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## MATT IN HIS HEY-DAY

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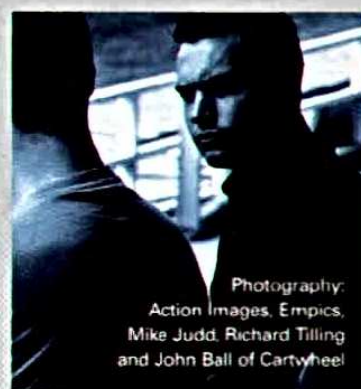
It is amazing just how much can happen in the space of two weeks. In our last programme (Port Vale), many pages were encapsulated by talk of slim play-off chances. Today, terrace banter will be embalmed by tales of club debts, bankruptcies and of clubs (not just ours) going to the wall.

Not only that, But I managed to fit in a half marathon and even had time to slip down the betting office having been given some top tips from our chairman regarding the Cheltenham Festival. Who better I thought, to provide information on the runners and riders? Not Willie anyway – I lost 15 quid!

Seriously though, this club seems to have gone through so much in the last fortnight. Yet the very fact that we are all still here is testament to the club's resolve and the hard work put in by Bob Holt and everyone else behind the scenes. Everyone in the office was certainly down following the Brentford defeat, but it seems as though we may have a breakthrough with the Football League and a win today would be the perfect tonic as we look to come out of the whole situation better off.

To do that we must overcome Wigan Athletic, a side that will still feel that they have an outside shot of the play-offs following last Saturday's win against Oldham. I think it is safe to say that any hopes we may have had have been quashed, but that doesn't mean that there's nothing to play for today and anyway, we owe the Latics a good hiding. A win would certainly raise spirits after what has probably been an uncertain time for Andy King and his playing staff. With our help, they can reverse the fortune of the last two weeks today and in doing so, guarantee Division Two football for another year.

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Play your part and  
get behind the lads

## CARSON'S COLUMN

Welcome to this afternoon's game against Wigan, our first home game for two weeks since our 3-0 defeat of Port Vale.

Unfortunately, it's been a difficult period since then both on and off the field, but hopefully things are looking up and we can all get on with the job in hand – taking this great club forward. May I take this opportunity in singing the praises of those that have been working tirelessly to help the club and in particular, director Bob Holt. Bob met with the Football League on Monday in an attempt to iron out the finer details of a new plan that could yet see the required money invested into the club for the purposes of which it is intended. Bob has been working extremely hard over the last few weeks and if we manage to come through this - we will certainly owe him a great deal. Unfortunately these things take time and even if the Football League do agree to the plans, it will be the first of several obstacles we need to overcome. However, until this club is in a stable position we will continue to work hard to achieve some kind of stability. As you can see from today's game, we have tried to keep you posted as best we can with the latest issue of The Informer. It is important that you are 'kept informed' of what is happening through this crucial period. It has been a very frustrating time for everyone involved at the club, in particular Andy King and his playing staff and you, the supporters. Hopefully we can put the last two weeks behind us and can look to reach the 60-point mark in the league. I am confident that we can return to winning ways against a side in a similar position in the league, and we can play our part by getting behind Andy and his players – so let's hear some noise from you all this afternoon!

As some of you may or may not know, the lads visited Cheltenham Festival on Tuesday. It looks as though a good time was had by all, although I must admit that my top tips weren't as good as I thought! I'm hoping that the lads didn't lose too much money, and also that you didn't take up my advice when the tips were posted on the website! That said, it does appear as though more and more of you are visiting [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) - so keep it up. The money obtained from the website will really come in useful.

Finally, may I take this opportunity in welcoming the directors, players and supporters from Wigan Athletic. I hope they enjoy their visit, but return home having been beaten this afternoon! Finally, today sees the visit of several Mum's who are making the most of our Mothers Day package. To them, may I wish you all a belated Happy Mother's Day and I hope you enjoy the game!





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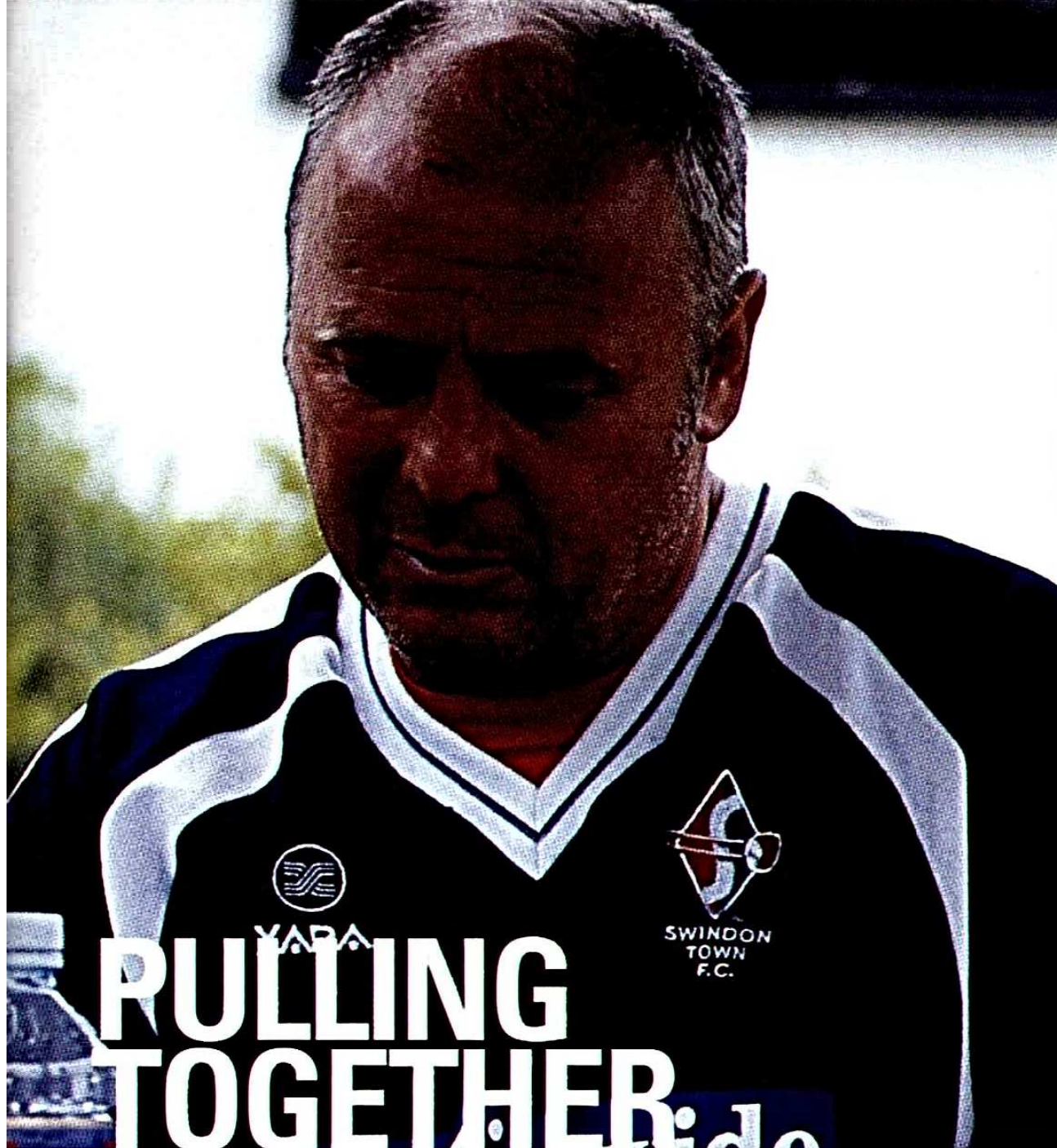
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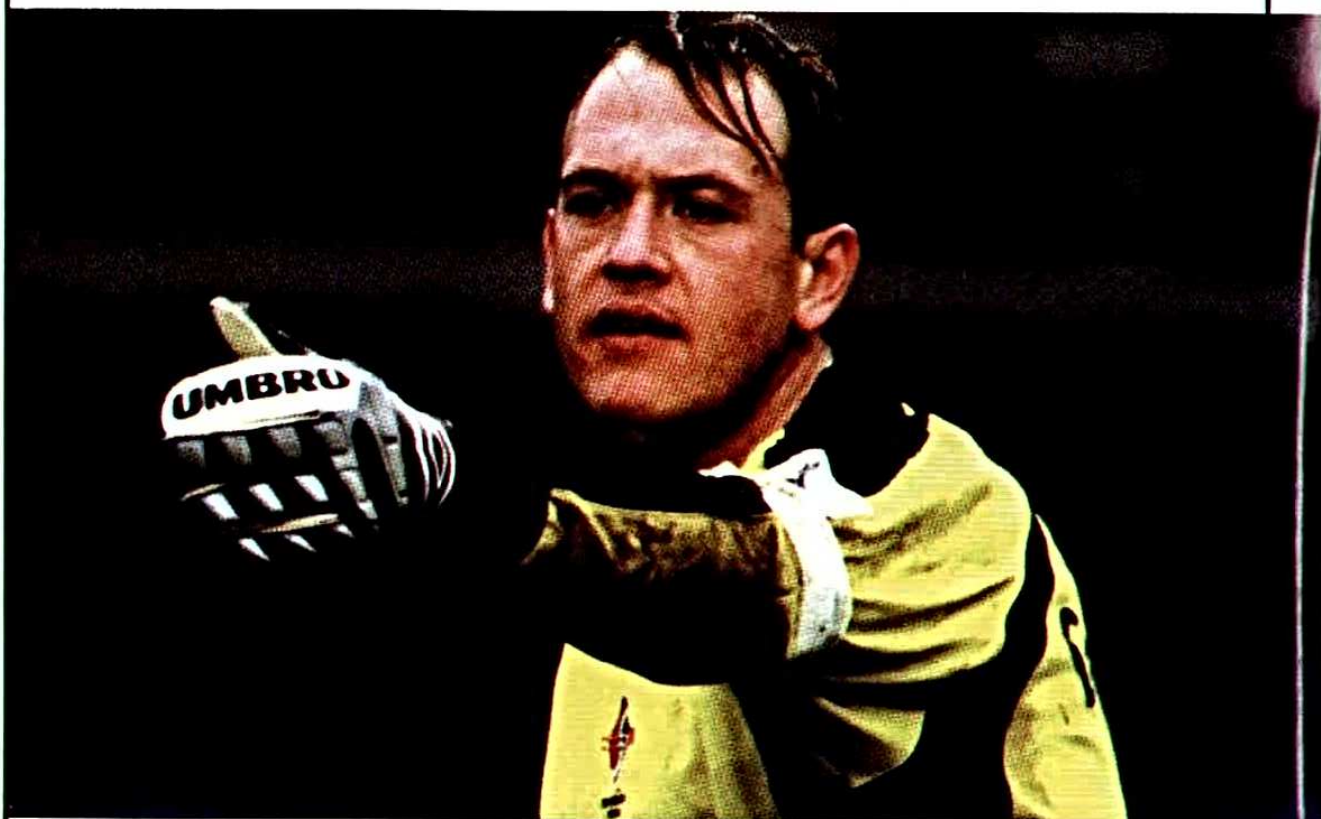
Good afternoon and a warm welcome to this afternoon's encounter with Wigan Athletic.

Our off-the-field problems have been well documented in the last two weeks or so. In fact you could say that it's been a period of turmoil, yet we are still here and still fighting which speaks volumes for the efforts of everyone involved with the club. Now it is time for the management team, players and supporters to play their part and pull together – starting with this afternoon's game against Wigan.

In the week I appealed for Town supporters to turn up in numbers today – I hope that a large number of people have taken me up on that challenge because the club, and the town itself, needs a lift. Here at Swindon we have an incredible loyal fan base of around five or six thousand supporters who turn up week in week out. But in this time of crisis, we need to double that figure in order to show the powers that be that this club is worth saving – not only that, but the financial impact would be phenomenal.

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It wasn't so long ago that this club was getting double figures on a weekly basis and I know that there is a huge fan basis out there. Just eight years ago nearly 40,000 went to Wembley and we need some of those that went that day to come out and show support for their local club. I have said it time and time again, this club has a rich history and the potential is incredible. One of the greatest examples of fan support is Everton, a club that has been suffering from poor form for several seasons, the last four have been encapsulated by relegation dog fights! Yet the fans still turn up in force and it is that loyalty that keeps the club going through difficult times. With that said, I am aware that we have no divine right to huge crowds. That has to be earned by the players – if we were going for promotion then we probably would be getting larger crowds. So call it a favour if you like, but the more support we get the more we can show the players and the directors that there is something worth fighting for.

As for the football side, well results haven't helped the situation and it's been a case of two defeats in two. In our defence, we have had to play two teams on top of their form and looking for promotion, they have both been very difficult games on paper. But we have also been poor, and I am not going to use the situation off the park as an excuse, at the end of the day we haven't performed. We also haven't been helped by several costly mistakes at crucial stages of the games, but I will stand by Bart and say that despite the last two games, I still think he is the best goalkeeper in the division.

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## CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

It's been a difficult two weeks for us in more ways than one. Having played fantastically against Port Vale, all the talk was of climbing the top half of the table. Unfortunately, news off the field took over and by the time we had travelled to Griffin Park on the Tuesday night, the club seemed in a very uncertain position. I'd be lying if it didn't affect the players. The mood was very quiet as they prepared for the game and when Brentford scored the first goal, you could see that their heads went down. It was disappointing because we thought that the home side were there for the taking – they weren't playing particularly well and we were defending resolutely. Even at Huddersfield, I thought we played some great football at times, the only problem being that we didn't have the best of luck in front of goal.

Today we will be looking to return to winning ways in front of our fantastic home support. Wigan are in a similar position to ourselves and have enjoyed a prosperous run of form this year. However, to be sure of playing football in this division next year we must get at least another win under our belts, hopefully we will do that today.

Everyone makes their mistakes, I just hope that from now until the end of the season Bart can put them behind him and return to the kind of form he's been showing all season. I am sure he'll be back to his best today.

As for Wigan, they are going to be a tough opposition. I know from my days at Everton that they are a side that have, in the past, faced difficult financial problems. Those seem light years away now and their set-up is amongst the best in the league. They have an incredible chairman in Dave Whelan, a fantastic stadium and an experienced manager in Paul Jewell. On paper, they also have a very strong side too and it has been a surprise to see them in the middle of the table as opposed to the top. But we are as good as anyone on our day and I am optimistic about our chances.

Show your support today and with a bit of luck, we can start to put recent events behind us. All the best and enjoy the game.

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# STFC DIARY



## 4TH MAR



### TWO BARBADIANS ARRIVE ON TRIAL

Two trialists from Barbados arrive at the club. Stuart Hall (aged 26) and Riverre Williams (21) are to make their debut in Town's reserve fixture against Cardiff City having been spotted in their native land by Town's holidaying chairman, Willie Carson. Stuart said, "It is my aim to play professional football in England."

