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Graham Turner's side visit STFC
with a fantastic cup pedigree

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Town's longest serving player talks DIY,
getting older and the consortium

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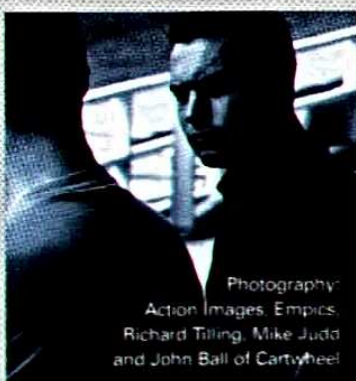
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EDITOR'S EYE

Make no mistake, today's cup tie is huge; both sides just one game away from what could potentially be a lucrative money-spinning Third Round bounty. Yet no matter how well you think you can judge the outcome of today's game, the very nature of the FA Cup competition means that it is virtually impossible.



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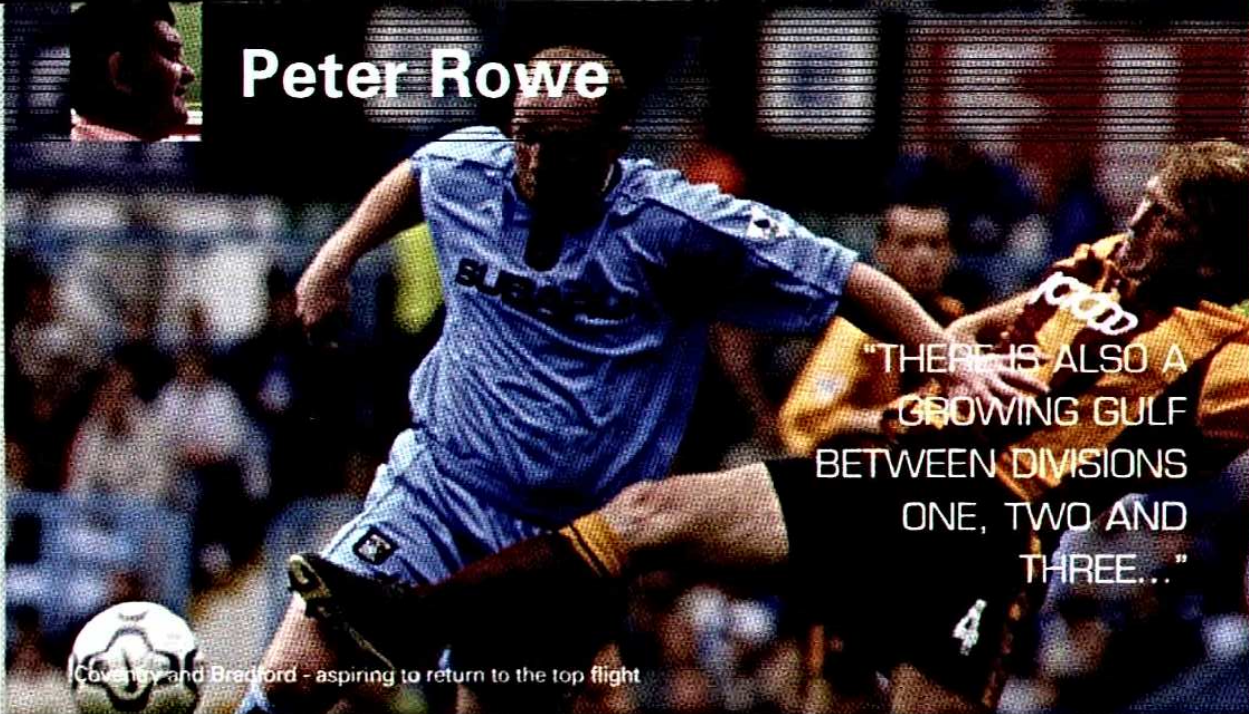
However, a friend of mine, here today supporting Graham Turner's side, made one attempt (by way of a 'scientific' process of elimination) at arriving at some conclusion. The story goes that, with The Bulls beating Wrexham in Round One and Wrexham having beaten QPR and QPR beating us 4-0, then Hereford should theoretically win today! Well, if that's the case, then we beat Wrexham by a bigger margin than today's visitors and so it should be Roy's boys that sail into the Third Round hat! Of course, such ridiculous cup banter means nothing in the FA Cup and I just hope that we avoid another cup shock (Dan Chisholm warns us of the dangers on page 25).

Today's game, if all has gone to plan for the consortium at yesterday's EGM, could be the first of many for Town's new interim board. Let's just hope that the club can move forward as a whole and, by doing so, leave behind the uncertainty and confusion that has enshrouded it for several years. If it's money saving schemes they're after, then may I suggest a swear jar (of which £1 should be put in every time a player curses) situated at the training ground!

Enjoy the game and the programme (unfortunately devoid of a reserve report due to the postponement of their midweek game) and let's hope the lads can take us through to Round Three.

Nick Judd - Magazine Editor

*All information in this magazine is up-to-date up to and including December 6.



"THERE IS ALSO A
GROWING GULF
BETWEEN DIVISIONS
ONE, TWO AND
THREE..."

Coventry and Bradford - aspiring to return to the top flight

BEHIND THE SCENES

A lot has been written in the national press about the proposals by a small group of Division One Clubs to set up the 'Phoenix League' - a Premier Two in everything but name.

Ten days ago I attended the Football League meeting in Nottingham to represent the club and I can report that it was, at times, a stormy meeting. What I can also say is that reports in the Daily Mail and Express the day after the meeting were very misleading and did not reflect the true nature or outcome of the meeting.

Basically, six clubs, led by Bradford City and Coventry City, held meetings in private to discuss the current financial situation of clubs in Division One given the huge gap that has now grown in revenue between those in the Premier League and those aspiring to it.

I will agree, that there is a massive gulf between the two divisions, but there is also a growing gulf between Divisions One, Two and Three. In essence the problem is not confined to just a few clubs - it involves all 72 clubs in the Nationwide Football League. Many clubs were upset at the way these clandestine meetings had been held without the authority of the league and that two club chairmen were also directors of the league itself. At our Division Two meeting later that day we were unanimous in our opinion that we were once again being left out in the cold by some of the so-called 'bigger' clubs, and that the criteria for this new league was not based on sporting criteria, rather size of ground, attendance base and as one chairman put it, "the size of the debt".

At the end of a very tough day it was resolved by all clubs that the league should contact both the FA and the Premier League with the view to setting a complete review of the structure of the professional game in this country, from top to bottom. The six 'renegade' clubs agreed to stop holding secret meetings and further agreed that any future meetings or discussions be held under the guidance of the Football League. That unfortunately was not the way some newspapers chose to portray it, but those are the facts, because it is important for all of us that this review takes place.

This afternoon, it's back to FA Cup action and I would like to extend a warm Wiltshire welcome to Hereford United for this second round tie. The Bulls became cup giant-killers again last month, dumping Wrexham out of the Cup. Let's hope it's our turn for Cup glory today. So, get behind Roy and the boys. Come one you Reds.

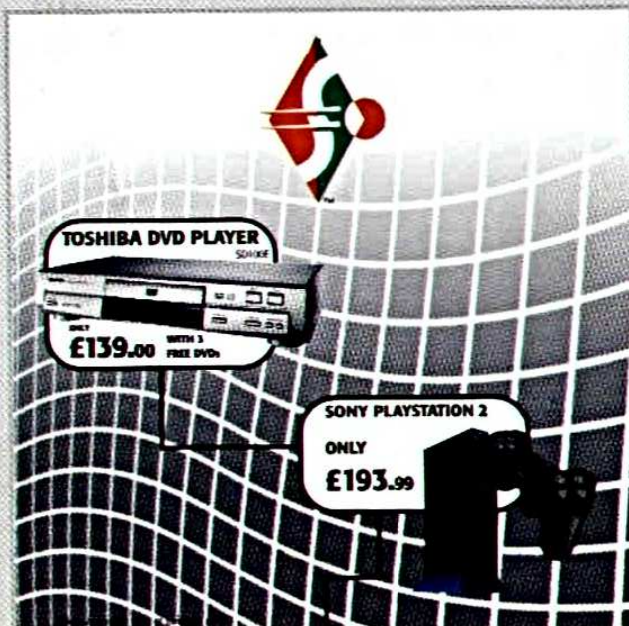


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NOTHING FOR GRANTED

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone to the County Ground today, especially to those directors, management team, players and supporters that have made the journey from Hereford.

Today, as you all know, is another FA Cup day and I think we have all felt the buzz this week as we have been approaching the tie. This great competition just has something special about it and both sides will be looking to progress into the next round because, for teams like ours, a good cup run can be so important. I am not just talking about the financial incentive, (the importance of which is pretty evident), but also for you, the fans, it can be such an exciting adventure.

However, before we get too carried away there is a job to do here today and our visitors, despite suffering a poor run of form in the league, will be a very difficult proposition. They showed exactly what they are capable of in the last round against another Second Division side, Wrexham, and they have a fantastic cup pedigree, I think they have knocked out about five league clubs in the last ten or twelve years?

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We will have to make sure that we do not become their next victim and instead, be mentally and physically prepared for the encounter. Hartlepool came here and showed that, just because they are from a lower league, they are not any easier to play. That said, we have to be happy with the fact that we have been drawn at home at this stage of the competition and it is up to us to take advantage.

As for our run up to this game well, like the rest of our season, it has been inconsistent to say the least. Fortunately, having drawn against the league leaders two weeks ago, we got a much-needed win against Wrexham. It was a game we simply had to win, not only to boost confidence, but also to take us back up the league a bit because we had slipped down the table somewhat. Both Eric and Danny got on the score sheet and I am not only pleased for them, but it is nice for the team and the management to have both strikers score. They gave us a cushion and in the end, we were thankful for that because we sat back in the second half and Wrexham even managed to pull themselves back into the game. I'm not quite sure how their goal crept in, but the disappointing thing was that we allowed them the opportunity to get back into the game when we were on top.

Then followed the trip to Wigan and what can I say, it was a disappointing afternoon. When you travel to play teams like these, you expect to be put under a bit of pressure. Paul Jewell's side have had a difficult start to the season, with a lot of injuries but their form had improved of late. They caused us a few problems, had a few chances, but it was an innocuous refereeing decision that cost us the game in the end.

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CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

It's back to the cup after three league games and in today's visitors, we face another lower league side looking to claim an historic scalp. Hereford will be a difficult team to overturn. We have had them watched on a variety of occasions and of course, I have a good friend with good experience with them in the last round! One thing is for sure and that is that we must take any chances that come our way this afternoon. Wrexham created many opportunities yet didn't take them, and Hereford, with their strong back line defended very well. Hereford will pose a us a strong aerial threat and they will also look to get forward very quickly in a similar fashion to Hartlepool in the last round. I think it's fairly important for us that we progress into the next round. The bounty of a lucrative cup tie is pretty evident and financially, that could mean so much to us. But more importantly, I think it would be nice for you, the fans, if we could earn you a day out at a big club. Something like that could really lift the place. As for our preparations, well they weren't the best at Wigan. I don't think that we played too bad, we just didn't cause them too many problems up front and that is an area we must work on.



The free-kick, harshly given against Adam Willis in my opinion, also took a huge deflection on its way into the net and in a way it was heart-breaking for all of us, but we must bounce back today and draw on the many positive aspects of the last three games.

Adam Willis, although apparently disliked by the referee, came in to the side again and did another great job. Sol Davis and Paul Edwards also returned and it was nice to see them getting forward - they gave us something a bit different in the opponent's half. To have players come back from injury is a huge bonus and that is one of the things we must draw upon today - it means that we have several options should we need them, and hopefully it will mean that there will be a healthy competition for places again. Getting forward and creating problems for our visitors (something we didn't do at Wigan) is an aspect of our play we have worked on all week, let's just hope that we can return to winning ways and get ourselves in the next round of the cup. Furthermore, this is the first of a large number of home games we have coming up, let's start that run off with a win today and make it a good spell in front of our fantastic home support.

STFC DIARY

**25TH NOV****YOUNG GUN KUFFOUR RETURNS TO Highbury**

Jo Kuffour returns to Arsenal after a three-month loan spell at STFC. Kuffour announced his debut with a fantastic display against Colchester at home before scoring one of Town's goals in the 3-0 win over Bury. With Town unable to sign any new players (without a board at the time), Roy Evans and Peter Rowe could do nothing but let him return to London.

27TH NOV**UNDER 19'S GET CUP FEVER AS THEY DEFEAT YEovil**

Town's youth side emerged victorious again, this time in the Third Round of the FA Cup at Yeovil. Town are one of only a few lower league sides left in the competition and goals from Mark Fenwick and Graham Walton (pictured) were enough to earn them a spot in the draw in the Fourth Round, details of which will be in the next programme.

27TH NOV**TOWN RETURN TO WINNING WAYS AGAINST WREXHAM**

Town returned to winning ways after a poor spell of form in the league that saw them go five games without a victory. Two first half goals from Eric Sabin and Danny Invericible saw Town go two goals up before Wrexham pulled themselves back by scoring straight from a corner. Matt Heywood extended Town's lead in the second half.

1ST DEC**SVEN'S MEN DRAWN AGAINST TOUGH OPPOSITION**

England have been drawn in the Group of death for next year's World Cup, which is to be held in Korea and Japan. The draw, held in Busan, Korea last Saturday (after an arguably long-winded ceremony) pitched Sven's men against old foes Argentina, Sven's home country Sweden, and the vastly improved Nigeria side.

