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## TONIGHT'S VISITORS

Top of the league and on a roll, Alan Pardew's side are hoping for a return to Division One this year

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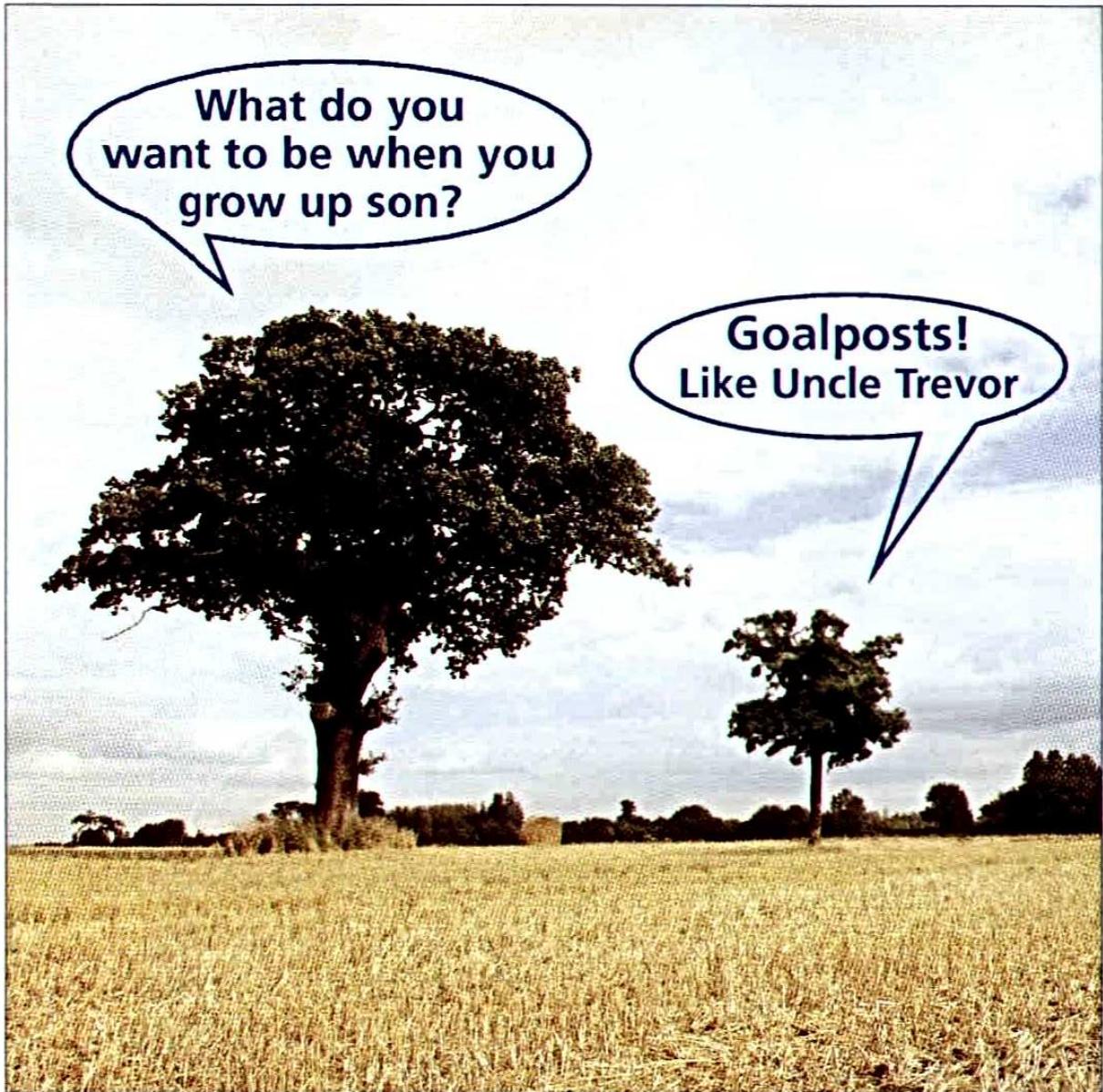
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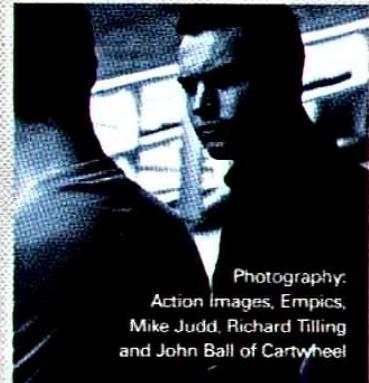
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# EDITOR'S EYE

Quite how we've all ended up here tonight I don't know? I mean; I can't be the only one that had to use underhand tactics (not to mention a lot of grovelling) to make it. I would imagine that there are quite a few people who used one of the Valentine's packages to soften the blow, so to those ladies here for the first time, I hope that you enjoy the evening and fall in love with STFC!



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Tonight Town have the opportunity in doing the double over our M4 neighbours. That would be an impressive feat because those that went to the Madejski Stadium earlier in the year will know that there is a sizable gap between the two clubs in terms of resources. Ultimately, I suppose Reading's situation is where we would like to be ourselves: new stadium, money to spend on players and with more than 12,000 fans walking through the turnstiles every week. I am confident that it will happen one day, but right now there is one thing that we, as Town fans can do to help the club. Recently, the Royals used money made by their official web site to finance the permanent signing of John Salako. Such is the new deal STFC and Premium TV that the more our site is visited, the more money the club makes. By making [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) your home page and by visiting it on a regular basis, you can help STFC make money and maybe even buy a player of our own. In return, we promise to give you the most comprehensive range of news and views regarding everything to do with STFC. From video clips of the goals to audio interviews, you will be noticing a few changes to our club's web site, so much so that you won't need to visit anywhere else.

Let's sing our hearts out for the lads tonight and see if we can topple the league leaders and return to winning ways.

**Nick Judd** - Magazine Editor

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# Willie Carson

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CHANNEL Alan

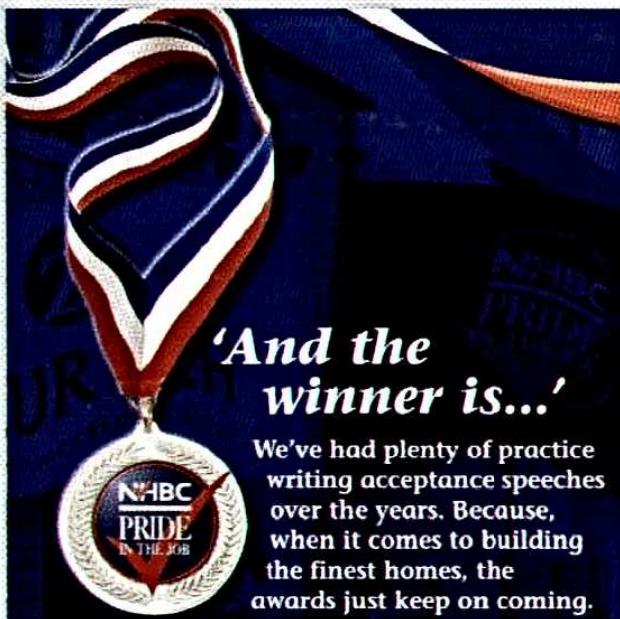
Jo Kuffour scored Town's third in  
the 3-1 win at the Madejski Stadium

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## CARSON'S COLUMN

Welcome to you all for tonight's game with our close neighbours from along the M4, Reading Football Club.

They are presently doing exceptionally very well, currently lying in top position having obtained 62 points from 31 games played (these notes were written before Saturday's game). This season they have been playing some excellent football and have put losing out in last season's Play off Final with Walsall clearly behind them. It will take a very good side to catch them as they currently lie 12 points ahead of their nearest challengers Brighton and Hove Albion. However, tonight's game will be very interesting, as not only do we have the Television cameras here covering tonight's game for ITV Digital, but we also have the opportunity of completing the 'double' over the 'Royals' having won at the Madejski Stadium last October by 3 goals to 1. I am sure that we would settle for the same result tonight. In my last programme notes, I mentioned that we would, very shortly, be organising a Company Open Day, which will allow both local and national companies the opportunity of coming along and having a look around the various function rooms that we have available for hire. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending a mailshot out to all the Companies that we currently have on our database, inviting them to come along and have a look for themselves. These rooms can cater for small parties of eight up to large parties of three hundred people. They would be ideal for Companies who are looking for a venue with 'a difference'. With our own catering and on site car parking as major benefits, we are ideally situated close to the M4 Motorway for anyone placed between London and Bristol. The date set for our 'Company Open Day' is Thursday March 14 and anyone who wishes to come along would be most welcome. On arrival there will be tea and coffee available, and then Club representatives from our Sales and Marketing, and Conference and Banqueting Departments will be available to give you tours of the function rooms. We will also be providing a buffet for those who come along. Alternatively, if you cannot make this date, just give the Conference and Banqueting Department a call on 01793 333700 and they would be pleased to give you a conducted tour at a time convenient to both parties. With tonight being Valentine's night, I would like to give a special mention to the couples who have come along and taken advantage of our special Valentine's Package in the Sponsors Lounge tonight. We hope that you all have enjoyed your romantic meal and to you and all of our fans tonight. ENJOY THE GAME and let's hope for another three points.



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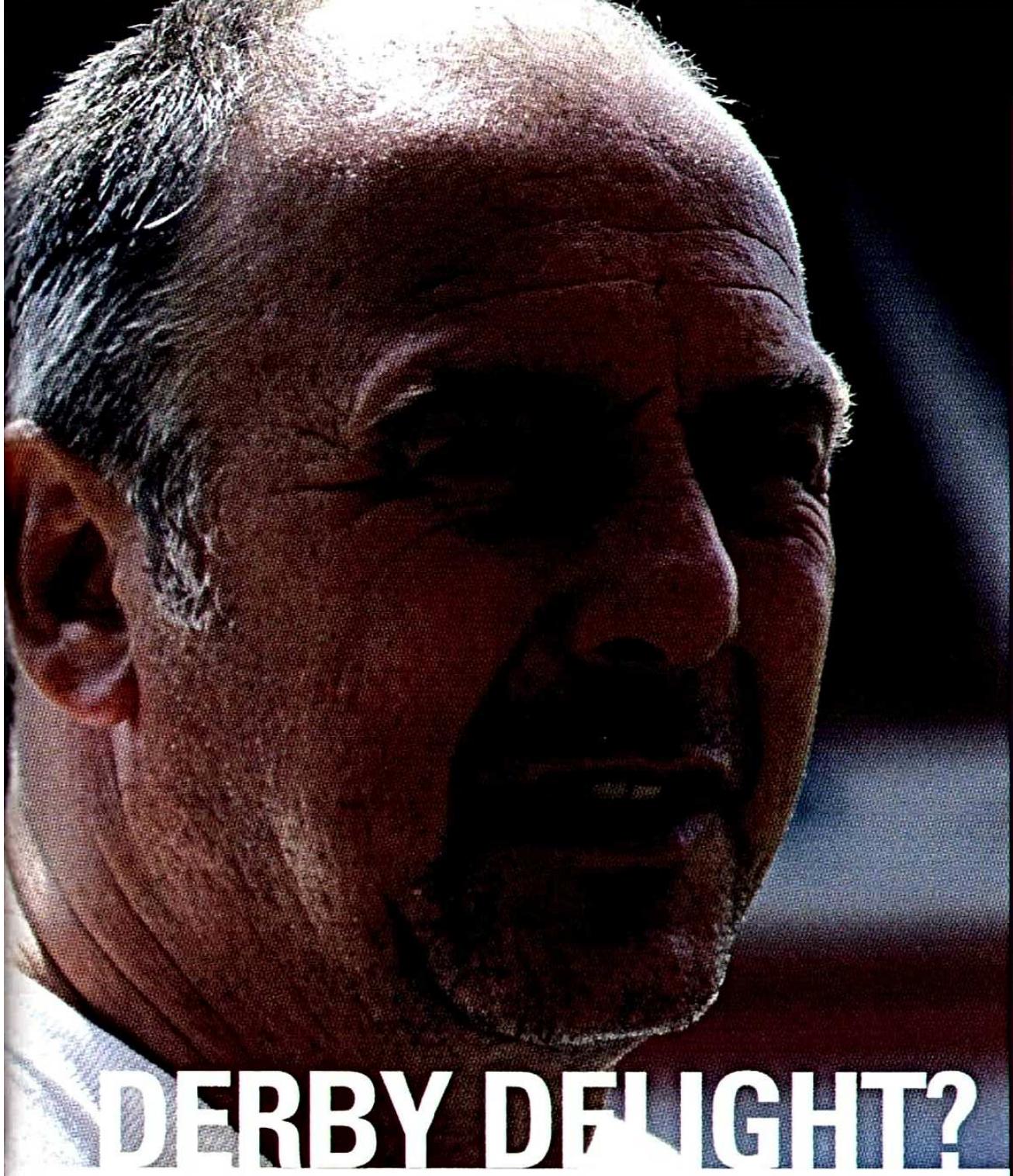
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# DERBY DELIGHT?

Good evening and welcome to the County Ground this evening for what I expect will be a passionate local derby. To Alan Pardew, his management team, directors, players and supporters – may I extend a warm Wiltshire welcome.

I suppose I should be saying Happy Valentines Day this evening too (!), but I can assure you that there will be no love lost on the field as both teams will be looking to improve on their respective league positions. Reading, as I'm sure you are all aware currently occupy top spot and will be looking to increase their lead over Brighton, whilst we will be looking to return to winning ways following two straight defeats.

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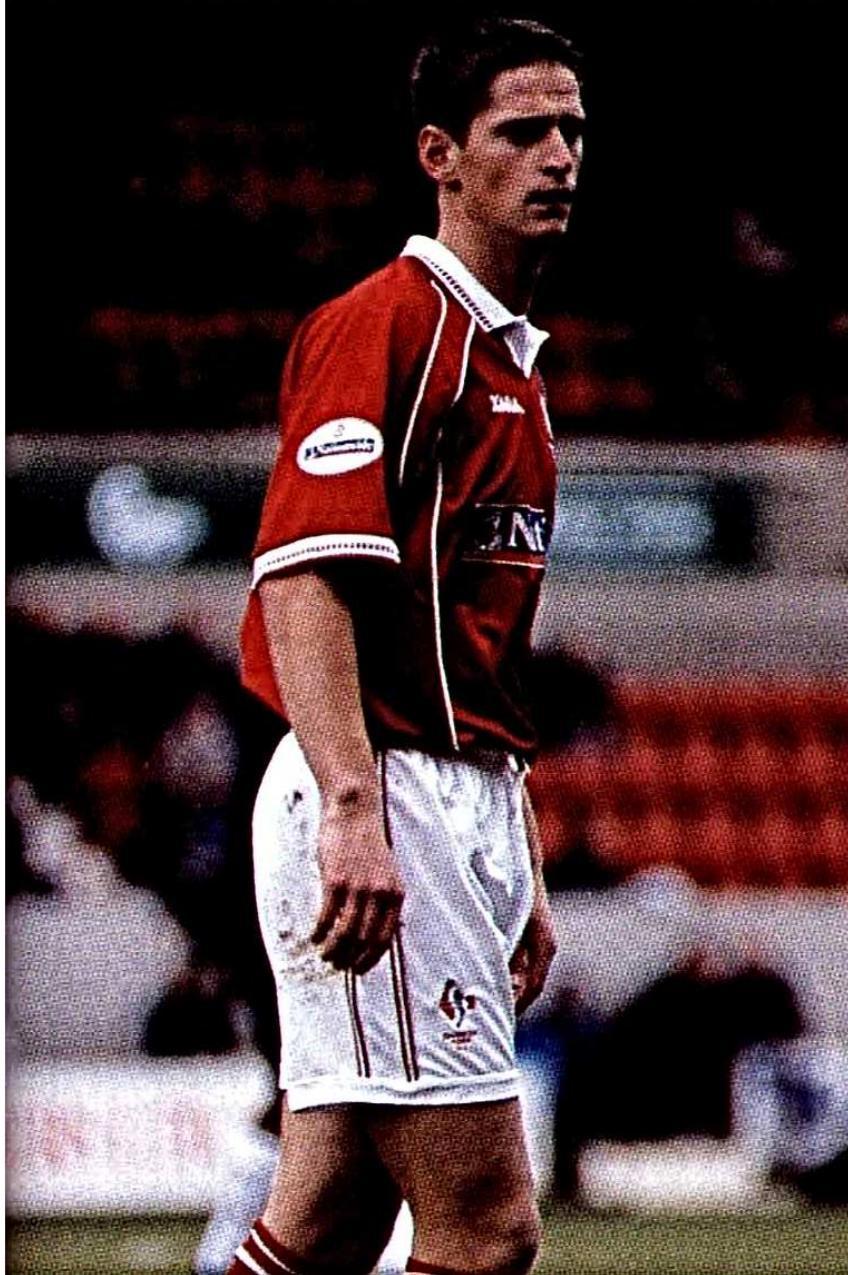


It has been a disappointing couple of results for us admittedly, but we must make sure that we don't forget the good work that was done in the previous five games. We showed enough spirit and passion in those games, and indeed in the Huddersfield defeat to prove to ourselves that we are capable of better than what we showed at Cardiff. At Ninian Park, we didn't display any of the qualities that had been present in the last few games and that was very disappointing. Yet on the other hand, we mustn't kid ourselves and it is unlikely that we are going to play to the top of our game on a weekly basis.

