractive, and this is an ideal chance for our junior supporters,

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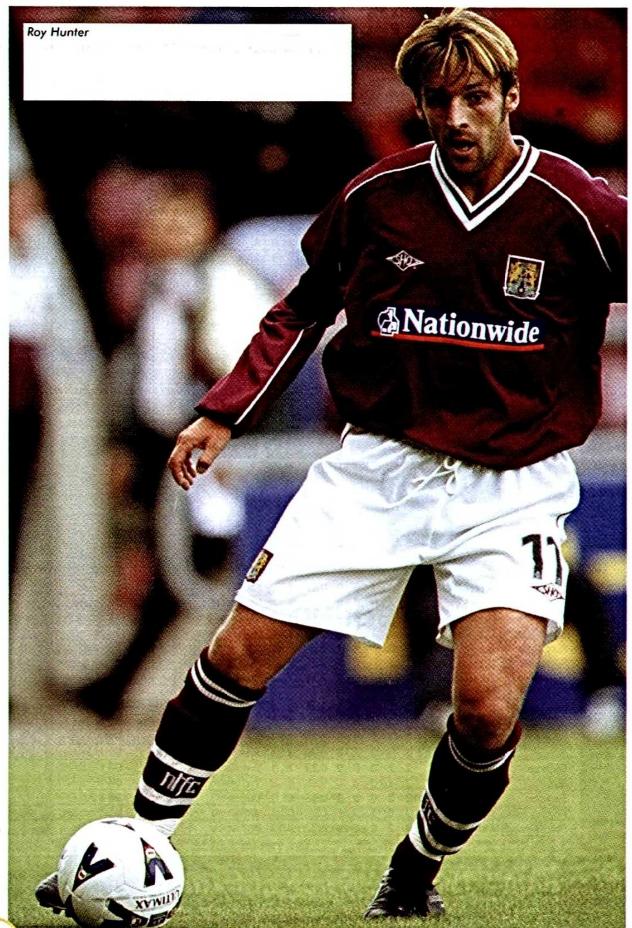
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TRANMERE ROVERS Saturday October 13 2001 Nationwide League Division 2

The next game at Sixfields sees relegated Tranmere Rovers come to Sixfields on Saturday October 13.

Rovers, now managed by former England and Everton defender Dave Watson, haven't made the best of starts to life in Division 2 and a few weeks ago they refunded the coach travel to some supporters who made the trip to Brentford where they lost 4-0.

Dare we hope they might have to make a similar offer after their visit to Sixfields in a couple of weeks time? It promises to be another cracking game - make sure you don't miss it!

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PETERBOROUGH UNITED Sunday October 7 2001 Nationwide League Division 2 ALL TICKET

The trip to Peterborough United on Sunday October 7 (2pm kick off) has been declared ALL TICKET for Cobblers fans.

We have been allocated 3,000 terrace tickets in the enclosure behind the goal, and a limited number of seat tickets. The terrace tickets cost £10 for adults and £7 concessions and £15 adults and £7 concessions. These tickets are on sale from the Sixfields Box Office on an unlimited basis to season ticket holders after today's game.

The tickets will go on unlimited general sale from 10am on Monday. Sales will cease at 7pm on Friday October 5 and NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON STAURDAY OCTOBER 6 OR ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.

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