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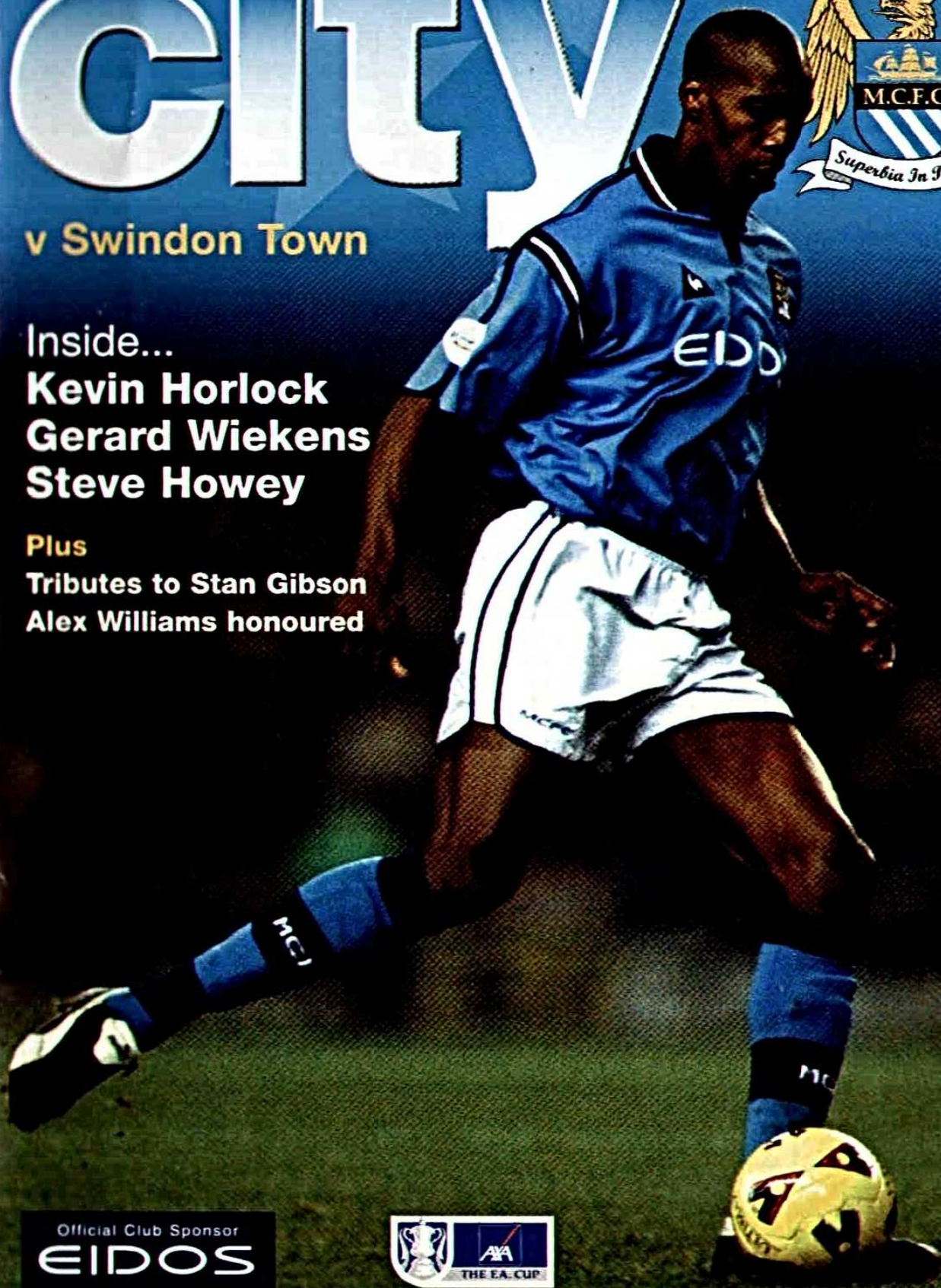
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"There have been some excellent individual performances but no one player is going to get us up"

Kevin Keegan

> Over the next few weeks I will find out how my players adapt to life at the top because that is where we are after our 3-1 win against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane on New Year's Day.

I don't think it will faze them but you never know and we have some tough places to go and some big home games to win. I have said all along that the time I really want us to be top is at the end of April.

Even so, we have done what we set out to do over Christmas and New Year and now we can forget about the league for a few days and concentrate on the FA Cup.

I want to welcome the management, players and supporters of Swindon Town to Maine Road for this third-round tie and, in particular, the club's new chairman Willie Carson.

I have known Willie for quite a long time through my racing interests and know about his passion for football and Swindon. It is like a role reversal. Next to football, I love racing and in Willie's case it is just the opposite.

I am delighted he has got

involved in his football club and hope he comes up on the rails and takes them back to where they were because they have been in the top league. I am not going to wish him a good cup run because that would mean us going out in the third round.

We don't want that because I have come up against Swindon once before in the cup and hope the result is a better one today.

It was a long time ago, in the 1969-70 season, when I was playing for Scunthorpe. We had a decent cup run but got knocked out 3-1 at Swindon in the fifth round. Swindon had a good side then with players like Don Rogers, John Trollope and Stan Harland.

Naturally, we will be expected to win today. We are in front of our own crowd and have set our own standards by putting together a good run of results in the league and going top for the first time since the end of August.

We were helped by Burnley and Wolves both having their games postponed on New Year's Day but it has happened to us.

Considering how many games were called off on Tuesday, we were lucky to have a good pitch to play on at Bramall Lane and it was a great result for us.

Sheffield United are difficult opponents and are going to beat a lot of teams at Bramall Lane and do us a few favours. We weren't quite there in the first half and needed to improve twenty per cent. That was what I told the players at the interval.

The first goal was always going to be crucial and fortunately we got it. I can't say we won comfortably in the end because Sheffield United nearly made it 2-2 in injury time.

The thing about us is that we always look to have goals in us. We have now scored 63 in the league this season which is more than any other league club in England or Scotland.

It was good to see Shaun Goater get back into the scoring habit after going four games without a goal. And Paulo Wanchope was excellent again after scoring a hat-trick against Burnley last Saturday.

Shaun Wright-Phillips had a brilliant game, too. It was



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- > FA Youth Cup winners: 1986
- > Central League champions: 1977-78, 1986-87, 1999-2000



Left: Shaun Wright-Phillips had probably his best game for the club at Sheffield United on Tuesday and rounded it off by scoring in injury time.

probably his best at any level. He is a wonderful talent and has played in four different positions for me. He has also developed an eye for goals after getting something of a reputation for missing them.

We didn't have Ali Benarbia for the Sheffield game and I am sure Neil Warnock was planning to have him man-marked the way he did Eyal Berkovic.

I told Shaun he would have to do what Ali does but in his own way and he responded superbly. He started to run the game for a period in the second half. What confidence for a lad just turned twenty years old.

He is a clever lad and is learning fast playing in the same team as Ali and Eyal. I have told him he will learn more watching them than from anything we try to coach into him.

Ali was feeling a bit of a thigh injury and wanted to have a warm-up on the pitch just before the game and then, if it wasn't okay, we could change the team sheet. I told him you can't do that in English football.

The fact that there was a slight doubt in his mind made me decide not to risk him but he should be okay for today and so should Stuart Pearce, who has been out for a month.

We have lost Lucien Mettomo for seven or eight games, if Cameroon go all the way in the African Nations Cup. The downside of buying an international player is that you sometimes lose them for vital matches. We have also lost Gerard Wiekens for a few weeks, with a hamstring injury, and he was playing so well.

There have been some excellent individual performances but no one player is going to get us up. They might win us the odd game but everyone has to contribute to the team effort if we are going to achieve our goal.

We had a terrific result against Burnley at Maine Road last Saturday, beating them for the second time this season. You can't complain when you go in 4-0 up at half-time but we had missed at least three more good chances.

Maybe I am nit-picking but it wasn't quite as good a performance as the 5-1 scoreline suggests. Burnley were better than that, as they were when we won 4-2 at Turf Moor.

It was a difficult decision to leave Darren Huckerby on the bench against Burnley and Sheffield United. At one point I was thinking of starting with all three against Burnley but changing the system might have back-fired.

We are one week into the new year, in a good vein of form, top of the league and with most of the squad fit. No doubt we will encounter a few problems along the way but today let's just enjoy the magic of the FA Cup.

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"And now, the familiar sight of Liverpool raising the League Cup for the first time"

BRIAN MOORE

"He's one of those footballers whose brains are in his head..."

DEREK JOHNSTONE

"Chris Waddle is off the field at the moment; exactly the position he is at his most menacing"

GERALD SINSTADT

"What will you do when you leave football, Jack - will you stay in football?"

STUART HALL

"Well, it's Ipswich 0, Liverpool 2, and if that's the way the score stays then you've got to fancy Liverpool to win"

PETER JONES

"That ball was glued to his right foot, all the way to the back of the net"

ALAN PARRY

"I'm going to make a prediction - it could go either way"

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BRIAN MOORE

"It's a lot harder to play football when you haven't got the ball"

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It's Crystal Palace for Danny and
Buckingham Palace for Alex!

Maine Bulletin

> Danny Granville has joined Crystal Palace in time for the start of their FA Cup campaign. The 26-year-old (pictured below) has returned to his native London in a £500,000 switch.

"I'm leaving behind some good friends," admitted Danny, who joined the Blues in a £1m move from Leeds United at the start of the 1999-2000 season.

The last of his 82 appearances for the Blues (including 18 as a substitute) came in the 1-0 League victory over Wolves in mid-December, when he replaced Danny Tiatto at half-time.

Ironically, his debut had also been against Wolves at home in August 1999 but a hamstring injury saw him replaced early in the game and kept him on the sidelines for six weeks.

Danny began this season as a first team regular and started in 12 of the opening 13 games but his last full appearance was in the 2-1 defeat at Preston North End in October.

A former European Cup Winners' Cup finalist while with Chelsea, Danny will link up with

another ex-Blue, Kit Symons, at Trevor Francis's Palace.

And that should add extra spice to Palace's League visit to Maine Road on March 16 - the next time the Blues are scheduled to play at home on a Saturday.

> Wales Under-21 captain Rhys Day has joined Second Division Blackpool on loan until the end of the season.

The 19-year-old, who has yet to make his first team debut for the Blues, has impressed Blackpool boss Steve McMahon during reserve team appearances.

"He is probably one of the best headers of the ball at Manchester City and is what I would term a proper defender," said the former Blues midfielder.

Rhys went straight into the Seasiders' squad for their New Year's Day match at Stoke City and played for the last couple of minutes after going on as a late, late sub in a 2-0 defeat.

"I don't intend to bring him in and not use him," added Macca. "We've got a few months to look at him and hopefully Rhys can gain a lot of experience with us."

Congratulations to Alex Williams MBE!

> Former City goalkeeper Alex Williams has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List in recognition of his work with Football in the Community.

Alex has been responsible for the success of Manchester City's Football in the Community

scheme for 11 years and heads up an active programme, which delivers a positive message to Greater Manchester's school children tackling such issues as drugs education, health and fitness as well as providing after school coaching activities.

After attending school in Levenshulme and Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Alex progressed to Manchester City's first team in 1978. His goalkeeping prowess showed in the 1979-80 Division 1 season when out of 42 league games Alex maintained a clean sheet on no fewer than 21 occasions. A brief international career for England Youth seemed to herald that Alex would shine on the world stage as well.

Injury ended Alex's career in 1984 but he had already shown interest in, and commitment to, community work, especially in schools, across the city of Manchester supporting the work of Manchester City's Junior Blues in every way possible. This paved the way for Alex to become a Community Officer, first with Port Vale and then soon afterwards at City.

Today the work Alex and his team carry out in the Community is greatly appreciated by teachers across Manchester.

"Everyone is delighted with the acknowledgement of the excellent work of the gentle giant", commented David Johnston, Manchester's Chief Education Officer. "The hard work and achievements of Alex Williams deserve to be recognised for the valuable contribution he makes to people's lives."

City's Chairman David Bernstein said, "Everyone involved with Manchester City is immensely proud of the work Alex puts in to the Community scheme. He is a fabulous ambassador for the Club, and is highly regarded both locally and nationally. He thoroughly deserves his award".

Alex commented, "I am extremely pleased to gain this award, although a lot of credit for the success of the Football in the Community scheme should also go to the very good team of people around me".



> Alioune Toure is set to miss the rest of the season following a deep vein thrombosis attack. The 23-year-old French striker suffered the attack during the long coach trip to Portsmouth in November.

Medical tests confirmed the condition - which is usually associated with long-haul flights - and Alioune is now having treatment to thin his blood.

Although the condition is not career-threatening, he is under doctor's orders not to play in a competitive game for six months, although he can participate in light training.

DVT is believed to be brought on by remaining still for long periods in a restricted space.

Alioune, who joined the Blues from French club Nantes in September, made two substitute appearances for the first team before his enforced spell on the sidelines.



Five years on, Swindon's record sale is still doing the business at Maine Road

Revelation

> Important goals at one end, vital clearances at the other ... Kevin Horlock has played a crucial role in City's rise to the summit of the First Division.

The unsung hero ensured all three points when his free-kick beat fellow promotion contenders Wolves in mid-December. That was followed by the sublime volley in the next match which put the Blues on the way to a 3-1 victory over Bradford City.

But great saves can be just as important to the final outcome and Kevin was responsible for one of those in the top of the table tussle with Burnley at Maine Road last Saturday.

Carlo Nash had already made a magnificent penalty save to preserve City's second minute lead when Kevin was called on to alter the course of the match.

A thunderous swerving shot from the edge of the area by Burnley midfielder Kevin Ball looked a certain equaliser until the Northern Ireland international stood firm on the line to head the ball clear from under the bar.

Had the Clarets drawn level at that stage they could have been inspired to raise their game even higher. Instead, of course, it was the Blues who scored again and had the points sewn up with a 4-0 lead at half-time.

While Paulo Wanchope inevitably stole the headlines for his hat-trick, and play-makers Ali Benarbia and Eyal Berkovic regularly earn rave reviews for their contributions, Kevin's role often goes unrecognised by the national media.

But not by the boss. "Kevin has been a revelation for us in the last month," said Kevin Keegan. "He is a prime example of someone who has never let his head go down when he has not been in the first team.

"Kevin came to see me in November and said he needed to be playing at his age. I told him I thought he had an important role to play but I didn't realise just how important until recently.

"He has been excellent. He can play in the holding position, left wing-back in an emergency, and left side of midfield, and he can score goals."

The 29-year-old, who moved to Maine Road in a £1.5 million deal from today's visitors in January

1997, admits he is enjoying life again as he celebrates five years with City this month.

"It has gone well for me in recent games and obviously being a regular has helped a lot," said Kevin, who missed the second half of last season after fracturing his ankle in the final game of the year 2000.

"Earlier in the campaign it was nice to be back in the team again after my long injury lay-off but it was also frustrating not to be playing week in and week out.

"You train hard all week and you want an end product by playing on the Saturday.

"But I appreciate it is a squad game now and there are lots of lads who want to be in the team. I think it is that competition for places which is helping me raise my game."

Kevin, who made 163 appearances for Swindon, has been playing just in front of the defence in recent games, a role in which he feels at home.

"I have played in that role for other clubs, including Swindon and, basically, you just have to open yourself up more and link in with the play," he said.

"I just like playing, no matter which position or system we use.

"We've now got ourselves into a great position in the League and we've got to keep that going.

"After the last few hectic weeks, when we seemed to be playing twice a week from the end of November onwards, we're now back to one game a week - barring cup replays - until the end of the month, and this is a good time to take stock of where we are and what we still have to do."

Fate is a fickle friend - just ask Gerard Wiekens.

Man of the Match against West Bromwich Albion at Maine Road on Boxing Day, the Dutch defender then limped off with a hamstring injury three days later, just 20 minutes into the remarkable derby against Burnley.

And that after he had conceded a penalty when he had been adjudged to have tripped Alan Moore, although Carlo Nash's super save from Glen Little's spot-kick rescued the situation.

The injury brought to an end Gerard's run in his favourite position - and everyone knows how difficult it is to regain their first team place this season with competition white hot in all areas of the pitch.

It was better than that!

> Only the last few seconds seem to count when goals are considered for awards.

And that means the true quality of Darren Huckerby's goal to round off the 5-1 victory over Burnley will not be properly recognised by those not present at Maine Road or watching on ITV Digital.

He took his chance superbly, sprinting 40 yards in injury time to score after latching on to Eyal Berkovic's slide-rule pass.

That was outstanding but the quality play leading up to the goal was also exquisite. The Blues had been defending their own corner flag on the Main Stand side before winning possession and skilfully working the ball up the wing - the bit that's not shown on Goal of the Month highlights!

Darren's goal, on top of Man of the Match Paulo Wanchope's classy first-half hat-trick, took City's goal tally in the League to 60 and with another three at Sheffield United the possibility of hitting the century is not unrealistic.

"To beat anybody 5-1 is a great result but against the top of the League team it really was an outstanding performance," said Darren, who had replaced Shaun Goater in the second half.



"I think it is the competition for places which is helping me raise my game"

Unlucky Gerard

Ironically, manager Kevin Keegan felt Gerard had been at the top of his game before his injury. After the West Brom match, he said: "I cannot believe Gerard has played any better than that in his time here. He was excellent."

The 28-year-old had read the game magnificently and was relishing his role at the centre of a back three.

"I played in that position a lot when I was in Holland and it is my favourite spot in the team," he said.

"From there you can read the game, which I feel is one of my strengths, and it is a good position from which to distribute the ball.

"It has been a real pleasure playing in that position with the team we have now because everyone wants the ball and is looking to take it up.

"The injury was very disappointing because the match was exciting to play in and we had gone into the game full of confidence after our last eight or nine matches, when we had played some excellent football.

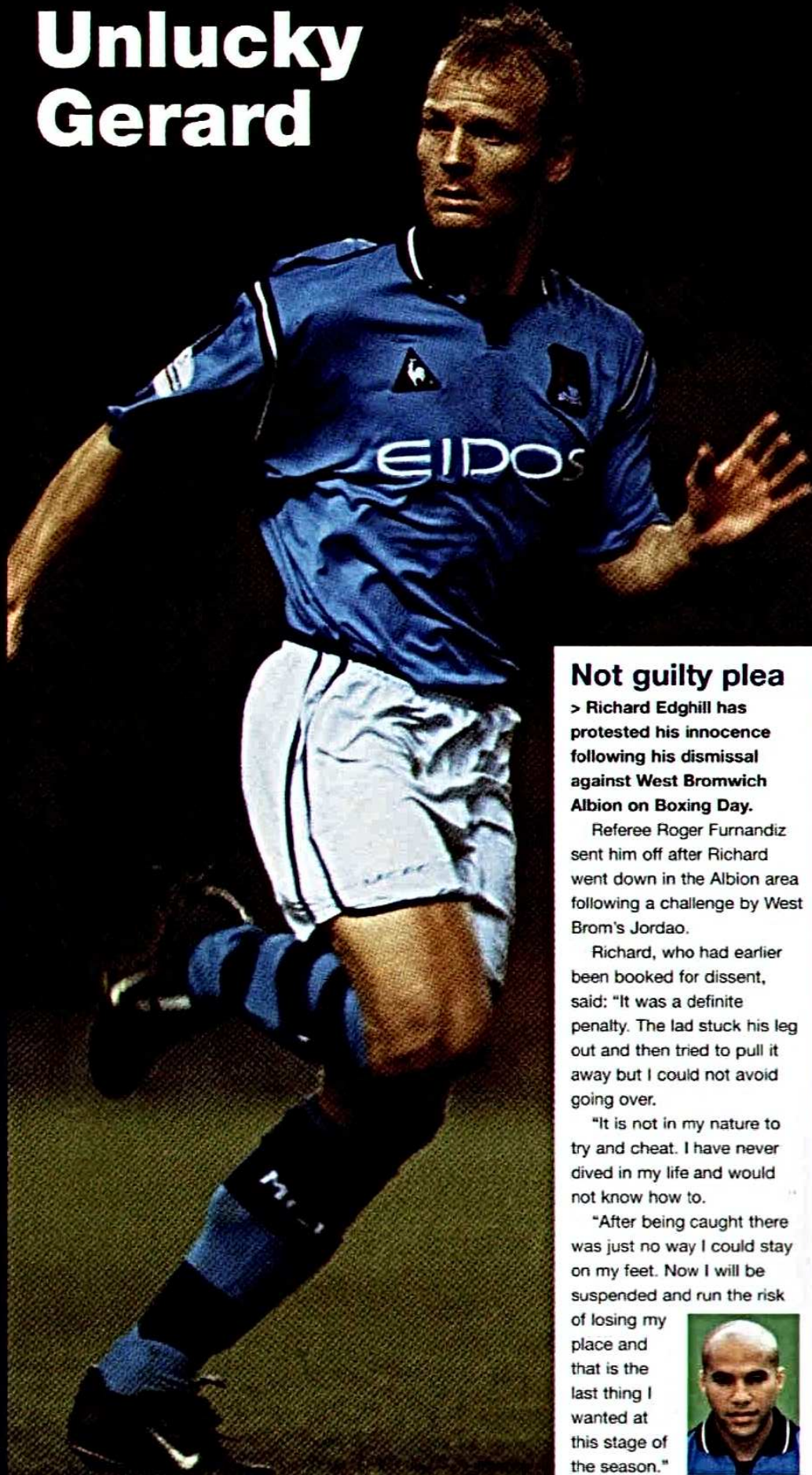
"It was a true test of our promotion credentials and there is a real belief now that we can go up automatically.

