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EDITOR'S EYE

This time last year, the corresponding fixture against today's visitors filled me with an overwhelming sense of foreboding and dread. Not surprising really, Stoke were ninth in the table and embarking on a successful run of form, whereas Town lay perilously in the bottom three with 34 goals conceded.

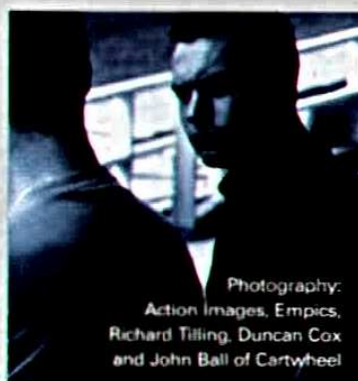
That sense of apprehension is slowly dissolving and after last week's gutsy, yet attractive performance, the lads should have every reason to believe that they can 'mix it up' with the best of them. It speaks volume for the work being done on and off the field, and for the rising sense of optimism in the squad. Yet in the next few weeks Town are set to face their toughest period of the season so far. We all know about Gudjon Thordarson's side and the threat they will pose today, but after that we face a long trip to Blackpool, followed by the visit of Peter Taylor's high-flying Brighton side and Bobby Zamora. I for one cannot wait. On our day we can beat anyone and today we have the small matter of a 4-1 defeat on the last day of the season to resolve.

As for this issue, you won't get far before attention soon turns to referees, inconsistencies and bad decisions. Needless to say that I won't be getting involved with last Saturday's official, Peter Rowe pretty much says it all on the next page.

On a lighter note, you can read Razor's reaction to last week's draw at Adams Park (as well as the television awards), and perhaps even pick up a couple of golfing tips from our in-form midfielder and golf bandit, Steve Robinson. Enjoy the issue.

All the best and enjoy the read*.

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Mr F. Stretton

BEHIND THE SCENES

It's not very often I find myself agreeing with a TV pundit, but last Saturday at Adams Park was one of those days.

Despite a spirited performance from our lads, and a belief amongst all of us present that we could have come away with all three points, our Director of Football summed it all up perfectly in his post-match comments that it was a, "...cracking game, but the officials did their best to make a good game bad."

I sat across the aisle from SKY TV commentator Alan Parry, a Wycombe director, and found myself agreeing with his comments on the match referee to the assessor sat just behind us. Now I know many of you will have read my comments about match officials in previous program notes, but I must admit that some of the decisions by Mr Stretton at Wycombe did defy belief.

There were hand ball decisions not given then minutes later given for what almost looked like almost identical offences. Other decisions - either given or not - made me wonder if I could have done a better job? The answer to that question is a definite 'yes'. In fact, I'll go further and suggest that my wife could have done a decent job if that is the standard the league requires. Alan let it be known in no uncertain terms to the assessor that the 'man in the middle' wasn't good enough, and talking to some of the players after the game, they shared his opinion.

The buzzword in the game when talking about referees is 'consistency'. Well, I suppose he was consistently bad to both teams, but professional players, as well as supporters that pay good money to watch games demand better than we saw at Adams Park last week.

How we achieve that is a tough question to answer because the league believe that there isn't a problem and officials are improving all the time. I would ask everyone involved in the assessing of match officials to look again because it is evident to everyone else in a game that standards, consistency, the ability to speak to players on the field and a common sense approach to man-management have slipped.


This afternoon we welcome high-flying Stoke City to the County Ground. A warm Wiltshire welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters. But as always, I will sign off by saying that there's only one winner! Come on you reds



In Cambridge, we faced another tough test and it was important that we return to winning ways so that Sunday's defeat didn't dent our confidence. We all knew that John Beck's team were not going to pass the ball as much or move as well as Cardiff, but they are effective at what they do and it was never going to be easy. I was concerned that, if things weren't to go our way in the early stages of the game we might be tempted to resort to similar, long-ball tactics. Thankfully that never happened and the same eleven that had lost on Sunday, showed great character to return to winning ways. That said, we were slow getting started but it was a tough old game. It may not have been the prettiest performance, but it was certainly one of the best. Cambridge are very effective and they certainly make it very difficult for you to get into any kind of rhythm; there were so many stops and starts and there was very little continuity in the game. We had to battle through the first half and in the second we began to play a bit more football, take the game to them and wear them down. Our confidence grew and grew and I think the lads believed that if they kept playing football, they would eventually get the breakthrough that they deserved. In games like that you have to be tenacious, work hard and be persistent and it can be difficult. Still, we showed that we learned from the mistakes we made and we grabbed two great goals to get what we deserved.

Unfortunately, due to a number of suspensions and injuries, we had to make a few changes to the side that faced a strong Wycombe team. However, those that came in (Adam Willis, Matty Heywood and Wayne Carlisle) pleased me immensely with fantastic performances. Injuries and suspensions are part and parcel of football, but those that came into the side, did so because they earned it and they all took their chance.

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HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to today's visiting directors, management team, players and supporters of Stoke City who have made the long journey from Staffordshire.

The last few weeks have been encapsulated by a number of what you might call 'big' games, and today's is no different. With an impressive victory at Bristol City last week, Stoke have continued their successful run of form that has taken them up to third place in the league. They will be a very well organised side and once again, we will have to be on top of our game if we are to improve on our own league position, but I am sure that our lads will rise to the challenge.

Our draw at Wycombe last week took us up to tenth in the league and although it is nice to be breathing down the necks of those above us in the division, I think it was more satisfying to see the lads recover from the Cardiff defeat with two good performances. Cardiff were a good side but as I said before the Cambridge game, we made them look better than they are because we didn't perform on the day.

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CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

After such a disappointing result against Cardiff two weeks ago, it has been a successful period for us since then with a win against Cambridge and a draw at Wycombe Wanderers. John Beck's side were always going to be a tough side to play against, regardless of their league position. Teams like that make it hard for you to play football, stifle you and prevent you finding any rhythm. Thankfully we didn't get embroiled in playing a similar game to them and the more the game went on, the more we started to play football and despite scoring late in the game, I thought it was inevitable that we were going to break them down. It was a tremendous achievement by the same players that lost three days before, to go and put things right. That said, I thought we performed even better on against Wycombe and that was without what you may call, 'regular' players. Wycombe haven't lost at home all season and we outplayed them in the first half. Unfortunately we didn't make the most of our chances and we came away with a draw. It wasn't a bad result, but it is a sign of how confident we are when a result against a top six side is a disappointing one.

There were also players who had to play in different positions than they are usually accustomed to who also did well. Despite having a relatively small squad, we have one in which those players can come in and do a job, that fills me with great confidence. We played some fantastic football at times and went a goal up in the first half, a terrific strike from young Wayne Carlisle and to be honest, I thought a second goal would have won the game for us. Wayne did well with his strike but there were other chances to win the game, but that sometimes happens in football. A draw was a good result when you consider Lawrie Sanchez's side are unbeaten at home all season. But I am a person who wants to win every game and you sometimes get greedy, but it must be a good sign when you come away from such a game disappointed with just the one point.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support. To have such a vociferous crowd support us in what was always going to be a frustrating affair against Cambridge, and then to travel down to Wycombe was superb. Having been drawn at home in the FA Cup, maybe we can look forward to a good cup run?! Enjoy the game.

STFC DIARY



24TH OCT



TOWN TOO GOOD FOR JOHN BECK'S U'S

Town returned to winning ways ten days ago with a 2-0 victory over Cambridge. As expected, Town struggled to find their feet in the opening exchanges, the visitors stifling Town whenever possible. However, Town took control in the second half and they finally took the lead in the 83rd minute through Grazioli. Graz grabbed his second with a superb volley.

27TH OCT



TOWN WANDERING WHERE THREE POINTS WENT

Town were denied a magnificent win at Adams Park by a late first half equaliser from Richard Walker. Town had taken the lead on 23 minutes with a long range effort from loan signing, Wayne Carlisle. However, they were soon rueing their missed chances when Walker, on loan from Aston Villa, struck with time added on before the break.

27TH OCT



CUP FEVER GRIPS TOWN AS DRAW IS MADE

FA Cup fever gripped Town as the draw was made for the first round of the FA Cup straight after the game at Wycombe. Town will once again host lower league opposition at home, this time third division strugglers Hartlepool United. Wycombe however face a tough trip to non-league Hayes. To see more of the draw see page 34.

27TH OCT



TOWN LOOKING GOOD AS UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUES

Town's under 19's continued their unbeaten start to the season with a victory over local rivals, Bristol Rovers. Adam Collier (pictured) and Bryan Smith were on hand to score in a 2-1 win. However, Town's under 17's lost for the first time in four when they travelled to Plymouth. Stroud was Town's goalscorer as they went down 2-1.

28TH OCT



TOWN TO FACE DEVIZES IN WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

Details of Town's Wiltshire Premier Shield Fixture were announced this week. Town are set to play Devizes Town on Tuesday November 6, kick-off 2.00pm.

31ST OCT



SUPER HOOPS WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR TOWN'S VISIT

Town's fixture against Queens Park Rangers that was set to take place on Tuesday November 20, has now been put back a day. QPR are set to face Swansea in the FA Cup on the Sunday before hand (the game to be televised) and the two clubs have agreed to put the fixture back until Wednesday November 21.

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It happened at Brighton and now it looks like it is happening at Swansea. Included below is an e-mail sent by fans from Swansea City, detailing their recent plight. Whether or not you respond is up to you, but what it does do is highlight the issues that face small clubs like us. Hopefully, the e-mail will help you understand why a Trust is so important to clubs like Swindon.

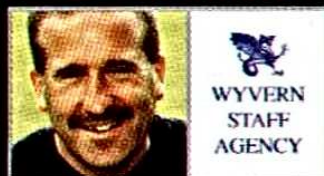
I am writing to you on behalf of the supporters of Swansea City Football Club, WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you may or may not be aware, Swansea City are in trouble, BIG TROUBLE. A few short weeks ago, our beloved club was sold to an Australian based, London businessman by the name of Tony Petty, for the princely sum of \$1. Immediately after arriving in Swansea he set about totally dismantling our football club. After less than a week in charge, he **SACKED** half our first team and told the rest of the team that they would be forced to sign new contracts on a lower wage or be sacked! The PFA got involved immediately and offered to pay the players wages, until Petty could get our finances in order, **HIS REFUSED THIS OFFER!** He flew back out to Australia the very same day and has not yet returned (we expect him back before the end of the week). Our so called 'chairman' has also just sold our star player, Stuart Roberts, for a paltry \$100,000 when every supporter knows he is worth four times that amount. As you can imagine, the very survival of our once great club is now at stake and we must do everything in our power to save it, as I'm 100% sure you would also do if faced with the same situation.

So, what can you do to help us? After consulting with a number of fans we have come up with three main ideas: visit www.jackarmy.net and lend your support by signing the **SAVE OUR SWANS** message board; make, and display a banner for us at your next home game, the preferred wording is **SAVE SWANSEA CITY - GET PETTY OUT**, and finally, we would like to show your support for us to the whole country. To do this, may we ask you to donate a flag, scarf or shirt to the supporters of Swansea City Football Club. These can then be displayed as a show of unity between the supporters of all the football clubs in Britain.

Please help us in our plight. As I'm sure you've helped clubs such as ours in the past, just like we have, we just didn't think it would happen to us. Well it has and one day it could be your club. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope we can count on your support. If you are able to donate a flag, scarf or shirt, or if you have any ideas which may help please e-mail us at swindontownfc@nirworld.com.

To contact TrustSTFC visit the website www.truststfc.co.uk or see us on match days at our office - The old ticket office next to the Community Office.

Treatment room...



Alan Reeves, who missed last Saturday's game at Wycombe is progressing well. Reevesy had a dead leg following the Cambridge win, nothing too serious but it is being made complicated by his medial knee ligament which is hampering progress. He is finding that running in straight lines is fine, but it is the zig-zag movement that is troubling him. On Thursday he was kicking balls, but he is not 100% at the moment.

Eric Sabin you will be pleased to hear, took place in a practice match last Tuesday. The game was between several of the youth lads, and some of the first team players and Eric was fine.

He trained on Thursday and Friday and barring any appearance of symptoms, should be involved in the action as and when he is selected. He is still strengthening his leg meanwhile and looking forward to getting back in the action.

James Williams, Alan Young and Sol Davis are also progressing well. Sol has had an injection on his adductor tendonitis. At the moment, he says that he can't feel any difference, but these injections can sometimes take time to work their magic and I am hoping that it will help him as much as the last one did.

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Flower Of Scotland	480119
God Save The Queen	480120
Green Grass Of Home	480121
Day Dream Believer	480542
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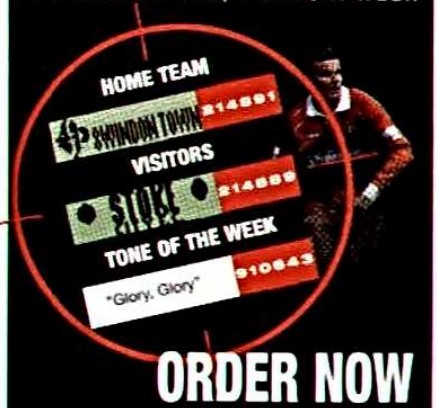
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Stoke's playing staff celebrate a recent win over Colchester

A photograph of two Stoke City players celebrating a goal. The player in the foreground is wearing a white and red vertically striped jersey with 'Britannia' written across the chest, white shorts, and red socks. He has a determined expression with his mouth open. The player behind him is also in a similar kit, with his arms around the first player's shoulders. The background is a blurred stadium scene.

