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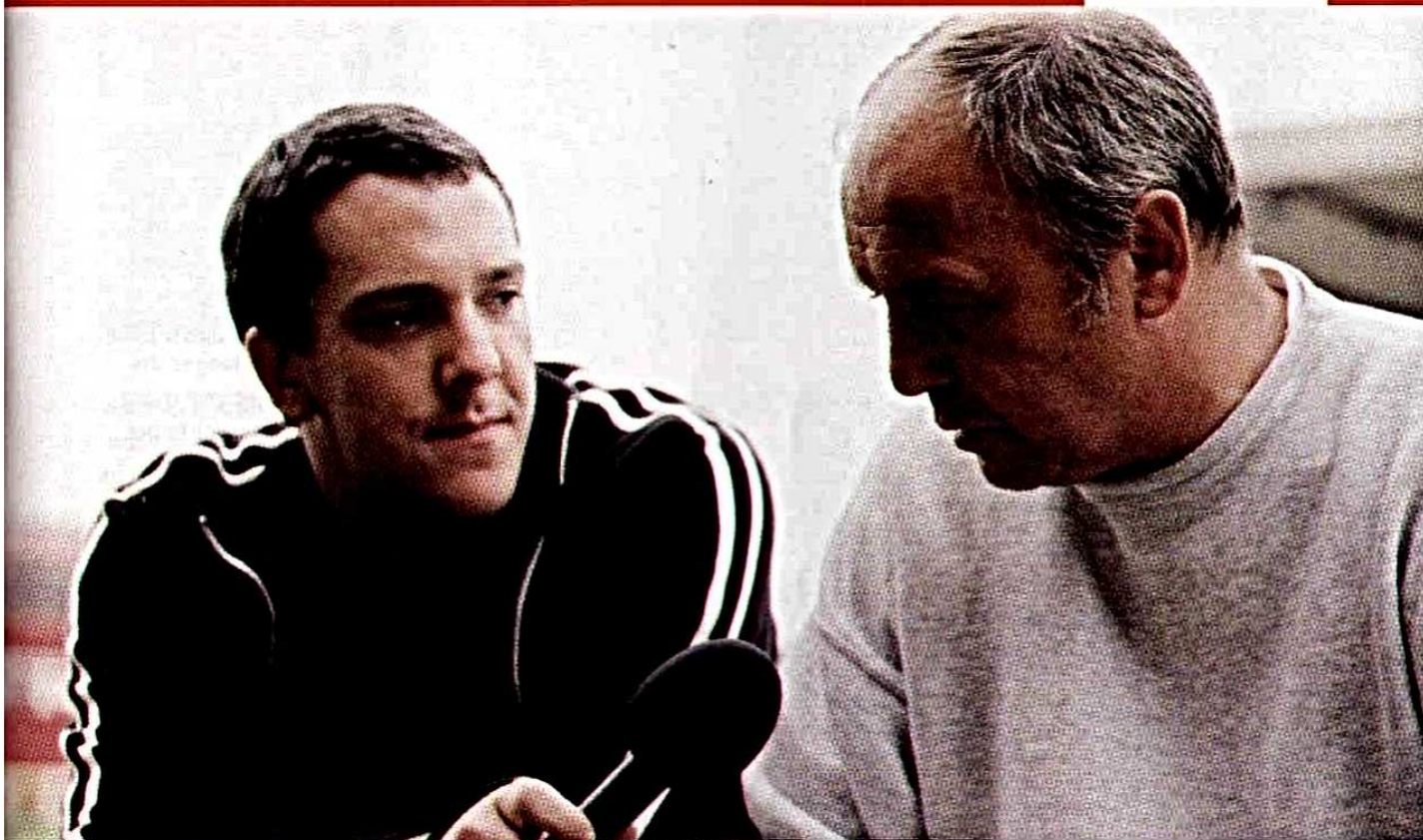
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THE GAFFER

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S ENCOUNTER WITH PORT VALE.