"The problem with missing out through injury is that you can never be sure when you are going to get another chance with the squad we now have.

"It is not easy to get in the starting eleven and when you do you have to perform well to stay there - but an injury puts you back to square one.

"My latest run was my longest in the first team this season and I felt I had become part of an established back line.

"But the good thing about having a big squad of quality players is that a replacement is on hand to take over and that could be the key to us regaining our place in the Premiership."



Not guilty plea

> Richard Edghill has protested his innocence following his dismissal against West Bromwich Albion on Boxing Day.

Referee Roger Furnandiz sent him off after Richard went down in the Albion area following a challenge by West Brom's Jordao.

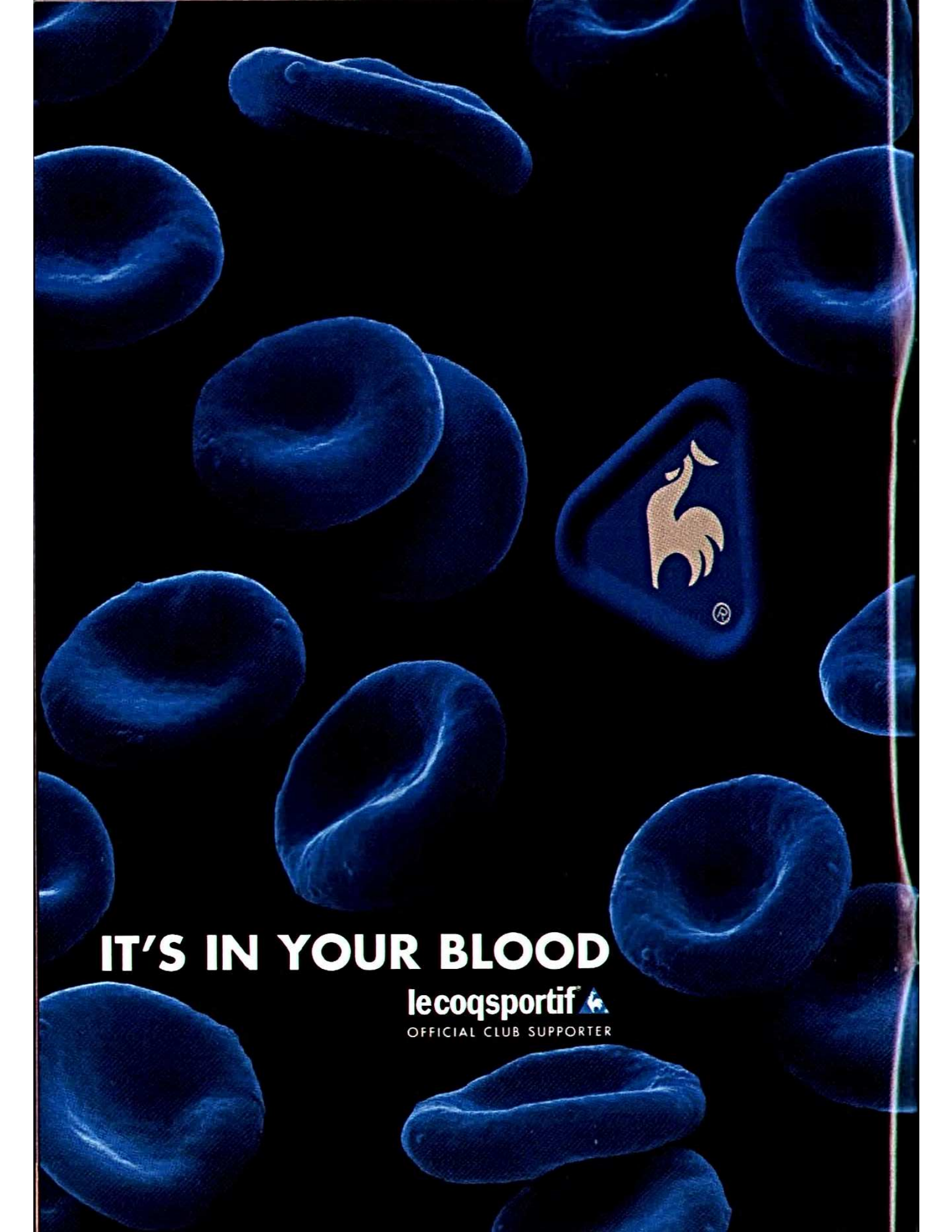
Richard, who had earlier been booked for dissent, said: "It was a definite penalty. The lad stuck his leg out and then tried to pull it away but I could not avoid going over.

"It is not in my nature to try and cheat. I have never dived in my life and would not know how to.

"After being caught there was just no way I could stay on my feet. Now I will be suspended and run the risk of losing my place and that is the last thing I wanted at this stage of the season."



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A tribute to a Maine Road legend
who died on Christmas Eve...

Stan Gibson

> City Groundsman Stan Gibson came to Maine Road in the 1959-60 season having worked previously at Chorlton Cricket Club. Throughout his time at Manchester City (and in retirement) he lived adjacent to the ground allowing him to nurse the pitch night and day.

Dedicated to his job, Stan turned Maine Road into one of the leading pitches in the country - it became one of the first grounds to have pop-up sprinklers installed in 1971 and under-soil heating in 1979. Despite the punishment of over 20 concerts and a number of FA Cup semi-finals, Stan's pitch was always in immaculate condition.



When Rod Stewart visited to perform at Maine Road, he spent some time with Stan picking up information on how to maintain football pitches - Rod was trying to maintain a football pitch of his own at the time.

Stan Gibson had a great relationship with City players particularly Mike Summerbee, Colin Bell and Tony Book.

Mike Summerbee commented that Stan was one of the first people he met when playing at Maine Road with Swindon Town and was one of the reasons why Mike wanted to sign for City.

"Stan was our 12th man in the teams of the 60's and 70's. He was an essential part of the set-up here at Maine Road and was much more than a groundsman - always able to give you advice and help".

Such was Stan's role in the success of the team that when Mike Summerbee won Player of the Year for two consecutive seasons he donated the trophies to Stan in recognition of his contribution.

Summerbee added, "He was a tremendous individual and a unique man - when God made Stan Gibson he threw the mould away, there'll never be another like him."

Colin Bell added, "Stan was a part of the family at Maine Road, and a very important part in the success of the club. The pitch was his pride and joy, he would cringe when we played practice matches on it during training sessions. On a

Stan Gibson 1925-2001

> Stan Gibson was one of the unsung heroes of Manchester football. He was City's groundsman for forty years and created a playing surface worthy of the club's stature, particularly during the sixties and seventies when the pitch was possibly in its best ever state.

Born on 10th September 1925, Stan worked as a stoker during the war for the Navy. Always a keen sportsman - he was a Naval boxing champion and had football trials with Burnley - but by his 30s was becoming well known as a groundsman. He arrived at Maine Road from Chorlton Cricket Club in the 1959-60 season after a recommendation by City 'keeper Steve Fleet, and in the years that followed worked hard to create a perfect pitch.

By the time of City's promotion in 1966 Stan had made the surface one the club could be proud of. Both Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison were keen to use Stan's expertise to develop the pitch further, and thereby increase City's chance of success. Working with Allison, Stan made the pitch the biggest - and many would say the best - in the League.

Both Mercer and Allison recognised his contribution to City's success. It's a little known fact that Stan was trusted with the job of looking after the FA Cup following City's homecoming in 1969. He chose to put the prized possession in the safest place he could think of, and the trophy spent its first night in Manchester locked in his toilet!

Stan loved City - he was even on the club's books for a while in his youth - and felt the pitch was his own. He could never relax during a match though: "I watch the pitch rather than the game! I shouldn't really, because I get very upset if I see a divot, especially if it is the opposing side who have churned it up."

Inevitably, the pop concerts in the 80s and 90s brought him a few headaches, but he welcomed other innovations, such as the undersoil heating implemented in 1979.

Stan was always an important influence on others, including even Rod Stewart who sought his views on tending the turf. At one stage Ken Bates was desperate for him to join Chelsea. Stan would have none of it: "I know I'm biased, but to me there's nowhere better than Maine Road, and there's nothing nicer than someone coming up to me on a Saturday and saying how great the pitch looks. Makes all the toil worthwhile."

His love for the club and Maine Road was never in doubt, and was perfectly summed up in 1994: "City is my life. That pitch out there is my baby. I can't keep away from it, and I couldn't imagine my life without it."

Gary James

personal level he was like a second father to me. He was a lovely man and will be sorely missed by all those who knew him."

Stan also had a great rapport with all the City managers he worked with. Tony Book said, "His enthusiasm for the job was unique, he was a wonderful groundsman to work with because he always wanted what was best for the club."

Chairman David Bernstein said the Club will mourn his loss. "Stan has a unique position in our Club's history.

He was devoted to Manchester City and was way ahead of his time in his approach to his profession. His passing is a great loss to the Club and all who knew him."

Stan died on Christmas Eve 2001 and leaves a daughter Janice who works in the City Superstore and a son Stuart who lives in Australia. His funeral will be held at Trinity Church Platt Lane on 8 January at 10.30am. The service will be led by Club Chaplain Rev. Tony Porter.

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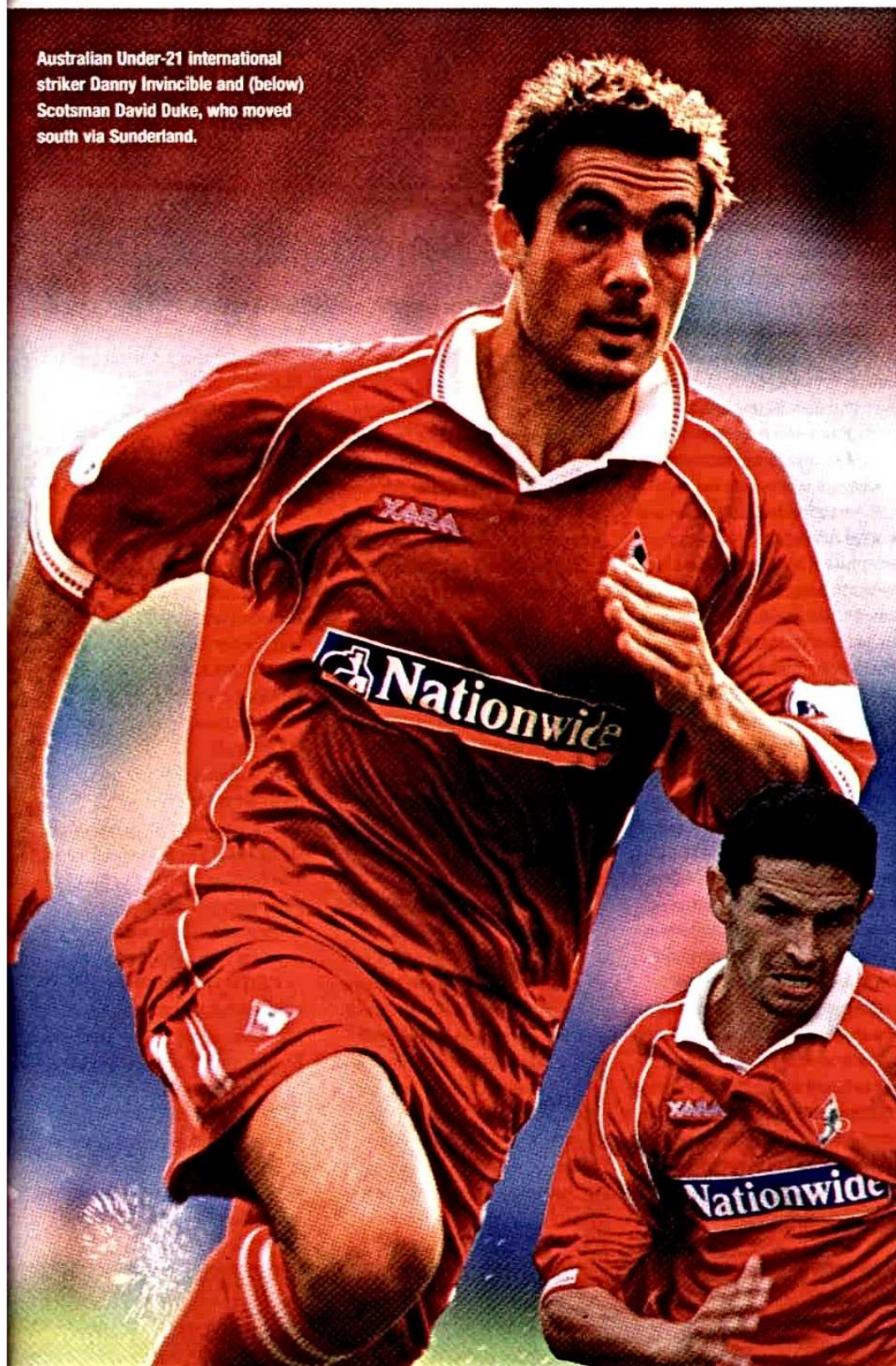


King's return brings some festive cheer for the Robins...

Swindon



Australian Under-21 international striker Danny Invincible and (below) Scotsman David Duke, who moved south via Sunderland.



> Next month will see the eighth anniversary of Swindon Town's one and only Premiership appearance at Maine Road. Steve McMahon played for City that day - unaware that his career would soon be entwined with the Wiltshire visitors.

Nine months later, in November 1994, he took up his first managerial post at the County Ground as his new club began to suffer the ultimate sanction for their season among the new elite of English football.

To bow out after conceding 100 goals was a huge disappointment and worse still a recipe for a second relegation within a year. McMahon brought them back straightaway, but it was only a toehold in Division One until the Robins went down again after four uncomfortable seasons.

The former City and England midfielder left the club in September 1998 and his reign of nearly four years was to be followed by five more appointments in four seasons.

Former player Jimmy Quinn was manager when the club went into administration during the 1999-00 campaign, and more recently the club formed an interim board of

directors headed by the former champion jockey, Willie Carson.

Manager

ANDY KING

Born: Luton, 14.8.1956

LEAGUE PLAYING CAREER

	Apps	Goals
1975-76 Luton Town	33	9
1976-80 Everton	151	38
1980-81 QPR	30	9
1981-82 W.B. Albion	25	4
1982-84 Everton	44	11
To Cambuur (Holland)		
1985 Wolves	28	10
1985-86 Luton Town	3	-
1986-87 Aldershot	36	11
TOTAL	350	92

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

England, 2 (Under-21)

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

CAREER

Mansfield (Nov. 1993-Aug. 1996)

Swindon Town (Oct. 2000-Aug.

2001; re-appointed, Dec. 2001)

Over five years, the team's highest position was 17th and almost inevitably there was a steady erosion of support for football in a prosperous area. The average attendance held up at around 10,000 until 1998 but was nearer 6,000 when relegation threatened again last season.

No club has played in all four divisions since the introduction of the Premier League - and Swindon only avoided that unwanted distinction with a point to spare over Bristol Rovers.

The season had involved two managers. After only a few months, Colin Todd pursued an opportunity to re-join Derby County - the club of his England playing days - and then the former Everton midfielder, Andy King, was in charge until last August.

Merseyside also provided his successor. Roy Evans, manager at Liverpool until 1998, was appointed director of football, with his former Anfield defender, **NEIL RUDDOCK**, installed as player-coach.

Right: Guisliano Grazioli scored the goal which knocked Swindon out of the FA Cup four years ago - whilst playing for non-league Stevenage. He is now joint leading scorer for the Robins.

The new regime began with only one point from the first three games but then impacted with a rise into the top half of the table during 12 games with only two defeats. Subsequent results were less rewarding, and though Hartlepool and Hereford were dispatched in the FA Cup, the Robins were 16th in December when Mr Evans announced his departure.

Assistant Malcolm Crosby, previously manager at Sunderland and Oxford, took over in a caretaker capacity for a few days. His only match was a pre-Christmas defeat at Notts County.

It was then that the new regime turned back to the recent past. Andy King was reinstated after a break of almost five months and began his second term of office with four points from two home games. This created some breathing space with Swindon situated roughly halfway between the relegation line and the play-off zone.

The fallout from the Premiership coincided with the arrival of **MARK ROBINSON**. Previously with West Brom, Barnsley and Newcastle (under Kevin Keegan's management), the former club captain has made more than 300 first-team appearances since his £600,000 move from the North-East.

Last season he held off a challenge for the right-back role from **JUAN COBIAN**, an Argentinian who played in a handful of league games with Sheffield Wednesday and



Aberdeen, but an injury this term delayed Robinson's appearance until November.

It has been a mixed season for the defence. The first eight league games brought five clean sheets but there were to be sizeable blips along the way. Cardiff and Stoke both scored three at the County Ground and four goals were conceded at Chesterfield and QPR.

Regular keeper **BART GRIEMINK** is a former Holland Under-21 international who played in a League Cup semi-final for Birmingham in 1996 and then had a spell at Peterborough before joining the Robins on a free transfer in 2000. His understudy this season is **RICHARD MCKINNEY**, the young Irish prospect who spent a couple of years here at Maine Road.

The addition of Ruddock in a dual-capacity increased options in an already well-stocked pool of defenders. **ALAN REEVES** had a successful career in lower divisions with Chester and Rochdale, then played in the Premiership with Wimbledon before chalking up 111 league appearances in his first three seasons in Wiltshire.

MATTHEW HEYWOOD is a younger contender - signed last season following his release by Burnley - while summer capture **ANDY GURNEY** injected a strong thread of experience after nearly 250 league outings with Bristol Rovers, Torquay and Reading.

GARETH DAVIES also came from Reading after winning Wales Under-21 caps at Hereford and Crystal Palace, and former Coventry trainee **ADAM WILLIS**, who was Steve McMahon's last signing for the club, returned to the first-team in October.

Roy Evans strengthened the midfield in October with a three-month loan deal for **WAYNE CARLISLE** from Crystal Palace. The Northern Ireland Under-21 international helped compensate for the loss of two regulars with serious injuries.