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Not surprisingly, Stoke are once again many people's favourites to reach Division One at the third attempt, that despite selling some of their best players since the start of the campaign. Nevertheless, it appears to be business as usual as Stoke have risen to third place in the table with, one feels, their best to come.

Potters facts

Name Stoke City

Formation 1868 as Stoke Ramblers

Nickname The Potters

Stadium Britannia Stadium (24,000)

Management team

Position 2000/01 18 (Division Two)

Recent signings

Neil Cutler, Peter Hoekstra

Form guide WWWW

Next three fixtures

Nov 6 Blackpool (A) 7.45pm

Nov 10 Brentford (H) 3.00pm

Nov 13 Wigan (A) 7.45pm

Top goalscorer Cooke/Hoekstra (3)

Honours

Second Division Champions 1933,

1963, 1993

Third Division Champions 1927

League Cup Winners 1972

Most capped player

Gordon Banks: (36 England)

Head to head (wins)

Swindon: 8, Potters: 7, Draws 4

Last encounter

Stoke City 4-1 Swindon Town
(Div 2 - 2000/01)

Swindon links Peter Thorne

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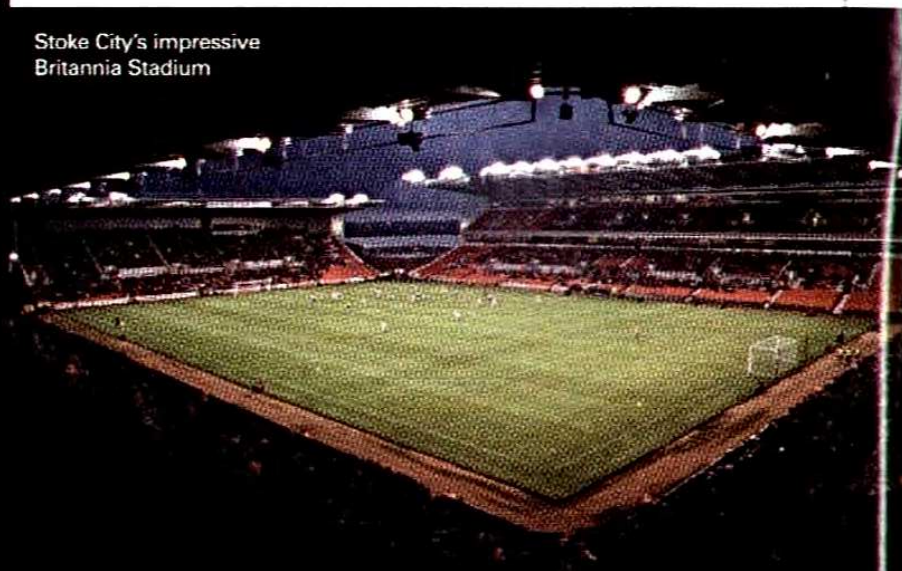
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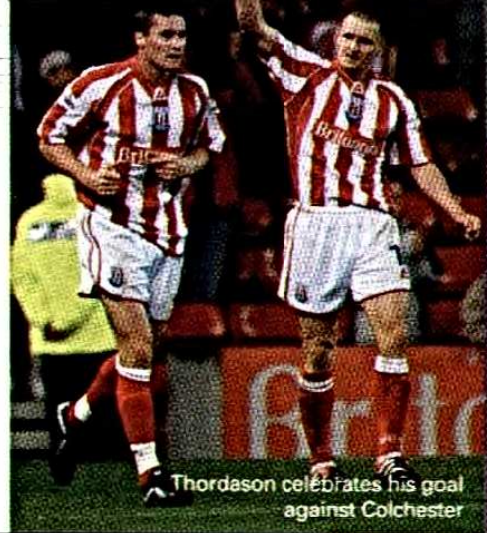
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With many bookies placing them along with Reading, as favourites to go up, Stoke boss Gudjon Thordarson surprised many people by offloading two of the club's best players to Cardiff. Without Graham Kavanagh and Peter Thorne (as well as Nicky Mohan and Ben Petty who have joined Brian Little's ambitious Hull side), one wonders where Stoke's inspiration is going to come from? Needless to say, their top goalscorers, Cooke and Hoekstra (signed from Ajax), are both on just three goals. Nevertheless, Stoke appear to be going quietly about their business and Thordarson's side currently occupy third place in the table. Three defeats all season (two in the first four games against QPR and Tranmere) would suggest that this could be their year too. Furthermore, Saturday's victory over promotion rivals Bristol City has left them with 29 points, just five behind top spot and with two games in hand. Back-to-back 2-0 victories after their first day defeat was followed by a 2-0 defeat of Reading. City have lost just one game in eight in the league since then. Bury, Colchester, Bournemouth, Notts County and Chesterfield have all been victim to Stoke's efficient and well-oiled machine and they've conceded just two goals. Amongst today's visiting support will be their Southern Supporters Club. Membership includes a monthly magazine and discounted travel. For more information, contact Julia Zuk, on 01895 421650 or via E-Mail at julia.zuk@lineone.net.

Stoke City's impressive
Britannia Stadium





Thordarson celebrates his goal against Colchester

At the beginning of his managerial career, Thordarson twice won the Icelandic championship with two different teams and he enjoyed great success as manager of the national team after taking over in 1997. He transformed Iceland from also-rans into serious contenders, and came close to guiding his side into the final stages of Euro 2000, denied only by a narrow defeat against the eventual champions in Paris. Thordarson arrived at Stoke with new club chairman Gunnar Gislason (his son joined him a couple of months later), and he has already done enough to suggest he will be a big success in England.

This season is Thordarson's second full term in England and after last year's near miss, he is looking to gain promotion at the third attempt. Still, he has high hopes of repeating some of the form that earned a promotion spot and Auto Windscreens Shield trophy (following the 2-1 victory over Bristol City two years ago at Wembley. That triumph was a memorable occasion (he was the first Icelandic manager to win a trophy under the twin towers), but the priority for this year remains promotion. His side has shown signs of promise (despite selling key players) and are currently in third place. A bit more consistency should be enough for promotion.

In the dug-out...

GUDJON THORDARSON

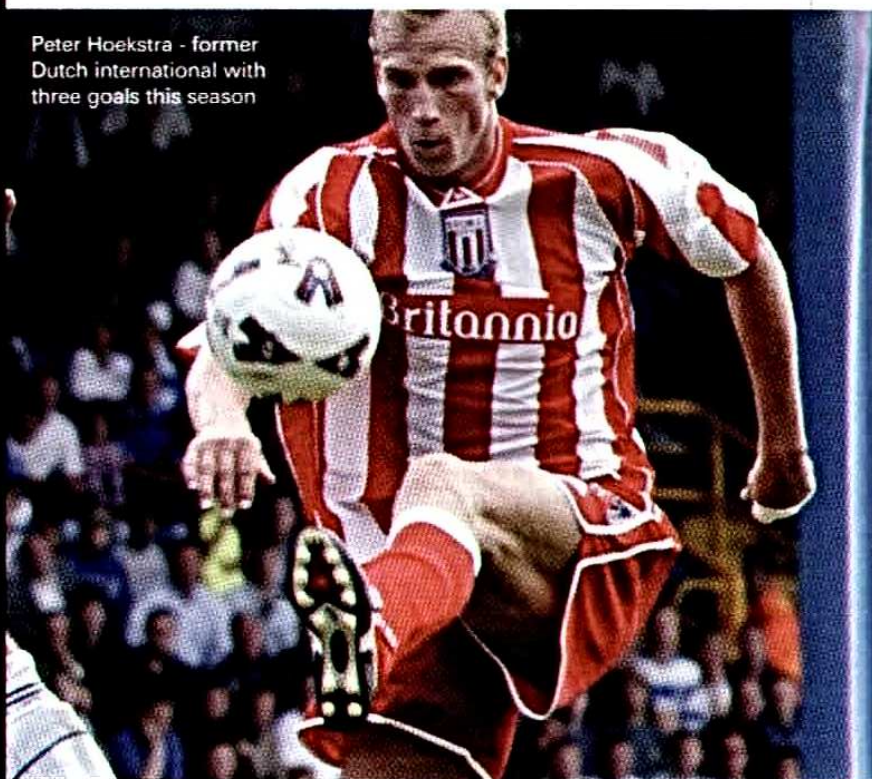


One to watch...

PETER HOEKSTRA

The 28-year old has signed a three-year contract for a six-figure sum. He has five full international caps, the last coming at Wembley against England during Euro '96. His move from PSV to Ajax in 1996 commanded a fee equivalent to £2million and he was seen as a rival for Marc Overmars. However, a knee injury hampered his progress but the management staff believes he remains a player of the highest calibre. The left-sided winger scored 48 goals in the Dutch Premier League.

Peter Hoekstra - former Dutch international with three goals this season

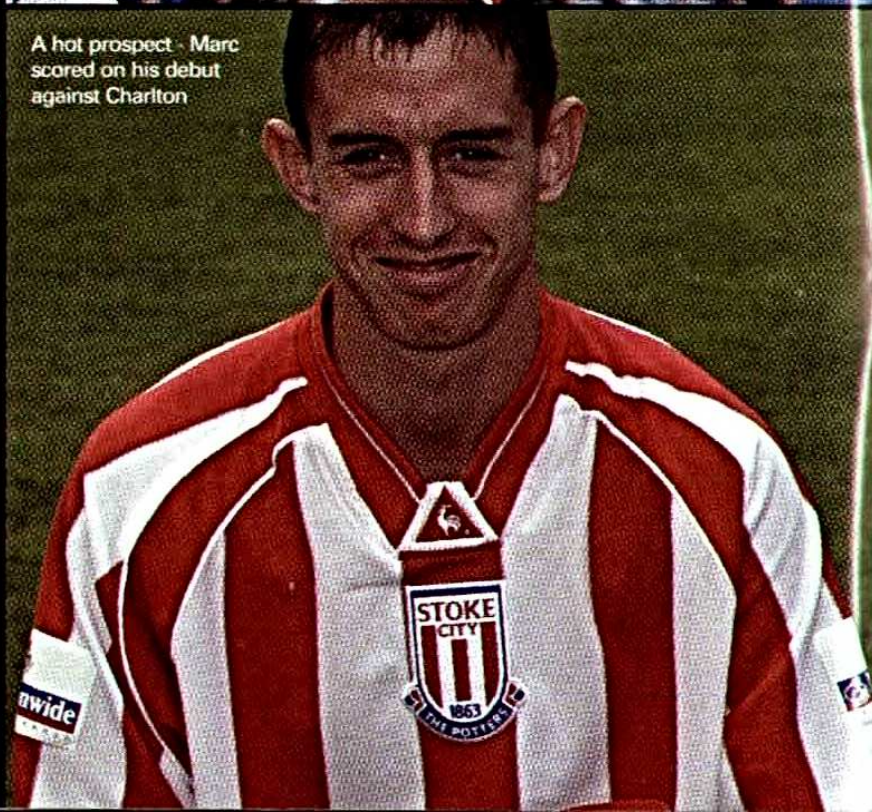


Young gun...

MARC GOODFELLOW

Few young players could have enjoyed a more dramatic entry on to the main stage than Marc. Making his first-team debut on his 19th birthday, his late goal within minutes of coming on as a substitute sent Charlton crashing out of the Worthington Cup. Marc's electric pace is now arguably the worst-kept secret in the Division. Not a first-team regular yet by any means, but he looks destined for a bright future as he awaits his first senior start after.

A hot prospect - Marc scored on his debut against Charlton



Gavin Ward

Gavin regained his place after a disc operation last year and has re-established himself as Stoke's first choice keeper. A commanding goalkeeper who's dominant in his box, strong on crosses and a good shot-stopper. With his confidence often rubbing off on those around him, Gavin is known to many as 'The Body'.

Clive Clarke

An old head on young shoulders, Clive came through the youth ranks. He became a more integral part of the first team last season when he fought Tony Dorigo for the left-back role. Quick, and comfortable on the ball, Clive is a Republic of Ireland under-21 international with great prospects of becoming a first team regular.

Wayne Thomas

Young, strong and highly rated central defender bought from Torquay for £200,000 in the summer of 2000. Powerful in the air and shows great reliability and consistency for a player still in his early 20's. Wayne came on leaps and bounds and was voted player of the year by many supporters last season.

Bjarni Gudjonsson B Gunnarsson

Promising young midfielder with an eye for the spectacular goal. Bjarni is enjoying his second spell in England after initially spending a year with Newcastle United. Son of manager, Gudjon Thordarson, Bjarni is an Icelandic international and has skippered their under-21 side - fans debate as to what is his best position.

Club record signing who was recruited for £600,000. Arrived initially as a midfielder but showed his versatility by switching to centre-back with considerable success. Was consistent last season and was the popular choice as the fans' Player of the Year. An excellent reader of the game and technically skilled.

James O'Connor

An established Republic of Ireland under-21 international with his sights set on the senior side, James was voted City Player of the Year in his first full season and deservedly so. His hardworking style and competitive streak is appreciated by the fans and makes him a natural leader. James is now club captain.

Andy Cooke

Signed from Burnley, Andy spent five years at Turf Moor and was a willing foil for Andy Payton. Andy was spotted by Burnley playing for Newtown after an earlier apprenticeship with Telford. Quick and mobile, he also has physical strength and was tracked by John Rudge when he was manager at Port Vale.