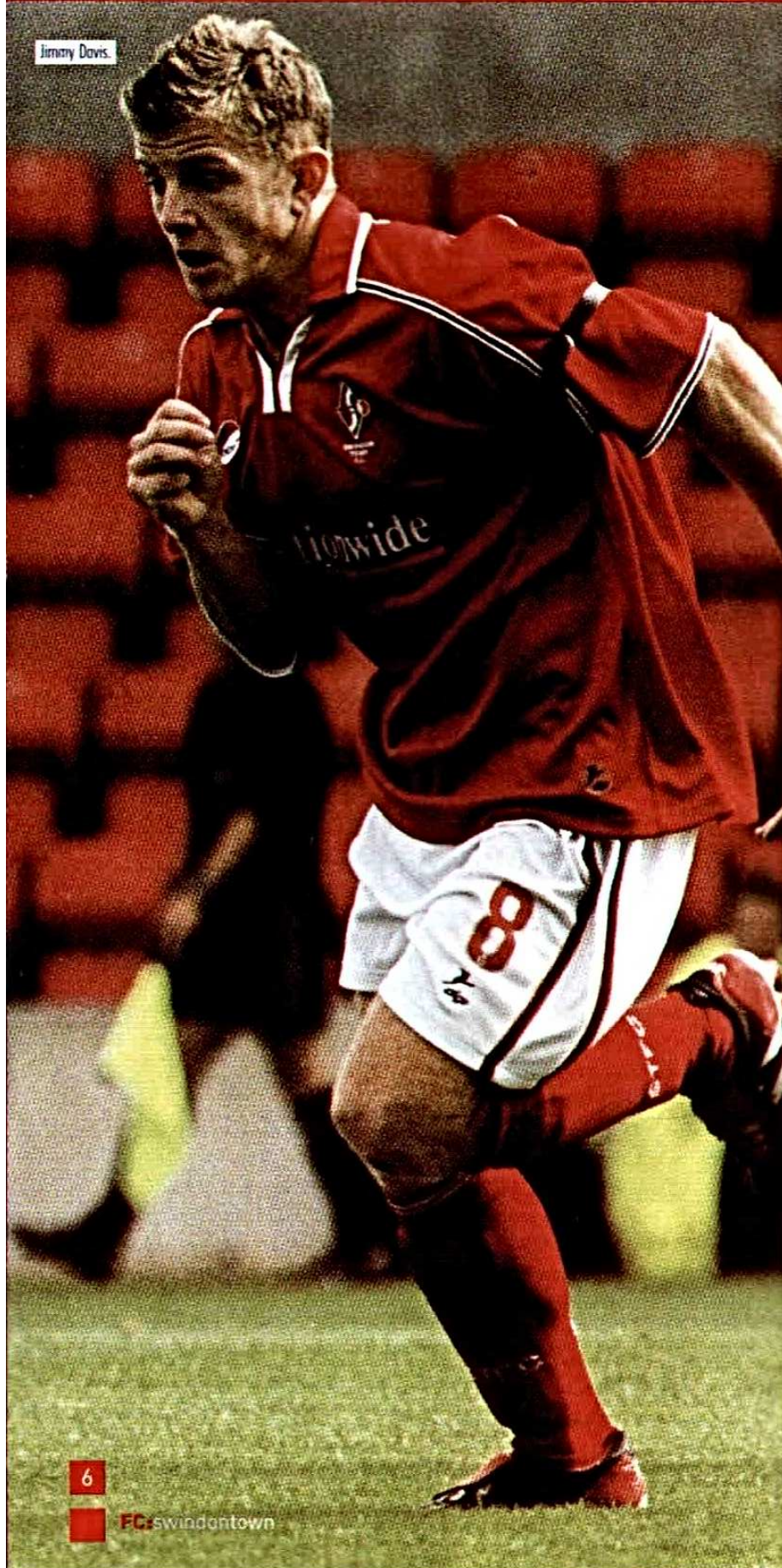
This is our third home game in as many weeks and, like you, I will be hoping for a bit more luck. I hope it's a case of third time lucky because in our last two home games against Cardiff and Stockport we have played extremely well and have come away with nothing. It seems unbelievable really when you look at our form guide and the league table because neither would offer a fair reflection on the way we have been playing.