## 5TH MAR



### BEEES BENEFIT FROM TOWN UNCERTAINTY

Town were beaten at Brentford's Griffin Park by two Lloyd Owusu goals, one either side of half-time. The first came from an uncharacteristic mistake by Bart Greimink, Owusu latching onto a dropped cross, the second from the edge of the area – Owusu lobbing an advancing Griemink. Uncertainty off the field causes concern for Andy King and his players.

## 6TH MAR



### TOWN HELD IN BORE DRAW AT THE COUNTY GROUND

Stuart Hall and Riverre Pheonix make their debuts in a dour 0-0 draw at the County Ground. Riverre nearly capped his first performance in a Town shirt with a goal, but it was Justin Richards, on trial from Bristol Rovers that stole the show. A competent performance from the big man, encapsulated by several efforts on goal rounded off a fine display.

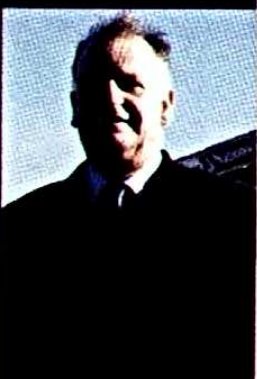
## 9TH MAR



### TERRIERS TOO STRONG FOR TOWN AT THE MCALPINE

Town fell to their second successive defeat in the space of four days at Huddersfield. A long range effort from Kenny Irons found its way into Town's goal before Leon Knight made sure of the points with a second half header. Andy King remained upbeat about his sides' performance and cited a lack of firepower as the problem.

## 11TH MAR



### HOLT HOPEFUL OF BRIGHT FUTURE

Bob Holt met with the Football League and returned upbeat. He said: "We outlined our proposal to the League's legal representative to which he then responded what he considered the conditions to that proposal. There was nothing in those conditions to frighten us, but obviously there are a couple of issues that need to be addressed."

## 13TH MAR



### TOWN SUNK BY CITY IN LOCAL DERBY

Town were beaten 3-0 by Bristol City in the Avon Insurance Combination League. Town fielded a young side that included Craig Fullam, a star from Southampton's youth academy. He could do little as Town were overcome by City, Odejayi bagging two with Marvin Brown scoring the other. Kevin Halliday had Town's best chance.



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## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE OR LEAGUE OF DEATH?



England's group in the World Cup has been described as the 'Group of Death'. Perhaps the whole Champions League should be called the 'League of Death'.

Why?

The Champions league sums up all that is wrong with modern day football. Starting with the title (which is a basic lie), it goes down hill from then on. The sad fact remains that the so-called 'Champions League' is killing football in this country. The smaller clubs down the lower reaches of the league have to play football mid-week to complete all their fixtures. With planning that can only be described as 'brilliant', most of the full mid-week programs falling on Champion League nights and so clubs like ours are getting less and less people through the turnstiles. Swindon's gate has suffered and you can understand why. Look at the mid-week game against Chesterfield where a pitiful 4,500 attended. I can hear the excuses for not coming to the game as I write this. 'Man U on the TV tonight, didn't want to get wet going to watch Swindon Town.'

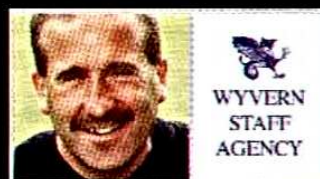
Bury have really noticed the difference, on a 'Champions League' night they lose Hundreds off their gate. That for a smaller club can make all the difference in a financial battle to survive.

This is the same for Swindon; the club needs all the support it can get to help it through the grave financial crisis it is facing.

In the film 'Wall Street' Michael Douglas' character stated 'Greed is good'. Modern football seems to have taken this on board as their mantra. As you read this FIFA and UEFA are both under investigation of alleged corruption and financial irregularities. Need we say more!

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## Treatment room...



I am pleased to report that the squad is looking very healthy and at the moment, there is a remarkable lack of injuries. As I said in my last notes, it is a crucial time of year for the side and it is imperative that Andy has as many players at his disposal. It has amazed me that, with the amount of games that we've been playing since the turn of the year, that we haven't had more casualties. I just hope that it stays that way until the end of the season.

That said, we do have one major injury doubt ahead of today's clash - Steve Robinson, who picked up a calf strain at Huddersfield. He has been working hard to get it right, whether or not he plays today is another question.

Other than that, the only other players I have been looking after have been Juan Cobian and Keith O'Halloran. Juan didn't travel to play Bristol City reserves, but I would hope that he will be back in action this week. Keith is now starting a crucial stage of his rehabilitation. As you may or may not know, his cast has been off for some time and he is now doing a lot of walking exercises. It is still a while before he will be training, but the main thing is that he's back to some kind of exercising - the end is in sight!





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Wigan Athletic's Tony Dinning is congratulated by team mates Scott Green and Matt Jackson

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# GREAT EXPECTATIONS

WHEN WIGAN FAILED TO GAIN PROMOTION TO DIVISION ONE FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE SEASON LAST YEAR, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THEY WOULD BE AMONGST THE BOOKIES FAVOURITES THIS TIME AROUND. HOWEVER, A DISASTROUS RUN OF TWO WINS IN THEIR FIRST ELEVEN GAMES MEANT THAT PAUL JEWELL'S SIDE LOOKED MORE LIKELY TO GO DOWN THAN UP.





Thankfully for Jewell and his players, Division Two status was assured on Saturday with a 1-0 victory against Oldham.

Yet such has been the investment in the club both on and off the field that survival just won't suffice for their demanding board and long-suffering supporters.

## Latics facts

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The Latics

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6th (Nationwide

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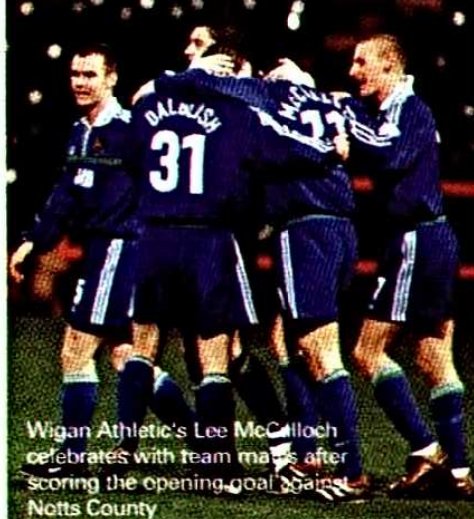
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Yet quite how they've managed to go up in the last few years remains a mystery. Man City quashed their chances in the semi-final stage in 1998/99 (yet not without controversy, the winner seemingly coming off a City hand) before Wigan made it to the final a year later. Gillingham were the bearers of bad news that year (that despite the Latics leading 2-1 with eight minutes of extra-time to go) and Dave Whelan subsequently gave the managerial staff their marching orders (John Benson and John Bond following Ray Mathias's departure a year earlier for similarly failing to take the side up.) Yet when Wigan reached the play-offs for the third successive year – many fancied them to go up, believing it would be a case of third time lucky. However, Reading proved too strong in the semi-finals and Wigan were left to rue another missed opportunity. Bruce Rioch and Steve Bruce came and went before Paul Jewell became the next in line to attempt to transform an expensive side of nearly-rans into promotion favourites. Unfortunately the season hasn't gone as planned for Jewell and despite securing the services of Tony Dinning from Wolves and Matt Jackson from Norwich, his side won just two games in their first eleven. The catalyst they needed came in the form of a 6-1 mauling against Stoke, a win that would see them lose just three games afterwards times (in the league anyway, the club experiencing an embarrassing defeat at the hands of Canvey Island in the cup). The only problem is that that they've drawn too many games. At one stage the Latics drew six in a row, and in the sparkling run of 21 games since that Stoke massacre they drew ten games in total. Now, the Latics are just two places (and three points) above Andy King's side, but two wins from the last two games have still given Whelan's club an outside shot at the play-offs.







Wigan Athletic's Lee McCulloch celebrates with team mates after scoring the opening goal against Notts County

Paul Jewell took over at Wigan Athletic in June and he was the third manager appointed at the JJB Stadium in the space of three months. A player with the club in the mid-eighties, Jewell succeeded Steve Bruce after the former Manchester United defender ended his short tenure with Wigan in favour of Crystal Palace.

Jewell cut his teeth at football management when starting out at Bradford City, the club where he replaced Chris Kamara at the end of 1991 following spells as reserve team manager and joint first team coach. Under his managerial reign, the Bantams won promotion to England's top division for the first time in their history.

His next challenge was with Sheffield Wednesday and Jewell had his mind set on steering the Owls back to the Premier League. However, limited funds and an extensive injury list did little to help Jewell's circumstances and vision for the team. He was dismissed and replaced by Peter Shreeves in February and after spending four months out of the game, Jewell returned to management with Latics. His immediate task was to take Dave Whelan's club up to the First Division. However, things haven't gone according to plan and Jewell will have to go about the business of taking them up next season.

In the dug-out...

# PAUL JEWELL





One to

**ANDY LIDDELL**

signed from Barnsley for a bargain fee of £375,000 in October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish U21 caps, his father Gary was a professional with Grimsby Town in the 1970's. Andy won the 1999-2000 'Player of the Year' award, voted for by the fans and he has 13 goals to his name this time around (including two hat-tricks).

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**PAUL MITCHELL**

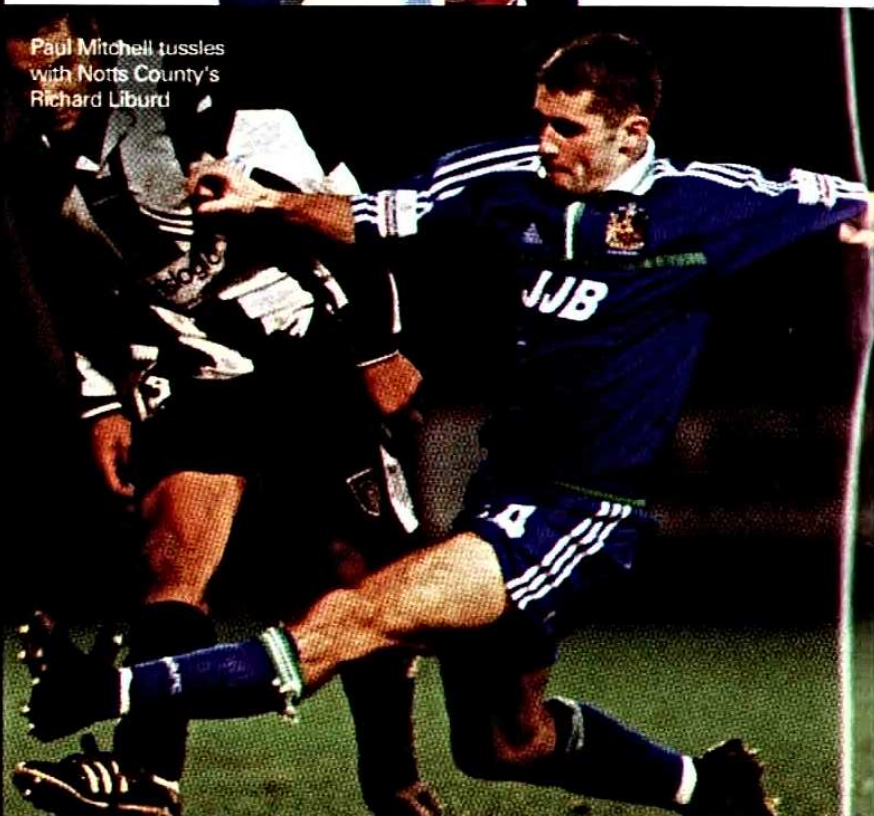
is in his second year as a professional and he made his debut as a substitute in the Auto Windscreens Shield win over Burnley in December 1999. He is a good footballing centre half or right back who looks to have a bright future in the game. He spent the last two months of last season on loan at Halifax Town and has recently been given a good run in the Wigan side, playing 18 games in central midfield.



Andy Liddell and Stoke City's James O'Connor gets to grips with each other



Paul Mitchell tussles with Notts County's Richard Liburd





## John Filan

Australian goalkeeper who joined the Latics from Blackburn Rovers in mid-December after both Stillie and Kerr were forced out with injuries. Saved a penalty away to Reading on only his second appearance for the club and has since kept seven clean sheets in his following 19 appearances this season.

## Jason De Vos

A Canadian International, captain Jason is a tall and powerful central defender who signed for Wigan in July 2001 from Dundee United. Started his British career at Darlington before his move north of the border, he then became Paul Jewell's second signing of last summer in a deal which ties him to the club until 2004.

## Arjan De Zeeuw

Club captain and experienced Dutch centre-half that joined the club in July '99 from Barnsley. He helped the Tykes to promotion to the Premier League where he remained a regular in the starting line-up. Has won the 'Players' Player of the Year' Award for the last two seasons at Wigan and was also the Supporters Player of the Year.

## Scott Green

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from local rivals, Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee and went on to score on his Latics league debut. A versatile performer, Scott has played at right back, right wing back, central defence, centre forward and midfield. He signed a new three-year contract in July 2000.

## Matt Jackson

After a loan spell from Norwich City, Matt joined the Club in November 2001 and slotted in to the Latics' central defence. He is a former FA Cup winner with Everton and brings his experience and leadership to the clubs' back line. Was linked with Sheffield Wednesday, Preston, Grimsby but opted for the Latics.

## Steve McMillan

Left-sided player signed from Motherwell for £550,000 in March 2001. Former Scottish Under 21 International who came through the Youth system at Fir Park, Steve has already played under three managers, although he has impressed the fans with some competent performances.

## Ian Nolan

The former Sheffield Wednesday and Bradford City full back joined Wigan in August 2001 on a free transfer having started life as an apprentice at Preston. He then moved to Tranmere where he gained some valuable first team experience. He has won 17 caps for Northern Ireland and is a fantastic crosser of the ball.

## Tony Dinning

Tony is Wigan Athletic's record signing after he joined from Wolves for a fee £750,000 in September 2001. The fee could rise to £1million on appearances for the former Stockport man. Twice sent off this season against Wrexham and Canvey Island, Tony has the ability to get forward and weigh in with crucial goals.

## Ian Killoff

Bristol-born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is currently the club's longest serving player. A tireless worker, Ian signed a new two-year deal at the start of last season. He is a quick player with an eye for a goal who can play in a variety of positions, preferring the centre of the Latics' midfield.

## Gary Teale

Young winger with lots of potential who signed on December 14 2001 from Scottish First Division club, Ayr United. He first joined Clydebank as a trainee but then moved to Somerset Park in 1998 for £70,000 and played nearly 100 league appearances for the Honest Men.