R Dadason

Rikhardur's link with Stoke's boss, formerly his national coach with Iceland, persuaded him to come to the Potteries. Although he found it hard to cement a regular place last season, he still managed eight goals in 16 starts and his height and strength in the air will always make him a problem for opposing defenders.

Peter Handyside

The second of Thordarson's summer signings, a defender who is comfortable on the ball with first class distribution. Peter worked his way through the youth ranks at Grimsby and he earned himself the reputation as being one of the first division's best defenders. He will be hoping to send Stoke back there this term.

Siarhei Shtaniuk

Shtaniuk has been capped 27 times for his country and the former skipper of Dynamo Moscow, says his move to England has fulfilled an ambition. He speaks very little English but speaking through an interpreter at the press conference to mark his signing, he admitted that it has been his dream to play here.

J Van Deurzen

The Belgian midfielder, 27, has joined on a 12-month loan with a view to a permanent move. John Rudge, Director of Football says, "We believe Jurgen will be a good addition to the squad. He is a good player technically, experienced and versatile, able to play in two or three different positions on the left-hand side."

Mikael Hansson

Speedy Swede who is equally comfortable as a full-back or wing-back. An attacking defender who loves to get forward, his crosses are always a danger to the opposition. Capped once by his country, he spent his entire career in Sweden before moving to England in 1999 and last season he signed a contract extension.

RISING STAR



MARK DRAYCOTT

Born PMH, Swindon

School Shaw Ridge, Bradon Forest

What made you want to become a pro?

I have always enjoyed playing football, ever since I first started as a youngster

Brief footballing background?

I started with AFC Greendown before joining Swindon Town schoolboys team.

Club supported as a boy?

Leeds United

What brought you to STFC?

Swindon Town were my local football club

Best and worst moments in football?

The best was getting two caps for the Republic of Ireland, one of which was against Holland.

The worst is breaking my arm

Ultimate hopes for the future?

To play in the European Championships next year and to become a regular for Swindon's under 19's side

Any advice for younger players?

Play each game as if it is your last, it won't last forever

How will Town get on this season?

I think that they will finish in mid-table



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YOUTH OF TODAY

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Swindon Town's under 19's kept their magnificent unbeaten run intact with a victory at local rivals, Bristol Rovers last Saturday.

Town approached the game unbeaten in eight and they stretched that record further with an impressive win in a closely fought game. Adam Collier and Bryan Smith were the goalscorers as Town consolidate their position in the Youth Alliance League.

Less fortunate were Town's under 17's who made the long trek south to face a strong Plymouth side. The under 17's had also embraced an unbeaten run of their own, going four games without defeat, just two defeats all season. However, they found Plymouth in fine form and despite a goal from Stroud, Town could not help going down 2-1. This week it is their turn to face Rovers, whilst the 19's play in the cup.



**Bristol Rovers 1
Swindon 2**

Saturday 27th October

Swindon line-up:

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STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02

Sat Aug 18	Cardiff City	A	1-0
Sat Aug 25	Exeter City	H	1-0
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City (YAC)	A	2-2
Sat Sep 15	Cirencester	H	4-2
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1
Sat Oct 6	Torquay United	A	4-2
Sat Oct 13	Cirencester	H	3-3
Sat Oct 20	Cardiff City	H	2-0
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
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	

STFC UNDER-17s 2001/02

Sat Aug 18	Oxford United	H	3-1
Sat Sep 1	Cheltenham Town	H	0-4
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City	A	4-1
Sat Sep 15	Exeter City	H	2-3
Sat Sep 22	Cirencester	H	2-1
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat Oct 13	Torquay United	H	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	2-1
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-2
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat Nov 17	FC Bournemouth	H	
Sat Nov 24	Cirencester	A	
Sat Dec 1	Swansea City	H	
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	A	
Sat Jan 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sat Jan 19	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Feb 2	Oxford United	A	
Sat Feb 16	Cheltenham Town	A	
Sat Feb 23	Cardiff City	H	
Sat Mar 2	Exeter City	A	

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Steve McMahon - an
"interesting character."

FROM THE **PRESS** BOX

What a difference a year makes as we welcome Stoke City to the County Ground this afternoon. You will have to go some way to finding a more wretched display than the fare we dished up against Stoke last season.

The Potters had the best possible start thanks to Richard Dryden heading into his own net and there was to be no way back from that early set back. Boos rang around the ground as the players trooped off and the former chairman accused them of scuppering his dream. But the despair has lifted and we find ourselves anticipating a cracking encounter. Stoke are once again challenging for promotion with their multitude of Icelandic stars with challenging surnames. They are on a terrific run and we know that we will have to be top of our game to get a result this afternoon. However, Roy Evans hit the nail on the head when he said that the boys were finally starting to believe in themselves after Saturday's game at Wycombe. The Potters cannot expect us to simply roll over and die. The league table makes for very healthy reading. Although we could (and should) have been a couple of goals up at Wycombe by half time, we showed great character to keep the Chairboys at bay in the second half. Definitely a point gained. I have to say I was fairly pleased with the FA Cup draw. A home tie with Hartlepool United might not set the pulse racing but at least it gives us a decent chance to progress. Getting through the first two rounds is so important as it gives the club a chance of securing a real money-spinner. However, no-one should underestimate Hartlepool. They are the classic case of a side with nothing to lose. We treat them lightly at our peril.

This is our last home game before that FA Cup tie but I'm sure it hasn't escaped your notice that we have a trip to the seaside next week. Blackpool is the venue and it means a date with a certain Steve McMahon. I have to confess I don't know too much about the Blackpool's boss' time in charge here at the County Ground. But several people have told me he was an 'interesting character' (take that any way you like) to say the least. Anyway, get behind the lads this afternoon and let's get another three points to help continue the push up the table. Remember, if you can't get to a game (home or away) then follow the action with the Evening Advertiser's live match feed at www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk. Come on you Reds!



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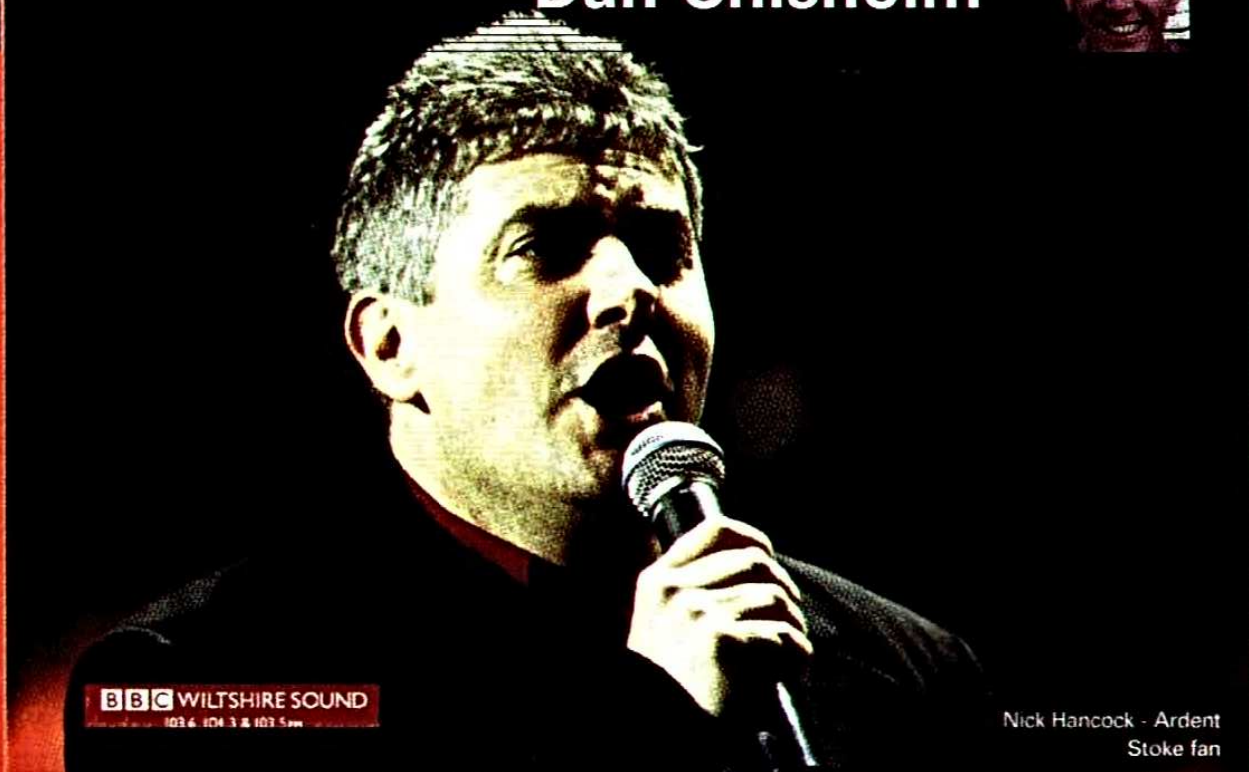


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Nick Hancock - Ardent
Stoke fan

FROM THE AIRWAVES

There is every chance you will see the familiar face of comedian and television presenter Nick Hancock at today's game.

He's a dedicated football supporter who loves Stoke City and must be enjoying what has been a great start to the season for the Potters. Sticking with his team through thick and thin, that's what it's all about.

Of course, your average football supporter only ever gets publicity when there is crowd trouble or some unsavoury incident. That's why I take my hat off to those who retain a sense of humour when the going gets tough or the game is dull. For the thirty-three years I've been watching live football, part of the whole day out has been the banter in the crowd. Some moments have been truly unforgettable.

At the recent game against Cambridge United, while I was confident the Town would break down their eight man defence and get a goal, some were losing their cool. The Robins sauntered forward again, but this time it looked as though a long-range shot was the only answer. "SHOOOOT!" came the desperate cry from a fan near me. It sailed over the top of the bar and the (by now) more desperate voice cried: "Ohh noooo! I was only joking."

Nearly as funny as hearing the fans of a Premiership side singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' after finally scoring for the first time in weeks. Or that joker who wrote a recent set of programme notes saying how we were looking good for a play-off only to find we were humbled three-nil by Cardiff by the time it had gone to print. Oh yeah - that was me. Oops!

But, I stand by those comments after witnessing the patient way 'Roy's Boys' unlocked the Cambridge defence. With Eric Sabin back in the side, I feel sure that in the coming weeks, a few defences will look like snails by comparison. Of course, we know what Frenchmen do to them.

They think it's all over, it will be at 4.45, Nick.

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A full-page photograph of Steve Robinson, a man with dark, curly hair, wearing a white Nike turtleneck sweater. He is looking slightly to his right with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting, likely a golf course.

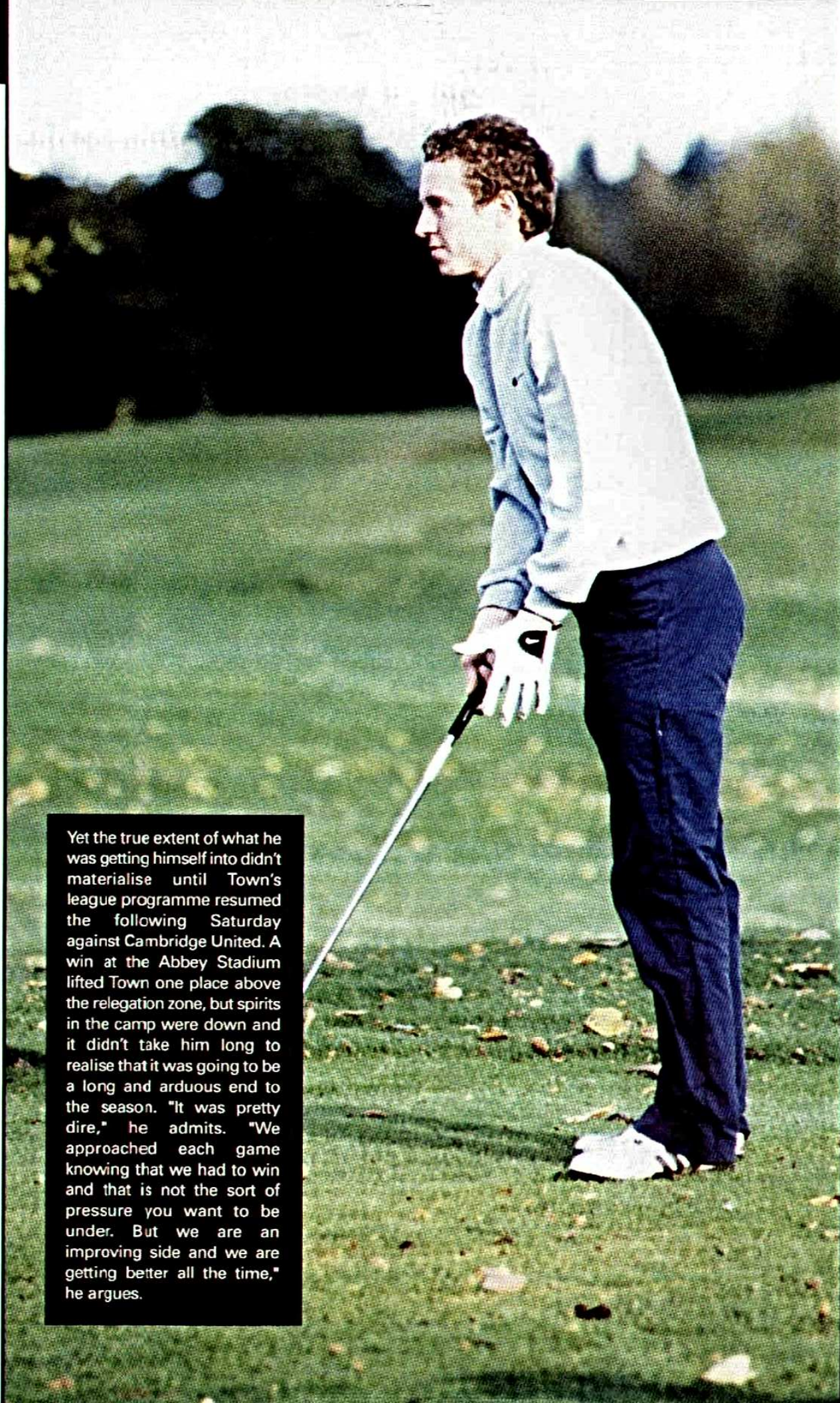
Amidst the sumptuous surroundings of Coborn Golf Club appears the dejected figure of Steve Robinson from the ninth green.

