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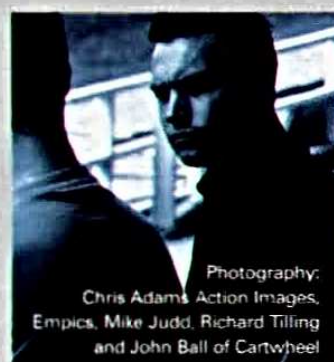
EDITOR'S EYE

What a fantastic finale to the season we've got to look forward to. The premiership title race is still wide open and for once, the initiative is not with Alex Ferguson's side. Any one of eight sides could go down into Division One and closer to home, the Division Two title race is also up for grabs.

The great thing about it is that we, for once, can have a say in other clubs' destinies. Far too often we have had to look at other results in order to see if we are going up, staying up or going down (I remember the pure sense of elation upon hearing THAT Rovers result last year that kept us up). This time around, hopefully that scenario isn't going to be the case and instead it will be our results that people are waiting for at 4.45pm. Brighton (who we play on April 13) can still catch Reading, whilst Stoke (whom we visit on Monday) also have an outside shot at automatic promotion. At the other end Cambridge will be looking for a win against us in order to stay in the division - a task which may be out of their hands depending on this week-end's results. Yet the season is not over for us either. At the moment we are not mathematically safe and for some of the younger players at the club, it is a crucial part of the season - many of them playing for their futures. That is why we have dedicated this issue to them and on pages 27-31, you can meet those looking to join Andy King's first team squad next year.

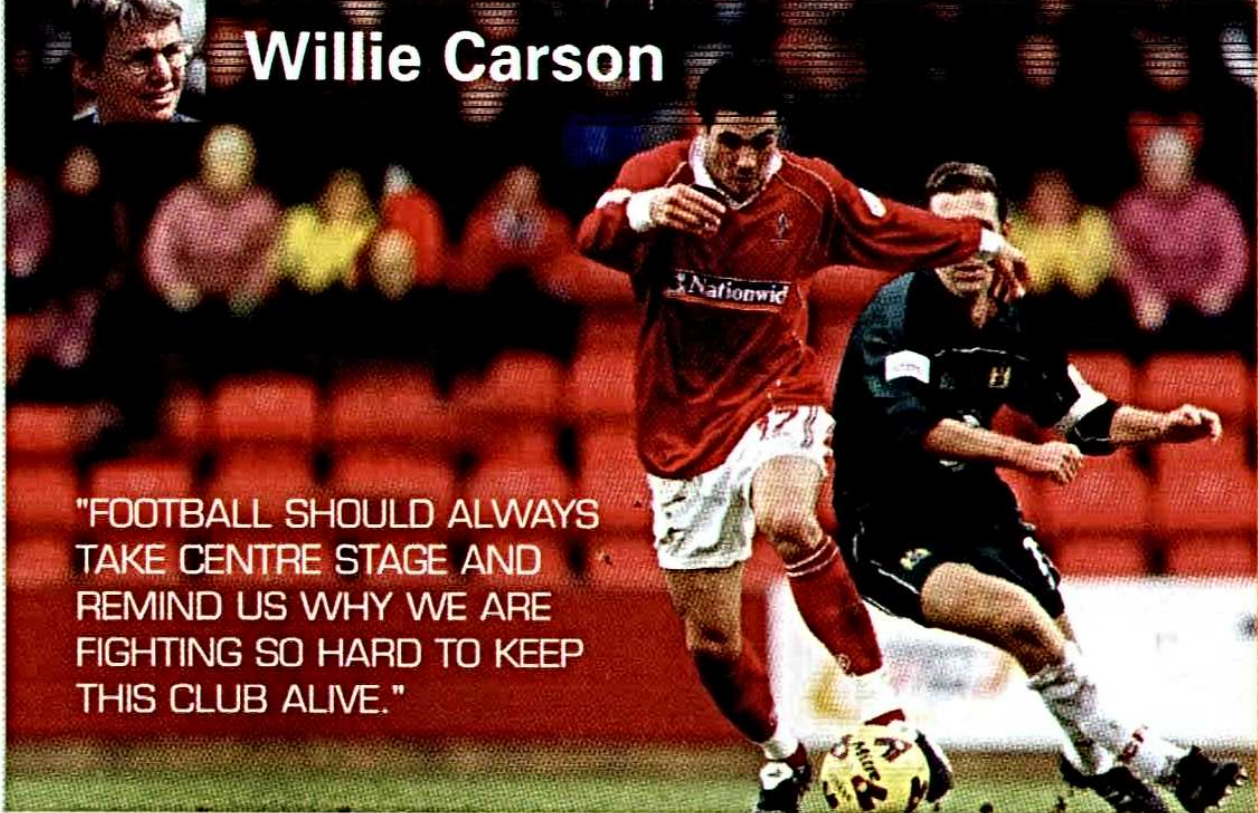
Also in this issue, we have an exclusive feature on Town supporters from around the world (page 38). A couple of weeks ago, we issued an appeal to find out where the STFC exiles are and what they're up to - some of the responses were fantastic. Talking of the website, be sure to get your vote in for this year's official Player of the Year. A season ticket and signed shirt are up for grabs for one lucky supporter that is plucked from those that vote for the eventual winner, and they get to present the player with their award on the pitch before the Wycombe game. Good luck!

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"FOOTBALL SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AND REMIND US WHY WE ARE FIGHTING SO HARD TO KEEP THIS CLUB ALIVE."

CARSON'S COLUMN

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's match against Blackpool. Last week, after much preparation the board of directors and myself took a course of action that would hopefully see the club move into administration.

The application was submitted to the High Court in London and the decision was expected on Wednesday 27. Unfortunately, due to the Bank Holiday print deadlines, these notes were written prior to Wednesday's High Court decision and, therefore, I think the purpose of these notes will be to explain how this decision came about and what we think it means to the future of Swindon Town Football Club.

Firstly, I must point out that this course of action has not been taken lightly and is supported by the Inland Revenue and Football League. Bob Holt met with representatives of both parties in the weeks previous and outlined our intention to take the club into administration. One of the main reasons for this was to prevent the club being wound up by its major creditors. The club needs time to be able to rectify its financial problems and with the threat of foreclosure hanging over the club it was necessary to give us some breathing room and, more importantly, investors. Under administration, the club will be able to open negotiations with potential investors and property developers whose interest is hoped will further secure a solid foundation for the club to go forward.

Sir Seton Wills has been the only person keeping this club alive and has recently provided the club with emergency funds, and pledged a further £400,000 to see the club through until the end of this season. However, it is up to us, the board of directors to find fresh investment because he does not have an endless pot of money we can keep dipping into. I know the fans are thinking 'Here we go again' but this move must be regarded as a positive step in stabilising the long-term future of the club. There is still a huge amount of work for us to do but we must take it one hurdle at a time and although it would be easy to slip into a 'doom and gloom' attitude, we have to be positive that we can turn things around. I hope today's game will give everybody the distraction they need from the financial situation because the football should always take centre stage and remind us why we are fighting so hard to keep this club alive.



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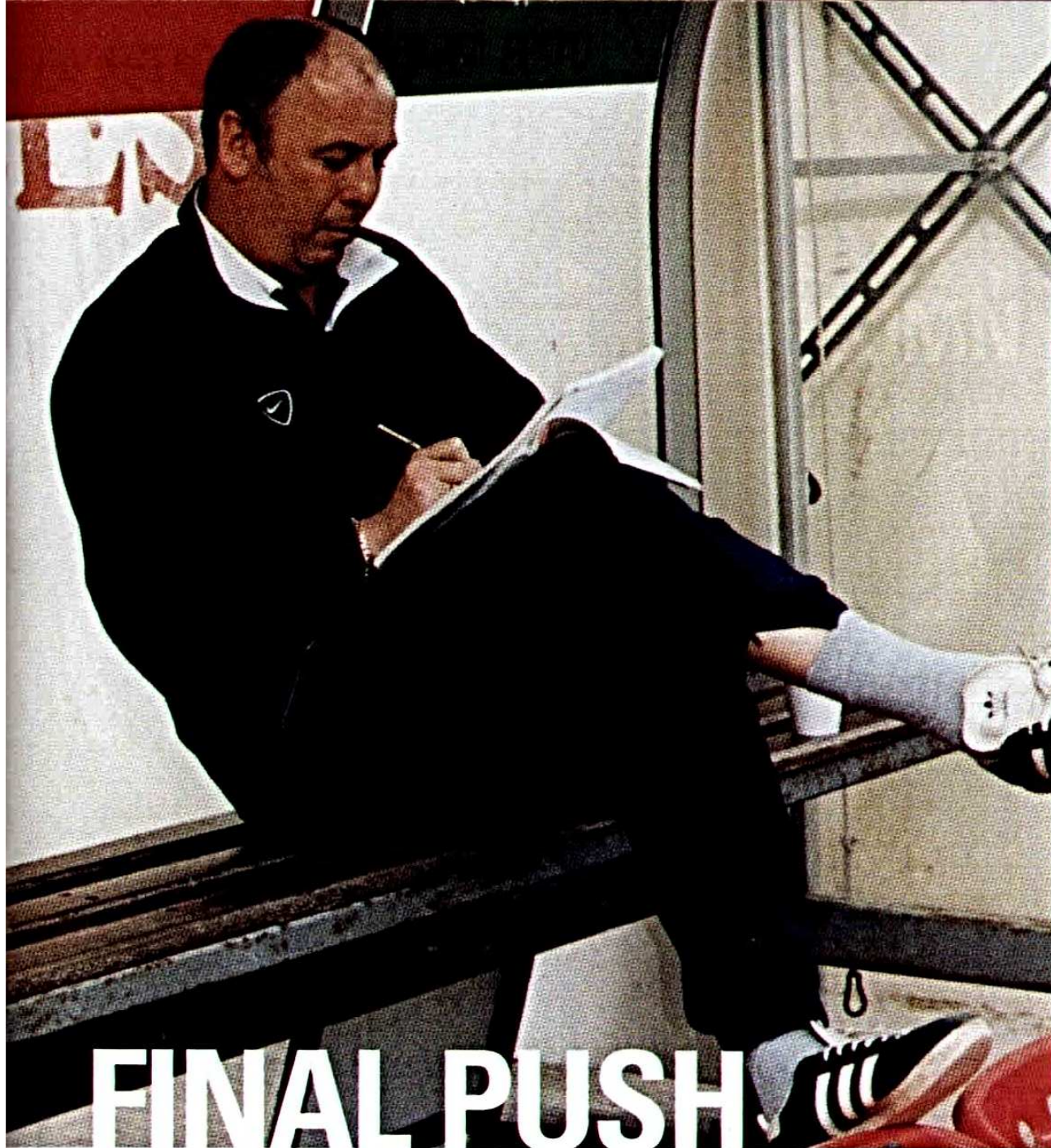
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FINAL PUSH

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to the County Ground for today's league encounter with Blackpool. Before I go any further, may I take this opportunity in welcoming Steve McMahon back to the County Ground.

As you all know, Steve was at this club for nearly four years and in that time he won a Second Division title. Since then he has gone on to enjoy a considerable amount of success with Blackpool and to be honest, it comes as no surprise. As a player he was always a fierce character and what I'd call a 'winner'. I played against him on several occasions and let's just say that each game was very well contested! It is also nice to see a manager here with less hair than me – we seem to be a dying breed these days! But seriously, I wish Steve, his management team, directors, players and supporters a very warm welcome and a safe journey home following the game.

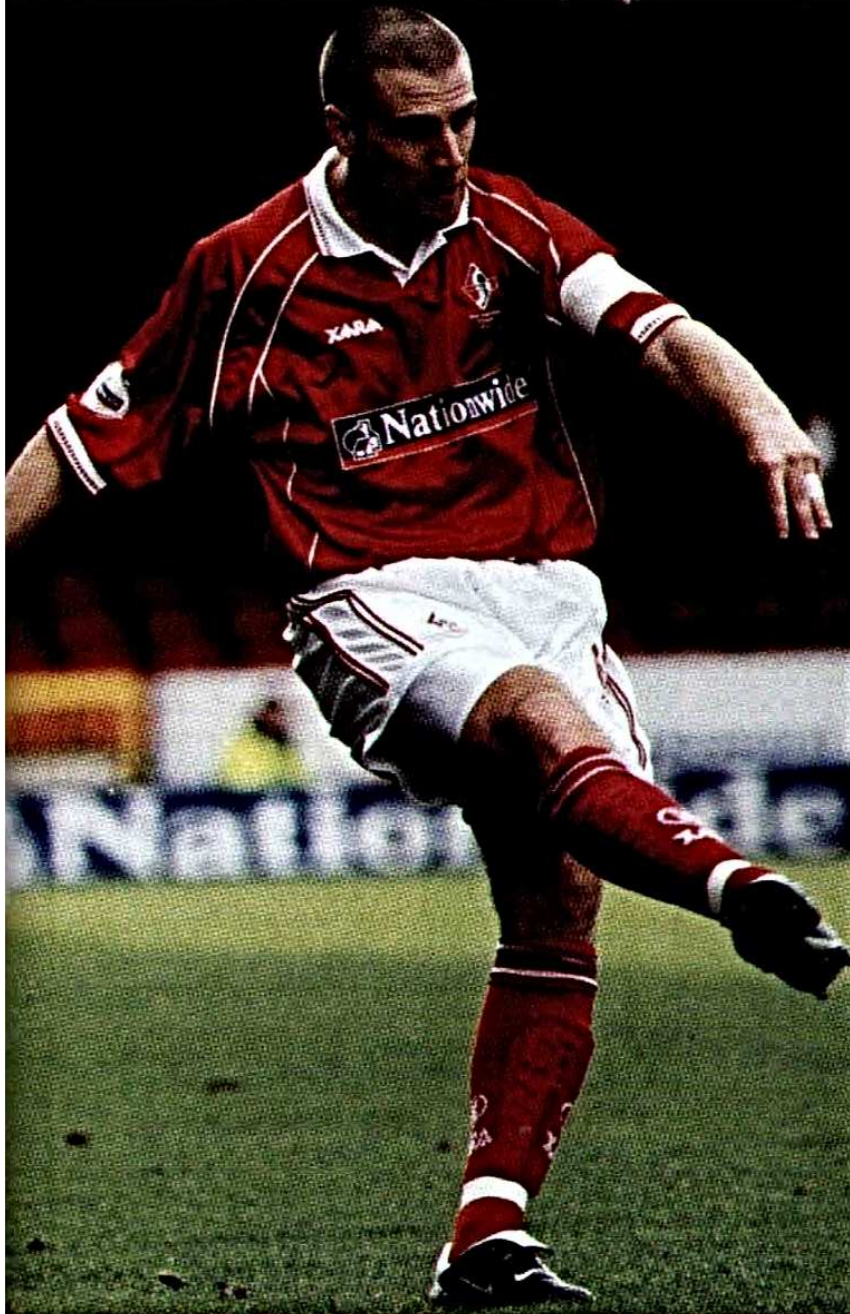
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As some of you may or may not know I travelled to the Britannia Stadium last weekend to watch Stoke play against Chesterfield. We are set to play the Potters on Monday, but what was pleasing about the afternoon was that all the other teams around us lost on a day in which we didn't have a game ourselves. What that means is that a win today will actually see us mathematically safe in the league, Bury in the last relegation place would be 13 points behind us with four games to play. Such a situation would be very pleasing. It would certainly mean that we'd have a less controversial end to the season that last year (!), but more importantly, it gives me the opportunity to look at some of the younger players. I made a promise to the younger members of the squad that I would give them the opportunity to show me what they can do when the time was right. Hopefully today we can assure our safety with a win and that will mean I can select the younger players without the fear of relegation, I think it is important that there is as little pressure on them as possible.