Only the top sides in the country can boast that level of football and instead, we must now work hard to try and emulate the form that saw us go five games unbeaten and eradicate the mistakes that characterised our performance on Saturday.

We must also remember that in our last two games, we have played two of the strongest sides in the league. Some people have been talking about being dragged back down in the bottom half of the table but we must remain realistic. Two defeats is no disaster and all it takes to get a side back on track is one win. And what better game to return to winning ways than against the league leaders, Reading. Alan Pardew will be coming here looking to earn three points following their defeat at Brighton on Monday. Yet anyone thinking that tonight's visitors will be low on confidence can think again because they still looked strong at the Withdean Stadium on Monday. Brighton scored their goals at the right time and Reading showed enough creativity in the final third to show me that they can cause us many problems.

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## CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

Well, as I think Andy mentioned following the win over Northampton Town, we couldn't afford to get too carried away with our good run of form as this game has a tendency to bring you back down to earth with a bump – and such has been the case following the last two matches.

Against Huddersfield, you could tell straight away that we were a side playing with a lot of confidence and we should have opened the scoring on a couple of occasions in the first 15 minutes. Unfortunately, we couldn't make our chances count and we found it hard to keep up the fast tempo we had started with. Gradually, Lou Macari's side got their game together and at the start of the second half, they took the lead with what proved to be the winning goal. We hadn't played too badly against a good side looking for an immediate return to Division One, unfortunately, the same couldn't be said about our trip to Cardiff.

We didn't perform to the standards we had set ourselves in previous weeks, but hopefully we will put that behind us and instead, get back to our best tonight against the league leaders.

However, my side is capable of beating anyone in this division and they shouldn't be apprehensive about playing the league leaders. In fact, my best game since taking over at this club was against Reading last season and I am still trying to work out how we lost that game! And as I keep saying, despite the Royals impressive league position, I don't believe that they are good enough to beat every team in the division and so we have every chance of gaining three points tonight.

Finally, may I wish Dominic Foley all the best for the future. Dominic joined us on loan in January and scored on his debut against Bristol City. However, Dominic was brought in to the club to score goals and unfortunately, he didn't quite have the impact I anticipated, therefore it was in the interest of both parties to let him go back to Watford. It was a shame but the agreement was very amicable and I wish him all the best for the future. Let's get behind the lads tonight and really urge them on to victory. It has been well publicised that our visitors have made the short journey in large numbers, so let's drown them out and help the lads achieve a famous double.

# STFC DIARY


**5TH FEB**

**CHRIS HAY BACK TO HAUNT HIS FORMER CLUB**

Town had chances to go in front against Lou Macari's high-flyers but couldn't convert them. Instead, the Terriers took advantage and subsequently took the lead through former Town goal-getter, Chris Hay. Bart Griemink was on top form to avert a heavier defeat as Town's unbeaten run of five games came to an end.

**10TH FEB**

**EXETER TOO STRONG FOR BUSBY'S YOUTH SIDE**

Town's under 19's encountered their third defeat in five games as they travelled to Exeter City last Saturday. Things were looking good when Kevin Halliday (pictured) gave the visitors the lead, but in the second half Exeter scored twice to take all three points. The defeat means that Viv Busby's side have now gone two months without a victory.

**10TH FEB**

**WELSH WOE FOR KING**

Andy King's side were left ruining three costly mistakes as they were out-fought at an intimidating and hostile Ninian Park. A mix up in Town's defence gifted Robert Earnshaw the opening goal of the match before Jason Bowen added a second half brace to round off a 3-0 win for the Bluebirds. Invincible came closest to scoring for the Reds.

**11TH FEB**

**FOLEY HEADS HOME TO VICARAGE RED**

Town's loan signing, Dominic Foley, returns to Watford after Andy King decided not to renew his loan spell with the club. Foley scored on his debut for Town in the 2-1 defeat at home to Bristol City but failed to hit the back of the net again. Foley is now back in training with Watford after Andy King wished him well for the future.

**12TH JAN**

**TOWN'S RESERVES GO DOWN 1-0 AT LOFTUS ROAD**

Swindon Town's Reserves go down 1-0 at Loftus Road on Tuesday. Malcolm Crosby and Neil Ruddock fielded a young squad containing all but three youth teamers, Alan Reeves, Juan Cobian and Bertie Brayley also playing for the Town. Andy King was in attendance in the stand and you can read a full match report on page 18.

**12TH JAN**

**HEYWOOD SIGNS NEW DEAL**

Town defender Matty Heywood signs a contract extension that will keep him at the County Ground until 2003. 22-year-old Heywood signed on a free transfer from Burnley in January 2001 and his solid defensive displays have endeared him to the Town faithful. Andy King enthused, "Matty has done very well since coming here."

# TRUST STFC



## TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.

On Thursday February 7, the Trust held its first AGM. This was to allow the announcement of the first Trust board, and to go through the formalities that are required under Trust rules.

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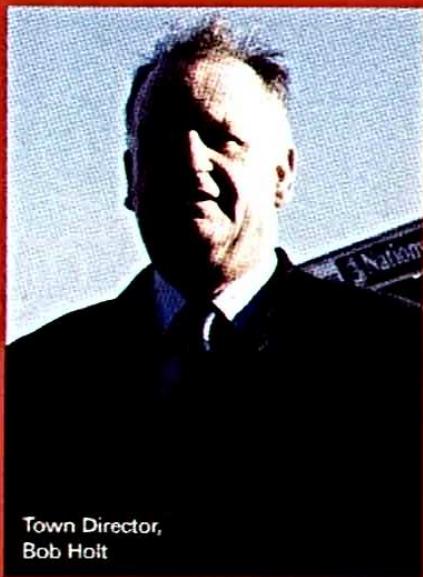
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- Andrew Ratcliffe - Vice Chairman
- Leigh Collett - Treasurer
- Peter Woods - Secretary
- Anna Tuersley - Community
- Mark Ratcliffe
- Justin Tomlinson
- John Taylor - Community

We will also be co-opting at least four more people on to the board. These will hopefully come from various groups in the community that have links with the club. We have already had a positive response from the Swindon Town Supporters Club and they will be providing one of the co-opted board members.

After the AGM the meeting changed format into a normal members meeting. In this meeting we discussed the current Trust position and the projects that the Trust is going to get involved with in the future.

Bob Holt, who gave us a very interesting insight to the current financial position of the club, also addressed the meeting. We will be publishing full details in a newsletter that will go to members and will then be available on the Trust's web site [www.truststfc.co.uk](http://www.truststfc.co.uk).

If you wish to find out more information about TrustSTFC then either call into the Trust office before a game, or contact Tony Norris on 01793 875760.



Town Director,  
Bob Holt

## Treatment room...



Paul McAreavey has been with me since the start of the week complaining of a dead leg following the challenge he encountered at Ninian Park. Thankfully, his injury is not that serious but I would suspect that he would be doubtful for this evening's game. Eric Sabin is another who might not be available for this evening. Eric had a slight ankle sprain following Saturday's defeat but I am hoping that he trained with me yesterday with a view to making it tonight. If that is the case then, fingers crossed he will be involved at some stage.

Paul Edwards, who spent last week at Lilleshall, has now returned to the club and I am pleased to report that he is in much better shape. The facilities at Lilleshall seem to have helped Paul out and he is moving with a lot more freedom and is feeling a lot better on the whole. I am hoping that Paul will return to training this Monday, but he was kicking balls and doing some very light exercise last week. Finally, we have Neil Ruddock. 'Razor' did some training last week although we don't want to rush him back until he is fully fit. However, I would expect him to return to full training by the middle of next week and we will see how he gets on then.

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Nicky Forster celebrates with Royals mascot, Kingsley the Lion

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# TOWN HOPING FOR ROYAL PERFORMANCE

WHEN SWINDON BEAT READING AT THE MADEJSKI STADIUM IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, THE DEFEAT ENCAPSULATED A MISERABLE RUN THAT HAD SEEN READING FALL OFF THE PACE AND MANY FANS QUESTIONING THE MANAGER'S ABILITY TO LEAD THE SIDE BACK TO DIVISION ONE. HOWEVER, JUST THREE DEFEATS SINCE THEN HAS SEEN THE ROYALS RACE AWAY AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE.



Alan Pardew's side, despite losing on Monday night against Brighton 3-1, still lead the table by four points and this year, the former Crystal Palace midfielder will be hoping to go one better than last season and steer his side towards automatic promotion.

## Royals facts

**Name:** Reading  
**Established:** 1871  
**Nickname:** The Royals  
**Stadium:** Madejski Stadium (24,000)  
**Position:** 2003/04 3 (Nationwide  
**League Division Two)**  
**Recent signings:** Ben Roberts (loan),  
 John Salako  
**Form guide:** WWWDWL  
**Next Match:** 23/3/04  
 Feb 23 Stoke City (H) 3.00pm  
 Feb 26 Wycombe W (A) 7.45pm  
 Mar 02 Cambridge (A) 3.00pm  
**Top goalscorer:** Forster (14)  
**Honours:**  
 Second Division Champions 1994  
 Third Division Champions 1986  
 Third Division (South) Champions 1926  
**Most capped player:**  
 Jimmy Quinn (Northern Ireland: 17)  
**Record to record wins:**  
 Swindon: 34, Royals: 36, Draws: 24  
**Last home game:**  
 Reading 1-3 Swindon Town  
 (Div Two – 2001/02)  
**Odds to win the title:** 5/2  
**Website:** [www.readingfc.co.uk](http://www.readingfc.co.uk)  
**Matchday programme:**  
 64 pages @ £2.50  
**Edited by:** Andy West

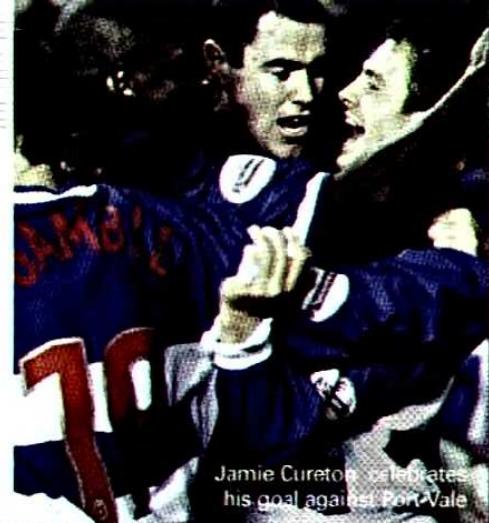


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Last year, of course, the Royals narrowly missed out on automatic promotion and instead attempted to make their way into Division One via the play-offs. However, a spirited Walsall performance thwarted their efforts in extra-time and the pressure to succeed this time around was enhanced. Things appeared to be going smoothly until they encountered a dismal run of five games without a win (albeit one of those coming at Villa Park when they lost to Aston Villa in the Worthington Cup). Goals were at a premium and the supporters' patience was quickly running out when Town eased their way to a 3-1 victory. However, that seemed to be the wake up call the Berkshire-based club needed and since then, the Royals have encountered just three defeats in the league. In 2002, the Royals nearly have a 100% record apart from two games, one of which was drawn (against Bury 1-1) and the other lost at Brighton's Withdean Stadium on Monday. Other than that, the Royals have nonchalantly swept aside the likes of Port Vale, QPR, Huddersfield, Blackpool and Wigan and in doing so, have taken advantage of their rivals' apparent inability to string any kind of run together. Whether Reading can sustain that final push will depend on the form of both Nicky Forster and Jamie Cureton. Forster, who missed the first part of the season through injury, has recently pitched in with 14 goals whilst Cureton, struggling to find the back of the net before Christmas, is now up to ten. John Salako, signed with money made from the club's official website, will also be an integral part of Pardew's side as they approach the most critical stage of the season.

### The Madejski Stadium



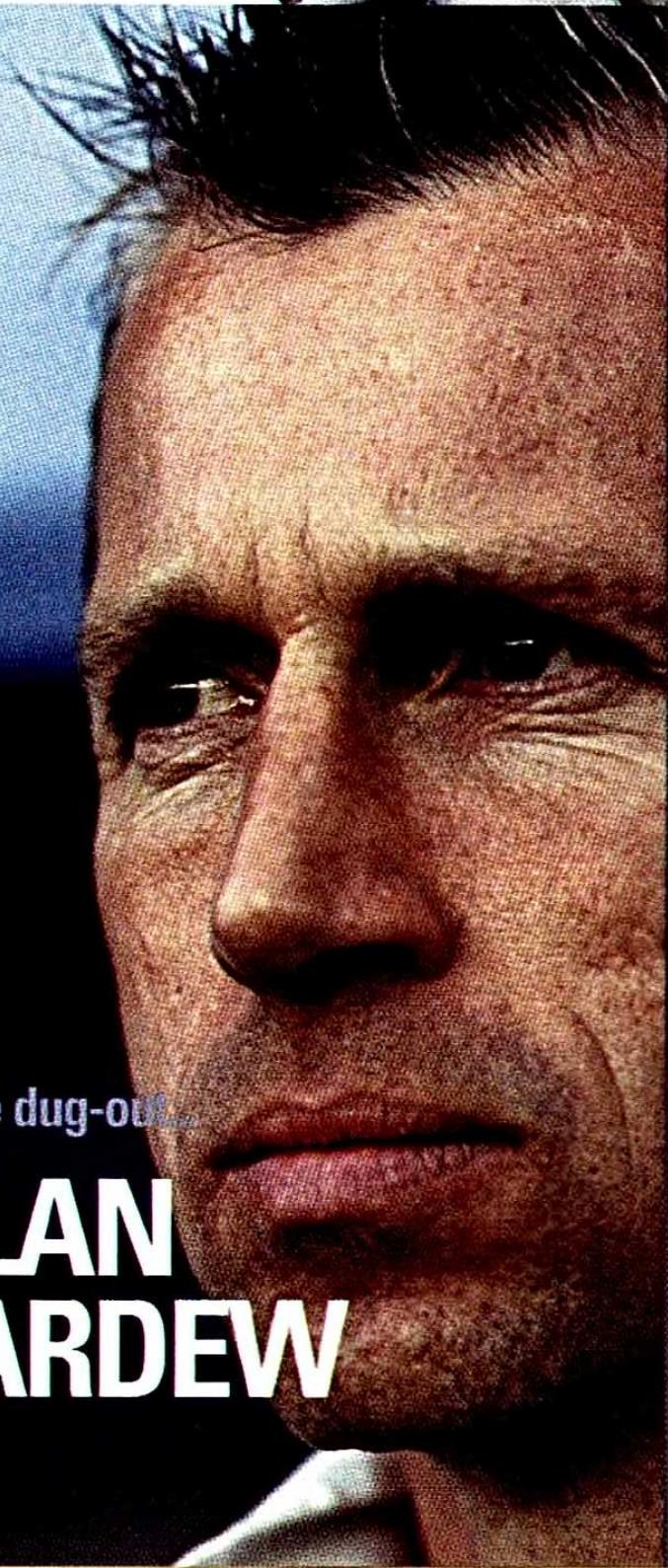


Jamie Cureton celebrates his goal against Port Vale

Former reserve team manager who took control of the first team in October 1999. Spent a month in charge in a caretaker capacity following the departure of Tommy Burns, and was given the job full time after overseeing an upturn in the club's fortunes.

Pardew came into the professional game from non-league Yeovil Town, and went on to enjoy a successful career with Crystal Palace, Charlton and Barnet. His coaching career began with Barnet, and when Bees boss Terry Bullivant was appointed manager at Elm Park in the summer of 1997, Pardew went with him to take charge of the reserve team. Less than a year later Bullivant was replaced by Burns, but Pardew stayed on in his role as reserves manager. Pardew actually left the club at the end of the 1998/99 season when the reserve team was disbanded but within months he was back to take charge of the first team.

Having guided the side to a top half finish in his first year (the side having been in the relegation zone), he was rewarded with a new three-year contract in October 2000 and soon afterwards took the Royals to the top of Division Two. He won the Manager of the Month award for the second time at the end of November 2001, which saw the Royals win seven consecutive games.



In the dug-out

# ALAN PARDEW



One to watch:

## ANTHONY ROUGIER

The Trinidad international signed from Port Vale for a fee of £325,000 on a three-year contract before the start of last season, making his debut the following day in the 2-0 defeat at Millwall. Rougier started his British career in Scotland with Raith Rovers (1995) and Hibs (1997) before joining Vale for £175,000, and he was their top scorer in Division One last season. A quick and skilful player, Town fans will remember him for creating both goals in last season's 2-0 defeat.