1ST DEC**TOWN GO DOWN TO SOLITARY GOAL AT JJB**

Town's inconsistent form was highlighted by a strong Wigan side at the JJB Stadium last Saturday. Neil Ruddock was suspended for the game and Adam Willis stepped in, whilst Paul Edwards and Sol Davis returned from injury to sit on the bench. An innocuous free-kick proved to decide the game, Paul Cook converting from 20 yards.

7TH DEC**EGM EXPECTED TO SETTLE THE DUST AT STFC**

An EGM took place yesterday that looks set to end the off-field battles that have plagued the club for a year. The expected interim board includes (from left to right) Bob Holt, Wendy Godwin, Nick Prescott and Willie Carson, was expected to be voted in until an AGM is called at a later date. Look out for more details next week.

TRUST

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Part of the Trusts work is to encourage communication between the club and it's supporters. At the Trust members meeting on November 22 the Trust was able to get the two parties involved in the fight for control of the club, to answers questions from Trust members. Cliff Puffett spoke as both a Trust Member and as part of the Consortium. Danny Donnegan spoke as the previous chairman. Finally, Peter Rowe spoke on how the club was running without any directors. If you wish to see what was said at the meeting, the full meeting minutes are on the Trust web site; www.truststfc.co.uk. There will also be a copy of the minutes at the Trust office.

The verdict: Trust members vote

Finally, as a quorum of members was present, it was time to decide how the Trust should vote with its shares at the EGM. Members were given three options to vote for:

- To vote to elect all five proposed candidates for the interim board
- To vote against all five candidates
- To "positively abstain"

The latter option was phrased as a "positive abstention" (as opposed to abstaining because we don't care or can't be bothered) as the point would be made that the Trust felt that not enough was known about the five candidates standing and the plans of the consortium to endorse the interim board. The meeting voted overwhelmingly for the third option (positive abstention), but it was emphasised that the Trust was keen to work with whoever was in charge in the best interests of the club. In conclusion, we probably learned more about the true extent of the crisis facing Swindon Town Football Club in a couple of hours than we had in the past six months. Big thanks to Cliff Puffett, Danny Donnegan and Peter Rowe for making the effort to attend and for being brave enough to open themselves up to some vigorous questions. Even bigger thanks to the Trust members, who were able to attend, and to all of you who support the work of the Trust.

By the time you read this it will be the start of a new era for Swindon Town as the consortium look set to take the helm of the club. We wish them success, because their success will mean success for the club that we love. To give this club real hope, why not get involved yourself to ensure we have a prosperous club in the future? The Trust is there so that fans can make a difference, with all our help Swindon Town can have a secure future. Join us and help us make a difference!

You can contact the Trust by calling in at the office, by visiting the Web site, or call Tony Norris on 01793 875760

Treatment room...



It's been a case of good news all round since we last spoke before the Wrexham game. Those of you that travelled to Wigan will know that Sol Davis and Paul Edwards have now returned to the squad, which is fantastic news for all concerned.

Reevesy is also coming along nicely. Reeves, you may remember, has been trying to get himself fit again following a medial ligament injury and after training fairly strenuously this week, he hasn't complained of any reaction which is good. The trick is that, after a good training session, if a player feels good the next morning then we know we are making good progress. I think he can see some light at the end of the tunnel now and I would expect him to appear for the reserves next week before returning to the first team squad at a later date.

Also training with Reevesy was Alan Young and Graz. Graz trained yesterday and he should return soon, though not today, whilst Youngy is coming on leaps and bounds. He was kicking footballs at the start of the week and by the end, we were working on his finishing. We have had to work him very hard after what was a nasty operation and thankfully, he is reaping the rewards.

Hereford will need to show the same collective spirit they showed against Wrexham if they are to progress in the cup today

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RAGING BULLS UP FOR THE CUP

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THE FA CUP THAT QUICKENS THE PULSE FOR HEREFORD UNITED. THEY SPENT 25 YEARS IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE BUT ASK ANY FAN FOR THEIR FAVOURITE UNITED MEMORY AND IT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE SQUARING UP TO THEIR SUPERIORS IN THE WORLD'S GREATEST CUP COMPETITION.

WORDS BY MATT HANDCOCK



Most people have heard of their 1972 win over Newcastle - the BBC still using footage from that muddy Hereford day - but that was merely a showcase for a long-term Cup habit. In the fourth round the Southern League part-timers took West Ham to a replay, leaving Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and co. all thoroughly shaken.

The Bulls facts

Name Hereford United
Formation 1939 (as Limited Company)
Nickname The Bulls
Stadium Edgar Street (8,800)
Management team Phil Robinson
Position 2000/01 11 (Nationwide Conference)
Recent signings
 Jake Sedgemore
Form guide WLDWLL
Next three fixtures
 Dec 15 Nuneaton (H) 3.00pm
 Dec 26 Telford (A) 3.00pm
 Dec 29 Stalybridge (H) 3.00pm
Top goalscorer Elmes (6)
Honours
 Third Division Champions 1975/76
 First Division (South) Champs 1965
 Southern League Cup Winners 1952, 1957, 1959
Most capped player
 Brian Evans (1 Wales)
Head to head (wins)
 Swindon: 8, Bulls: 6, Draws 1
Last encounter
 Swindon Town 1-1 Hereford Utd (Div 4 - 1984/85)
Odds to win the title 30/1
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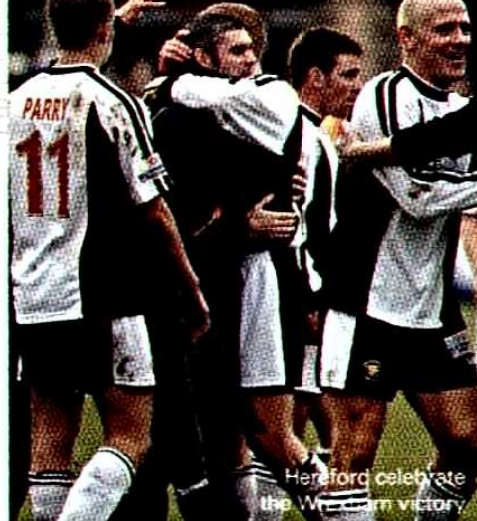
That run propelled them into the league in the end-of-season elections and by 1976 John Sillett had led this out-of-the-way border town into the old Second Division. It could not last, of course, and they were relegated after just one season. A year later they slipped back into the Fourth, where they stayed until a last-day draw with Brighton sent them down on goal difference in May 1997.

This is their fifth season in the Conference, but in twelve FA Cup ties during that time Hereford have conquered five league clubs and taken Martin O'Neill's Leicester City to extra-time of a replay at Filbert Street. No team from the Second or Third Divisions has held them to a draw, let alone forced victory. Over three million watched live on BBC1 as United beat Wrexham 1-0 in the first round at Edgar Street last month. Keeper Matt Baker had the game of his life; Paul Parry and Gavin Williams flashed their pace and skill throughout and at the back John Snape and Ian Wright stood firm against the marauding Welsh.

For a club struggling to keep its head above water today's match is a passport to riches. Around 50 league places separate the two sides, but they have surmounted similar barriers before. They draw great inspiration from their history: sprinkle a bit of Cup magic and you never know...

Hereford's Edgar Street





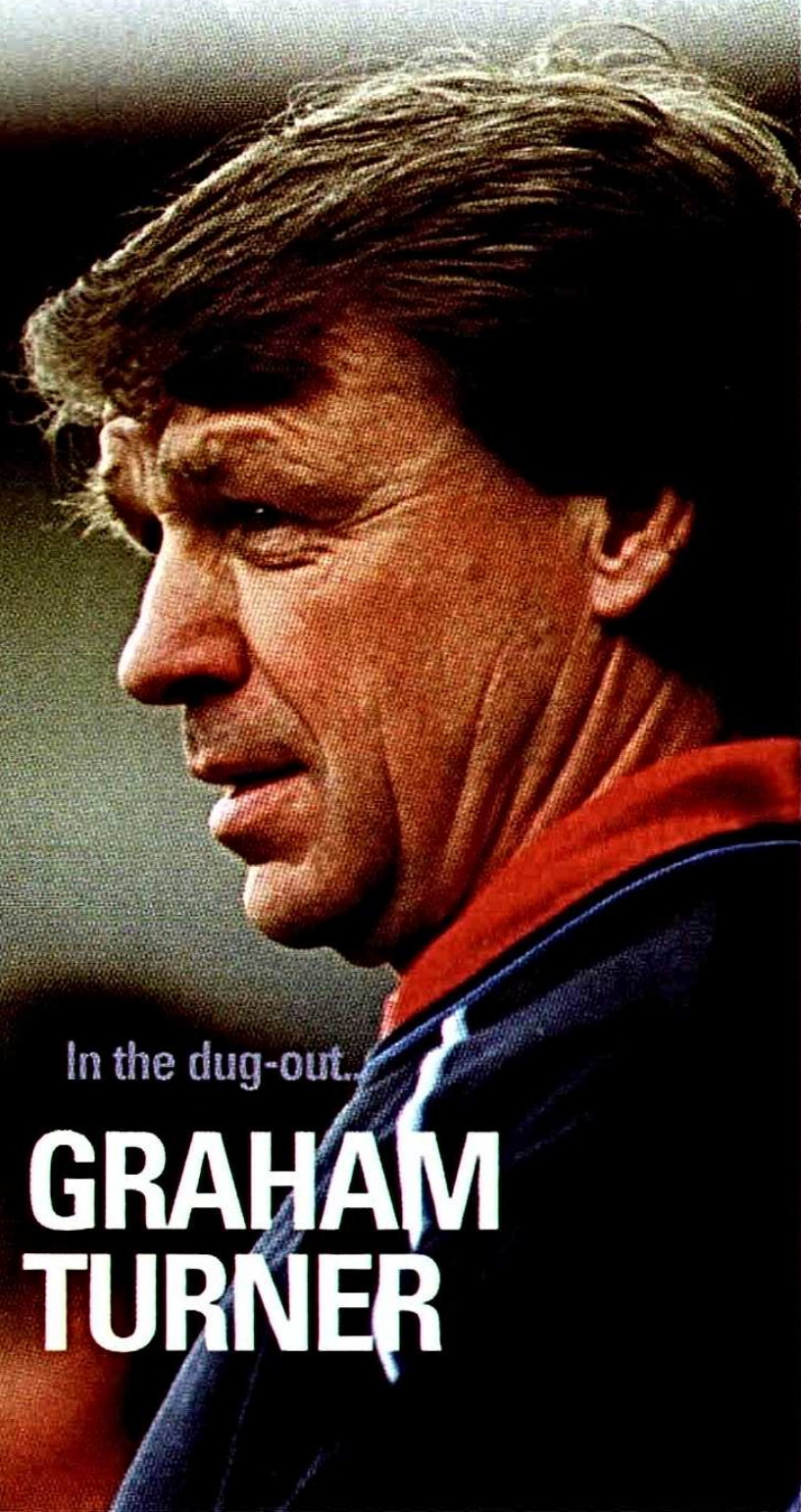
Graham began his playing days with Wrexham before moving to Chester. He then embarked on a distinguished career with Shrewsbury Town, starting off as a player and then progressing to Management.

He led the Shrews into the Old Second Division in 1978 - a position they held until 1989 when Turner moved across the Midlands to take up the position as manager of Aston Villa, before moving across the Midlands again to the Black Country with Wolves in 1986.

During his stay at Molineux he restored their fortunes and brought cult hero, Steve Bull to the club. After guiding the club to the sixth round of the FA Cup in 1994, the fairy tale came to an end with his shock resignation. After leaving Wolves he was linked to a number of clubs before joining Hereford in the early stages of the 1995/96 season in which he steered the club to it's best position for many years, losing to Darlington in the Third Division play-offs. After Hereford were relegated from the football league, Turner became the club's principal shareholder and is now working hard as chairman and manager.

In the dug-out.

GRAHAM TURNER





One to watch...

GAVIN WILLIAMS

Gavin served a two-year YTS apprenticeship before being offered a professional contract on August 1, 1998. Described as 'versatile' and a 'skilful player', Gavin has progressed well into Turner's side and he should be an excellent prospect for the future. However, he has already established himself with four goals this season and when Gavin has scored, the Bulls have not lost: Barnet (2-1), Margate (2-2), Farnborough (4-2) and Scarborough (6-0). Williams has already become a crowd favourite at Edgar Street.