As you know, this club hasn't got the resources to go out and buy a number of new players and so the importance of the younger players becomes even greater. That is also the reason why we held a trial game earlier on in the week here at the County Ground. On Monday afternoon I invited a number of players who are currently out of contract in the hope that one might excel. Even with the financial problems the club is facing, I have to be positive and plan ahead for next season and these kind of matches give me the opportunity to have a look at a lot of players at the same time.

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CROZZER'S COLUMN

It seems so long since we last played here at the County Ground against Wigan

Obviously we would have liked to win all three points and both teams could have certainly scored the second and decisive goal, but it would have been an unfair reflection on the match if either side had came out on top.

We have played much better at home recently and although the Wigan game saw our standards drop a little, it was an extremely committed display by every one of our players and they showed great character to get back into the match so soon after going behind. Eric was positive in his run toward goal and when you do that, you make your own luck and he got a bit when his shot deflected into the back of the net. More often than not he would have passed the ball out wide but the lack of options available to him made his mind up for him and he went straight for goal. We want him to do more of that because his pace frightens defenders and he will probably score more goals if does that. Let's hope we can put in another strong performance against Blackpool today. Steve McMahon's side will, no doubt, be very resilient and tough to break down, so it will be another good test for us.

I'm a realist, and I don't think the next van Nistelrooy will have turned up but you never know, I might find someone that will strengthen the squad and have the qualities I'm looking for in a player. Needless to say that should any impress, we will take a longer look at them in the reserves for the rest of the season.

As for the club's financial situation – as you know I am not one to get involved with politics and so I am not going to dwell on it too much. What I will say is that I am sure by going into administration we can finally look to stabilise financially. However, my job is to keep everyone focused on the football side of things and today provides us with the perfect opportunity to take people's minds off what else is going on. I am hoping that the lads will be refreshed after their two-week break, yet mentally and physically prepared for what is a big game for us. If your support two weeks ago is anything to go by then I am confident of a large, vociferous crowd today, another fantastic performance should be enough to get that vital win under our belts.

STFC DIARY

**16TH MAR****C'EST MAGNIFIQUE FOR TOWN STRIKER, ERIC SABIN**

A classy Eric Sabin equaliser gave Andy King's side a share of the spoils against Wigan Athletic at the County Ground. Scott Green had given the visitors the lead only for Sabin to draw Town level four minutes later. King said: "We've played better this season but it was a strong performance from my players and we deserved the draw."

20TH MAR**TOWN THROUGH TO FINAL FOLLOWING 2-0 WIN**

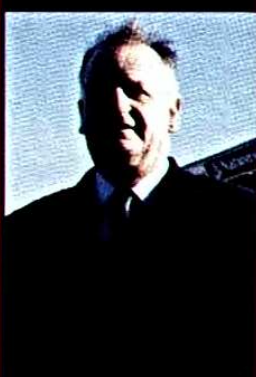
Town progressed to the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield with a 2-0 win at the County Ground over Wootton Bassett. Bertie Brayley, captain for the night, and Nathan Edwards scored the goals that were enough to win the game, although the spirited visitors came close on several occasions. Town now face Chippenham in the final.

21ST MAR**WHO WINS PLAYER OF THE YEAR? YOU DECIDE**

Town launch the STFC 'Player of the Year' competition on the club's official website. One lucky voter who nominates the winning player will win a season ticket and a signed shirt. The player will be presented with the award prior to the home match against Wycombe Wanderers. To vote visit www.swindon-townfc.co.uk.

21ST MAR**SPORTING CLUB DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS**

Town's Sporting Club Dinner, with special guest speaker Emlyn Hughes, was a huge success – the club raised in excess of £5,000. Commercial manager, Mike Sullivan enthused, "It was an excellent evening which was very well supported. It was a fantastic foundation from which to build upon in the future."

22ND MAR**TOWN INTO ADMINISTRATION AGAIN?**

Town's directors submitted an application to the High Court requesting that the club move into administration. The application was supported by both the Inland Revenue and the Football League. The course of action would prevent the club being wound up by major creditors and also open the way to negotiate with potential investors and property developers.

25TH MAR**STARS TO GO ON TRIAL AS KING LOOKS FOR A BARGAIN**

Andy King welcomed over 20 hopefuls in an effort to catch a bargain. Andy King arranged a 'behind closed doors' trial match and invited players that are out of contract to make their bid to join his squad ahead of next season. Players that caught the eye could be offered the opportunity to train with the squad and feature in the reserves.

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THE PADDLE FUND!

By the time you read this, the club should be back in administration, with debts totalling some £10 million.

We at the Trust have been warning that this club was encountering real problems, but now everything has come to a head.

So what can the average supporter do?

By being here today you are helping – but try dragging along a friend and you will be contributing so much more. If the supporters can add just 500 on to the average gate, it can make a real difference.

Yes you can join the Trust, that way we can carry on working to support this club in various ways.

Finally, you can contribute to our 'Paddle Fund'. The Trust has already worked very hard in the background to understand what the implications of all the twists and turns that have been happening at the club. One of the advantages of having the Trust is that we can use the services of 'Supporters Direct' and so we have access to the best legal and financial advice. This would not be possible if we had not formed a Trust.

We do however, need to increase our funds and to that end we have started the Paddle Fund.

Do I have to explain the name?

Ok then; It's because the club are up a certain creek without a paddle! We intend to supply the paddle. If every home supporter could contribute just £10, then we would have a starting point of £50,000. Which would allow us to do a great deal.

I know you have heard this all before – but this really is the last chance saloon. If you wish to see this club survive, please contribute to the fund.

Please give your donations to the Trust bucket collectors – or drop it into the Trust Office after the game:

The Trust can be contacted from their web site www.truststfc.co.uk.

Treatment room...



As some of you may or may not know, 'Razor' Ruddock is now playing again and last Monday and Wednesday, played for the reserves against Gillingham and Portsmouth. 'Razor' has been out since picking up an injury at Notts County in December last year. Hopefully now, having returned to the playing field he will be in contention for a first team return.

James Williams has also received some good news. James returned to training this week after a successful day (Tuesday) kicking balls with me. James has been out for a while with a complex injury, but hopefully now he can get a few games under his belt before the end of the season. Someone that is unlikely to figure again this season is Sol Davis. Sol pulled up with a groin injury against Wigan and, having had it x-rayed, we can see a white patch where he has experienced some internal bleeding. It is not a serious injury, but it's one that needs to be treated properly.

Finally, some more good news regarding Keith O'Halloran. Keith is now working extremely hard on the bike and in the pool. He can see the end in sight and it's a case of getting his ankle moving again and building up his all round body strength.



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MAC ONCE AGAIN

LAST SUNDAY'S VICTORY AT THE MILLENNIUM STADIUM, THEIR SECOND IN THE SPACE OF 10 MONTHS, ENCAPSULATED WHAT HAS BEEN A PROSPEROUS PERIOD FOR STEVE MCMAHON'S BLACKPOOL SIDE. ONE MORE WIN AND THE FORMER TOWN SUPREMO WILL HAVE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED THE CLUB'S RETURN TO DIVISION TWO.



In fact, when Blackpool overturned the much-fancied O's in Cardiff in the play-offs (4-2), many cynics were already tipping 'Macca's' side for an immediate return to Division Three this season, even more so when top goalscorer, Brett Ormerod, was sold to Southampton for £2.25million.

Seasiders facts

Name Blackpool
Formation 1887
Nickname Seasiders
Stadium Bloomfield Road (11,250)
Position 2000/01 7th (Nationwide League Division Three)
Recent signings Scott Taylor, Chris Clarke
Form guide LDDWLW
Next three fixtures
 Apr 1 Wrexham 3.00pm
 Apr 6 Notts County 3.00pm
 Apr 13 Bristol City 3.00pm
Top goalscorers Murphy (9)
Honours
 Second Division Champions 1930,
 FA Cup Winners 1953,
 Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1971
Most capped player
 Jimmy Armfield (England: 43)
Head to head (wins)
 Swindon 5, Blackpool 11, draws 9
Last encounter
 Blackpool 1-0 Swindon Town
 (Div Two - 2001/02)
Odds to get promoted 80/1
Website www.blackpoolfc.co.uk
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 40 pages @ £2, edited by Roger Harrison and Geoff Warburton



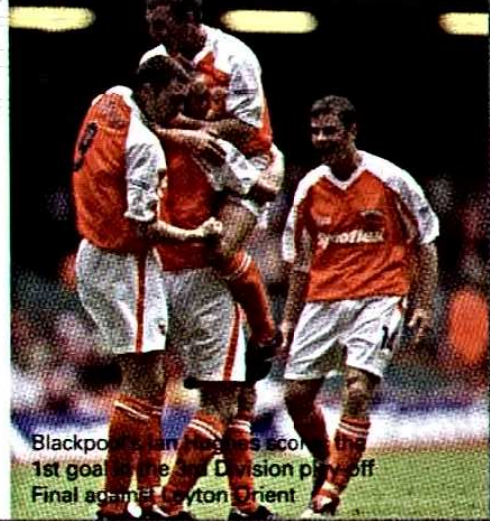
However, the Seasiders have defied everyone with a number of outstanding performances this year and at the moment, they sit just one place behind us in the league table.

Steve McMahon needs little introduction of course, the former Liverpool and England hard-man managing STFC to a Division Two Championship in 1996. In total, Macca spent nearly four years at the County Ground, but unfortunately it'll be his rigorous man-management and controversial departure that he will be remembered for. Yet love him or loathe him, he has managed to turn the club's fortunes around on a shoe-string budget (McMahon at one stage, asking Andy King for the services of Danny Invincible). A defeat on the opening day (against Reading) was followed by the side's first victory against Bournemouth and a draw against Wycombe, a series of results that embalms their whole season. Had it not been for their inconsistency Blackpool would probably be competing for another play-off berth instead of occupying a mid-table position.

More recently, McMahon's side have encountered just one win in six (in the league), albeit an emphatic 4-0 effort against Port Vale on March 16. However, last Sunday's victory against Cambridge (in which they managed four goals again, Murphy, Clarke, Taylor and Hills on the score sheet) could provide the catalyst they need for an impressive end to the season - John Murphy in particular in fine form in recent weeks - the striker trying his best to fill the void left behind by Brett Ormerod with a total of nine goals.



Bloomfield Road



Blackpool's Ian Hughes scores the 1st goal in the 3rd Division play-off Final against Leyton Orient

Steve was appointed manager on January 7 2000 to replace Nigel Worthington who had resigned just before Christmas 1999. Steve gained managerial experience here at the County Ground and in his four years here he won the Second Division Championship title. He ended his time at Swindon in September 1999 and worked with the media until being appointed by Blackpool.

As a player he will be remembered for his competitive attitude in midfield where he made over 600 appearances for Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool, Manchester City and Swindon. Added to these he picked up 17 appearances for England during an illustrious career in top-flight English soccer.

Unfortunately he could not prevent Blackpool from being relegated despite the influx of several experienced players. During the summer of 2000 he brought in some younger players as he started to rebuild the side that, after a roller coaster season, finally gained promotion via the end of the season play-offs at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium. In February 2001 he pledged his fortune to the club by signing a two-year extension to his contract and now looks to continue his rebuilding programme with success in Division Two.

In the dug-out...

**STEVE
McMAHON**

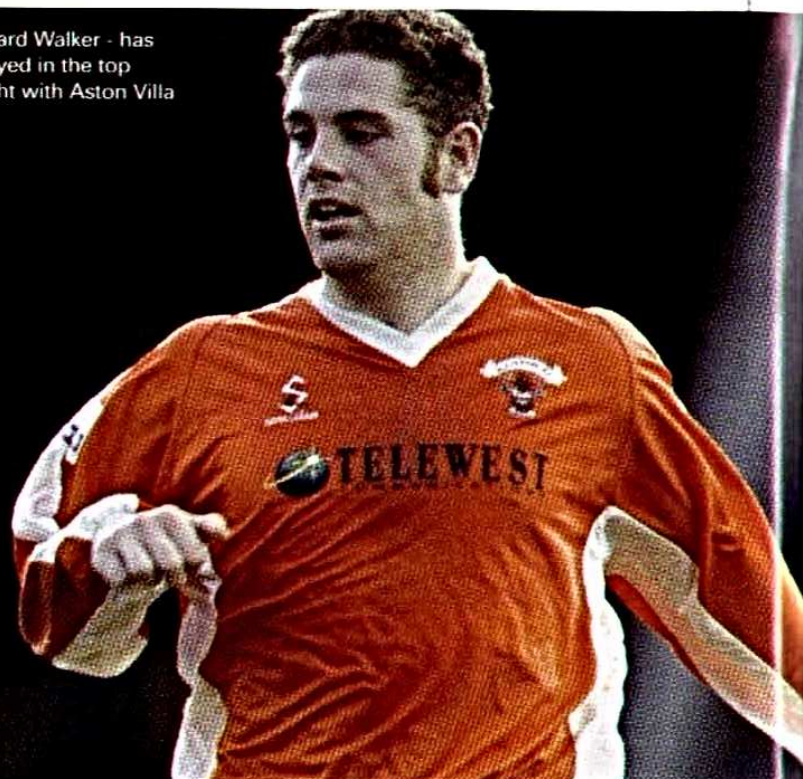


One to watch...

RICHARD WALKER

Striker who signed for an initial fee of £50,000 from Aston Villa on December 20 2001 on a contract that will see him stay at the Seaside until end of the 2003/4 season. He had previously been at the club on three-month loan during the back end of the Third Division promotion season 2000/01. He endeared himself to the Blackpool faithful with a last minute header against Plymouth Argyle at Bloomfield Road. Earlier this season he spent a successful three-month loan at Wycombe Wanderers, who Blackpool beat to get Richard's signature.