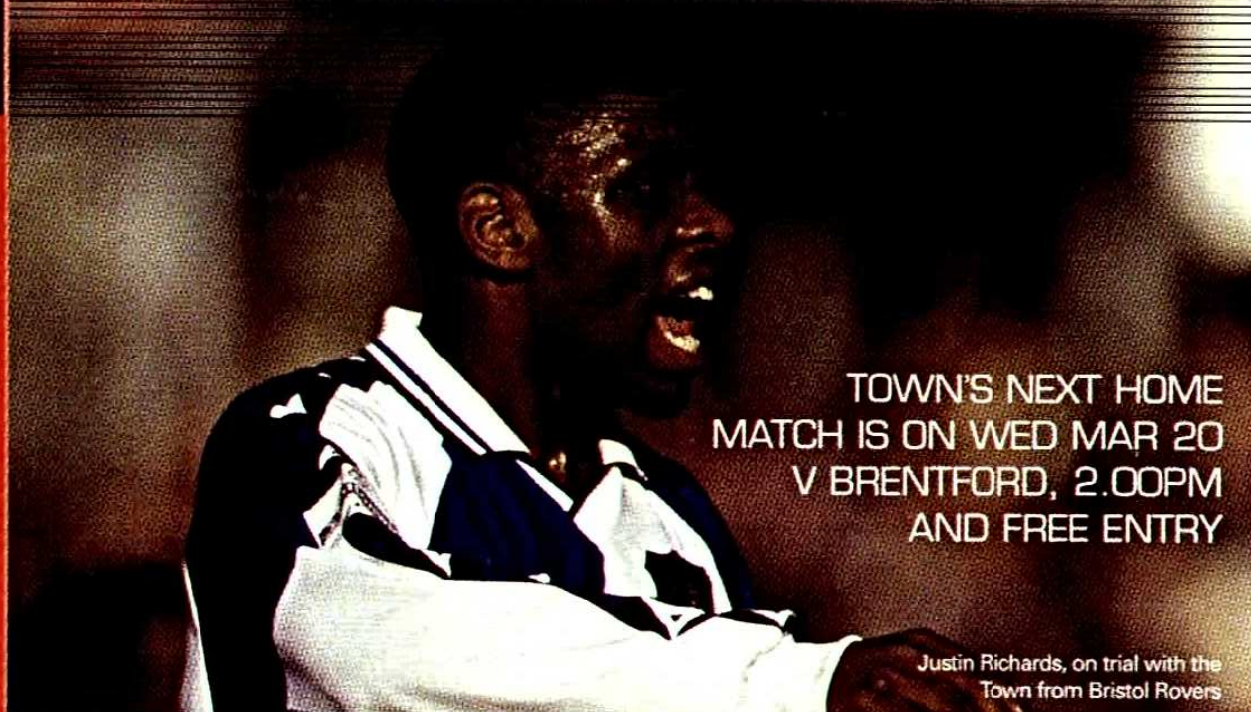
## Paul Dalglish

Paul Dalglish initially came on loan under Steve Bruce last season after dropping out of the first team picture at Norwich City. After a successful loan period, Paul joined the Latics on a one-year deal in August 2001 and scored a stunning goal against Stoke in the clubs' 6-1 victory in November last year.

## Lee McCulloch

Latics signed Lee on March 2 2001 along with Stephen McMillan. The striker was the subject to a £1million bid from Hearts from then-manager Jim Jefferies. Lee came through the youth system and he scored his first league goal in a 6-2 home win over Hibernian. Has been capped at U21 level for Scotland.





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Justin Richards, on trial with the  
Town from Bristol Rovers

## IN RESERVE

Both Town and Cardiff fielded young sides in last weeks' Avon Insurance Combination League game at the County Ground.

Des Hamilton was perhaps the biggest name in the visitors' line-up, whilst Town gave trials to Justin Richards (Bristol Rovers) and Riverre Williams (19) and Stuart Hall (26), both from Barbados. It was Richards that had Town's best chances of the first half, the tall centre forward causing the visitors' defence all kinds of problems. The first fell to his feet when city's defence failed to clear. Unfortunately, the burly strikers' effort hit Walton's legs in the Cardiff goal. With ten minutes to go, the Rovers striker came close again when having cut in from the left hand side, he whipped in a cross that nearly caught out the home defence, the ball eventually being cleared off the line.

The visitors' only effort came from a half-hearted shot from Rae Ingram and it didn't get much better in the second period. Town's young back four of Halliday, Smith, Hall and Paul Edwards were resilient, Edwards' displaying some fantastic trickery, but it was in the final third that Town failed to shine. Brayley was largely ineffective and Town's first chance of the half came on 75 minutes, Josh Thomas firing over from close range with a half volley. Two minutes later Cardiff enjoyed their best effort of the game, Craig Farr scuffed his clearance and Danny Thomas, on as a substitute, attempted to lob him from 35 yards. Fortunately, Town's otherwise impressive 'keeper recovered and Town nearly broke the deadlock two minutes later. Brayley fed the ball into the path of Riverre Williams and his fierce effort was saved. Ten minutes later Town substitute Graham Walton fired over from the edge of the area and with seconds remaining, Town nearly snatched a win when Paul Reed hit a half volley against the visitors cross bar.



**Swindon Res** 0  
**Cardiff Res** 0

Wednesday 6th March  
Kick-off 2.00pm

### Swindon line-up:

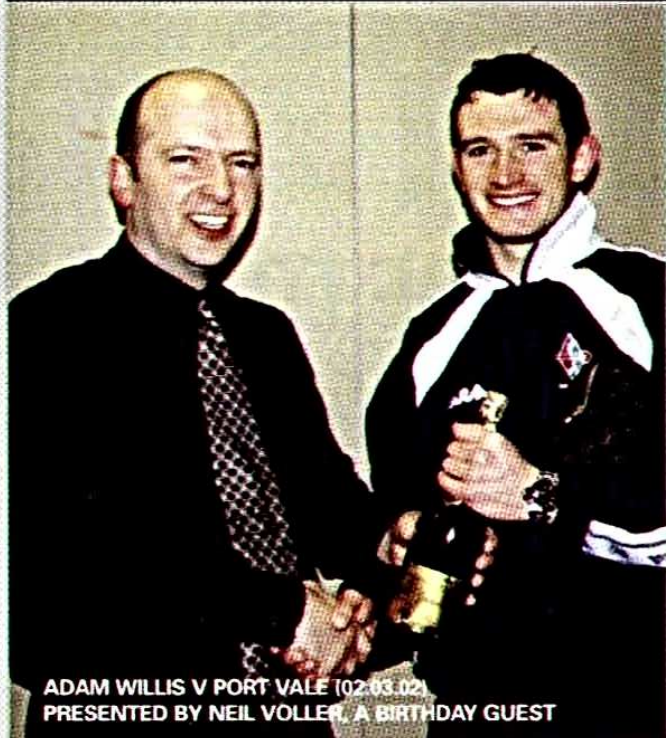
Farr, Hall, P Edwards, Reed,  
B Smith, Thomas, Collins, Halliday,  
R Williams, Richards, Brayley.  
Subs: Crosby, Hughes, Herring,  
Walton, McKinney

Wed Aug 15	Wycombe Wanderers	(H)	1-3
Tue Aug 21	Bristol City (L.C)	(H)	2-1
Wed Aug 29	Oxford United	(A)	0-1
Wed Sep 5	Brighton & HA	(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)	1-4
Mon Nov 12	Cambridge United	(A)	2-2
Wed Dec 5	Barnet	(H)	0-0
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)	2-2
Wed Jan 30	Reading	(H)	1-2
Wed Feb 6	Cardiff City	(H)	0-0
Tue Feb 12	QPR	(A)	0-1
Wed Feb 20	Crystal Palace	(H)	0-0
Wed Feb 27	Reading	(A)	1-1
Wed Mar 6	Cardiff City (L.C)	(H)	0-0
Wed Mar 13	Bristol City	(A)	0-3
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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(13.01.02) PRESENTED BY **STEVE LEONARD, CLARION**

BART GRIEMINK V NOTTS COUNTY  
(22.01.02) PRESENTED BY **WYVERN STAFF**

BART GRIEMINK & DANNY INVINCIBLE V NORTHAMPTON  
(13.01.02) PRESENTED BY **EVELYN MCQUILLAN & DORIS  
MACKEY**

BART GRIEMINK V HUDDERSFIELD  
(05.02.02) PRESENTED BY  
**TONY LAWRENCE (CLARION), HEATHER TAYLOR AND  
DAVINA MARK**

MATT HEWLETT V READING  
(14.02.02) PRESENTED BY  
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## Centre of Excellence

WITH JIMMY FRASER

Last weekend our under 10's and 11's played against Bristol Rovers at Zurich Life. Unfortunately, both teams were beaten, the under 10's 3-4 and the under 11's 2-6. Our under 11's were forced to play with no out-and-out defenders which proved to be very difficult, a deciding factor in the game. Our under 14's and 15's also played at Zurich Life the other day, this time against Cheltenham. The under 14's lost 2-1, but there was good news for the 15's who won 6-3. The 15's put on a fantastic performance, some players were even playing out of position and so this was the pick of the games of the day. Our under 13's were on the road as they travelled to face Cheltenham - they were also victorious, this time by the odd goal scored by Craig Holder. I must say that all the lads did very well this weekend in terrible conditions. The wind was extremely strong, yet all the sides managed to continue playing football in the correct manner. Well done lads. This weekend's games pitch us against Swansea for the under 9's, 10's and 11's. Our under 12's, 13's, 14's and 15's face Bournemouth.

Finally, My I wish Eddie Buckley all the best. Eddie went into hospital this week for a small operation, we hope he makes a speedy recovery and that he's back at the club as soon as possible, helping the youth department.



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## YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Jim Fraser

Town's under 19's recorded their first win in the new Merit Division having lost their first game last week (1-0 against Oxford United). Goals from Neil Crosby and Paul Andersen were enough to beat the U's at Allied Dunbar.

Having finished second in the Football League Youth Alliance, Viv Busby's side have now entered a Merit Division including sides such as Brighton and West Brom. The division is made up of nine teams and Swindon qualified for Division One as a result of their second-placed finish. Last

weeks win takes the under 19's to the top half of the table, currently led by Brentford, Brighton and Oxford. Today they travel to Walsall looking to make it two wins in two. The under 17's are still celebrating their Championship victory in the Youth Alliance South West Conference. Town were clear winners, finishing seven points clear of second placed Cheltenham.



**Swindon u19 1**  
**Colchester u19 0**

Saturday 9th March

### Swindon line-up:

Farr, Taylor, Reed, Thomas, B Smith, Bampton, Andersen, Cheeseman, Crosby, Walton, Hughes.

**Subs:** S. Smith, Draycott, Bristow, Taylor, Pook

### STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02

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 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 9	Exeter City	A	1-2
Mon Feb 18	Cardiff City	H	1-0
Fri Feb 22	Torquay United	H	1-0
Sat Mar 2	Oxford United	A	0-1
Sat Mar 9	Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat Mar 16	Walsall	A	
Sat Mar 23	Exeter City	A	
Sat Mar 30	West Brom	H	
Sat Apr 6	Brentford	H	
Sat Apr 13	Cambridge United	A	
Sat Apr 20	No game		
Tue Apr 23	Brighton	H	

### 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	p-p
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	3-1
Sat Feb 23	Cardiff City	H	4-1
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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

I am led to believe that this fixture was once postponed because it clashed with a couple's wedding day. It sounds bizarre, but apparently it is absolutely true. I wonder if the happy couple are still following Town? I do hope so.

At least that is a credible and refreshing reason for changing match days and kick off times. Wouldn't it be fantastic if supporters and not television companies could arrange fixtures once in a while! I would relish the chance to change a couple of fixtures each season. For example, I missed the match at Bournemouth back in September because it clashed with my sister's wedding. But as I'd known the date of the wedding for months, I could have informed the Football League that it would not be convenient to play on that date when the fixtures were first issued. As for a free Saturday next week, we should be playing Cambridge. Play the LDV final in May once the play-offs are over. And I certainly wouldn't have matches kicking off at 5.35, that's for sure.

But on to today's visitors. We owe them one after their 1-0 win back in December. The Latics were among the pre-season favourites for promotion but have fallen well short of fans' expectations.

We need three points to get back on track after two very disappointing results at Brentford and Huddersfield. Where have all the goals gone? Having reached 50 points, it would be disappointing (not to say dangerous) to assume the season is over. Let's try and hit the 60 mark.

Events off the pitch continue to dominate. Each day seems to bring about a new twist. Hopefully (and these notes were penned earlier in the week) things will be looking a little brighter by the time you read this. Anyway, get behind the boys this afternoon and really make some noise. A repeat of the Port Vale display would do very nicely. Enjoy the match and see you all back here on Easter Saturday for a date with a certain Mr McMahon and Co.

Remember, if you can't get to a match for any reason, follow all the action via the Evening Advertiser's live feed at [www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk). Come On You Reds!



# COMMERCIAL BREAK



Neil at his table in the Executive Lounge after the game.

Also in the executive lounge that day was Paul Edwards' kit sponsor, Paul Edwards! The Town supporter, who quickly snapped up his namesakes' kit when he joined the club earlier in the season, was delighted to meet the winger with his two kids.



Finally, pictured here is Richard Mackey, son of Town physio Dick and Sponsorship PR Manager of Barclaycard - FA Premiership. Richard presented Town boss Andy King with a bottle of champagne in recognition for his sides fine win and team performance against Port Vale.

## NATIONWIDE'S SUPPORTERS OF TOMORROW

Town's 3-0 win against Port Vale on March 2, saw the Arkell's Stand packed with Kids from all around Wiltshire. The tickets were issued through Nationwide's Supporters of Tomorrow scheme. The scheme has been set up to offer children an incentive to improve performance and attendance in both academic and non-curricular activities. Tickets have, so far been offered to all Swindon's schools, local football coaching sessions and the Club's very own Football in the Community Scheme and Study Centres. Following the feedback from the two games that the Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow has run, Northampton and Port Vale, the scheme has proven extremely popular, with many of the teachers from participating schools noticing substantial improvements in the behaviour, performance and attendance of their pupils. Nationwide Building Society and Swindon Town FC are pleased to announce that the scheme will be running for our next home game with Blackpool on the March 30. We wish all those children who will be attending the game a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon here at the County Ground courtesy of Nationwide Building Society. Swindon have notched up two victories when the scheme has been running - so let's hope for a third.