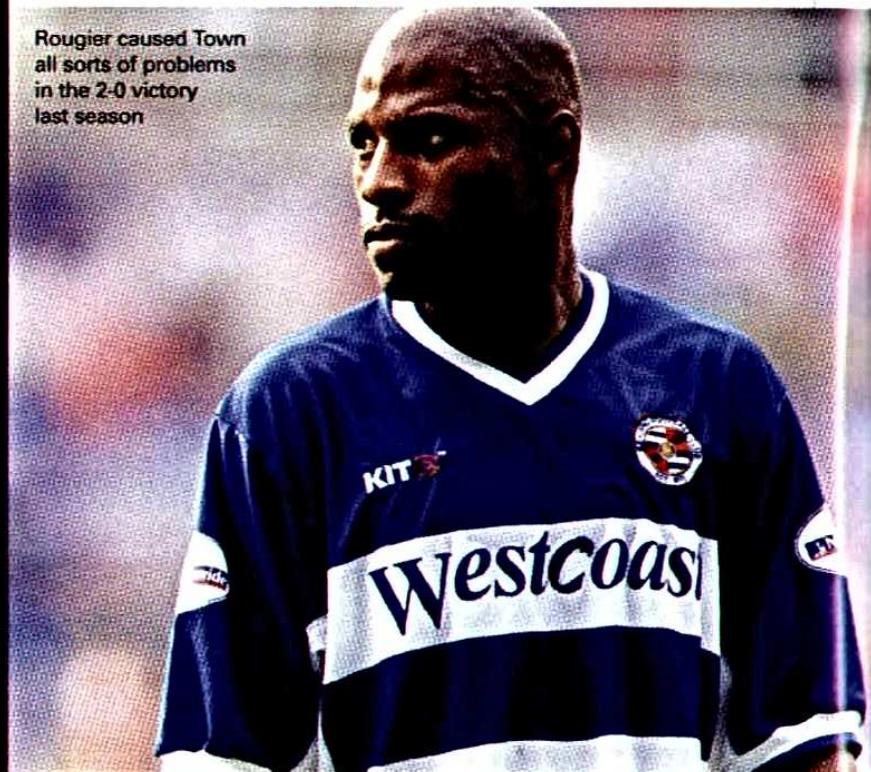
Young gun:

## NICKY SHOREY

Left back Nicky Shorey signed from Leyton Orient for £25,000 in February 2001. He started with Orient at the age of nine, and is the son of an Orient scout. Made 16 appearances for the O's, before joining the Royals on a one-week trial. He impressed in a reserve team victory over Bristol City, and Alan Pardew then moved to make the deal permanent with a three and a half year contract. Nicky has since made the left-back position his own.



Rougier caused Town all sorts of problems in the 2-0 victory last season



Nicky Shorey has made the left-back his own since joining from Leyton Orient



## Ben Roberts

Ben joined the Royals on loan when Marcus Hahnemann returned to Fulham after our win at Huddersfield on 12th January. He came from Charlton, and has previously played for Middlesbrough including the FA and League Cup finals in 1997. Ben has played a major part in their run of seven games without conceding a goal.

## Adrian Williams

Captained the side that came close to winning promotion to the Premiership in 1995. Returned to the Royals on loan from Wolves in February 2000, and the switch was made permanent at the end of the season when he signed a three year contract. The Welsh international's tough tackling has made him a crowd favourite.

## Sammy Igoe

An attacking midfielder, Igoe started his career with Pompey, making his debut in the 1994/95 season. He is a sharp player, who offers pace and quality from a wide area as well as through the middle. He came highly recommended by the Royals' former assistant manager, Martin Allen, who coached Igoe at Portsmouth.

## Nicky Forster

A £650,000 signing from Birmingham, Nicky is a very quick player with a good eye for goal. He started his career with Gillingham in 1992. He continued to score goals and earned England Under-21 recognition. However, Forster struggled to establish a regular place in Birmingham's starting line-up and made the switch to Reading.

## John Mackie

Quick central defender signed from non-league football in October 1999. John captained the reserve team in a season that saw them come close to winning both League & Cup competitions before making his senior debut in the League Cup clash at Leyton Orient in August 2000 and came in for a prolonged spell alongside Adi Viveash.

## Joe Gamble

Midfield player who signed a two-year contract in August 2000 having impressed during a trial period. The young Irish midfielder, who joined Reading from Cork City, is skilful and tenacious in the centre of midfield and Reading were delighted to secure his services despite interest from a large number of Premiership clubs.

## John Salako

John began his career at Crystal Palace before moving to Coventry for £1.5million. He has three England caps, and joined the Royals on loan from Charlton last year. After a successful loan spell his signing was made permanent in January 2002 with money earned by the Club's official website.

## Darius Henderson

A big and powerful striker who is a product of the highly successful Royals Academy. Henderson's a bustling player who is a real handful for any defender as Town's defence will vouch for, the youngster scoring Reading's solitary goal in our 3-1 victory earlier in the season. Is becoming increasingly popular with the fans.

## Greame Murty

Right-sided defender/midfielder who arrived from York City for £700,000 in July 1998. Greame began his York career as a trainee in 1991 and went on to make over 120 appearances for the club. A skilful, pacey player who played in York's legendary win over Manchester United in the Coca Cola Cup.

## Andy Hughes

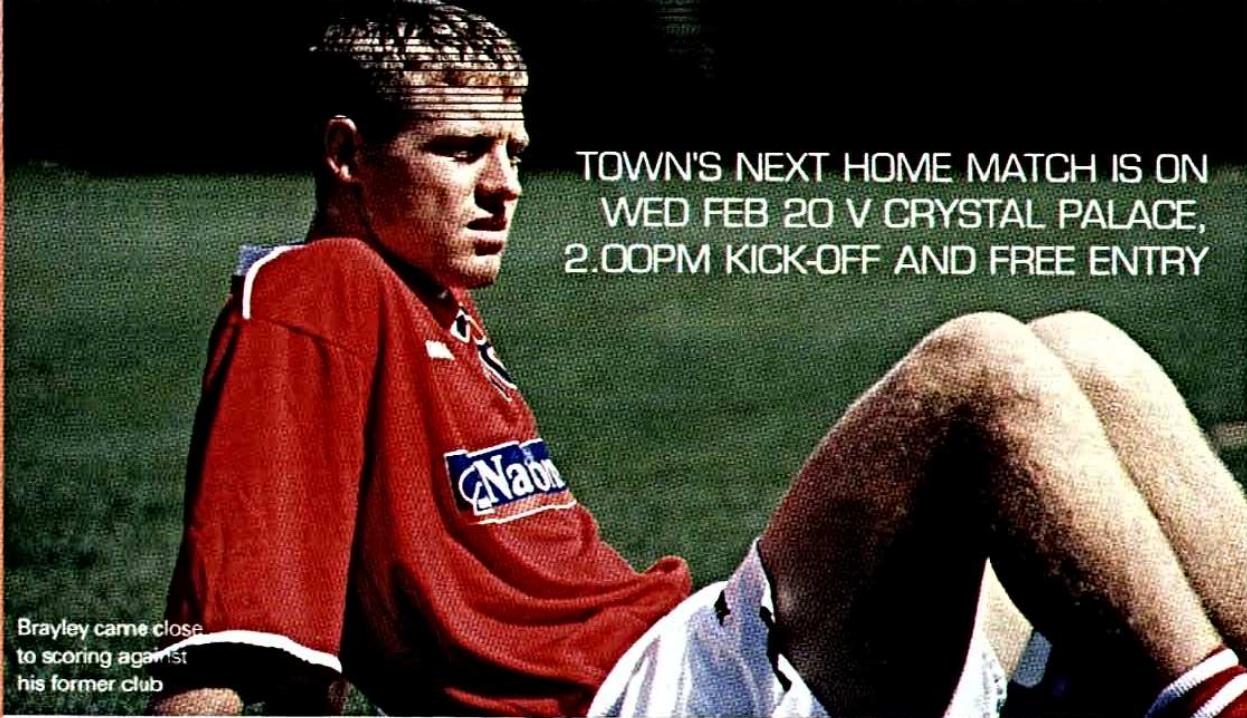
Joined the Royals from Notts County in the summer of 2001 for a fee to be decided by tribunal. A quick and athletic right-sided midfielder, he began his career with Oldham before joining Notts County on loan in January 1998. The deal was made permanent for a fee of £150,000 on transfer deadline day two months later.

## Jamie Cureton

Forming a lethal partnership with Jason Roberts, Cureton had scored 53 goals in the previous two seasons with Bristol Rovers before signing for the Royals for a fee of £250,000. A quick, elusive and hard-working striker with a natural eye for goal, Cureton scored the winner in his sides' 1-0 victory here at the County Ground last season.

## James Harper

Signed from Arsenal for an undisclosed six-figure fee at the end of February 2001, James made his debut on the same day that he signed and played an integral part in the 2-0 reserve win over Town here at the County Ground. A classy and athletic midfielder, he spent ten years with Arsenal but was unable to break into the first team.



Brayley came close to scoring against his former club

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# IN RESERVE

Bertie Brayley returned to the club that released him last summer as Town went down 1-0 at Loftus Road on Tuesday afternoon.

Both sides fielded young line-ups, Ruddock and Crosby featuring no less than 13 under 19's whilst Azzi Ben Askar, Danny Murphy and Christopher Warren were given some valuable experience for the home side. But it was the visitors that started the brighter of the two sides and as early as the fourth minute, Rangers' keeper, Rhys Evans saved with his legs from Kevin Halliday. A minute later and Brayley came close to opening the deadlock, his shot narrowly flashing wide having controlled the long ball from defence superbly. On 13 minutes Town had the ball in the back of the net only for the referee to disallow the goal. A great free kick from Kevin Halliday had Evans beaten, but the referee had spotted an encroachment by Lyndon Duncan and disallowed the goal. Duncan was booked, but this was rough justice on Swindon who hit the re-taken free kick straight at the Rangers' wall. The Hoops became more involved in the game and just after the half hour, Danny Murphy came close with a surging run. Three minutes later Brian Fitzgerald headed wide following Wes Daly's cross and the score remained goalless at half-time.

Paul Andersen had the best chance to open the scoring in the second period when he headed wide with the goal at his mercy and QPR subsequently punished Town in the 62nd minute with what would later prove to be the winning goal. After some good approach work on the right-hand side the ball fell to Lyndon Duncan, who thumped the ball into the top corner.



**QPR Res** 1  
**Swindon Res** 0

Tuesday 12th February  
Kick-off 2.00pm

**Swindon line-up:**

Farr, Collins, Reed, Cobian, Reeves, Smith, Andersen, N Edwards, Brayley, Alan Young, Halliday, S Smith, Herring, N Crosby, Bampton & Walton.

Wed Aug 15	Wycombe Windrs	(H)	1-2
Tue Aug 21	Bristol City (LCl)	(H)	2-1
Wed Aug 29	Oxford United	(A)	0-1
Wed Sep 5	Brighton & H.A.	(A)	0-0
Wed Sep 12	AFC Bournemouth	(H)	2-0
Wed Sep 25	Bristol Rovers	(A)	0-2
Wed Oct 3	Norwich City	(H)	1-2
Wed Oct 10	Cheltenham Town	(A)	0-1
Thur Oct 18	Colchester United	(H)	0-2
Wed Nov 7	Peterborough United	(H)	3-1
Mon Nov 12	Cambridge United	(A)	2-2
Wed Dec 5	Barnet	(H)	P-P
Wed Dec 12	Luton Town	(A)	0-1
Wed Dec 19	Northampton Town	(H)	1-1
Wed Jan 9	Leyton Orient	(H)	2-1
Wed Jan 23	Gillingham	(A)	P-P
Wed Jan 30	Reading	(H)	1-2
Wed Feb 6	Cardiff City	(H)	P-P
Tue Feb 12	QPR	(A)	1-3
Wed Feb 20	Crystal Palace	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 27	Reading	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 6	Cardiff City (LCl)	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 13	Bristol City	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 20	Brentford	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 27	Portsmouth	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Apr 3	Southend United	(A)	2.00pm
Tues Apr 9	Millwall	(A)	2.00pm

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Hello and welcome to tonight's game. Unfortunately, our home games were called off again last weekend due to the atrocious weather. However, we did manage to get our away fixtures played and on Sunday, the under 11's travelled to Bisham Abbey to face Wycombe Wanderers. The facilities at Bisham Abbey were incredible and the lads put on a fantastic performance. Although we lost 2-1, the standard that the lads set themselves was very, very high. Andy Westall scored our goal from the penalty spot after good work from Fraser Wilson. We try and tell the lads that results don't really matter and that performances are more important. However, it would be nice if we could get into a winning habit.

Our under 12's and 14's travelled to Exeter as well and both sides came away with a draw. The under 12's drew 4-4, whilst the under 14's drew 2-2, with Frankie Hunt and Lee 'Chopper' Salter scoring the goals.

During half-term we have arranged games for our under 9's, under 10's, under 11's (on the Wednesday) and the under 16's on Thursday. All games are set to kick-off at 11.00am at Allied Dunbar, Wanborough. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us by then!



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# YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Jim Fraser

Town's under 19's encountered their third defeat in five games as they travelled to Exeter City on Saturday. The defeat means that Viv Busby's side have now gone two months without a win and their lead at the top of the table has been reduced to just two points. Town's recent form hasn't been helped by the weather that has seen many of their games called off, but since December 8 Town have lost five in a row. Their most recent defeat was at the hands of Exeter City although things were looking good when Kevin Halliday gave the visitors the lead. Town led at the half-time break but couldn't hold on to the lead in the second half when Exeter scored two to take all three points. Town weren't helped when they were reduced to ten men, Graham Walton receiving his marching orders following a two-footed tackle. Fortunately, Town still occupy top spot in the league although their closest rivals, Oxford United, are just two points behind with a game in hand.



**Exeter u19** 2  
**Swindon u19** 1

Saturday 9th February

**Swindon line-up:**

S Smith, D Taylor, Reed, Halliday, B Smith, Bampton, Andersen, Fenwick, Crosby, Walton, Hughes

**Subs:** Titcombe, Draycott, Bristow & Cheeseman

**STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02**

Sat Aug 18	Cardiff City	A	1-0
Sat Aug 25	Exeter City	H	1-0
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City (YAC)	A	2-2
Sat Sep 15	Cirencester	H	4-2
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1
Sat Oct 6	Torquay United	A	4-2
Sat Oct 13	Cirencester		3-3
Sat Oct 20	Cardiff City (YAC)	H	2-0
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
Thur Nov 8	Grantham (FACUP)	H	5-0
Sat Nov 10	Oxford United	H	1-2
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	3-0
Sat Nov 24	Plymouth Argyle	H	3-1
Wed Nov 27	Yeovil (FACUP)	A	2-0
Sat Dec 8	Walsall (YAC)	A	1-2
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	P/P
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	1-2
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	0-2
Sat Jan 26	Blackburn (FACUP)	A	1-2
Sat Feb 2	Cardiff City	H	0-0
Sat Feb 9	Exeter City	A	1-2

**STFC UNDER-17s 2001/02**

Sat Aug 18	Oxford United	H	3-1
Sat Sep 1	Cheltenham Town	H	0-4
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City	A	4-1
Sat Sep 15	Exeter City	H	2-3
Sat Sep 22	Cirencester	H	2-1
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat Oct 13	Torquay United	H	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	2-1
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-2
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	0-0
Sat Nov 17	AFC Bournemouth	H	7-3
Sat Nov 24	Cirencester	A	5-0
Sat Dec 1	Swansea City	H	3-3
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	A	8-0
Sat Jan 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-2
Sat Jan 19	Bristol Rovers	H	5-2
Sat Feb 2	Oxford United	A	P/P
Sat Feb 16	Cheltenham Town	A	
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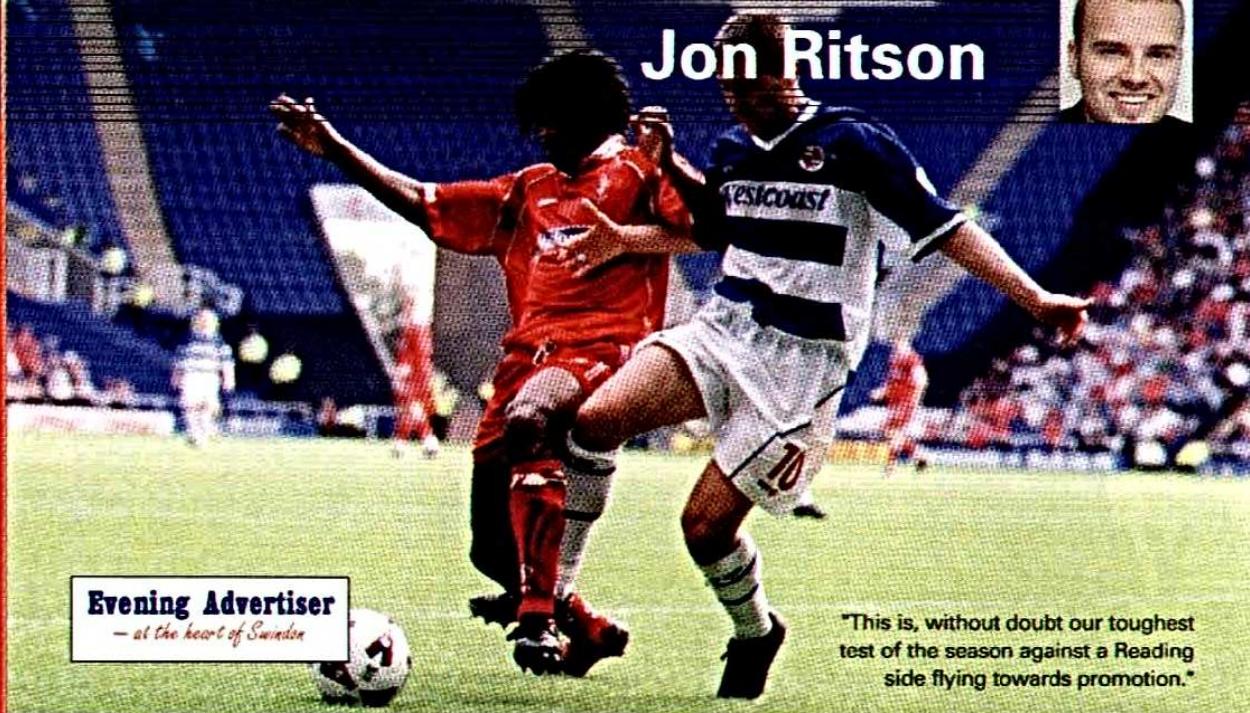
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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

I'm still not happy about this Thursday night football lark, but three points tonight could change my mind.