Ricard Walker - has played in the top flight with Aston Villa

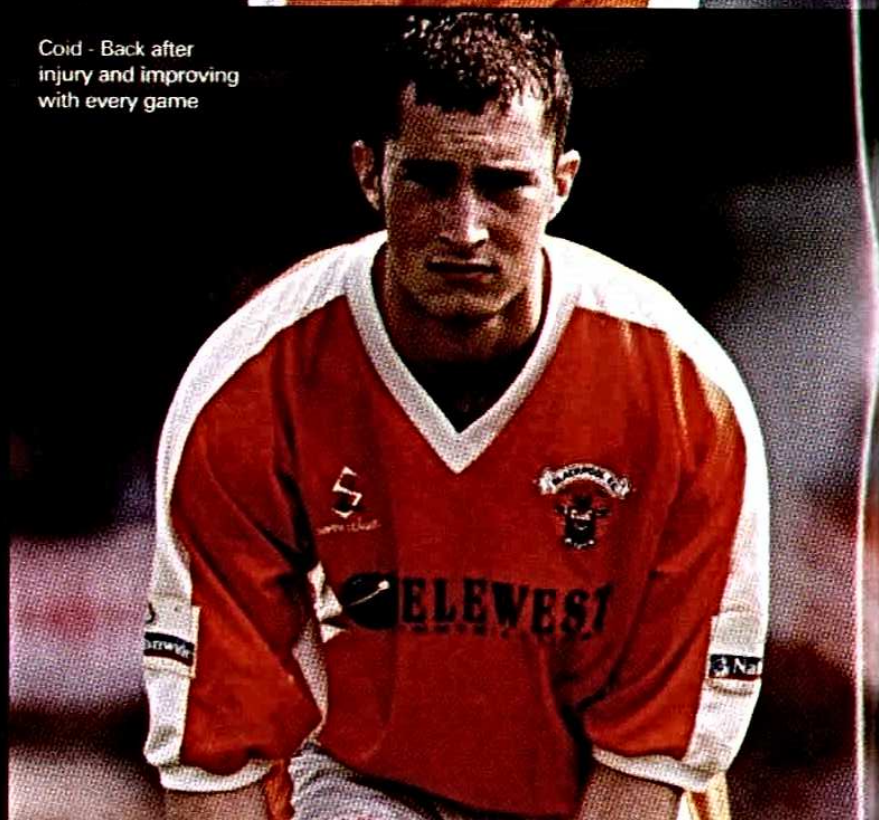


Young gun...

DANNY COID

Young defender/midfielder from Liverpool who, having broken into the side in 1999/00, appeared in every game last season. He is a product of the club's successful youth policy and he likes to get forward at every opportunity and would like to add further goals to his impressive performances. To date he has made 71 full appearances with two goals to his name. He missed the first few games through injury but has now won his place back.

Coid - Back after injury and improving with every game



Phil Barnes

Young goalkeeper who appears to have cemented the number one spot as his own having made 42 appearances last season, 59 in total. Blackpool paid Rotherham £100,000 for his services in 1997 as a long-term replacement for Steve Banks and this fee showed the potential that the management thought he had.

Phil Clarkson

Goal scoring midfielder who regained his place for the successful final run in after being on the bench for a great period of last season. Started his career at non-league Fleetwood before being picked up by Dario Grady at Crewe. He moved on to Scunthorpe and continued his goalscoring prowess.

Lee Collins

Midfielder that signed on a 'Bosman' during the summer of 2000 on a free transfer when he was out of contract. Steve McMahon took Lee to Swindon for £15,000 from Albion Rovers in Scotland. He is a hard tackling player who suffered a hernia during the 2000/1 season, but is now back to his best.

Graham Fenton

An experienced front player who signed a two-year contract after a clause in his St Mirren contract allowed him to leave if the club were relegated from the Scottish Premiership. He started his career at Aston Villa before moving to West Brom, Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, Walsall and Stoke City.

Ian Hughes

The former Welsh U-21 International, signed from Bury, has settled into a central defensive role after initially being employed as a midfielder. He is one of the most consistent players at the club and an integral part of the defence. He has recently signed a contract keeping him at the club to June 2003.

Tommy Jaszczun

Steve McMahon's first signing; Tommy is a left-sided defender who joined the club on a three-year contract in January 2000 from Aston Villa for £50,000. He was previously a schoolboy and YTS at Villa and is now a hard working player that likes to get forward and support the attack when possible.

Jamie Milligan

Young left-sided midfielder signed on a free transfer from Everton on deadline day 2001. Like John Hills, Jamie is another local lad who was picked up by Everton having played his youth football on the Fylde coast with YMCA in St Annes. He has a very cultured left foot and a great deal is expected of this young man.

John O'Kane

John joined from Bolton who had just been promoted to the Premiership. He has excellent credentials having played with Manchester United, Everton and Bolton Wanderers plus loan spells with Bury, Bradford City and Burnley. Much will be expected of this talented player this term.

Gary Parkinson

Gary is an experienced defender who was Steve McMahon's second deadline day signing in March 2001. He is noted for his tough tackling, explosive free kicks and penalties. He has previously represented Middlesbrough, Bolton Wanderers, and Burnley before joining Preston North End.

Brian Reid

Brian is a tall central defender who joined the club from Dunfermline Athletic after an initial three-month loan period. He started his career at Rangers and following a previous loan spell at Burnley. He signed an 18-month contract in January 2001 and has also weighed in with several important goals.

Paul Simpson

Upon leaving Wolves, Paul signed a two-year contract for the 'Seasiders' in August 2000. He is a vastly experienced left-sided midfielder who has proved to one of Steve McMahon's best signings, cleaning up all 'Player of the Year' awards. He scored on his debut against Hull City and weighed in with 12 last season.

Martin Bullock

Signed a two-year contract with the club after impressing in a one-month spell. Although diminutive he is a very aggressive midfielder who offers a different approach as he loved to run at defences with the ball. He was surprisingly released by Barnsley in the summer of 2001 after making more than 200 appearances.



Ian Herring, Chris Collins and Juan Cobian tussle with Andy Hessenthaler

IN RESERVE

A 13th minute strike by 18-year-old Graham Walton gave Town's Reserves a 1-0 win over an experienced Gillingham side at Priestfield.

The win gave Neil Ruddock's side their first win in six matches and considering that Gillingham fielded a very experienced side, this result will be a big lift for the Robins' young Reserve outfit. Graham Walton scored the only goal of the game in the 13th minute following a Neil Ruddock knock-down. The young striker has impressed the Town's coaching staff with his goal-getting this season and his winner will no doubt add to his growing reputation. 'Razor' Ruddock was in charge of the team and had this to say following the match in Kent: "I was really chuffed for the boys because it was a very tough game for us and to come away with a win was absolutely fantastic. "It was a long coach journey and it was a very hot day, but I asked them to work as hard as they could for each other. They haven't had the best of seasons as a team and they're coming off the back off a poor run of results. Gillingham had a very experienced side out, including five first team players and their manager, Andy Hessenthaler. The good thing was that it didn't affect our lads and they approached the game like any other and it was the best I had seen this young side perform all season. They moved the ball well on a very good pitch and we were fortunate enough to hold onto our one-goal advantage, scored in the 13th minute, for a good win.

"We've got a few games coming up because of the fixture congestion and so hopefully this win will give them the confidence to go out and do it again."



Gillingham Res 0
Swindon Res 1

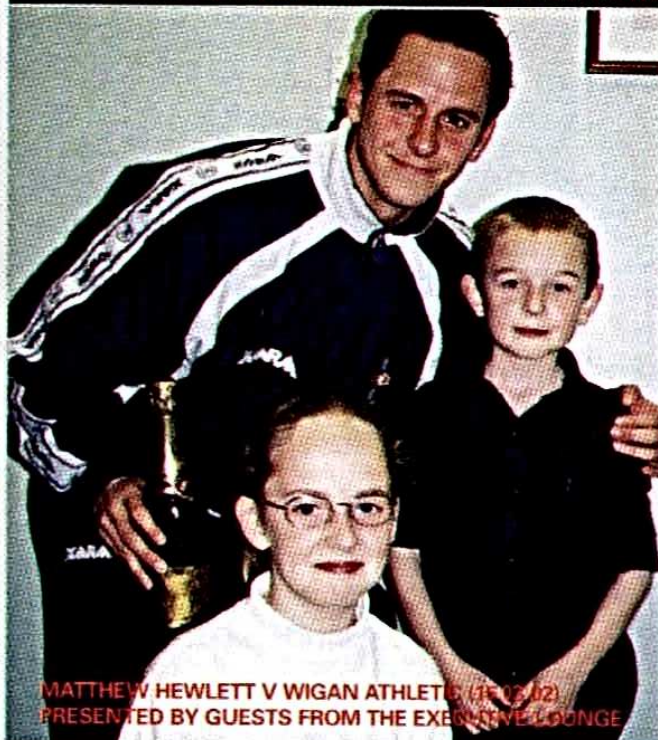
Monday 25th March
Kick-off 2.00pm

Swindon line-up:
McKinney, Andersen, Thomas,
Collins, B Smith, Herring, Cobian,
Brayley, Walton, Reed, Ruddock
Subs: S. Smith, Hughes, Crosby

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| Wed Aug 15 | Wycombe Wanderers | (H) | 1-3 |
| Tue Aug 21 | Bristol City (LC) | (H) | 2-1 |
| Wed Aug 29 | Oxford United | (A) | 0-1 |
| Wed Sep 5 | Brighton & Hove | (A) | 0-0 |
| Wed Sep 12 | AFC Bournemouth | (H) | 2-0 |
| Wed Sep 25 | Bristol Rovers | (A) | 0-2 |
| Wed Oct 3 | Norwich City | (H) | 1-2 |
| Wed Oct 10 | Cheltenham Town | (A) | 0-1 |
| Thur Oct 18 | Colchester United | (H) | 0-2 |
| Wed Nov 7 | Peterborough United | (H) | 3-4 |
| Mon Nov 12 | Cambridge United | (A) | 2-2 |
| Wed Dec 5 | Barnet | (H) | P-P |
| Wed Dec 12 | Luton Town | (A) | 0-1 |
| Wed Dec 19 | Northampton Town | (H) | 1-1 |
| Wed Jan 9 | Leyton Orient | (H) | 2-1 |
| Wed Jan 23 | Gillingham | (A) | 0-1 |
| Wed Jan 30 | Reading | (H) | 1-2 |
| Wed Feb 6 | Cardiff City | (H) | P-P |
| Tue Feb 12 | QPR | (A) | 0-1 |
| Wed Feb 20 | Crystal Palace | (H) | P-P |
| Wed Feb 27 | Reading | (A) | 1-1 |
| Wed Mar 6 | Cardiff City (LC) | (H) | 0-0 |
| Wed Mar 13 | Bristol City | (A) | 0-3 |
| Mon Mar 25 | Gillingham | (H) | 1-0 |
| 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
PHILIP TOWL, MCLEAN HOMES

BOBBY HOWE V CHESTERFIELD
(26.02.02) PRESENTED BY
GUESTS OF ZURICH

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Last weekend the under 9's, 10's and 11's played Cardiff City at the club's training ground. It was a fantastic opportunity for the under 9's because, unfortunately, they have not played many games this season. However, despite playing well and with Callum Wright scoring a fantastic goal they were beaten 4-1. The under 10's won 4-2 and the 11's drew 4-4. All of our younger age groups are doing really well at the moment, putting into practice what they learn from their training sessions at Greendown School.

Against Plymouth our under 12's and 14's were also playing at Zurich Life, both teams putting in superb performances. The under 12's won 3-0, the under 14's 5-0. The 13's and 15's meanwhile travelled to Plymouth and both emerged victorious (3-2).

On the whole, the weekend was very pleasing, not just because of the results, but for the lads' performances too. Hopefully they will continue to produce these displays until the end of the season. They now have two weeks off from coaching, but they are involved in some games over the Easter holidays.

Enjoy the game,
Jimmy Fraser



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YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Jim Fraser

Bad luck and bad finishing was the reason given by Viv Busby for his sides' 2-1 defeat last weekend. The under 19's had managed to climb to second in the table following a 2-0 win over Walsall, the goals coming from Neil Crosby and a Walsall own goal.

However, last weekend's defeat contrived to stop Town keeping up with Brentford, Brighton and West Brom at the top. Graham Walton scored Town's only goal, but Viv Busby said that it was just one of those days. "We should have reached double figures to be honest. Exeter were a poor side and only managed to get into our half on about six occasions. But when they scored the first you just knew it was going to be one of those days, it was a tame shot that took an eternity to cross the line. We got one back and looked likely to go and win the game but it just wasn't to be - but you get those days in football and hopefully luck will go our way in another game."



Exeter u19 2
Swindon u19 1

Saturday 23rd March

Swindon line-up:

C Farr, I Herring, P Reed,
K Halliday, B Smith, N Edwards,
M Fenwick, D Bampton, N
Crosby, G Walton, C Hughes.
Subs: M Draycott, A Bristow,
D Taylor, J Cheeseman

STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02

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| 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 | 2-0 |
| Sat Mar 23 | Exeter City | A | 1-2 |
| 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

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|------------|-----------------|---|-----|
| 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 |
| Sat Mar 2 | Exeter City | A | |

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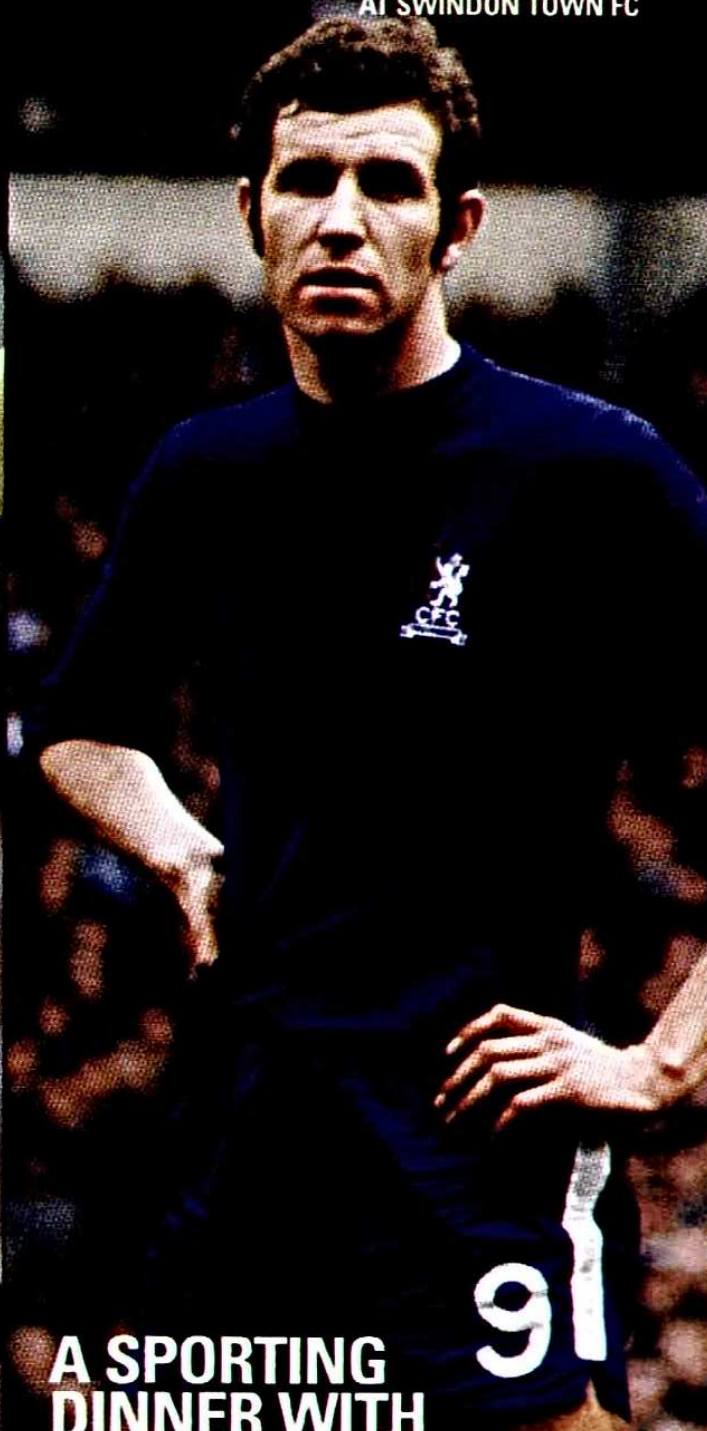
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

If everything has gone to plan by the time you read this then the High Court should have created a bit of history by granting the club a second spell in administration.