KEITH O'HALLORAN, a former Middlesbrough player who later spent three years at St Johnstone, broke a leg in September and **MATTHEW HEWLETT**, close to an England Under-21 cap in his early days at Bristol City, dropped out last month for a knee operation.

So Carlisle linked up in the

Swindon's record defeat was in the FA Cup here at Maine Road in January 1930 when they were beaten 10-1 by City in a fourth round replay!

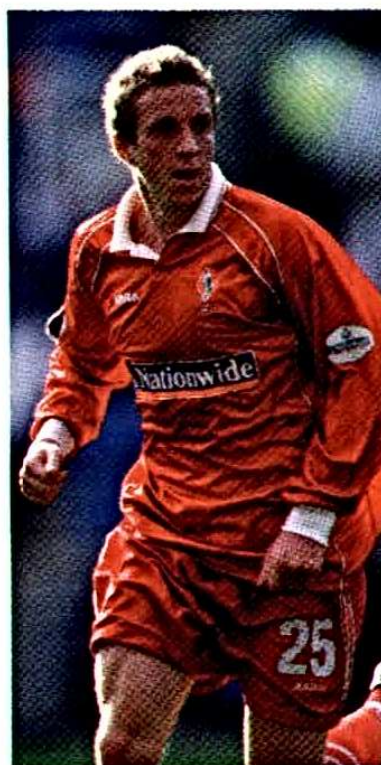
Players 2001-02 Appearances & Goals

Player/ Birthdate/place	League Apps	Cup Apps	Total Gls
BERTI BRAYLEY	(7)	(3)	-
5.9.81 Basildon			
WAYNE CARLISLE	10(1)	1	2
9.9.79 Lisburn			
JUAN COBIAN	-	-	-
11.9.75 Buenos Aires			
GARETH DAVIES	(3)	-	-
11.12.73 Hereford			
SOL DAVIS	4(4)	2	-
4.9.79 Cheltenham			
DAVID DUKE	23	5	2
7.11.78 Inverness			
NATHAN EDWARDS	(1)	1	-
8.4.83 Lincoln			
PAUL EDWARDS	10(2)	2(1)	1
1.1.80 Manchester			
GUILIANO GRAZIOLI	15(3)	2(2)	6
23.3.75 London			
BART GRIEMINK	24	5	-
29.3.72 Holland			
ANDY GURNEY	22	4	2
25.1.74 Bristol			
KEVIN HALLIDAY	-	(1)	-
8.7.83 Swindon			
MATTHEW HEWLETT	21	3	1
25.2.76 Bristol			
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	20(2)	5	2
26.8.79 Chatham			
BOBBY HOWE	18(2)	4	3
6.11.72 Annitsford			
DANNY INVINCIBLE	21(3)	4	6
31.3.79 Australia			
PAUL McAREAVEY	(6)	1(1)	-
3.12.80 Belfast			
RICHARD MCKINNEY	-	-	-
18.5.79 Ballymoney			
KEITH O'HALLORAN	6	1	3
10.11.75 Dublin			
ALAN REEVES	13	2(1)	-
19.11.67 Birkenhead			
MARK ROBINSON	4(2)	1(1)	-
21.11.68 Rochdale			
STEVE ROBINSON	18(2)	3	-
17.10.75 Nottingham			
NEIL RUDDOCK	14(1)	3(1)	2
9.5.68 Wandsworth			
ERIC SABIN	13(1)	3	2
22.8.74 France			
JAMES WILLIAMS	-	-	-
15.7.82 Liverpool			
ADAM WILLIS	4	1	-
21.9.76 Nuneaton			
ALAN YOUNG	-	-	-
12.8.83 Swindon			
OWN GOALS	-	-	-

ALSO PLAYED: Jo Osei-Kuffour (loan from Arsenal) 4(7) Lge, 2 Cup, 2 goals.

(Up to and including Saturday 29 December)

Right: Nottingham born Steve Robinson moved to the County Ground from Birmingham.



centre of operations with **STEVE ROBINSON**, a £50,000 buy from Birmingham last season, and **BOBBY HOWE**, groomed at Nottingham Forest and enlisted by Swindon nearly four years ago.

The left-sided position has been nailed down by **DAVID DUKE**, a 23-year-old Scot who spent three seasons as a professional at Sunderland.

Untried in the Wearsiders senior side, he prospered in the south by completing 50 league games in a season-and-a-half.

Manchester-born **PAUL EDWARDS**, who was attached to City on schoolboy forms in the mid-1990s, stepped up from the non-League ranks in August and enjoyed a good run in the team in his first season.

Australian Under-21 international **DANNY INVINCIBLE** brought a new dimension last year by running at defences and became leading marksman with ten goals in his first campaign. Now he is again disputing the top scorer's position with **GUILIANO GRAZIOLI**, a Londoner who was on loan to Stevenage when he notched the goal that put Swindon out of the FA Cup in 1998.

The former Wembley striker took time to find his feet in league football at Peterborough United but eventually scored 16 goals in 23 starts, including five in a match against Barnet.

This season the Robins have a new attacking threat in **ERIC SABIN**, a speedy mover from the French Second Division

club, Wasquehal. Knee surgery interrupted his English career but he came back in November to score his first goals in successive matches against Brighton and Wrexham.

Another newcomer, mainly used as a substitute so far, is **BERTI BRAYLEY**, a 20-year-old with three London clubs, West Ham, Spurs and QPR, before making his league bow with Swindon.

The youth scheme has provided several players in recent years. **SOL DAVIS** has now made over 100 league appearances and defender **JAMES WILLIAMS** was in the first-team as a 16-year-old.

PAUL McAREAVEY is a Northern Ireland Under-21 midfielder and this season debuts were given to teenagers **NATHAN EDWARDS** and **KEVIN HALLIDAY** in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Swindon went out of that competition at Colchester but they had caused a stir in the Worthington Cup with an away win against Wolves before losing in the second round to another Black Country club, West Brom.

The Robins were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1910 and 1912

Goals Info:

Where

19 Goals

36 Goals

8 Goals
How

Shots.....33
 Headers.....10
 Volleys.....13
 Penalties.....4
 Free Kicks.....2
 O.G.s.....1

Top Scorers

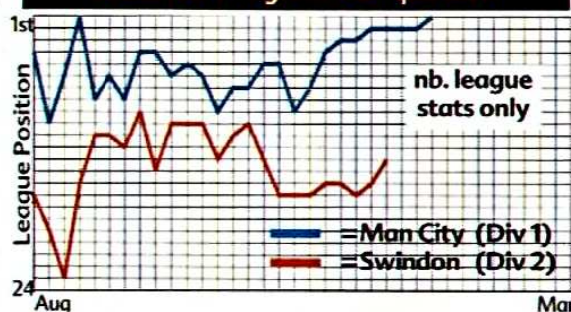
Goater.....22
 Wanchope.....9
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 Benarbia.....5

2001-2002

Highest Gate
 34,407
 vs West Brom
 Lowest Gate
 30,749
 vs Bradford
 Average Gate
 32,915
 Players Used 30
 Clean Sheets 9
 Failed to Score
 5
 Consec. Wins
 3 games
 Consec. Defeats
 none

City's Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Sheff Utd	A	16th
W	Burnley	H	1st
D	West Brom	H	5th
W	Bradford	H	12th
W	Wolves	H	2nd
L	Palace	A	8th
W	Millwall	A	9th
W	Grimsby	A	21st
W	Rotherham	H	17th
L	Portsmouth	A	10th

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Seasonal Progress Comparison

Robins' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Bury	H	19th
D	Bournemouth	H	17th
L	Notts County	A	21st
L	Wigan	A	18th
W	Wrexham	H	22nd
S	Brighton	H	1st
L	QPR	A	14th
L	Blackpool	A	15th
L	Stoke	H	3rd
S	Wycombe	A	6th

Goals Info:

Where

7 Goals

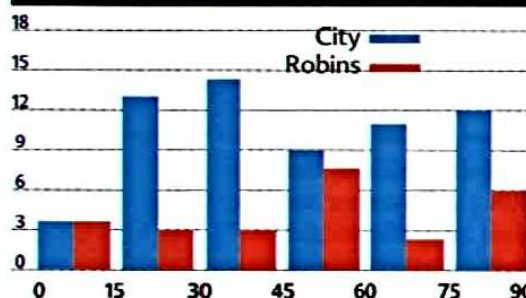
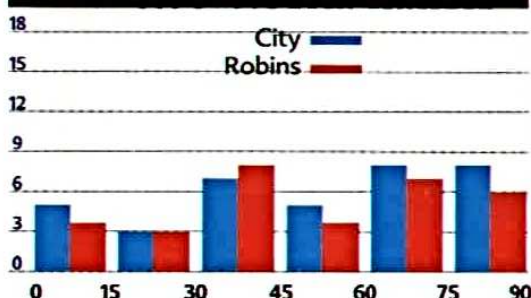
11 Goals

8 Goals
How

Shots.....15
 Headers.....1
 Volleys.....6
 Penalties.....2
 Free Kicks.....2
 O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

Grazioli.....6
 Invincible.....4

When Goals have been Scored

When Goals have been Conceded

Shaun Goater (Man City)


15 games.....
 10 games.....
 3 games.....
 2 games.....

W->L.....1 (3pts)
 W->D.....2 (4pts)
 D->L.....2 (2pts)

Goals.....22
 Games.....26
 Average.....0.85

Top Scorers Comparison

Total Games Scored In.....5 games
 Games Scored 1 Goal.....4 games
 Games Scored 2 Goals.....1 game
 Hat-tricks.....0 games

Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
 W->L.....0 (0pts)
 W->D.....1 (2pts)
 D->L.....2 (2pts)

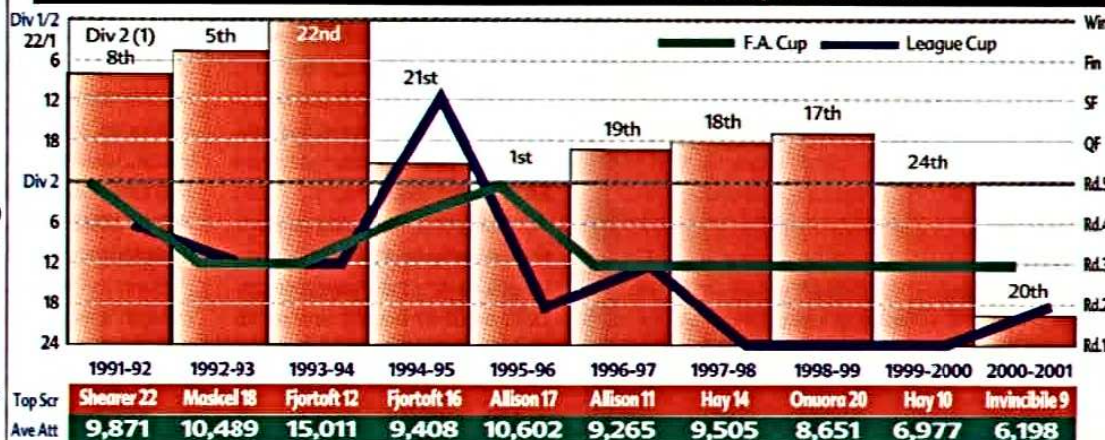
Maximum scoring run.....3 games
 Maximum Dry Spell.....7 games
 Shot.....3
 Header.....0
 Volleyed Shot.....3
 Penalty.....0
 Direct free Kick.....0

Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon)


Goals.....6
 Games.....18
 Average.....0.33

Manchester City Goals.....63
 Manchester City Games.....27
 Man City's Goal Ave.....2.33

Swindon Goals.....26
 Swindon Games.....24
 Swindon's Goal Ave.....1.08

Swindon Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

2001-2002

Highest Gate
 8,830
 vs Brighton
 Lowest Gate
 4,127
 vs Wrexham
 Average Gate
 6,508
 Players Used 24
 Clean Sheets 8
 Failed to Score
 10
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> "It was about time . . . it's funny but I had a feeling that this would be the game where I scored. Don't ask me why, but sometimes you get an inkling before a match, and thankfully I was right" - PAUL EDWARDS, revealing perceptive powers after scoring his first goal for the Robins against Hereford United in the FA Cup

Quote... Unquote

Comments from the County Ground in a season of changes at management and boardroom levels - and a whiff of magic in the FA Cup...

> NEIL RUDDOCK, released by Crystal Palace last year and, at 33, looking ahead to a new career as player and first-team coach at the County Ground:

"I've always wanted to get into coaching and I took my badge in the summer. [But] I'll keep playing as long as the legs keep going."

> WILLIE CARSON, painting a realistic picture for supporters following the election of an interim board at an extraordinary general meeting:

"The result at the EGM on Friday December 7 is a culmination of many months of commitment by your new Board. We are determined to succeed and believe we can secure the club's future.

"... We have been scrutinising the accounts to establish the true financial position. It's too early to say what is needed, but clearly the last 12 months have taken their toll and the club's funds are somewhat strained.

"In short, the club has spent and contracted to spend in the coming years far more than it is expected to earn.

"To paraphrase the Dickens character, Mr Micawber: "Income £1, expenditure £1

and one pence - sadness. Income £1, expenditure 99 pence - happiness."

> Chief executive PETER ROWE is upbeat about prospects under new leadership:

"Today gives me the first opportunity of welcoming the new board of directors and, of course, chairman Willie Carson. Willie is such an effervescent character who loves being around the club and I am sure he will bring us the luck and leadership we have all been seeking these past few months.

"Behind the scenes it's been a very busy week as we begin a new chapter of our proud history. There is a lot of work to be done and I am sure that together we can begin to build a sound base to take the club forward."

> WILLIE CARSON, on the pre-Christmas parting with Roy Evans:

"His decision to leave is due to the club's instability. The financial position we have found is far worse than expected.

"Therefore the board cannot promise with any degree of certainty that funds will be available immediately or in the near future for new players."

> ROY EVANS says it was "a very difficult decision" to give up his first management role since leaving Liverpool but confirms an affection for the Robins:

"I've had a fabulous time here; the fans, the players and all the staff have made me very welcome.

"It's not the end of the world. Basically the Robins have a sound squad and an ability to do well in the Second Division.

"I wish them every success for the future. I will have fond memories [of his time at the club] and will keep an eye out for the results on Saturdays."

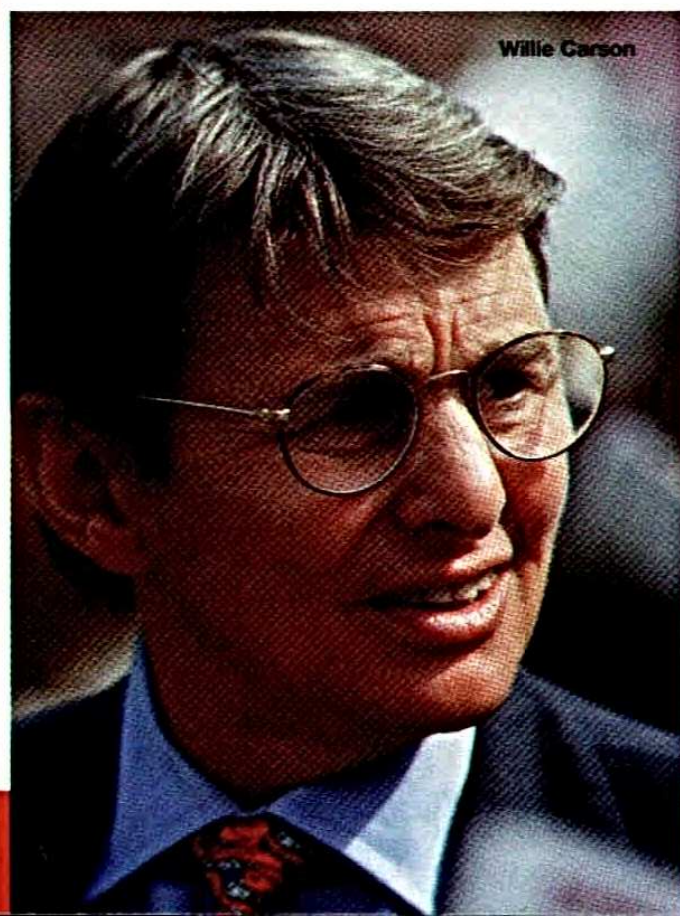
> ERIC SABIN knows that anything is possible in cup football after reaching the French final in 1996 with Nîmes Olympique, who qualified for Europe despite a 2-1 defeat by champions Auxerre:

"It was my second year as a professional . . . they [Auxerre] had many stars in their side, Laurent Blanc and Lilian Laslandes, for example, and it was a dream come true.

"We were a very young team who proved that anything can happen in football. That is the nicest thing about the game, in my opinion - you never know at the start of a match who is going to win."

> ANDY KING, re-appointed manager shortly before Christmas, is mystified when his comeback match brings red cards for Andy Gurney and Guilio Grazzoli and another for Bournemouth's Eddie Howe:

"I didn't think that was a game where three players deserved to be sent off or even booked."





Lighter Blue

What a crazy Christmas from the football point of view!

We won the two games I was a little nervy about, drew one I thought we would win, the Crewe game gets called off just before, and we still make it to the top of the tree on New Year's Day! Thanks Santa, it's not often you get exactly what you want for Christmas! (Even if it was a week late)

What happened to Sheffield as the easy to get to fun day out? Not so this time. Even though the roads were quieter than usual, the weather made the drive a little scary. It just got colder and colder. If we hadn't started scoring goals in the second half they would still be defrosting us from the seats now.

Minus six degrees on the way home, over Snake Pass. I thought you only got temperatures like that in Russia, the Outer Hebrides and Boundary Park. There must have been a five mile convoy of City fans slowly driving / skating all the way back along the A57. It will be remembered as a drive home made far easier by three points and the fact that we were top of the league!

Boxing Day was a bit of a let down, the atmosphere at Maine Road seemed a little subdued from well before the kick-off and never really picked up. No comment on the obvious. I've given up on referees. I don't go to matches expecting fair, unbiased, logical and occasionally correct decisions any more!

I think we're going about it the right way now - we try and score six so that whatever the official does, it shouldn't really have any effect on the outcome.

Blue Moon's Teaser

> Prior to Arsenal last season, who were the last **LOSING** finalists to score in an FA Cup Final? A clue is that it was also the last final to go to extra-time.

The answer is on page 54

We were employing this theory against West Brom, it was just that we hadn't quite got around to scoring six at the time Edghill was brought down in the penalty area and then sent off for being brought down in

the penalty area. No point mentioning it. We're getting used to it.

Well, two points clear and level games with Wolves. Are we still waiting for Burnley to start falling away? Haven't we been saying that since October? Playing them at mid-day killed off the afternoon. Home by three, wandering around the house aimlessly, waiting for the full-time scores. I want my Saturday afternoon football back!

Am I imagining it, or since we've finally elevated ourselves to the top places in this division, has the pressure to win every game become far greater? Perfect timing for the welcome distraction that is the FA Cup, welcome because we are top of the league!

Sowhadyaknow?