This is, without doubt our toughest test of the season against a Reading side flying towards promotion. It is a far cry from mid-October when we went to the Madejski Stadium and gave our M4 rivals a right Royal beating. Admittedly, it was not a happy Reading ship at the time. Alan Pardew was rumoured to have quit after the game as the home fans grew increasingly frustrated with their team. Yet you always suspected Reading would come good sooner or later. That they have done in impressive style. But wait, it seems they are not invincible. Brighton brought the Royals' winning sequence to an end on Monday night. Is it a good time to be facing them tonight or not then? Only time will tell.

Still, at least not too many people will be staying home to watch tonight's match. I don't know anyone who has ITV Digital. I doubt if anyone outside Swindon or Reading even knows the match is on the box. With Reading fans having snapped up 3,500 tickets, there is bound to be some noise generated from the Stratton Bank tonight. I hope (and expect) they will be drowned out by the noise from the other three sides of the ground.

I am still getting over last year's home game with the Royals. I don't think I've ever seen a team play so well and still lose. I'd settle for a scratchy performance but a win tonight. We need three points tonight to halt our mini-slump and put us in good heart for the trip to Tranmere next Friday. If you thought Thursday football was bad, Friday night is possibly worse. But I don't want to get started on that subject.

The 3-0 defeat at Cardiff was very disappointing. I felt the Bluebirds were there for the taking but we just couldn't seem to get our game together when it mattered. As for the minority of Cardiff idiots who ruined the minute's silence for Princess Margaret, what can you say. Some people just beggar belief.

Anyway, get behind the boys tonight and help them complete the double. Remember, if you can't get to a Town game for any reason, follow all the action via the Evening Advertiser live feed at [www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk). See you all back here for the Chesterfield match in a couple of weeks. Come on You Reds!

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# FROM THE AIRWAVES

Valentine's Day, and we're at a football match. How sad is that?

At least it's one of the best games we could hope for, a chance to lock antlers with top of the table Reading and hopefully, continue what has (in the main) been a pretty good record against the division's top sides. Although traditionally the day when romance is in the air, no love will be lost as Town try to bounce back from the weekend defeat at Cardiff.

The Madejski Stadium is an impressive place. I last went there to see England's under-21s in action. I was very impressed by everything about the club, with the exception of car parking - it took me almost an hour and a half to get out!

After coming so close to a place in the top flight a few years ago, I'm glad to see the Berkshire club back on track, and looking certain to reclaim their rightful place in Division One. Under the skilful guidance of Alan Pardew, I wouldn't rule out the possibility of contention for a place in the Premiership in twelve months from now.

It serves as a reminder as to what we should be aiming for. Perhaps we'd be wise to settle for progress one step at a time - with survival of the club, promotion, a new stadium and so many other things on our wish list.

Hey - who knows, perhaps today could be your lucky day - meeting the future love of your life at tonight's game! Which reminds me, by the time you read this BBC Wiltshire Sound journalist Rachel (Rae) Jones will have had her Valentine's surprise from her heart-throb Danny Invincible. She'll be the tall good-looking dark-haired one in front of the commentary box with the huge smile. What happened? Listen to my breakfast programme tomorrow morning at ten to eight on 103.6FM to find out!

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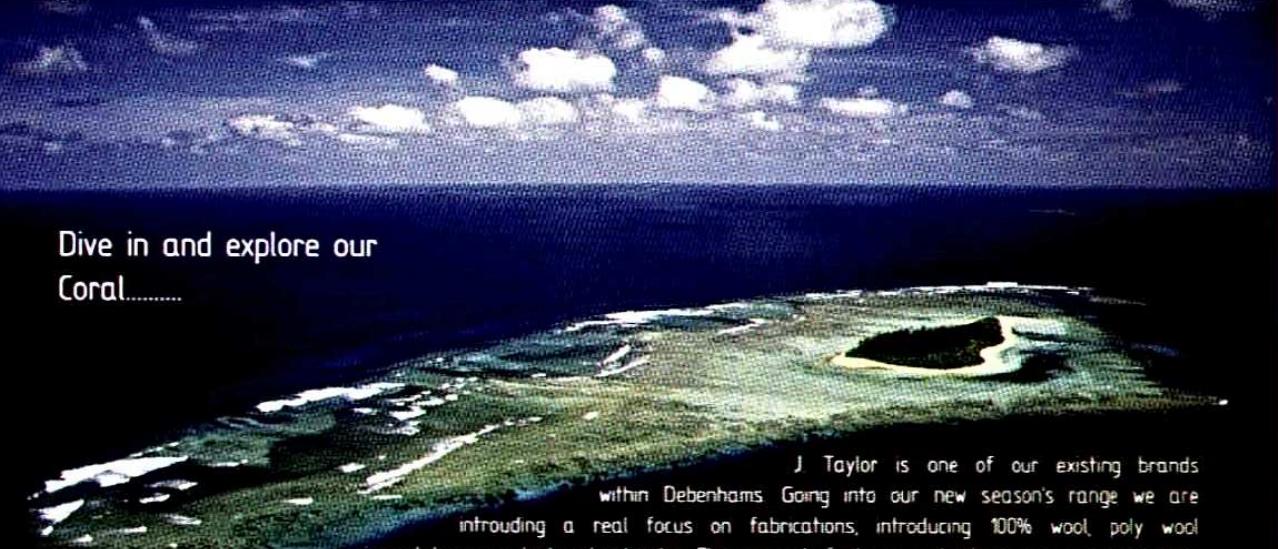
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**Debs,** Happy Valentines Day Love Danny xxx.

**Kim,** Happy Valentines, sorry I brought you to the football! Love Dan xxx.

**Dear Emma,** Happy Valentines Day Love Rob.

**To Sandra,** be my Valentine Lyndon.

**A Alexandra,** Yo te amo Hoy mas de ayer pero menos de mañana. Amor Tomas Besos para ti.

**Tracy,** Happy Valentines Day once again football takes priority! Love Nick xxx.

**Polly,** All my love this Valentines Day, Love from Kevin (who successfully proposed to Polly at the weekend!).

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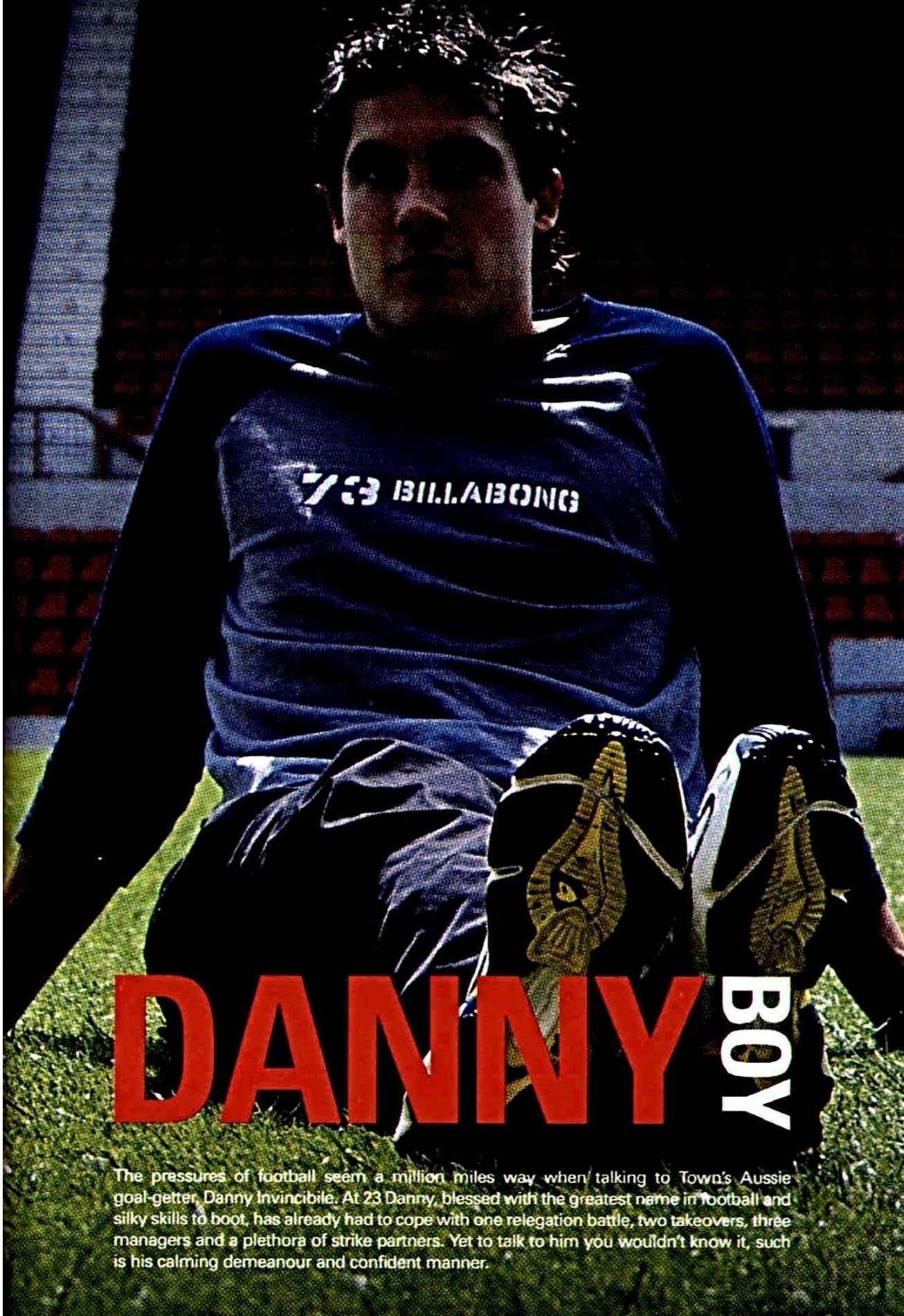
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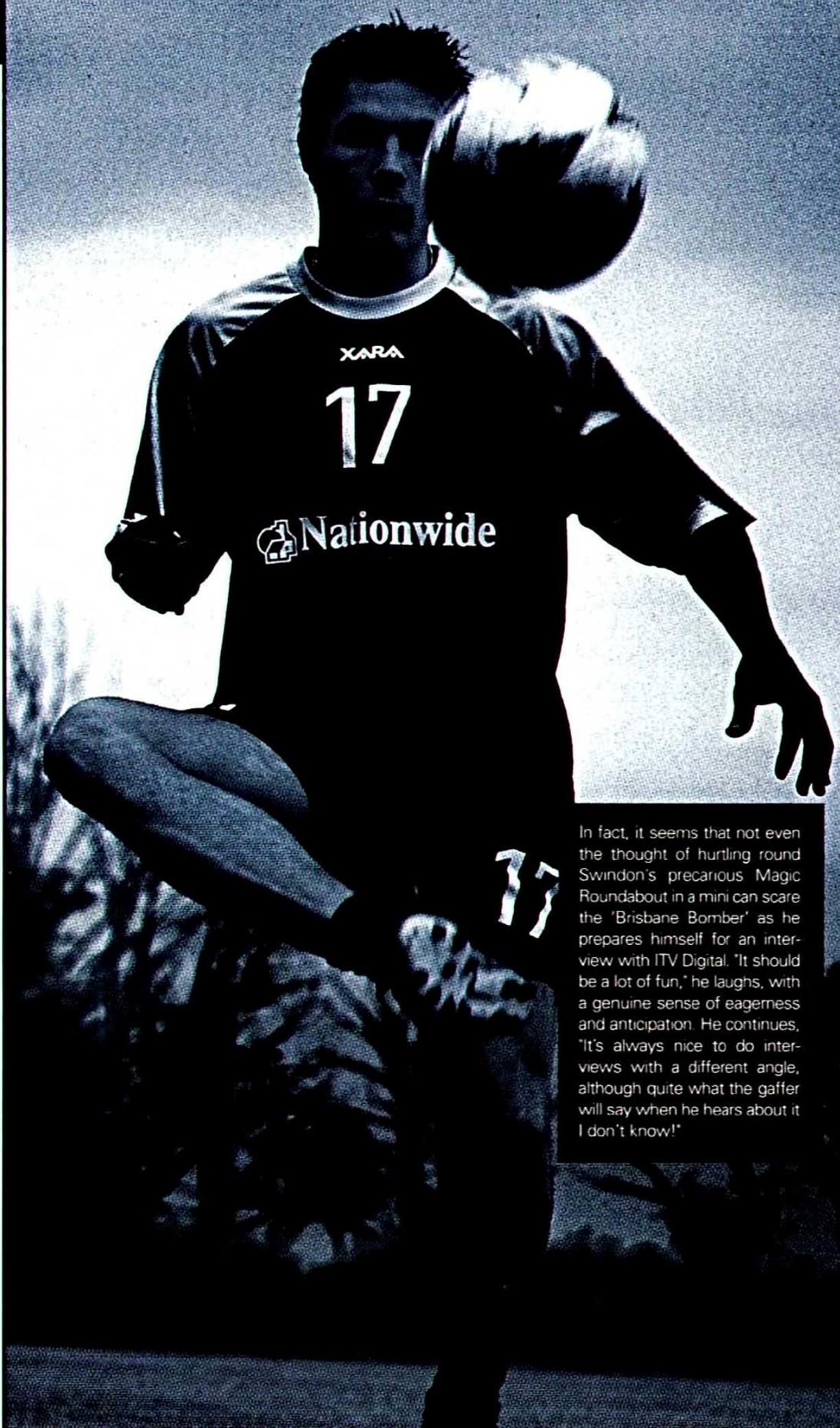
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# DANNY BOY

The pressures of football seem a million miles way when talking to Town's Aussie goal-getter, Danny Invincible. At 23 Danny, blessed with the greatest name in football and silky skills to boot, has already had to cope with one relegation battle, two takeovers, three managers and a plethora of strike partners. Yet to talk to him you wouldn't know it, such is his calming demeanour and confident manner.



In fact, it seems that not even the thought of hurtling round Swindon's precarious Magic Roundabout in a mini can scare the 'Brisbane Bomber' as he prepares himself for an interview with ITV Digital. "It should be a lot of fun," he laughs, with a genuine sense of eagerness and anticipation. He continues, "It's always nice to do interviews with a different angle, although quite what the gaffer will say when he hears about it I don't know!"



Gutted by the fact that I hadn't thought of something equally as exciting for Danny to do for the purpose of this interview, I crack on regardless and ask him just what he makes of playing such a big game on Valentine's Day and once again he laughs, replying that "It's all part of being a professional footballer. These things happen and you have to play on weird days of the year, although I don't think that I've ever played on Valentine's Day before. I suppose I am quite lucky in having an understanding girlfriend, mind you, I am under orders to make it up to her at some stage!"