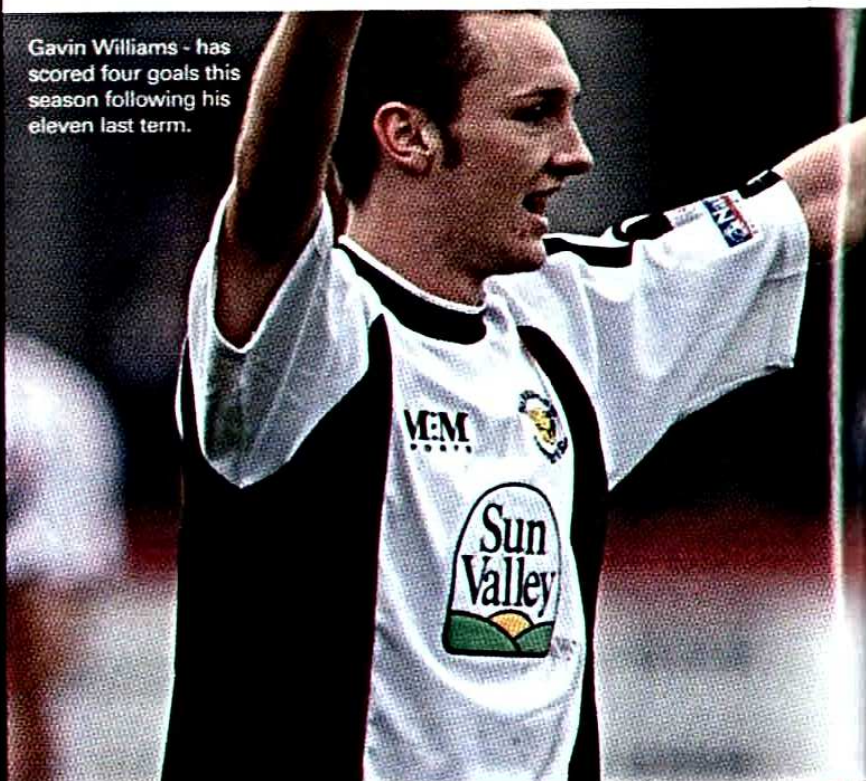
Young gun...

JAMES QUIGGIN

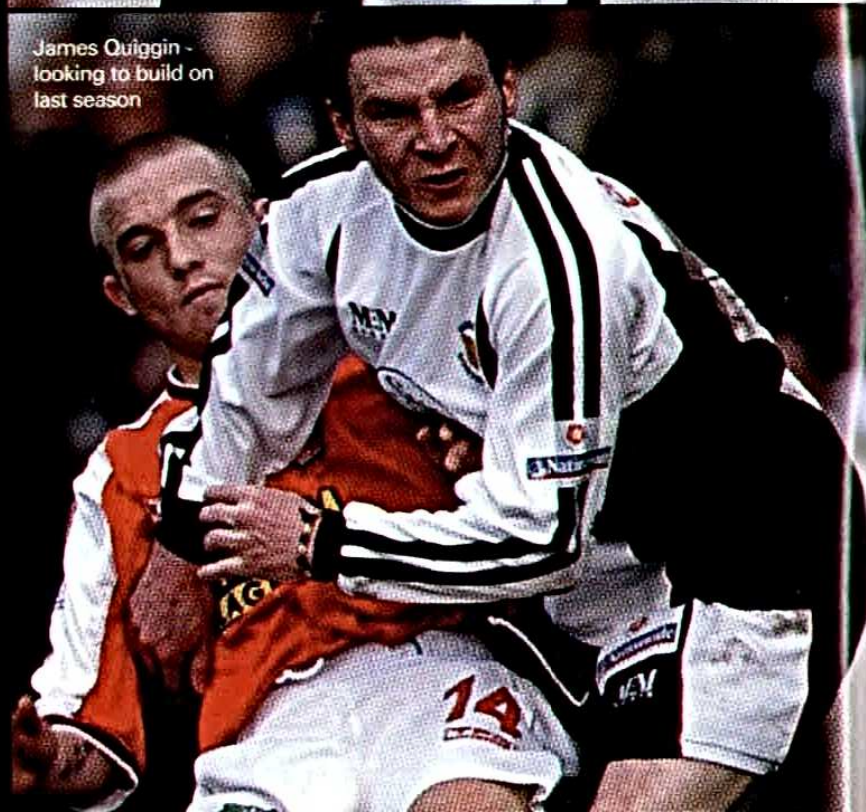
A 20-year old student, James was studying Sports Science at Coventry University. Before joining the Bulls, he was playing for Boldmere St. Michaels where he scored 13 goals in the opening 11 fixtures. He was spotted playing in a reserve fixture at Nuneaton Borough and he was subsequently offered a part-time contract and he has since worked his way into the first team squad. A native of Sutton Coldfield, James is looking to improve on last season.



Gavin Williams - has scored four goals this season following his eleven last term.



James Quiggin - looking to build on last season





Matthew Baker

Matt joined the Bulls on a free transfer from Hull City during the summer of 2000. He had joined City straight from school and had made just a handful of appearances before signing for Turner's side. Made his debut last season and has since become the club's first choice 'keeper following his hard work.

Tony James

Born near Cardiff, Tony started his career at West Bromwich Albion. After completing his one year YTS, he was offered a one-year contract that was not renewed and he subsequently joined Hereford. A versatile defender with bags of pace, Tony is a centre back that is also capable of playing on either flank.

Mark Williams

Mark began his career at Everton before moving on to Tranmere Rovers. The Liverpoolian spent just one year at Prenton Park before moving to Rotherham and Rochdale (on loan). Mark signed for the Bulls in the summer of 2001 and he has scored one goal in 13 appearances.

Robin Elmes

A local school teacher from Droitwich, Robin has played for several non-league sides in the West Midlands area. He formed a good attacking partnership with Steve Pearce at Halesowen and they were both invited to join Hereford in July 1999. An energetic competitor, Robin was a regular goalscorer last season.

Matthew Clarke

Matt joined Wolverhampton Wanderers as a YTS upon leaving school and he soon became a regular in their youth side. His form caught the attention of Graham Turner and Ron Jukes and he joined Hereford following spells at Halesowen and Kidderminster. A pacy fullback that can play on either side.

Ian Rodgerson

Ian joined Hereford in the summer of 1997 from local rivals, Cardiff City, in what is his second spell with the Bulls. Following his first spell Ian joined Birmingham City and Sunderland before joining his hometown club. Had a very successful season last year and is now helping out with the coaching side of things too.

John Snape

Having served his apprenticeship at West Brom, Snape was released from the Hawthorns and he went on to play for several non-league clubs before signing for Halesowen. John is a hard-working midfielder and is highly thought of in the West Midlands non-league circles. Won 'Player of the Year' two seasons ago.

Steve Pearce

Steve joined Wolves from school and he was a prolific goalscorer at youth level. Upon his release by Wolves he joined Doncaster Rovers, however, his progress with Rovers was hampered by injury and he was released again. He joined Halesowen where he became top scorer, thus attracting Turner's attention at Hereford.

Scott Godwin

Scott joined Coventry straight from school and completed his YTS training at Highfield Road before joining Ilkeston Town and Hednesford (where he has spent the last two seasons). It was from here that Hereford signed him in the close season on a free transfer. He is a busy left sided player who is a native of Hull.

Ian Wright

Central defender who joined the club from Hull City at the beginning of the 1998/99 season (where he had been 'Player of the Year in 1996/97). Born in Lichfield, Ian joined Stoke before signing for Bristol Rovers and Hull. A reliable defender, Ian is club captain and it was his goal that secured Hereford's place in Round Two.

Paul Parry

Paul signed professional forms after completing his two-year YTS and he has made good progress, making his first team debut two years ago. A good prospect for the future, Paul is looking forward to what could be a successful season after suffering from a frustrating injury last time around.

Scott Voice

Scott joined Hereford from Bilston Town (Dr. Martens League) where he was leading goalscorer. Another player to have made his way around the West Midlands at non-league level, Scott was given a trial by Chesterfield before joining Bilston. Scott scored 100 goals in three seasons before signing for the Bulls.

RISING STAR



MARK FENWICK

Born 18/09/1983, South Shields

School I started at Hollywell First before going to Whysig Middle, Astley High and then Swindon New College

What made you want to become a pro?

I just enjoy the game

Brief footballing background?

I started with Cramlington Juniors under 10's -16's, whilst also playing for Newcastle United under 10's -14's. I signed for Swindon at under 15 level

Club supported as a boy?

Arsenal

What brought you to STFC?

I was given a trial when Town were playing in the Milk Cup

Best and worst moments in football?

I can't really think of a worst moment, but my best was winning 'Player of the Year' at Cramlington three times

Ultimate hopes for the future?

To play at the highest possible level I can

Any advice for younger players?

Work hard, always listen and be willing to learn

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Phil Cannon may well have left, but the players he left behind before moving to Everton are still doing him proud as they sailed into the next round of the FA Cup last week.

On the back of a magnificent 3-1 win against Plymouth in the league (Mark Fenwick, Ian Herring and Adam Collier grabbing the goals), Town travelled to Yeovil in the third round of the FA Youth Cup. In a closely fought game, Town's impressive young side came out on top thanks to a first half goal from Mark Fenwick, and a second half penalty from Graham 'Wally' Walton. The draw for the Fourth Round was made last Thursday and details will appear in the next programme. Meanwhile, Town's under 17's continued their unbeaten run with a 5-0 drubbing over Cirencester (Draycott 2, Bampton, Stanbra and Taylor getting the goals) and a 3-3 draw with Swansea; Stroud, Taylor and Salter getting the goals.



Yeovil 0
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Wednesday 27th November

Swindon line-up:

Farr, Taylor, Reed, Collins, Smith, Herring, Andersen, Fenwick, Walton, Hughes, Collier. Subs: Bampton, Crosby

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	A	3-3
Sat Oct 20	Cardiff City	H	2-0
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
Thur Nov 8	Grantham (FACUP)	H	5-0
Sat Nov 10	Oxford United	H	1-2
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	3-0
Sat Nov 24	Plymouth Argyle	H	3-1
Wed Nov 27	Yeovil (FACUP)	A	2-0
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	
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Sat Aug 18	Oxford United	H	3-1
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Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City	A	4-1
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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
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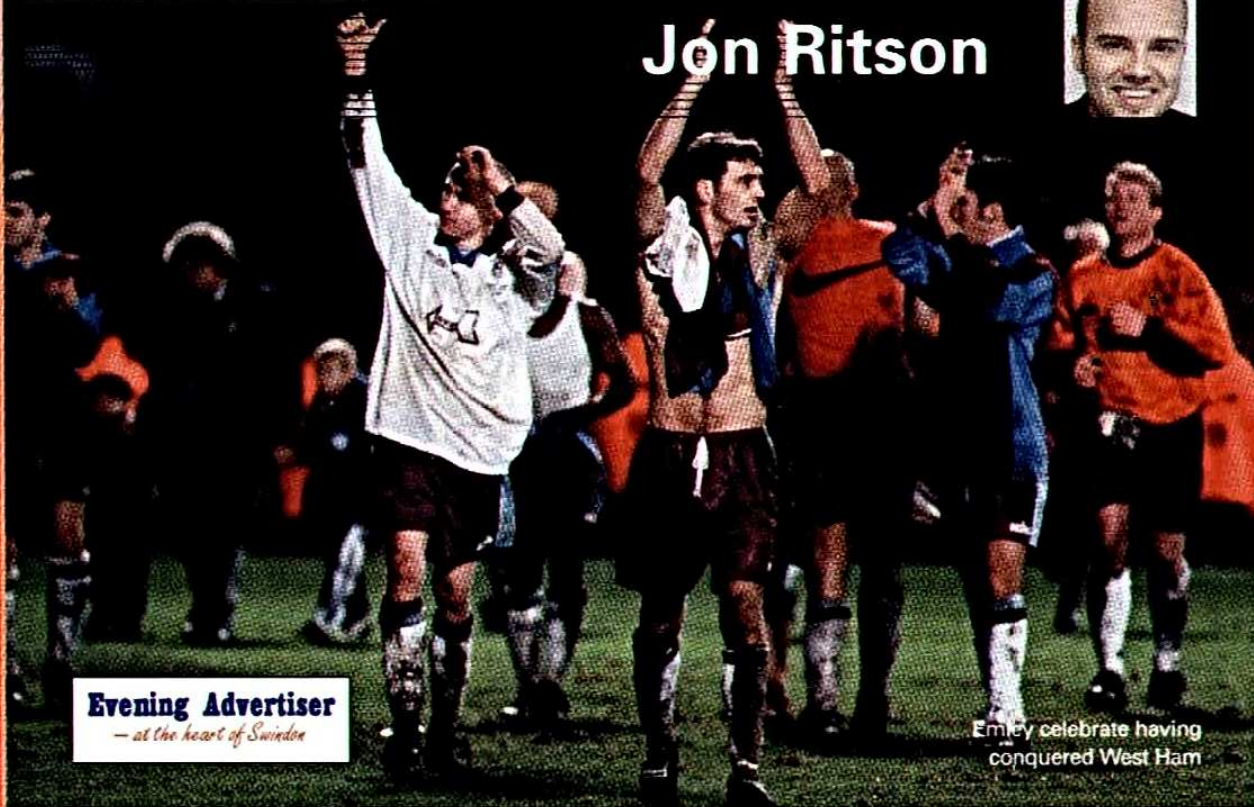
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Well ladies and gentlemen, if our First Round FA Cup tie was a potential banana skin, then today's tie is a whole plantation.

You realise of course that absolutely no-one wants us to win today (Town fans apart) as it would kill the romance of the competition for another year. The non-league teams have largely fallen by the wayside. That's disappointing as I always like to see those ties which pit Premiership giants against the non-league part-timers. Cue lots of articles about the 'mechanic' striker, the 'postman' striker and the 'vet' at full back. Hereford are proof that dreams sometimes do come true. However boring that clip of their 1972 win over Newcastle, it was one hell of an achievement. I remember a team from my neck of the woods, I think it was Emley, who gave West Ham a real scare a few years back. Then we had Stevenage and their epic (and disrespectful according to some sources) battle with Newcastle. A goal from Graz secured a replay for the Conference side before they bowed out of the cup in the replay.