Although some supporters will see the decision as alarming to say the least, if it gives the club some vital breathing space, I suppose you have to go along with it. The directors feel it will give them time to get their house in order and if it does provide the platform for future stability, we can only wish them well. But the role of the Swindon Town Supporters' Trust should not be neglected. The worst thing for fans would be to turn their backs on TrustSTFC just because there might be a glimmer of light for the club. I am sure Tony Norris and his colleagues will be fighting hard to make sure that does not happen. It has not been a good couple of weeks for the poverty stricken members of the Football League. The national press almost seem to be running a book on which club will fold first. It is all very depressing. Let us hope and pray that it isn't Swindon Town. The ITV digital fiasco has not helped. The company cannot honour its £315m contract (at least that was the case at the time of going to press) and it has left clubs in the proverbial brown stuff. Has the football bubble really burst? I'm not sure it has but there is no doubt that our televisions are groaning under the weight of matches. I have ranted on several occasions about how much I hate Thursday and Friday night football. There needs to be a break. The World Cup is different but you generally need a season to end so you can start looking forward to the next one.

Anyway, on to the football. Today sees the return of Steve McMahon to the County Ground. I had yet to swap West Yorkshire for Wiltshire when 'Macca' was in charge here. But I get the overwhelming sense that he was not Mr Popularity. One thing Mr McMahon. I would not recommend trying to parade the LDV Vans Trophy around the pitch before kick off! We owe the Seasiders one after our 1-0 defeat at Bloomfield Road in November. I still have nightmares about Danny's last minute penalty. Let's hope he slams in a hat trick today. We may or may not have a different side out there today. These notes were obviously penned before transfer deadline day on Thursday. I hope we have not said goodbye to any of our 'stars'.

Anyway, enjoy the game and see you all back here for the match with Queens Park Rangers on Saturday. Where has the season gone? Remember, if you can't get to a game for any reason, follow all the action via the Evening Advertiser's live match feed at www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk. Come on you Reds!

COMMERCIAL BREAK



THE GRUMPS' JOIN THE TEAM

Joining the Marketing Department on a matchday are two local Mums, Debbie Pipe and Elaine Hiscock. Their role is to promote our matchday raffles in the Executive Lounges and Match Sponsor rooms. Debbie, 34, is married with two children and apart from Swindon Town, also supports Blackburn Rovers. Elaine, 36, is also married with two children and two stepchildren. She loves watching Formula One and supports Tottenham Hotspur. The girls have been friends since they both worked for the Nationwide Building Society. So if you find yourself in the Executive Lounge or Sponsors Lounge, watch out for the Grumps who'll be after you to buy their tickets in their efforts to help raise funds for the Town.

TOWN IN FULL BLOOM

At the last home game against Wigan, many of you may have noticed Town's players running on to the pitch with baskets of plants which they then presented to ladies in the crowd. The event was part of our belated mother's day celebrations.



The Club also had a special belated Mother's day hospitality package that enabled all Mums to enjoy, for only £10.00, a three-course meal, meet the players, have executive enclosure seating and receive a complimentary planted arrangement that were kindly supplied by Blackwell Brothers of Groundwell, Swindon. Blackwells also contributed a number of plants at last weeks Sporting Club Dinner and so to them – a huge thank you!

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Swindon Town's Sales and Marketing Department are looking to increase their sales team for next season. Applicants will be working on a commission only basis, with the possibility of full time employment at a later date, depending on success. Tasks will include the promotion of all areas of sales and marketing opportunities, as well as events that we have here at the County Ground. Good commission will be paid. Ownership of your own car is a necessity. To apply for the above vacancies, please apply in writing (marked private and confidential) to Mike Sullivan, Commercial Manager, STFC, County Ground, County Road, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED. Please include all previous experience and personal details.

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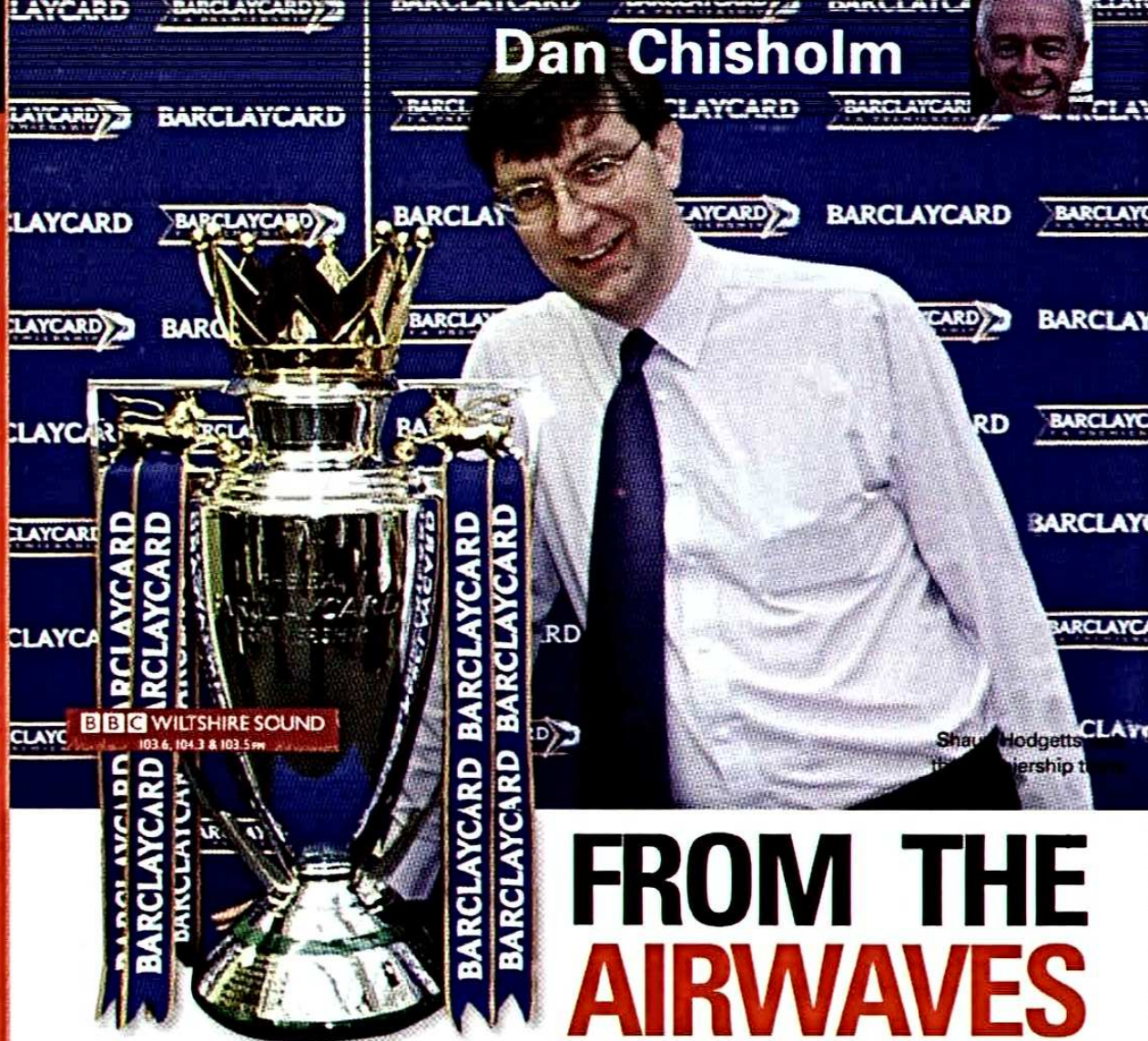
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FROM THE AIRWAVES

Happy Easter everyone! Never mind giving me chocolate eggs to increase the size of my middle-aged girth, give me three points today!

You know, the trouble with playing in Division Two is that everyone who supports a team in a higher division can't help but give us a hard time when the opportunity presents itself.

A couple of weeks ago, the Premiership trophy was on display at a Swindon bank. I had an idea. Our sports presenters pictured around the trophy with the caption "top flight coverage of sport from the Premiership radio team in Wiltshire - BBC Wiltshire Sound." Great picture and a point well made. After all, not only do Ed Hadwin and Shaun Hodgetts (pictured) provide the best possible coverage of every Swindon Town game, but as I've mentioned before, world-wide on the web. We really do get to the heart of every story that affects you the supporter.

But anyway, the 'boys done good'. Nice pictures - although one or two would be better suited to a Wiltshire gurning competition - and the results look great. Inevitably an unnamed Manchester United supporter in the office piped up "that's the closest YOU'LL get to the Premiership trophy in Swindon!"

Maybe - for now. Talking of winners, many congratulations to today's visitors, Blackpool on their marvellous win over Cambridge at the Millennium Stadium last weekend. Whilst I hope you had a wonderful day - naturally I equally hope you won't be celebrating at five o'clock today. Either way, I'm sure the home faithful will give former manager Steve MacMahon an appropriate welcome back to the County Ground.



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Not only can we not afford to bring in the top stars, but also the current squad can, at times, become stretched by the growing number of games and greater demands placed on the modern day footballer.

In the past, stars such as Steve Mildenhall and Sol Davis have gone on to greater things; Sol now an established first team regular and crowd favourite, 'Mildy' now a regular between 'the sticks' at Notts County. More recently, both Alan Young and Chris Collins have made the progression from youth team to first team, but now it is up to the new crop of youngsters to try and make names of themselves as they approach the end of their YTS training schemes.



Nathan Edwards, Bryan Smith, Kevin Halliday, Josh Thomas, Paul Reed, Ian Herring and Paul Andersen are all third year scholars looking to progress this summer. All have had an impressive season and the youth set up itself has gone from strength to strength since the start of the year, the under 19's and under 17's enjoying league success and with many of the older members now regulars in the reserve side. Despite Phil Cannon's departure to Everton, the former youth development officer responsible for bringing in a large number of Town's current youngsters, the under 17's emerged victorious in their league. Whilst the under 19's are now competing with clubs such as West Brom in the Merit Division One having finished second in the Football League Youth Alliance. Not only that but Viv Busby's side reached the third round of the FA Youth Cup, losing narrowly to Blackburn (and having lead 1-0 at half time) at Ewood Park and only just missing out on a high profile tie with Arsenal in the Fourth Round.



Scouts up and down the country have even enquired about the availability of some of Town's youngsters - many of which have now gone on to become reserve team regulars, (the side that beat Gillingham on Monday contained no less than nine youngsters and that was with two missing through injury).

But what now for those approaching the end of their youth apprenticeships? Well, having impressed all year, they are now set to be given the chance to show Andy King what they can do at the highest level when, assuming Town secure safety, Town's boss is expected to see what they are capable of. Some have already been blooded at several stages of the year. Perhaps most famously was last season's victory (albeit on penalties) against Millwall in the LDV Trophy, in which no less than seven youth teamers contributed to a famous victory. Going back even further, Bryan Smith, now in his final year as a youth team member at the age of 18, figured in Jimmy Quinn's beleaguered squad in 1999/00 (against Barnsley at the County Ground in April) at the tender age of just 16. "It was an amazing experience and to be honest", he admitted. "It's been disappointing that I haven't been able to follow it up with any more appearances. However, the 'gaffer' has promised to play some of the younger players so we will just have to wait and see what happens. The number of players in their final year in the youth team has dropped from about 11 to six or seven and so we are all aware of the job in hand. For us though, we only have the rest of this season and the summer in order to show Andy that we're capable of playing in his first team. I would like to think that I've done enough to warrant a start in the side and if that's the case - then it's up to me to make the step up."

We've witnessed no less than five youngsters involved at some stage over the course of the season including Smith, Chris Collins, Kevin Halliday, Nathan Edwards, Craig Farr and Ian Herring have all played a part at some stage of the campaign. Kevin Halliday, captain of the under 19's and an instrumental part of Razor's reserves has also been involved on the bench five time this season. He remembers coming on for 'Razor' at Colchester's Layer Road in the LDV Trophy: "The level of play is a lot quicker when you play for the first team. It is also a lot harder than it is at youth team level and in the reserves. Ultimately though, that is where we all want to be and given the opportunity, the challenge is for us to adapt and show that we can play at that standard on a weekly basis."

Nathan Edwards, another reserve team stalwart, was also given his first team debut against the U's, but he was also thrown into the fire when Town trailed against Bristol City in January's fiery local derby. "That's what it's all about. At the end of the day that is why we are here, to try and experience those kind of games because that is what you dream about as a footballer."

However, just by earning a contract doesn't mean that the road to stardom is complete. Chris Collins, who signed professional forms last summer, is yet to make his debut this season. Now, having just returned from injury, he is looking to cement his future by being given a first team berth. He said, "The gaffer has said he will give youth its chance once the club is mathematically safe from the drop, so I am hoping that I can show him what I can do. I wouldn't say that it has been a frustrating season because I have spent a full year training with the first team. I feel that I have developed and so it's just a case of taking my chance when I get it."

Youth team coach, Viv Busby, has seen many players come through the ranks and admits that it is hard for an aspiring youngster to succeed, what with the growing number of foreigners and expensive imports flooding into the game. However, having coached the 19's to a considerable amount of success this season, he is hopeful that one of two of them make it into next year's squad. "You are always hopeful" he confessed. "You watch these kids come in at an early age and watch them progress until the time comes when it becomes 'make or break' for them. But this set of lads have been superb - they've played a large number of games, especially for the reserves on top of those in the youth team and have cope admirably. All we can do now is hope they get their chance and that they grasp it with both hands because I am sure that some of them have a bright future ahead of them."

Ultimately, the decision on their futures rest with Andy King. However, King has made no secret of his admiration for some of the younger members of the team, but at the same time believes that their opportunities can't be rushed. Alan Young's gradual involvement this season testament to his consideration. "I am hoping to introduce the lads gradually, without too much pressure. I don't think it's fair to throw them all in at once. But when I do, and I will once we are safe, it will be a fantastic challenge for them and one I hope they will respond to. I have had good reports from Viv and Crozzer about them all year and so they will have earned their chance because they have the potential to succeed. But decisions have to be made soon and as I've said before, I want to make sure there is the opportunity to make my judgements having seen them at first team level."

Whatever happens, in the last few weeks we can expect to enjoy some committed performances from players looking to secure a future in the game, many of them with the club that they grew up with. Those that stay next year will do so having put in months of hard work - let's hope that they continue their journey at the County Ground and contribute to a brighter future.



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Last week's Sporting Club Dinner, sponsored by Greenhams, was a huge success – the club raising in excess of £5,000.

Commercial manager, Mike Sullivan enthused, "It was an excellent evening which was very well supported. It was a fantastic foundation from which to build upon in the future and we are already looking to bring in some high profile names for next season, Jack Charlton, Dennis Law and Jimmy Greaves. We are hoping to take STFC's Sporting Club Dinners into a new dimension and at the same time, provide the club with some valuable income.