Ten Questions about the FA Cup

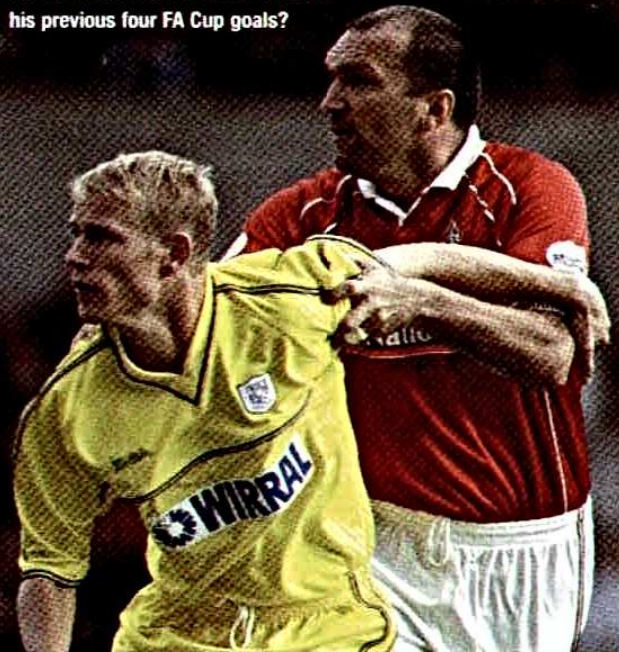
1. How many finals have Manchester City appeared in (not including the 1981 replay)?
2. Which team has reached the semi-final stage on the most occasions?
3. *Ian Rush holds the record for the most FA Cup final goals. How many?*
4. Who was the last player to score an FA Cup goal for City?
5. Which team was the last to win the Cup in successive seasons?
6. Who was the last Englishman to manage a Cup final side?
7. *Of the current First Division clubs, which has won the FA Cup the most times?*
8. All of the current Premiership clubs have appeared in post-war FA Cup finals. True or False?
9. Which team knocked out Harrow Borough, Millwall, Wolves, Wimbledon and Leicester last season?
10. Why did Wembley make a protest during last season's competition?

How much do you know about Swindon?

1. Which two members of the 1981 FA Cup winning team later managed Swindon?
2. Which team did the Robins beat in the 1969 League Cup final?
3. Which Conference side did Swindon overcome in the second round of this season's FA Cup?
4. Which cup competition did the Robins win in 1970?
5. Who was Swindon's top scorer last season?

Picture Quiz

When Neil Ruddock scored from the penalty spot in Swindon's first round tie with Hartlepool it was his fifth goal in the competition. For which club did he score three of his previous four FA Cup goals?



The answers are on page 54

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When Kevin Horlock was among the scorers as City put six past his old side...



by Gary James

Blues & Robins

Feature Match

> When these sides met in September 1997 City were struggling in 20th place in Division One. Frank Clark's side had only managed one victory during their opening seven matches and clearly much had to be done if the Blues were to stand any chance whatsoever of challenging for promotion - something the media had predicted at the start of the season. Despite some impressive players, supporters were not convinced the side possessed enough quality throughout.

After a 2-1 home defeat by Norwich the previous week, City entered this meeting against a second-placed Swindon with a degree of trepidation. Fortunately, the form book was

turned upside down, and the Blues produced a magnificent display over Steve McMahon's side.

Georgi Kinkladze, often City's star man, was outstanding that day and deservedly netted the opener after only seven minutes. A Richard Edghill cross was deflected in by Swindon's Casper for the second goal ten minutes later. City then appeared very comfortable and it was inevitable the lead would increase. In the 37th minute Kevin Horlock netted the third.

The 3-0 half-time lead became a major talking point. It was already City's best performance of the campaign, but more was to follow. Paul Dickov, making his first start of the season, was outstanding and netted in both the 50th and

Match Facts

Division One
27th September 1997

**CITY 6
SWINDON 0**

Scorers - City: Kinkladze, Casper (o.g.), Horlock, Dickov (2), Bradbury

City: Margetson, Brightwell, Beesley, Wiekens, Symons, Edghill, Dickov (Scully), Horlock, Bradbury, Kinkladze (Conlon), Brannan

Swindon: Digby, Darras (Hay), Borrowes, Bullock, Casper, McDonald, Smith, Leitch (Drysedale), Cowe (Walters), Allison, Gooden

Attendance: 28,846

59th minutes. Further chances came his way when, with only ten minutes remaining, he had a terrific opportunity to score his third but instead chose to square the ball to Clark's record signing Lee Bradbury. Bradbury simply tapped the ball in for City's sixth. Bradbury, struggling to prove his worth, needed the goal, and clearly Dickov recognised this.

Afterwards Dickov admitted he aimed to help his team-mate. He also accepted his performance was no guarantee he would retain his place: "That has to be the best I've played since I came to City. Now I'm just hoping it could be a fresh start for me and the team. However, it is a squad game and you have to accept that the boss will change the side depending on the opposition."

Clark hoped the game would resurrect City's season: "The result should silence those critics who have been doubting whether we have a team capable of competing with the best in the Division. I know we are good enough to be up there with the top sides."

Sadly, City never did go on to compete with the top sides and, although Joe Royle replaced Clark later in the season, his arrival was too late to prevent City from relegation to Division Two. Swindon followed this defeat with thrilling victories over Port Vale and Bury, but early season promise faded, and they ended in 18th place.

Left: Paul Dickov celebrates one of his two goals in the 6-0 win.



City have scored 17 goals in the previous two FA Cup meetings in Manchester, but just two goals in the three away ties!

Our League & Cup record against Swindon is:

LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	8	5	2	1	18	5
Away	8	6	0	2	15	11
FA CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2	2	0	0	17	1
Away	3	0	1	2	2	5
TOTAL	21	13	3	5	52	22

First met in League:	1963-64
Doubles achieved:	4
Doubles conceded:	0
Biggest wins:	Home: 10-1, 1929-30 (FA Cup) Away: 3-1, 1993-94 & 1997-98
Heaviest defeats:	Home: 1-2, 1964-65 Away: 0-3, 1963-64
Last home win:	3-0, 1999-00
Last away win:	2-0, 1999-00
Last home draw:	1-1, 1987-88
Last away draw:	1-1, 1929-30 (FA Cup)
Last home defeat:	1-2, 1964-65
Last away defeat:	0-2, 1996-97

LAST HOME MEETING

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

Saturday 18th December 1999

CITY 3 SWINDON TOWN 0

Scorers: Pollock, R. Taylor, Goater.

CITY: Wright, Edgill, Wiekens, Jobson, Granville, Pollock, Bishop, Horlock, Kennedy (Tiatto), R. Taylor, Goater (Peacock).

SWINDON: Talia, Robinson, Davies, Reeves, A. Williams (Hulbert), Collins (Davis), Carrick, Leitch, Gooden, Griffin (Howe), Hay.

Game one

> The first League game between the two sides was a 3-0 City defeat at Swindon on 10th September 1963, while the first FA Cup meeting was on 5th March 1910. Again Swindon won at home, with the score 2-0.

Connections

> There have been several high profile connections between the sides. In 1997 City paid Swindon a record £1.5m for Kevin Horlock, while 32 years earlier the Blues paid £35,000 for Mike Summerbee - Joe Mercer's second signing.

Former Blue Steve McMahon



Kevin Horlock has played for both City and Swindon in the Premier League.



Family double: Mike Summerbee moved from Swindon to Maine Road in 1965 and son Nicolas, born six years later, was also to go on and play for both clubs.

was Swindon manager between 1994 and 1999, while other connections include Nicky Summerbee, Fitzroy Simpson, Mark Seagraves, Tony Grant (3 League appearances for Swindon during 1995-6), Jim Whitley (2 Swindon League appearances in 2000-1), Steve Finney (City trainee in the early 90s and Swindon player under McMahon), and 1981 FA Cup finalist Dave Bennett, who was with Swindon in 1993.

Record defeat

> *When the Blues defeated Swindon in the FA Cup fourth round replay on 25th January 1930, they inflicted the Robins' record defeat. City won 10-1 with goals from Eric Brook, Tommy Johnson, a hat-trick from Tommy Tait, and five from Bobby Marshall.*

Attendances

> The highest League crowd for a City-Swindon match is 31,751 for the 18th December 1999 meeting at Maine Road. The highest at Swindon, and indeed the second highest League figure, is 28,291 for the first League meeting between the sides in 1963.

The highest FA Cup crowd for this fixture was 46,082 for the record breaking Swindon defeat in January 1930.

The 16th January 1965 meeting between these sides at Maine Road was watched by a miserly 8,015. This is the lowest attendance ever for a League match at Maine Road, and is the lowest attendance for any League meeting between City and Swindon.

These were dark days for the Blues and afterwards angry supporters demonstrated and broke some Main Stand windows. Six months later Joe Mercer arrived and the rest is history.

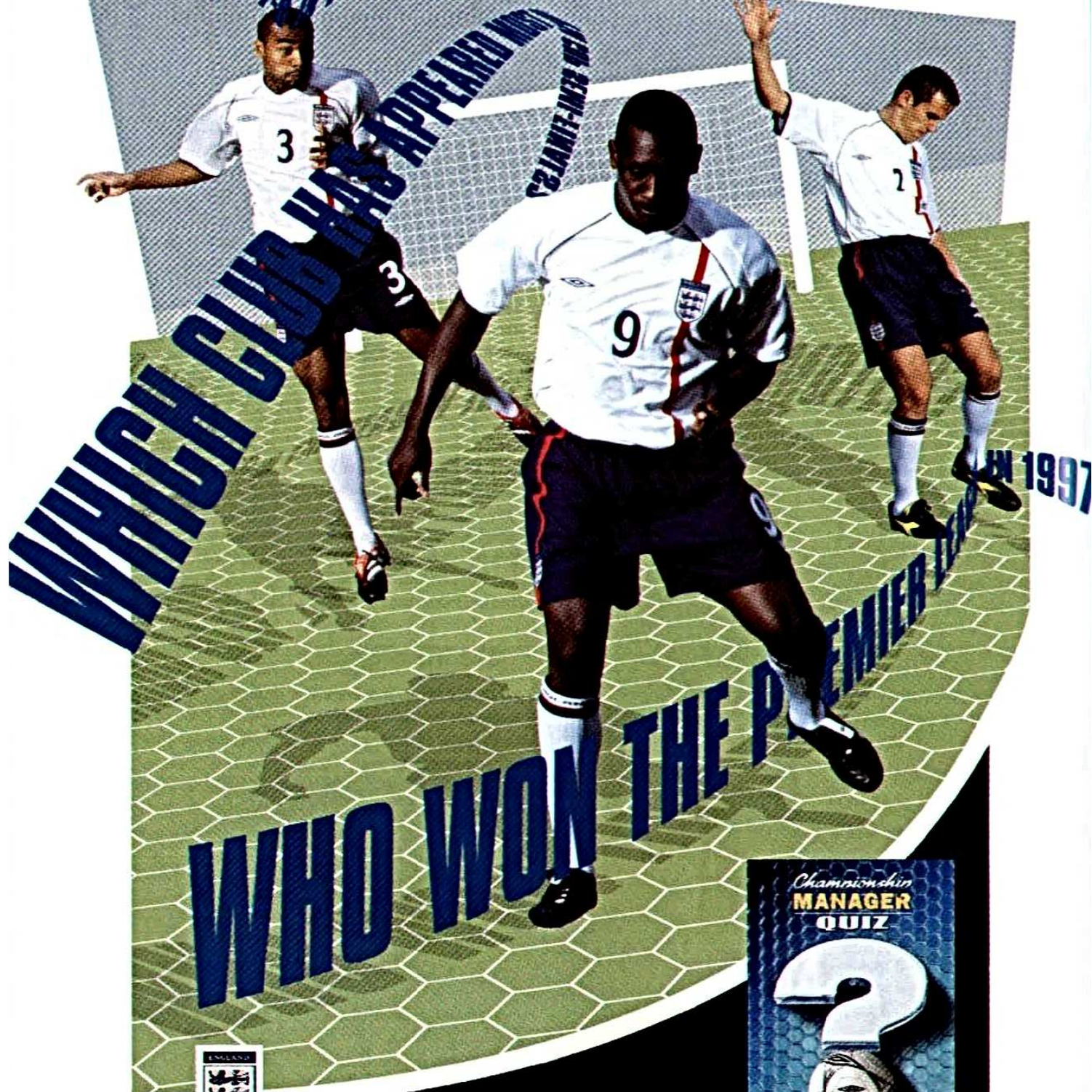
Roy Little's debut

> Manchester born Roy Little joined the Blues in 1949 but had to wait until 1953 before he made his first team debut, but what a start! City faced Swindon in an FA Cup tie, and the Blues dominated the match. Johnny Hart scored four as the Blues romped home 7-0 before 28,953 at Maine Road.

Little retained his place for the following match - his League debut against Liverpool - and went on to make a total of 186 League and Cup appearances for the Blues. After spells with Brighton and Crystal Palace, he became player-manager of Southern League Dover. These days he is a regular attendee at Maine Road and a very popular presence on match days.

The January 1965 meeting between City and Swindon at Maine Road was watched by a crowd of just 8,015 - the lowest ever for a League game at Maine Road

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We're raring to go again with an exciting year ahead...

by Jim Cassell

Academy

> Everybody is back after the holiday period, and eager to start the second half of the season.

We will commence our games programme against Crewe Alexandra next Saturday, followed by our 4th Round Youth Cup tie at home to Gillingham on Wednesday 16th January. Likewise, all our schoolboys and junior Academy boys are back in training, and we wish them well for the remainder of the season.

Planning ahead

> Our Academy fixtures will commence again on 12th January, and continue until mid-March. At that point we enter the FA Premier League play offs.

As the name suggests, the games are a knock-out formula, with the finals being played in early May. As well as the Premier League play offs, at the present time we are still involved in the FA Youth Cup, and obviously with a little good fortune we hope to progress to the latter stages of the competition.

During the summer months we will again be taking some of our ten teams away to participate in tournaments around Europe. At the present time we have been selected to take part in the Borgano Torinese tournament in Italy,

and the Switzerland International Youth Tournament in Bad Ragaz. I will, of course, keep you up to date with any more information as it becomes available.

Fund-raising

> We will be continuing, via the fund-raising committee, to organise events for the benefit of the Academy in the early part of the year. The first function is on 17th January, when Kevin Keegan will hold a Question & Answer session. The second function will be on Saturday 4th May, and details of this event will appear in a later issue.

Welcome Dave

> I am delighted to welcome to the Academy Dr David Watkins. David will form part of the club's medical team, with specific responsibility for the boys within the Academy. He will liaise closely with Jeff Ross, our Physio, in providing top class medical support for our young trainees and schoolboys. We wish David a long and happy association with the club.

> With Ian Wright for his father, and Shaun Wright-Phillips his brother, Academy youngster Bradley has a lot to live up to!

Born in London the 16-year-old centre-forward attended Haberdashers Askes School before joining the Manchester City School of Excellence at Under-13 level. In his first game wearing a City shirt he netted a hat-trick ... hopefully shades of things to come! To date he has made 16 appearances at Academy level.

Although Bradley was a great fan of Arsenal the first match he ever went to as a youngster was Crystal Palace versus Manchester United. His favourite footballer is Zinedine Zidane: "A great player," he says.

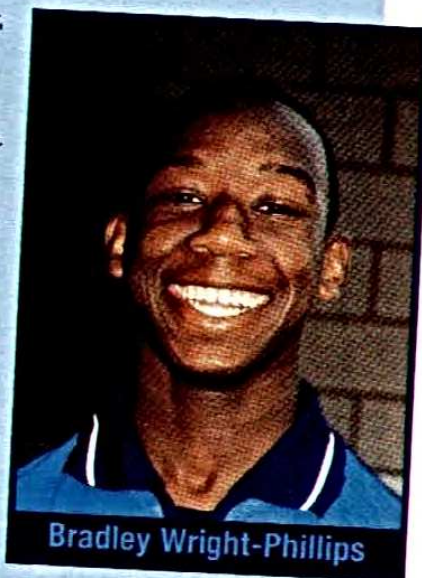
In his modest way he doesn't like to mention his footballing strengths but admits everything else in his game needs to be worked on!

> Striker Dorryl Proffitt can also boast family footballing connections - the lanky Spurs central-defender Anthony Gardner is his cousin.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, Dorryl attended St Thomas Aquinas School

and, apart from football, also enjoys a game of tennis. He supported Liverpool as a youngster; his first game was the Merseyside Reds versus Manchester United. His favourite player is Arsenal's Thierry Henry; "He's got everything - pace, strength and the ability to go past defenders."

Sixteen-year-old Dorryl, who is taking a course in Car Mechanics, has been with the School of Excellence since he was 13 and feels he has developed pace, power, good vision and an eye for goal but wants to improve his decision-making and his first touch.



Bradley Wright-Phillips



Dorryl Proffitt

Young Blues



Killen double as City make it four wins
out of four in the Senior Cup

Reserves

MANCHESTER SENIOR CUP

Tuesday 18th December 2001

OLDHAM ATHLETIC RES 2 CITY RES 4

> A young reserve team notched up a fourth consecutive win - and now 16 goals in the process - in their efforts to retain the trophy.

Leon Mike opened the scoring on seven minutes when his shot from a Rhys Day cross squirmed under the body of Oldham 'keeper Tom Whittle.

A well-taken free-kick on the edge of the box by Latics midfielder Danny Boshell levelled on 14 minutes, but Chris Killen regained the lead just short of the half-hour mark, converting a penalty awarded for an infringement on the New Zealand international.

Oldham came back again in the second half when Scott Vernon scored from a cross by Lee Hardy on the left, and the sides were level until the last ten minutes when the Blues added two more goals.

A Glenn Whelan corner on 81 minutes was flicked on by Stephen Jordan and Killen forced the ball over the line from close range. Whittle then denied Whelan with a terrific one-handed save but could not prevent a fourth for City when Chris Shuker finished a move started by himself and then involving Mike.



Above: Reserve team coach Asa Hartford

Back to League action on Wednesday

> City missed the last round of matches before the Premier Reserve League went into the Christmas break. As a result, the Blues dropped to seventh place after wins for Sunderland, Bolton and Middlesbrough and a point for Liverpool.

Asa Hartford's team is due to return to action next Wednesday with a trip to the seaside to play Blackburn Rovers at Morecambe.

Left: Chris Killen, scorer of City's second and third goals in the win at Oldham.

Right: Chris Shuker, scorer of the fourth.

Reserves Appearances 2001-02

	League Apps	League Gls	Senior Cup Apps	Senior Cup Gls
Joe BARTON	1(3)	1	1(1)	1
Gary BROWNE	-(1)	-	-	-
Laurent CHARVET	2	-	-	-
Simon COLOSIMO	8	1	2	-
Terry COOKE	8	1	2	2
Rhys DAY	7	-	3	1
Paul DICKOV	4	-	1	2
Terry DUNFIELD	8(2)	-	2(2)	-
Richard EDGHILL	3	-	1	-
Dickson ETUHU	8	-	1	-
Tony GRANT	1	-	3	1
Danny GRANVILLE	2	-	-	-
Alfie HAALAND	2	-	1	-
Barry HOGAN	-	-	-(1)	-
Kevin HORLOCK	1	1	1	-
Darren HUCKERBY	1	-	1	-
Stephen JORDAN	4(3)	1	2	-
Chris KILLEN	3(1)	2	1(1)	2
Paddy McCARTHY	1(1)	-	1(1)	-
Tyrone MEARS	6(1)	-	2	-
Leon MIKE	8(1)	5	2(1)	2
Andy MORRISON	-	-	1	-
Brian MURPHY	5	-	3	-
Carlo NASH	5	-	1	-
Christian NEGOUAI	1	-	-	-
Stephen PAISLEY	2	1	3	-
Paul RITCHIE	6	1	-	-
Chris SHUKER	8(1)	1	3(1)	1
Nicky SUMMERBEE	1	-	1	1
Alioune TOURE	4	1	1	1
Nick WEAVER	1	-	-	-
Paulo WANCHOPÉ	1	-	-	-
Glenn WHELAN	4(2)	-	1(1)	-
Jeff WHITLEY	1	-	-	-
Shaun WRIGHT-PHILLIPS	4	1	3	2
Own Goals	-	-	-	-

(Up to and including Tuesday 18 December)



Next at Hyde - Bolton Jan 14

Reserve Team Fixtures 2001-02

Aug 14	H Blackburn Rovers	4-1
Aug 29	A Bolton Wanderers	1-0
Sep 4	A Leeds United	2-1
Sep 24	A Everton	1-1
Oct 17	H Sheffield Wednesday	2-3
Oct 24	A Sunderland	0-1
Nov 6	H Aston Villa	2-0
Nov 13	H Bradford City	4-0
Nov 22	A Manchester United	1-1
Dec 5	H Middlesbrough	0-0
Dec 13	H Newcastle United	0-1
Jan 8	A Blackburn Rovers	
Jan 14	H Bolton Wanderers	
Jan 24	H Leeds United	
Feb 5	H Everton	
Feb 19	H Sunderland	
Feb 28	A Sheffield Wednesday	
Mar 13	A Middlesbrough	
Mar 18	A Newcastle United	
Mar 26	H Liverpool	
Apr 3	A Aston Villa	
Apr 9	H Manchester United	
Apr 16	A Bradford City	
TBA	A Liverpool	

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Manchester Senior Cup

Aug 22	A Bury	3-0
Sep 20	H Bury	4-1
Oct 3	H Manchester United	5-0
Dec 18	A Oldham Athletic	4-2
Jan 31	A Manchester United	
Mar 6	H Oldham Athletic	

FA Premier Reserve League (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	10	7	2	1	30	14	23
Sunderland	12	7	1	4	22	15	22
Bolton Wanderers	12	7	0	5	22	16	21
Liverpool	12	5	4	3	31	22	19
Newcastle United	11	6	1	4	20	15	19
Middlesbrough	12	5	4	3	17	16	19
Manchester City	11	5	3	3	17	9	18
Blackburn Rovers	11	5	1	5	19	15	16
Bradford City	11	4	2	5	15	26	14
Leeds United	10	4	1	5	8	12	13
Everton	12	2	6	4	15	17	12
Aston Villa	12	2	2	8	10	29	8
Sheffield Wed.	12	1	1	10	14	33	4

(Up to and including Thursday 20 December)

Reserve team home games are played at Hyde United FC...