"I'm having a stinker," he says, much to the delight of his playing partner and fellow team mate, Giuliano Grazioli.

RUB OF THE GREEN

And as he shakes his head as he makes his way to the back nine, one senses that Robbo is equally as determined on the golf course as he is on the football field. "As long as that Bobby Howe doesn't win, I don't mind," he tells Nick Judd in disgust, his midfield partner languishing behind him on the fairway. However, Robinson's competitive streak is not necessarily a bad thing and his presence has had a positive impact on Town's side since joining from Birmingham City in February.

Steve Robinson's Swindon debut came at Roots Hall in the LDV Vans Trophy southern section semi-final against Southend.

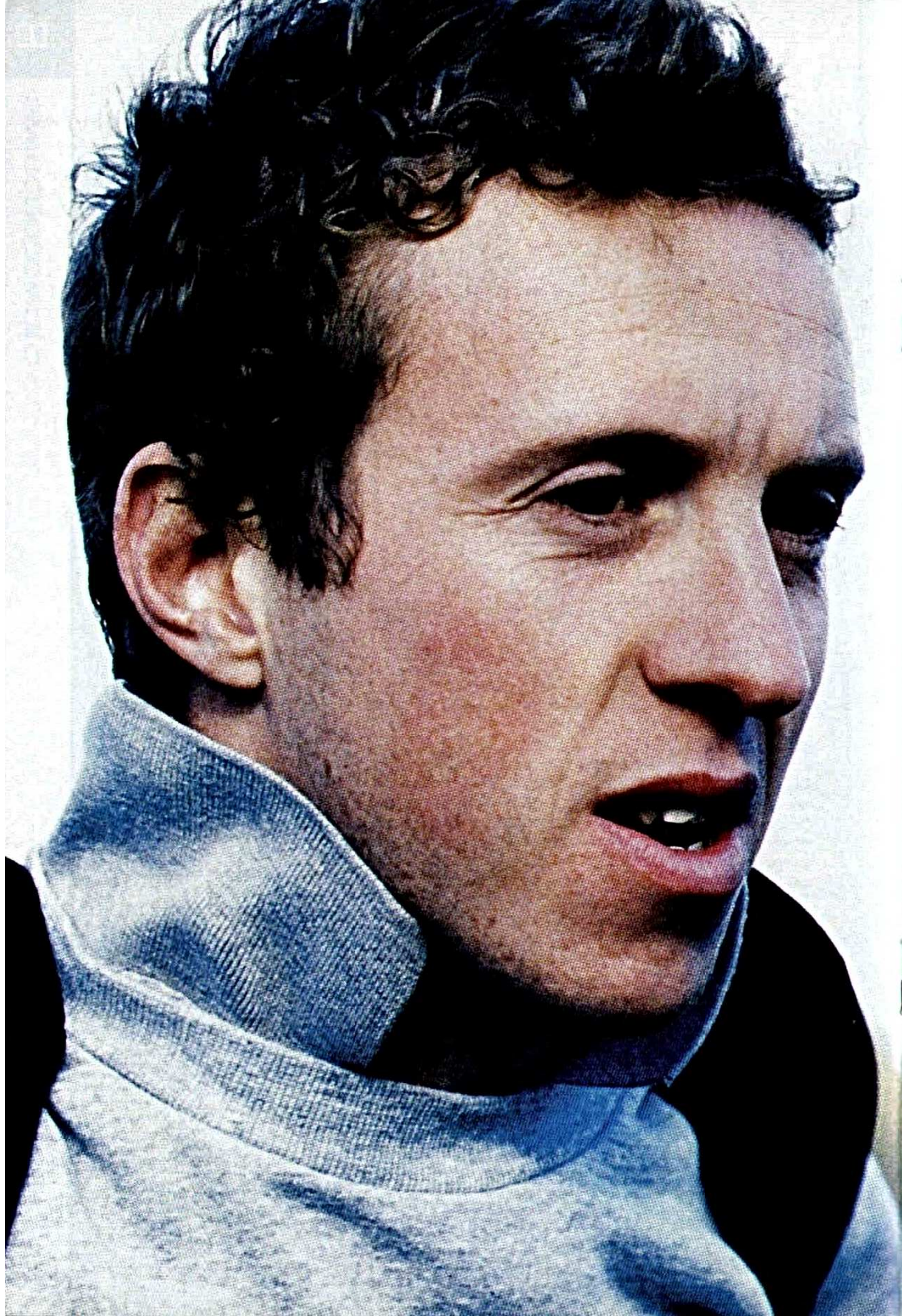


Yet the true extent of what he was getting himself into didn't materialise until Town's league programme resumed the following Saturday against Cambridge United. A win at the Abbey Stadium lifted Town one place above the relegation zone, but spirits in the camp were down and it didn't take him long to realise that it was going to be a long and arduous end to the season. "It was pretty dire," he admits. "We approached each game knowing that we had to win and that is not the sort of pressure you want to be under. But we are an improving side and we are getting better all the time," he argues.



Of that there is no dispute, Roy Evans himself admitting after his sides 1-1 draw at Wycombe last week, that Town are finally beginning to believe in themselves. "I think that's a fair comment. When you're losing on a regular basis like we were last year, it is difficult to be confident and to believe in yourself. But that feeling has slowly been eradicated and we are looking onwards and upwards at the moment." Roy also mentioned the importance of improving Town's disciplinary record, at which point 'Turbo' (suspended against Blackpool) is keen to change the topic of conversation, but admits "I am gutted. My best mate plays for them and I don't really want to miss out on playing at the moment."

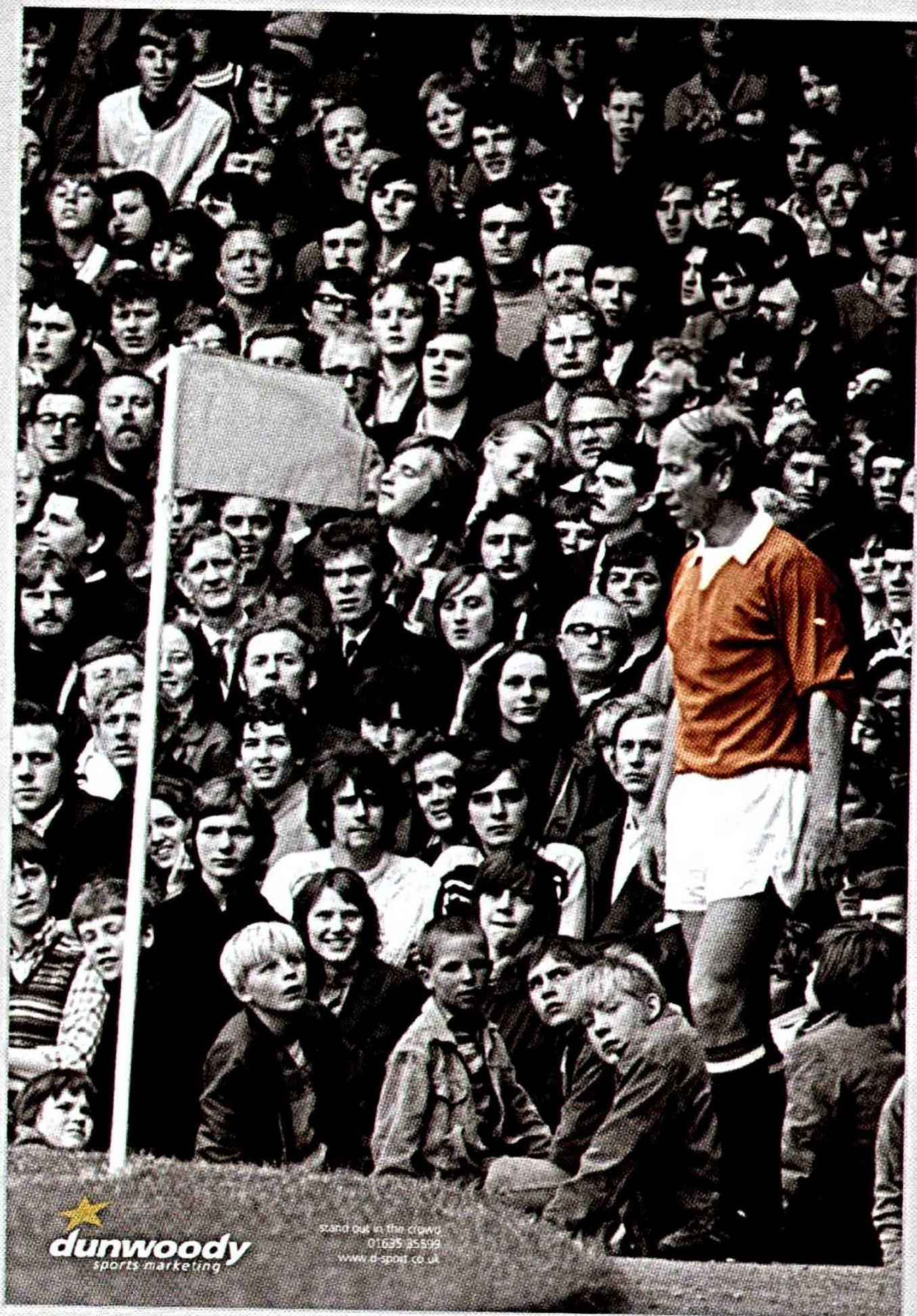
And so our attention turns to Town's fortunes this season and not only do we sit comfortably in mid-table, but Steve himself has established a fortuitous run in the side. "I had a few injuries earlier on in the season, but all in all it's been a good, steady start for both the team and myself. I don't feel as though I've had too many bad games, Chesterfield aside (!). I think the team's improvement can be put down to the arrival of both Roy and Razor. Between them, they have a wealth of experience, Roy with 30 years at one of the best clubs in the world and that is invaluable for any side, and any player for that matter too." Steve's modesty and down to earth nature shines through, the former Birmingham midfielder quick to play down his own successes and instead, highlight those of others. He continues, "We have a great bunch of lads. Everyone is enthusiastic, keen to win and we are steadily getting there. But we are under no illusions of the task in hand." With 15 games gone already this season, Steve feels well-placed to gauge the prospects of Town's competitors. "Cardiff are the best side we have played without a shadow of a doubt, but then look at the money they have spent. Brentford are still up there and they're not a bad team either. But to be honest, when we played them I thought they were fairly steady and nothing special. Mind you, I think we are the only side to beat them so far? Even Oldham, they were up there for the start of the season and now they've sacked their manager!" What did he make of Andy Ritchie's departure? "I was quite shocked to be honest, but I read that Oldham have a bit of money to spend and so behind the scenes, they must be looking for a bigger name."





One of those 'bigger' names being brandished about (especially with the Birmingham job) is one of 'Robbo's' former Birmingham team mates, Steve Bruce. "Steve was a fantastic player, one of many at Birmingham. But I don't think Steve will take the job up there, he is flying with Crystal Palace at the moment." 'Robbo' spent the best part of seven years at St Andrews, most of it he says, he enjoyed. "When I was performing regularly and the team was winning games, I had a great time." However, it wasn't all 'plain sailing' and he spent the last two years on the bench with a number of injuries. "It was horrible, and very difficult to keep yourself motivated; keep your spirits up. For me, the physio never really knew what was wrong and that was even more frustrating because you have no specific time frame in which to base your recovery." Steve can certainly associate himself with Adam Willis's situation then, the Coventry born defender making his first appearance this season last week at Adams Park after a long absence. "Adam's a good player and not once in the time he has been out of the first team has he complained. He has just worked very hard in training and he deserves his chance, fair play to him." Town's performance at Wycombe was also impressive, Steve enthusing, "We outplayed them in the first half and we really should have taken all three points." Today's encounter is set to be more challenging, but Steve says that the players fear very few teams at the moment. "Stoke are a good side, there's no doubt about that. They are third in the league and they thrashed us twice last year. But we are a better side now and I think one or two of the lads may feel a little bit of revenge is in order."

Away from the league (and the golf course) comes Town's FA Cup first round tie with Hartlepool in two weeks time. "The lads all fancy a good cup run but Hartlepool will be no pushover," he admits. Last year, Town's opponents were Ilkeston Town whom Steve's brother now plays for. "Thankfully they have been knocked out so I don't have to play against him. The last time I did he gave me a lot of stick!" Steve seems to receive a lot of stick such is his tenacious and combative style of play. But at least you know, whatever the competition that Steve will always give one hundred percent and you can be rest assured that he is not as bad on the football field as he is on the putting green!