Over 200 guests turned up to enjoy the festivities and many of the items on offer during the auction were sold for more than £600, the highest bid totalling £725 for a limited edition print of David Beckham. Comedian Mickey Pugh and Compere Barry Williams had the audience in stitches before Emlyn Hughes took to the stage.

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Merseyside revisited! Emlyn Hughes enjoys a pre-dinner chat with Andy King



A young admirer with Graham and Bertie Brayley



Entertainment for the evening was provided by compere Barry Williams, Comedian Mickey Pugh and Emlyn Hughes



Guests of Greenham are presented with a silver salver by Emlyn Hughes, Andy King and club director, Nick Prescott

THE LIVERPOOL LEGEND VISITED THE COUNTY GROUND AND ENTHRALLED THE GUESTS WITH STORIES OF HIS CAREER. HE RECOUNTED HIS DAYS UNDER LIVERPOOL GREATS, BILL SHANKLY AND BOB PAISLEY, WHILE REMEMBERING HIS DOMINANT SIDE OF THE 1970'S.

Hughes had spent 13 momentous years at Liverpool making over 650 appearances between 1967 and 1979 and, to this day, is still the only Liverpool star not to play for the reserve team.

"I was lucky to go to Liverpool when I did. They were just beginning to change the great side of the sixties. I was the first signing in what was essentially a new team and we were lucky enough to enjoy a lot of success during the seventies. We were very dominant and although Manchester United are doing similar things now, I think it is a lot easier to do now because they didn't have any sides to beat."

His old team have been resurgent of late and Emlyn is delighted that the good times are coming back to Anfield. "Apart from last season, it has been a very poor Liverpool side for the last 10-15 years. They improved again this year and have put themselves in a position to be able to win the championship and qualified through to the last eight of the European Cup. It is a massive club so they had to improve because finishing 5th and 6th in what is a poor league, other than the top three sides, isn't good enough. The scenes of The Kop last Tuesday night reminded me of the old days and I hope they are even more successful."

Hughes lifted the European Cup in 1977 and 1978 but some would be surprised to learn that holding aloft the FA Cup in 1974 was the highlight of his club career. "That was the best one-off game for me, mainly because I'm English through and through, so to win the English FA Cup was my greatest achievement at club level."

Changing the subject somewhat, we asked Emlyn if he'd been doing his homework before class? "I only know that they're struggling a bit at the moment! They've had some good sides and managers over the years, so my fingers are crossed that they can get back up into the First Division. They did get into the Premiership for a while but that didn't go too well. We need clubs like Swindon, Stoke and Blackpool to be knocking on the door of the First Division where I think most people would be satisfied that is where they should be."

We couldn't let him leave without bringing up his connection, though tenuous, with the club. Both he and our current chairman, Willie Carson, were former captain's on 'A Question of Sport', so we had to know who was better? "He was worse than me and believe me, I was bad! We had a good laugh though it's just a shame he wasn't here tonight because I'm sure we would have had a few more laughs about it!"

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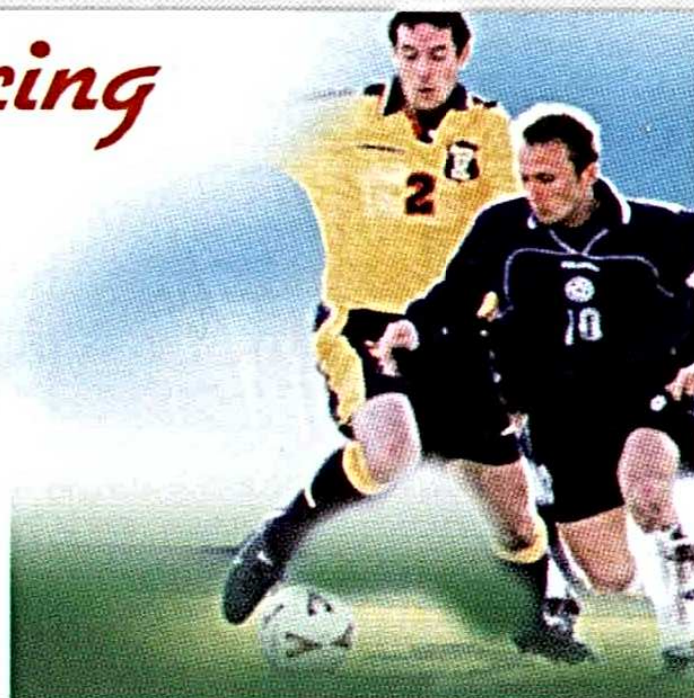
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MATCH REPORT



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Sabin 63

WIGAN ATHLETIC 1
Green 59

CAUTIONS

Swindon
Heywood
Wigan Athletic
McMillan

With both sides occupying the middle of the table, it was hardly surprising that the game should end in a 1-1 stalemate. Yet it could have been a much more profitable afternoon for either side, both teams ruing a number of missed chances. Town could have taken the lead as early as the third minute, Steve Robinson firing over following Young's knock down.

Soon after, a fine move involving Howe and Sabin on the left allowed Invincible to turn and shoot in the box, the Australian directing his shot straight at Filan in the Latics' goal. Five minutes later and the visitors were defending their goal again, this time heading an Alan Young cross off the line. Young was in the thick of the action once more, the crafty youngster driving a half volley towards the Latics upright only for John Filan to produce an incredible one-handed stop at point blank range to deny the youngster. Just before the half-hour mark Wigan enjoyed their best chance of the half. Town failed to clear an in-swinging corner and a back post header struck the underside of the cross bar, Town eventually cleared from the ensuing goalmouth scramble.

Wigan started the second period much as Town had started the first, Scott Green missing from close range having been put through by Liddell. McCulloch came close three minutes later, the tall striker directing his header wide of the post following Ashcroft's cross. A minute later and it was Nolan that benefited from a neat one-two in Town's box, this time he hit the post as Griemink looked likely to cover the danger at the near post. Wigan's pressure told on 58 minutes. Scott Green cut in from the left-hand side (despite the best efforts of two Town defenders) and he rifled a fierce shot past the despairing dive of Griemink, the Dutchman's view seemingly hampered by the number of players in front of him. The lead lasted only four minutes as a moment of genius from Frenchman Eric Sabin levelled the scores. Sabin cut in from the left-hand side of the box and following a neat step over, he struck a right-footed effort into the bottom right hand corner of the net (with the help of a deflection) for his fifth of the season – a goal that would earn the home side a valuable point.

Sound bites...

ANDY KING

On his sides' spirit

"All the players out there worked their socks off and it was a strong performance, not a good one, but enough to prove that we're becoming a difficult side to beat at home. I think we could have got our noses in front, unfortunately, it was Wigan that scored the first goal."

ERIC SABIN

On his fifth goal of the season...

"When I received the ball, the defender closed me down quickly so I didn't have the room to accelerate. I turned inside onto my right foot, went past a defender and got my shot away. I had missed one in the first half so it was a great feeling to put one away."

DAVID DUKE

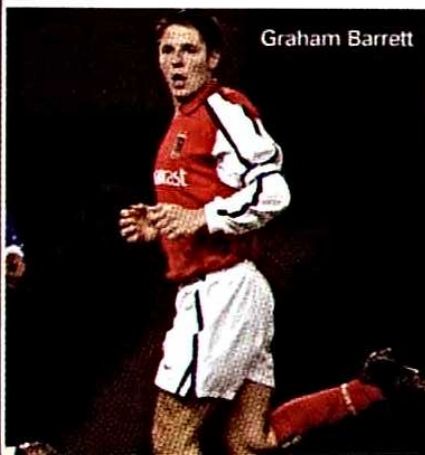
On returning to the side...

"I think it was a point won rather than two lost having gone behind but I really felt we could have won it. Wigan are a big side but I think we showed that it's not just about how much money you spend."



U'S BOSS GUNNING FOR BARRETT

Colchester United boss Steve Whitton is set to bid for the services of Arsenal 'young gun' Graham Barrett for next season. The young Irish striker has impressed following his move to Layer Road in December and Whitton would like to make his stay a more permanent one. Talking to the East Anglian Daily Times, the U's chief commented: "It's no secret that I'm very keen on Graham and I rate him very highly. Arsenal are watching his progress very closely. They have had representatives at most of our matches. He's on loan with us until the end of the season, and I'd love to arrange a longer loan deal involving next season as well, a bit like Barry Conlon the year before. However, I realise that this could be unlikely as Arsenal might want him back at Highbury, but I will be asking the question."



Graham Barrett

ROYALS BRANCHING OUT FOR MICHAEL

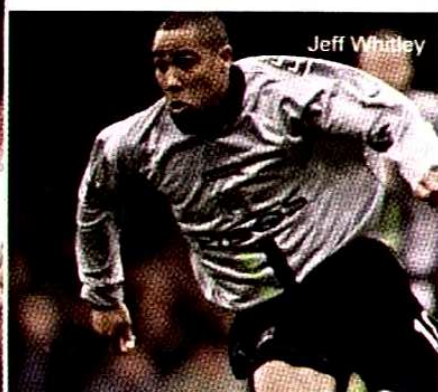
Reading are hoping to capture the loan signature of Wolves striker Michael Branch until the end of the season. The 23-year-old former Everton forward has been out of the frame at Molineux, especially following the arrival of Nathan Blake and Dean Sturridge who, between them, have helped power Wolves to the verge of the Premiership. Adam Proudlock has already left to join Nottingham Forest on a month's loan and Branch is set to follow him out of the Black Country. Royal's boss Alan Pardew told the club's official website: "Michael would be the final piece in our jigsaw between now and the end of the season. I wanted to act well before deadline day and again the chairman has shown his commitment by sanctioning this." The move for Branch follows the recent signing of Kevin Watson from Rotherham.



Michael Branch

MAGPIES SWOOP TO STEAL WHITLEY

Notts County have signed Manchester City's Jeff Whitley on loan for the remainder of the season. The Magpies made the swoop for the Northern Ireland international just 24 hours after the transfer embargo on the Second Division strugglers was lifted. County chief Billy Dearden promised to add a fresh face to his side and out of favour Whitley jumped at the chance to play first-team football after a frustrating season at Maine Road. "Notts County have obviously not done too well this season but I think he (Dearden) is a good manager and if I can go there and help them out and they can help me we'll all be happy," he said. "I'm really looking forward to it, there are five games left and hopefully I'll be playing in all of them and I'm just going to give it my best shot. City are playing that well at the moment and it's a good chance for me to get some games under my belt before the end of the season."



Jeff Whitley



MATTY UPSETTING THE APPLE-CART

Latics defender Matt Appleby has been fined by the Boundary Park club following his dismissal in Saturday's 7-1 annihilation against Cardiff City at Boundary Park. The 29-year-old former Barnsley player had the decency to admit that he deserved his punishment. "I deserved it," he told the Manchester Evening News. "It was a freak afternoon and things just got on top of me. Things were just not going our way and it became very frustrating. But I should have known better because I have been in the game a long time. I was totally out of order and I have no complaints. I let myself down, the rest of the lads, the fans and everybody associated with the club and I can't say sorry enough."

Matty Appleby, pictured here playing for Barnsley



ADEBOLA SET FOR LATICS

Birmingham City striker Dele Adebola is set to join Nationwide Division Two side Oldham Athletic on loan. The 26-year-old forward has played in the last two reserve games as he comes back from injury and City assistant manager Keith Bertschin told the Blues official website: "Dele had a good game. He just needs sharpness in his feet so that he retains the ball. His fitness is coming back and his strength is there for all to see." Blues boss Steve Bruce has agreed the deal with Latics manager Mick Wadsworth and expects the move to be completed on Wednesday, adding: "He's worked extremely hard to get himself fit, but he's still a bit short at the moment."

Dele Adebola



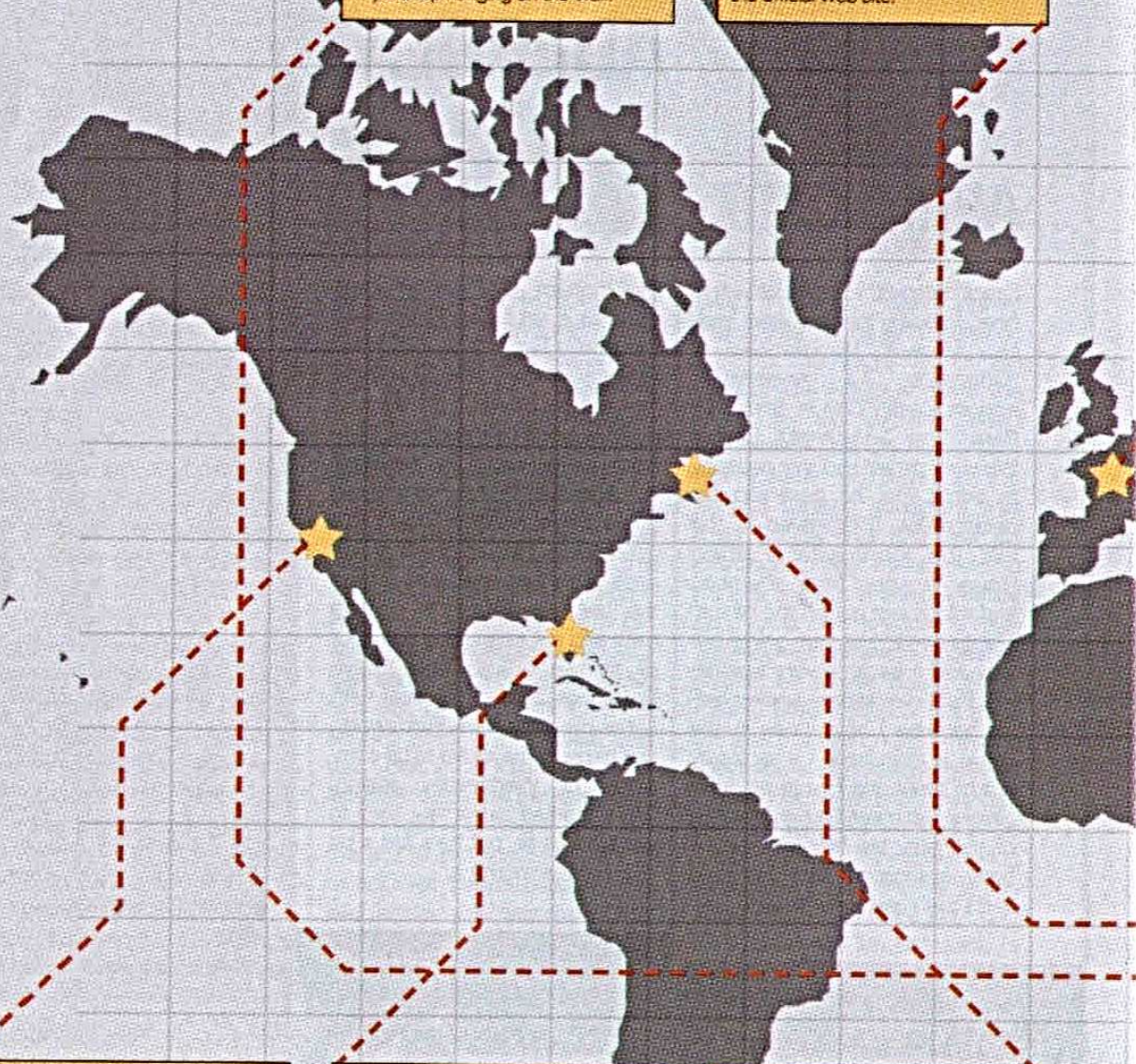
GOSSIP COLUMN

Town boss Andy King was hoping to unearth a gem when he invited 23 hopefuls to play in a trial match last Monday here at the County Ground. King arranged a 'behind closed doors' trial match and invited players that are out of contract to make their bid to join his squad ahead of next season (one of the players was Sol Davis's brother!). Those that impressed were to be invited to play for the reserves on Wednesday.