From Manchester City Centre: A57 towards Sheffield/ Barnsley. At Denton roundabout take M67. Leave at J2 (Hyde Centre). Follow signs Tameside Leisure Park. The ground is at the back of Leisure Park, off Walker Lane, 2nd car park exit.

From motorway network: M60 to Denton roundabout then M67 (see above).

Academy Under 17 Fixtures 2001-02

Aug 25	H Wimbledon	0-2
Sep 1	A Leicester City	3-2
Sep 8	A Sheffield Wednesday	2-2
Sep 15	H Newcastle United	0-1
Sep 22	A Sunderland	1-1
Sep 29	H Leeds United	0-0
Oct 6	H Wrexham	3-0
Oct 13	A Liverpool	3-3
Oct 20	H Manchester United	2-2
Oct 27	A Bolton Wanderers	2-4
Nov 3	H Crewe Alexandra	1-2
Nov 10	H Blackburn Rovers	1-0
Nov 17	A Coventry City	1-1
Nov 24	H Everton	4-2
Dec 8	A Barnsley	3-4
Dec 15	H Bolton Wanderers	1-0
Jan 12	A Crewe Alexandra	
Jan 19	A Blackburn Rovers	
Jan 26	H Coventry City	
Feb 2	A Everton	
Feb 9	H Barnsley	
Feb 16	A Wrexham	
Feb 23	H Liverpool	
Mar 2	A Manchester United	

Academy Under 19 Fixtures 2001-02

Aug 25	H Wimbledon	2-2
Sep 1	A Leicester City	0-1
Sep 8	A Sheffield Wednesday	1-2
Sep 14	H Huddersfield Town	2-2
Sep 22	A Sunderland	2-1
Sep 29	H Leeds United	4-2
Oct 6	H Wrexham	2-0
Oct 13	A Liverpool	1-2
Oct 20	H Manchester United	1-1
Oct 27	A Bolton Wanderers	1-0
Nov 3	H Crewe Alexandra	4-1
Nov 10	H Blackburn Rovers	2-2
Nov 17	A Coventry City	2-0
Nov 24	H Everton	2-1
Dec 8	A Stoke City	2-0
Dec 15	H Bolton Wanderers	4-1
Jan 12	A Crewe Alexandra	
Jan 19	A Blackburn Rovers	
Jan 26	H Coventry City	
Feb 2	A Everton	
Feb 9	H Stoke City	
Feb 16	A Wrexham	
Feb 23	H Liverpool	
Mar 2	A Manchester United	
Mar 9	A Middlesbrough	
Mar 16	H Sheffield United	
Apr 6	A Nottingham Forest	
Apr 13	H Barnsley	

FA Youth Cup

Dec 2	H Burnley (Rnd 3)	3-0
Jan 16	H Gillingham (Rnd 4)	

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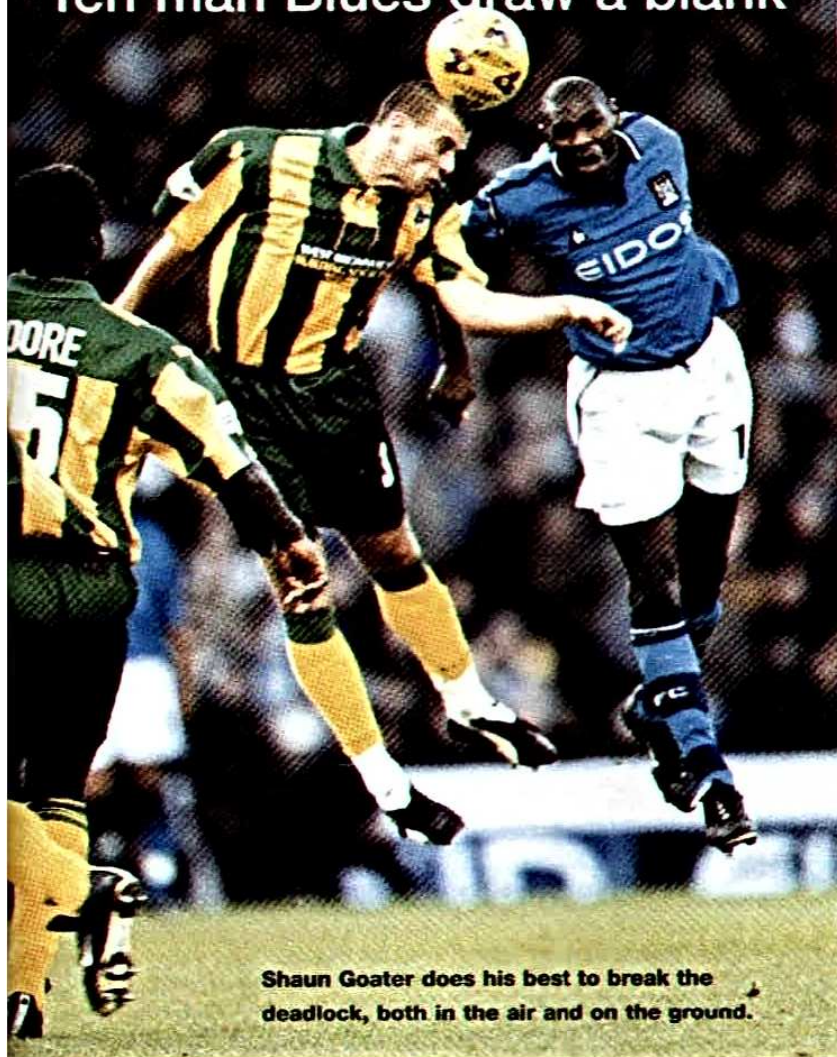
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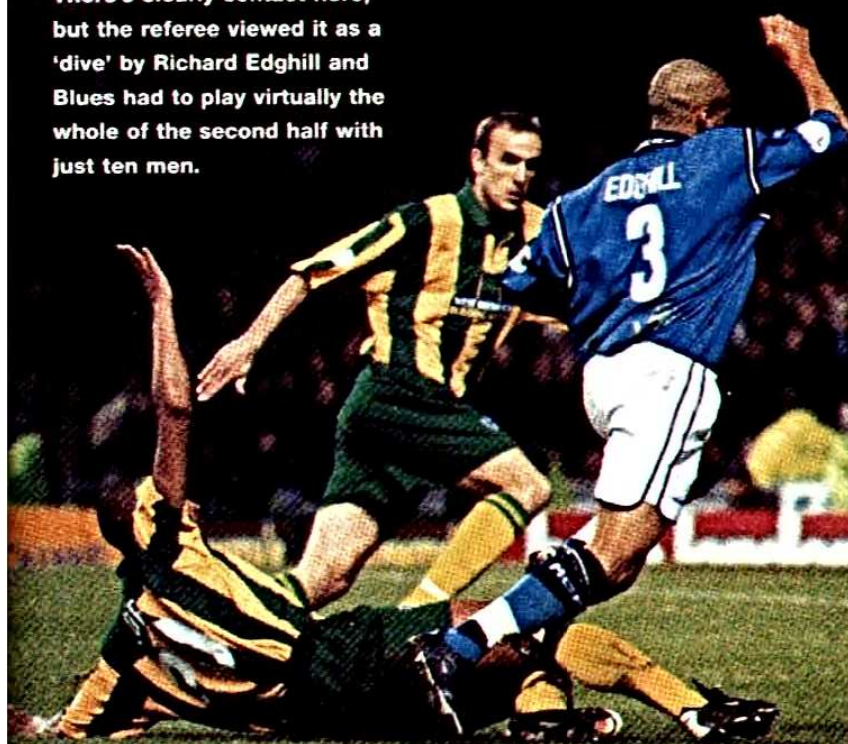
Ten man Blues draw a blank



Shaun Goater does his best to break the deadlock, both in the air and on the ground.



There's clearly contact here, but the referee viewed it as a 'dive' by Richard Edgill and Blues had to play virtually the whole of the second half with just ten men.



Baggies Bogey?

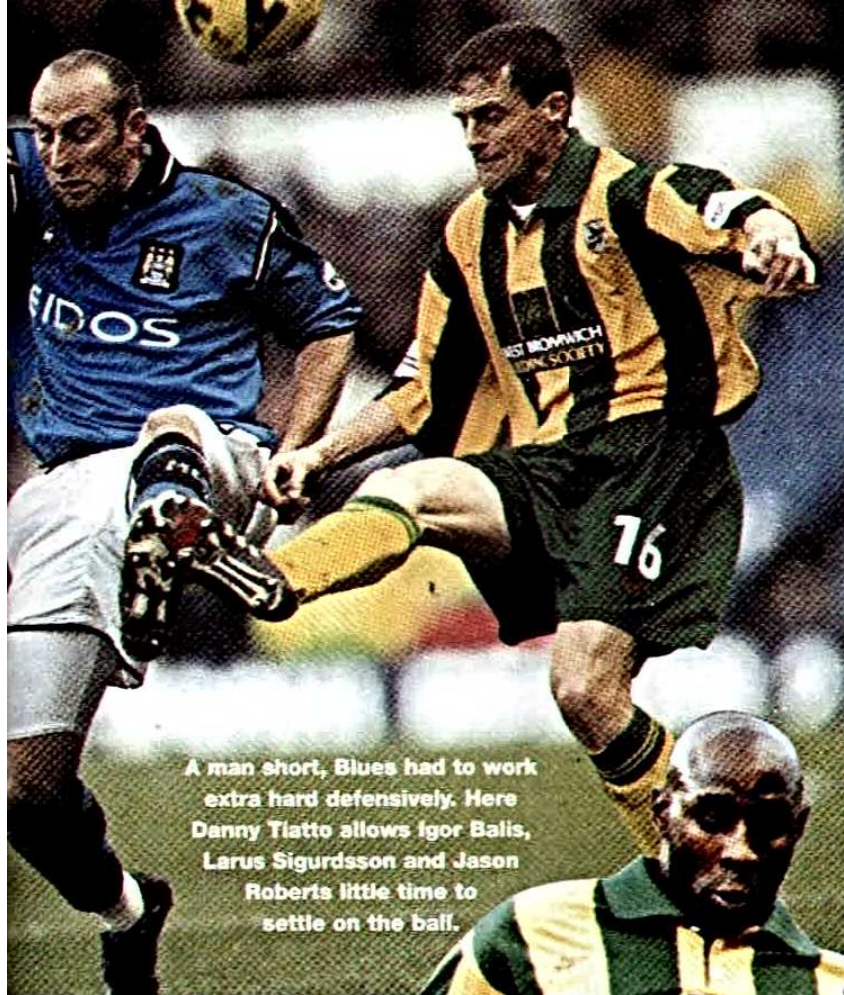
Following this Boxing Day clash City had scored a staggering 55 goals, but none in the two meetings with Albion. The Baggies had netted just 28, yet four of those came against City!

26/12 **City 0 West Bromwich Albion 0**

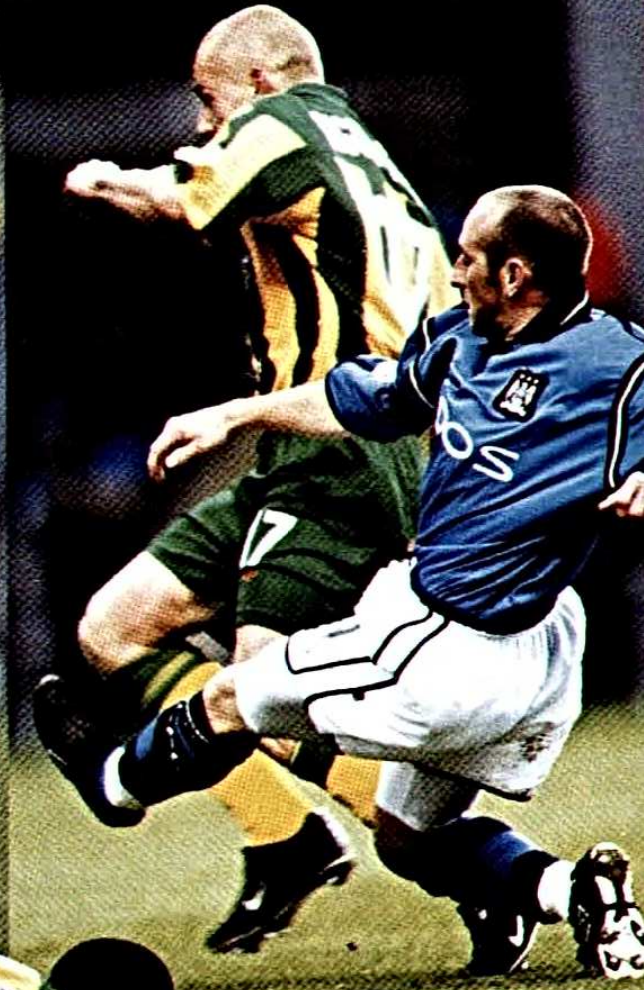


Ali Benarbia and Paulo Wanchope take the game to the visitors.



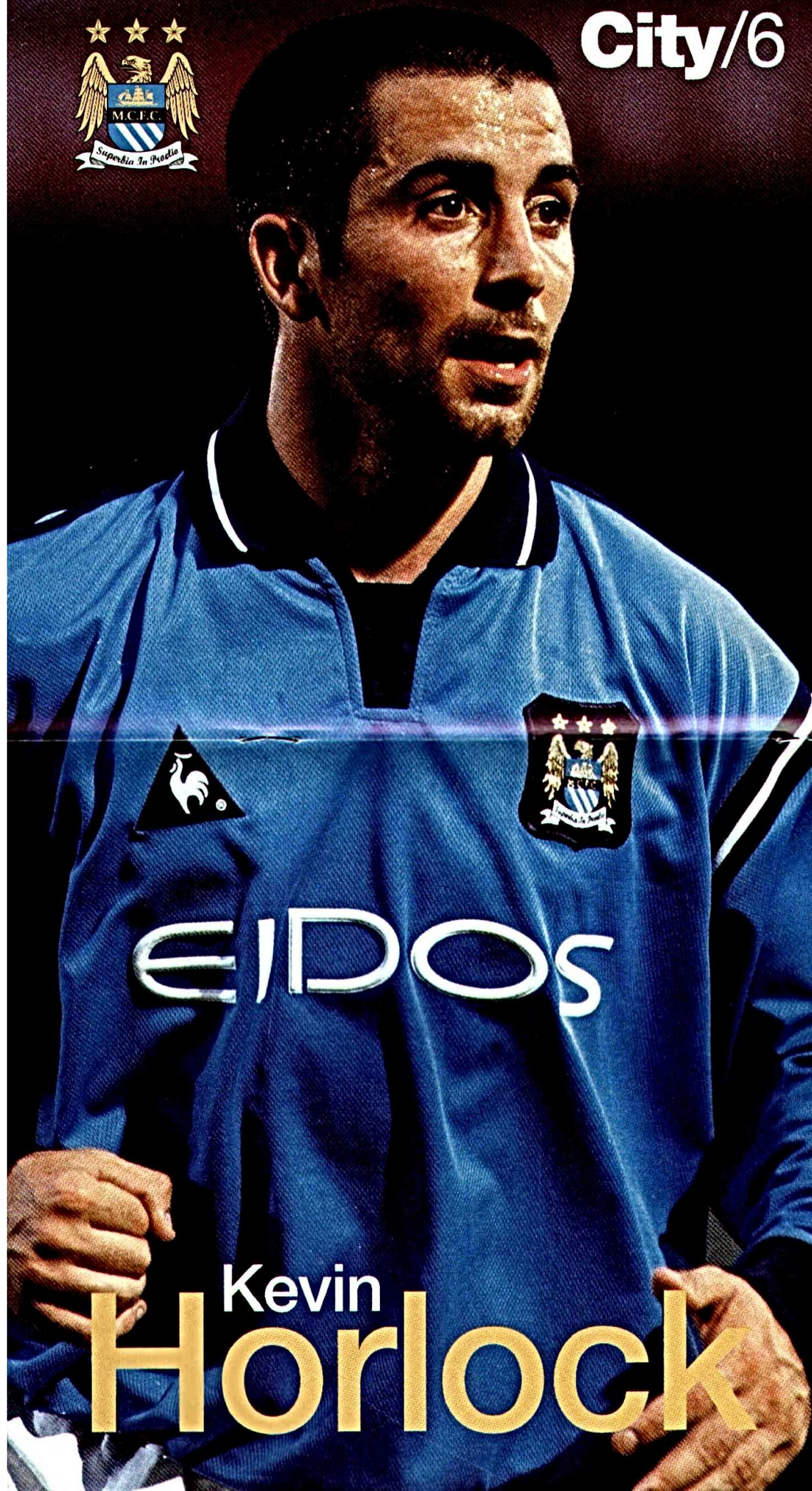
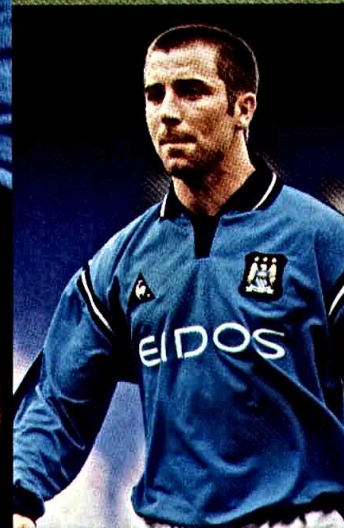


A man short, Blues had to work extra hard defensively. Here Danny Tiatto allows Igor Bails, Larus Sigurdsson and Jason Roberts little time to settle on the ball.