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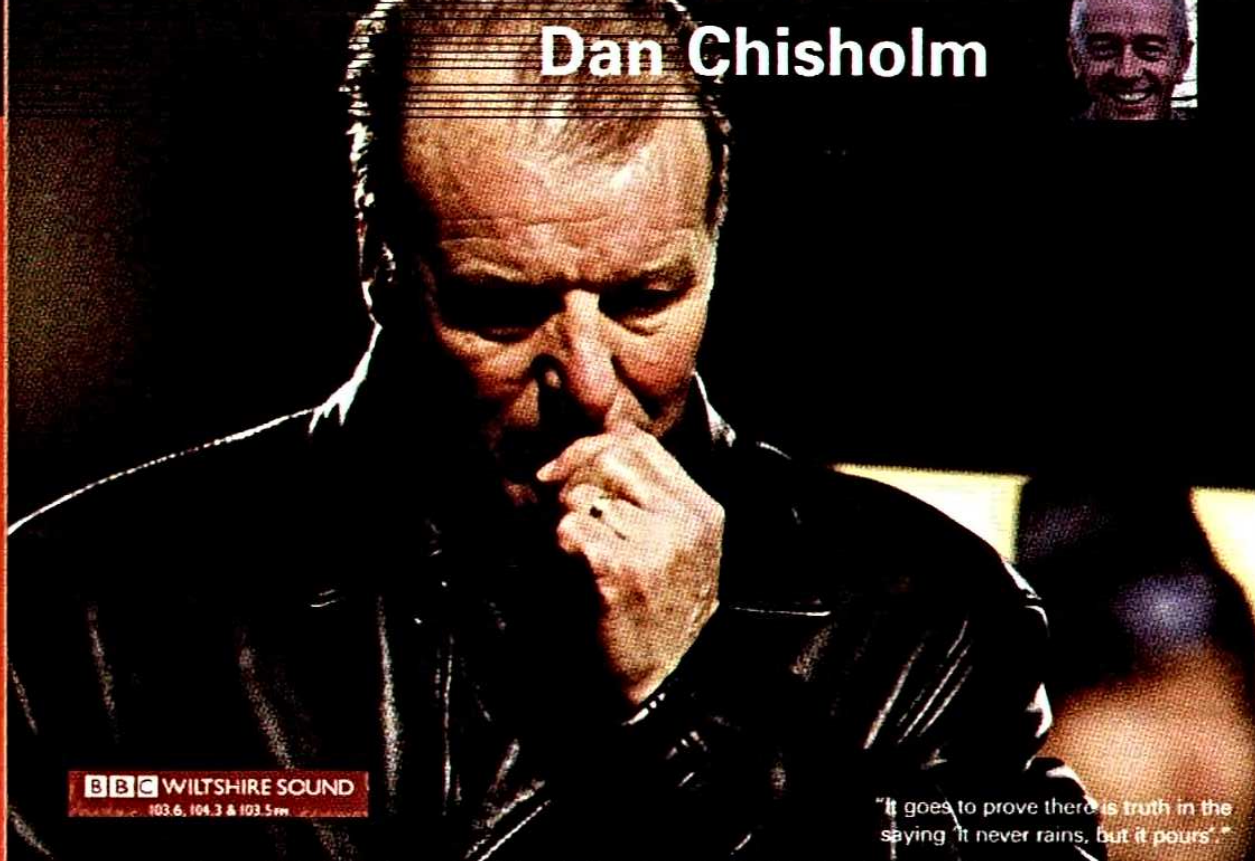
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## FROM THE AIRWAVES

When footballers make mistakes, they tend to be forgotten about fairly quickly. Unless you're a goalkeeper...

Bart Griemink's mistake last weekend at Huddersfield may well have been a turning point in the game, but let's face it, these things happen in football. It wasn't so long ago that everyone thought Dave Beasant would never again appear in a football shirt after a series of nightmares when playing for Chelsea. David James, Nigel Martyn, even David Seaman have had moments where the simplest of catches have resulted in a howler.

Often, it seems that when you are struggling, lady luck deserts you. I site as an example Premiership strugglers Leicester City. They've looked doomed since their five-nil home defeat against Bolton on the opening day of the season. But look at how they have struggled. They sold Dean Sturridge to Wolves, who promptly replied by scoring eighteen goals. Then came that incredible own goal by Frank Sinclair at Middlesbrough a couple of weeks ago. He would have achieved critical acclaim for the precision of his finish from forty-five yards had he been David Beckham! Let's not forget this is the same bloke who opened his account on the opening day of a previous season with an own goal in both of the first two games. Last Saturday, one of Frank's headed clearances was retrieved by the wind and almost looped under the crossbar from twenty yards - so resigned to relegation are the home faithful that they all laughed incredibly loudly.

Little did they know about what had happened to Dave 'Harry' Bassett. Apparently, he was driving to the game when his car suddenly ground to a halt on the motorway. He soon realised that he'd run out of petrol. The Sun newspaper reports that, in desperation, he rang the police for help, who promptly laughed when they realised it was the Leicester manager. "Not having much luck, are you, sir?"

It goes to prove there is truth in the saying 'it never rains, but it pours'. With a bit of luck, we could be playing them next season.



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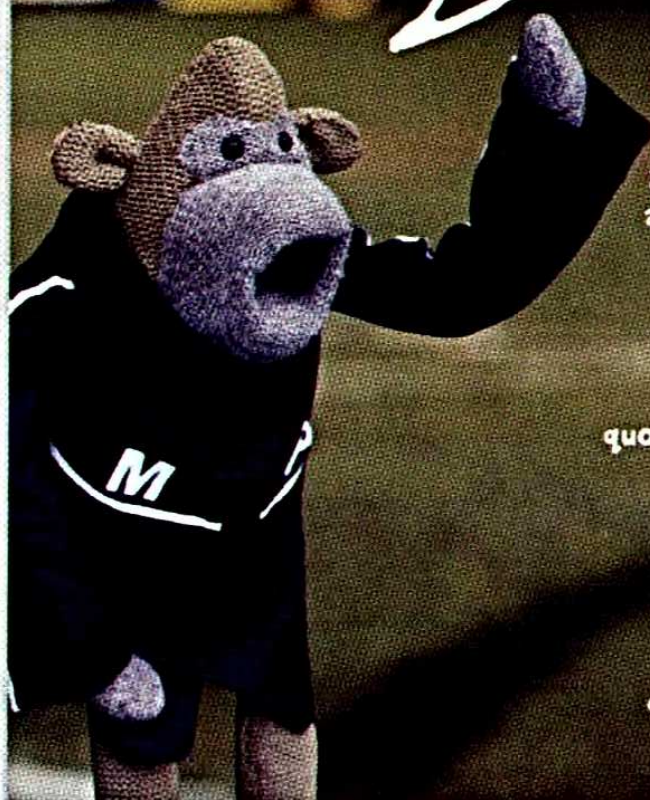


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# MATCH REPORT



**SAT FEB 09, KICK-OFF 3.00PM**  
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**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2**  
**Irons 21, Knight 56**

**SWINDON TOWN 0**

## CAUTIONS

Huddersfield

- Gray
- Knight

Swindon

- Heywood
- Sabin
- Willis

Town were looking comfortable (although under pressure) until Griemink spilled a tame shot for Huddersfield's first, the ball taking an age to cross the line. And that summed up Town's afternoon, poor finishing spoiling some lovely approach play. There was one change from the side that lost at Brentford in mid-week, Sabin replacing Alan Young upfront. The major change came in Town's formation; Gurney, Willis and Heywood playing as a back three, Howe and Duke playing as the left and right wingbacks, with the midfield comprising Hewlett, Robinson and Sabin, Grazioli, and Invincible playing as the front trio. On nine minutes Swindon had their first effort on goal. Following good approach play Gurney, Invincible, and Grazioli managed to play the ball out to Sabin on the left side of the penalty area. He then managed to get past the first defender into the penalty area, but his resulting shot went wide of the goal. The miss was to prove costly as Town went behind 11 minutes later, Irons shooting from 25 yards and Griemink subsequently allowing the ball to spin free and trundle over the line. Nine minutes later Swindon had a glorious chance to level the score. Heywood met a perfectly floated corner from Howe and his header just went over the bar. Town continued to pass the ball well, the problems coming in the final third.

Just seven minutes into the second half the home side took the lead, a cross from the left side being headed home by on-loan star, Leon Knight. Huddersfield enjoyed prolonged spells of pressure without really threatening Town's goal and the introduction of Young and Edwards for Invincible and Howe breathed life into Town's side. Yet despite their growing pressure, Town could only force one effort at the Terriers' goal, Edwards beating two players and crossing for 'Graz' who headed straight into the home keeper's arms.



## Sound bites...

### ANDY KING

#### On his sides' defeat

"It was the same old problem and it's nothing new to me. We lacked that cutting edge that will win us games and we haven't nearly scored enough goals this season. We're still not getting enough people in the box when we go forward and that's what's going to cause problems and get us goals."

### STEVE ROBINSON

#### On Town's defeat ...

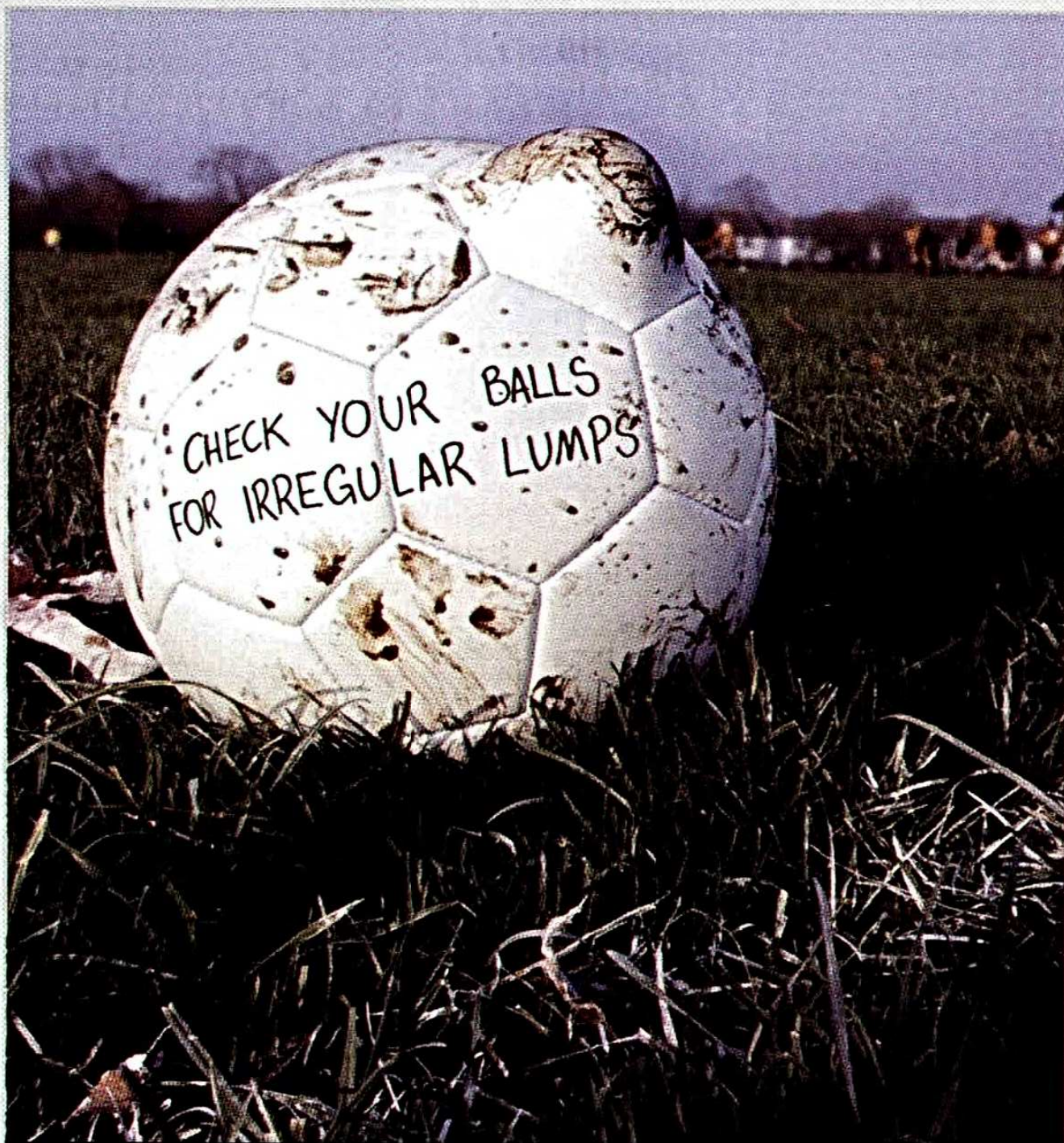
"We started quite well to be honest, but it was a case of the same old problem - we just couldn't score. We played some nice football at times and it's not our performances that are letting us down. And when they scored the first our heads went down."

### PAUL EDWARDS

#### On returning to the side...

"I was glad to be out there again. I don't think Huddersfield outplayed us at all, but for me, I just want to get in as many games as I can before the end of the season. It's been frustrating being out injured, so I want to be involved as much as possible."





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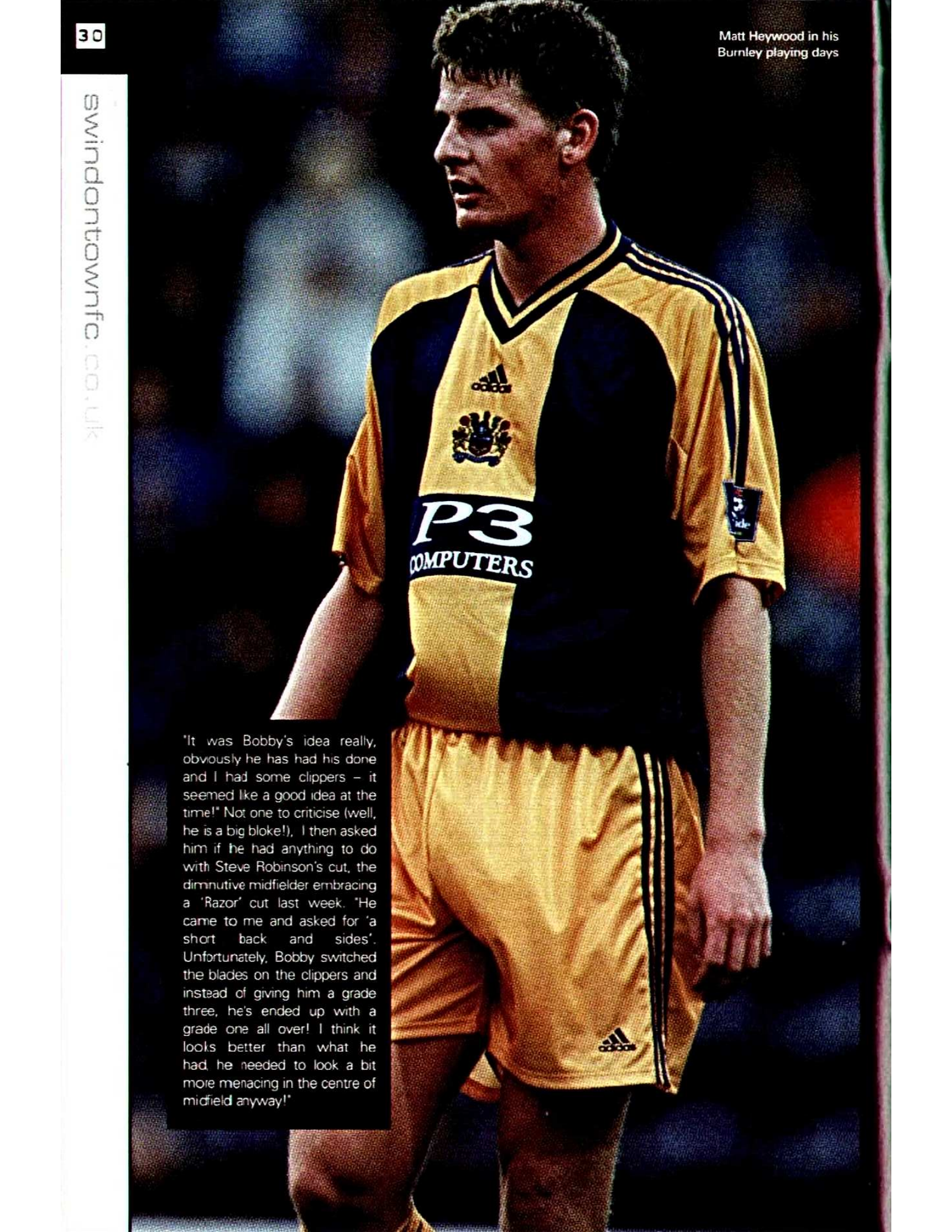




# MATT IN HIS HEY-DAY

When Matt Heywood signed for Town in January last year, few people would have expected the success he's enjoyed so far in his time at County Ground headquarters, and those that thought that Town's run of one defeat in six following his immediate arrival last season was a coincidence, can look back over the course of this season to see that he is one of the most dependable players Town have had for years. No surprise then, that Andy King should extend his contract for a year and what better way to celebrate than by shaving your head. A new look for a new contract obviously.