Andy King said: "Even with the financial problems the club is facing, I have to be positive and plan for next season. These kind of trials give me the opportunity to have a look at a lot of players. You never know, I might find someone that will strengthen the squad and have the qualities I'm looking for." News of successful applicants will appear here in our next programme or on the club's official website.

As for the situation behind the scenes, Town's board of directors submitted an application to the High Court requesting that the club move into administration last Friday.

Bob Holt said, "Clearly there is still a huge amount of work to be done but, the administration application is intended to provide the club with sufficient breathing space to be able to sort out the financial crisis the club is experiencing."



Paul Tyler, from **Sydney Australia** writes, "You have a big fan here living in Sydney! I've been here for six months, four years to go I reckon. The County Ground is one of the few things I miss from Blighty, I used to go all the time and I'm now reduced to Premiership footie on Fox Sports. If anyone ever goes to a place called the 'Exciting Bar' in Kata, Thailand, that's my old top hanging on the wall!"

Also from **Sydney** is **Steve Hall**. "I have followed Swindon Town since 1963. I went to see what had been my local side, Sunderland, play at Swindon with my father. The atmosphere was fantastic. Town won 1-0 and from there I was hooked!" Steve rarely missed a game up until moving to Sudney in 1979 and he now follows the club's fortunes on the official web site.

From sunny **California** we have **Scott Tyron**, or California Scott as he's known to many - "I live in Port Hueneme, California. Right now I work for the LA Times but may be changing jobs soon. I belong to the Swindon Town Net Club and go under the name of California Scott. I was raised in the Reading area and have supported Swindon since I was seven years old."

Also from the **US of A** we have **Dave Phillips** - "I used to coach the U15's at STFC's centre of excellence. I now live with my wife and two children in Tallahassee Florida where I teach PE and coach the U18 soccer team; they have no idea who any players are apart from Michael Owen and David Beckham are, but they all know who Danny Invinible is! They also know a couple of Swindon songs too!"

Also from **America** (Centreville, Cape Cod in Massachussets) is **Rob Elliot**, a Software Engineer. "Watching the Town is the only thing I miss after moving away from England! I have got myself a nice broadband internet connection so I can pump the commentary from the web site through my stereo at 10am on Saturdays. Watching the goal highlights on the web site is a major plus too."

Closer to home is **Mark James** who lives in **Paris** and works for Eurosport News. He writes, "I spend my time educating the French in matters concerning Swindon. There is not a person who I work with who doesn't know about Danny Invincible and I have also indoctrinated them all to hate Oxford as well. Following the goals and live commentary keeps me going in between trips home."

Also from **Paris** is **Rob Jamieson**, "I started watching Town in 1980, but I've been an exile virtually all my career. My time at college in Manchester in the early eighties coincided with some pretty bleak years, but allowed me to go to any number of grim Friday night northern fixtures. I've now been living in France for 17 years, and while I only get to 5 or 6 Town games a season, I never miss a result."

A former player (albeit in the third team) now lives in **Singapore**. **Peter Davies** takes up the story, "I was born in Swindon and played for them at the age of 17. Was at Wembley in 1969 and moved to Singapore twenty years later and so missed out on those great days of Ardiles and Hoddle. Follow the Town every day of the week and have looked on with dismay recent events and developments."

SPREADING THE WORD

Whilst some of us may be proud of the fact that we travel the length and breadth of the nation to follow the boys in red, for others it is an impossible task. I'm talking about, of course, those that have moved on to pastures new and have left the country. We thought it would be a good idea to find out who these people are and where they're from and, just three weeks ago, we asked those that log on to the club's official website, to tell us where they're from. The results were fascinating!

A big fan of the website is 15-year old Town fan, **Marie Saunders**. "My dad Bryan and I are massive supporters of Swindon Town. Dad has been ever since he was little! We now live in **Dubai**, UAE in the Middle East. Great audio coverage, at times we stay up until 2:00am in the morning sometimes just to follow Andy King's Barmy Army!"

Just 'next door' to Paul and Steve is **Brian Wheeler** in **New Zealand**. "I have supported the Town since 1963. Main reasons for moving to NZ were Margaret Thatcher, the weather and Swindon relegated to the Fourth Division, also Oxford were promoted. I regularly visit the UK and always go to Town's matches when there. Once a Town supporter always a Town supporter!"



HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE

Steve McMahon needs no introduction, as a manager he won the Second Division at Swindon. He also made 41 appearances as a player during his four years at the County Ground. However, having left the club in 1998 McMahon went on to join today's visitors in 2000 and one of his first signings was former Town midfielder Lee Collins. Lee was signed in June 2000 on a 'Bosman' when he was out of contract here at Swindon. McMahon had originally taken Lee to Swindon for £15,000 from Albion Rovers in Scotland. A hard tackling player who suffered a hernia during the 2000/1 season, Lee went on to make 70 appearances for STFC.

Dave Bamber was born in St Helens on February 1 1959 and began his League career with Blackpool in September 1979 whom he joined from Manchester University. A 6'3" striker, he made 86 League appearances for the Bloomfield Road club, scoring 29 goals before attracting the attention of Coventry City manager Bobby Gould and moving for a fee of £50,000 in June 1983. By the end of the year Bamber had made 13 Division One appearances but with only three goals to his credit he found his place under threat and moved on to Walsall, then Portsmouth. He made his first appearance at the County Ground in November 1985 after Lou Macari moved to bring him in on loan to assist with the Division Four championship campaign. The loan was made permanent in March 1986 at a cost of £12,500. His languid style polarised supporters views, some seeing Dave as laid back, others viewing him as deceptive, and he will be remembered by many deployed as a winger and for the penalties that resulted from the desperate attempts of opposing defenders trying to stop him. Nine goals in 23 matches contributed to a successful season and he went on to produce 31 over a total of 131 League games, as Bamber and Swindon climbed into the old Division Two. Bamber



BEFORE?

I MUST ADMIT, WHEN I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF PLAYERS THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH OF TODAY'S CLUBS, THE BEST I COULD MUSTER WAS STEVE MCMAHON AND LEE COLLINS. THANKFULLY, DAVE WALLIS WAS ON HAND TO PROVIDE A SLIGHTLY MORE IN-DEPTH LOOK AT PLAYERS THAT HAVE REPRESENTED BOTH STFC AND BLACKPOOL.

completed his round trip in November 1990 when he re-signed for Blackpool, and was instrumental in the Tangerines promotion season of 1991/92 when they regained Division Two status, scoring against Scunthorpe in the Wembley Play-off final. After a total of around 200 games service and approaching 100 goals for Blackpool, Dave Bamber retired at the end of 1994/95 season.

At the same time Bamber was joining Blackpool for the first time, another future Town player was already at Bloomfield Road, Dave Hockaday, making his debut the previous season. Born in Billingham in November 1957 he was a 'veteran' of 16 League appearances by the time Bamber arrived, having joined Blackpool from the melodiously named Billingham Synthonia in July 1975. By early 1980, past Town legend and Wembley 69 League Cup winner Peter Noble arrived from Burnley to complete a trio of Swindon/Blackpool connections. 147 League games followed for Hockaday as playing as a striker he plundered 24 goals, including an opening day strike in a 2-1 at Swindon in August 1980. After regularly featuring near the top of the Blackpool goal scoring charts and being almost ever present for three seasons, it seems strange that Blackpool allowed Hockaday to leave on a free transfer to join Fourth Division Swindon in August 1983. 245 games for Swindon were to follow as Hockaday featured in Town's charge from Division Four to the brink of the top division. Dropping deeper and deeper as his career progressed, he featured in midfield and then at full back. Hockaday was consistency personified during the late 80's, playing in 40 or more League games per season between August 86 to May 89. The arrival of David Kerslake from QPR put pressure on Hockaday's place and £50,000 took him to Hull City in September 1990.

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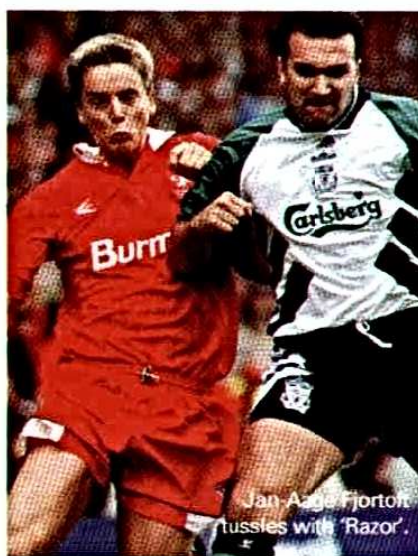
VINTAGE RED

with Dick Mattick

This week Dick Mattick takes us back to the Premiership, Town's solitary season in the top flight.

No League victory until November, one hundred goals conceded and relegation hardly seems a season to remember; yet Town fans look back nostalgically to what has been the club's only season in the top flight. Glenn Hoddle had departed to Chelsea and his Assistant John Gorman had taken over the reins. Jan-Aage Fjortoft had become the club's record signing, but in the early months failed to find the scoring form that would later endear him to Town fans. Narrow defeats at Bramall Lane and at home to Oldham were followed by a heavy home defeat by Liverpool – unfortunately this form would imbibe Town's season.

Keith Scott, who had been purchased from Wycombe Wanderers, was brought in to get on the end of the crosses of Nicky Summerbee and Paul Bodin. It worked to a degree in the first of his two games which saw a Scott goal and a Bodin penalty earn a home point against Ipswich, and another goal from Scott bring the elusive first win, remarkably after being reduced to ten men against QPR.



If there were too many defeats (22), there were also many happy memories as Swindon's style of football during the season won friends if not points. Draws at Tottenham and Liverpool, where only a late goal denied the Robins, were great performances. Swindon was the only side to put four League goals past Manchester United and who will ever forget John Moncur's tussles with Eric Cantona. Brian Kilcline and his ponytail arrived a bit too late to make a difference and the killer blow was at Maine Road where a one goal lead, which should have been two but for a harsh ruling on Fjortoft, was surrendered. Swindon fans accepted their fate with good humour. If opposition fans chanted "Going down Going down", then Town's faithful would reply with "so are we so are we". The last away match at QPR, which was to produce the first away victory, was turned in to a celebratory wake as fans sought to drain the last drops of enjoyment from their season in the sun.

Blackpool, playing in Division Two, narrowly escaped the drop. On the last day of the season Blackpool won 4-1 at home to Leyton Orient taking them to 53 points, whilst Fulham lost 2-1 at Swansea leaving them with 52. Swindon old boy Dave Bamber was among the scorers that day, as was leading scorer Andy Watson who reached a total of 20 League goals. However, the Seaside made a small piece of League history when they became the first club to give free admission to a league match and attracted a crowd of 7,080.

GROUP G



2002 WORLD CUP

ITALY

Italy are always considered to be strong contenders for the World Cup, but the 'La Nazionale' almost inevitably fail to live up to their billing. However, following their second place finish in the UEFA Championships the Italians may well have good cause to believe that it could be their year this time around. The key to 'La Nazionale's' success will be Giovanni Trapattoni's ability to pick the right squad from a plethora of good players. Certainly a key player for the Azzurri will be Francesco Totti. The Roma maestro was outstanding last year with his club. Trapattoni said that Totti was a visionary leader 'capable of inspiring his side to [FIFA World Cup] victory next summer,' he certainly has the ability to lift the players around him.



ECUADOR

Ecuador has never been considered a land of footballing opportunity. All that changed on November 7, when Ecuador reached the FIFA World Cup™ finals for the first time. The history-defying moment came with a 1-1 draw against Uruguay - that despite an apparently modest set of players. Yet Ecuador, traditionally the poor relation of South American soccer, had been on the rise since 1989, when Montenegrin Dusan Draskovic took over as national coach. Among his proteges was striker Agustin Delgado, who finished joint top scorer in the Conmebol section. Just as valuable, however, were the contributions of his team-mates: Cevallos (Barcelona); De la Cruz (Hibernian, Scotland); Gueron (Deportivo Quito); Hurtado (La Piedad, Mexico); Poroso (Emelec); Tenorio (Aucas); Obregon (Delfin); Aguinaga (Necaxa, Mexico); Cleber Chala (Nacional); Ivan Kaviedes (Celta Vigo, Spain).



CROATIA

After rising to the dizzy heights during the 1998 FIFA World Cup France™ where they finished in an amazing third place, Croatia have since then been tumbling down the world rankings. Missing out on EURO2000 left them with just three wins in 15 matches following their 1998 success. Now it seems they have regained their footing after qualifying for their second consecutive FIFA World Cup finals. Although no Croatian player would dare to hope for another bronze medal finish at the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan, the team is a confident mix of youth and experience. The squad features several new faces, but many of the stars of the 1998 team remain, including Golden Boot winner Davor Suker, Robert Prosinecki, Mario Stanic, Robert Jarni, Zvonimir Soldo, Igor Stimac, Igor Tudor and Dario Simic.



MEXICO

Mexico has long been the super-power of the CONCACAF federation. Their visit to Korea and Japan will mark their 13th qualification for a FIFA World Cup™ final, with nearest rivals the United States lagging behind on seven. Qualification for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™ was anything but stylish, however, with the 'Tri-Colores' going through three managers in order to book their ticket for the Far East. Manuel Lapuente started the Mexican campaign but resigned before the end of the semi-final round. Former international Enrique Meza took over and will henceforth be known as the first Mexican manager to lose a qualifier in his homeland. After Javier Aguirre, a 1986 FIFA World Cup player, assumed the managerial reins, the Mexicans climbed back up the table, exhibiting strong ball control and a tough-tackling style.





With just two groups to go in our World Cup preview, we reach Group G and the might of Italy. However, the 'Azzuri' are perennial under-achievers and with Croatia and Mexico in their group, it's not going to be easy...



ONE2WATCH: PAOLO MALDINI

The name Maldini has special significance in Italian football. Following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, Cesare Maldini, who was a star for AC Milan and Italy in the 60s before becoming national coach, Paolo Maldini is now writing football history as one of the world's greatest defenders. He has played for his local side, AC Milan, ever since he was a boy, making his Serie A debut in 1985, at the age of 16. He has won a string of national and international honours: five Italian championship medals (1988, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1996), three Cup Winners' Cup medals (1989, 1990 and 1994), two FIFA Club World Championship medals (1989 and 1990) and three European Super Cups (1989, 1990 and 1995).



ONE2WATCH: AGUSTIN DELGADO

Delgado's nine strikes during qualification have catapulted him to the top of the scoring charts. A year after his first division debut, the player known as 'Tin' moved to the Barcelona club of Guayaquil, where he began to develop into a striker. His excellent movement substantiated moves to the Colombian and Mexican leagues. His transfer to Necaxa, followed by wonderful performances and goals at the FIFA World Club Championships for the Mexican club, brought him instant international recognition and fame. His performances against Spain's Real Madrid and Melbourne of Australia were particularly breathtaking. By far the most important goals he scored were in the wins over Brazil and Paraguay, 1-0 and 2-1 respectively.