Anyway, we have to be positive about today's game. You have to fancy your chances with a home tie against a non-league side. Let's give Hereford respect (but not too much) and then wait for the third round draw. A money-spinning tie against one of the Premiership high-fliers would be just the ticket. But as managers always say, the league is the bread and butter. Our form at present is infuriatingly inconsistent. A decent draw at home to Brighton was followed by a good win over Wrexham. But we never looked like causing a strong Wigan side too many problems and came away on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline. We have a glut of home games coming up and we need to take advantage of them - starting today of course.

As you can appreciate, these notes were penned before yesterday's EGM so I can only assume that an interim board is now in place. Let's hope this is the start of some stability. Anyway, get behind the lads this afternoon. The word is that Hereford fans will be travelling in force to Wiltshire, so make some noise. Let's not become the cup upset that gets splashed all over the place. Remember, if you can't get to a Town game, then follow all the action on the Evening Advertiser's live feed at www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk See you all back here for the Huddersfield Town game next Saturday. Who is their manager again?



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FROM THE AIRWAVES

It's funny how your mind plays tricks on you. I just knew it was going to happen. Swindon came out of the hat and I just knew the banana skin was going to follow.

But of course, there's no way Swindon Town should be beaten at home by Hereford United, is there? Truthfully, this tie is enough to make the most hardened fan very nervous. Remember that bloke called Grazioli who put paid to our interest in the competition when Stevenage came to the County Ground in January 1998? Last year, there was the exploits of Wycombe Wanderers who were written off in every round until they faced Liverpool in the semi-finals.

Well at least it was Wrexham who 'got the medicine' this time around. After years of dishing out FA Cup humiliation to so many big teams, it was fun to see them be on the receiving end for a change. How it ended one-nil is a mystery - but Wrexham missed so many good chances and Hereford goalkeeper Matt Baker was truly outstanding. However, can the Edgar Street giant-killers do it again?

Swindon's defence will certainly need to watch the set pieces. The corner kick which resulted in Ian Wright's goal was simple, but effective. A right-footed in-swinging left the attackers pushing hard into the six-yard area, taking all defenders with them. How no-one noticed Gavin Williams on the edge of the box is a mystery to me, but his attempted lob over the keeper was deadly - very cheeky and very accurate. It deserved a goal and ended up in the net after Wright tapped in the rebound off the crossbar.

The travelling band of fans will know whether or not it was a one-off free kick and I'm sure they have other ideas up their sleeve. What I do know for certain is that they will have prepared for this by watching every ball kicked by Swindon in the four games leading up to this match.

Player-coach Phil Robinson apparently studied psychology at Salford University and was reported as saying that it plays a big part in the modern football game. He will, I'm sure, have them wound up for today's cup tie - but, barring complacency, I believe Swindon should be too strong for our visitors.

And as for mind games? I'm sure that 'Razor' will apply a little psychology of his own.

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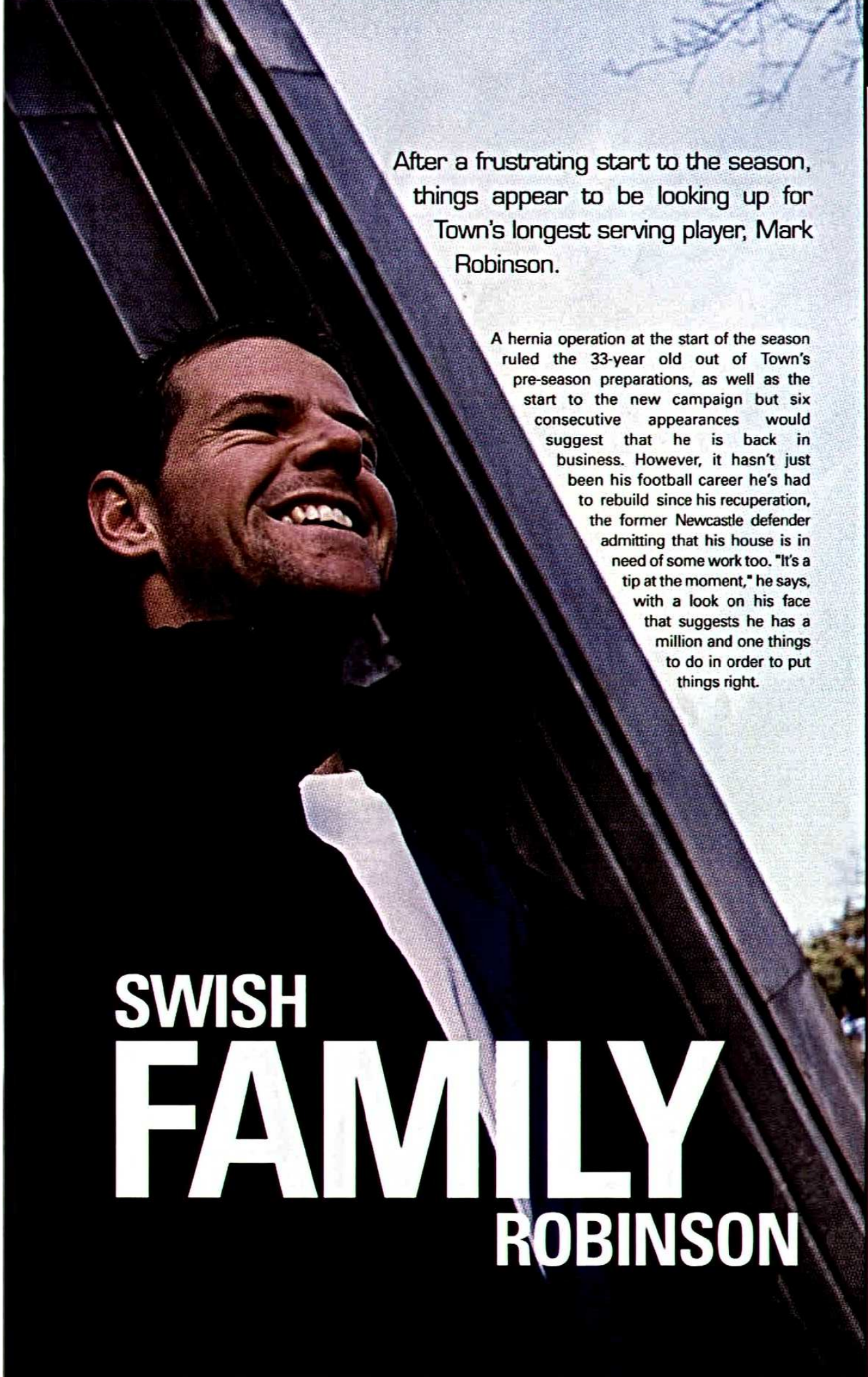
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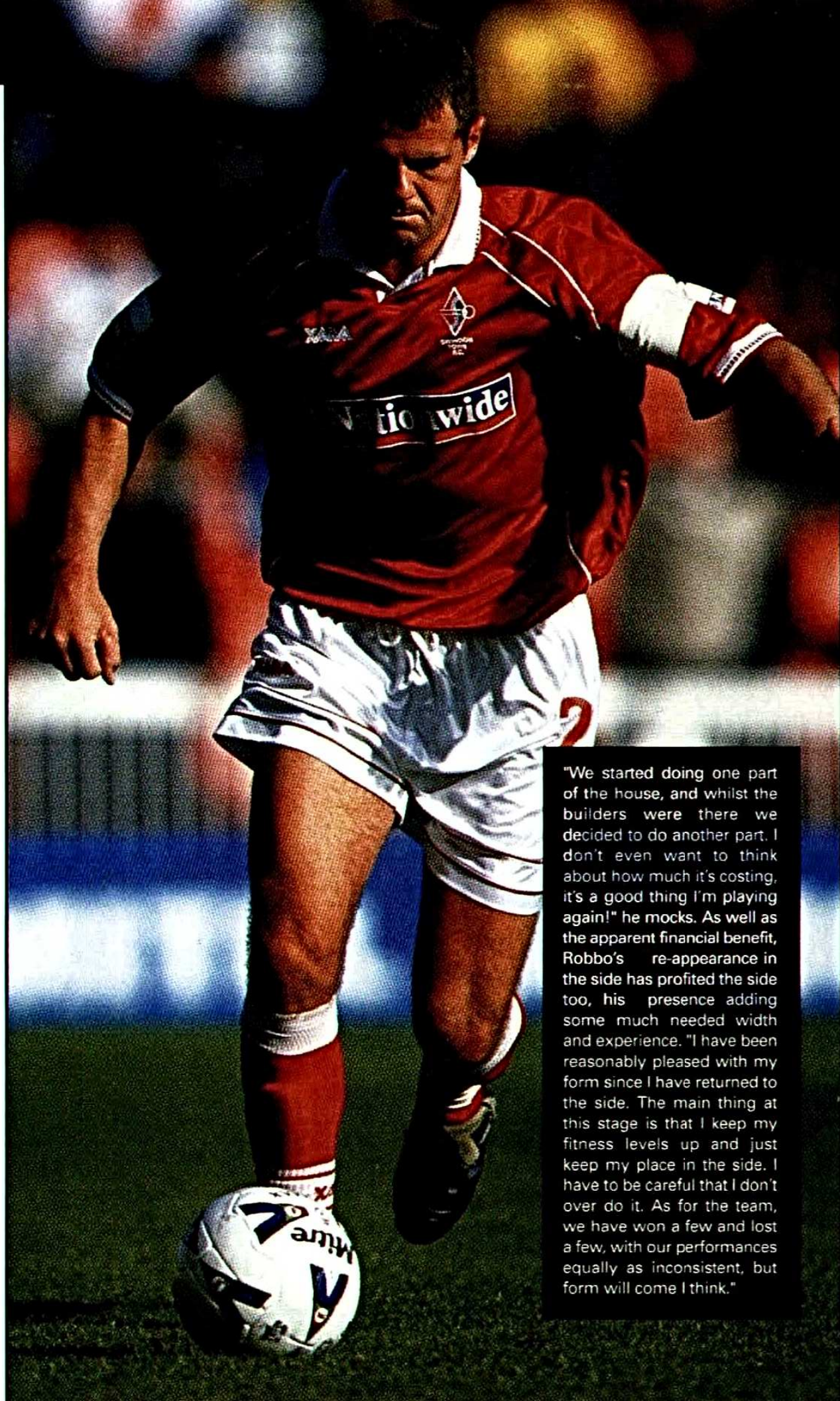


After a frustrating start to the season, things appear to be looking up for Town's longest serving player, Mark Robinson.

A hernia operation at the start of the season ruled the 33-year old out of Town's pre-season preparations, as well as the start to the new campaign but six consecutive appearances would suggest that he is back in business. However, it hasn't just been his football career he's had to rebuild since his recuperation, the former Newcastle defender admitting that his house is in need of some work too. "It's a tip at the moment," he says, with a look on his face that suggests he has a million and one things to do in order to put things right.

SWISH FAMILY

ROBINSON



"We started doing one part of the house, and whilst the builders were there we decided to do another part. I don't even want to think about how much it's costing, it's a good thing I'm playing again!" he mocks. As well as the apparent financial benefit, Robbo's re-appearance in the side has profited the side too, his presence adding some much needed width and experience. "I have been reasonably pleased with my form since I have returned to the side. The main thing at this stage is that I keep my fitness levels up and just keep my place in the side. I have to be careful that I don't over do it. As for the team, we have won a few and lost a few, with our performances equally as inconsistent, but form will come I think."



One gets the feeling that 'Robbo', who celebrated his birthday just two weeks ago, is happy enough just to be in the side – such was Town's form at the time of his return. "It was a long time out of action and to be honest, I was starting to get worried. You do start to wonder, having missed so much of the action, with weeks turning into months, whether or not you are going to be needed; just as I was starting to return to fitness, the lads had just beaten Reading and were in the top half of the league. Thankfully it's gone right for me recently and I'm happy at the moment."

Having spent so much time in the treatment room, 'Robbo' almost missed out on Roy Evans' and Neil Ruddock's arrival, so what does he make of the former Liverpool duo? "One thing I noticed was that they had the immediate respect of the lads. Roy has brought some professionalism to the club and I'm sure that is evident by what is happening on the field of play. It hasn't been easy for him, what with everything going on in the background and he hasn't been able to bring in any new players or loan signings, but so far so good in my opinion. He has had to work with a very small squad, with many injuries and suspensions and has managed to put out a competitive side every week, although I don't think we've had the same side out twice have we?"