"It was Bobby's idea really, obviously he has had his done and I had some clippers – it seemed like a good idea at the time!" Not one to criticise (well, he is a big bloke!), I then asked him if he had anything to do with Steve Robinson's cut, the diminutive midfielder embracing a 'Razor' cut last week. "He came to me and asked for 'a short back and sides'. Unfortunately, Bobby switched the blades on the clippers and instead of giving him a grade three, he's ended up with a grade one all over! I think it looks better than what he had, he needed to look a bit more menacing in the centre of midfield anyway!"





Whether or not it's helped Steve Robinson is debatable (only joking – Ed), but it has certainly done something for Heywood. Not even he could have expected the impact he would have had on a side that, at the time of him joining (January 2001), was encapsulated by a relegation dogfight. And anyone that thought that the sides' subsequent run of one defeat in six immediately after his arrival was a coincidence, can look back on a glorious campaign this time around to see that he is arguably one of Town's strongest additions in recent years. "The move was a good one for me as I've said before. I was playing reserve team football at Burnley and as happy as I was up there, I just wasn't getting the experience or opportunity that I felt I deserved. A new chairman with new ideas came in and that didn't help, and so when Shaun Reid came up to watch me and offer me a trial – I felt that it would be a fantastic move for me and it has been."

Heywood's appearance in the side shored up one of the leakiest defences in the league and this time around, he has once again been ever-present in a side that has looked a different team from the one that struggled to climb away from the bottom four last year. "I've been pretty pleased with my season so far – I think I've been pretty consistent. It's my first full season as a first teamer and so it's gone very well, I just hope that I can build on it next year and continue to develop not only as a player, but within the team as well." The fact that Heywood will be here again next term is testament to Andy King who moved swiftly to snap up the youngster earlier in the year, Heywood extending his contract by another year with a view to making it a more permanent deal. "I was happy to sign and hopefully, if the situation off the field can be resolved then we can look to build on what is already an impressive squad. I think the gaffer is looking to build a mainly young squad, but with a few old hats in there as well and it could be an exciting season – we'll be certainly be looking for a more profitable run in the league in terms of trying to finish in the top six."

Heywood's optimism and high spirits is pleasing, yet surprising at the same time, especially when you consider what has gone on at the club in the last two weeks. But you get the feeling that not much would concern the Lancashire lad, and as he prepares for today's game, he says that a strong finish is imperative ahead of next year.



"There was a stage after the Port Vale game where we thought there may have been an outside chance of reaching the play-offs. We were just behind the teams in the top six and had just outplayed a strong side. Unfortunately we couldn't follow it up and instead, we lost to too strong sides. But that doesn't mean that we've got nothing to play for. It is important that we win as many games as possible from now until the end of the season, not just because it would provide us with the confidence to start next season on a high, but because players are playing for their contracts too."

Wigan will certainly be the toughest of the home games we have left, but since we beat Port Vale at the beginning of the month, form hasn't been good. So where did it all go wrong? "To be honest I don't think we've been playing that badly. The performances have still been at a reasonable level, but personal mistakes have been costly and we've not been too hot in front of goal either. Those are problems that have been costly all season, but they are things that we can do to help ourselves. We have certainly been working hard on getting more players in the box when going forward."

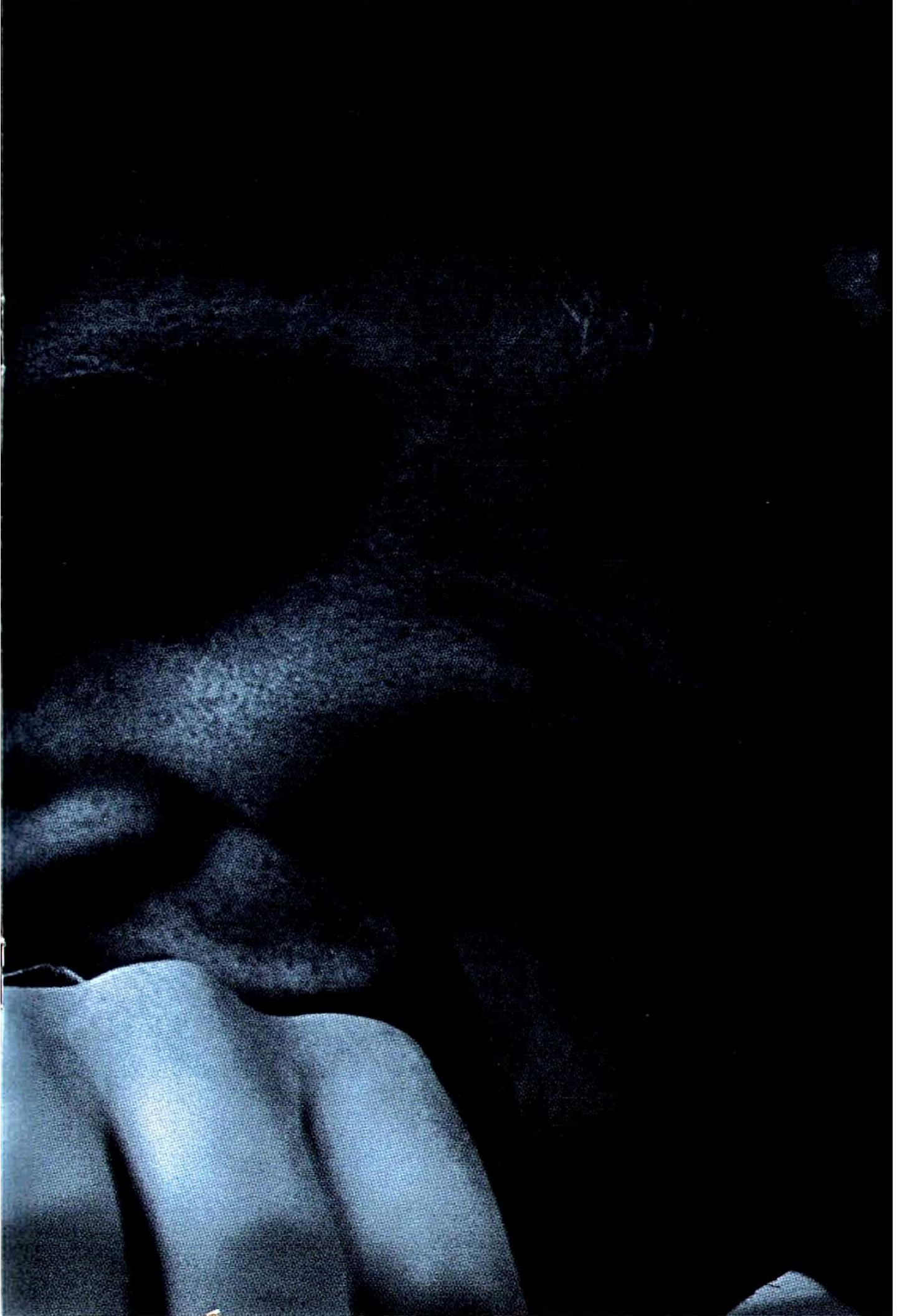
There was certainly no hard work going on last Tuesday, the players making the most of a day off by going to Cheltenham Races. Yet no matter how successful Heywood has been on the pitch, it seems as though even he has his limits off it. "I didn't win a sausage unfortunately, not one thing all day!" He will certainly be hoping for more luck today as his team looks set to face a resurgent Wigan side. "They are a good team and they've been on a good run in the last six or seven games. But we have been strong at home this year and it is definitely a game that we will be looking to win."

Andy King will certainly be hoping that the fans turn out in force this afternoon in a bid to recapture the club's old spirit. A good performance from the players would be a useful contribution as the club strives to leave behind the events of the last two weeks. "It has been difficult, especially when you have to go home and see the missus and tell her that you're not going to get paid for two weeks! But to be honest when you train and play, it doesn't even enter the players' minds and hopefully the worst is behind us."

A win would certainly raise spirits around the ground, not to mention the club's league position and with a bit of luck, we may even go ahead of today's visitors. You certainly wouldn't bet against Town winning their third home game on the trot, as long as Matty leaves his hand in his pocket then we should be ok!









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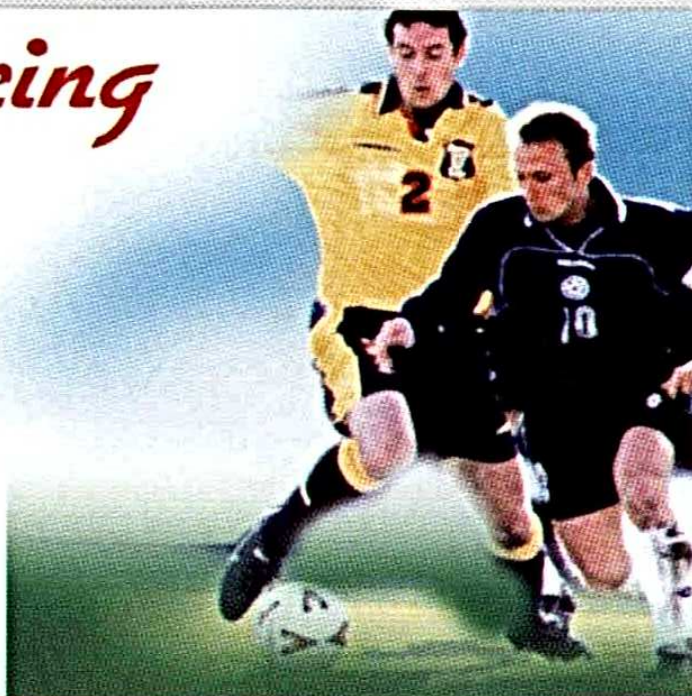
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## CLASSIC PROGRAMMES



# CLASSIC GAMES

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Wembley Stadium

**THE MATCH** - The early sixties were West Ham United's glory years. Once established in the First Division, they won the FA Cup in 1964, provided three players for England's 1966 World Cup winners and in between, lifted the European Cup Winners Cup (making them only the second English club to win a European competition). With a mixture of youth and experience, the Hammers were a smooth flowing, fluid attacking team, and they used their accustomed flair to overcome an equally adventurous German side. TSV Munchen 1860 have since become the poor relations in Munich in the years that followed, but they had overcome Porto, Legia Warsaw and Torino on the way to the Wembley Final. With Martin Peters showing great authority in midfield, and reserve team players Alan Sealey and Brian Dear making full use of their opportunity, the Hammers were well worth their 2-0 victory, Sealey scoring both goals.



Geoff Hurst was also  
Top of the 1965  
winning team.

**THE PROGRAMME** - Wembley Stadium issued a typical programme of the era; 16 pages, slightly larger than A5 in size, with spot colour and a cover price of 1/- (5p). The cover design was remarkably different from 'the norm', with the trophy superimposed on a sketch of the stadium. There was black and red writing on a green background. The Radio Times were in their accustomed position on page two, opposite a welcome in three languages from the President of UEFA and all the results from that season's competition. Jack Rollin of World Soccer wrote a page on TSV, opposite a full-page team shot, then came pen pictures opposite the Timetable and Programme of Music. Centre fold contained team selections in a rather outmoded 2-3-5 formation, and the second half of the programme opened with a full page advert for Yardley Shower Talc for men. Peter Lorenzo of The Sun wrote a page on West Ham, followed by pen pictures and a team shot. The Cup's history was covered in a page of paragraphs and the programme concluded with full page adverts for Double Diamond beer and Bovril on the back page.



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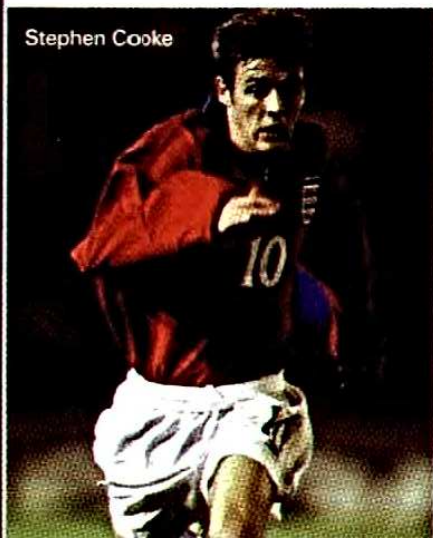


## COOKE

GOES ON  
CHERRIES' BOOKS

Bournemouth have snapped up Aston Villa midfielder Stephen Cooke on a month's loan. The 19-year-old is set to make his Cherries debut this afternoon as the south-coast club look to assure their Division Status for another year. Bournemouth boss Sean O'Driscoll made the move, after Garreth O'Connor damaged ligaments in training last week. "Stephen is thought very highly of at Aston Villa and he is one that we have kept an eye on for a long time," admitted O'Driscoll. "He is extremely talented, and it's probably not the best time to bring somebody like that in if I'm really honest, but we had to move pretty quickly. He has a tremendous amount of ability and if he can reproduce that in the Second Division, he will be a player to watch."

Stephen Cooke



## READING IN LINE FOR LEWIS

Reading boss Alan Pardew has played down reports that he is close to signing Leicester midfielder Junior Lewis from under the noses of promotion rivals Brighton. The Berkshire promotion pretenders are insisting that he is just one of a number of players being looked at. The 28-year-old is on loan with his old boss Peter Taylor at Brighton, but it is The Royals who have been linked with a permanent move for Lewis. Leicester boss Dave Bassett had revealed that he has given Pardew permission to talk to Lewis and his agent over a move. "Junior is just one of a number of players that we've enquired about," said Pardew. "We're obviously looking to maintain our position at the top of the table but Junior is just one of a number of options and any potential deal is a long way off".