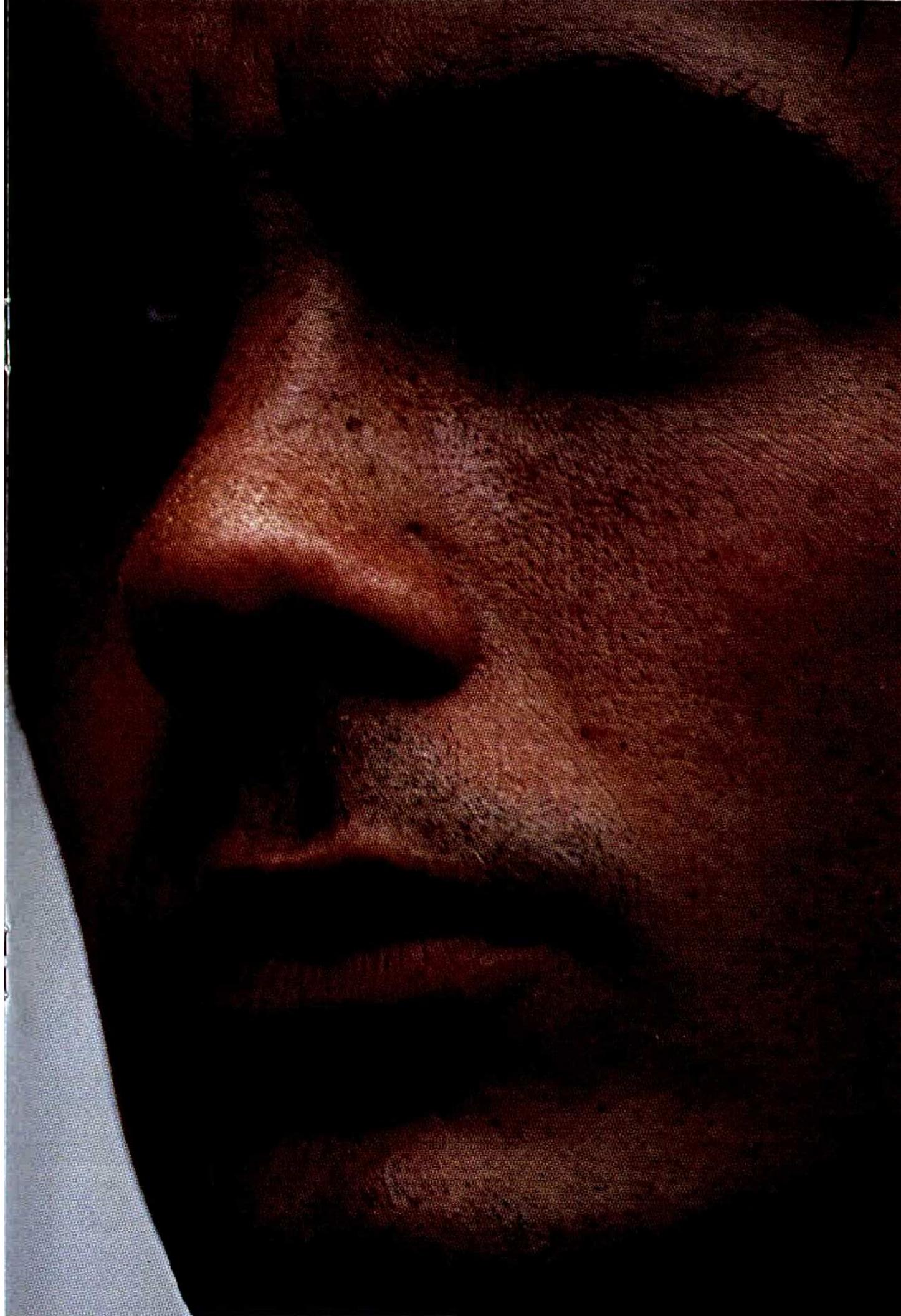
Despite not seeing his girlfriend tonight, Danny certainly expects there to be a lot of passion shown on the County Ground pitch as Town look to achieve their first double over Reading for 15 years. "I think the fact that we've beaten them before this season proves that we are capable of beating teams such as Reading. Regardless of their league position, this is one of those games that means so much to everyone involved at Swindon that you can't fail to get excited by the prospect of it. Even last year when they beat us 1-0 here, we played them off the park and so it would be nice to do the double over them."

However, Town's last two results have contrived to end the club's own prosperous run of form and it will take a remarkable effort to overcome Alan Pardew's high-flyers. "I don't think there's any reason why we can't beat them again, I mean how many teams have gone to the Madejski Stadium and got all three points? It's like the gaffer keeps saying, there aren't any teams in this league that are capable of winning week in week out and so anything is possible. Add to that the fact that we seem to be pretty good against the top sides and what you have should be a pretty even game." As for Town's recent form, Danny believes that the Cardiff defeat was a minor blip in what has been a pretty good run of form. "Last year we were constantly playing catch up football and I don't believe that we are that good at it. Instead, we are a side that feeds on confidence and so when we went a goal behind at Ninian Park, it was always going to be difficult to get ourselves back in the game. Furthermore, we must take heart from the fact that Cardiff didn't win the game by merely outplaying us, instead we helped them along with a few mistakes and that has been par for the course all season. Unfortunately you can't legislate for mistakes, whether it be at the back or down to us strikers in the final third, yet if we could eradicate them from our game then we would be a lot further up the table than we are now."

Tonight's game also sees the return of the television cameras to the County Ground, the match being broadcast on ITV Digital for the third time this season. Previous televised games haven't gone in Town's favour, so can it be a case of third time lucky? "Yes, our previous games weren't that great but I think this situation is different being a derby match. The players give that little extra effort and the fans add their bit too by getting behind the team more – I don't think it will be a problem."

Danny himself enters the game on a prosperous run of form. With eight goals already this term and the ball apparently sticking to his feet when running at defenders, it must be pleasing to have nearly matched last year's goal tally with so many games to go until the end of the season? "It is nice to get on the score sheet but it is even nicer to see the team win and if you remember, I set myself a target of 15-20 goals for the season. I haven't reached that figure yet and I still think in terms of my form, there is a lot to come from me yet. There have been games where I feel like I have played alright, but it is not consistent enough for my liking and it is something I have to keep working on. I'm getting there I think." Whether or not he is happy with his own form, he appears to have done enough to warrant interest from other clubs – what does he make of the interest shown by clubs such as Blackpool? "What it means is that it proves that there are clubs out there watching you. As a player, no matter who you play for you always strive to take part at the highest standard and that means the Premiership. Blackpool may not be a Premiership club, but it means that somewhere along the line you are doing something right when you get interest from other clubs and that is nice I suppose. But I am happy at Swindon and I have no reason to leave – I still think that we are capable of promotion and maybe we will have to wait until next season to give it a go – but you always do your best at any given moment in the hope that one day, you will reach the top of your profession."

I sincerely hope that one day, I will be watching Danny terrorising defences in the top flight. Even better if it's with Swindon, but for the time being another goal against Reading will do me fine and should he score tonight, I'm sure he'll get enough adulation to make do without his other half for today...



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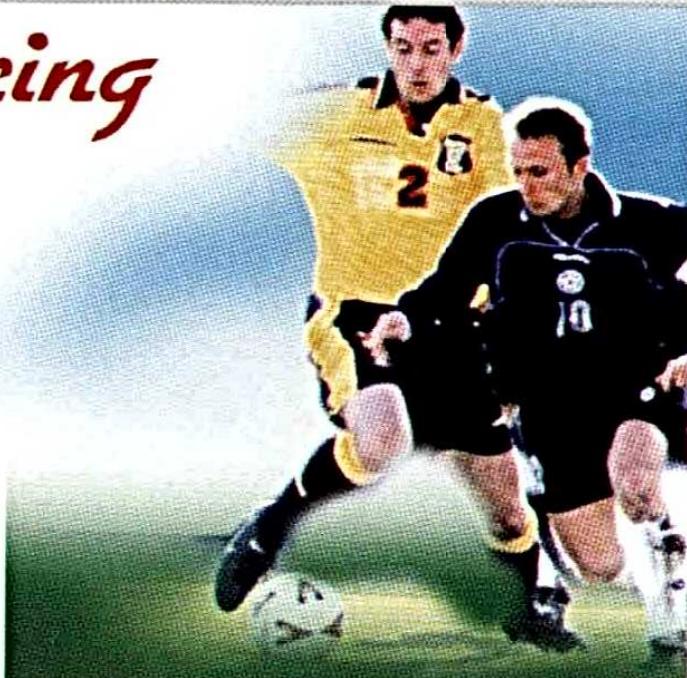
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# MATCH REPORT



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**SWINDON TOWN** 0

CAUTIONS
Cardiff Boland
Swindon Gurney

Alan Cork's side started the brighter of the two sides, Robert Eamshaw latching on to Andy Legg's long throw from the half way line and driving into Town's box as early as the fourth minute. Fortunately, Griemink was on hand to save with his legs, but Town were struggling to find any kind of rhythm in what was turning out to be a scrappy opening period to the game. Their task was made even harder when the Welsh side took the lead on 17 minutes. Gurney seemed in no apparent danger when he attempted to pass the ball back to Bart Griemink. However, Robert Eamshaw's quick thinking put Griemink under pressure and the Dutchman's slip allowed the diminutive striker to roll the ball home. Town's first attempt of the game came soon after when Matt Hewlett's cross found Eric Sabin unmarked in the box. The Frenchman's tentative goal-bound header hit Paul McAreavey and the ball went out of play for a goal kick. Griemink was called into action at the other end when Graham Kavanagh fired a shot straight into his arms. The former Stoke midfielder came close again moments later when, after Town failed to clear another Legg throw-in, the 'Silver Fox's' lunge was thwarted at the back post.

Town's best spell of pressure came just before the hour in the second half. Neat interplay in the midfield was pretty yet ineffectual and when a chance did fall at the feet of Invincible, he could only direct his effort over the bar. Town's Aussie attacker was the sides' main hope of getting themselves back into the game and he looked lively on the ball on several occasions, yet never looked likely to find the back of the net. Peter Thorne's introduction came on 60 minutes and the majority of the 12,045-strong crowd gave him a standing ovation. His appearance subsequently lifted the home side and he was soon involved when City eventually added a second. His header (from another Legg cross) was parried by Griemink and Jason Bowen headed the rebound into the empty net. Thorne came close again on 75 minutes, this time heading wide from Legg's cross before Town's misery was confounded five minutes later when Bowen added his second and Cardiff's third in the 80th minute. Legg found Bowen in Town's area and his half volley squirmed inside Griemink's near post.

## Sound bites...

### ANDY KING

**On the manner of Town's defeat...**

"Once Cardiff got their second goal I felt we fell away and the third was not a surprise. I think 3-0 flattered Cardiff a bit but there is no doubt that on the day they were the better side. I'm not unhappy with the defending but with the performance."

### ANDY GURNEY

**On Town's performance...**

"We just weren't at the races. There was a little spell at the start of the second half where it might have been different if we'd nicked a goal but I don't think we deserved anything at the end of the day. Cardiff deserved to win 3-0 in the end."

### DANNY INVINCIBLE

**On Town's defeat...**

"It was an immensely annoying game and we've lost it by a couple of soft goals. We had a reasonable spell in the second half but we just didn't get forward and put away our chances"



## EVANS PLEDGES BEES FUTURE

Brentford skipper Paul Evans has pledged his immediate future to The Bees and all because of his faith in Griffin Park boss Steve Coppell. The 27-year-old has been linked with moves to Reading and Bristol City, but he explains that the reason he wants to stay in West London is down to Bees boss Steve Coppell. "There are a lot of good players at this club and a very good manager who has done an incredible job with virtually no resources. That's why I'm happy to stay," he admitted. "I'm very happy here and the only reason I would want to go is to play in the first division - but I still believe I can do that with Brentford".



## CANADIAN CHAIRBOY GETS A BRONZE

Wycombe Wanderers defender Mark Rogers returned from America after helping Canada to third Place at the CONCACAF Gold Cup and then thanked Wycombe Wanderers for turning him into an international. The 26-year-old earned four caps as Canada won the bronze medal after beating Korea Republic in the third place play-off, and Rogers paid tribute to the Adams Park staff. "I never thought that I would play for Canada. A lot of the credit goes to Wycombe because without them, I wouldn't be where I am. They gave me my chance in the game and without them I would never have had the chance to play international football," beamed the Canadian.



## HOLLOWAY SLAMS 'NOSEY' NOADES

Queens Park Rangers manager, Ian Holloway, has blasted Brentford chairman Ron Noades after a complaint to the Football League led to the Loftus Road side being hit with a transfer embargo. Noades has questioned the signing of Danny Shittu from Charlton after Rangers fans Alex and Matthew Winton stumped up the cash for the transfer fee, which took place with the club in administration. QPR boss Holloway reacted angrily. "For someone who reportedly wanted to buy our ground and sign Shittu, he should mind his own business." Loftus Road chief executive David Davies said, "Under league rules, we would not have been able to sign any players had we owed money to any other clubs, but this is not the case".





## THOMAS TO PROVE LEICESTER DOUBTERS?

Bournemouth have signed Leicester utility player Danny Thomas on a free transfer. The 20-year-old has put pen to paper on a deal that will keep him at the Second Division club until the end of next season. The former Nottingham Forest trainee impressed during a week's trial and was a second-half substitute in Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Brentford. He made just three substitute appearances in four seasons at Filbert Street, but Cherries chief Sean O'Driscoll is confident Thomas can make an impression at Dean Court, "He is comfortable on the ball, very quick and very hungry for success. We have seen him quite a lot in the reserves, hopefully we will give him the chance he didn't really get at Leicester".

Cherries Manager,  
Sean O'Driscoll



## HAWORTH CHASE ON

The chase is on for Wigan's Welsh international, Simon Haworth, with Tranmere, Cardiff and Gillingham all heading the queue. The 24-year-old has scored 11 goals for The Latics this season, but Wigan manager Paul Jewell is still seemingly ready to listen to offers for his striker. Tranmere are rumoured to be favourites, along with his first-ever club Cardiff and Gillingham - who have confirmed their interest. "There is an interest there but we haven't taken it any further than that at this moment," said Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler. Haworth moved to Wigan in 1998 and has gone on to score 58 goals in 123 starts for the Lancashire club. The Welsh wizard began his career with his hometown club and after just 27 league starts he moved to Coventry in 1997, where he spent 17 months before his move to Wigan.

Simon  
Haworth



## GRASS-ROOTS COLUMN

Rumours circulating around the terraces this week have involved Town's transfer embargo (has it or has it not been paid?) and the future of loan star, Dominic Foley.

Firstly, STFC are hoping that the transfer embargo placed on the club by the FA will be lifted by the end of the week. This follows developments involving the transfer of George Ndah from the County Ground to wolves two years ago. Such was the contract involving Ndah, that it contained a clause in which Town would gain a certain amount of money upon the former Town winger reaching 40 appearances. Ndah recently reached that milestone and the money gained from that deal is enough to pay off debts owed to West Ham for Gary Alexander - the club is awaiting clearance from the FA.

Lastly, we can reveal that Dominic Foley has now returned to Vicarage Road following Andy King's decision to let the centre forward return to his former club. Foley scored on his debut against Bristol City but failed to have the desired impact on King's side and subsequently dropped to the bench. King said, "Foley was brought in to score goals and to be honest, he didn't have the impact I expected. It therefore seemed a waste to have him sitting on the bench, so we both decided that it was the best thing for both parties. I wish him well for the future."



## HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE

When Tommy Jenkins left Elm Park to join Swindon Town in 1972 (as a replacement for Don Rogers), he started a trend that has seen many players since travel one way or another up and down the M4. Some still play with one of the two clubs to this day whilst others, such as Craig Maskell (who, having made 72 appearances for Reading helped Town to the Premiership with a goal at Wembley in 1993), have quit the professional game in order to pursue another career, or one in the semi-professional leagues.

Jimmy Quinn for example, now at Northwich Victoria, played and managed for both Reading and Swindon. Quinn enjoyed three stints at the County Ground, the first two as a player the third as player-manager. Sandwiched in between was a five year period at Elm Park (1992-1997) in which the highlight (as well as adorning the goalkeeper's jersey in one game) was a play-off berth in 1994, the same year that Swindon were in the Premiership. Unfortunately, the Royals lost out to Bolton having led 2-0 (and having a penalty to make it 3-0) and he left the club in May 1997 to join Peterborough.

Just after Quinn left Swindon for the second time, a certain Tom Jones joined the Robins three years later in September in what would turn out to be his first of two spells at the club. In between Jones spent four years at Reading before joining STFC for the second time - Jones is now at Swindon Supermarine.

Another player to have played (and scored) in the play-off final is Paul Bodin. The Welsh international also played for Swindon twice (scoring a remarkable 39 goals from left back) before joining Reading in 1996.