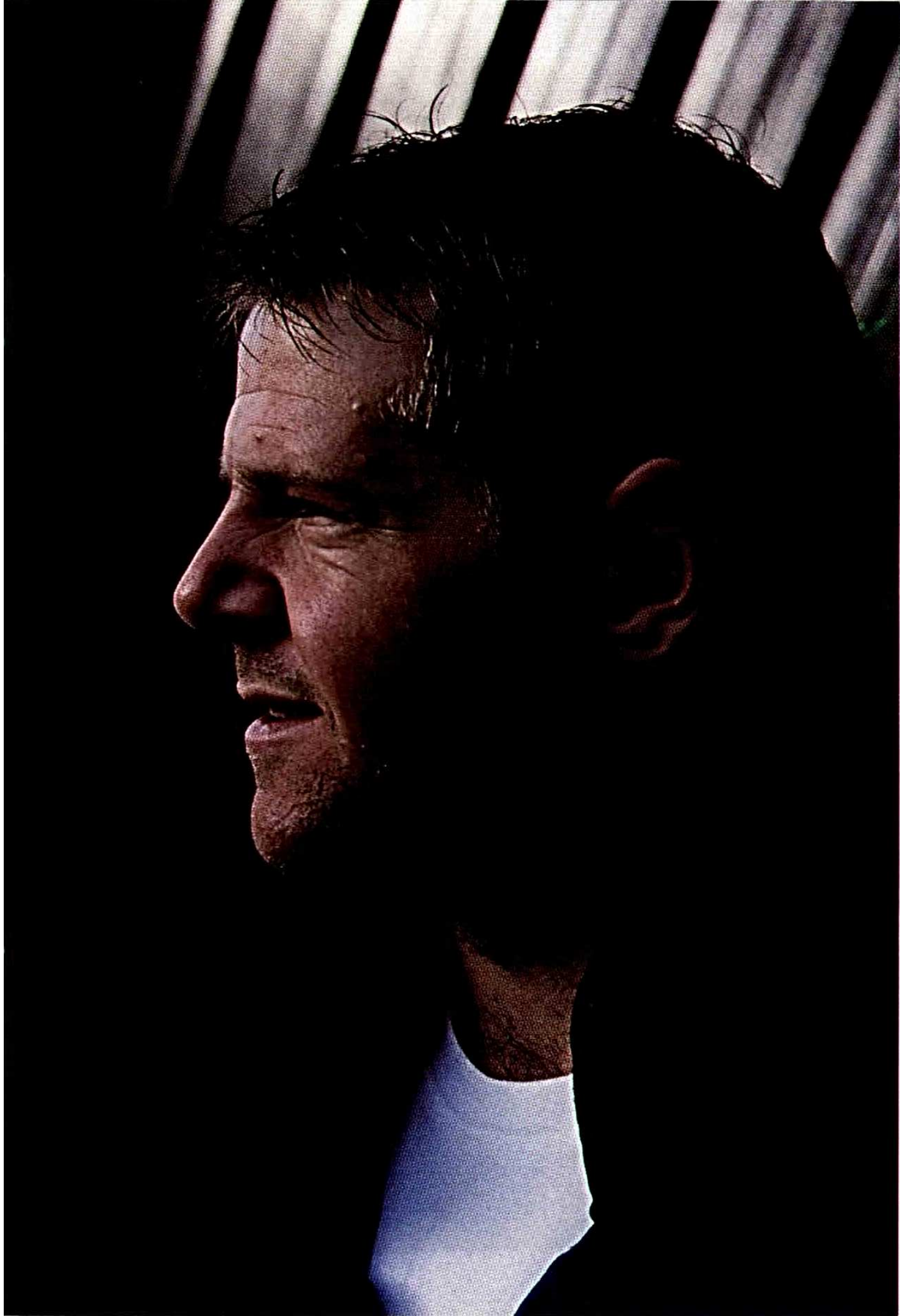
His brief mention of Town's off-the-field problems inevitably brings us to the consortium and its recent efforts to take control of the club (these notes penned before yesterday's EGM). He has pretty much seen it all before at Swindon and this latest power struggle is just one in a long line at the County Ground. Even so, he seems pretty confident about the future. "I've been here long enough to know that something really serious has got to be done, but the people that make up the consortium definitely seem to have the interests of the club at heart. I know one or two of them personally and I honestly believe that they are capable of doing a good job. "I think it would be pretty fair to say that everyone at the club is getting pretty cheesed off with it all and what we need is some stability – the damaging effects rub off on everyone. From the supporters, players and down to the Groundsman, I also think that over the years, the situation has had a damaging effect on performances, not necessarily in the last few weeks, but definitely in the past."



Something 'Robbo' would also like to leave behind in the past is Town's infamous cup defeat at the hands of Stevenage Borough. Town, looking for a lucrative Fourth Round tie, faced Grazioli and his lowly Stevenage side and the rest, as they say, is history, but can history repeat itself? "I hope not! That was Third Round day as well and the whole world was watching. We have to make sure that we don't let anyone have a pop at us again." So to Hereford then, their victory over Wrexham in the last round was televised for all to see and they are a club that enjoys a fantastic cup pedigree. "To be fair, I don't really know much about them, but it's not about what we know, it's about how professional we are on the day." Looking at Hereford's players and their backgrounds, it seemed strange that so many of them started life on West Bromwich Albion's youth system – something that 'Robbo' can relate to having started his career at the Hawthorns too. "I watched a programme the other night about five lads trying to make a living in the game. Four of them were finding it fairly hard, the other was Alan Smith and it just goes to show how difficult it can be. There is a lot of luck involved and thankfully, it has worked out for me, but Hereford will be looking to show that they can compete at a professional level."

From West Brom, 'Robbo' moved on to Barnsley before trying his luck at Newcastle United. It was from here, for a record fee of £600,000, that he joined Swindon. "It was quite a lot of money back then, not much in recent times. I suppose there was a bit of pressure to perform when I joined, but with age you learn to deal with it and to be honest, I haven't thought about it for years. I'm now getting towards the latter stages of my career so I'm too busy worrying about keeping my place!"

If 'Robbo' were to hang up his boots, he would be sorely missed. A model professional and long standing member of the club, there are few examples of the exemplary way he has approached the game. Still, he seems as keen as ever to try and progress as far as he can in the FA Cup and maybe, just maybe this is the year for a good run. One thing's for sure, the further we progress, the less time he has to work on his house. Oh well, that bathroom can wait...



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Swindon
S Robinson

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A dubious second half free-kick gifted Wigan the winning goal against a resilient Swindon side. Roy's game plan of restricting the home side and attacking on the break nearly paid off were it not for a harsh decision on Adam Willis (deputising for 'Razor'), resulting in a well taken Paul Cook goal.

However, it was Town who had the best of the opening exchanges. Matt Hewlett had a good opportunity early on before some neat passing interchanges involving Carlisle, Steve Robinson and Invincible looked likely to unlock the home side's defence. Paul Dalglish then threatened Griemink's goal on twenty minutes, the midfielder's sharp turn on the edge of the area produced a powerful shot which cannoned off the crossbar. Moments later Town's 'keeper was forced to rush out to block an advancing Haworth. The Wigan frontman nearly opened the scoring three minutes later with a lob that looked goal bound until it dropped onto the top of Griemink's net. Swindon didn't look as though they were going to assert themselves on the home side and Sabin's speculative shot did little to trouble Stillie. Soon after however, with two minutes of the first half remaining, some neat football brought a Matt Heywood cross, David Duke failing to connect and his half-shot was cleared.

The 'Latics' started the second half brightly, with several chances inside the first ten minutes. Jeff Kenna came inside on the left-flank to fire goalwards, but his shot was well contained by Griemink before the Dutchman was forced into another save ten minutes later from Jackson's header. Swindon escaped again two minutes later, a Liddell ball flashed across the face of the goal and luckily Haworth could only blaze over from six-yards. Wigan's persistence in front of goal came off on 70 minutes. Adam Willis was adjudged to have fouled Liddell and, from 20-yards, Paul Cook curled the ball past Griemink. Wigan continued to increase their goal tally, a quickly taken free-kick by Brannan allowed Liddell through on goal, but the number seven wasted his chance by shooting wide.

Sound bites...

ADAM WILLIS

on the free kick...

"You've got to be careful these days or you'll get yourself into trouble, but it's a decision that has cost us a decent journey home. I thought I got the ball but you have to except it at the end of the day, no matter what you think."

DANNY INVINCIBLE

on losing at wigan...

"They're not a bad side and they've been in form aswell. We couldn't really get through them, we defended a lot and didn't really get at them as we should. But at the end of the day we have to get out and attack teams if we want the points."

ROY EVANS

on Town's 1-0 defeat...

"We were always under the cosh, we knew against Wigan it would be a difficult game we battled hard we kept them reasonably at bay. We had a few chances and we expected that, but to get such a poor decision against us it was hard for the lads."

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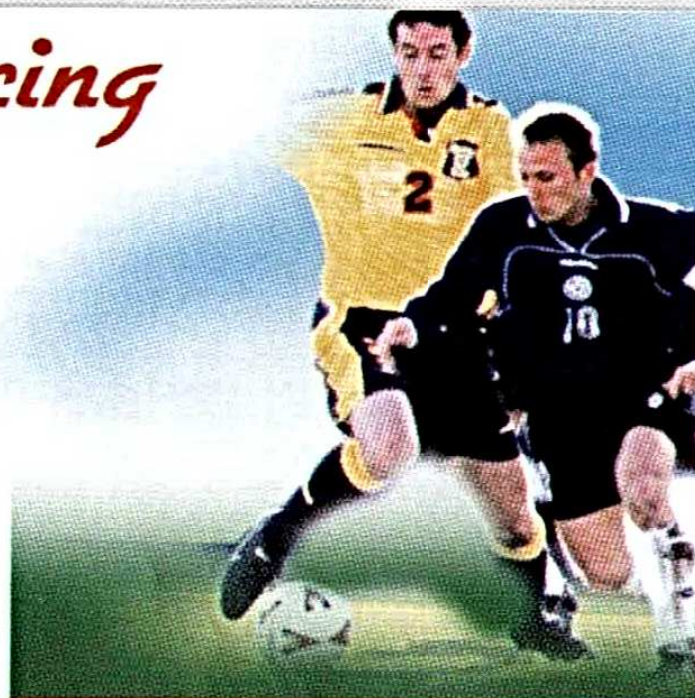
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So near, yet so far for Town in the season of 1979/80 as Dick Mattick explains.

A capacity crowd of 26,000 turned up for Town's League Cup semi-final first leg tie against Wolves and they saw Swindon pile on the pressure in the opening stages. In the 13th minute, Chris Kamara's inspirational run and subsequent cross was headed home by Andy Rowland. Town might even have increased their lead with two more efforts being cleared off the line before Peter Daniels headed Wolves's equaliser on 26 minutes. In the second half Town were lucky not to lose their lead when Hibbett struck a post on 58 minutes. However, with just four minutes remaining Alan Mayes, who had had a quiet game, seized on a pass and shot neatly past Bradshaw.

Sadly, the second leg at Molineux was to see the end of Swindon's Wembley dreams, yet it could have been so different. After half an hour, Billy Tucker's 'goal' was disallowed for handball when it dropped on to his arm following a push in the back on its way into the net. Swindon could have had few complaints about John Richards 53rd minute header but Mel Eves goal, six minutes later, was a misdirected cross that floated into the far corner. Under today's rules, Wolves keeper, Bradshaw, would almost certainly have been sent off for his foul on Alan Mayes. Ray McHale equalised with the resulting penalty in the 62nd minute, but Bradshaw survived to see Parkin kick another effort by McHale off the Wolves line. Four minutes later, Jimmy Allan got down to a shot but it bounced out of his control and, typical of Swindon's luck on the night, fell to Richards who scored the goal that took the Wanderers to Wembley.



Andy Rowland
against Spurs

The rest of Swindon's season was of a similar pattern; nearly, but not quite. A Ray McHale penalty was nearly enough to defeat Spurs in an FA Cup Fourth Round replay. It was still the only goal of the match after 82 minutes until the London side scored twice through Gerry Armstrong. In the League, Swindon's home form was excellent with 15 wins. However, away from home they lost 15 and conceded an alarming 43 goals which meant they finished a disappointing 10th with 46 points. Rowland and Mayes scored 20 and 19 League goals respectively and were, perhaps, the most effective striking partnership the Robins have ever had.

It was a very disappointing season for Hereford who finished in 21st position. The defence in front of the ever present Tommy Hughes in goal conceded just 52 goals, but their shy attack was the main reason for their lack of success. In the League Cup home and away defeats saw them go out 5-2 on aggregate to Exeter City, while in the FA Cup, a second home tie saw them go down by the odd goal in three against Aldershot.



JEANNE GETS LENIENT SENTENCE

Cardiff City youngster Leon Jeanne has been handed a two year suspended sentence from the Football Association of Wales after testing positive for a Class A drug at the club's training ground two months ago. The FAW found Jeanne guilty at a 90 minute disciplinary hearing, but decided on a suspended penalty providing the young forward complies with the three 'practicalities' of his sentence which runs into 2003. The rookie forward has been told to join Alcoholics Anonymous to treat his drink addiction, learn to read and write with the help of Cardiff City and find somewhere to live with a supportive family. Welsh Under-21 boss Jimmy Shoulder was delighted at the verdict "I just hope that this is a wake up call for Leon."

WATSON SAD TO LEAVE ROYALS

Reading's on-loan midfielder Kevin Watson has admitted his disappointment that his one month loan spell at the Madejski Stadium has come to an end. The former Tottenham and Swindon man played his last game in Royals' colours last week and said, "I'm a bit disappointed to be going back because I'm going to be in the same situation" the midfielder admitted. Watson, who captained Rotherham to two successive promotions in two seasons has failed to hold down a regular first team place at Millmoor this term. However, Reading are prohibited from signing Watson on another temporary transfer under league rules which forbid players from having more than one loan period at the same club in one season.