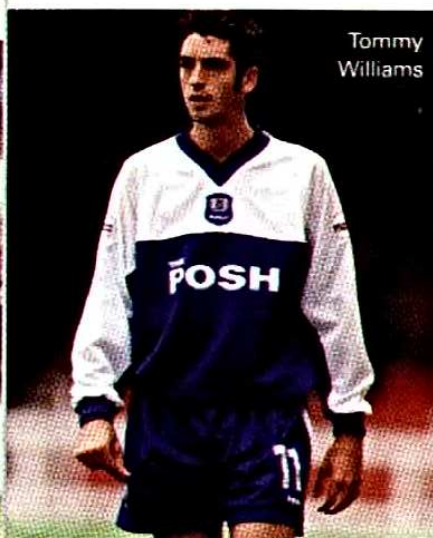
Junior Lewis



## WILLIAMS STARTS POSH EXODUS

Cash-strapped Peterborough United are set to cash in on two of their most prized assets with Tommy Williams set for a one million pound move to Birmingham, and Manchester United taking young 'keeper Luke Steele on trial. Williams only joined The Posh last summer on a free transfer from West Ham, but has quickly caught the eye after a run in the first team and he moved to St Andrews earlier this week with a view to a long term move. "Tommy has joined Birmingham with a view to a permanent deal," said Fry, who also expects 17-year-old prospect Steele to have a big future in the game after the rookie goalie moved to Old Trafford on trial. "He's been up there for the past week and he has played a few matches for them."

Tommy Williams

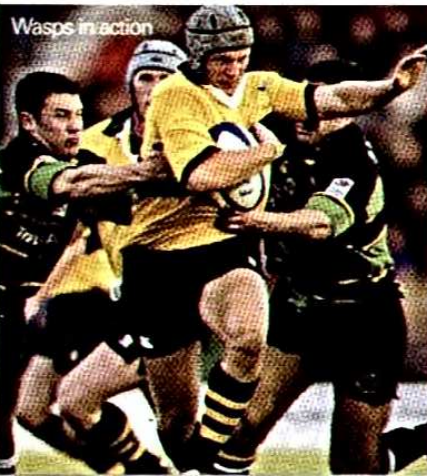






## WYCOMBE WAITING FOR WASPS

Wycombe are still waiting to find out whether they can complete a lucrative groundshare deal with Rugby uUnion side Wasps. A two-year deal to bring the Zurich Premiership side to Buckinghamshire is awaiting rubber-stamping from the local authority. Wanderers are confident that the estimated £1 million deal will get the go-ahead, "The sooner we know, the sooner we can crack on," enthused Chairboys Chief Executive Simon Monkman. "We are ready to press all sorts of buttons but we are in limbo until we get the decision. We have a draft agreement with Wasps that's enormously beneficial to us and I believe long-term it will make a massive contribution to the commercial success of the club. The deal isn't signed with Wasps but we're 99 per cent of the way there."



## YOUNG ROBIN IN CAR SMASH

Bristol City defender Kevin Amankwaah is set to miss the rest of the season after being involved in a car crash on the M5 last weekend. The 19-year old full back was detained in hospital with a broken bone in his neck. Amankwaah and fellow Robin, Aaron Brown, were passengers in a car involved in a smash near Weston-super-Mare in the early hours of last Sunday morning. Brown luckily escaped with minor whiplash injuries. We think Kevin will be in a brace for a considerable amount of time and will need a lengthy recovery period," explained City boss Danny Wilson. "The important thing is that it is treatable and it could have been a lot worse."

Kevin Amankwaah



## GOSSIP COLUMN

Contrary to reports in the local press, Town defender, Matty Heywood, will not receive a one-match ban following his fifth booking of the season against Huddersfield on Saturday. League rules stipulate that for a player to be given a one-match ban, they would have to receive the five cautions between the opening day of the season and the last day of February. As Heywood received his fifth caution on March 9th, he will now only be 'Warned as to his future conduct.'

Perhaps more interesting is the news circulating around the nationals that Ralf Little, star of BBC One comedy, The Royle Family (he plays the character Anthony) could be on trial at the County Ground. Little is rumoured to be a good friend of Neil Ruddock and so was hoping for a trial (apparently he has played at a high level before). Unfortunately, nothing has been confirmed.

Finally, with Town's off the field activities coming to a head, there have been all sorts of stories concerning plans for the future. As it stands at the moment (these notes penned on Tuesday), The Football League has agreed to Bob Holt's latest plan, albeit with some finer details to be agreed. A meeting with the Inland Revenue was arranged for Wednesday and should that go according to plan, then the creditors are next in line for a meeting with the board.



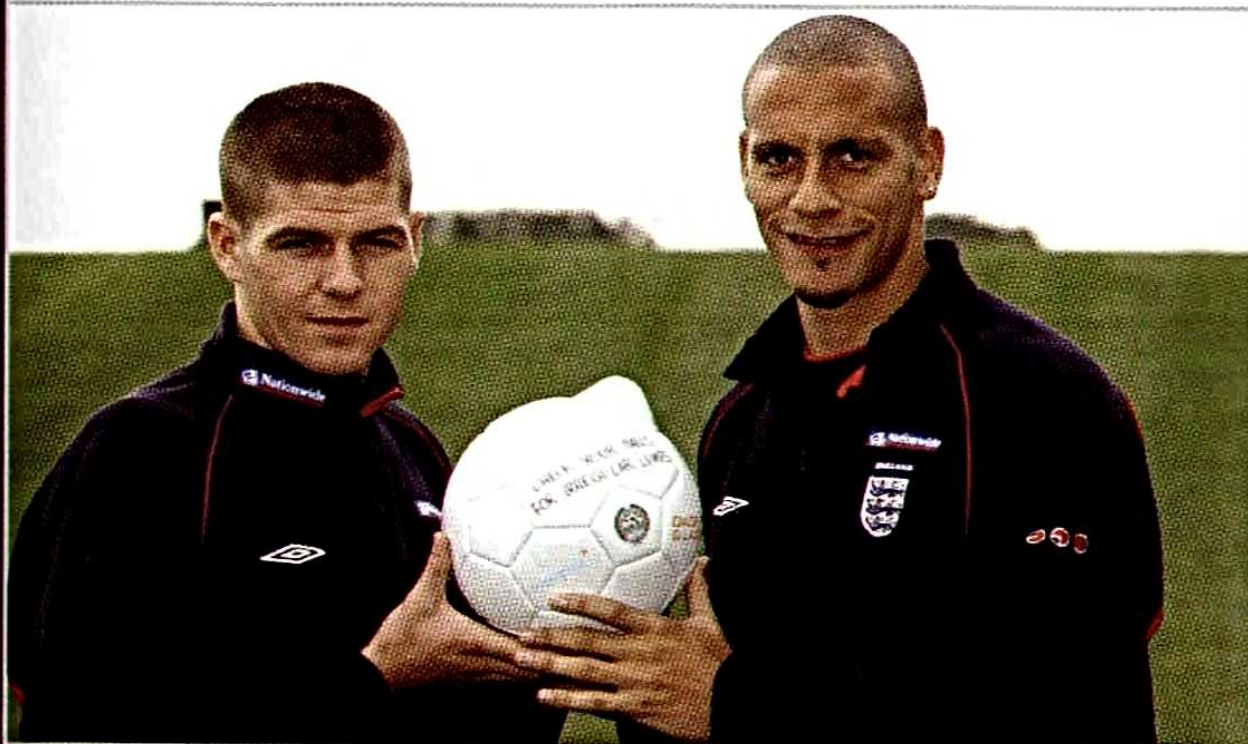


Millwall's Neil Harris has  
been successfully treated  
for testicular cancer.

# KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE **BALL!**

ENGLAND COACH SVEN-GORAN ERIKSSON HAS CALLED ON FOOTBALL CLUBS UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY TO COME FORWARD AND JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST TESTICULAR CANCER. THE SWEDISH COACH OFFERED HIS SUPPORT TO 'KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL', THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' ASSOCIATIONS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS OF TESTICULAR CANCER AMONGST PLAYERS AND FANS.





The England coach said: "I am delighted to do my bit to raise awareness of testicular cancer. Because this form of cancer threatens men of football-playing age in particular, it is very important to know the facts, be responsible and not hesitate to seek medical advice. The examples of Alan Stubbs and Neil Harris, who have successfully resumed playing after fighting testicular cancer, are inspirational for their courage and determination, and I encourage everyone involved in English football to give their full support to this campaign."

The FA and PFA set up the 'Keep your Eye on the Ball' campaign with The Institute of Cancer Research's everyman campaign and Cancer Research UK's Dad's and Lad's campaign to ensure that all footballers and their supporters are aware of the symptoms of testicular cancer. This campaign was in direct response to the discovery that players Neil Harris, Alan Stubbs, Craig Forrest and Jason Cundy all had testicular cancer. F.A. Chairman Geoff Thompson said: "As the governing body for football in England, The F.A. recognises its responsibility to take the lead on matters of health awareness. Testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men between 18 and 35, roughly the time span of an average football career, so players need to be self aware, vigilant and responsible. But they are not the only ones, and our campaign is aimed at everyone within the football community, at all levels of the game."

Gordon Taylor from the PFA echoed his sentiments: "Sport and health are naturally connected which is why the PFA is supporting the 'Keep Your Eye on the Ball' campaign. Football is obviously a high priority for many men and our goal with 'Keep Your Eye on the Ball' is to use football to communicate the message that men must be more aware of the signs and symptoms of testicular cancer. We are delighted to be backing such an important campaign which we hope will reach both players and fans and stop more men dying unnecessarily from this disease." Philip Black from The Institute of Cancer Research said, "The awareness generated by campaigns like these saves lives, so we are delighted that The FA and The PFA are helping us to ensure that all footballers and supporters will be better informed about this type of cancer."

Dr Lesley Walker of Cancer Research UK said, "It's really good news that the awareness message is getting out there now. We're very excited to be teaming up with the FA and the PFA and are confident that this initiative will make many men more aware of the warning signs of testicular cancer."





# TOWN NOT AT THE RACES BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD

JUST WHEN HE THOUGHT HIS LUCK COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE, TOWN CAPTAIN ANDY GURNEY  
ENDURED MORE MISERY LAST WEEK WHEN NONE OF HIS BETS FINISHED 'FIRST PAST THE POST'  
AT THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL.

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The lads went down to Cheltenham Festival on Tuesday and I can safely say that a good time was had by all! It's not very often that we can all go out on days like that and we had a lot of fun, although I can't say that any of us were that successful on the betting front – that despite getting a few tips off our chairman! I think Danny (Invincible) had a few winners, and despite our first horse coming in, we subsequently lost our money throughout the day.

The nicest thing about the day was that it gave us a great opportunity to forget about the last two weeks. Both on and off the field, it has been a pretty difficult time. But that is behind us now and in today's game, we have a fantastic chance to erase the memory of both the two defeats, and the events away from the playing arena, although our opponents will be a tough proposition. Wigan are a strong side and on paper, have some of the best players in the league. Their problem has been that they encountered a very difficult start to the season and when that happens, as this club knows only too well, it is difficult to recover. However, they are looking stronger now and we will have to play better than we did against both Huddersfield and Brentford if we are going to get anything out of the game.

The two defeats have been very frustrating because I thought that we could have got something out of both games. At Brentford, without ever really playing that well we didn't look like losing until the first goal went in.

At Huddersfield in particular we were on top of them for the best part of the first half, yet never looked like scoring. That has been our problem this season; there have been too many instances in which we haven't had that cutting edge in front of goal. Add to that the mistakes that have cost us and we have been pretty unlucky really. Yet we all make mistakes and I am sure that it is just a bad spell Bart is going through. He is a fantastic goalkeeper and he has saved us on several occasions this season – I am sure he'll be in fine form this afternoon. And if we can tighten things up at the back and perhaps get that bit of luck that's been missing in the final third, then I think we can win today and build a run together before the end of the season.

That has to be our main task now. Any chance we did have of reaching the play-offs has gone and we are still not mathematically safe – therefore there is still a job to be done and we need to end the season strongly in preparation for next year. Our next target is to maybe reach 60 points, and in doing so, give the supporters something to shout about.





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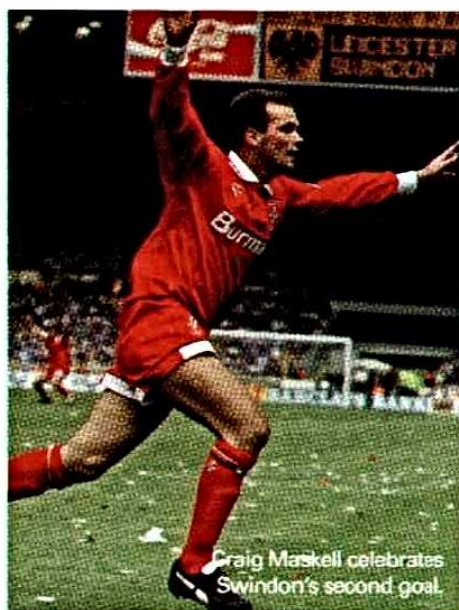
# 1992/93

## VINTAGE RED

with Dick Mattick

Dick Mattick continues his look back at Town's promotion season. This week we feature the play-offs.

Swindon couldn't have wished for a better start against Tranmere at the County Ground. Within two minutes Vickers headed a near post cross by Nicky Summerbee into his own net and a minute later, Ross McClaren's shot was too hot to handle and Dave Mitchell followed up to score. Mitchell slipped a pass through to Craig Maskell who beat the offside trap and he ran through to add a third on 27 minutes – it looked as though the whole tie was over. This wasn't to be the case. Swindon struck the bar early in the second half, but Kenny Irons – who scored against Town the previous weekend, set up John Morrissey 13 minutes from time to give Rovers hope. John Moncur returned to Town's team after a three-month lay-off through injury in the first leg, and he looked to have sealed the tie in the second, opening the scoring on 29 minutes. Proctor scored for Tranmere just before half-time to level the scores and Pat Nevin reduced the deficit still further when he scored just after the hour. When Maskell converted a Mitchell cross after 83 minutes Swindon looked home and dry, but a Kenny Irons penalty left Town fans on Merseyside sweating right up until the final whistle.



Glenn Hoddle nonchalantly stroked home the first goal of the final on 41 minutes, but not one person inside the packed Wembley Stadium could have predicted what was to follow. Maskell doubled Town's advantage from Moncur's pass on 47 minutes before Shaun Taylor bravely headed home six minutes later. Julian Joachim gave Brian Little's side a glimmer of hope before two goals in as many minutes from Steve Walsh and Steve Thomas wiped out Town's advantage. There were six minutes on the clock when Steve White latched on to Hoddle's pin-point pass, the former Hereford man beat Kevin Poole to the ball before the 'keeper was adjudged to have brought White down. Paul Bodin stepped up to take the penalty and, despite facing immense pressure, he slotted home to erase the memory of Town's demotion two years earlier.

It was a dismal season for Wigan who finished 23rd, thus being relegated to Division Three. They won just 10 league matches all season and Brian Griffiths, with 13 goals, was the only player to reach double figures in the goalscoring stakes. The Coca Cola Cup saw Shrewsbury defeated in round one before Ipswich knocked them out in round two with a 4-0 win. They also exited the FA Cup at the second hurdle, Bury turning them over 1-0 at Gigg Lane.



GROUP F



# 2002 WORLD CUP

## ARGENTINA

England's biggest rivals are looking forward to their 13th World Cup competition this summer, and few would bet against them lifting the trophy. On paper, they should have few worries as the 'Albiceleste' chase a third victory in the competition, not surprising when you consider the players at Bielsa's disposal: Batistuta, Crespo, Veron, Gonzalez, Ayala, Ortega, and Sorin. To these established stars you can add 10 other names, of players whose stock may not be so well known, but whose abilities are just as great. Playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme, the darling of Boca Juniors, is one. Whatever the personnel, those who slotted into Bielsa's 3-3-2-2 system produced 13 wins and four draws from 18 matches in the 2000/01 Conmebol tournament. The only question is whether they can replicate that success in the Far East.