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CAUTIONS

Wycombe

■ Rammell
■ Simpson

Swindon

■ Grazioli
■ Ruddock
■ S Robinson

"Town should have wrapped up the game before half-time," explained Roy Evans after the game. And rightly so, a wonder goal on the full debut of loan signing Wayne Carlisle had given Town the lead, yet they were ruing a host of missed chances as they settled for a point at Adams Park. Town were lively from the first whistle. Carlisle and Edwards combined well to gain Town's first corner, from which Robinson headed the ball into the path of 'Graz' who hit home, only to be adjudged offside. Stuart Roberts, a threat for the Chairboys all afternoon, had a great chance to break the deadlock only to be thwarted by 'Razor'. Town's passing was stunning, with 'Razor' the main orchestrator and he was also on hand to intercept when Andy Rammell was clean through on goal. On 23 minutes Duke embarked on an impressive run before threading the ball to Carlisle who scored a breathtaking goal from all of 25 yards. Invincible could have made it two soon after, his shot hitting the inside of the post. Wycombe were making mistakes and their fans were getting restless, only the speed of Danny Senda offering them attacking options from the wing. However, shortly after the fourth official signalled an extra period of two extra minutes was to be played, Richard Walker, on loan from Villa scored his third of the season after good interplay between Currie and Roberts.

Willis, returning to the side was sound at the back, linking well with 'Razor' and Heywood for the first time. However, the start of the second half was disappointingly scrappy. Wycombe had cause for an early shout for a penalty when 'Turbo' and Duke kept Roberts at bay, Town's fans relentlessly jeering him for his dive throughout the half. Yet it was Roberts, who was repeatedly clear on his own on the left wing, that looked most likely to influence the score. Kuffour entered the game with ten minutes to go and the diminutive striker was soon involved; a penalty appeal was followed by a left-foot effort that blazed over the bar soon afterwards. An entertaining game was concluded rather sourly. Wycombe's goal hero soon became the villain after he was expelled from the field of play following a retaliation after Robinson's strong challenge. In all, a great team effort in the sun that takes Town up to tenth place.

Sound bites...

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

on scoring a brace...

"He first was one of those that normally goes over the Town End stand, but I was more pleased with the second. Wayne (Carlisle) did well to get the ball over, he is a very similar player to 'Dukey', very quick and very skilful."

WAYNE CARLISLE

on his full debut...

"Saturday's game was a dream debut for me, but it would have been nice to take all three points. I thought we dominated the first half, but their goal so late on deflated us a little and we lost momentum. It was fantastic to get a goal in my first game."

ADAM WILLIS

on returning to the side...

"I had to ask the lads whether there's been any rule changes, it's been so long since I last played! But you don't have the chance to sulk and you have to get on with it and I was fairly pleased with my game. I just hope it was enough."

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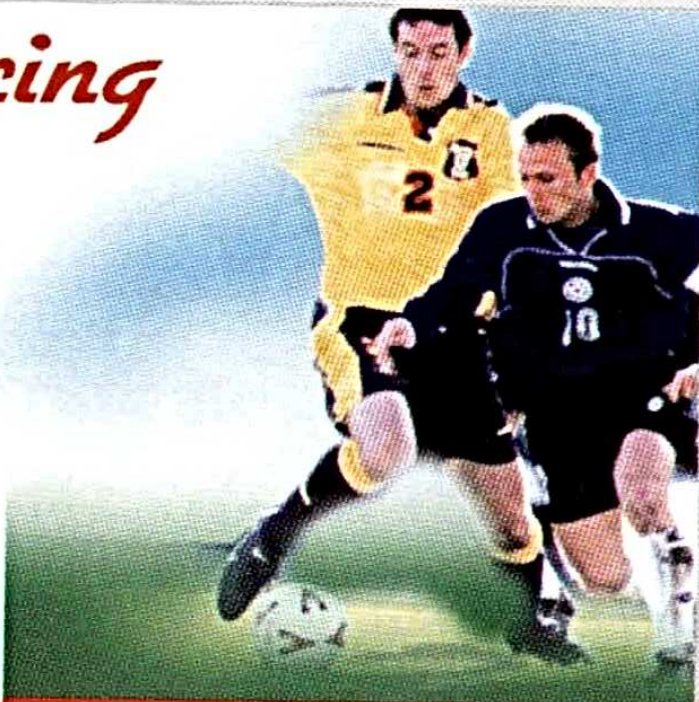
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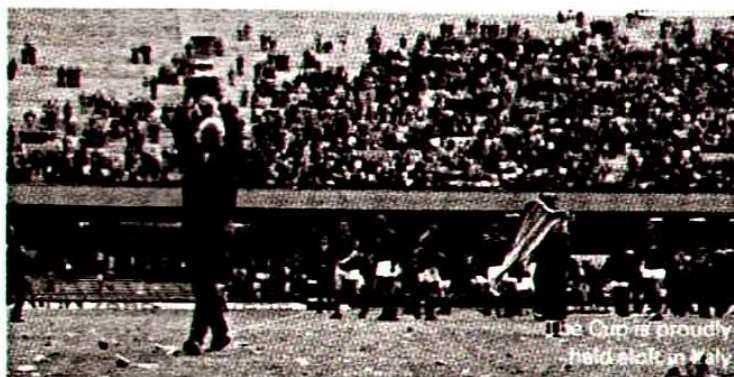
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VINTAGE RED

with Dick Mattick

Dick Mattick finishes his look back at 1969/70 in the second part of Town's European glory season.

Swindon took a lot of credit from their league performance which saw them finish fifth in Division Two having won promotion the previous year. It could have been so much better had they not drawn at Blackpool and lost at home to Middlesbrough in the next game. However, Town's successes during this season came in two competitions against Italian opposition.



Swindon, by way of compensation for not being in the top division, were entered into the Anglo Italian Cup Winners Cup which they won by defeating AS Roma 5-2 over two legs, Arthur Horsefield getting a hat-trick in the home leg. The season ended with the Anglo-Italian Cup competition which again saw Horsefield in goal scoring mood as he notched up two of the goals in a magnificent 4-0 victory over Juventus. Hopes of adding a second international trophy seemed to have vanished when they crashed to a home defeat against Napoli. The Italian officials in charge of the game gave little protection to Peter Noble who seemed to be blatantly struck as he challenged for one high ball. John Smith netted for the Robins four minutes from time, but it was not enough to save Town from defeat from the odd goal in three. When Town travelled to Italy, they completed a double over Juventus who had finished second in the league. Don Rogers scored the only goal of the game against Napoli in the last of the group matches and under a system that gave two points for a win and one for a draw, Town had amassed enough to take them into the final against Napoli.

Town took the lead in the final when Noble headed home from a Rogers cross on thirty minutes. After an hour, Town struck twice within four minutes. First, Arthur Horsefield headed home from a John Smith centre before Noble scored following a goal mouth scramble. The Italian fans began to throw lumps of concrete on the pitch and the game was abandoned with twelve minutes to play. However, Town were still awarded the trophy, but they required the help of tear gas to be able to return to the dressing room.

Stoke also enjoyed a profitable season, finishing ninth in the old First Division, level on points with Manchester United. Henry Burrows and John Ritchie both scored 14 goals apiece. Gordon Banks made 38 league appearances, while George Eastham and Peter Doherty were among other notable players in the side. They had less success in the cup competitions, going down 2-0 at home to Burnley in the League Cup and, after taking two matches to dispose of Oxford, losing 1-0 at Watford in the FA Cup.



UNLUCKY BREAK CLEAR AS DAY

QPR 'keeper Chris Day faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines after breaking his leg in his sides 1-1 draw with Oldham last week. Day sustained a double fracture of his right leg, when he raced from his line to make a clearance. Hoops boss Ian Holloway admitted that it is a massive blow to the West London side "He's been playing so well. When we took him in the summer I don't think many clubs wanted him, but he's proved to be one of the best keepers in the division."

Day has established himself as the number one at Loftus Road this term, but is likely to miss a substantial chunk of the season, "It's a real blow. It looks as though both bones in his leg have been fractured" said Holloway.

MAC SHOWN THE WIGAN DOOR

Struggling Wigan Athletic have cancelled the contract of former Republic of Ireland international Alan McLoughlin. The midfielder has failed to establish himself at the JJB Stadium making only 28 appearances in three years. The Manchester born Irishman helped Ireland to two World Cup Finals, scoring the goal which sent Jack Charlton's side to USA '94 but his club career lost it's way after joining the Latics from Portsmouth in 1999. McLoughlin joins defender Kevin Sharp on the way out of the JJB Stadium, both were out of contract at the end of the season and the out-of-favour duo have agreed with the club to mutually terminate their contracts. Sharp scored 12 goals, while McLoughlin scored three times for the Greater Manchester outfit.

YELLOW BALLS ARE BACK

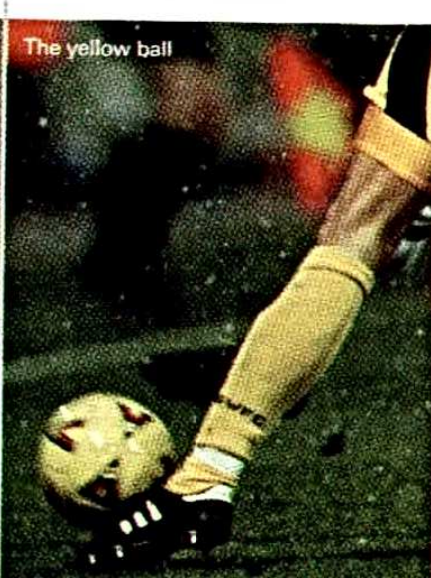
The clocks have gone back and the winter nights are closing in which means the return of the Mitre Fluo-Flare Ultimax match ball to Football League grounds. The luminous ball returns today and will feature in all League and Worthington Cup matches until February 23 next year. "They have been extremely popular with players, managers and supporters and I am certain they will prove a hit again", enthused Football League spokesman John Nagle. The Fluo-Flare is a specially developed ball designed for use throughout the winter when visibility of the ball becomes critical. Boffins believe the eye perceives yellow more easily than any other colour, allowing players to perform better, while fans shouldn't miss a second of the action.



Chris
Day



Alan
McLoughlin



The yellow ball



DIVISION TWO UP FOR THE CUP!

Expect at least one Second Division casualty from the opening round of this year's FA Cup after Cambridge were drawn at home to Division Two rivals Notts County. Thirteen Division Two sides were handed home advantage, with the other eight clubs being forced to make travel arrangements. Last season's FA Cup semi-finalists, Wycombe, were drawn away to Hayes, while big-spending Cardiff face the short trip down the M5 to tackle Tiverton. Wrexham, Chesterfield, Peterborough, and Stoke were also handed testing trips to non league opposition while Blackpool, Wigan, Reading, Oldham, Port Vale, Tranmere, Brentford, Bournemouth and Huddersfield will expect to make it into Round Two.

BACK TO BORO FOR SUMMERBELL

Bristol City have said 'thanks but no thanks' to Steve McClaren's Middlesbrough after Boro's midfielder Mark Summerbell returned to the Riverside Stadium after a one month loan stint at Ashton Gate. City boss Danny Wilson decided not to extend the loan or to seek a permanent transfer for Summerbell who was only one of the substitutes in City's 1-0 defeat at Stoke last week at Ashton Gate. "I thank Mark for helping us out when injuries were hitting us hard and wish him well for the future. Aaron Brown's return to fitness was one factor and the other was the club's financial position" admitted Wilson, "It's no secret that we are not over-blessed for cash at the moment" admitted City's boss.

NIXON'S ROVERS RETURN

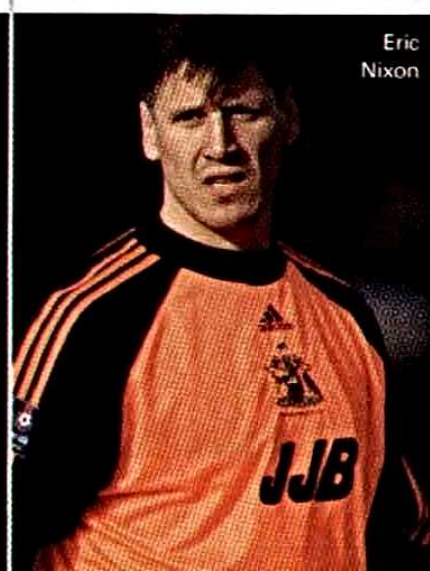
Tranmere have re-signed veteran keeper Eric Nixon as cover for the injured John Achterberg. The 39-year-old keeper will team up with Rovers for the fourth time after making his original debut for the club in 1988. Rovers boss Dave Watson believes Nixon still has plenty to offer at Prenton Park "He's got three games under his belt at Kidderminster, and he did OK, so it won't be a big problem if I have to involve him. He's still got a presence about him, he fills the goal and he's a good talker" said Watson, "I've played in front of Neville Southall and if you've got someone who's on your case all the time it does help the defenders". Most recently, Nixon has been spending a couple of weeks with Third Division side, Kidderminster Harriers.



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Portsmouth	9	7	1	1	26	6	+20	22
Bristol City	9	7	1	1	28	11	+17	22
Cardiff City	9	5	1	2	34	16	+18	16
Reading Ladies	10	3	3	4	24	29	+5	12
Nowton Abbot	8	3	1	4	18	23	-5	10
Reading Royals	7	2	3	2	18	12	+6	9
Cheltenham T	9	3	0	6	15	30	-15	9
Clevedon/SBW	9	1	4	4	14	24	-10	7
Plymouth A	7	2	1	4	13	21	-8	7
Yeovil Town	8	2	0	6	14	23	-9	6
Southampton	9	0	1	8	6	39	-33	1

Town will have to wait and see if they progress to the next round of the AXA Women's FA Cup following the postponement of their first round tie with Cardiff.