ANNOYING MASCOT GETS THE BOOT

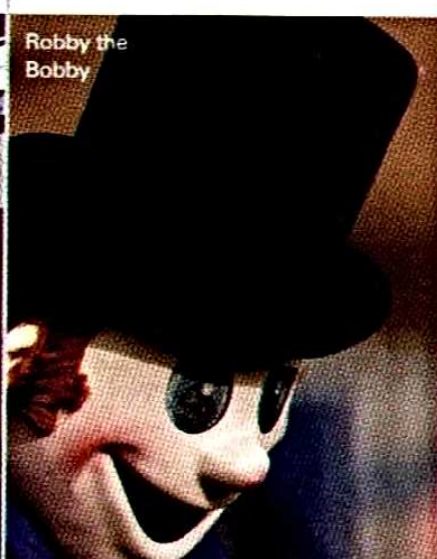
Bury's mascot, 'Robby the Bobby', has been given his P45 by the Gigg Lane outfit after the latest in a long line of incidents. Police spoke to the mascot for allegedly making obscene gestures during the FA Cup First Round replay with Lincoln. A Bury spokesman claimed the present incumbent has lifted the profile of 'Robby the Bobby', but the club "cannot condone any affront to public decency and certainly must distance themselves from anything that may bring the game into disrepute. Everyone at Bury Football Club has to abide by the FA rules, that includes mascots. Despite prior guidelines on what is humorous and acceptable, the guidelines have been ignored and the inevitable consequences have resulted".



Leon
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WIJNHARD ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Huddersfield striker Clyde Wijnhard played his first full 90 minutes in over a year after a car crash left him with a career threatening arm injury. The Dutchman turned out for the Terriers' second string against Wolves just over a week ago. "It felt excellent, exciting and great to be playing football again" beamed Wijnhard. "I have been desperate to play for 18 months and I am so happy to have come through my first full match. I feel I am now close to a full return to action in the first team". Manager Lou Macari is delighted to have the Dutchman back, "It was the first major step for Clyde, he has come through it with no problems, so we can now start to really monitor him in training and if all goes well, we could see him a lot sooner than expected."

BEES NEST WORTH £10MILLION

Brentford could earn around £10 million from the sale of Griffin Park if they are allowed to build flats and houses on the West London site. But the Bees' owners have promised that money will be used by the club on a new ground. The debt-ridden Second Division club is losing £20,000 a week and wants to sell the ground, which has been its home since 1904, and build a new stadium, possibly seven miles away in Feltham. Supporters have shown some disdain for the plan but the club has now asked the local authorities for planning permission for homes at Griffin Park. Managing director Gary Hargraves said: "We need to know the value of the ground and that is why we have drawn up these plans."

QUINN FLIES TO MAGPIES NEST

Notts County have snapped up James Quinn from West Brom on a month's loan. The Northern Ireland international celebrated his move to the Magpies by scoring on his debut in County's 3-2 defeat at Bristol City. The 26-year old has been frozen out by Baggies' boss Gary Megson after failing to make an impact on his first start for 11 months at Bamsley a month ago. Quinn hasn't even figured on the bench despite Jason Roberts' injury and Bob Taylor's suspension. "We were actually chasing James last season but West Brom were reluctant to let him go," admitted Notts Deputy Chairman Peter Storrie. "We've got him on loan for a month and if things work out, we will discuss a more permanent transfer."

Clyde Wijnhard



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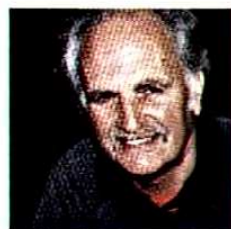
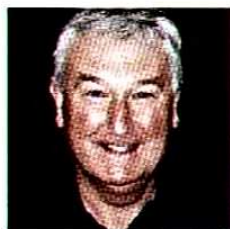
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TOWN STILL TOP

Town kept top spot in the South West Combination League when they travelled to the South-coast to beat Southampton by six goals to two.

The home side went ahead midway through the first half, but Laura Morgan put Town level just before half time. In the first three minutes of the re-start Angie Tinson scored twice to give Town a comfortable advantage before Laura Morgan got her second, and Angie Tinson went on to complete her hat trick. Southampton pulled one back from the penalty spot, but Holly Ashman took the Town's total to six with virtually the last kick of the game.

The Wiltshire County squad (that included no less than nine Town players) travelled to Cullompton to face Devon in the South West Counties Championship. The party arrived late due to motorway trouble and a miserable evening was completed when they were beaten by five goals to one. Town's Angie Tinson got Wiltshire's solitary goal.

Congratulations to Neil and Pam Ashman on the safe arrival of their baby daughter. Pam joined the Town when the club was formed in 1993 and played until last season. Neil is the sides' first team coach.

Tomorrow Town are without a fixture as they were due to face Bristol City, the West Country club are completing their FA Cup fixture instead. Town's Reserves however, are at home to Frome Town in the Wiltshire County League. The two sides met on the first day of the season and Town won by six goals to two. This game will be played at Aldbourne FC Ground and it kicks-off at 2.00pm.

South West Combination League 2001/2002

League Table Dec 5 2001

Team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Swindon T	11	9	2	0	47	13	+34	29
Portsmouth	11	9	1	1	36	7	+29	28
Bristol City	11	8	2	1	31	13	+18	26
Cardiff City	9	5	1	2	34	16	+18	16
Newton Abbot	10	4	1	5	24	28	-4	13
Reading Ladies	12	3	3	6	24	39	-15	12
Clevedon/SBW	11	2	5	4	16	16	0	11
Plymouth A	8	3	1	4	17	24	-7	10
Reading Royals	8	2	3	3	19	17	2	9
Yeovil Town	10	3	0	7	18	26	-8	9
Cheltenham T	11	3	0	8	21	38	-17	9
Southampton	11	1	1	9	10	47	-37	4



PLAYER PROFILE

Sam Quinn

Forward

Age 16

Occupation Student

Previous clubs None

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Wiltshire County Senior & under 18s

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Brazil also unveiled to the world a 4-2-4 formation which was geared to attack and utilise the players available to them. Vava and Pele in attack, Garrincha and Zagalo on the wings and Didi in midfield. Sweden's English manager, George Raynor, had predicted that conceding an early goal would see Brazil crumble, but Vava equalised six minutes after Liedholm's fourth minute opener, and he scored again before half time. Brazil's third goal saw Pele explode in the footballing world's consciousness. Ten minutes into the second half he trapped the ball on his thigh, flicked it over his head to evade the tight marking, turned and volleyed it into the net. Zagalo and Pele scored again for Brazil and Simonsson scored a second for Sweden.



THE PROGRAMME - Following on the example shown by the 1954 Finals in Switzerland, programmes were issued for every game played four years later in Sweden. These were small in size (slimmer and shorter than the conventional A5 issues of the time, but with plenty of pages, and had identical covers until the final match. The programmes prior to the Final had a four-colour design on a basically black background, but this was considerably abandoned - and lightened - for the Sweden v Brazil match. The 92 pages contained many features, photographs of stadia, statistics and copious advertising, and represented a substantial souvenir of a major occasion. The 1958 Finals, with all four British home countries competing, were widely covered in the UK and programmes were relatively plentiful in this country in the years that followed. They have become much rarer with time; the more plentiful games sell for around £15 each, while the programme for the final sells for no less than £50, and sometimes up to double that amount.



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A group of football players in orange shirts and light blue shorts are celebrating on a field. They are huddled together, with some players having their arms around each other's shoulders. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a stadium at night.

'CHALKIE' WHITE

WHO BETTER TO GIVE HIS QUALIFIED OPINION ON TODAY'S GAME THAN STEVE 'CHALKIE' WHITE HIMSELF, THE PROLIFIC HITMAN WHO ENJOYED SUCCESS WITH BOTH CLUBS AND IS STILL A LEGEND AT BOTH SWINDON AND HEREFORD TODAY.



Steve White, or 'Chalky' to his fans, was born in Chipping Sodbury and began playing football for Mangotsfield before setting off on an distinguished professional career for Bristol Rovers, where he enjoyed instant success, scoring 20 goals in 50 League appearances. From there he moved to Luton, Charlton, Lincoln and back to Luton again before returning to the West Country for his second spell with Rovers. The goals dried up, but Steve still had a reputation for scoring and Lou Macari signed him on a free transfer in 1986. It proved to be one of Town's best ever signings, as Steve went on to become one of the Club's most prolific goal scorers and was influential in much of the Robin's success during the eighties and early nineties. He remembers, "Where do I start? We had so much success here. I was lucky enough to play at Wembley twice, and also under three magnificent managers. All three had great strength; Macari transformed the club and took us through the divisions, whilst Ardiles brought the side together (on many occasions and mostly abroad) and we played some magnificent, cavalier football. Unfortunately, his second season was tainted by some poor form and Glenn (Hodde) did well to keep us up. The rest, as they say, is history and he took us to the top."

Before bringing his Swindon Town career to a close in 1994, he had 'chalked' up 111 goals in just over 250 appearances in the red and white, earning him a place in many Town fan's heart and was rewarded with a benefit match in August 1992.

However, Steve's goal scoring exploits did not end there. Between 1994 and 1996 he continued his 'goal every other game' ratio, scoring 52 times in just under 100 appearances for Hereford, who he had joined on a free transfer. During that time he again endeared himself to the home fans and helped the Club to its highest point.

"Hereford is a terrific small club and they have done really well to reach this stage of the competition this year," he says. "I remember one year, I scored the winning goal against Swindon. Sherpa Van Trophy I think? That was a great night and at one stage at Hereford, we were so close to Wembley in the play-offs. Nowadays, I think Graham Turner has done a magnificent job just to keep the club afloat - I have a lot of respect for him. As for the players, well Matt Clarke (goalkeeper) is very good, and Gavin Williams looks useful too." With such an abundance of experience it was with little surprise that Steve used his talents in a managerial capacity, working alongside another former Town hero, Paul Bodin at Bath City.

More importantly, with such experience - what is Steve's prediction for today's clash? "It would be foolish to hazard a guess! Seriously, both teams will want to progress into the next round and hope for a money-spinning tie, but my heart lies with Swindon so I hope they do well." Good lad! (Ed.)

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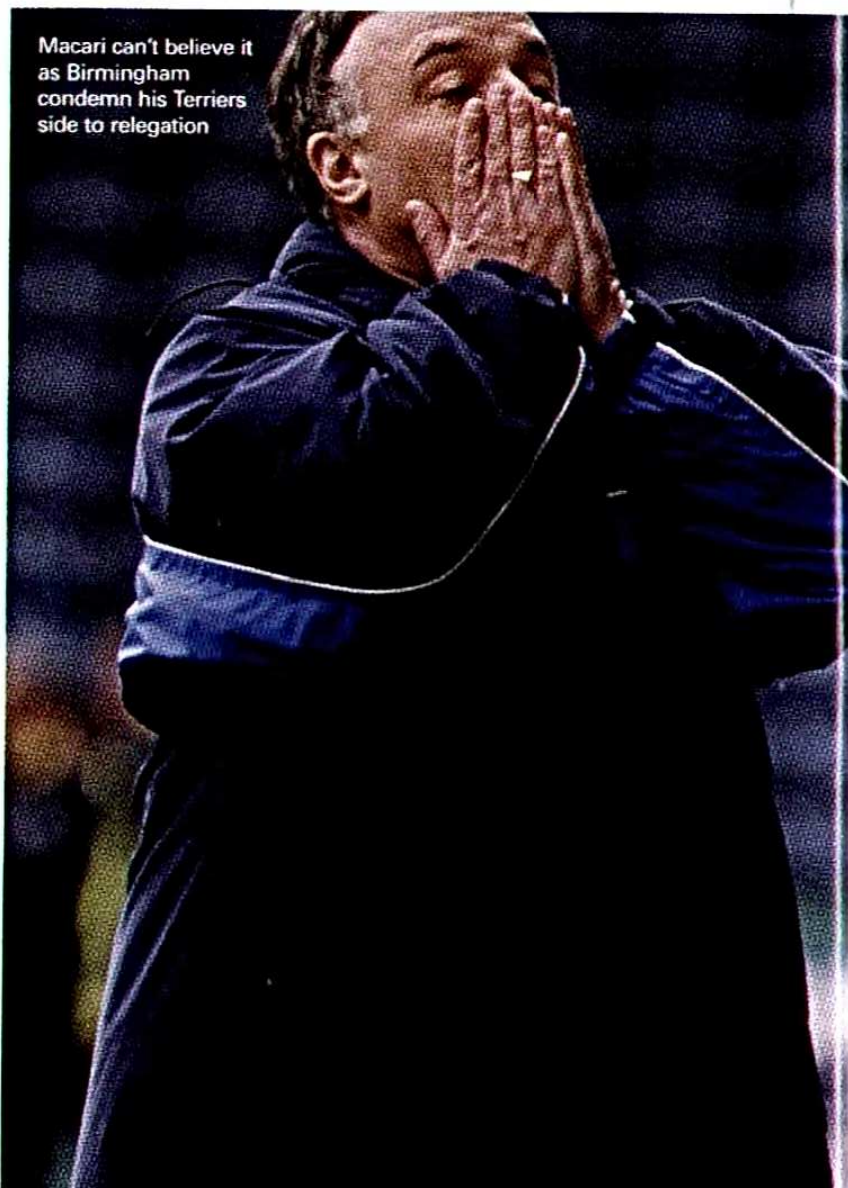
RETURN OF THE MAC

The visit of Huddersfield Town to the County Ground next Saturday not only sees the return of Lou Macari and Chris Hay to one of their former clubs, but also an in-form Terrier's side looking for an immediate return to Division One.