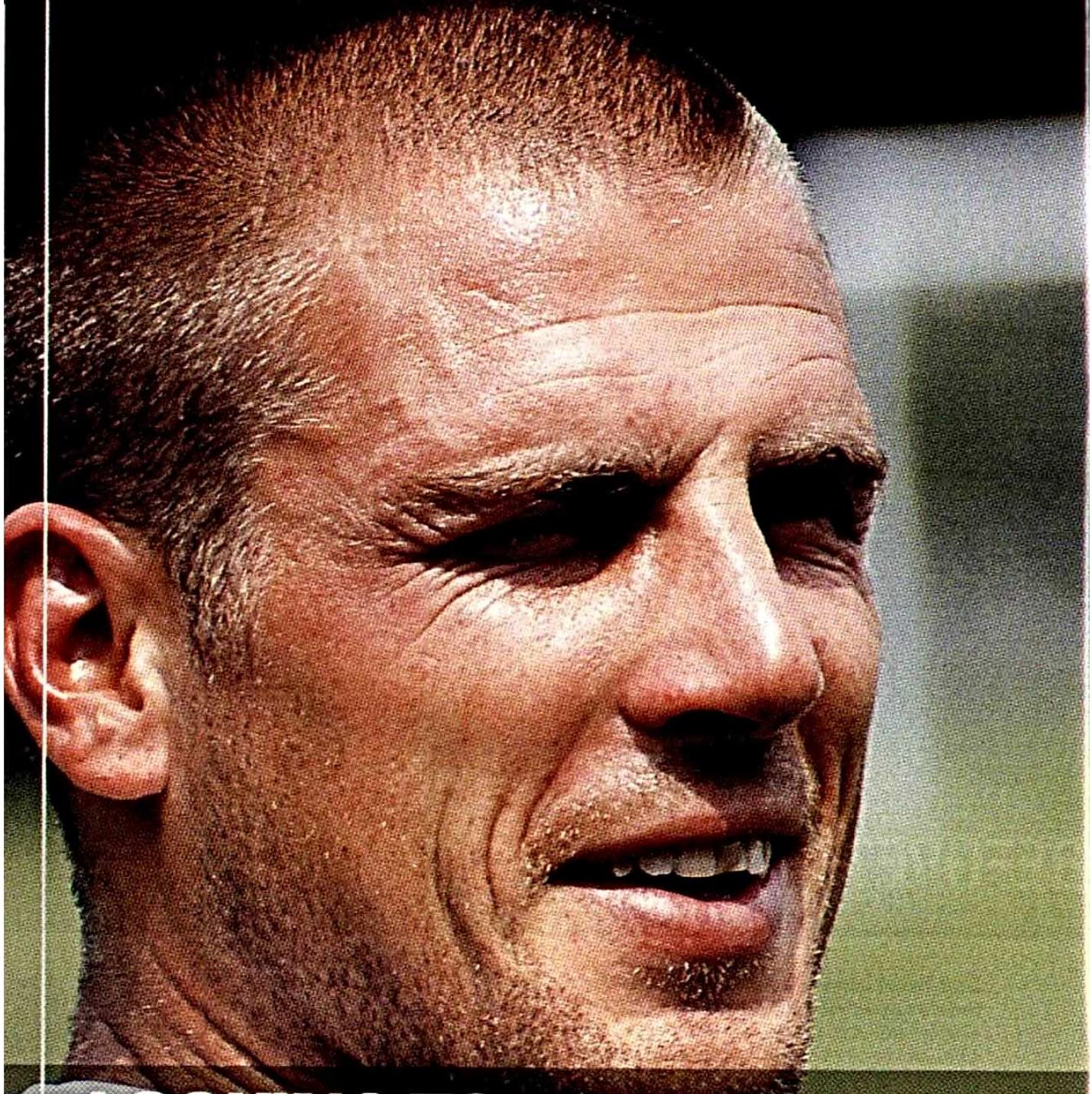
## BEFORE?

WHEN ANDY GURNEY LEFT READING TO JOIN US HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND ON JUNE 20, HE JOINED A LARGE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT HAD PLAYED FOR BOTH THE ROYALS AND THE ROBINS. WE FEATURE JUST SOME OF THE NAMES THAT HAVE GONE ON TO PLAY FOR BOTH SIDES DOWN THE YEARS.

After having scored one goal for the Royals, Bodin went on to manage Bath before returning to Swindon as part of the youth team set up. Nicky Hammond, on the bench at Wembley in a period of eight years at the club, is also involved working with up and coming stars. Having joined Reading in 1996, the former Arsenal trainee retired due to a back injury before taking over the Royals' highly acclaimed academy.

More recently, Reading have no less than four former Swindon players on their books at the moment, with a fifth joining them on loan earlier on in the season. Kevin Watson, who played 45 times for the Robins in a period of three years, proved to be a vital part of the Royals' revival in a period of six games earlier during the campaign. Chris Casper (who spent two months on loan at STFC), Adi Viveash (who started his career at the County Ground), Adi Whitbread (who played for Town during the Premiership with another former Royal, Keith Scott) and Alex Smith (who joined Town from Everton before signing for Port Vale and then Reading in July 2001) are all in Reading's squad for this evening's game.

Those that have gone the other way include Martin Williams and Gareth Davies. Stevenage-born Williams spent just under a year at STFC having signed from Reading. The right-winger/attacker scored 29 goals in the blue and white, unfortunately he was not as successful in Wiltshire and he subsequently dropped into semi-professional football. Gareth Davies, who joined Town in March 1999 after two years at Reading, retired earlier this season after failing his battle against injury.



## LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK

TONIGHT'S GAME TAKES ON A GREATER IMPORTANCE FOR TOWNS STAND-IN SKIPPER, ANDY GURNEY. THE FORMER READING DEFENDER WILL BE RELISHING THE CHANCE TO BEAT HIS FORMER TEAM-MATES FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS SEASON AS HE LOOKS TO PUT SATURDAY'S PERFORMANCE AT CARDIFF BEHIND HIM.





Tonight's game is a big prospect for all involved at STFC as we entertain the league leaders in front of the television cameras. Obviously having played for the Royals, it is a great opportunity for me to meet up with some old friends, but believe me that will all be forgotten about once the game kicks off because we need to return to winning ways as quickly as possible.

It is a shame we have lost our way of late because before the game against Huddersfield, we had put a good run together and had managed to get ourselves in the top half of the table. We were also playing well and with a lot of confidence, knowing that we didn't have to look over our shoulder at the results of teams below us. Even against Huddersfield, we started well and had several chances to take the lead ourselves before they scored the goal that won the game for them. Full credit to them too because they defended resolutely and took their chances when they came along, but that is a game we must learn from if we are to compete with sides above us.

Sadly, we didn't continue that form on Saturday against Cardiff and in fairness, we never looked like causing them any problems. There were a number of personal mistakes made out there and I take full responsibility for the first goal, but on the whole we, as a team, must be accountable for our actions because if we play like that we can't expect to gain anything from a game.

But that is in the past and instead of dwelling on what has happened in the last week or so we must look forward to the task ahead and put right the mistakes we have made. We are desperate to return to winning ways, I think I speak on behalf of all the players when I say that we hate losing games and so a win tonight could be the catalyst for another prosperous run.

Reading will certainly be a tough proposition however and despite losing on Monday, they have shown that they can score goals and create problems in a fantastic run that has seen them go top of the league. Teams around them haven't been able to put a run together and they have taken full advantage, although I see that Brighton's win against them has closed the gap to just four points.

I am sure they will be looking to extend that gap again this evening. We have beaten sides at the top of the league so far this season and tonight we must do so again. We've shown already that when we're firing on all cylinders, we are capable of beating anyone in this league and if we can just eradicate the inconsistency that has plagued us all season, then we can achieve something really positive at the club. Here's hoping for three points tonight, only then can I mock the Reading lads in the knowledge that we've taken six points off them!

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# 1916-2002

## BERT HEAD

Dick Mattick pays tribute to Bert Head who, having managed Town during the late 50's and early 60's, sadly passed away two weeks ago.

On October 3 1956, Bert Head, the Assistant Manager of Bury and former Torquay centre half, was appointed manager of Swindon Town. It was to be the start of a long association with the Robins and Bert was to take Swindon to their first ever promotion. However, on his appointment, survival and the ability to cope on a shoestring budget was all that the Swindon board expected and his first signing was Arnold Darcy for a fee of £1,500. Bert was no instant success and his first season saw Town having to apply for re-election. They were successful finishing 35 votes in front of non league, Peterborough, but with the regional divisions being turned into national ones few would have bet against Town being founder members of Division Four. In fact, they exceeded all expectations and finished fourth. Shrewd signings of John Neal and Johnny Skull, plus the decision to move Maurice Owen to wing half, helped Town to find themselves safely in Division Three. The next two seasons were disappointing but were key as Bert sought to emulate Matt Busby and assembled a host of young talent that would seldom be seen again.

Bert's resolve for blooding his home-grown talent was boosted by the fact that some of the senior members of the squad had been involved in instances of match-fixing. Keith Morgan and Bobby Woodruff were the first wave, but after a pre-season Propables v Possibles match had resorted in a victory for the Possibles (comprising mainly youngsters) he began to plunge more and more of 'Bert's babes' into the first team. John Trollope and Terry Wollen were given their chance to form the youngest ever full back partnership while Ernie Hunt, at the time of his debut, was the youngest player ever to gain a first team place for Swindon. It spoke volumes that when Town earned promotion for the first time in their history in 1962/63, Ken McPherson, who cost £2,500 was the only player that cost a fee.

After a stunning start in the higher Division (which saw Town go top at one stage) a combination of poor results and a series of injuries saw Town relegated with Bert Head taking much of the blame. However, Bert proved his worth returning to management with Crystal Palace and aided by former Swindon stars like Don Rogers, Bobby Woodruff and Cliff Jackson, took them up to Division One. After his retirement from management he returned to Swindon in a scouting capacity under Lou Macari.

Whether or not you could call Bert Head a track suit manager is debatable, for on match days he was always immaculately turned out with his hair carefully brylcreemed. However, at the start of the season at the seaside training camps (planned in order to raise team spirit), he would often don a track suit and join in with the activities. Sometimes, even without his tracksuit, he would dash out to the training ground in order to demonstrate how to do things properly, regardless of the damage it would do to his everyday clothing! Hard but fair is the message that comes from so many of his former players and it was this fairness and honesty that won him the respect of the football world.

GROUP C



# 2002 WORLD CUP

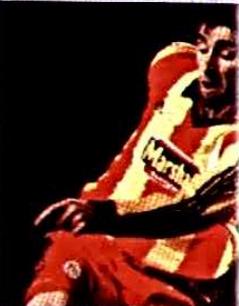
## BRAZIL

Brazil are still the only team to have played in all previous tournaments and the only one to have lifted the coveted trophy four times. Yet such was their performance in this competition's qualification that they very nearly didn't make it. They were unrecognisable, a team short of harmony and quality. Nonetheless, the sheer weight of their glorious history and the aura of its football pulled them through and saw them scramble enough points to qualify, finally thumping Venezuela 3-0 in the decisive match. Yet despite their dismal form, who would bet against them? For Brazil are Brazil and the FIFA World Cup is their favourite arena. Let's face it, any side that includes the likes of Marcos, Cafu, Emerson, Roberto Carlos, Vampeta, Rivaldo, Edilson, Ronaldo, Romario and Denilson has half a chance...



## TURKEY

Having been the whipping boys for many years, Turkey now look set to be a major force on the World stage. The success of Senol Gunes' encapsulates an encouraging rebuilding process that has been taking place over the last ten years. He is reliant on a core group of key players, the bulk of which is drawn from the ever-improving Turkish First Division, primarily Istanbul-based perennial powers Galatasaray, Fenerbahce, and Besiktas. The remainder play at the top level of other European leagues, making for a team which has the experience to cause problems for the world's best. Fenerbahce goalkeeper Rustu Recber played in all 10 qualifiers, allowing just eight goals, and Aston Villa defender Alpay Ozalan single-handedly carried the Turks in the home qualifier against Macedonia, notching a hat-trick.



## CHINA

The long wait for their first ever appearance on the biggest footballing stage ended for China when Bora Milutinovic steered the world's most populous nation to the 2002 FIFA World Cup™ Korea/Japan. Chinese football had been waiting 44 years to make its mark on the global game and the appearance at this summer's finals will be a step into the unknown. For some, like veterans Hao Haidong, Fan Zhiyi and Ma Mingyu - all stalwarts of previous near-misses - it will be a final hurrah at the pinnacle of the global game. For others, the younger generation who have benefited from the development of the game in China in recent years, it will be a learning experience to build on. Players such as Sun Jihai, Li Tie and Qu Bo all impressed during qualifying and are the most tangible signs that the Chinese FA's development programme is bearing fruit.



## COSTA RICA

Although not recognised as a powerhouse in the CONCACAF confederation, Costa Rica is a proud football nation that has been celebrating their qualification to this summer's competition, their first since 1990. The team's real strength lies in its ability to go forward having notched 25 goals in 14 qualifiers. Rolando Fonseca and Paulo Wanchope lead the attack, both on the field and in the record books for goals scored for their country. However, as good as these twin strikers are, the team gets its inspiration from another source. Hernan Medford played in the FIFA World Cup 1990™ and scored the goal against Sweden that put the "Ticos" in the second round. Manager Alexander Guimaraes took over the squad in January 2001 and since then, the team has been on a roll, winning 11 times, drawing six and losing just twice.





This week we take a look at Group C and in particular, the mighty (or not so mighty as the case may be) Brazil. Also in Group C are such familiar faces as Crystal Palace's Fan Zhiyi, Leicester's Muzzy Izzet and Man City's Paolo Wanchope.



#### ONE TO WATCH: RIVALDO VITOR BORBA FERREIRA

Like Pele and Ronaldo, Rivaldo had a modest upbringing. But unlike his illustrious fellow strikers, he was not singled out for stardom early on in his career. After serving his apprenticeship at Paulista Recife, he signed his first professional contract with FC Santa Cruz in 1991, before moving to Mogi Mirim, and then Corinthians in 1993. Less than a year after joining Corinthians he was on the move again, this time to rivals Palmeiras, where he won his first Brazilian championship in 1994. From here he moved to Europe joining Deportivo La Coruna and more recently, Barcelona for a modest 24million Euros. Rivaldo has since flourished into one of the best players in the world and he looks set to be one of the stars of the tournament.



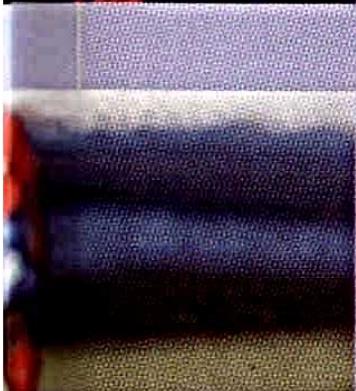
#### ONE TO WATCH: HAKAN SÜKÜR

Hakan Sukur is by far the most popular player in Turkey - but the road to glory has been a long one. Sukur first turned out for his home town side, Sakaryaspor, as a tender 16-year old. By the 1989/90 season, he was a regular in the side, and was snapped up by Bursaspor in the summer of 1990. His stay at Bursaspor was as successful as it was short-lived for in 1992, Galatasaray, came knocking on his door. He scored 19 goals in his first season and subsequently earned his first call-up to the national side in 1992, helping the Turks to their first-ever qualification to the UEFA European Championships in 1996. In May 1995, Hakan headed for a new challenge Torino before signing for Inter Milan (via Galatasaray) in 2000/01.



#### ONE TO WATCH: FAN ZHIYI

In 1998, Zhiyi became one of the first Chinese professional footballers to move to Europe when he and team mate, Sun Jihai, left Shanghai Shenhua for Crystal Palace (led by El Tel), for a transfer fee of £1million. Yet whereas Sun Jihai has since returned to China, Fan Zhiyi established himself on the European football scene, developing into one of Crystal Palace's most important players. Consistent performances and a thoroughly professional attitude soon won him the respect of his team mates before he joined Dundee on October of last year. Fan Zhiyi is an asset to his team in more ways than one; he attracts many new Chinese supporters from both Britain and China; team merchandise - especially with his name on - is much sought-after.



#### ONE TO WATCH: HERNÁN MEDFORD

Born in San José on May 23 1968, Medford is regarded quite simply as the symbol of Costa Rican football. He began his playing career with Deportivo Saprissa in his home country of Costa Rica, and after having plied his trade in the Yugoslavian, Austrian, Spanish, Italian and Mexican leagues, he is now back with the same club. As well as being remembered for his goal-scoring prowess, Medford will set a new by becoming the first-ever Costa Rican to play in three FIFA World Championships, having previously taken part in the 1985 FIFA Under-17 tournament (in China) and Italia 90. He is also the most-capped Costa Rican player in history, having played 79 times for his country, netting 17 goals in the process.

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## round-up



Reading are beginning to pull away now, and promotion looks a bit of a formality. But as for the rest of them behind, they seem to be falling over themselves to make it tense right up to the final weeks of the season.