Last week's game in particular, as I'm sure you will agree, was one of the most one-sided games I have ever experienced, yet we somehow managed to lose the game! It was difficult to comprehend and not surprisingly, the players were absolutely devastated in the dressing room afterwards. However, as difficult as it is to pick everybody up after such an experience, I just told them that if they keep playing like that, they will go a long way in this division.

I would argue that we are playing some of the best football I have seen since my time here, but as you all know performances don't necessarily win you points and so we must learn to finish teams off when we are playing so well.

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Jimmy Davis.



I said it a couple of times last season, but I think it still applies this time around and that's if we had scored the first goal, then I honestly believe that we would have gone on to win comfortably. The problem is, and perhaps I am to blame for this, the longer the game goes on you become more panicky and in an attempt to get that goal, you begin to make mistakes. Let's face it, Stockport rarely troubled us and they only had one outlet in their right midfielder. Yet when they did break away, they punished us and we can't afford to keep going on like that.

The very fact that we allowed them to break on the right hand side, having told the lads to keep him quiet at half time, was extremely frustrating. But other than that it was a faultless performance and another one of those today and a bit of luck in front of goal and I'm sure we will emerge victorious. As a team we were superb and in particular, I thought Jimmy Davis was, once again, fantastic. The most frustrating thing about Jimmy is that he's not our player and at some stage, he'll return to Manchester United. Yet while he's here I am hoping that he can continue playing the way he is because his energy and skill will cause problems for any team.

One thing we must do, and that applies to everyone in the side including myself as the manager, is learn to be patient. If the early goal does not materialise then we mustn't panic and launch long balls forward or shoot from long



distances in an effort to push the first goal. After all, Manchester United won the European Cup in the last 60 seconds and so there is always time to get that elusive match winner.

Today's encounter, like last week's pitches us against a side on good form and Port Vale have won their last two games in a row. May I take this opportunity in welcoming Brian Horton, his management team, players, directors and supporters to the County Ground this afternoon.

Port Vale, like they have been in the last couple of years, will be a very difficult side to beat. After a disappointing start to the season in which they failed to register a point from their first three games. However, a win against Wigan was followed by another victory at home to Peterborough and they will be confident of making it three in three this afternoon.

With a bit of luck that won't happen and a much-needed win will be the outcome of today's game. I know the last two weeks have been frustrating, but with your continued support I am sure that we will begin to turn performances into points and as a result, start our climb back up the table again.

ANDY KING FACING RELEGATION!

Do you remember in Issue 1 that we featured a team in Sweden called Andy King? Well, they have been in contact with us again to let

us know how they're getting on. Thankfully, after a recent run of five defeats, they won last Monday in week 36 in the league against Grandens Boys. However, it seems as though Andy King has been struggling with a number of injuries and suspensions! They currently occupy eighth place in the First Division, yet if they stay in this position they may have to play-off with those positioned third and fourth in the Second Division to retain their status. Good luck lads!



DICK MACKEY

Those of you that came to last week's game may have wandered what had happened to Danny Invincible, the forward not being selected for the Stockport encounter.

Unfortunately Danny picked up an unusual heel injury on the Friday and he was subsequently forced to miss the game. Danny had a new x-ray done on his heel last week in order for us to make sure that he is checked out properly. The foot was swollen to some extent and with that kind of injury we have to be sure that it has healed correctly. I wouldn't have thought that he would be ready in time for today's game, instead I see the Wycombe game as a more realistic comeback.

Other than that, the only player left to report on is Matt Hewlett. Matt has been out for nearly three weeks now, but he made good progress by training with the reserves on Tuesday. At the time of writing there has been no reaction to that and I would hope that he would have returned to full training on Thursday.

Chris Collins and Daren Dykes are both fine now, whilst Keith O'Halloran, our only other casualty, goes into surgery today.