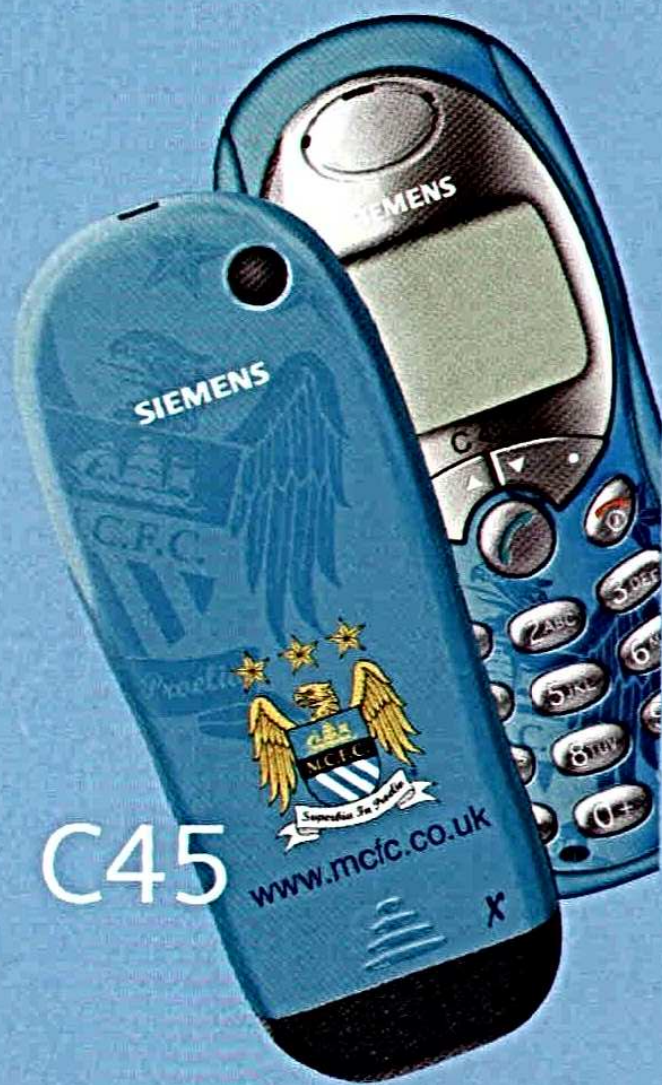


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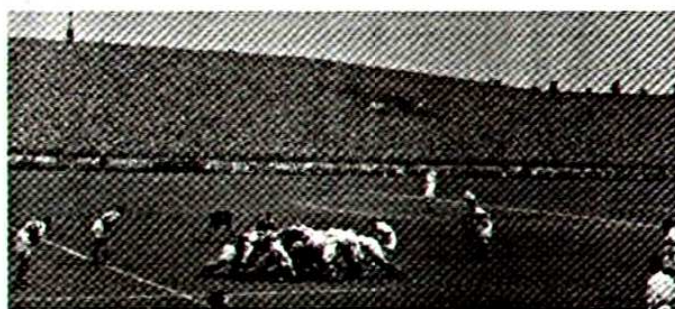
> City's move to the new City of Manchester stadium in August 2003 will herald the end of 80 years' occupation of Maine Road. To mark this momentous occasion the club have commissioned an official history of the present stadium. Written by City supporter and historian Gary James, and published by the Polar Group, this lavish book will detail, in words and photographs, the key moments in the life of one of Europe's most important venues.

Maine Road has staged many important events over the years including record-breaking internationals; FA Cup semi-finals; League Cup finals; the first European game on English soil; Rugby League matches; religious festivals; pop concerts, and of course has seen

thousands of dramatic moments and matches in City's own history. It also boasts a number of impressive records, but more than all of this Maine Road has been our home for as long as most supporters can remember.

Do you want to be part of the book?

To help ensure the history of Maine Road is told in an entertaining and informative manner Gary is keen to hear your memories of the stadium. Did you attend the first match in August 1923? Do you remember your first trip to Maine Road? Have you sat in the same spot for more than twenty years? Which is your favourite stand and why? What is the greatest moment you've enjoyed here and why? Have you attended other events at Maine Road? Did you meet



your partner at Maine Road, or has your life changed in other ways directly as a result of a visit to the stadium?

If you have humorous stories, poignant moments, life-changing events, or simply a good story you feel will interest others then write to Gary c/o Polar Publishing, Box 6383, 9-17 Tuxford Road, Hamilton, Leicester LE4 9WE or contact him by email at: mainerd@polargroup.co.uk and the best memories received will be selected for inclusion in the book.

This history of Maine Road - we have not yet settled on a final title - aims to be the greatest football stadium history ever produced, and will be researched, written, and designed to the same high standard as Gary's much-acclaimed "Manchester - The

Greatest City", and earlier publications such as the Joe Mercer biography, "Football With A Smile".

It will be the definitive story of a major venue and there will be opportunities, in due course, for supporters to subscribe for copies of the book, include their names, and become part of Maine Road's fabulous history forever.

Watch out for the special leaflet and official application form which will appear in the programme during 2002. In the meantime, send Gary your Maine Road memories!



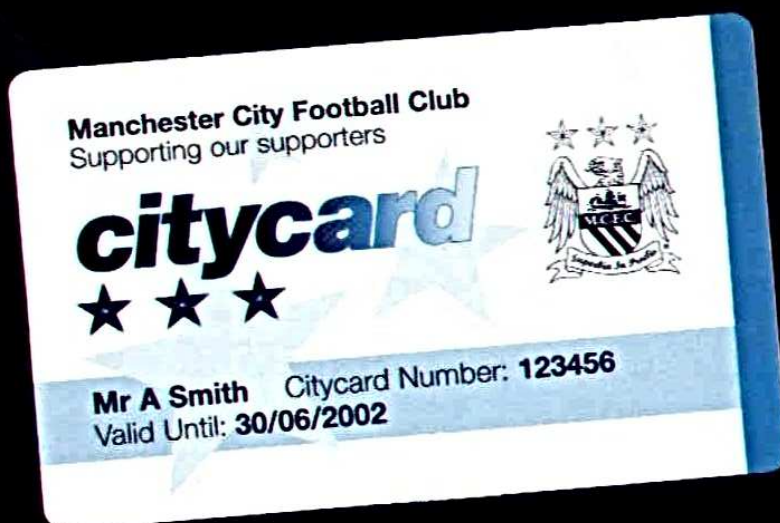
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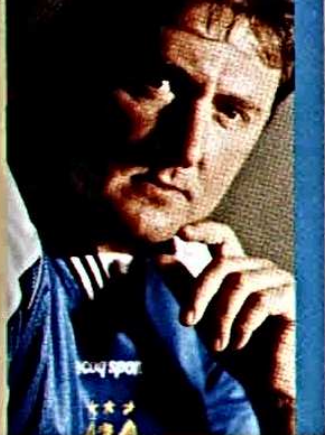
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The FA Cup is a one-off. It is about what happens on the day and that is why it throws up a number of shock results year after year



Gary Owen

The FA Cup has come round again and whatever people say about it losing some of its magic in recent years, it is still special.

Ask any foreign player, who comes into our game, what he wants most and you can bet he will say 'to play in an FA Cup Final'.

The nearest I got was with West Brom in 1982, when we reached the semi finals, only to lose 1-0 to QPR at Highbury.

It was a massive disappointment but I would still rather get knocked out in the semis than the third round.

At least I had the excitement of a cup run and it wouldn't do the City lads any harm even though the No 1 priority is promotion.

A good run in the cup can enhance the side's confidence in the league and players would always rather play than train.

One of my greatest memories is of going to Leeds United in the third round, in 1978, and winning 2-1. Peter Barnes and Dennis Tueart scored the goals.

I recall the game had to be stopped at one point, because of crowd trouble, but we eventually came out on top. Unfortunately, we were knocked out at Forest in the next round.

You can't ask for much more than a home game in the third round. What you don't want is a banana skin away to a club from a lower division.

I can remember City playing on a snowbound pitch at Shrewsbury in 1979 and getting turned over 2-0 by a team of

supposed 'no hoppers'. The conditions can be a great leveller.

The FA Cup is a one-off. It is about what happens on the day and that is why it throws up a number of shock results year after year.

We should be able to beat Swindon Town because, for one thing, we are on our own pitch which has under-soil heating and doesn't normally have a problem with the weather.

Roy Evans resigned as manager at Swindon recently and one of my old pals, Andy King, is back in charge. I know Andy well because we were together at West Brom and I wish him well - but not today!

The FA Cup HAS changed in terms of limiting ties to only one replay and spreading the games over three or four days for TV.

In the modern game, I think a cup match needs to be settled over two matches and that a penalty shoot-out, although not ideal, is better than tossing a coin. Probably the best idea they have come up with is the 'golden goal'.

Certainly, there is still an extra buzz when the FA Cup comes round and we hope today sees the start of a run.

We ended the old year in terrific style with a 5-1 home win over the leaders Burnley at Maine Road.

I have said it before and I'll say it again - one of these days somebody is going to get a real drubbing at Maine Road.

Our home form, apart from one freak result, has been

spectacular and the team just looks full of goals.

Funnily enough, we have beaten Burnley 4-2 away and 5-1 at home, brilliant results, and yet on each occasion you could point to an incident early on which was a turning point.

In fairness to Burnley, who are a good side, they had a player sent off at Turf Moor and then missed a penalty at 1-0 at Maine Road.

All credit to Carlo Nash, for saving Glenn Little's penalty kick, but if Burnley had got back into the game at that stage, it might have been a different story.

As it was, City were four up at half time and even if it flattered us a bit, we looked like scoring every time we went forward. The creativity of Ali Benarbia and Eyal Berkovic pulled Burnley apart and Paulo Wanchope knew by half-time that he was going home with the match ball.

Our fans would have loved to see a few more go in but they

had to wait until the last minute when Darren Huckerby, who had come on as a sub, provided the icing on the cake.

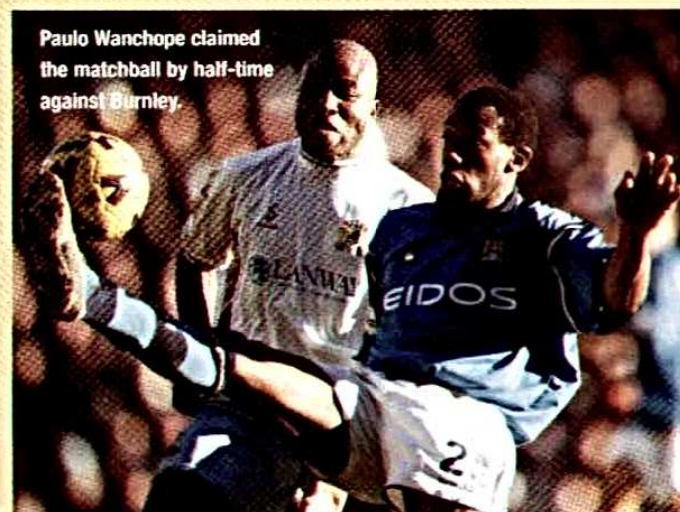
Any player will tell you that it is difficult to maintain the momentum when you have a big lead. The only way you don't switch off is if you get a goal early in the second half or the opposition get one and it serves as a wake-up call.

All credit to Burnley for having a real go in the second half but we still kept creating chance after chance.

There is so much competition for places now. Paulo has come back after injury and looked world class and players are bursting to get into the side.

Richard Dunne was in tremendous form until he had to miss the West Brom game through suspension. And he had to start off on the bench against Burnley.

The signs are good in the league but today we can concentrate on the magic of the cup.



Paulo Wanchope claimed the matchball by half-time against Burnley.



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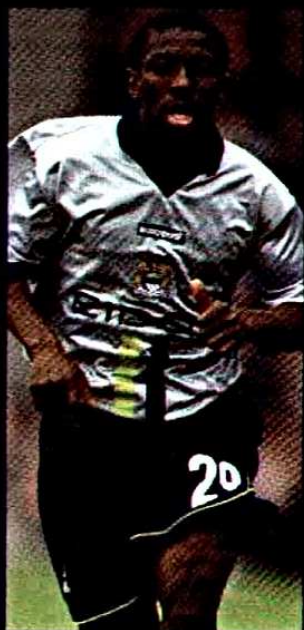


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- Football in the Community go on-line with new e-mail address
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- MCFC Ladies first team reach 4th round of AXA FA Cup

Spring 2001

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- Easter Soccer Extravaganza
- New arrival of Lewis Lee Healthy Blues & LTF Co-ordinator
- Manchester U-14s Secondary School League final on the pitch at Maine Road



Summer 2001

- Kevin Keegan visits the M.C.F.C Soccer School in August.
- Introduction of new lunchtime & after school coaching activity
- Asylum Seekers Holiday Scheme at Platt Lane

Autumn 2001

- Railtrack Play Safe Under 11's Competition
- Arrival of Bob Marlour Lunchtime Coaching Co-ordinator
- BlueZone Bikeathon - raising funds for Leukaemia Research Fund
- Adidas Want to Play? training day at Platt Lane
- Opening of new football coaching centre at Astley H.S in Dukinfield



As well as all this we have organised Holiday Soccer Schools, Ground Tours, competitions and continued to run the After School Coaching Centres and our important Education Projects which include Kick It and Learning Through Football.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their continued support...

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Next Fans' Committee Meeting

Monday 21 January 2002, 7.30pm... Platt Lane Complex
... everyone welcome

You Blues

JBs in Lapland

> Four lucky Junior Blues recently flew off to Lapland to ask Father Christmas for promotion to the Premiership for City. Seen here (below) bundled up against the cold are l to r: **Olivia Henderson, Daniel Halford, Claudia Henderson** and **Lisa Wardle**.

Three mascots

> City Mascot **Neil Flanagan** (pictured right) of Fallowfield is our mascot today. City-mad Neil, 12, goes to Oakwood High School in Chorlton and plays football for the school team. His favourite Blue is Shaun Goater.



> **Jenny & Iain Tompson** of Rochdale are also running out with the Blues this afternoon. Jenny, 13, is a seasoned performer in the annual Junior Blues panto - this year's she's playing the part of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Alongside her

today will be her 7-year-old football-mad brother Iain. Jenny's favourite player is Kevin Horlock while Iain favours Eyal Berkovic and Stuart Pearce. We hope all three mascots have a great day.

Welcome

> A warm welcome and a Happy New Year to **Mike Hoy** of Quorn in Leicestershire. Lifelong Blue Mike has travelled up today with his Swindon-supporting friend **Chris Edmeades** who also lives in the Midlands. Chris recently treated Mike to a spot of seasonal hospitality when the Robins played Bury in the League.

250 Club winners

> The **250 Club** December Draw Winners are as follows: 9 Gary Henderson; 206 Manchester City FC Travel Club; 21 Graham Davies; 106 Alex Stepney; 247 Barry Poynton; 26 Joseph Curry.

If anyone is interested in joining the 250 Club (proceeds go to Youth Development at Manchester City FC) there are still memberships available. Please contact Mr Halford's office on 0161 232 3041.

However, today's FA Cup draw provided the perfect opportunity for a reciprocal gesture ... so Mike is entertaining Chris in the Millennium Suite this afternoon ... to a slap-up lunch and a PROPER game of Blue football! Enjoy the occasion boys!

Happy birthday to...

> **Toby Stroner** who celebrates his 31st birthday on 8th January. All best wishes come from your friends John, Ben and Paul.

> Belated 38th birthday wishes for 29th December to North Stand season ticket holder **Lynda Shackleton**, pictured (right) with daughter Laura. Love from Andrew, Laura, Sam & Ryan.

> **Steven Firth** - happy sweet sixteen for 6th! - with tons of hugs and kisses from Mum, Rebecca and Roy.

Obituary

> Lifelong City fan and season ticket holder **Gerald Arthur Huyton** of Denton died on 14th December, aged 63. Our sympathies go to son Stephen, daughter-in-law Marie, grand-daughters Alexandra & Victoria and all family & friends.



Send your photos and stories to
The Programme Desk c/o MCFC, Maine Road



Stadium tour 1

> Whilst on holiday in Turkey last year, 12-year-old **Daniel Burton** visited a different stadium to his usual Maine Road. This great amphitheatre, which has played host to such famous people as Julius Caesar, St. Paul plus Cleopatra and Mark Anthony, is in the ancient city of Ephesus and with a seating capacity of around 24,000 was the largest theatre in Anatolia but it still wouldn't be large enough for our loyal supporters, would it?

Cold but Blue

> Meanwhile, in a cooler part of the world ... long-time City supporter and Main Stand season ticket holder **Graham Johnson** of Guisborough discovered the ice on Lamplugh Glacier in chilly Alaska reflected a pleasant shade of Blue (see picture, above right)!

Stadium tour 2

> Kippax season ticket holder **Neil Colbridge** from Hattersley in Cheshire has high hopes for



City's future under Kevin Keegan. Here he is (above) at Barcelona's fantastic Nou Camp Stadium with his son **Daniel** & daughter **Vicky** flanking the European Cup ... maybe in five years time?!!!

Blue Angel

> One of City's Blue Angels ... Looking angelic in the now very popular 'Blue baby pose', we welcome fourth generation Blue **Mark Kevin Jackson** (below) from Moston in Manchester.



Young Blue

> Now here's a young fellow who might possibly have a great future as a footballer ... once his feet have grown a little! Proud dad **Philip Rousseau** who lives in Sale and is a lifelong Blue has sent us this photo (above) of his 10-month-old son **Leon**.





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> Following a number of incidents, Greater Manchester Police will implement a series of traffic control measures to ensure that our visitors can leave the stadium in safety.

These traffic controls will affect the side roads off Claremont Road, between Lloyd Street North and Princess Road.

It is recommended that supporters who park in this area find alternative parking spaces, or remain patient as these controls will only be in place for approximately 10 minutes, depending on the number of coaches involved.

It is unfortunate that the poor behaviour of some people causes such action to be taken, however, your co-operation is sought to ensure that our visitors enjoy their time at Maine Road and return home in safety.

These controls will be in place for all the remaining fixtures this season.

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**WE'RE ALREADY
TOP OF OUR LEAGUE**

**Mark & Milagros
Bittner welcome
all City fans**

Some very sad news but also some happier news for Grandad Summerbee!...

The Buzz

> We are top of the table again and just about to play Swindon Town, my first league club, in the FA Cup. Happy days. Great memories.

But I'm afraid my Christmas was spoiled by the death of City's former groundsman Stan Gibson, an old and very close friend who had a major influence on me joining this club back in 1965.

I played for Swindon when they beat City 2-1 in the old Second Division at Maine Road in front of an all-time low attendance of 8,015 in that same year. We could hear angry City fans chucking bricks against the wall when we were in the bath.

But I had spent half an hour or so before the game chatting to Stan Gibson, who I'd never met and who had no idea who I was. He was such a nice bloke and his passion for City really came across when he talked about how the club was in the doldrums.

There's no doubt that chat helped me make up my mind to come to City as Joe Mercer's first signing. And Stan became a close friend of the family and kept my Player of the Year trophies in his house, right next door to the ground.

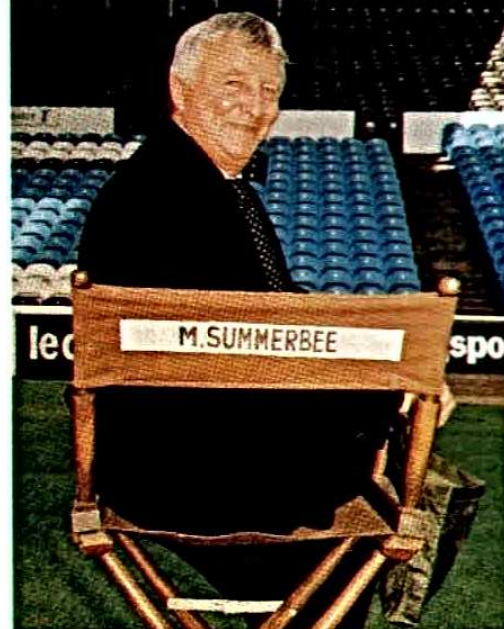
Stan used to look after 'my side' of the Maine Road pitch, cutting the grass a certain way so I would know where I was going. He was also very good to my son Nicky, who is now playing for Nottingham Forest.