ONE2WATCH: ALLEN BOKSIC

Alen Bokšić is one of the most successful Croatian professional footballers of recent years. He celebrated his debut in the Yugoslavian First Division at Hajduk Split back in 1987 at the age of just 17, and quickly became a firm fixture in the team. Bokšić's greatest success at Split came in 1990, when he scored the winning goal in the domestic cup final against Red Star Belgrade. A year later he signed up with French club, Marseille before joining Cannes on loan. In his first full season in France, Bokšić became the country's top-scorer, won the league championship and the European Cup. He has since played for Lazio (twice), Juventus and more recently, Middlesbrough whom he joined for £2.5 million.



ONE2WATCH: CUAUHTEMOC BLANCO

A powerfully-built goalscorer with excellent shooting ability, Cuauhtémoc Blanco has become one of the key fixtures of the Mexican national side. Born in Mexico City in 1973, Blanco not only scored goals at crucial stages in the qualifying campaign, but his wealth of experience was equally significant. He made his debut on December 2, 1993, for the América de México club to which he has remained loyal for the majority of his career. His solid performances and scoring knack won him a place in the side that played in the 1998 FIFA World Cup.

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Logistically – and this is the least
important reason – the club's demise
would have been a nightmare.

All the remaining teams would be
deducted points won against Bury – no doubt giving
extra seasonal nerves to a couple of clubs.

The real reason, of course, is the tragedy Bury's death
would have been to the club staff and players, to the
community and to the fans.

Bury may have the lowest average attendance in
Division Two, but they have a core of committed
supporters who have been working desperately hard
to save their club.

Just as fans have worked – and succeeded – at
Northampton, Bournemouth, Lincoln, Chesterfield and
York, to name a few notable examples.

Here's hoping that the good work continues to turn
things around.

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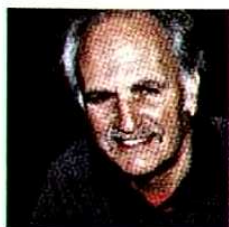
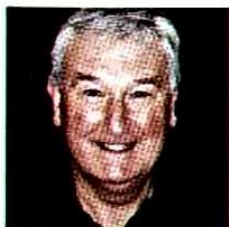
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The Town Ladies' disappointing run in the South West Combination League continued last week as they collected just one point from two outings.

Town endured the fifth draw of the season when they met Clevedon Town at home, the game finishing in a 2-2 stalemate. Clevedon took the lead midway through the first half and Town had to wait until just before the break to level the scores, Angie Tinson equalising. Midway through the second half the visitors were reduced to ten players when they had a player dismissed. However, they regained the lead 15 minutes from time before Tinson saved Town's blushes ten minutes from time with an injury time strike. On the same day Town's reserves also lost. In the Wiltshire County League, Clevedon emerged victorious as they strode to a 3-1 win, Michelle Brown getting Town's goal.

Town then travelled along the M4 to face their nearest rivals, Reading Royals. The home side went ahead almost straight from the kick-off when, following a corner that rebounded off the bar, the referee adjudging the ball to have crossed the line. In the 10th minute, 15-year old Michelle Brown, playing her first full game for the Town, found the net after the 'keeper failed to hold on to Michelle Rich's shot. The Royals scored again before the break and they added a third in the 75th minute. Town pushed forward in an effort to salvage a draw and they pulled a goal back when Fiona Baldwin headed home Michelle Rich's cross. Unfortunately this only proved to be a consolation goal.

Tomorrow Town host Yeovil in the League. Town won the previous encounter 6-1 and they will be hoping for similar success against the fourth-placed side. The match will take place at Aldbourne and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Five Minutes with...

MICHELLE RICH

Position: **midfield** Age: **18**

When did you start
playing football?

I didn't really kick a ball until the age of 13, up until then I had done the usual girly things with my sister. Then a boy down the road got a football for his birthday and I started to kick around with him.

Were there any opportunities
at school?

When I was in Year 11 I set up a girls team to play in a school six-a-side tournament. Now that I'm a student, the Girls Football Academy at Cirencester College gave me and several other Swindon Town girls the chance to train and play the other week. We have done quite well this year and were beaten in the semi final of the National Academy Cup.

How did you join Swindon?

My sister worked with Roger Reeves and she mentioned that I played football. He got me to go along to the training sessions. I started with the reserves but now I'm a regular with the first team. I have also played for the County Senior and youth sides.

And for the future?

I just want to improve my game with the County and with Swindon Town ladies.



Swindon Town v Stoke City Mon Apr 1

Head to head (wins) - Stoke 8, Swindon 8, draws 4

Last encounter - Swindon Town 0-3 Stoke City (County Ground)

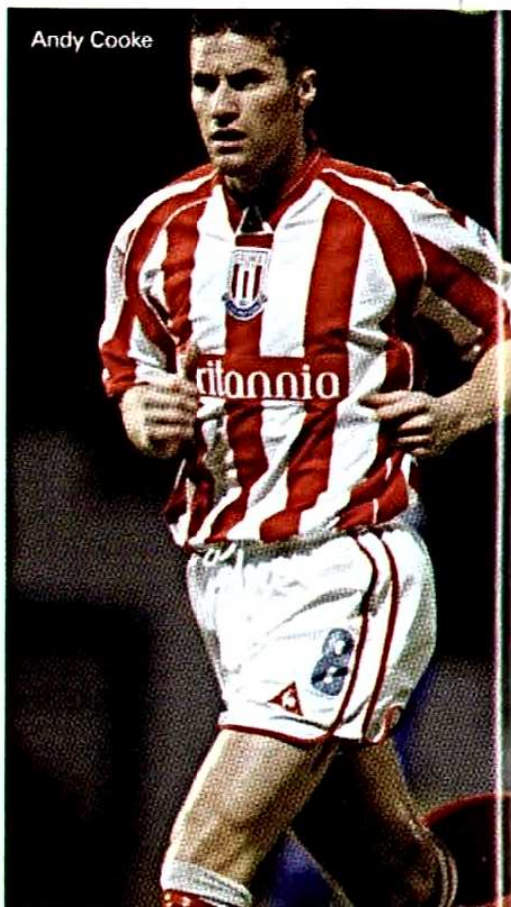
Form guide (league) - Stoke LWWWLW, Swindon DWWLLD

ICEMAN FEELING THE HEAT

Stoke would be many people's favourites to go up this season, the Potteries have been, once again one of the strongest sides in the division. However, having failed to go up in the past two seasons, the pressure is on for Gudjon Thordarsson and his side to succeed this time around.

The Icelandic manager who, at one stage, managed the Icelandic national side, was brought in when the club was given a Scandinavian 'face-lift' - a number of Scandinavians taking over key positions on the board. The inevitable influx of Nordic players came at the expense of players such as Peter Thorne and Graham Kavanagh, yet despite the loss of Stoke's finest players the club has still managed to maintain a promotion challenge for the majority of the season. Their strength was once again encapsulated by an emphatic 3-0 win at the County Ground (for the second successive year), and that was in a game when Town played pretty well! Such a victory was testament to the sides' capabilities and one of City's goalscorers on the day, Chris Iwelumo, has been instrumental in the sides' quest for promotion, contributing nine goals so far this season. However, other than Andy Cooke (on seven goals), Stoke haven't managed to find the net on such a regular basis as the sides around them and as the season has developed, this has proved to be their Achilles heel. That said, the Potters haven't dropped outside of the top six all season (that despite a barren run just after Christmas) and with just six games to go, you would have to fancy them to at least make the play-offs. An impressive run-in could see them mount an outside bid for automatic promotion (although they are six points away from Brentford), but with Bristol City, Oldham, Brentford and us amongst the teams to play - you'd have to say that Thordarsson is going to have to settle with a place in the top six.

Andy Cooke



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TRAIN - Stoke-on-Trent train station is served by trains running from London Euston. For the latest timings call 0845 7484950. The station is an hours walk from the Britannia, so turn right as you exit, then right again onto Glebe Street - shuttle buses run from here on matchdays.

SWIFT HALF - Bitter and lager are available in the concourse areas of the Britannia, just as well really as there aren't many pubs around.

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MEET OUR LATEST WINNERS



Two Swindon fans enjoyed special treatment last Saturday having won our pre-match competitions. Matt Brayshaw won our web competition, whilst Trevor Wilson 'Won with the King.' Matt Brayshaw and his guest, Neil Boulton, who both enjoyed a VIP day out at Swindon Town's fixture with Wigan Athletic on Saturday 16th March having won the 'Win on the web' competition. Matt correctly answered that Phil King took the free kick that led to 'Chalky Whites' first goal in the 1986 Play Off Final.



Pictured with 'Graz' is Trevor Wilson. Trevor was the winner of our 'Win with the King' competition and he won free tickets to the Wigan game as well as a signed shirt (modelled by Graz). Buy a copy of the next matchday programme (Blackpool) and it could be you winning with the King. If any of his pages contain his signature, then bring the issue over to us in reception and we'll award you with your prize!

Mark Hanley, from Marlborough, pictured here with his winning page also won as part of our win with the King competition.

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. STFC 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 both 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 SCOPE/Junior Robins, the you can do so by contacting Nick or Mike at the club on 01793 333740.

Quick Quiz answers

1. 1-1, 2. There's only one! Stevey Finney, 3. Kevin Horlock
4. 92, 5. third on 82 points, 6. Oxford United

25 years ago Answers (from page 59)

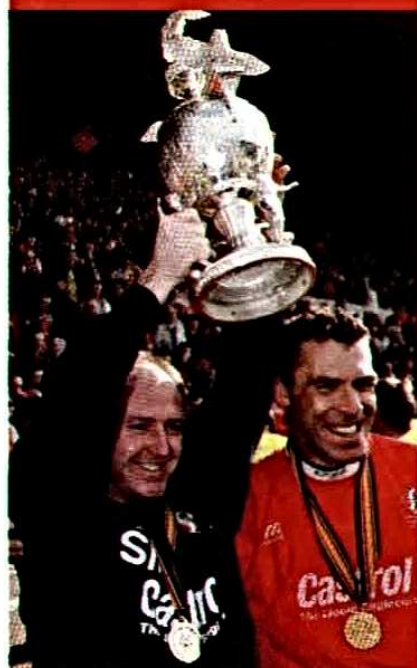
1. Dave Mackay, 2. Alan Buckley, 3. Luxembourg, 4. Paul Mariner,
5. The Anglo-Italian Cup

QUICK QUIZ

HEAD TO HEAD

It's been a few years since Town and Blackpool were in the same league, it's also been a while since Steve McMahon was last at the County Ground! However, we take a look back at 1995/96, Macca was in charge and Town won the league. Promotion that year was ensured, ironically, at Blackpool's Bloom field Road...

1. Town and Blackpool played each other twice that season, both encounters with the same outcome - what was the score?
2. When the sides drew at home, who scored for Town?
3. Who scored for Town at Blackpool?
4. Town won the league that year by a margin of nine points, but what was our final total of points?
5. Where did Blackpool finish that year?
6. Despite their position, the Seasiders didn't go up - who did and which team pipped them to second place?





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Congratulations must go to Chris Brothers who, with ticket number 8, won a prize of £300 following the draw made by Keith O'Halloran at the Wigan game.

Chris became our second dual winner, his first prize coming two years ago in our first season. As a supporter of this fund raising initiative, Chris pays in advance through our regular subscription scheme. Number eight has certainly been lucky for him, but if you wish to participate by joining Chris in the advance payment scheme, please contact us through the details given on this page, or alternatively ask any ticket seller.

Watch out for an ex-Town goalscoring hero making the draw at the QPR game. Peter Eastoe, who came to Swindon from Wolves, has told us that he will pleased to come to help us out on the day.

Fund Raising

We are now moving really close to our season aim of providing £10,000 towards the Football Club. Full details of our Donations and how used will be covered in the next programme.

Auction

Finance is an important issue around the Football Club at this time and our own efforts to generate some additional help continue. We are pleased to announce the launch of two new initiatives. Firstly, Roger Bunce, promoter of our half time draw, has spent some while travelling the length and breadth of the country acquiring signatures of all the members of the 1969 League Cup final team on a football.

In all, Roger has travelled over 2,500 miles and has all signatures on the ball. Chris Jones who was perhaps, the unlucky 13th man on the day, has also signed the ball. The ball is now up for auction and anyone wanting to acquire this one off piece of memorabilia, can do so by making their bids prior to

the final match of the season. This can be made by using the contact points detailed on this page, including the message board on our web site. Alternatively, you may leave an answer phone bid on 01747 840721. The final decision on bid acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Supporters Club.

World Cup draw

Our membership should have received an initial stock of tickets for our ground breaking World Cup draw, please return the counterfoils to us as quickly as possible with payments as the draw will be completed immediately after the final match of the season against Wycombe. Tickets cost just 50p each and to make sure you have an additional reason for following the World Cup later this year please get your ticket. Any non-member supporter wishing to buy tickets, or for members wanting additional tickets to sell, please contact the away travel office, or Roger Bunce or Nigel Bennett in winners lounge prior to home games.



Today we meet Tony Lee of Devizes. Tony admits to being the wrong side of 50 (but only just) and he watches home games from the Nationwide stand.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

My first home game was an FA Cup tie against West Ham, the first away game was a certain victory at Wembley in 1969.

FAVOURITE PLAYER(S) OF ALL TIME?

Don Rogers/Shawn Taylor.

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Matty Heywood.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME, HOME AND/OR AWAY?

The game against Manchester United in the Premiership sticks out, the game in which Eric Cantona got sent off. Away from home, it has to be this season's win at Reading.

FAVOURITE GOAL?

Wayne Carlisle's earlier this season at Wycombe.

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

Fans who only come to games infrequently, but who constantly slag off the players.

BEST EVER SWINDON XI?

The side that beat Arsenal in 1969: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers and Penman.

ODD STORY FROM WATCHING THE TOWN?

Carrying a home made coffin through London on way to Loftus Road for our final away game in the Premiership.

NATIONWIDE'S SUPPORTERS OF TOMORROW

STFC has invited a number of children from local schools to today's game against Blackpool as part of a new initiative from Nationwide. Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow, which was launched nationally in early November by Nationwide Building Society and the Football League, will be enabling more than 100,000 youngsters across the country to visit their local Nationwide team, many for the first time.

Swindon Town FC is pledging its support to the Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow scheme. The scheme rewards individuals within schools; youth clubs and community groups who have demonstrated good practice, outstanding personal achievement or undertaken community initiatives, by providing free tickets to attend Nationwide Football games over the course of the season. Swindon Town FC have distributed 100's of tickets to schools in and around Swindon to attend today's game against the Seasiders (following the overwhelming success of the scheme at the Port Vale game).



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Greendown under 7's

We would also like to say a big hello to Dave Ledbury and his lads from Calne Town Youth. All the above are here with our Saturday Team Club, and lets hope everyone has a great time with us today.

What a great Easter we have had so far. This week we have coached 270 children here at Swindon and out at Chilery, near Uffington. A big thank you must go to our team of coaches who again have done a brilliant job. The weather was on our side, with a few people going away glowing with sun tans!

Next week we have over 200 booked in here at the Club, and on Friday we are off to Frampton on Severn in Gloucestershire.