Last weekend saw defeats for Brighton, Stoke and Bristol City all playing beatable opposition. All this means that the door is still open for any number of clubs in the chasing pack and don't, whatever you do, rule out Tranmere. They've got about 2 or 3 games in hand on a lot of the teams above them, and despite defeat at the McAlpine, they've got the squad to take them back up.

I remember speaking to Lorraine Rogers earlier in this campaign about recent Cup adventures. She told me that she'd virtually forbidden her manager to win any

more Cup matches, blaming them firmly for last year's relegation. So quite what Tranmere think they're doing in the fifth round of the FA Cup, I cannot say. Should they celebrate another heroic giant-killing at Prenton Park on Sunday, Dave Watson's job could well be on the line. Remember, you read it here first!

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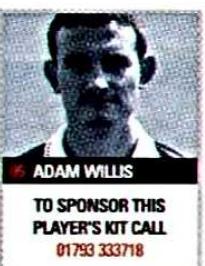
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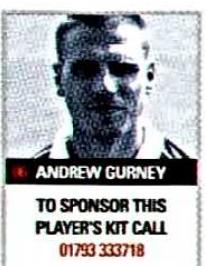
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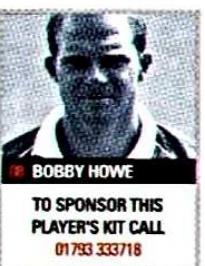
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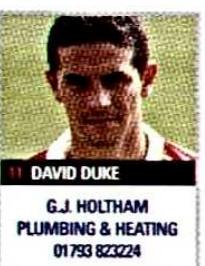
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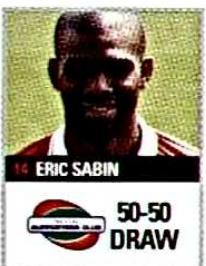
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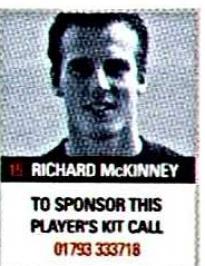
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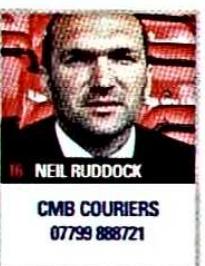
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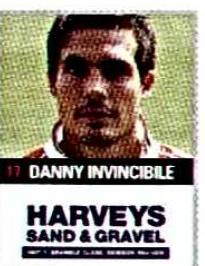
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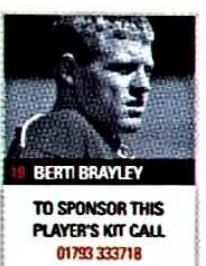
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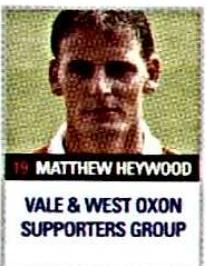
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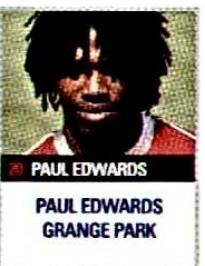
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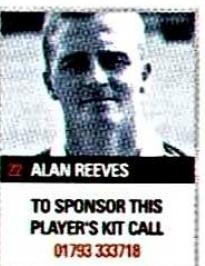
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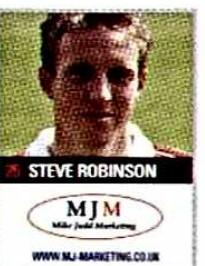
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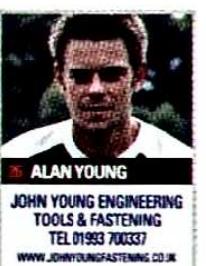
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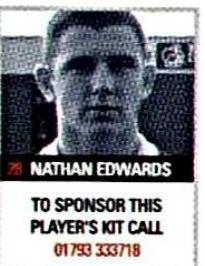
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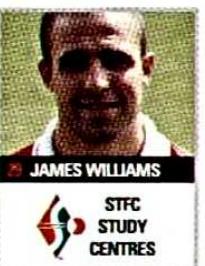
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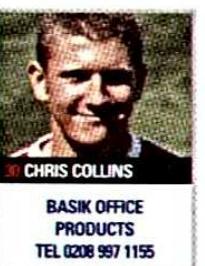
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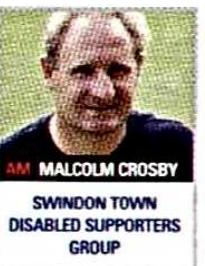
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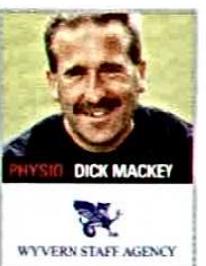
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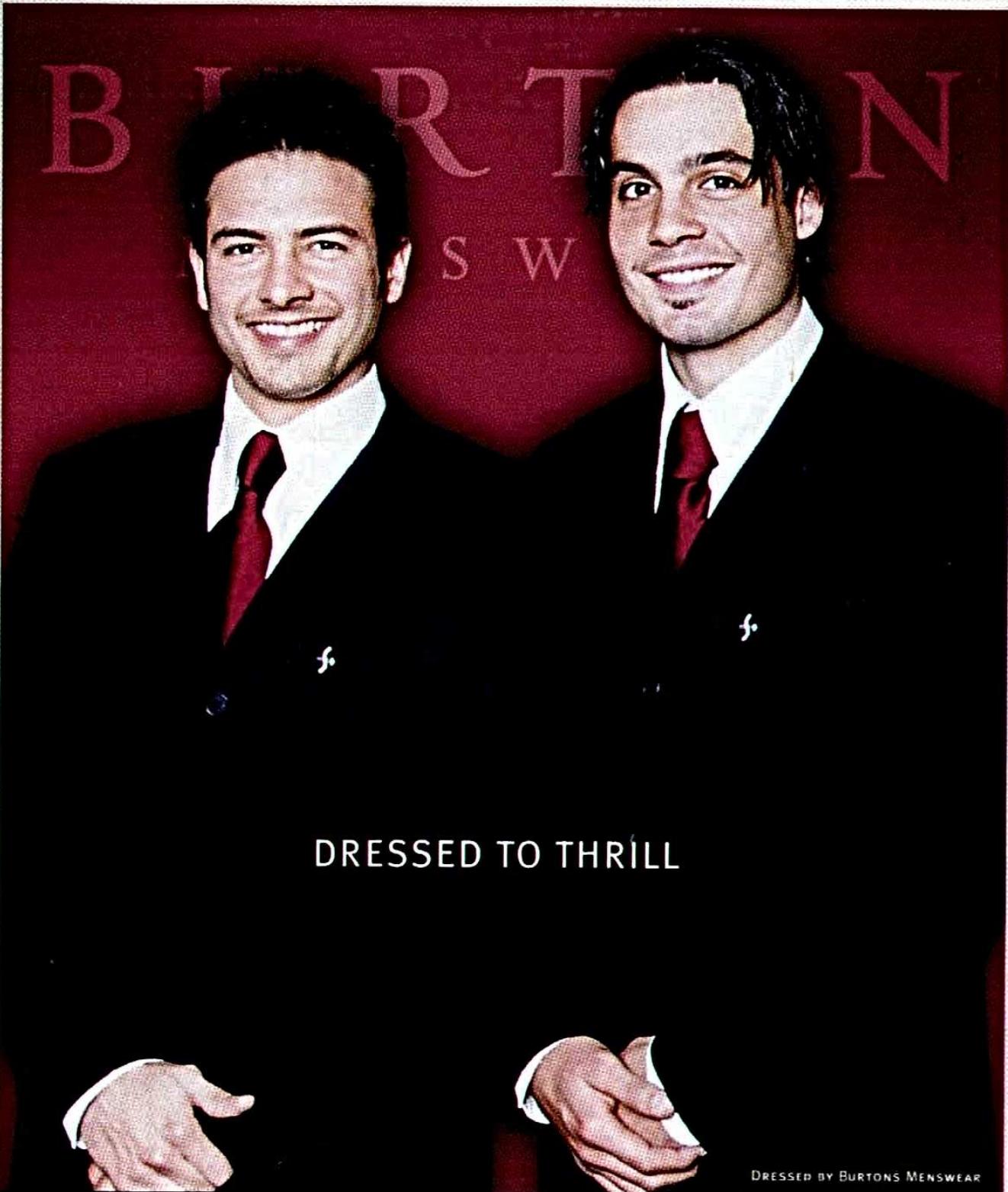
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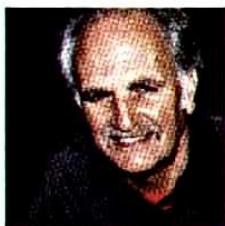
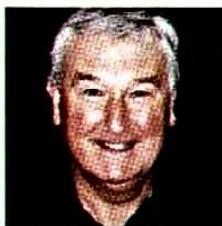


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# DOUBLE WHAMMY

Town's Ladies suffered their first home defeat of the season last weekend when they were beaten by Reading in the South West Combination League on Sunday

Town fell behind as early as the seventh minute when a defender turned the ball into their own net for an own goal. Town were unable to create much up front in return and had to wait four minutes before the break for their first effort from which they scored, Holly Ashman levelling the terms.

Reading re-took the lead midway through the second half and then confirmed victory when they converted a penalty five minutes from time.

Town's reserves also encountered a miserable weekend when they were beaten by the same margin by Swindon Spittires in the first round of the Wiltshire County League Cup. Genna Hawkins got a late consolation goal for the Town.

Town's semi-final tie against Cardiff for the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup has now been re-scheduled. The tie will now take place on Sunday April 7. Newton Abbott and Reading compete in the other tie.

This Sunday Town face what is probably their toughest game of the season against Portsmouth in the league. Until recently, the two sides had been battling it out for top spot but recently, following Town's defeats the south-coast club have taken advantage and have established a two-point lead.

Town's reserves are also away as they meet Chiseldon in the Wiltshire County League. Last time the two sides met Town won by eight goals to one.

## South West Combination League 2001/2002

League Table Feb 12 2002

Team	pl	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Portsmouth	12	10	1	1	40	9	+31	31
Swindon T	12	9	2	1	47	17	+30	29
Bristol City	12	8	2	2	32	15	+17	26
Cardiff City	12	6	1	5	39	25	+14	19
Newton Abbot	12	5	1	6	28	31	-3	16
Reading Royals	11	4	3	4	24	21	3	15
Clevedon/SBW	12	3	5	4	18	25	-7	14
Plymouth A	10	4	1	5	20	27	-7	13
Yeovil Town	11	4	0	7	21	26	-7	12
Reading Ladies	13	3	3	7	26	43	-17	12
Cheltenham T	11	3	0	8	21	38	-17	9
Southampton	12	1	1	10	12	53	-41	4



## PLAYER PROFILE

### Clare Wheeler

Defender

Age 27

Occupation

Senior Designer

Previous clubs

Coleview Girls &

Swindon Spittires

Honours

Regional under 16's  
& Wiltshire County

Favourite team

Newcastle United

Favourite Town player

Giuliano Grazioli



## Tranmere Rovers v Swindon Town Fri Feb 22

**Head-to-head** - Swindon wins 17, Tranmere wins 15, draws 13

**Last encounter** - Swindon Town 2-2 Tranmere (County Ground)

**Form guide (league)** - Swindon DWDWLL Tranmere WWWDLL

# ROVERS TO RETURN?

When Tranmere Rovers were relegated from Division One last season, many were predicting an immediate return for the Wirral - based club. However, inconsistency has contrived to keep Dave Watson's side in the middle of the table, just five points ahead of Town.

However, Rovers do have the advantage of three games in hand and recent form would suggest that they may well take full advantage of them. Since a 4-1 defeat at the Madejski Stadium on November 20 2001, Watson's side have lost just twice (against Huddersfield and Brighton in their last two games). A 6-1 mauling of Cambridge was followed by back-to-back wins against Bournemouth and Port Vale, a 2-2 draw with Stoke ended their promising run. Four wins (against Brentford 1-0, Bury 1-0, Peterborough 1-0 and Cardiff 3-1) have followed, sandwiched in between draws with Colchester (0-0) and Chesterfield (0-0). And therein lies the club's problem, with too many draws and not enough goals being scored the side seems unable to finish off sides below them in the table. A perfect example being the 2-2 draw here at the County Ground towards the beginning of the season. Having established a 2-1 lead with goals from Allen and Koumas (following Grazioli's goal in the seventh minute), Dave Watson's side relinquished the points when Andy Gurney earned a share of the spoils in the 88th minute.

Jason Koumas could be the key if Rovers are to return to whence they came, the influential midfielder attracting a large amount of attention from several Premiership clubs. Yet if Town are to get a result next Friday night, King's side must end a run of 17 years without a win at Prenton Park.

Koumas has been attracting the attention of a number of Premiership clubs





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### AWAY



vs Brentford  
(GRIFFIN PARK)  
Tue Mar 5 - 7.45pm



Details to be confirmed.  
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Concessions £tbc  
Juniors £tbc

(Travel club information - 01793 536757)

### HOME



vs Chesterfield  
(COUNTY GROUND)  
Tue Feb 26 - 7.45pm



Tickets on sale now.  
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Concessions £7 - £10  
Juniors £4 - £5

For details of the 1969 evening - turn to page 30

### AWAY



vs Huddersfield  
(MCALPINE STADIUM)  
Sat Mar 9 - 3.00pm



Details to be confirmed.  
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Concessions £tbc  
Juniors £tbc

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### HOME



vs Port Vale  
(COUNTY GROUND)  
Sat Mar 2 - 3.00pm



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### HOME



vs Wigan  
(COUNTY GROUND)  
Sat Mar 16 - 3.00pm



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## AWAY WITH THE ROBINS



### Division Two Fixture

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## LOUISE MEETS HER MAN

A couple of weeks ago we revealed the winner of the Goal of the Season competition. Louise Barrett, who was picked out from a number of people who voted for Graz's spectacular volley against Cambridge. Well, after last Tuesday's game (Town versus Huddersfield) Louise finally met her hero and he presented her with a signed shirt. Louise said, 'It was a dream come true, I am a BIG GRAZ fan and I won't ever forget that day!' Look out for more competitions in the near future in your matchday programme and official website [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) and it could be you meeting your hero!

# REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL

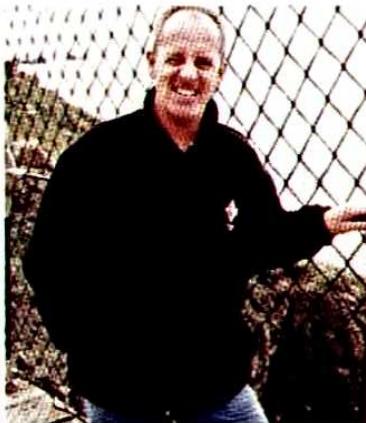


## LIFETIME AMBITION FULFILLED

Pictured is Town fan Chris Scott, seen here on a recent visit to Peru just after a flight over the Nasca Lines when he fulfilled a lifetime ambition to see one of the great mysteries of South America. The world famous Nasca Lines are a series of animal figures and geometric shapes including motifs of a spider monkey, hummingbird and condor drawn across 500 square kilometres across the Pampa de San Jose.

## PARTRIDGE ON THE ROAD

Les Partridge, a regular fixture on these pages, is seen here on his recent travels around the world. The first picture sees Les by Aphrodite's Rock in Cyprus, the other taken on the bridge at Lands End, Cornwall, during Town's pre-season friendly at Penzance. Les would also like to send his love to wife Sandy this Valentine's Day.



Quick Quiz answers  
1. Carl Asaba, 2. Chris Hay, Scott Leitch and Phillip Cuervo,  
3. Graz, Danny and Jo Kuffour, 4. Harlock, Allison and  
Mark Walters, 5. Trevor Morley, 6. 1993

25 years ago Answers (from page 58)  
1. Mark Lawrenson 2. Tommy Jenkins 3. Maurice  
Evans 4. Craig Mackell 5. Adi Viveash, on and off by  
Ossie Ardiles for Swindon against Middlesbrough

# QUICK QUIZ

## HEAD TO HEAD

With tonight's visit of Reading, we take a look at how Town have fared against the Royals down the years. See how much you can remember and check your answers with those at the bottom of the page.



1. Pictured above is Mark Robinson in action against Reading at Elm Park. But can you name the Reading striker he is attempting to foil?



2. Can you name the player celebrating his winning goal in a 1-0 win in 1999?

3. Can you name the three goalscorers that earned three points earlier on in the season at the Madejski Stadium?

4. The last time Town beat Reading by three goal to one was November 30, 1996. Who were the scorers that day?

5. The Reading player that scored that day scored two in the 2-0 win the season before. Who was he?

6. The biggest recorded win between the two sides was 7-1 to the Royals. In what year was that result?



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### Evening Advertiser 'Half time draw'

We have two winners to announce tonight, the first is from the Northampton game; Mr J. Eaterugh, from Swindon, won £270 with ticket number 825. Alison Long was the winner from the Huddersfield game. Alison, a regular subscription member, won £250 with ticket number 57. The subscription method of payment is available to any supporter and at any time during the season. Please contact Roger Bunce for further information on 01865 820499.