Their relegation to Division Two was compounded last season when, having lost to Birmingham, both Portsmouth and Crystal Palace achieved the unthinkable and won on the last day of the season.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Macari, a manager usually accustomed to success. Not only that, but for the supporters who, in years previous, had come so close to promotion (thanks largely to the form of Marcus Stewart) now had to contemplate life in Division Two. However, their season couldn't have started any better, the Terriers winning four of the first five games and heading towards the top of the league. But it has been their inconsistent form that, of late, has seen them take a back seat whilst Brighton and Brentford have shared top spot. This inconsistency is best highlighted by their most recent run of form, a sequence of games that has seen them draw four of their last seven games (the other three being won). Town will have to watch Andy Booth and Leon Knight, the club's top scorers with five and six respectively. Jamie Thorrington will also be one to watch.

Macari can't believe it as Birmingham condemn his Terriers side to relegation



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 (LAYER ROAD)
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 (COUNTY GROUND)
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Winners of subsequent draws are as follows:

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Not long 'til Christmas

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returned to the away travel office before the match against Brighton. If you need to return yours, either by post to us: C/O The County Ground, or hand them in to the Travel office as indicated above.

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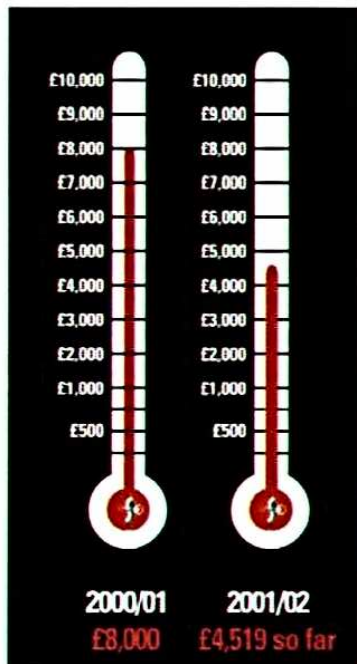
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Today's fan 'From the Terraces' is John Young of Carterton, who will only admit to being 40+ and watches from the Nationwide stand.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

My first home game (in 1969) was at home against Watford (0-1), a match that virtually decided the Championship in front of 28,000+ supporters.

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Don Rogers

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

Marlon Broomes

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Bobby Howe

MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

Against Arsenal. We beat them 4-3 after extra time in another League Cup match.

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

The stewards at last season's LDV game against Wycombe.

FAVOURITE TOWN STORY?

After losing at home to West Ham in the cup, I said that with their luck they would probably win it. They did! I also met an old mate at Shrewsbury when we won the Championship. See you soon Daryl.

FAVOURITE GOAL?

A recent favourite is Danny's last season against Peterborough.

MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST WIN?

Oxford away, brilliant.

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

Going up as champions.

THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

Hitchin overcame Weymouth in the FA Cup First Round to earn the right to entertain Town at Top Field. On December 11, Neil Bunker, who had scored for Hitchin against Weymouth equalised Will Dixon's opener, and a replay was arranged at the County Ground for the 14th. With Town leading through a Dave Syrett goal, fog descended to force an abandonment before further goals from Syrett and Bunker took the re-arranged tie into extra time. Two Town goals from David Moss were enough to ensure Town faced Fulham in round three.

Q1) Hitchin occupied fourth spot in the Isthmian League at the time, the league leaders are now in the Football League. Who are they?

Q2) On December 8, a Derby midfielder joined Everton for £200,000. Who was he?

Q3) In December 1976, a Hereford central defender moved on to Bury. He then joined Town for whom he scored an important League Cup goal against Arsenal. What was his name?

Q4) A Hereford midfielder joined Town in December 1977. He went on to make 193 league appearances for Swindon. His name?

Q5) Which Town striker, who scored the goals which clinched promotion to Division Two in the play-off final in 1987, went on to make 76 appearances for today's visitors?

1) Wycombe Wanderers 2) Bruce Riech 3) Billy Tucker, who scored for Town in the League Cup quarter final in 1976 4) Roy Carter 5) Steve White

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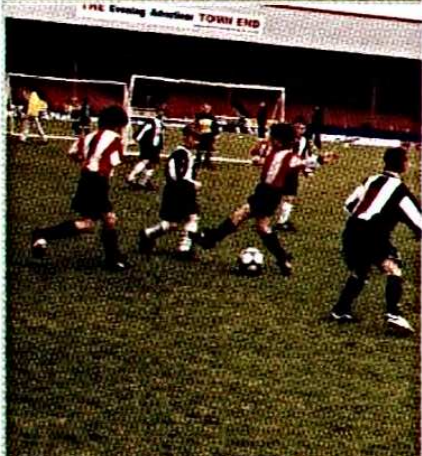
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SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon and a warm community welcome to the County Ground for this afternoon's FA Cup Second Round clash with Hereford United.



As you may or may not know, the final of our annual six-a-side competition was supposed to take place here on the County Ground pitch last Wednesday. The game, between **Liden** and **Wroughton**, was called off and it will now take place this Wednesday, December 13 and we will bring you more on the result next week.

Congratulations to both-sides who have fought off stiff opposition from the other 24 teams who entered. The winners represent Swindon Town in the regional finals at Bristol on the January 30 2002.

This years girls tournament for the under 13's was held at Greendown, with two schools entering, **Dorcan** and **Wootton Bassett**. Both topped their respective groups and will subsequently take centre stage here on the hallowed turf in January (date to be arranged).

Next week we have one of our biggest Saturday Team Clubs of the season, with more than 100 youngsters attending. They will all be treated to a ground tour (to get a closer look at what goes on behind the scenes at the club on match day), a ninety-minutes coaching session in the morning, lunch, whilst they will also receive a complimentary matchday magazine and 'goody', as well as a ticket for the game in the Arkells Stand.

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WORD SEARCH - JESSICA BROWN HEADLANDS SCHOOL

Can you find the following words? Football, Goal, Swindon Town, Striker, Offside, Danny, Win, Razor & Field.

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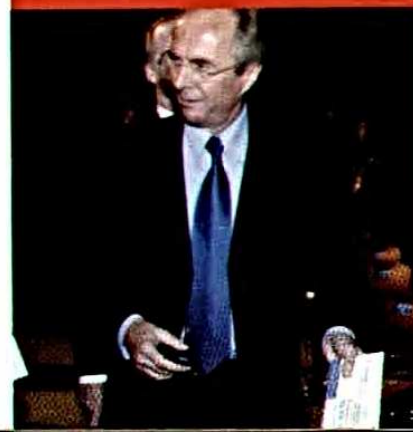
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WITH SVEN GÖRAN ERIKSSON

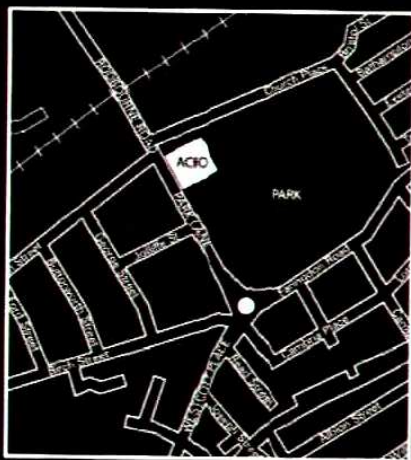
Following the 2002 FIFA World Cup Draw on December 1, England now find themselves facing Argentina, Sweden and Nigeria in the first round of the finals.

Nationwide, the England Team sponsor, brings Sven Göran Eriksson's first live web chat since taking over as England Team manager. Hear Sven's view on the draw and his team's chances of World Cup success at www.nationwide.co.uk/football. You can also test your football knowledge by playing the World Cup Draw Challenge for the chance to win a signed England shirt.

To ask Sven his opinion on England's opposition and their chances in the World Cup competition then register your question to him at www.nationwide.co.uk/football from Monday December 3. Registering will give you the chance to become part of this 'FAN-tastic' event as your question may be one of the lucky ones to be posed to Sven, alternatively you can just watch the action unfold.



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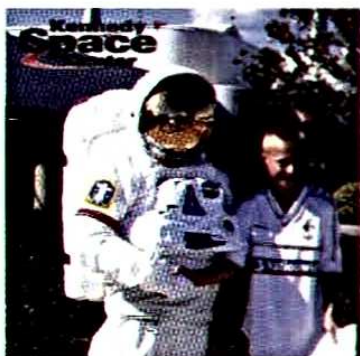
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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I know that these normally happen on Blue Peter at this time of year, but this is an appeal of our own! With the large number of games in and around the festive period, we are looking for even more pictures, stories and anything else that you can send in. If you have anything that may be of interest to us 'Townies'; birthdays, stories or anything else you would like to see, then send them in to us. The address to send them to is Dunwoody Sports, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7BB or alternatively you can email me, nick.ju@d-mc.co.uk.

REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



STFC AIMING HIGH

Whilst many Swindon fans would be fairly content with promotion to Division One, young fan Daniel Keylock was literally heading for the stars when he visited the Kennedy Space Centre on holiday. Daniel, pictured here showing off his Town kit, visited the Florida (Cape Canaveral) attraction this summer.



LUCKY SUPERSTITIONS

As well as your contributions for Christmas, we would also like to hear about your superstitions, before, during and after match days. Rob O'Carroll, STFC's Marketing Executive, says "Peter (Rowe) doesn't always get to watch a whole game, but I have noticed then when he does - we never seem to score. Three times he went away against Wrexham and we scored every time!" Do you have any?

3 WEEKS TIL CHRISTMAS

With just five to go until Christmas, Swindon Town Football Club have announced the date for their Carol Service. The service, set to take place on Wednesday, December 19 at 6.30pm is to be held at the Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Old Town. All are welcome and there will be a reception at the County Ground. For more details, contact the club chaplain on 01793 529166.



Quick Quiz answers:
What year? 1995/96, Craig Mackell
Guess who? Danny Invericible
What team? Bristol City

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 can't lose with this name?
2. He's Australian
3. You could argue he used to be a stallion back home...
4. He scored several goals last year, one of which (and arguably the best) came against Peterborough
5. You'll have a job to catch him!

WHAT CLUB?

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

1. Not all that popular in these parts
2. Alan Reeves received a red card the last time we visited their home ground
3. Fifth in the table isn't bad...
4. Old names include Andy Cole and Shaun Goater, whilst Shaun Taylor went the other way and is now reserve team manager
5. Their players to watch include Brian Tinnion and Tony Thorpe



Who does
he manage?



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

A very good afternoon to all our JR's, let's hope we have a good cup match!

We didn't have a great turn out at Wigan last Saturday which was very disappointing, but we did have an away Mascot in Rowan Gurney who travelled all the way up from Cardiff. He said, "It was the most exciting day I've ever had". If you would like to be our Mascot, please ring George on 01672 520679. We have also been disappointed by the small number of new members we've had join us. So if you are a member and you have a friend or two who have not yet joined, please ask them to come and join us. £3 is all it takes (and you can easily make that back on away tickets the next match being at Notts County, Friday December 22.) We would also like to remind you about the Mascot package (Juniors' get a 10% Discount). The Package includes (amongst other things) Suite Hospitality, Buffet, complimentary match-day programmes, Behind the scenes tour and a replica kit. Unfortunately we are unable to arrange a Christmas / New Years Disco for you as we had hoped, but we are hopeful for a Valentines Disco.

If you are interested in joining, then contact Swindon Town's Soccer Centre co-ordinator, Jimmy Fraser, on 01793 333724



service point

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 333724, 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.