## NIGERIA

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and can boast more than 200 professional footballers scattered around the world, plying their trade across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Americas. They have an incredible pool of talent to draw upon and a side now beginning to reap the benefits of a policy of bleeding young players when they featured in their first FIFA World Cup™ in the USA in 1994. From that squad, the likes of 'Jay Jay' Okocha, Finidi George and Victor Ikpeba are likely to return for their third FIFA World Cup wiser and more confident for their experience. Add to that the sublime skills of Nwankwo Kanu, the proven goal scoring ability of Victor Agali and the tigerish defending of Celestine Babayaro and Nigeria have the capacity to reach new heights.



## ENGLAND

It comes as no surprise that the bulk of England's national team plays its club football with Manchester United and Liverpool. During the 2000-2001 season, the two clubs accounted for all of England's domestic trophies as well as the UEFA Cup, and that kind of experience has formed the core of Sven-Goran Eriksson's squad. David Beckham is already a legend at club level, with Eriksson calling him the world's best free kick taker, and at twenty-five he is the captain of an England team that features a plethora of talented youngsters. This year, those that appeared in the UEFA European Championships will be hoping to link themselves with the likes of the 1990 squad that fell one game short of the final, or better yet, the legendary 1966 squad that lifted the Cup on home soil.



## SWEDEN

Sweden overcame a disappointing UEFA European Championship in 2000 by qualifying for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™ without losing a single game. The team was given a helping hand by drawing a group devoid of any of Europe's strong nations, and the players took advantage by sailing through the group. The majority of the current Sweden squad play outside the country, although possible starters from the Allsvenskan league are Christoffer Andersson, Håkan Mild and Pontus Karmark. The two biggest names of the line-up, however, are forward Henrik Larsson and defender Patrik Andersson. Larsson is one of the world's best outright scorers, whilst captain Patrik Andersson won the UEFA Champions League with Bayern Munich in 2001 before moving to Barcelona last summer – both players will be crucial to any success.







This week we look at England's 'group of death'. Once again we face Argentina, but also the unbeaten Swedes and much fancied 'Super Eagles' from Nigeria. I reckon that whoever wins this group will win the competition. How about that?!



#### ONE2WATCH: GABRIEL BATISTUTA

Gabriel Omar Batistuta – or "Batigol" for short – is recognised as one of the world's greatest strikers. And yet his career began surprisingly late in life, it wasn't until the age of 17 that he switched from basketball to football. Yet only two years later, at 19, he won the Copa Libertadores in his very first season. A year later he moved to River Plate, with whom he won his first Argentinean championship in 1990. Soon after the 1991 Copa Libertadores, Batistuta moved to Italy, joining Serie A side Fiorentina where, in 1992, he would score 27 goals in 13 games. Batistuta has since left the debt-ridden club and he now plays for Roma (following a 22million pound transfer).



#### ONE2WATCH: JAY JAY OKOCHA

Augustine Okocha burst onto the international football scene in the autumn of 1992. The 19-year old was an early developer, making the starting line up for his first club, Rangers International of Enugu aged just 16. At 17 he tried out for fourth division Borussia Neunkirchen and was promptly signed up. In 1992, Okocha moved from Neunkirchen to Eintracht Frankfurt, signing as a professional the following season. Over the next four years, he hit the net 18 times, and after a brief spell at Fenerbache he signed for current club, Paris St Germain. In 1994 he won the 1994 African Nations Cup and two years later, an Olympic Gold Medal – this year he will be the sides main chance of going passed the second round.



#### ONE2WATCH: MICHAEL OWEN

Michael Owen has already written his name in the football history books. In February 1998, he became the youngest player to receive an England cap. Aged just 18 years and 59 days, he was three months younger than the previous record-holder, Duncan Edwards. He showed exceptional promise from a very early age. By the age of 10, he had set a new schoolboy goalscoring record of 92 goals in a season before forcing his way into Glenn Hoddle's England squad eight years later (France '98), where he dazzled the entire football world with his maturity. And in England's second round encounter with Argentina, he scored one of the competition's finest ever goals.



#### ONE2WATCH: HENRIK LARSSON

Since the mid-1990s, Henrik Larsson has been widely recognised as one of the most dangerous strikers in Europe. Mad about the game from an early age, he began playing club football at the age of five. Twelve years later, he made his league debut at third-division Hogaborg. In 1992, he moved to Helsingborg in the Swedish second division, where he struck ten goals that helped take them up to the first division. Larsson found the net 16 times in his first season in the top flight, finishing third highest goal-scorer in the Swedish first division in 1993 and he subsequently won his first international cap in October 1993. Larsson left Helsingborg for Feyenoord in the autumn of 1993, before signing for Celtic in 1997.



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# round-up



So another week goes by in the Second Division and still there are no certainties in promotion and relegation. Last weekend saw the top two come together with second placed Brighton desperate to close the five point gap on run-away leaders Reading, with the Royals wanting to

put their 3-1 thrashing at the Withdean a month earlier to bed. The game itself failed to live up to the pre-match billing. It could so nearly have been Brighton's day but a last minute Gary Hart strike was ruled out for a foul on the keeper, instead it ended goal-less. That would have meant the gap would have been down to two points. The Championship still isn't a forgone conclusion. With Reading still having to go to Bristol City, Brentford, and Tranmere who are all going for the play-offs, the South Coast sides' run-in looks an easier one.

At the other end of the table the weekend saw two games invented for the phrase "six-pointer". Northampton, who went into Saturday's game as the form side, travelled to Bournemouth and although they

were down to 10 men, the Cherries struck five to pull themselves out of the bottom four at Town's expense. Notts County have also suddenly found some form with Billy Dearden now getting the best from his squad, as the Magpies went to Bury and put four past them. So with only five weekends to go, it's still impossible to call all the way from the top to the bottom.

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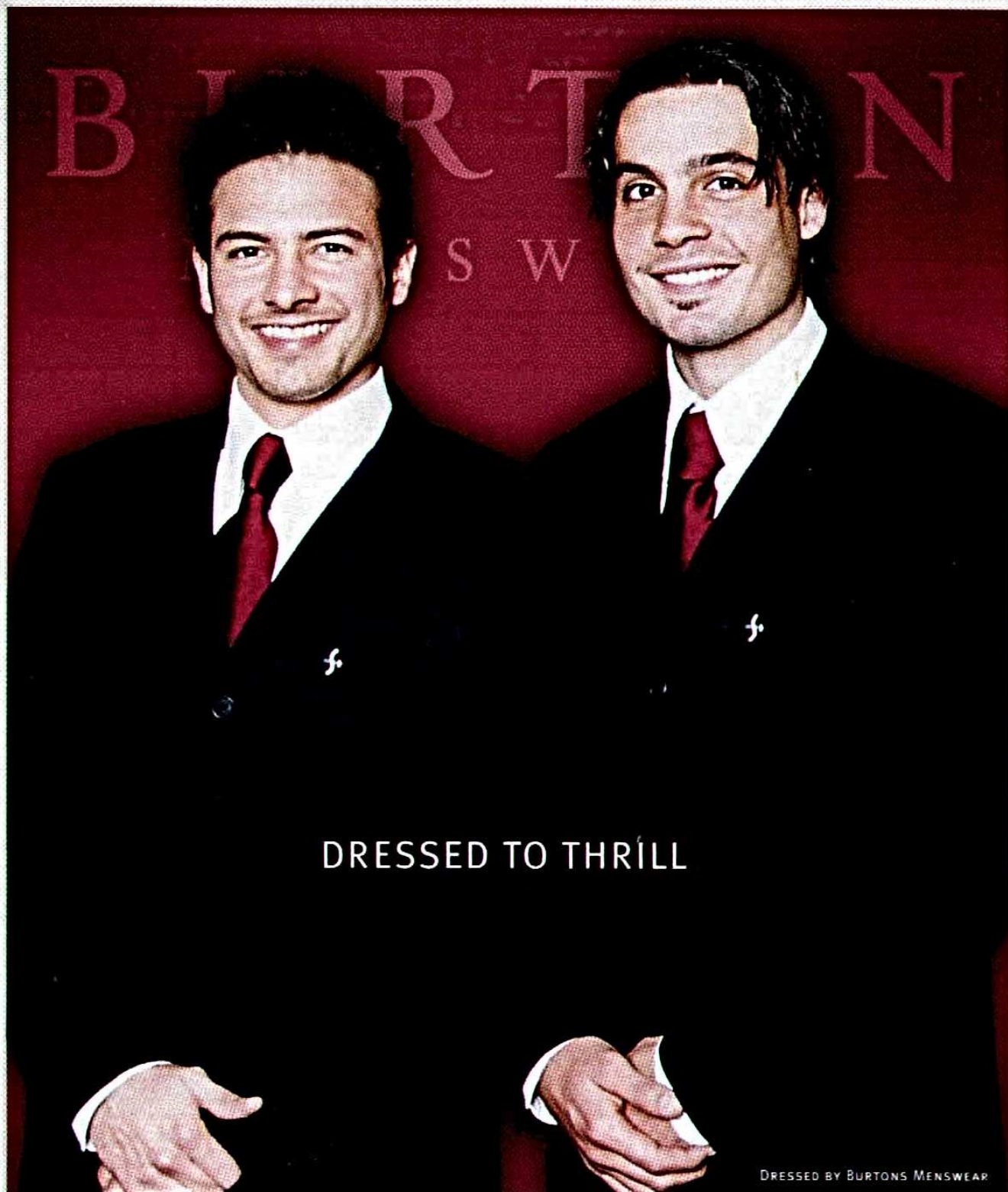
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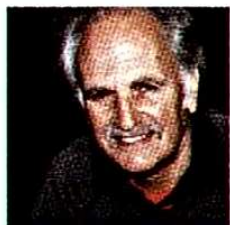
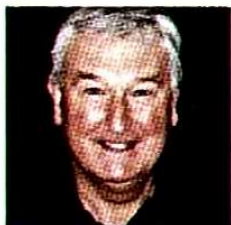
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# ONE FOR THE ROAD

Town's ladies side have spent the last two weeks on the road in their South West Combination League programme.

Town won the first of the two games as they travelled to Newton Abbott, an Angie Tinson goal the deciding factor in a seven-goal thriller. Town had gone two goals behind before Angie Tinson pulled one back before the break. Within two minutes of the restart Town had equalised, Tinson heading home from Michelle Rich's corner. The home side regained the lead before Clare Wheeler equalised, Wheeler drilling home the spot-kick after Holly Ashman had been brought down. With one minute to go, Town snatched a dramatic winner when Angie Tinson grabbed her third of the game.

Unfortunately, Town's second game on the road resulted in a draw, with Roger Reeves' side sharing four goals with Cardiff City. Playing against a strong wind Town found themselves two goals behind, but two goals from Angie Tinson and Holly Ashman gave Town a share of the points. The two sides must now face each other again in the League Cup. They have already met three times this season – both sides have won once and the other was drawn. The game will take place on April 7.

Town's reserves hosted Porton in the Wiltshire County League, winning by two goals to nil. Chanell Kirkham and Pam Ashman got the goals.

Tomorrow Town entertain Clevedon in the league. The two sides last met back in August when Town beat the Somerset outfit by four goals to nil. Town are currently third in the league whilst Clevedon are eighth. The game will be played, as usual, at Aldbourne and will kick-off at 2.00pm.

Town's reserves visit Clevedon in their Wiltshire County League fixture. Town lost the previous encounter 1-0.

## Five Minutes with...

### LAURA MORGAN

Position: forward Age: 22

#### When did you start playing football?

"When I was about six I started to play with my brother and his mates. My Dad was in the RAF and so we moved around a lot, but I kept playing football with the lads in the park.

I was the only girl and although they felt it was a bit strange at first, they soon accepted me as a player."

#### What about at school?

"I played at the junior school until I was 11, but after that I could only play in the park. I used to go to RAF football training camps in the summer."

#### How did you join Swindon?

"When I was 19 I got a team together with some lads to play in a college five-a-side. A lecturer saw me and suggested that I contact Swindon Ladies, which of course I did and signed."

#### Hopes for the future?

"I'm injured at the moment, but next year I would like to become the league's top scorer. With Swindon Town Ladies of course!"



		<p><b>Swindon Town v Blackpool Sat Mar 30</b></p> <p><b>Head to head (wins)</b> - Swindon 5, Blackpool 11, draws 9</p> <p><b>Last encounter</b> - Blackpool 1-0 Swindon Town (Bloomfield Road)</p> <p><b>Form guide (league)</b> - Swindon DDWWLL Blackpool WLWLLD</p>
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# MAC ONCE AGAIN

When Blackpool overturned a much-fancied Leyton Orient side in the play-off final last year, many cynics were already tipping Steve McMahon's side for an immediate return to the basement division this season, even more so when Brett Ormorod was sold to Southampton in December.

However, the Seasideers have defied everyone with some outstanding performances this year and at the moment, they lie just one place behind Town in the league table.

Steve McMahon needs little introduction of course, the former Liverpool and England hard-man managing the Robins for a period of nearly four years. In that time, Town won promotion to Division One (ironically, the club celebrating its championship after a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road in April 1996), but it was his rigorous man-management style and controversial departure that he will be remembered for by the vast majority of Town fans. His popularity nose-dived even further when he put in a derogatory bid for Danny Invincible earlier in the season, the Australian seen as an adequate replacement for Brett Ormorod. However, not even Brett's departure could halt McMahon's side and no matter what you think of the diminutive manager, he has done an incredible job in keeping the Seasideers away from the bottom four all season. However, the downfall in the Seasideers quest for a second successive promotion is there inconsistency, the last ten games including three wins, three draws and four defeats. More recently, McMahon's side have gone three games without a win (this run not including Tuesday's game against Tranmere), defeats against QPR (0-2) and Northampton (1-2) being followed by a 2-2 draw with Cardiff. Goals have been hard to come by, the clubs' top scorers currently on six.





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## BIG BROTHER COMES TO TOWN

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Brummie Dean O'Loughlin (who's musical talents were clear for all to see during the series) and cockney lad Bubble are promoting their new World Cup anthem which is set to be released before the competition starts in May. Talking to [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) on Monday, 37-year old Dean (who was amongst the final three in the Big Brother house) said: "We are hoping to visit every league ground in the country to promote our song. Ultimately, we are hoping that the song will be played at all the grounds before, during and after the game and it will become a bit of an anthem." Whether or not they can repeat the success of Baddiel and Skinner remains to be seen, but you can look out for more details in the coming weeks.

# REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMY!

Happy birthday to Amy Mathieson – from everyone at Non-stop promotions and in the Brown Brothers Suite, Amy celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday.