The Welsh side had several players called up into the national squad for a World Cup qualifier and so Town's game was called off for the second successive week, the game against Reading Royals in the Ambassador South West Combination League was also postponed a week previously. The Cardiff game will now be played tomorrow at Aldbourne's ground and will kick-off at 1.00pm. The Reading fixture has been re-arranged to be played at Reading next Wednesday, November 7 and will kick-off at 7.30pm.

Town's second string lost their first game of the season in the Wiltshire County League when they were beaten by a goal-to-nil by Clevedon Town reserves. In a goalless first half Laura Morgan went close with a powerful drive that was well saved by Clevedon's 'keeper. However, the visitors winning goal came early in the second period. Town came close to equalising but Heidi Stannett's shot rebounded agonisingly off Clevedon's crossbar.

Town have had nine youngsters called into the Wiltshire County Under 18's to play Dorset at Hamworthy in the South West Counties Championship. Lucy Bailey, Georgia Alcock, Sam Quinn, Holly Ashman, Katy Lemon, Kirby Clift, Fiona Baldwin, Michelle Rich and Michelle Brown have all been selected.

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Laura Morgan

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THE MATCH - This was not only the first European Cup success for an English club, but also an emotional occasion for the Manchester United Manager Matt Busby, and two of his players, Bobby Charlton and Bill Foulkes. All three had survived the Munich tragedy ten years earlier. The Benfica match itself was a fitting climax to a golden era at Old Trafford, epitomised by United's three stars, Charlton, Best and Law (who missed the game through injury). But United were up against a strong Benfica side which featured the Continent's answer to Pele in Eusabio. Bobby Charlton opened the scoring with a rare header in 54 minutes and Grace deservedly equalised 12 minutes from time. United held on until extra-time, when they managed to raise a gear. George Best showed his class by scoring from a difficult position three minutes into extra-time before teenager, Brian Kidd scored one and made another for Charlton to set up emotional scenes on the final whistle.

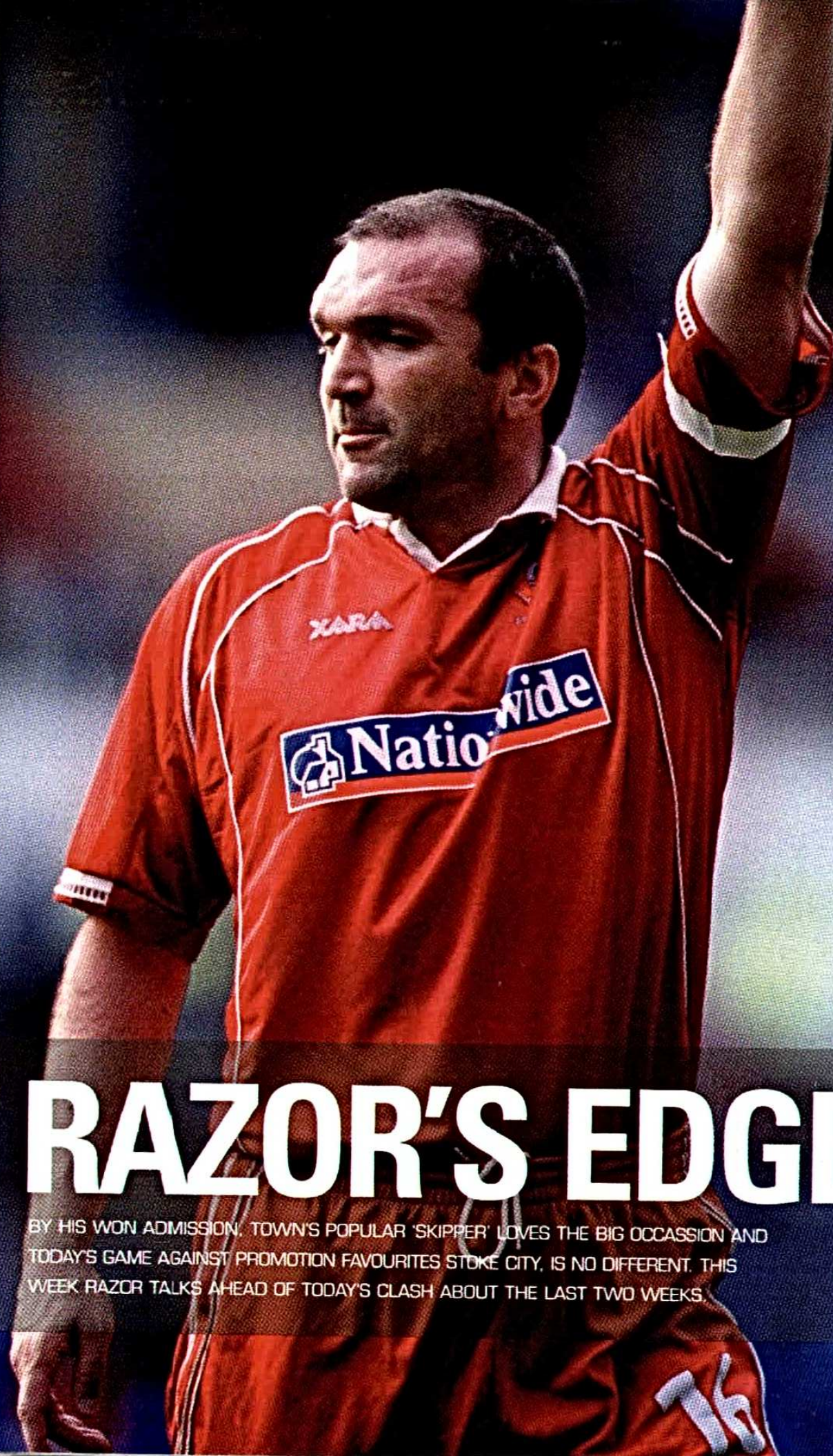


Matt Busby with the coveted trophy

THE PROGRAMME - Wembley Stadium issued a very ordinary and somewhat nondescript small-page programme for the Final. Only 16 pages, for which 1/- was charged, the cover had the club crests in two red pennants, with writing in blue and black on a grey background. The President of UEFA had a message in three languages and each team had an introductory article, a full page squad photo, and pen pictures. There was a list of previous finals, all the results in that season's competition, and a page of facts and figures. Even the squad lists were restricted to one page, in probably the poorest-ever European Cup Final programme. The familiar advertisers were present - Radio Times, Double Diamond and Bovril. The 1999 Champions League victory by Manchester United has resulted in an explosion in interest for the 1968 Final programme, which for many years has been readily available. A year ago, the price range was between £2.50 and £5, but that is moving upwards. Buy soon, and if you get the opportunity, try to seek out the first edition of the programme, printed before the game and available at the stadium. There is a reprint, in which photographs are darker than the original.



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RAZOR'S EDGE

BY HIS OWN ADMISSION, TOWN'S POPULAR 'SKIPPER' LOVES THE BIG OCCASSION AND TODAY'S GAME AGAINST PROMOTION FAVOURITES STOKE CITY, IS NO DIFFERENT. THIS WEEK RAZOR TALKS AHEAD OF TODAY'S CLASH ABOUT THE LAST TWO WEEKS.



It was important to return to winning ways following our defeat against Cardiff City. It is amazing just how close the league is because just a week earlier we had risen into the top half of the league having beaten Reading, and after the Cardiff game we dropped about five or six places. There are just a few points separating teams at the top and at the bottom of the league and so it is vital that we stay ahead.

More importantly, it was important not to let the Cardiff defeat dent our confidence. When you lose one or two games in a row, it is easy for the players to drop their heads a little bit, especially after last season. Thankfully that didn't happen and despite facing a tough and resolute Cambridge side, we returned to winning ways. The U's were a completely different side to Cardiff, who liked to keep possession for long periods and play football. And although Cambridge weren't playing the long ball game to the extent we expected, they still stifled our game and made it very difficult to play football.

At times in the first half, it looked as though we might have resorted to a similar game because they draw you into hitting long balls, such is the lack of space on the pitch. But in the second half we improved dramatically and started to play how we know we can. Nevertheless, we had to wait until the last ten minutes to get the result but fair play to the lads, they waited patiently and got what they deserved. 'Graz' took his two chances well, although the 'gaffer' was frustrated with Wayne Carlisle when he crossed for the second, I think he was hoping he was going to run the ball into the corner and waste a bit of time!

We should have made it two wins out of two last Saturday at Wycombe. They are a good side, very similar to us in many ways. But what impressed me most, was that some players came into the side that hadn't played for a while and they did a marvellous job. It just goes to show that although we haven't got the biggest squad in the world, we have one in which every player can come into the side at any stage and do a job.

We took the lead early on and had several chances to win the game. Unfortunately it didn't happen for us (which happens from time to time) and they got a goal late in stoppage time before the break. But we must take heart from that performance, Wycombe had previously, an unbeaten home record and we were close to breaking it.

Today's game is set to be another tough one against opposition who are flying at the top end of the table. But the lads are confident and will approach this game looking to win and move further up the table. Hopefully we will put on a good show like we have done in most of the 'big' games so far this season. Enjoy the game.

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In the November Issue of Programem Monthly Magazine, they had this to say about Town's effort this season: "There will be few more attractive progmmes this season. Swindon have adopted a magazine design style which, while it eats up some of the available pages, makes for a very beautiful production. This programme is indeed a visual pleasure. Content isn't bad either. There is good coverage of club affairs and contributions of from key personnel, with a subsantial interview with a Swindon player around the centre of the programme. All this quality comes at a price, setting a new high for a second division programme, but there can be few Swindon fans complaining about the high quality of their matchday programme." *Let us know what do you think?*





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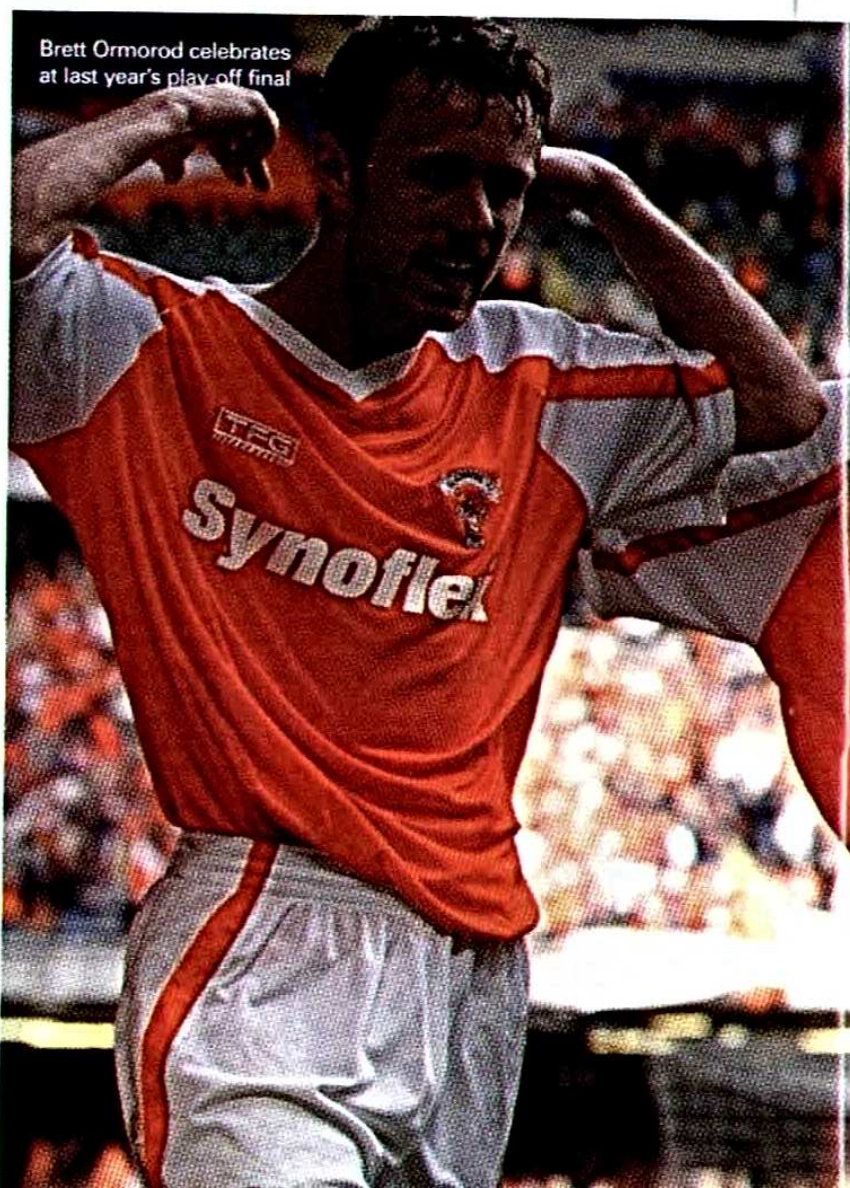
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'POOL IN THE FRAME

Town's trip to the seaside is set to be one of the most eagerly awaited fixtures for the fans this season, for no other reason than they will be reacquainted with Steve McMahon for the first time since he left Town in 1998.