Back in the late 60's and early 70's when it was all happening for City, Stan was very much part of the team. He came to all the celebration parties but he was the one who used to end up having to drive us home.

Stan will be badly missed because when God made him he threw away the mould.

> *If Stan's death spoiled Christmas for me, seeing the name of Alex Williams in the New Year Honours List cheered me up. Alex has been made an MBE, for his services to football in the community, and I am so delighted for him and his family.*

Alex is an amazing person who richly deserves his award and should have had it at least a year ago. He was a good goalkeeper, who had to stop playing because of an injury. But he has done so much unsung work in the community.



> Just before Christmas I went down south to see my old pal George Best, who has had a hard time with his health problems. Hopefully, they will improve in the new year.

Naturally, I wish him well because he really is a smashing bloke and we go back a long way. For those who don't know, George was Best Man at my wedding as well as being a great friend and business partner. The contribution George made to football was unbelievable and he is still very sharp.

Malcolm Allison, who has also been unwell, was at City's last two home games with me and I also wish him a better year in 2002.

> Guess what, I've got another grandson. Harley Jack Summerbee was born on December 13, two days before my birthday. He was actually due on the 15th but, typical Summerbee, he decided to do the unexpected.

He is called Harley Jack Summerbee and my son Nicky and his wife Leone are the proud parents. Like his big brother, Samuel Oliver Summerbee, Harley has got a footballer's legs.

That has upset my mother because she said she didn't want any more footballers in the family.

Samuel Oliver will have the initials SOS on the back of his shirt and Harley Jack will have HJS. I wanted the initials to be HMS, with a touch of royalty!

Nicky is playing for Nottingham Forest and doing great. He did get sent off the other week but these days you get a red card for coughing!

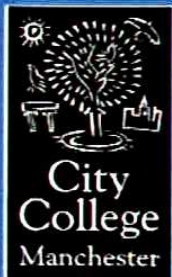
> Now for the FA Cup. No need to ask me where my loyalties lie these days. But it will be good to see a Swindon Town team on the Maine Road pitch.

Our recent results in the league have been great. Kevin Keegan has brought a shining light to the place. Let's hope it continues.

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yes
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Steve's cup
of woe...



Oh! no...
not the
FA Cup!

The FA Cup doesn't hold too many happy memories for Steve Howey - so far.

While playing for Newcastle United against Tottenham at Old Trafford in one of the 1999 semi-finals, he picked up a serious injury which cost him his first team place and the chance of further England caps to add to the four he had already won.

Then last season, his first with the Blues, he was injured and had to go off during the 3-2 third round victory over Birmingham City at Maine Road a year ago this weekend - and that was the end of his FA Cup campaign.

He was suspended for the 1-0 fourth round victory over Coventry City and missed the 4-2 defeat at Liverpool in the next round with a cracked toe.

"It would be nice if we could do something in the cup this year, especially for the fans," said Steve, who has recently regained his first team place following a foot injury which necessitated him wearing a carbon fibre plate in his boots and trainers to strengthen the problem area.

"We've been playing some attractive football in the League and if we continue to put away our chances we should do okay,"

A run in the cup would also put Steve on the trail of some rare personal silverware.

For such a talented player, apart from his England caps he only has one other honour to show for more than a decade in the game - a First Division championship medal with Newcastle.

"Let's just say that I haven't got a lot of silverware at home," laughed the 30-year-old defender, who obviously hopes to double his medal haul in this season's Division One title chase.

The omens are looking good on that score, especially as Steve believes the team is mentally stronger than at the start of the season.

"In the West Brom game, for instance, I'm sure they found us a different team to the one which was easily beaten down there," he said.

"Even with ten men for most of the second half we were unlucky not to get all three points and hopefully the two we dropped won't prove too expensive at the end of the campaign.

"The difference is in the way we prepare mentally for games now compared to earlier on this term. There are not many changes personnel-wise, but we are much more confident in our approach."

Canaries are in tune for next
Sunday's visit to Maine Road...

Ticket Store

Right: Norwich have had plenty of reason to celebrate at home this season with 33 points taken from 14 games



A debut goal by Marc Libbra made the mould for a new-look at Norwich City by scoring within ten seconds of his appearance as substitute against Manchester City in August.

The French signing helped create a Carrow Road fortress as the Canaries began their best-ever start to a home programme - six straight wins until Portsmouth held out for a 0-0 draw in October.

Ten home victories by Boxing Day was more than they achieved in five of their six seasons since leaving the Premiership and only one more was required to equal their best return of 11 wins in 1999-00.

Bradford City were the only visitors to take three points as Norfolk became a stronghold in a promotion challenge, but Nigel Worthington's team did not travel well. They lost more away games than any of the leading contenders before changing their formation for a 5-0 win at Hillsborough.

Mr Worthington did well in the transfer market and made 21-year-old Robert Green his No 1 goalkeeper following Andy Marshall's departure to Ipswich. Then, as Christmas approached, he successfully freshened up the team with the loan signing of David Nielsen, a Danish striker from Wimbledon who scored in wins against Coventry - and his own club!

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Non-home match Saturday
9am to 12 noon

Reserve/youth team
home matches at
Maine Road
9am to kick-off

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

	Norwich City	Millwall	Preston N.E.
Date	13.01.02	30.01.02	10.02.02
k.o. time	2.15pm	7.45PM	2.15pm
Category (see table on facing page for prices)	A	B	C
Citycard holders by post & phone		See info	14.01.02
Open Sale, usual outlets	NOW	below	22.01.02

FORTHCOMING AWAY FIXTURES

	**Watford	*Swindon
Date	20.01.02	16.01.02
k.o. time	6.15pm	7.45pm
Allocation received	3,700	3,800
Application form	R	HH
Initial away tracked games required	3	N/A
Adults	£18	£14
Senior Citizens	£13 (O-60)	£8 (O-60)
Juniors	£13 (U-16)	£4 (U-16)
Regular s/ts by post with Tracked attendance		
Regular s/ts by post		from 1pm 08.01.02
4th year, post		as above
3rd year, post		as above
2nd year, post		as above
1st year, post	NOW	as above
Citycard holders, post	07.01.02	12.01.02
Open sale, post/windows	08.01.02	13.01.02

** Tickets on sale to personal callers at the windows.

* FA Cup 3rd Round POSSIBLE replay.

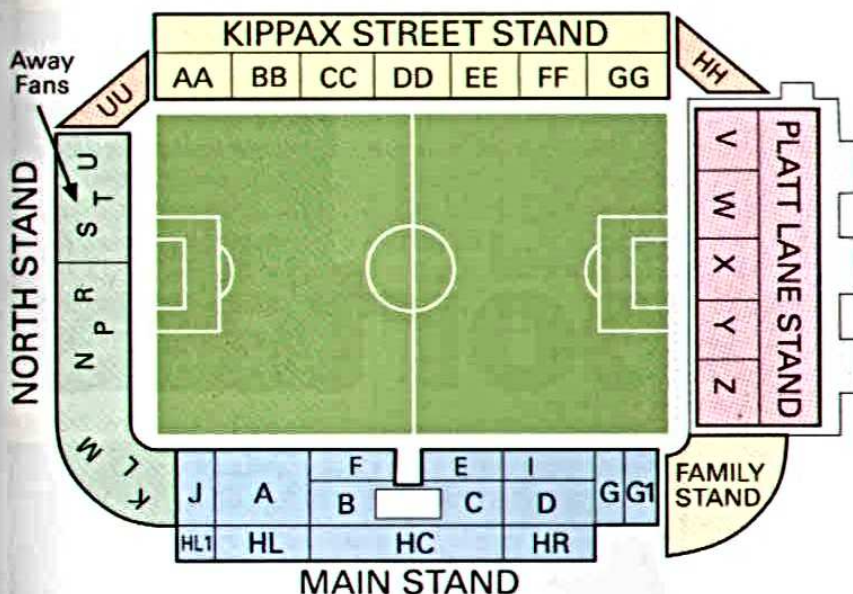
Manchester City v Millwall

Wednesday 30th January 2002
ko 7.45pm

This is a Category 'B' game and is **ALL TICKET**. TICKETS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Tickets are available via post, phone 0161-828 1200 and personal callers at the Ticket Store to Citycard holders only who have attended 1 previous home league game this season (up to and including the game versus West Bromwich Albion) and had their attendance tracked.

Tickets will be available from 14 Jan to non Citycard holders on production of 3 home League stubs from this season (up to & incl. West Brom game). Sales for non Citycard holders are to personal callers ONLY.



HOME LEAGUE MATCH PRICES 2001/02

Juniors for match tickets need to be under 14 years of age.

Categories	A	B	C
B & C	£20	£21	£22
A,D,E,F,H,O,H,C,J	£19	£20	£21
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North Stand Junior	£8	£8	£8
UU Uncovered Adult	£13	£14	£15
UU Uncovered Junior	£8	£8	£8
HH Uncovered	£14	£15	£16

TICKET SALES RULES 2001-02

Season Ticket Holders:

- The Club reserves the right to sell tickets in the following order for all major League and Cup matches; Regular, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st years.
- For away sales, the Club will allocate tickets according to tracking.
- Fully completed application forms must accompany applications to ensure tracking. Please indicate status and number of games attended on your application form.
- Tickets cannot be guaranteed for any fixture away from Maine Road.

CityCard Holders:

- Strictly one ticket per cardholder.
- The Club reserves the right to limit the number of tickets per application.
- Preference may be given to 2000/2001 members.
- Preference may be given by tracking. Your **Citycard** number should be quoted in all instances of sales.
- Tickets cannot be guaranteed to **Citycard** holders.

Open Sale:

- The Club reserves the right to allocate tickets according to

games attended by use of stubs.

Allocation Priorities:

- Please note that the Club may introduce special selling arrangements for some fixtures.

Home League Matches:

- Initial sale from 4 weeks before the match date.
- First week to **Citycard** holders only by phone or post. If tickets remain then open sale.

Away Sales including cup-ties: (subject to availability)

- There will be **NO RETURNS** in the last week of sale.
- Season ticket holders (1 ticket per season ticket holder)
- **Citycard** holders (1 ticket per **Citycard** holder)
- Open sale
- Applications will be taken no earlier than 2 working days before the first day of sale.

Home Cup-ties:

- Season ticket holders may claim their own seat, with the exception of North Stand who may have to be re-allocated due to cup regulations.
- **Citycard** holders
- Open sale if tickets remain.

Attendance Tracking:

To ensure that your purchases are tracked please read the information below.

Important Information

- Season ticket holders must enclose a fully completed application form. Please indicate status and number of games attended on your application form.
- Details on the application form should match the details in the relevant patron file. Your application may be jeopardised if the details do not match. Where possible supporters should not enclose different status forms in the same ticket applications. Mixed applications will be dealt with according to the lowest status. Supporters are advised not to swap application forms as this may affect the tracking for individual supporters.

Postal applications will be accepted by credit/debit card, cheque or postal order. No cash will be accepted. Cheques should be made payable to MCFC.

WHERE A RANGE OF PRICES IS AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT SHOULD BE LEFT BLANK.

Your tracking may be checked by applying in writing, or emailing the Ticket Store. In the event of a dispute over tracking records ticket stubs will NOT be counted as proof of attendance. Postal applications will be kept on file for this purpose.

Supporters are reminded to **keep their home and away ticket stubs** over the season as they may be needed for the allocation of tickets during the season.

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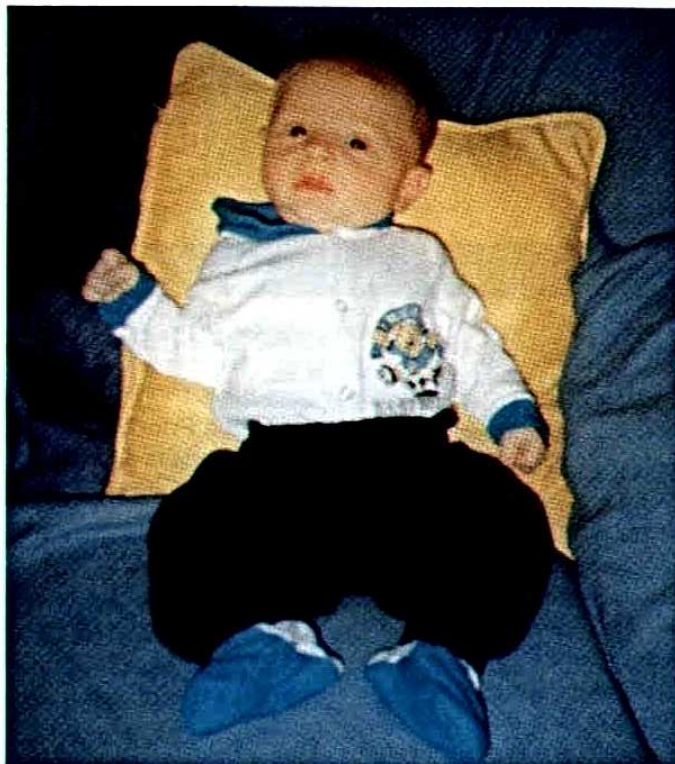
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- > Guernsey
- > Hazel Grove
- > Higher Openshaw
- > Hyde
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Mr Bill Pine - give us a call, you'll be glad you did!

MCFC Official Club (1949) Supporters

A very Happy Blue New Year to all our members worldwide, we hope to see many of you back at Maine Road in the near future and to a successful 2002.

> Congratulations to the winners of the **100 Club Draw**: T McIntosh of Brooks Bar, M Roberts of Dukinfield and T Collins of Cheadle. Two other winners need to get in touch with the OSC office to claim their prizes ... we have been unable to contact the £500 prizewinner (ticket 33839) of the **Christmas Draw, Mr Bill Pine**, so please call us. And the winner of a toy sheepdog, from the draw organised by Helen Turner in aid of **Manchester Children's Hospital** which raised £125, has forgotten to write his/her name & address on the ticket stubs. The winning pink ticket numbers are **746-750** inclusive.



Welcome to one of our younger supporters ... Andrew Joseph Lewis was born on 16th August 2001. His proud parents are Roy and Helen of the Chester branch.



City's captain Stuart Pearce (centre back) with members of the Higher Openshaw branch at a recent meeting.

The **Northenden branch** will be holding their AGM on **Monday 7th January** at 8pm. All members should attend and everybody is welcome to come along and check out Northenden social club's facilities. Telephone Peter Gregory (Vice Chairman) for details on 07050 111597.

> **Baguley & Brooklands** branch would like to thank Moonchester for his appearance at their Christmas party, which was the usual roaring success and wish a very happy New Year to all their members.

> A group from **Denton & Gorton** branch visited Carrington this week for an enjoyable morning to meet members of the team and management - thanks to all involved from the Club.

> **Brooks Bar** branch hold their first meeting of 2002 at 8pm on Tuesday 15th January at St Crispins Social Club, Lloyd Street. Branch members wish everyone at the club, and all Blues everywhere, a very Happy New Year.

> Unfortunately two branches have recently closed in **High Peak** and **Middlewich**.

Anybody in the High Peak area who is interested in continuing with the OSC is advised to contact Stewart Middleton at the **Buxton** branch on 01298 73860. Meetings are held at The Blazing Rag.

People in the Middlewich/ Nantwich areas should contact Dave Welch at the **Nantwich** branch on 07946 217272. Meetings held at The 3 Pidgeons, Welsh Row, Nantwich.

> Branch news and information can be sent to Heidi Pickup at heidi@mcivta.freemove.co.uk, or to the OSC office c/o MCFC, Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester or fax 0161 226 5047.

City's recent form in the FA Cup

1994-95

Rnd 3	A	Notts County	2-2	(Beagrie, D.Brightwell)
Rnd 3 rep	H	Notts County	5-2	(Rösler 4, Gaudino)
Rnd 4	H	Aston Villa	1-0	(Walsh)
Rnd 5	A	Newcastle United	1-3	(Rösler)

1995-96

Rnd 3	A	Leicester City	0-0	-
Rnd 3 rep	H	Leicester City	5-0	(Rösler, Kinkladze, Quinn, Lomas, Creaney)
Rnd 4	A	Coventry City	2-2	(Flitcroft, Busst og)
Rnd 4 rep	H	Coventry City	2-1	(Clough, Quinn)
Rnd 5	A	Manchester United	1-2	(Rösler)

1996-97

Rnd 3	A	Brentford	1-0	(Summerbee)
Rnd 4	H	Watford	3-1	(Summerbee, Heaney, Rösler)
Rnd 5	H	Middlesbrough	0-1	-

1997-98

Rnd 3	H	Bradford City	2-0	(Rösler, Brown)
Rnd 4	H	West Ham United	1-2	(Kinkladze)

1998-99

Rnd 1	H	Halifax Town	3-0	(Russell 2, Goater)
Rnd 2	A	Darlington	1-1	(Dickov)
Rnd 2 rep	H	Darlington	1-0	(Brown)
Rnd 3	A	Wimbledon	0-1	-

1999-2000

Rnd 3	A	Chester City	4-1	(Goater 2, Bishop, Doughty og)
Rnd 4	H	Leeds United	2-5	(Bishop, Goater)

2000-01

Rnd 3	H	Birmingham City	3-2	(Goater pen., Morrison, Huckerby)
Rnd 4	H	Coventry City	1-0	(Goater)
Rnd 5	A	Liverpool	2-4	(Goater, Kanchelskis)

Swindon's recent form in the FA Cup

1994-95

Rnd 3	H	Marlow	2-0	(Fjortoft, Nijholt)
Rnd 4	A	Watford	0-1	-

1995-96

Rnd 1	H	Cambridge United	4-1	(Horlock 2, Finney, Allen)
Rnd 2	H	Cardiff City	2-0	(Allison, Finney)
Rnd 3	H	Woking	2-0	(Allison, Boden)
Rnd 4	H	Oldham Athletic	1-0	(Ling)
Rnd 5	H	Southampton	1-1	(Horlock)
Rnd 5 rep	A	Southampton	0-2	-

1996-97

Rnd 3	A	Everton	0-3	-
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1997-98

Rnd 3	H	Stevenage Borough	1-2	(Walters)
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1998-99

Rnd 3	H	Barnsley	0-0	-
Rnd 3 rep	A	Barnsley	1-3	(Walters)

1999-2000

Rnd 3	A	Charlton Athletic	1-2	(Gooden)
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2000-01

Rnd 1	H	Ilkeston Town	4-1	(Willis, Williams (M), Howe, Young)
Rnd 2	H	Gateshead	5-0	(O'Halloran 2, Cowe 2, Howe)
Rnd 3	H	Coventry City	0-2	-

2001-02

Rnd 1	H	Hartlepool United	3-1	(Ruddock pen., Invincible, Heywood)
Rnd 2	H	Hereford United	3-2	(Invincible, Edwards (P), Howe)

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Carlo Nash



Dickson Etuhu

**Mick Flynn
Nick Cairns
Kev Parkinson**



Shaun Goater



Richard Dunne



Chris Shuker



Kevin Horlock

**The Ogden Family
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Lucien Mettomo

**Cyril & Paul Jones
Preston**



Paulo Wanchope



An invitation from the
Prestwich & Whitefield
branch...



CSA

Centenary Supporters' Association

> **Prestwich & Whitefield** branch extend an invitation to all City fans to a **Public Meeting** on 19th February at Heaton Park Social Club, Bury New Road, Prestwich. Doors open 6.30pm and the meeting begins at 7.45pm.

Our special guests will include ex City legend Rodney Marsh. Everyone is welcome and for more information please ring Paul on 0161 798 0381.