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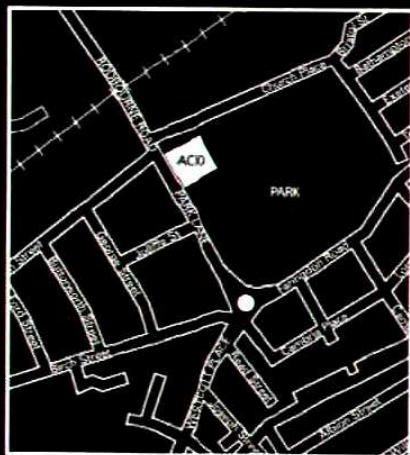
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CHURCHFIELDS SCHOOL MEET 'OH DANNY, DANNY...

Danny is half Italian and he has always wanted to be a footballer. He has two sisters and three brothers. Danny was spotted playing in trials at West Ham United and has played for Swindon Town since 2000. At the beginning of the games Danny said he feels nervous and psyched up for the big games. *By Nicola Warren*

It was a brother that inspired him to play football and his favourite player is Ryan Giggs! When he was younger he wanted to be a footballer. His favourite food is pasta and favourite animal is a Leopard. The thing he misses most about Australia is all the sunshine. *By Rebecca Clements*

Danny used to live in Brisbane, Australia. He has not seen his family in 11 months. He likes to shop in London for clothes. He also likes to go and see friends. His favourite movie was the Green Mile and he also likes to listen to R&B, pop and dance. His favourite pop star is Kylie Minogue. *By Cherrisse Robinson*

He has been playing football since he was six-years old. His best friend at the club is 'Graz'. He also supports Man United and he can't explain the feeling when he scores a goal and the fans go wild. *By Shiro Collman*

Danny has not regretted joining Swindon. In fact he enjoys playing for Swindon more than West Ham. Danny, 22, told us that the best grounds he has played at are Upton Park and Maine Road. The worst ground he played at was Rotherham. Danny's best moment was his best goal, which was against Peterborough. *By Robert Hall*

He has a range of hobbies from golf to staying in with his Playstation. He has a Play station 2 and he's half way through playing Metal Gear Solid 2, he has also just completed 007. *By Liam Lumsden*



THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

On March 26 1977, Town entertained Walsall. The result was Swindon's fifth 2-2 draw in six matches as goals from Ray McHale and Trevor Anderson's 89th minute strike, his fourth in four games, ensured a point for each team. The late equaliser preserved Town's record of only one home defeat so far that season. If 2-2 draws were becoming predictable, Town broke the mould against York at the County Ground three days later. Five goals shared between Moss, Syrett, McLaughlin and McHale gave Town a 5-1 win. The performance was a vast improvement on that against Walsall when Town were booed off the pitch, justifying Danny Williams' decision against making changes.

1) Just as today, March 26 1977 saw an ex-Swindon manager return with his new club Walsall. Who was this?

2) Which Walsall player that day, (the club's record signing), later managed the Saddlers?

3) On March 30, England record a 5-0 win against which country in their bid to qualify for the 1978 World Cup in Argentina?

4) Which Ipswich Town striker won his first of 33 caps for England in this match?

5) Blackpool had won the trophy in 1971 which Swindon had won in 1970. Which trophy was this?



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

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

As we've said in our previous notes in recent weeks - the response for our trip to Stoke has been very disappointing. However, those of you that do want to go will not be disappointed. The coach travelling to Stoke will leave the County Ground at 8.30 am to arrive at Stoke around 11.30am.

Some of you living in the outlying districts such as Witney, will be picked up en route to the County Ground. Richard will be in touch with you regarding times and other details. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Richard on 01993 703110.

That just leaves us with the one reciprocal ticket match this season and that's at Brighton on April 13.

If any juniors wish to travel to the Withead Stadium, then please ring SAS travel to book your seats on the coach, bearing in mind that you will need to produce your membership card when booking.

**Happy Easter to you all,
George Chadwick**

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



Hello and welcome to today's game. As you may or may not know, the Soccer Centres are now shut for two weeks because of the Easter holidays. As a result, last week all the kids at our centres received their medals and certificates. The courses will start again on Monday April 8. Hopefully there will be plenty of new starters at our centres. There will also be a lot of you on the community courses as well. Wishing you a good Easter, Jimmy Fraser

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

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2002
THE COUNTY GROUND



- Each team guaranteed a minimum of five scheduled games on the County Ground pitch.
- Each team or company receives a half page in the tournament programme, featuring a company advertisement and details of their team members.
- Complimentary team photograph taken on the day.
- Each player will receive a goodie bag.
- Tea, coffee and bacon roll for each team player on arrival.
- Complimentary hot dog, french fries and soft drink on the day for each player.
- Every player receives a tournament medal.
- Team trophy and awards for both finalists.
- Additional 'Plate' competition on the day.
- Presentation of awards by Swindon Town Official.
- Spectators and team supporters watch for free.
- Fully licensed bar open from noon.

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sunday 12th May 2002

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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 | 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 | DAVIS(7) | HEWLETT | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | SABIN | | | | |
| Sat Aug 18 | (A) 3.00pm | Bristol City | 13,819 | 1-3 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS(8) | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE(6) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN | |
| Wed Aug 22 | (A) 7.45pm | Wolves (NCL) | 7,598 | 2-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE(6) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN | |
| Sat Aug 25 | (H) 3.00pm | Oldham Ath | 5,219 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE(7) | KUFFOUR(6) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Mon Aug 27 | (A) 3.00pm | Bury | 3,302 | 3-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS(7) | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(2) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Sep 1 | (H) 3.00pm | Colchester Utd | 4,889 | 1-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(2) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Sep 8 | (A) 3.00pm | Bournemouth | 3,770 | 0-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(2) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Sep 11 | (H) 7.45pm | West Brom (NCL) | 14,536 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS(7) | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(10) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Sep 15 | (H) 3.00pm | Tranmere Rovers | 5,922 | 2-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Sep 18 | (A) 7.45pm | Port Vale | 3,737 | 2-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Sep 22 | (A) 3.00pm | Chesham Utd | 4,275 | 0-4 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(4) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Sep 25 | (H) 7.45pm | Brentford | 5,519 | 2-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(4) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Sep 28 | (A) 3.00pm | Northampton Town | 5,104 | 1-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT(17) | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(9) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Oct 12 | (A) 3.00pm | Reading | 14,380 | 3-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(9) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Oct 16 | (A) 7.45pm | Colchester Utd | 1,251 | 0-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(9) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sun Oct 21 | (H) 2.15pm | Cardiff City | 8,373 | 0-3 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Wed Oct 24 | (H) 7.45pm | Cambridge Utd | 4,882 | 2-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Oct 27 | (A) 3.00pm | Weymouth | 7,127 | 1-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Nov 3 | (H) 3.00pm | Stoke City | 7,981 | 0-3 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Nov 10 | (A) 3.00pm | Blackpool | 5,018 | 0-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Nov 17 | (H) 3.00pm | Hartlepool Utd (NCL) | 4,766 | 3-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Wed Nov 21 | (A) 7.45pm | QPR | 8,847 | 0-4 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR(7) | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Nov 24 | (H) 3.00pm | Brighton & HA | 8,830 | 1-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Nov 27 | (H) 7.45pm | Wrexham | 4,127 | 3-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Dec 1 | (A) 3.00pm | Wigan Ath | 5,635 | 0-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Dec 8 | (H) 3.00pm | Hereford United (NCL) | 7,699 | 3-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Fri Dec 11 | (A) 7.45pm | Notts County | 4,197 | 1-3 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Wed Dec 16 | (H) 1.00pm | Bournemouth | 6,790 | 0-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Dec 29 | (H) 3.00pm | Bury | 7,624 | 3-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Jan 5 | (A) 3.00pm | Manchester City (NCL) | 21,581 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sun Jan 13 | (H) 2.15pm | Bristol City | 7,273 | 1-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Wed Jan 16 | (A) 7.45pm | Oldham Athletic | 3,970 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Jan 19 | (A) 3.00pm | Peterborough Utd | 6,598 | 1-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Jan 22 | (H) 7.45pm | Notts County | 3,821 | 1-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Jan 26 | (A) 1.00pm | Wrexham | 2,879 | 2-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Wed Jan 30 | (A) 7.45pm | Colchester Utd | 3,132 | 3-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Feb 2 | (H) 3.00pm | Northampton Town | 6,585 | 2-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Feb 5 | (H) 7.45pm | Huddersfield Town | 5,094 | 0-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Feb 9 | (A) 3.00pm | Cardiff City | 12,045 | 0-3 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Thu Feb 14 | (H) 3.00pm | Reading | 9,264 | 0-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Fri Feb 22 | (A) 7.45pm | Tranmere Rovers | 8,106 | 0-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Feb 26 | (H) 7.45pm | Chesham Utd | 4,580 | 2-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Mar 2 | (H) 3.00pm | Port Vale | 5,867 | 3-0 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Tue Mar 5 | (A) 7.45pm | Brentford | 6,944 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Mar 9 | (A) 3.00pm | Huddersfield Town | 9,590 | 0-2 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| Sat Mar 16 | (H) 3.00pm | Wigan Ath | 6,226 | 1-1 | GREMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | HEWLETT | WILLIS | GURNEY | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | KUFFOUR | GRAZIOU | DUKE | CORRAN | SABIN |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 15 | (H) 3.00pm | Weymouth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 20 | (H) 3.00pm | Weymouth Wanderers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat May 4 | (H) 3.00pm | Weymouth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

TOP SCORERS

| TOTAL | PLAYER'S NAME | GOAL RATIO |
|-------|---------------------|------------|
| 8 | Giuliano Graziopli | 22% |
| 8 | Danny Inconvincible | 17% |
| 5 | Eric Sabin | 8% |
| 5 | Andy Gurney | 9% |
| 3 | Keith O'Halloran | 20% |
| 3 | Bobby Howe | 9% |
| 3 | Matt Heywood | 4% |

SPOTLIGHT

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| JAMES WILLIAMS | |
| AGE | 20 |
| DATE OF BIRTH | 15.07.1982 |
| PLACE OF BIRTH | Swindon |
| HEIGHT | 5' 7" |
| WEIGHT | 10.8 |
| PREVIOUS CLUBS | trainee |
| GOALS | 0 |

GATES / FORM

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|----------|
| 9.264 | Reading | 14.02.02 |
| 8.830 | Brighton & HA | 24.11.01 |
| 8.373 | Cardiff City | 21.10.01 |
| 7.981 | Stoke City | 03.11.01 |
| | | |
| 1-1 D | Wigan Athletic | 16.03.02 |
| 0-2 L | Huddersfield Tn | 09.03.02 |
| 0-2 L | Brentford | 05.03.02 |
| 3-0 W | Port Vale | 02.03.02 |

Season 2001/02

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SWINDON

Manager

Andy King

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Bart Griemink | 1 |
| Sol Davis | 3 |
| Matthew Hewlett | 4 |
| Adam Willis | 5 |
| Andrew Gurney | 6 |
| Keith O'Halloran | 7 |
| Bobby Howe | 8 |
| Giuliano Grazioli | 10 |
| David Duke | 11 |
| Juan Cobian | 12 |
| Eric Sabin | 14 |
| Richard McKinney | 15 |
| Neil Ruddock | 16 |
| Daniel Invincible | 17 |
| Berti Brayley | 18 |
| Matthew Heywood | 19 |
| Paul Edwards | 20 |
| Ian Herring | 21 |
| Alan Reeves | 22 |
| Bryan Smith | 24 |
| Steve Robinson | 25 |
| Alan Young | 26 |
| Paul McAreevey | 27 |
| Nathan Edwards | 28 |
| Chris Collins | 30 |
| Kevin Halliday | 31 |
| Craig Farr | 32 |



BLACKPOOL

Manager

Steve McMahon

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Phil Barnes | 1 |
| Gary Parkinson | 2 |
| Tommy Jaszczun | 3 |
| John O'Kane | 4 |
| Ian Hughes | 5 |
| Brian Reid | 6 |
| Phil Clarkson | 8 |
| John Murphy | 9 |
| Scott Taylor | 10 |
| Paul Simpson | 11 |
| Danny Coid | 12 |
| James Pullen | 13 |
| Lee Collins | 14 |
| John Hills | 15 |
| Mike Milligan | 16 |
| Phil Thompson | 17 |
| Jamie Milligan | 18 |
| John O'Connor | 19 |
| Neil Murphy | 20 |
| Neil MacKenzie | 22 |
| Graham Fenton | 23 |
| Martin Bullock | 24 |
| Richard Walker | 25 |
| Ian Marshall | 26 |
| Rhys Day | 28 |
| Steve McMahon | 34 |
| Guy Heffernan | 35 |



Saturday 30th March 2002

kick-off 3.00pm

MATCH OFFICIALS

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Referee: | T. A. Parkes |
| Assistant 1: | M. Ebbage |
| Assistant 2: | D. J. Hine |
| 4th Official: | A. D. Sainsbury |

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*Calls charged at 60p at all times



TODAY'S FIXTURES

Sat Mar 30 2001/02

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



Division Two 2001/2002

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS | GD | (as at 25/03/2002) |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Reading | 41 | 23 | 10 | 8 | 62 | 35 | 79 | +27 | |
| Brighton | 41 | 21 | 14 | 6 | 58 | 40 | 77 | +18 | |
| Brentford | 41 | 22 | 9 | 10 | 72 | 40 | 75 | +32 | |
| Stoke City | 41 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 62 | 36 | 73 | +26 | |
| Huddersfield | 40 | 20 | 12 | 8 | 59 | 38 | 72 | +21 | |
| Bristol City | 41 | 20 | 8 | 13 | 60 | 42 | 68 | +18 | |
| Cardiff City 40 | 18 | 13 | 9 | 66 | 47 | 67 | +19 | | |
| Oldham | 41 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 71 | 60 | 62 | +11 | |
| Tranmere | 41 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 57 | 50 | 62 | +7 | |
| QPR | 41 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 53 | 44 | 61 | +9 | |
| Wycombe W | 41 | 15 | 12 | 14 | 51 | 55 | 57 | -4 | |
| Wigan | 41 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 57 | 46 | 54 | +11 | |
| Port Vale | 41 | 15 | 9 | 17 | 49 | 58 | 54 | -9 | |
| Swindon | 40 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 42 | 51 | 51 | -9 | |
| Blackpool | 41 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 57 | 64 | 50 | -7 | |
| Colchester | 41 | 13 | 11 | 17 | 58 | 58 | 50 | -10 | |
| Chesterfield | 41 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 48 | 53 | 49 | -5 | |
| Peterborough | 41 | 13 | 9 | 19 | 57 | 52 | 48 | -5 | |
| Notts Co | 41 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 51 | 65 | 41 | -14 | |
| Northampton | 41 | 12 | 5 | 24 | 47 | 73 | 41 | -26 | |
| Bury | 41 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 39 | 67 | 41 | -28 | |
| Bournemouth | 41 | 9 | 13 | 19 | 52 | 65 | 40 | -13 | |
| Wrexham | 41 | 9 | 9 | 23 | 48 | 83 | 36 | -35 | |
| Cambridge | 40 | 5 | 11 | 24 | 36 | 80 | 26 | -44 | |



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