## MARATHON MEN



Town chaplain, Simon Stevenette is hoping to raise as much money as he can for the Friends of Christchurch Skyline Appeal by running the London Marathon. Simon is also hoping to give a small donation to the Children's Society who have worked extensively in Swindon and throughout the country with children in need. The Christ church skyline appeal is hoping to raise 1.5 million pounds in order to restore and preserve the church and extend its work in the Town. Programme editor, Nick Judd, also did some running of his

own last weekend by taking part in the Reading half marathon, "That's the furthest I've ever/am ever likely to run! It wasn't as bad as I thought, although I could think of better ways to spend a Sunday morning." Commercial Manager, Mike Sullivan, is also taking part in the London Marathon and he said, "I am not that hopeful of winning it, but if I can raise any money for charity then it will be bonus! I'm not getting any younger and so it will be fairly hard, but I've done a few before and so I know what to expect." You can still donate money to all three of the runners' respective charities. To make a donation to the skyline appeal – any cheques can be made payable to: The Friends of Chris Church (Skyline Appeal), 36 Cricklade Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 3HB. To donate any money to Keep your eye on the ball (testicular cancer) or SCOPE/Junior Robins, the you can do so by contacting Nick or Mike at the club on 01793 333740.



## LOGGING ON WINS YOU PRIZES!

Congratulations to Adrian Smith who won our website competition. Each week, we will be asking those that surf the site a question, the answer can always be found somewhere on the site. The answer to last weeks question was, of course, Phil King. Congratulations Adrian! And for those that didn't win, try again this week.

### Quick Quiz answers

1. Gary Alexander and Mark Robinson, 2. 3-1, 3. 2 and it was the old Division Three, 4. 1978, 5. Alan McLoughlin

### 25 years ago Answers (from page 59)

1. Chris Bates, 2. Jim Barron, 3. Andy Gray, 4. In 1978 they replaced Southport, 5. Alan McLoughlin

# QUICK QUIZ

## HEAD TO HEAD

This week we take a look back at previous encounters between the Robins and the Latics. There haven't been many matches between the two sides, but see how much you can remember from occasions when they have - including last season's four-goal epic at the County Ground.

1. When Town last played the Latics at the County Ground, the score was 2-2. Who scored Town's goals?
2. The last time Town beat Wigan at home was October 1986. What was the score?
3. How many times did Town beat Wigan that season and in what league were they competing?
4. Which year did Wigan join the Football League?
5. Which Town Wembley goalscorer was on Wigan's playing staff last season? To give you a clue, he was also on trial here this season...







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## Fund Raising

Congratulations to Mike Skinner (who runs the programme shop) sponsored by the Away Travel Group, who has just handed to the Supporters Club main committee, a cheque for £500 following recent fund raising efforts. If you haven't yet visited the programme shop you will find it in the building containing the Away Travel office and you may just find that missing programme for your collection, or a special present for a family member. This donation will help us with our aim of raising £10,000 this season from Supporters Club members

activities and you can check our progress in each home programme by keeping an eye on the thermometer on this page. To date we have now raised £8,820.

## Badges

New Supporters Club lapel badges are available from the Away Travel Office and the Winners Lounge prior to home Matches. Prices are £2.20 for members and £3.00 non-members. They can also be ordered by post by writing to us: C/O The County Ground, or to PO Box 145, Swindon, Wilts.

## Football Club

There is an ever-changing environment surrounding the financial situation at the Football Club (events may well have moved on since these notes were written). We can only hope that there has been some move towards resolution of the immediate difficulties. Despite the behind the scenes negotiations that go on, we still believe that supporters have a major part to play in the success and survival of the Football Club.

Now is a time like no other, when all supporters need to focus their efforts in supporting, not only the team on the field, but also the efforts going on off the field, to hopefully bring a more stable and secure future for Swindon Town.

Our own fund raising is a contribution to this end and we would urge each and every supporter to find some way of contributing a little extra help in some way. Whether this is through the vehicle of the Supporters Club, another way, then now is not the time to sit on the fence and do nothing. We in the supporters club would be delighted to hear from you if you can make even a small gesture of help in our efforts. The overall message has to be, however, to go out and do something. To contact us, use the details contained on this page.

In simple terms, if every supporter bought one of our half time draw tickets costing just £1 at every match, we could raise an extra £50,000 in a season. That may really make a difference!





Today we see one of our younger fans in the hot seat. Nicky Dalton is aged 12 and lives in Carterton in Oxfordshire. Nicky watches home matches from the Nationwide stand.

# TALK OF THE TERRACES

## FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

It was a victory against Crystal Palace, 2-1 in 1997/98.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER(S) OF ALL TIME?

Against Huddersfield at the McAlpine Stadium in 1999/00.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

George Ndah.

## FAVOURITES IN PRESENT TEAM?

I like both Andy Gurney and Danny Invincible.

## MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

It has to be when we beat Oxford at home 4-1! Fantastic result.

## BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

The players work rate some weeks.

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

George Ndah.

## FAVOURITE TOWN XI?

Digby, Davis, Gurney, Calderwood, Reeves, Invincible, P. Edwards, Gooden, Ndah, Hay & Woan.

## ODD STORY FROM WATCHING THE TOWN?

Hearing Oxford chants when wearing my colours.

## PREDICTION FOR THIS SEASON?

Mid-table, 12th I think.

## STFC NEEDS YOUR HELP

**Town facing heavy fine or points reduction**

Swindon Town Football Club has been jeopardised by the behaviour of one fan, based in the Stratton Bank end of the Nationwide Stand, who threw a coin at the referee's assistant during the Port Vale victory.

This stupid act has been made subject of an official report by the referee.

Such action can lead to a heavy fine and or a points reduction. Do you know who it was? He cannot be a true Swindon fan and clearly he cannot be allowed to support our team because he is putting the club in danger.

If you know who it was tell STFC's stadium manager, Ron Topp on 01793 333734.

Standing in the Nationwide Stand is dangerous, not only to the people standing but also others. We recently had a Swindon boy badly hurt when someone, persistently standing, stumbled and fell into him.

Our stewards will take positive action with people who don't sit down. We are happy for any home supporter to get to their feet when the team is on the attack or when singing, but we do ask that they then sit down.

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# BUILDING BRIDGES

## SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon and welcome to today's home fixture against Wigan. Today we give a special Community Office welcome to Yvonne Napier and her group, Lavington Boys Football Club.

We also say a big hello to Mitchel Coombes who is celebrating his birthday with his friends today. Enjoy your day everyone, and let's hope you all witness a home win!

On Wednesday we were on our travels to Bristol where Dorcan under 13's girls represented us in the regional six-a-side competition. The girls won all of their five group games and went through to the semi-finals with a maximum of 15 points. The girls strolled through to the final after beating Torquay United 8-0. The final was a tight affair and we narrowly lost to Southampton 2-1. The girls did us proud, playing some outstanding football and Robyn Levett had a brilliant tournament, scoring some fantastic goals.



Andrew Soffroniou, from Wroughton Junior School, also came to Bristol where he took part in the Smoby table-top competition. Andrew did really well and got through to the semi-final stages. Everyone who went to Bristol had a great day, and to finish the day off we all visited the local McDonalds!

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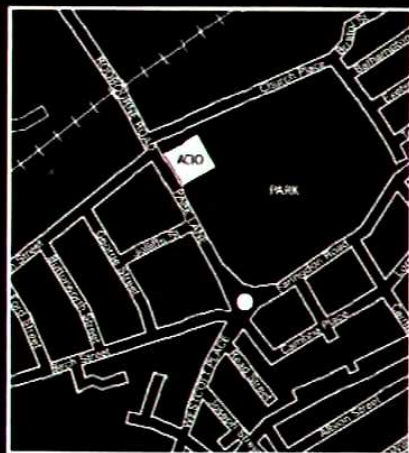
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## SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRES

# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The pupils from the seven of the eight schools attending study support are working flat out to prepare for their presentation evenings. The primary school pupils have to make a Swindon Town quiz using Power Point and create a display of their best work. Then they must make a presentation of their ideas to an audience of Parents Teachers and Guests.

The Secondary School students have been given the challenge to design pages for next seasons' Matchday magazine. These pages are designed to be a supplement for young fans with the emphasis on fun activities. Nick Judd, the magazine editor, has met the students and given them a list of top tips to help them prepare their pages. This challenge has proved to be highly motivating and we expect a plethora of ideas - which I'm sure Nick will plagiarise for next season's magazines (harsh, but fair - Ed). Working in small teams the Secondary School students have to create a display of their best work and present their ideas for the pages in the magazine to the invited audience.

The assistance given to the pupils by year 12 mentors from Wootton Bassett School has been invaluable and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work over the term.



## THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

February 19 1977 saw Town travel to Gay Meadow to face Shrewsbury. For the fourth time in five matches Swindon fought out a 2-2 draw. Goals from Trevor Anderson and John Trollope maintained the sides' mid-table position, but Shrewsbury's eighth match without a win had seen them slump from fourth to tenth, ruining their promotion hopes.

The 1976/77 season saw Wigan finish 14th in the Northern Premier League and despite defeating eventual NPL champions Boston in the first round of the FA Trophy they fell to Wimbledon in the following round.

1) Which Shrewsbury striker that day later joined Swindon and had a spell as Assistant Manager at the County Ground?

2) Which Town keeper played his 79th (and last) game for Swindon in the same match before departing to play in the USA?

3) Which Aston Villa striker had the distinction of being voted both PFA and PFA Young Player of the Year on March 13 1977?

4) In which year did Wigan join the Football League, and whose place did they take?

5) Which Swindon Wembley goal scorer was on the playing staff at Wigan last season?





with George Chadwick

## JUNIOR ROBINS

A big warm welcome to all of our Junior Robins this afternoon.

Unfortunately, we still have not had the response we would have liked from you to our trip to Stoke City on Easter Monday, April 1. About 28 JR's have applied so far which includes the JR's committee – not good! There is still time for you to decide to come along, so please send in your form or get in touch with George on 01672 520679 to book your free place. You don't have to play football if you don't want to, you can just come along and enjoy the day with us.

Our Junior Robin mascot today is Jamie Mulley who is celebrating his eighth birthday today – Happy birthday Jamie from everyone involved with the Junior Robins. Jamie comes to all home matches and his favourite players are Danny Invincible and Bart Griemink. He plays in goal for Blunsdon Colts under 8's and his ambitions are to be a Swindon Town ball boy, and to own a Porsche! Enjoy your day Jamie.

Let's hear it for the lads – come on you reds!

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



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## SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER

This week is the Soccer Centres' eighth free ticket offer and so I am hoping that there are a few of you cheering on the lads this afternoon! Jacob Good and his family are here as guests of the Soccer Centres too, Jacob attends our Ridgeway Soccer Centre where, unfortunately, he cracked his head open. The Ridgeway coach, Dave Turner, said that Jacob was very brave and is desperate to get fit again. Enjoy the game Jacob. All the kids on the courses will be receiving medals and certificates at the end of this term (next week). I have to thank Don Rogers for supplying the medals for the kids this year, as well as his wife and daughters who helped put the medals on ribbons. I am very appreciative of this and I know that the kids are too. May I also thank Francesca Fuoco and her staff at Service Point in Old Town for providing the certificates.

### SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER CENTRES

#### OASIS (Swindon Borough)

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

#### HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

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

#### HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

#### BAMPTON (Oxon)

Friday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 7.8 & 9 years  
6.00 - 7.00 pm 10 - 11 years

#### STRATTON

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

#### LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

#### MARLBOROUGH

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

#### RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

#### CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm 9 - 11 years

#### 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





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# STATS 2001/02

## STATS KEY

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

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,934	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolverhampton	7,886	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,219	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,889	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom (WV)	14,636	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chastelfield	4,276	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,519	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,388	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester (EFL)	1,261	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,373	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	4,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Oct 27	(A) 2.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City	7,981	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	6,018	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Hartlepool Utd (FAC)	4,766	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,947	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & HA	8,830	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,127	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	6,836	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Hemel Hempstead (FAC)	7,699	3-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Fri Dec 11	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County	4,187	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth	6,790	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Bury	7,624	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City (FAC)	21,681	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sun Jan 13	(H) 2.15pm	Bristol City	7,773	1-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oldham Athletic	3,970	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	6,586	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Jan 22	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County	3,821	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham	2,879	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
FA Cup Fourth Round																	
Wed Jan 30	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd	3,132	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	6,585	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Feb 5	(H) 7.45pm	Huddersfield Town	5,094	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City	12,046	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Thu Feb 14	(H) 3.00pm	Reading	9,264	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers	8,106	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chastelfield	4,580	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale	5,867	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,844	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town	9,569	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	GRAZIOU	DUKE	SABIN		
FA Cup Sixth Round																	
Sat Mar 16	(H) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath															
Sat Mar 30	(H) 3.00pm	Blackpool															
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City															
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	QPR															
Tue Apr 9	(A) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd															
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove															
Sun Apr 14	FA Cup Semi-Final																
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															
Sun May 1	FA Cup Final																

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









## SWINDON

### Manager

**Andy King**

Bart Griemink	1
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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
Ian Herring	21
Alan Reeves	22
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreevey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29
Chris Collins	30
Kevin Halliday	31
Craig Farr	32



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Lee McCulloch	11
Neil Roberts	12
Scott Green	14
Paul Mitchell	15
Derek Stillie	16
Gary Teale	17
Ian Kilford	18
Ged Brannan	20
Tony Dinning	21
Peter Kennedy	22
Matt Jackson	23
Ben Kay	25
Ian Johnson	26
Stewart Kerr	27
Greg Traynor	28
David Moore	29
Kieron Charnock	30
Paul Dalglish	31
Ian Pendlebury	32



**Saturday 16th March 2002**

**kick-off 3.00pm**

## MATCH OFFICIALS

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**Sat Mar 16 2001/02**

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



## Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 13/03/2002)
Reading	39	22	9	8	58	33	75	+25	
Brighton	39	20	13	6	54	37	73	+17	
Brentford	39	20	9	10	68	39	69	+29	
Stoke	39	19	10	10	60	36	67	+24	
Huddersfield	38	18	12	8	56	38	66	+18	
Bristol C	38	19	8	11	56	37	65	+19	
Oldham	39	16	13	10	66	51	61	+17	
Cardiff	38	16	13	9	56	44	61	+12	
Tranmere	38	15	13	10	55	44	58	+11	
QPR	39	15	13	11	51	41	58	+10	
Wycombe	39	15	11	13	51	54	56	-3	
Wigan	39	13	14	12	55	43	53	+12	
Port Vale	39	15	8	16	48	53	53	-5	
Swindon	39	13	11	15	41	60	50	-9	
Blackpool	39	11	14	14	52	61	47	-9	
Chesterfield	38	11	13	14	46	49	46	-3	
Colchester	39	12	10	17	55	67	46	-12	
Peterborough	38	12	9	17	52	50	45	+2	
Bury	39	10	10	19	37	64	40	-27	
Bournemouth	38	9	11	18	49	60	38	-11	
Northampton	39	11	5	23	43	70	38	-27	
Notts Co	39	9	10	20	47	63	37	-16	
Wrexham	39	9	9	21	45	76	36	-31	
Cambridge	38	5	10	23	34	77	25	-43	



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