Eager to repeat his success in 1996, in which he guided Town to the league title (ironically, sealed at Blackpool), McMahon's side have surprised many people with a competent start to the campaign. In Division Two as a result of their play-off victory over Leyton Orient last year, Macca's side started the season with three defeats in the first five games - substantiating the bookies' early prediction that they would find the relegation trap door. However, only two defeats have followed in their last nine games (Tranmere and Peterborough) and they have climbed to 15th place thanks to five wins against mid-table opposition. A 4-2 win at Huddersfield was followed by a last-minute draw at home to QPR before The Seaside recorded back-to-back 3-1 victories against Northampton and Wigan. More recently, Blackpool have suffered more inconsistent form despite reaching the third round of the LDV Vans Trophy thanks to a win against Stoke and beating Chesterfield (1-0) last Saturday. Brett Ormerod (pictured) will be the man to watch. With 11 goals already, the prolific striker was a transfer target for Andy King in the summer.

Brett Ormerod celebrates at last year's play-off final





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Evening Advertiser Half-time draw

Here is a list of the latest winners: Stuart Tarrant, from Axminster, won £230 with ticket 281 at the Brentford game. The winner against Cardiff was Mr B Healey of Swindon, who picked up £290 for his £1 stake with ticket 354. Finally, Mr C Jones of Nythe in Swindon won £212 with ticket 566 against Cambridge.

Disabled group news

Town's Disabled Group held their last meeting on October 1 when the special guest was David Duke. David took part in an informal question and answer session. The group would like to thank him for taking time out to spend the evening with them. Look out for the next meeting which will be held in the Winners Lounge on Monday November 12. All disabled supporters and their helpers are welcome and you can be sure that another interesting guest will be present. For further information contact Ian Ratcliffe on 01451 821180. The group are preparing a trip to the Britannia Stadium, home of today's guests having enjoyed last season's trip so much.

Although it is somewhat off yet (April 1), please get along to the above meeting, or contact Ian to express your interest.

Satellite group

The Vale and Oxon group are holding their Christmas 'get together' on Thursday December 13. Space will be limited so please call Mavis on 01235 868755 for further information.

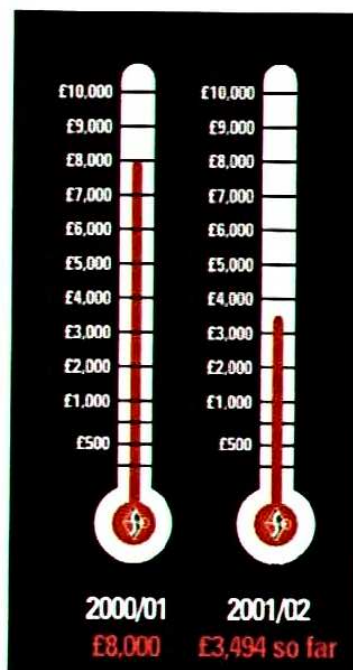
Fund Raising

Our objective this season was to beat last season's fund raising efforts and attempt to reach a figure of £10,000. We hope that the chart detailing our progress in each matchday programme keeps you up-to-date with our performance. With just under a third of the season gone, we have reached the sum of £3,494 and we are well on the way to the £10,000 mark. We can only reach that figure with your help.

Away travel - A huge thank you

Recently, Town's away travel group donated the sum of £750 to the football club. It is hoped that this money goes some way towards the cost of the Football in

the Community scheme. This is a tremendous effort by a group of dedicated and loyal fans. The donation fits in nicely with other Supporters club sponsorship, relating to youth aspects of the Football Club, in the guise of the School of Excellence. Following last week's FA Cup draw, let's hope we get through otherwise we know a bunch of fans who'll face another long trek on a coach.





The supporter in the hot seat today is John Webb. Aged 71, John lives in Bridport and can be found with other members of the Webb family in the Nationwide stand.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

It was in the 1930's with my late father. I think it was against Bristol City (we won 3-2), but my father always thought it was against Watford (we also won 4-1).

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Without doubt, Maurice Owen.

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Juan Cobian - he has class, style and ought to get more games!

MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

Against Shrewsbury in 1963 when Roger Smart's only goal gave the club promotion for the very first time in its history.

MOST MEMORABLE AWAY MATCH?

The 1969 Cup final win at Wembley. I knew Don (Rogers) would score as soon as he got the ball on the half way line!

FAVOURITE TOWN STORY?

When Bert Head got fed up with the team he replaced eight players with youngsters who won promotion and were very entertaining.

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

Apart from the lack of information about the Club's future, it just has to be the PA system in the Nationwide stand.

UNUSUAL STORY FROM WATCHING THE TOWN?

Last year, against Brentford, I got back into my seat having missed the start of the second half. I thought that our late goal was an equaliser, not realising that Brentford had scored again!

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

We will just about avoid relegation, assuming we can score goals.

THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE CHALLIS

Manager Danny Williams had led Town to a satisfactory fifth place in Division Three as October 1976 drew to a close, but successive home draws against Tranmere and Crystal Palace were both extremely disappointing.

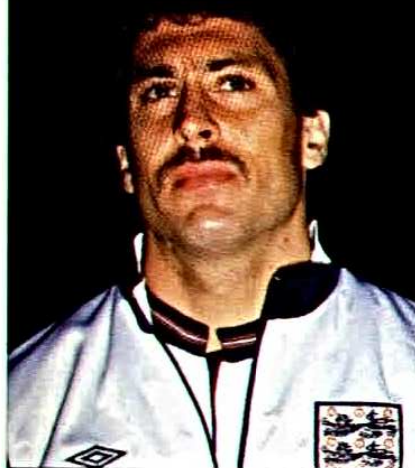
1) Tranmere included an ex-Town midfielder in their line up on 30th October. Who was this?

2) Town's goal in this match was scored from the penalty spot by Trevor Anderson. From which club did he join Swindon in November 1974?

3) Which future England manager brought Palace to the County Ground on November 2?

4) Palace fielded a future England full-back that day. What was his name?

5) Which Town striker, who was to join Mansfield the following summer, scored the Town's goal.



Answers
1) Steve Peppin 2) Manchester United 3) Terry Venables
4) Kenny Sansom 5) Dave Syrett

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RAILTRACK



BUILDING BRIDGES

SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the County Ground for what I am sure will be an entertaining game as Town take on Division Two high-flyers, Stoke City.



This week has seen us complete our final soccer funweek of the year. We have had 140 youngsters attend and to be fair, the weather has been generally kind to us.

Anybody who went past St. Josephs school would have seen everybody in action and a good time was had by all. A big thank you to our coaches again, who all did another great job. Also thanks to Neil 'Razor' Ruddock for doing the presentations on Thursday.

Friday evening we started our twilight football down at the Oasis Leisure Centre. This is a project we are helping with, working with teenagers in conjunction with the police, Swindon Borough Council and the Probation Service. We are running the project over the next six weeks, so let's hope that it is going to be as successful as the sessions we ran in the summer.

Don't forget our annual six-a-side competition which we are starting next Friday. We have boys under 11's on November 9 and 16, whilst the girls under 13's tournament is to take place on November 23. The venue is Greendown school, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Feel free to come along and watch some entertaining football!

Best Wishes,
Clive, Jon and Luke.

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SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

Students from Commonweal School were given the chance to speak to Richard McKinney and Paul McAreavey, here's what they found: Richard McKinney is from Northern Ireland, his childhood hero is Pat Jennings, his fallback career would be in leisure management. He started playing football at nine because he enjoyed it. He is the proud owner of a Citroen fet20 - **Alex Hedges**

Richard McKinney's best mate is Paul McAreavey. His number is 15 but his lucky number is 26. He trains at Zurich Insurance, which is at Wanborough. He was nine years old when he started to play football and his first club was Man City - **Ami Rowe**



COMMONWEAL'S ROVING REPORTERS

Paul's worst defeat is 0-4 in his first game for Swindon against Norwich. He is 20-years old and his mates are Sol Davies and Richard McKinney. He has been sent off four times for both Ireland and Swindon. Paul plays attacking midfield and he has scored one goal for Swindon. Paul's favourite football team is Celtic. His favourite film is Gladiator. He came to Swindon because the fans are brilliant - **Jason McGinley**

Paul McAreavey has played for Swindon since the age of sixteen. He left school and his first job was as a footballer. He scored his first goal against Oldham. He has also played for Northern Ireland, which is where he was born. Paul has a lot of other interests such as golf, snooker and tennis. He is twenty years old and claims that he gets more than enough pay each week - **Robert Brown**

Sound bites...

ROY EVANS

on Town's discipline...

"We are getting booked for too many petty things in games. As a manager, there is nothing more irritating than seeing yellow cards dished out because of back-chat. They add up and it can be a shock when you miss a player for a vital game."

STEVE ROBINSON

on Town's FA Cup draw...

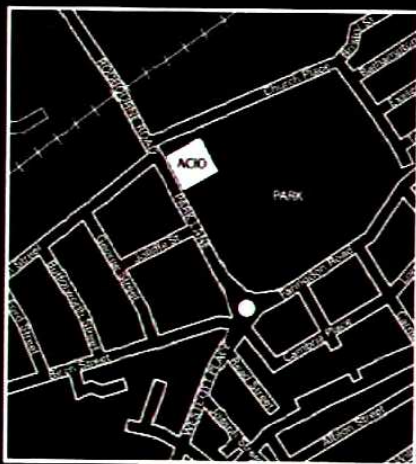
"At least we are at home. At the end of the day, all you can ask for out of the cup draw is a home tie, at this stage you can end up anywhere. Hartlepool will be a tough proposition, they're struggling at the moment but we can't underestimate them."

ROY EVANS

on Town's FA Cup draw...

"Cup ties are always difficult so you are look for home advantage. Hartlepool may be a Third Division side but we will treat them with respect. We must make absolutely sure that we're up for the game because they certainly will be."

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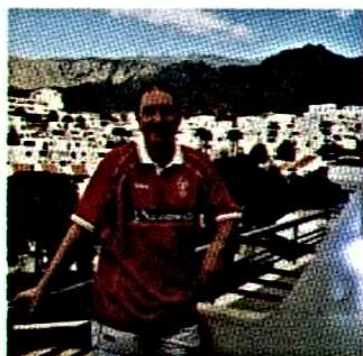
Your response to our appeal for pictures this season has been fantastic. Since the opening day of the season we have received a large number of pictures of Town fans on holiday, but we still want more! If you have anything that you think may be of interest to the rest of us 'Townies'; birthdays, stories or anything else you would like to see on your page, then send them in to us. The address to send them to is Dunwoody Sports Marketing, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7BB or alternatively you can email me, nick.ju@d-mc.co.uk.

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BIRTHDAY GOALS

A belated happy birthday to Town's car park supervisor, Ross Tilling, who celebrated his 48th birthday last Wednesday night. Ross, pictured here with Town's double-goal hero, Graz, has worked at STFC for years and he is described by the office staff as a bit of a ladies man. Not only does he buy the ladies a bar of chocolate on match days, but he also gets them Christmas presents too! Happy Birthday Ross.



HAPPY 40TH STEVE!

You may recognise Steve Leonard, who celebrates his 40th birthday today, from the Cardiff programme where he was pictured at Euro Disney. Steve, from Pembroke Park, Swindon, is hoping for a better result today than that against The Bluebirds. He is pictured here in his beloved Town shirt in Tenerife with Mount Tiede in the background. Happy Birthday from everyone at STFC!



STEVE UNMASKED

In case any of you were wondering who the mysterious co-presenter was on BBC Wiltshire Sound last week at Wycombe Wanderers, then we can reveal all. Pictured here alongside regular commentator Ed Hadwin (BBC Wiltshire Sound) is Steve Gales (left), STFC Web Editor. 'Don't give up your day job' springs to mind. Only kidding!

Quick Quiz answers:
What year? 1926, Ted Nash
Guess who? Paul McAreevey
What team? Oldham Athletic

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. He is an Irish international
2. Town lost 4-0 to Norwich City on his full debut
3. He has been sent off our times in his career
4. His first Town goal against Oldham Athletic last season
5. He features on page 49!

WHAT CLUB?

Can you identify this second division side from the following clues?

1. Having topped the league this year, they now sit in mid-table.
2. Paul McAreevey scored in the 3-0 win over them last season
3. Andy Ritchie is their manager, having led the line for them for many years
4. Their pitch at Boundary Park is not so plastic anymore....
5. You will find an owl in their club crest





with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

Good afternoon to all our juniors - I hope a lot of you travelled to Wycombe to cheer the lads on!

Our next away match for our Juniors is at QPR on November 21. Unfortunately this match is on a Wednesday evening but we will, of course, have some reciprocal tickets for this match. If you are able to go then you will need to contact **SAS Travel** as soon as possible. As some of you will know from last season, **Jimmy Fraser** is in charge of the club's soccer centres for both boys and girls between the ages of 5-11. If any of you are interested, then you can contact him on **01793 644777**. All of the information for the centres is next to this column. Finally, if there are any parents who think their son/daughter would be interested in joining the Junior Robins, then they can join for just £3. To get in contact, call George on **01672 520679**.



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



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SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



As you will all know by now, the Soccer Centres are now in full flow. There are still some spaces available and so if anyone is still interested in joining them, then please call me, Jimmy Fraser at the club on **01793 644777**, or pop in and see me at the club. Soccer Centre members have until **December 31** to obtain their **10% discount** off Town's new third kit as modelled by Alan Reeves.