Roger is also the contact if any supporter wishes to help us in this fundraising initiative.

Don't forget, you don't have to come to matches to participate and if you could just organise a few work colleagues we would like to hear from you. Tonight we will pass the sale of 10,000 tickets for the season and payment of prizes amounting to over £5,000.

### Front Garden Development

We promised a report having attended the recent meeting and presentation to stakeholders, called by Bryant homes.

The space here will not allow full details of the whole evening. However, you will find this information on our web site in the form of an open letter. The major points were as follows:

- 1) There is a provision for a Stadium at the Western end
- 2) Objections to the development were not as vociferous as previously reported
- 3) A multi-purpose stadium would benefit many of the groups that were seeking facilities on the site.

Clearly there will be a great deal of debate and a significant time scale before any progress is made on the site and the Football Club will have to weigh up a large number of options, prior to any involvement in the proposals.

### New Badges

The new badges are now in stock and can be purchased from the away travel office. Prices are £2.20 for members (please bring your membership card) and £3 for non members.





This week in the hot seat is Christine. Christine travels to the County Ground with most of her family, her husband watches games with her in the Arkell's Stand whilst her two sons often carry out ball boy duties!

# TALK OF THE TERRACES

## FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

I saw my first home game in 1996 when Swindon played against Stockport County.

## FIRST AWAY MATCH SEEN?

My first away match came three years later at Ashton Gate when I saw Town play Bristol City.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Wayne Allison

## FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Danny Invincibile

## BEST HOME MATCH?

My favourite home match was against Bristol City. We won 3-2 with three goals in nine minutes.

## BEST AWAY MATCH?

The 2-0 win at Oxford last season when Steve Robinson scored both goals.

## BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

No scoreboard

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

Kevin Horlock

## BEST EVER SWINDON XI?

Digby, M Robinson, Bodin, S Taylor, Calderwood, Hoddle, Walters, Horlock, Fjortoft, Allison, Gooden.

## PREDICTION THIS SEASON?

Mid table

## A Warm Welcome...

### TO TODAY'S MASCOTS

Tonight we welcome two matchday mascots to the County Ground, Francesca and Bethany Russell.

Francesca is eleven years old and like her sister, lives at home in Lower Stratton with Mum and Dad. She is a keen STFC supporter and came to her first match with her Dad when she was just eight months old.

She is now a season ticket holder and comes to every home game. Her favourite player is Danny Invincibile.

Bethany attends Grange Junior School. She started watching the mighty reds when she was three years old and like her sister, she is now the proud owner of a season ticket. Her favourite player is Giuliano Grazioli.



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## SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good evening and a warm welcome to the County Ground for tonight's game against our local rivals, Reading.



For us at the Community Office, tonight is a very special evening as we are officially announcing the arrival of our brand new community office van, kindly donated and sponsored by Citroen Windmill Hill Motor Company. A special thank you must go to Jon Ellis for his hard work and efficiency in acquiring the superb new Citroen Relay Can within two weeks of our first meeting. Many thanks Jon, for you and your company's support, we hope you get as much profile as possible. We will certainly enjoy arriving at various locations around Swindon and Wiltshire in our luxurious vehicle! Let's also hope we have a long and successful association.

We completed our first course of 2002 with 150 up-and-coming youngsters attending. The weather has been a bit indifferent to say the least, but a good time was had by all.

Lastly, our day out at Uffington on Monday was excellent despite the fact that we had heavy rain all day. The children went away resembling coal miners rather than young footballers!

A big thank you to Paul Barton and Ruth De Wilton for helping us set up the day; it was a huge success.

Best wishes,  
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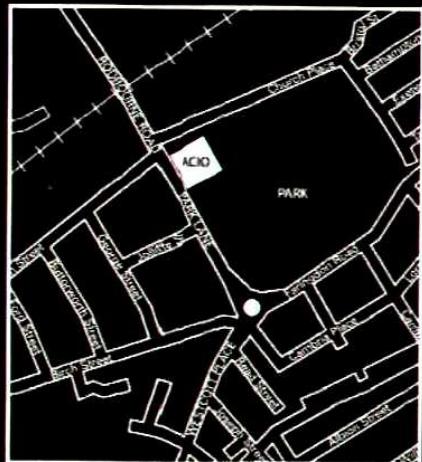
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## SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRES

# PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

### YOUTH TEAM QUIZZED BY PRIMARY PUPILS

Last week pupils from Goddard Park, Westlea, Oliver Tomkins and Holy Family Primary Schools were given the opportunity to interview members of our Youth team. Adam Collier, Ian Herring, Jamie Cheeseman, Mark Fenwick, Graeme Walton, Paul Anderson and Nathan Edwards all volunteered to be grilled by the youngsters. The players acquitted themselves very well, revealing all sorts about themselves including their favourite movie, meal and footballer, whether or not they had a girlfriend and how often they were allowed to go home. They also found out that one of the youth team has five snakes and has to feed them on rats, which he buys from a pet shop.

To the football mad boys attending study support it was an opportunity to find out how these young players had got involved in professional football. Many were surprised at how late some of the players were identified and how far they had travelled to try and make their dream of being a professional footballer come true. Some of the girls who are not that keen on the sport of football, found that they were keen on footballers!



## THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO

WITH DAVE WALLIS

On February 8 1977, Town travelled to Preston whose failure to win in the previous four matches had seen them drop from third to eighth in Division Three. A convincing 2-0 win set North End back on their way up the table. Back at the County Ground on the 12th, Town overcame an injury crisis to record a 3-0 win against Chesterfield. Meanwhile, Reading were in the midst of an appalling run which saw them go 12 matches without a win en route to relegation to Division Four. February 12 saw the royals suffer a 6-1 defeat at Walsall.

- 1) An ever present in Preston's defence that season later moved on to Liverpool and gained International honours for a country other than that of his birth. Who was he?
- 2) Which Reading winger, subject of a record sale in 1969, was signed by Swindon for a Swindon record fee to replace Don Rogers in November 1972?
- 3) Reading's manager during 1976/77 also had a spell at the helm of Oxford during the eighties. Who was this?
- 4) The scorer of a Wembley goal for Swindon once played 72 games for Reading. Who?
- 5) Which Reading player had the unfortunate distinction of coming on as a substitute in a match in September 1990, and then being substituted back off again minutes later?



with George Chadwick

## JUNIOR ROBINS

Good evening to all of our Junior Robins for tonight's game against Reading.

A warm welcome to all of guests tonight, especially Reading's Junior Royals who have made the short journey along the M4 this evening. I hope you enjoy the game, but of course we are looking to do the double over Reading!

A reminder that Jimmy Fraser's Soccer Centres are open to any of you that may wish to attend. All details can be found on the opposite page, but if you are interested then you can call him and quote your JR's membership number in order to get a 10% discount.

This discount also applies to any goods purchased from the club shop.

The letters regarding the Stoke trip have now been sent out. To avoid any disappointment, you will need to get the form enclosed with the letter returned as soon as possible because this is a very popular trip.

Let's hear it for the lads - Come on you reds!

George Chadwick

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



service point

# SOCCKER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



Hello and welcome to tonight's game against Reading. The Soccer Centres are shut this week due to it being half-term. However, they will re-commence next Monday, February 18. We've had some great news within the Soccer Centres this week. Although the centres are designed for kids of all abilities we do tend to find the odd few that warrant a place on our centre of excellence.

Two kids have been through a successful trial recently and have since signed for the centre of excellence. James France Sergeant (under 11) was spotted at our Tidworth centre, whilst Darren Jefferies (under 9) was spotted at our Stratton Centre. We wish them all the best for the future.

### SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER CENTRES

#### OASIS (Swindon Borough)

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

#### LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

#### HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

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

#### MARLBOROUGH

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

#### HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

#### RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

#### BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

#### CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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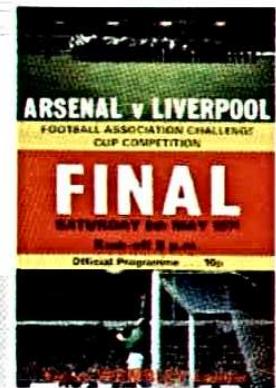
#### STRATTON

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

#### TIDWORTH (new)

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

All the Soccer Centres are run in conjunction with half-term, so courses vary from five to seven weeks. All the children need is a playing kit, shinpads, trainers and a drink.



## CLASSIC PROGRAMMES

# CLASSIC GAMES

Arsenal 2 Liverpool 1

FA Cup final, 1972

Wembley Stadium

**THE MATCH** - Arsenal came to Wembley as League champions, having clinched the title at White Hart Lane earlier in the week. Liverpool had been formidable opponents all season, losing on average, just under a goal every other game, so a close match was inevitable. Predictably, the score at full time was 0-0. Two minutes into extra time however, Steve Heighway exploited a gap at Bob Wilson's near post to put Bill Shankly's men ahead. As the effects of the heatwave in which the match was played took its toll, Arsenal found their way through the Liverpool defence, George Graham debatably getting a touch to a shot from substitute Eddie Kelly. Eight minutes from time, Charlie George found sufficient strength to lash home the winner to give Arsenal the first League and Cup double since their North London rivals feat eleven years earlier, and only the second of the twentieth century. Liverpool's glory days were just around the corner and Clemence, Hughes, Callaghan, Toshack and Heighway were to form the basis of that success.



Steve Heighway

**THE PROGRAMME** - At 24 pages and only partially printed in colour, this looks a poor production compared with modern programmes, but it was arguably the best issue of that season at a time when programmes were smaller and cheaper. This one cost only 10p. The front cover had top and bottom colour photographs with red and yellow bands in the middle. Inside, opposite a full page advert for the Radio Times was a colour portrait of the royal guests, the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Albert Sewell wrote a page on Arsenal and their history, opposite a colour team group. Then came pen pics, and two action shots of Arsenal's semi final win over Stoke City. Two pages were devoted to television coverage of the Final, there was a full page advert for Castella cigars and a timetable of events and programme of music. Centre fold had team lists and both clubs route to the final. The second half opened with a full page advert for Player's No. 10 cigarettes, and a page of Cup Chatter compiled by Jack Rollin. A page on Liverpool was opposite a colour team group, and pen pictures faced colour shots of their semi final victory over Everton. The last five pages were advertisements, apart from a list of previous finals. Back page full colour advert was another traditional product for the FA Cup Final – Bovril.



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## STATS KEY

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

## STATS 2001/02

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,934	0-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS76	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE67	GRAZOU ▲	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN 9		
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS62	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE64	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN		
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves (W)	7,598	2-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE65	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN		
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,219	0-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE73	KUTOUR62	DUKE62	COBAN	SABIN		
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS73	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(3)	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,889	1-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(2)	DUKE67	COBAN	SABIN		
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Southampton	3,770	0-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE14	GRAZOU(14)	DUKE62	COBAN	SABIN		
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom (W)	14,336	0-2 <del>att</del>	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS37	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR10	GRAZOU37	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(8)	GRAZOU(8)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS6	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR64	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE64	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,519	2-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,194	1-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS17	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR01	GRAZOU(1)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,388	3-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR09	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Oct 16	(H) 7.45pm	Colchester (W)	1,251	0-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU71	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,373	0-3	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	4,882	2-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU2	DUKE69	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	7,127	1-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR74	GRAZOU(4)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City	7,981	0-3	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR78	GRAZOU78	DUKE78	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Hartlepool Utd (W)	4,766	3-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,847	0-4	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR79	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & H.A	8,830	1-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,127	3-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	6,605	0-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS83	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Hereford United (W)	7,899	3-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Fri Dec 21	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County	4,197	1-3	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR77	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth	6,790	0-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU0	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Bury	7,624	3-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR15	GRAZOU15	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City	7,421	0-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS83	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR77	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sun Jan 13	(H) 2.15pm	Bristol City	7,273	1-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU73	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oldham Athletic	3,976	0-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	6,896	1-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Jan 22	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County	3,821	1-0	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Jan 26	(A) 3.00pm	Wrexham	2,878	2-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(9)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN	
1A Cup Final Round																			
Wed Jan 30	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd	3,132	3-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU71	DUKE71	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	6,585	0-2	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE61	COBAN	SABIN	
Tue Feb 5	(H) 7.45pm	Huddersfield Town	5,094	0-1	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU69	DUKE69	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City	12,045	0-3	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE74	COBAN	SABIN	
Sat Feb 14	(H) 3.00pm	Reading	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chesterfield	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Mar 16	(H) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Mar 23	(A) 3.00pm	Cambridge Utd	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Mar 30	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	QPR	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove	PA Cup R6	PA Cup R6	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Apr 14	PA Cup Semifinal	PA Cup Semifinal	PA Cup Semifinal	PA Cup Semifinal	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	PA Cup Semifinal	PA Cup Semifinal	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN
Sat May 4	PA Cup Final	PA Cup Final	PA Cup Final	PA Cup Final	GREIMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	2	▲	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZOU(6)	DUKE	COBAN	SABIN

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

## TOP SCORERS SPOTLIGHT GATES / FORM

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PLAYER'S NAME</b>	<b>GOAL RATIO</b>
9	Danny Invincible	22%
7	Giuliano Graziosi	25%
4	Eric Sabin	14%
4	Andy Gurney	12%
3	Keith O'Halloran	20%
3	Bobby Howe	10%
2	Neil Ruddock	9%

**PAUL MCAREAVEY**

<b>AGE</b>	21
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	03.12.1980
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Belfast
<b>HEIGHT</b>	5' 10"
<b>WEIGHT</b>	11
<b>PREVIOUS CLUBS</b>	Kilkenny City
<b>GOALS</b>	0

8.830	Brighton & H.A	24.11.01
8.373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7.981	Stoke City	03.11.01
7.934	Peterborough Utd	11.08.01
<b>0.3 L</b>	Cardiff City	09.02.02
<b>0.1 L</b>	Huddersfield T'n	05.02.02
<b>2.1 W</b>	Northampton T'n	02.02.01
<b>3.1 W</b>	Colchester United	30.01.02

Season 2001/02



## SWINDON

**Manager**  
**Andy King**

Bart Griemink	1
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Giuliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincible	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Alan Reeves	22
Dominic Foley	24
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreavey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29
Chris Collins	30
Kevin Halliday	31

## READING

**Manager**  
**Alan Pardew.**

Phil Whitehead	1
Graeme Murty	2
Matt Robinson	3
Keith Jones	4
Adi Viveash	5
Anthony Rougier	7
Adie Williams	8
Martin Butler	9
Nicky Forster	10
Andy Hughes	11
Jamie Cureton	12
RFC Fans	13
Sammy Igoe	14
James Harper	15
Phil Parkinson	16
Adie Whitbread	18
Joe Gamble	19
Chris Casper	20
Jamie Ashdown	21
Nathan Tyson	22
John Mackie	23
Darius Henderson	24
Ricky Newman	25
Alex Smith	26
Ricky Allaway	27
Nicky Shorey	28
John Salako	29



## Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 13/02/2002)
Reading	33	20	5	8	51	29	65	+22	
Brighton	32	17	10	5	45	33	61	+12	
Stoke City	33	16	9	8	50	32	57	+18	
Brentford	32	16	7	9	56	34	55	+22	
Bristol City	32	16	7	9	50	34	55	+16	
Huddersfield	32	15	10	7	47	33	55	+14	
Oldham	32	14	10	8	57	40	52	+17	
Tranmere	31	14	8	9	50	37	50	+13	
Cardiff City	32	13	11	8	48	36	50	+12	
QPR	33	13	10	10	45	37	49	+8	
Wycombe W	31	13	10	8	45	37	49	+8	
Port Vale	32	12	7	13	40	44	43	-4	
Colchester	33	12	7	14	50	55	43	-5	
Swindon	33	11	9	13	36	45	42	-9	
Chesterfield	31	10	9	12	40	40	39	0	
Wigan	32	9	11	12	42	40	38	+2	
Blackpool	31	9	11	11	38	50	38	-11	
Peterborough	31	10	7	14	43	42	37	+1	
Bournemouth	32	8	9	15	39	50	33	-11	
Bury	32	8	8	16	30	51	32	-21	
Wrexham	33	7	7	16	40	68	31	-28	
Northampton	32	8	4	20	34	57	28	-23	
Notts Co	32	6	8	18	26	57	26	-21	
Cambridge	31	5	8	18	29	61	23	-32	



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Thursday 14th February 2002

kick-off 7.45pm

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: B. Knight  
 Assistant 1: M. Cairns  
 Assistant 2: P. Vosper  
 4th Official: P. Prosser



## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Thu Feb 14 2001/02

Swindon vs Reading

Sat Feb 16 2001/02

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