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

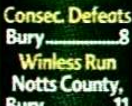
TIDWORTH (new)

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

check out the stats at
www.soccer-stats.com

Records

Highest Gate	17,953
Stoke v Brentford	
Lowest Gate	2,459
Bury v Wycombe	
Highest Agg Score	
Chesterfield 3 Colchester 6	
Biggest Home Win	
Peterborough 6 Bournemouth 0	
Biggest Away Win	
Northampton 0 Bristol City 3	
Chesterfield 3 Colchester 6	
Bury 0 Swindon 3	
Swindon 0 Cardiff 3	
Northampton 0 Huddersfield 3	
Swindon 0 Stoke 3	
Consec. Wins	
Brentford 7	
Games Unbeaten	
Wycombe 11	
Consec. Defeats	
Bury 8	
Winless Run	
Notts County, Bury 11	
Total Games	250
Home Wins	12048%
Away Wins	6626%
Draws	6426%
1-1 Draws	3112%
Draws	146%



Average Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					3,912
Blackpool					5,110
Brentford					6,643
Brighton					6,672
Bristol City					11,381
Bury					3,354
Cambridge					3,449
Cardiff					11,653
Chesterfield					4,123
Colchester					3,919
Huddersfield					9,830
Northampton					5,032
Notts County					5,516
Oldham					5,951
Peterborough					6,147
Port Vale					5,316
QPR					11,045
Reading					11,664
Stoke					13,350
Swindon					6,368
Tranmere					8,774
Wigan					5,869
Wrexham					3,931
Wycombe					6,572

Goals - When Scored

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30
Bo	3	6	4	2	6	4
Bl	7	3	3	3	3	9
Bt	6	6	5	8	8	7
BHA	6	3	5	4	7	5
BC	2	5	9	7	5	4
Bu	4	2	3	2	3	7
CU	4	3	3	4	3	4
Ca	4	5	12	4	3	5
Ch	5	0	2	6	5	6
CU	7	10	6	2	1	7
HT	0	5	5	5	9	7
NT	4	0	3	3	5	5
NC	5	4	2	3	7	4
OA	4	5	9	0	8	9
PU	4	2	8	7	4	4
PV	1	2	3	9	5	5
QPR	4	4	3	5	8	5
Re	4	4	8	4	4	6
SC	2	3	3	8	5	8
ST	2	2	3	7	2	6
Tr	4	2	8	7	7	11
WA	3	5	3	7	10	2
Wx	2	1	4	7	6	7
WW	7	5	6	2	8	4

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent result on left	Away Form
LDWWL	Bournemouth	LWLDL
DWDWW	Blackpool	DLLDL
DWWWW	Brentford	LLDLW
DWWWL	Brighton	WDWDW
WWLWL	Bristol City	DLLWL
LDWWL	Bury	WLLDL
LDDWW	Cambridge	LLLLL
WWDWD	Cardiff	DLWWW
WWLDL	Chesterfield	WDLWL
LLDWW	Colchester	DDWLL
WDDWL	Huddersfield	DDWLL
LLLWD	Northampton	LLDLW
DLDDL	Notts County	LDDL
WDLWL	Oldham	LDDDL
LLWWW	Peterborough	DLLWL
DDWLD	Port Vale	DLWDL
DWLDL	QPR	DWLLL
LWWWL	Reading	WWWLW
DWWWW	Stoke	WLDWW
WDLWL	Swindon	LLLDW
WDLWW	Tranmere	WLWDL
WDWLL	Wigan	WWWDL
WLLDW	Wrexham	LWLLL
WWWDD	Wycombe	LDDWW

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	CS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts	Run
Brighton	Bobby Zamora	14	12	1	0	21	0.67	19 7
QPR	Andy Thomson	14	7	2	1	20	0.70	15 3
Wycombe	Andy Rammell	9	5	2	0	19	0.47	12 2
Brentford	Paul Evans	11	7	2	0	16	0.69	11 4
Wigan	Simon Haworth	9	5	2	0	17	0.53	8 3
Peterborough	Leon McKenzie	7	5	1	0	11	0.64	8 2
Cambridge	Dave Kitson	7	7	0	0	20	0.35	8 2
Bristol City	Tony Thorpe	9	6	0	1	21	0.43	8 1
Reading	Jamie Cureton	6	2	2	0	18	0.33	7 2
Tranmere	Stuart Barlow	10	4	0	2	18	0.56	7 2
Colchester	Scott McGleish	10	6	2	0	21	0.48	6 2
Huddersfield	Andy Booth	6	3	0	1	18	0.33	6 2
Bournemouth	Wade Elliott	6	2	2	0	21	0.29	6 2
Bury	Jon Newby	3	3	0	0	21	0.14	5 2
Cardiff	Robert Earnshaw	7	7	0	0	16	0.44	5 2
Wrexham	Craig Faulkner	7	7	0	0	21	0.33	4 2
Swindon	Guiliano Grazioli	6	4	1	0	15	0.40	4 3
Chesterfield	Luke Beckett	6	4	1	0	21	0.29	4 2
Stoke	Chris Iwelumo	5	3	1	0	14	0.36	4 3
Notts County	Danny Allsopp	7	3	2	0	20	0.35	3 1
Port Vale	Stephen McPhee	5	3	1	0	19	0.26	3 1
Blackpool	Danny Coid	3	3	0	0	16	0.19	3 1
Oldham	Carlo Corazzini	5	5	0	0	14	0.36	2 3
Northampton	Jamie Forrester	5	1	2	0	18	0.28	1 1

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bournemouth	3-0 Wrexham	0-6 Peterboro
Blackpool	4-2 Huddersfield	0-4 Brhtn, Tran
Brentford	5-1 Bury	3-5 Wycombe
Brighton	4-0 Blackpool	0-2 Northmptn
Bristol City	3-0 Nthmptn, Chfld	1-4 Peterboro
Bury	3-0 Cardiff	1-5 Brentford
Cambridge	3-1 Bury	1-6 Tranmere
Cardiff	3-0 Swindon	0-3 Bury
Chesterfield	4-0 Swindon	3-6 Colchester
Colchester	6-3 Chesterfield	1-4 Brentford
Huddersfield	5-1 Wrexham	2-4 Blackpool
Northampton	4-1 Tranmere	0-3 Bstl C, Hudd
Notts County	2-0 Northmptn	1-4 Oldham
Oldham	4-0 Bury	0-3 Brighton
Peterboro	6-0 Bournemouth	1-4 Port Vale
Port Vale	5-0 Cambridge	1-4 QPR
QPR	4-0 Swindon	1-4 Peterboro
Reading	4-1 Tranmere	1-3 Swindon
Stoke	3-0 Colch, Swind	1-6 Wigan
Swindon	3-0 Bury	0-4 Chfld, QPR
Tranmere	6-1 Cambridge	0-4 Brentford
Wigan	6-1 Stoke	1-3 Blackpool
Wrexham	2-0 Cambridge	0-5 Tranmere
Wycombe	5-2 Wrexham	0-2 Rdn, Oldm

Numbers

PU	CS	FS
25	5	9
25	4	5
25	7	3
21	9	3
24	6	5
27	3	8
29	1	8
30	5	2
23	6	7
20	2	5
20	5	4
24	3	9
26	6	6
28	5	4
24	5	6
28	4	8
28	6	6
25	9	5
24	11	3
24	7	9
26	6	3
30	5	3
25	3	4
24	6	4

Key: CS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Goals Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Goals Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. goals per game (Gls/Gm). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring run in consecutive games.

NUMBERS: PU=Players Used; CS=Clean Sheets; FS=Games Failed to Score

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Sunderland v Chelsea
Sunday 9 December, ITV Sport Select
Arsenal v Aston Villa
Sunday 9 December, Sky Sports 1

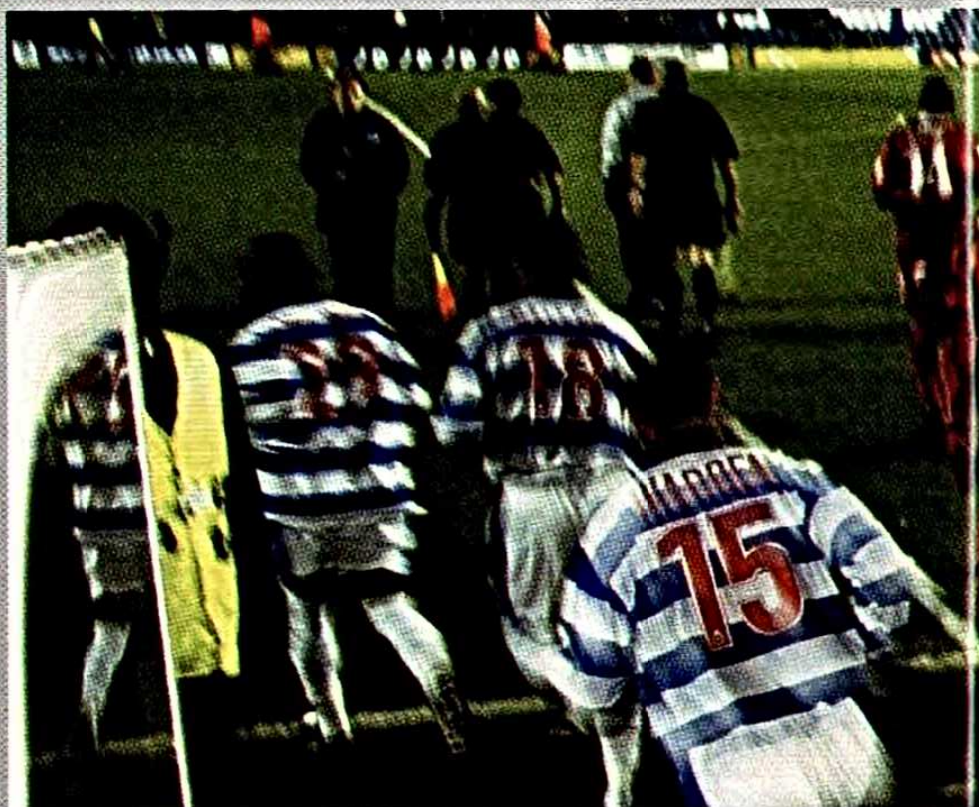
Millwall v Portsmouth
Thursday 13 December, ITV Sport Channel
Sheffield United v Barnsley
Friday 14 December, ITV Sport Select

STATS KEY

00X(000)	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU	Scored goal
GRAZIOU 2	Scored two goals
GRAZIOU	Caution
GRAZIOU	Sent off
GRAZIOU	Sub not used
GRAZIOU(5)	Sub used (time)
GRAZIOU(5)	Player replaced (time)

STATS 2001/02

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 11	H	Peterborough Utd	7,884	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves	7,598	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	5,218	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Crewe Alexandra	4,889	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom	14,536	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,022	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,176	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester	1,251	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Oct 20	(H) 2.00pm	Leeds City	6,812	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	4,802	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Ws	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Exeter City	7,941	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Millwall	4,196	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,647	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove	4,881	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,127	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	5,635	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBBAN	SABIN	
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Exeter City															
Sat Dec 15	(A) 3.00pm	Reading															
Fri Dec 21	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County															
Sat Dec 22	(H) 3.00pm	Exeter City															
Tue Jan 1	(A) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd															
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath															
Sat Jan 12	(H) 3.00pm	Exeter City															
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd															
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) 3.00pm	Exeter City															
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	Reading															
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	Exeter City															



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

TOP SCORERS

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
6	Giuliano Grazioli	32%
5	Danny Invinibile	21%
3	Keith O'Halloran	20%
2	Jo Kurfuror	16%
2	Eric Sabin	15%
2	Neil Ruddock	12%
2	Matt Heywood	9%

Season 2001/02

SPOTLIGHT

GARETH DAVIES	
AGE	27
DATE OF BIRTH	11.12.1973
PLACE OF BIRTH	Hereford
HEIGHT	6' 1"
WEIGHT	11.10
PREVIOUS CLUBS	Hereford, Reading
GOALS	0

GATES / FORM

6,000	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
8,373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7,981	Stoke City	03.11.01
7,904	Peterborough Utd	11.06.01
0-1L	Wigan Athletic	01.12.01
3-1W	Wrexham	27.11.01
1-1D	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
0-4L	QPR	21.11.01

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SWINDON

Director of Football
Roy Evans

Bart Griemink	1
Mark Robinson	2
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Giuliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincible	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Gareth Davies	21
Alan Feeves	22
Wayne Carlisle	23
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreevey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29
Kevin Halliday	31



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Manager
Graham Turner

Matthew Baker	1
Matthew Clarke	2
Tony Capaldi	3
Phil Robinson	4
Ian Wright	5
Tony James	6
James Quiggin	7
John Snape	8
Rob Elmes	9
Gavin Williams	10
Paul Parry	11
Scott Godwin	12
Lee Evans	14
Mark Williams	15
Daniel Davidson	16
Alex Kevan	17



Saturday 8th December 2001
kick-off 3.00pm

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Referee:	P J Joslin
Assistant 1:	J. Singh
Assistant 2:	W A Toms
4th Official:	A J Webb

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Sat Dec 8 2001/02

Blackpool	vs	Rochdale
Brighton	vs	Rushden
Cardiff City	vs	Port Vale
Chesterfield	vs	Southend
Halifax	vs	Stoke City
Hull City	vs	Oldham
Mansfield	vs	Huddersfield
Peterborough	vs	Bournemouth
Scunthorpe	vs	Brentford
Swindon	vs	Hereford
Tranmere	vs	Carlisle
Wycombe	vs	Notts Co
York	vs	Reading



Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 05/12/2001)
Brighton	21	12	7	2	30	15	43	+15	
Stoke City	20	12	4	4	29	17	40	+12	
Brentford	21	11	6	4	40	25	39	+15	
Reading	21	12	2	7	30	21	38	+9	
Cardiff City	21	9	9	4	33	23	35	+10	
Bristol City	21	10	5	6	32	23	35	+9	
Wycombe W	21	9	8	4	32	23	35	+9	
Huddersfield	21	9	6	6	31	23	33	+8	
Tranmere	21	9	5	7	39	31	32	+8	
QPR	21	8	6	7	29	24	30	+5	
Oldham	21	7	8	6	35	28	29	+7	
Colchester	21	8	4	9	33	33	28	0	
Blackpool	21	7	7	7	28	33	28	-5	
Peterborough	20	8	3	9	29	27	27	+2	
Swindon	21	7	6	8	22	28	27	-6	
Bournemouth	21	7	5	9	25	31	26	-6	
Wigan	20	7	4	9	30	27	25	+3	
Port Vale	21	6	6	9	25	28	24	-3	
Chesterfield	21	6	6	9	24	27	24	-3	
Bury	21	6	3	12	21	36	21	-15	
Notts Co	20	4	7	9	25	35	19	-10	
Wrexham	21	5	4	12	27	48	19	-21	
Cambridge	21	3	6	12	21	42	15	-21	
Northampton	21	4	2	15	20	42	14	-22	



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