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



3 Goals



10 Goals



5 Goals

How

Shots.....10
Headers.....1
Volleys.....4
Penalties.....2
Free Kicks.....1
O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

Grazioli.....6
Invincible.....3
O'Halloran.....2
Osei-Kuffour.....2

2001-2002

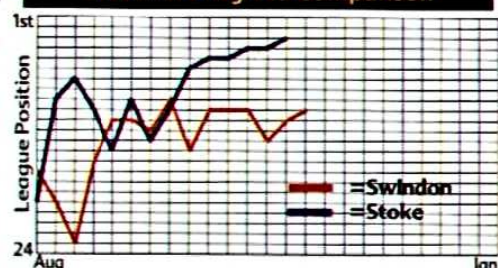
Highest Gate
8,373
vs Cardiff
Lowest Gate
4,882
vs Cambridge
Average Gate
6,105
Players Used 22
Clean Sheets 7
Failed to Score
5
Consec. Wins
2 games
Consec. Defeats
2 games

Robins' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
S	Wycombe	A	6th
W	Cambridge	H	20th
L	Cardiff	H	17th
W	Reading	A	11th
S	Northampton	A	23rd
W	Brentford	H	2nd
L	Chesterfield	A	15th
W	Port Vale	A	15th
S	Tranmere	H	16th
D	Bournemouth	A	20th

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Seasonal Progress Comparison



Potters' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Bristol City	H	3rd
W	Chesterfield	A	19th
S	Port Vale	A	18th
W	Notts County	H	14th
W	Bournemouth	H	19th
W	Colchester	H	4th
W	Bury	A	23rd
L	Brighton	A	1st
W	Reading	H	7th
S	Huddersfield	H	1st

Goals Info:



Where



4 Goals



14 Goals



1 Goal

How

Shots.....6
Headers.....3
Volleys.....6
Penalties.....3
Free Kicks.....0
O.G.s.....1

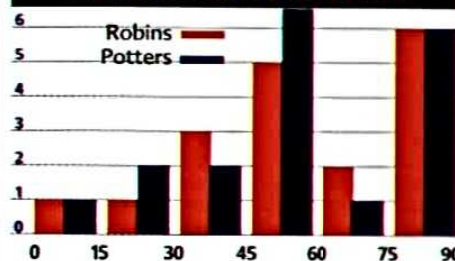
Top Scorers

Thorne.....4*
(no longer at club)
Hoekstra.....3
Cooke.....3
Van Duerzen.....2
Thordarson.....2

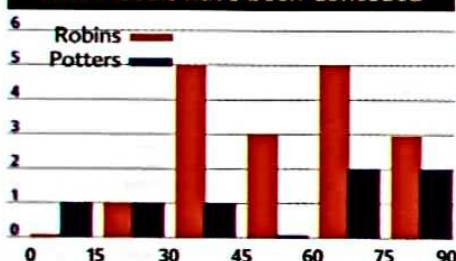
2001-2002

Highest Gate
16,828
vs Bristol City
Lowest Gate
9,515
vs Colchester
Average Gate
13,039
Players Used 23
Clean Sheets 8
Failed to Score
2
Consec. Wins
4 games
Consec. Defeats
none

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon)

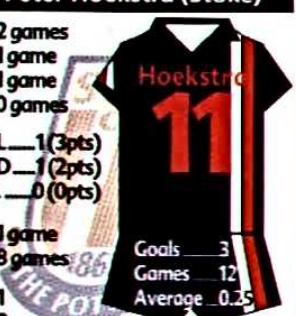


Goals.....6
Games.....12
Average.....0.50

Top Scorers Comparison

5 games Total Games Scored In
4 games Games Scored 1 Goal
1 game Games Scored 2 Goals
0 games Hat-tricks
W->L.....0 (0pts)
W->D.....1 (2pts)
D->L.....2 (2pts)
3 games Maximum scoring run
3 games Maximum Dry Spell
3 Shot
0 Header
3 Volleyed Shot
0 Penalty
0 Direct free Kick

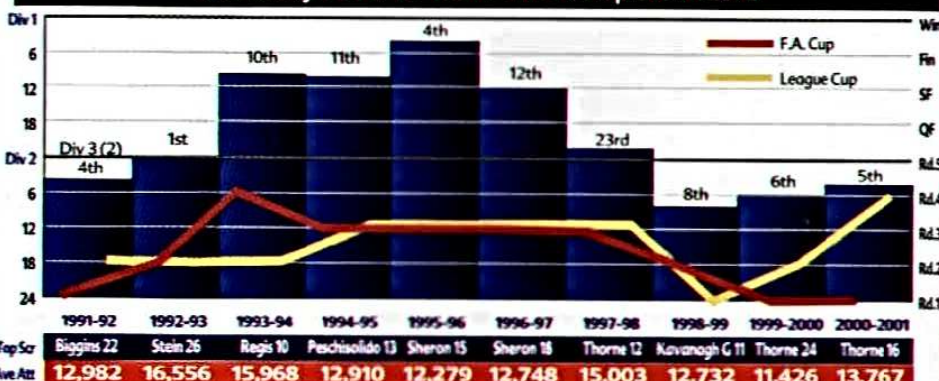
Peter Hoekstra (Stoke)



Goals.....3
Games.....12
Average.....0.25

2 games Total Games Scored In
1 game Games Scored 1 Goal
1 game Games Scored 2 Goals
0 games Hat-tricks
W->L.....1 (3pts)
W->D.....1 (2pts)
D->L.....0 (0pts)
1 game Maximum scoring run
8 games Maximum Dry Spell
1 Shot
0 Header
0 Volleyed Shot
0 Penalty
0 Direct free Kick

Stoke City's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



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Liverpool v Manchester United

Sunday 4 November, Sky Sports 1

Arsenal v Manchester United

Wednesday 7 November, ITV Sport Channel

Preston North End v Barnsley

Thursday 8 November, ITV Sport Channel

Wimbledon v Sheffield United

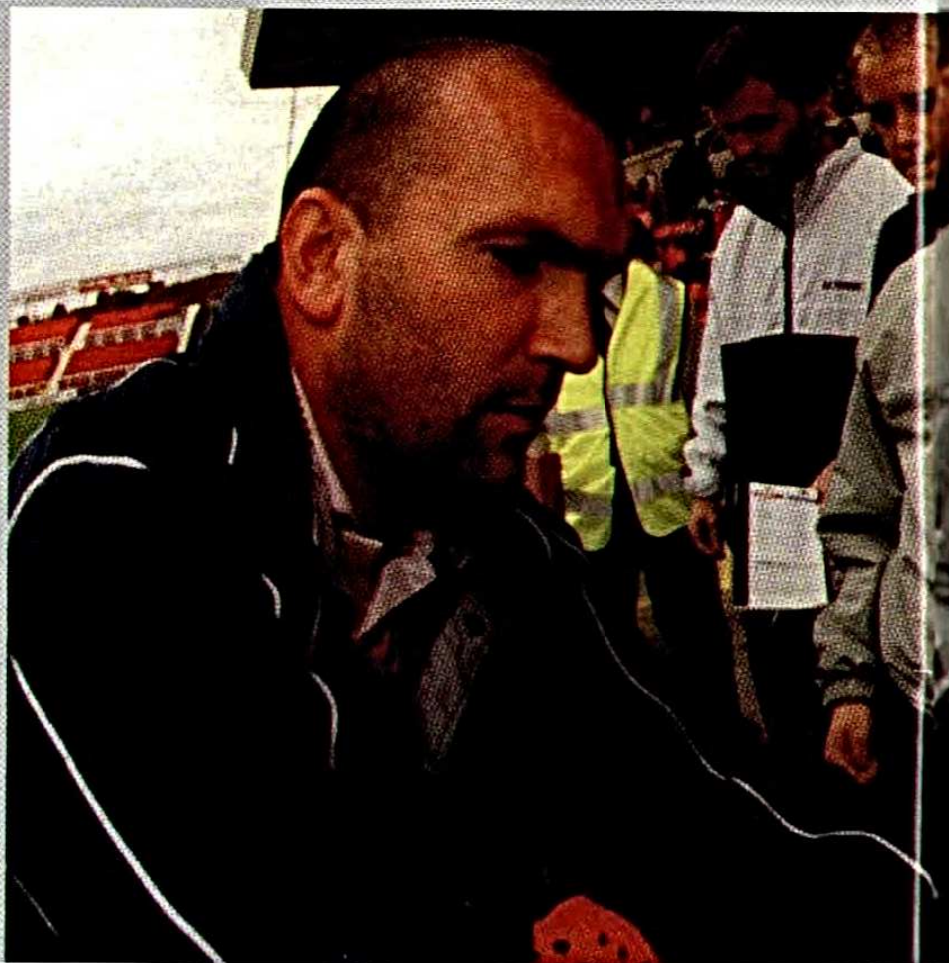
Friday 9 November, ITV Sport Select

STATS KEY

GRAZIOU	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU 2	Scored goal
GRAZIOU 2	Scored two goals
GRAZIOU 1	Caution
GRAZIOU 1	Sent off
GRAZIOU 1	Sub not used
GRAZIOU 1	Sub used (time)
GRAZIOU 1	Player replaced (time)

STATS 2001/02

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,934	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(57)		GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(62)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(84)		GRAZIOU	DUKE
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves	7,598	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(85)		GRAZIOU(85)	DUKE
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	5,215	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(74)	KUFFOUR(83)	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(73)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(83)	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,898	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(77)	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN(14)	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(14)	DUKE
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom	14,536	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(100)	GRAZIOU(37)	DUKE
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(77)	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY(77)	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(84)	GRAZIOU(88)	DUKE
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Barnet	5,519	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(17)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU(81)	DUKE
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(80)	GRAZIOU(86)	DUKE
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester	1,251	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE
Sat Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,313	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(83)	DUKE
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cardiff City Utd	4,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wnds	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(74)	GRAZIOU(74)	DUKE
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City													
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool													
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town													
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR													
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove													
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham													
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath													
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Wrexham													
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	QPR													
Tue Jan 1	(A) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Oidham Ath													
Sat Jan 13	(H) 2.15pm	Bristol City													
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd													
Wed Jan 23	(H) 1.45pm	Notts County													
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham													
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town													
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City													
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Reading													
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers													
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													
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													
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers													
Sat Apr 27	(H) 3.00pm	Reading													



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

TOP SCORERS

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
4	Guiliano Grazioli	27%
3	Danny Inconvicibile	18%
3	Keith O'Halloran	20%
2	Jo Kuffour	20%
1	Wayne Carlisle	30%
1	Neil Ruddock	9%
1	Bobby Howe	6%

SPOTLIGHT

ADAM WILLIS	
AGE	24
DATE OF BIRTH	21.09.76
PLACE OF BIRTH	Nuneaton
HEIGHT	6' 1"
WEIGHT	12st 0lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS	Mansfield, Coventry
GOALS	0

GATES / FORM

8.373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7.394	Peterborough Utd	11.08.01
5.902	Tranmere Rovers	15.09.01
5.515	Brentford	25.09.01
1-10	Wycombe W	29.10.01
2-0 W	Cambridge Utd	24.10.01
0-1 L	Cardiff City	21.10.01
0-1 L	Colchester United	16.10.01

	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	28
JORDAN	SABIN ⁽⁷⁾	MCKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE ⁽⁵⁾	BRAYLEY ⁽⁸⁾	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	\$ ROBINSON ⁽⁶⁷⁾	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	EDWARDS		
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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
Jo Osei Kuffour	9
Giuliano 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
Wayne Carlisle	23
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreevey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29



STOKE

Manager Gudjon Thordarson

Gavin Ward	1
Mikael Hansson	2
Clive Clarke	3
Peter Handyside	4
Siarhei Shtaniuk	5
Brynjar Gunnarsson	6
Bjarni Gudjonsson	7
Andy Cooke	8
Rikhardur Dadason	10
Peter Hoekstra	11
Wayne Thomas	12
Neil Cutler	14
Chris Iwelumo	15
Stefan Thordarson	16
James O'Connor	17
Lewis Neal	18
Marc Goodfellow	19
David Rowson	20
Robert Heath	21
Matthew Bullock	22
Karl Henry	23
Kris Commons	24
Gareth Owen	25
Dean Crowe	26
Jurgen Van Durzen	27



Saturday 3rd November 2001

kick-off 3.00pm

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	P. E. Alcock
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Assistant 2:	B. J. Malone
4th Official:	A. J. Webb

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Sat Nov 3 2001/02

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

Wrexham vs Cardiff City
(Playing tomorrow)



Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 01/11/2001)
Brentford	15	10	4	1	31	13	34	+18	
Brighton	16	9	5	2	24	13	32	+11	
Stoke	14	9	2	3	19	7	29	+12	
Bristol C	16	8	4	4	23	14	28	+9	
Peterborough	16	8	2	6	27	19	26	+8	
Huddersfield	16	8	2	6	24	17	26	+7	
Wycombe	16	6	7	3	21	16	25	+5	
Oldham	16	6	5	5	30	23	23	+7	
Colchester	16	7	2	7	26	25	23	+1	
Swindon	15	6	5	4	18	17	23	+1	
Reading	15	7	2	6	17	16	23	+1	
Tranmere	16	6	4	6	27	24	22	+3	
QPR	16	6	4	6	20	20	22	0	
Blackpool	15	6	4	5	23	26	22	-3	
Cardiff	14	5	6	3	21	15	21	+6	
Bournemouth	16	5	4	7	19	26	19	-7	
Port Vale	16	5	3	8	22	25	18	-3	
Notts Co	15	4	4	7	21	28	16	-7	
Chesterfield	16	3	5	8	17	23	14	-6	
Cambridge	16	3	5	8	18	29	14	-11	
Northampton	16	4	2	10	16	31	14	-15	
Wrexham	14	3	4	7	20	34	13	-14	
Wigan	14	3	3	8	16	22	12	-6	
Bury	15	3	2	10	13	30	11	-17	



Brentford still top the division

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