> The Christmas Party for one hundred junior members of the **Prestwich & Whitefield** branch was described as "the best ever" by parents who were present to watch the youngsters having a good time. Father Christmas and Moonchester were on hand to make sure each child received a goody bag. Our thanks to all who attended and to our many helpers.

The branch meets next on Tuesday 22nd January when

Barry Horne, ex Wales captain and Chairman of the PFA will be our guest.

> The January Meeting of the **Essex & Suffolk Blues** will take place on Friday 18th January from 8pm. The venue will be (as always) The Seabright's Barn, Galleywood Road, Great Baddow, Essex and all Blues in the area are welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our very good friends at Polar Group and Manchester City (players, officials and staff) a very "Happy Blue Year". For more information on the Essex & Suffolk Branch and its meetings contact paul.gallagher@ukonline.co.uk

> **Bredbury & South Manchester** branch would like to thank Ian Cheeseman and Branch President Paul Hince for attending our December meeting. Our next

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Above: Reddish Blue Barry Rutter celebrating his 40th Birthday in Auckland, New Zealand.

meeting is on 10th January, 8.30pm at the Bredbury Conservative Club, George Lane, Bredbury, guest to be confirmed. We will be taking names for the away game at Stockport County at this meeting. The committee would like to wish our members and all blues everywhere a very Happy New Year.

> The next meeting and AGM of the **Reddish** Branch will be on Wednesday 9th January at The Ash Hotel, Manchester Road, Stockport starting at 8pm. We will be distributing invitations to Reddish Branch Members for the forthcoming MCFC Roadshow on Thursday 17th January at The Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport. This is your opportunity to meet at least two players, a member of the players' backroom staff, and senior officials. Invitations are very limited and if the demand is more than the supply a draw will be made from those members present at the meeting.

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If you have information you would like including here please contact Clive Hamilton on **0161 746 7638** (tel & fax) and at 22 Entwisle Avenue, Davyhulme, Manchester M41 5TW. E-mail Clive on: MCFCSuppAs@aol.com



Above: Ian Arnfield, the son of Bredbury & South Manchester's Branch Secretary, takes a penalty, giving Moonchester absolutely no chance in the Junior Blues' penalty shoot-out before the Wimbledon game

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Best wishes to Kevin and the team

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Manchester City v Preston
Sunday 10th February

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Division One Statistics 2001-02

(Up to and including Tuesday 1 January)

Leading Scorers

(Division One & Worthington Cup)

24	Shaun Goater (Manchester City)
16	Clinton Morrison (Crystal Palace)
15	Peter Crouch (Portsmouth)
15	Dougie Freedman (Crystal Palace)
14	Darren Huckerby (Manchester City)
14	Stern John (Nottingham Forest)
14	Richard Sadler (Millwall)
13	Steve Claridge (Millwall)
13	David Connolly (Wimbledon)
12	Robbie Blake (Bradford City)
12	Marlon King (Gillingham)
12	Marcelo (Birmingham City)
11	Tim Cahill (Millwall)
11	Bruce Dyer (Barnsley)
11	Eoin Jess (Bradford City)
11	Iwan Roberts (Norwich City)
11	Mark Robins (Rotherham United)
10	Tommy Mooney (Birmingham City)
10	Tommy Smith (Watford)

Home League Attendances

	Highest	Average
Manchester City	34,407	32,915
Wolverhampton W.	27,515	22,975
Nottingham Forest	28,546	21,801
Birmingham City	28,436	21,295
Sheffield Wednesday	29,281	20,316
W.B. Albion	26,143	20,150
Norwich City	20,465	18,372
Crystal Palace	22,080	18,032
Sheffield United	26,291	17,184
Coventry City	22,902	16,804
Portsmouth	19,103	15,816
Bradford City	18,869	15,560
Watford	18,911	15,275
Burnley	19,602	15,149
Preston N.E.	21,014	14,949
Millwall	16,630	13,067
Barnsley	16,714	12,888
Gillingham	10,477	8,875
Rotherham United	9,737	7,156
Crewe Alexandra	8,402	6,919
Walsall	9,181	6,845
Wimbledon	9,873	6,736
Grimsby Town	8,746	6,067
Stockport County	9,329	6,006

How we stand

Nationwide League Division One Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	27	10	3	1	35	12	6	1	6	28	24	52
2	Burnley	26	8	4	1	28	17	7	1	5	21	11	50
3	Wolverhampton W.	27	7	3	4	19	12	7	4	2	21	11	49
4	Norwich City	28	10	3	1	24	11	5	1	8	17	25	49
5	Millwall	27	9	1	3	28	14	5	5	4	20	15	48
6	West Bromwich A.	28	8	2	4	17	7	6	3	5	16	16	47
7	Birmingham City	28	9	2	3	27	10	4	5	5	17	22	46
8	Coventry City	27	7	2	4	20	12	6	2	6	13	14	43
9	Crystal Palace	27	9	1	3	32	13	4	1	9	16	27	41
10	Preston North End	27	6	5	2	26	12	4	5	5	16	23	40
11	Watford	26	7	4	3	27	18	4	2	6	14	13	39
12	Gillingham	27	8	3	3	27	13	3	3	7	14	25	39
13	Nottingham Forest	28	7	6	1	19	10	2	5	7	13	17	38
14	Portsmouth	27	7	1	5	23	19	3	5	6	16	22	36
15	Wimbledon	26	5	5	3	20	15	4	3	6	22	24	35
16	Sheffield United	28	4	6	4	21	20	4	5	5	10	15	35
17	Bradford City	27	7	1	6	33	27	2	4	7	13	25	32
18	Rotherham United	26	5	6	2	18	16	2	3	8	15	24	30
19	Barnsley	28	6	5	3	25	20	1	4	9	14	32	30
20	Crewe Alexandra	26	4	5	3	9	14	3	3	8	17	27	29
21	Walsall	28	6	3	5	19	17	1	3	10	12	29	27
22	Grimsby Town	28	4	4	6	14	19	2	4	8	11	29	26
23	Sheffield Wed.	27	3	5	6	18	24	2	4	7	9	21	24
24	Stockport County	28	1	1	12	9	29	1	5	8	16	37	12

Highest Attendance

Lowest Attendance

Highest Scoring Home Win

Highest Scoring Away Win

Most Goals in a Match

34,407 Manchester City v W.B. Albion, 26.12.01

4,249, Wimbledon v Walsall, 20.11.01

6-0 Preston N.E. v Stockport County, 3.11.01

6-2 Manchester City at Sheffield Wednesday, 22.9.01

3 Shaun Goater (Manchester C.) v Burnley, 27.8.01

& v Gillingham, 3.11.01

3 Adam Proudlock (Wolves) v Bradford City, 13.10.01

3 Marcelo (Birmingham City) v Bradford City, 20.10.01

3 Stern John (Nott'm Forest) v Millwall, 20.10.01

3 Eoin Jess (Bradford City) v Watford, 27.10.01

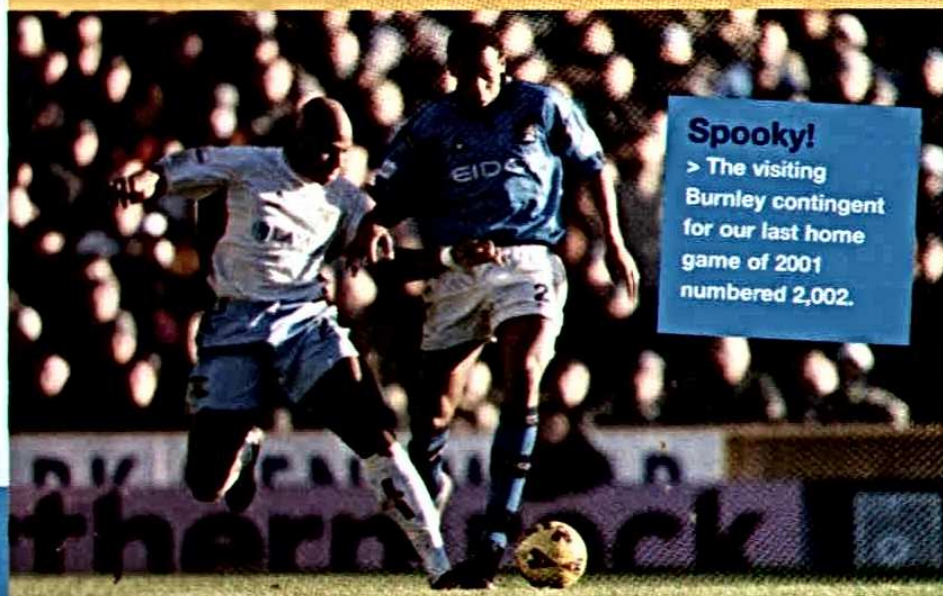
3 David Healy (Preston N.E.) v Stockport Co., 3.11.01

3 Dean Sturridge (Wolves) v Barnsley, 27.11.01

3 Tommy Mooney (Birmingham C.) v Norwich, 8.12.01

3 Paulo Wanchope (Manchester C.) v Burnley, 29.12.01

Below: Paulo Wanchope became the second City player to score a hat-trick against Burnley this season with his treble last Saturday.



Spooky!

> The visiting Burnley contingent for our last home game of 2001 numbered 2,002.



"Mettomo gets better with every game. His goal was important but he also cleared a couple off the line"

- Kevin Keegan praises Lucien Mettomo's performance against Bradford City

Day by Day Diary



Saturday 15th December

> Kevin Ellegaard makes his first competitive appearance for the club as the Academy teams complete a double over Bolton.

FA ACADEMY UNDER-17

CITY 1 BOLTON WAN. 0

Scorer: Wright-Phillips.

CITY: Westwood, Pearson, N. D'Laryea, Matthews, P. Murphy, B. Wright-Phillips (Douglas-Pringle), Croft, Flood, Birmingham, Proffitt, Tandy. Unused: Bennett, J. D'Laryea, Ireland, Logan.

FA ACADEMY UNDER-19

CITY 4 BOLTON WAN. 1

Scorers: Kilheaney 2, McCarthy, Browne.

CITY: Ellegaard, James, Furnival, Paisley, McCarthy, Hogan (McDowall), Orr (Elliott), Barton, Browne, Kilheaney, Almond. Unused: Egerton, Tickle, Joyce.

Sunday 16th December

> The mid-week injuries to Danny Tiatto and Eyal Berkovic result in recalls for Dickson Etuhu and Richard Edghill - the latter making his first senior start in almost three months.

Christian Negouai drops out of the squad because of suspension, but there's good news among the subs. Alfie Haaland makes his first appearance of the season and Paulo Wanchope is back after missing 16 first-team fixtures.

Glenn Whelan, not 18 until January, is on the bench for the first time and Nick Weaver is recalled as No 2 keeper.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

CITY 3 (Mettomo 35, Horlock 58, Wright-Phillips 64)

BRADFORD CITY 1

(Dunne o.g. 15)



Shaun Wright-Phillips is mobbed after his first 'home' secures the points against Bradford.

HT 1-1 Att: 30,749

CITY: Nash, Dunne, Wiekens, Mettomo, Edghill, Benarbia, Horlock, Etuhu (Haaland 78), Wright-Phillips (Ritchie 85), Goater (Wanchope 67), Huckerby. Unused: Whelan, Weaver.

BRADFORD: Davison, Halle, Caldwell, Myers, Emanuel, Jess, Makel (Juanjo 83), Sharpe,

Etherington, Ward (Tod 47), Blake. Unused: Molenaar, Jorgensen, Walsh.

Tuesday 18th December MANCHESTER SENIOR CUP OLDHAM ATHLETIC RES 2

(Boshell, Vernon)

CITY RES 4

(Mike, Killen 2, 1 pen, Shuker) OLDHAM: Whittle, McNiven, Hotte (Smith), Baudet, Haining, Boshell, Dudley (Griffin), Salt (Duran), Sugden, Vernon, Hardy. Unused: Grange, Hall.

CITY: Murphy, Barton, Paisley, McCarthy, Day, Jordan, Whelan, Dunfield (Hogan), Mike, Killen, Shuker. Unused: Browne, Furnival, Kilheaney, Ellegaard.

Friday 21st December

> Alioune Toure is out of football for at least three months following the discovery that he is prone to deep-vein thrombosis, the blood-clotting condition which is thought to affect long-haul air travellers.

The club became aware of the problem after the trip to Portsmouth in November. The



Lucien Mettomo headed his first goal for City to level the scores against Bradford

Press Cutting

Stephen Bierley
- *The Guardian*
Monday 17th December

Manchester City missed rather too many simple chances to make this victory over Bradford City totally satisfactory, but maintaining second place in the First Division was important to keep the momentum high going into Christmas and the new year.

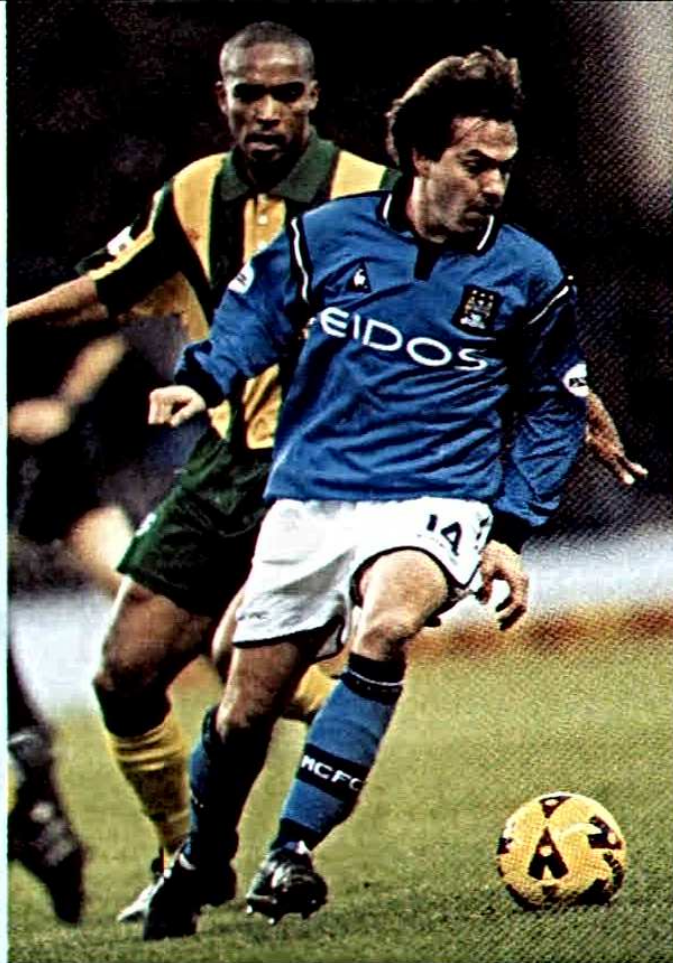
Bradford, lacking a number of midfielders, including Stuart McCall, had taken the lead in the 15th minute... The Maine Road crowd fell quiet. Horlock wasted a clear chance to equalise before Lucien Mettomo popped up for his first goal for the club. Sharpe fouled Benarbia, whose inswinging free-kick was met perfectly by Mettomo's head.

French forward takes medication but, being unaware of the distance involved, he did not have his tablets with him for a coach journey of five hours or more.

Saturday 22nd December

> Steve Howey's return from a foot injury is delayed by a late postponement at Crewe - the only First Division fixture to be called off following an overnight freeze-up.

It's a swift about-turn for disappointed Blues fans when Paul Danson makes his final decision 40 minutes before the scheduled kick-off.



Kevin Keegan backs the referee's judgment because the pitch was "dangerous in parts", but City officials would have preferred an earlier decision to avoid a wasted journey for supporters.

Chris Bird, the Chief Operating Officer, tells the official website: "We feel desperately sorry for our fans who have made an unnecessary trip and who will now have to come back in midweek. It was a situation which we feel was avoidable."

The postponement is also a setback in terms of "spreading" two suspensions over the Christmas period. Richard Dunne's one-match ban now moves to Boxing Day and coincides with an enforced lay-off for Darren Huckerby.

Wednesday 26th December

> City improve on the highest attendance in the division with another bumper turn-out of 34,407 and move into second

place following Boxing Day defeats for Wolves and Norwich. Kevin Keegan makes four changes since the last home game against Bradford.

Left: Eyal Berkovic - back in the side for the Boxing Day clash with West Bromwich Albion.

Steve Howey and Paulo Wanchope take over from the suspended players while Danny Tiatto and Eyal Berkovic return in place of Dickson Etuhu and Shaun Wright-Phillips.

The Blues take a point despite playing for most of the second half with ten men following the controversial dismissal of Richard Edgill.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE CITY 0 W.B. ALBION 0

Att: 34,407

CITY: Nash, Howey (Haaland 73), Wiekens, Mettomo, Edgill, Benarbia, Berkovic (Ritchie 83), Horlock, Tiatto, Goater (Wright-Phillips 52), Wanchope.

Unused: Dickov, Weaver.

ALBION: Hault, Sigurdsson, Moore (Butler 45), Clement, Balis, McInnes, Johnson, Jordao (Fox 74), Cummings, Roberts, Dichio (Dobie 61).

Unused: A. Chambers, Jensen.

Press Cutting

Michael Ward - *The Birmingham Post*,
Thursday 27th December

Resolute and unruffled from start to finish, West Bromwich Albion succeeded where three of their First Division derby rivals had failed this season.

Kevin Keegan's team rattled up 13 goals without reply in league and cup games against Birmingham City, Walsall and Wolves but were forced on to the back foot by a fearless Albion side who were looking for more than a draw.

The only disappointment was that Gary Megson's side failed to capitalise to the full against a team reduced to ten men for the second time in five days over Christmas [Sheffield Wednesday had Trond Egil Solthvedt sent off in the previous match at The Hawthorns].

City played for the last 41 minutes with a player short following the dismissal of Richard Edgill for two yellow cards - the second for "diving".

Referee Roger Farnandiz cautioned Albion's recalled striker, Jason Roberts, for the same offence in the first half and both decisions looked harsh to say the least. Needless to say neither manager was happy.



COMPLETE RECORD

QUIZ ANSWERS (See page 16)...

Ten Questions: 1. Eight; 2. Everton (23); 3. Five; 4. Shaun Goater (at Liverpool last season); 5. Tottenham (1981 & 1982); 6. John Gregory (Aston Villa); 7. West Bromwich Albion (5); 8. True; 9. Wycombe Wanderers; 10. After a 1-1 draw with Gillingham, Wembley FC protested that their opponents had fielded an ineligible player - they were awarded the tie.

Swindon: 1. Ossie Ardiles & Glenn Hoddle; 2. Arsenal; 3. Hereford United; 4. Anglo Italian Cup; 5. Danny Inverness.

Picture Quiz: Southampton (the other one was in his first spell at Tottenham).

Blue Moon's Teaser: Sheffield Wednesday (v Arsenal 1993).

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F.A. Premier League	202	53	64	85	221	287
Old First Division	2772	1061	677	1034	4317	4242
Old Second Division	786	402	173	211	1612	1072
New First Division	165	70	37	57	257	191
New Second Division	46	22	16	8	69	33
League Totals	3971	1609	1267	1395	6478	5827
FA Cup	293	139	60	94	528	382
League Cup	165	84	35	46	301	192
European Cup	2	0	1	1	1	2
Cup Winners' Cup	18	11	2	5	32	13
UEFA Cup	14	4	6	4	21	19
Other games*	42	15	7	20	69	74
Competitive Totals	4505	1862	1078	1565	7430	6509

*Other games include Test / Play-offs (7), Anglo-Italian Trophy (2), Texaco Cup (5), Anglo-Scottish Cup (3), Auto Windscreens Shield (1), Full Members' Cup (17) & FA Charity Shield (7).

Assistant Referees: **S.R. Brand** Red Flag / **A.M. Garratt** Yellow Flag / Fourth Official: **A. Rawcliffe**

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