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Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Port Vale. On behalf of the board of directors I would like to welcome the directors, officials, players and supporters of Port Vale to the home of Swindon Town Football Club.

Firstly, I would like to talk about the delay in having replica kit available for sale in the club shop. Let me first offer you our sincere apologies for the delay and explain the current situation. Due to the financial situation at the club last March, the club was clearly not in a position to plan or pay for its replica requirements for this season. Normally, if you haven't ordered by March most kit suppliers are unable to guarantee supply before mid-July at the earliest. It was not until the CVA was approved in late May that the club was able to back up its order with a cheque. Because of problems (on both sides admittedly), we did not seek to continue our agreement with Xara. A new company, Goal International, based in the Far East, was selected to supply our kit. They were able to offer good references from three different English League clubs. As you are aware a small initial order arrived in time for the Sporting Gijon game – these were mostly used for pre-orders. We then expected the remainder of our replica kit, including training wear to arrive for the weekend of the Cardiff City game. Sadly, although the stock reached the port of Felixstowe five days before the game, problems with UK customs meant that the stock stayed at the port. We then expected the clearance to be achieved on Monday August 26, but as I write these notes, despite many phone calls, our stock remains at Felixstowe whilst our kit supplier works to get the clearance through customs. This is meant as an explanation not an excuse, we know that we are not providing the level of customer service you should expect, and of course, the club misses out on much needed revenue. I can only hope that by today's game the situation is resolved and happy faces are seen



MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

again in and around the County Ground.

Wednesday sees the start of another Worthington Cup campaign when Wycombe Wanderers visit the County Ground. It picks the whole club and town up if we were to embark on a long cup run and I hope that as many of you as possible make it along to support the team and cheer them on to victory. We appreciate that three home games in quick succession is a considerable expense and in view of that we have reduced prices around the stadium. Adult tickets in the Arkells and Nationwide Stands are just £15 per

person, and in the Town End it's just £10 per person. Kids and concession prices are £5 irrespective of the stand. Season Ticket holders can gain admission for just £5 per person. Your support is crucial so if you can, please come along and offer the team your support.

It was good to see such great support at Brentford, both numerically and vocally, thanks again for your continued loyalty – it is appreciated by everyone at the club.

Enjoy the game.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

30.08.02

EDDS CALL UP

Gareth Edds received the call up to travel with the Australia Under 23 international side when they visited Germany last week.

The side was preparing for the 2004 Olympics, for which Edds will still qualify, and met German side Bayer Leverkusen last Wednesday. The Aussie side were due to play again on Friday but Edds travelled back prior to that match to rejoin King's squad ahead of today's game against Port Vale. He said: "I've had a tough twelve months but things seem to be happening for me now. Hopefully I can continue to play well for Swindon and keep getting in the international squads and we'll see what happens when the Olympics come around." For a full interview with Gareth Edds, turn to page 32.

30.08.02

JACKSON HITCH

Last week Town were poised to secure the loan signing of Tottenham Hotspur midfielder, Johnnie Jackson, but a last-minute hitch put his three-month loan switch to the County Ground on hold. Jackson arrived at the County Ground last Friday morning and trained with the Andy King's squad for the first time. 20-year-old Jackson was introduced to the press as his signature in the afternoon was thought to be a mere formality. However, just as the transfer was about to go through, Tottenham Hotspur received word from the Football League that Jackson was due to serve a three-match ban, therefore preventing him playing in Town's next three matches. Obviously, Andy King was reluctant to have Jackson on the payroll while he was unable to turn out for the team and the deal was put on ice while Jackson serves a reduced two-match ban in the light of his pending loan move to the County Ground. Andy King spoke with Tottenham officials last week and has confirmed that Jackson will continue to train with the squad but will miss today's match against Port Vale.

30.08.02

DANNY'S ACHILLES HEEL

Danny Invincible picks up an unusual achilles injury ahead of the game against Stockport. The Australian subsequently missed that game and is doubtful today. Dick Mackey gives you further details on page 7.

31.08.02

WE WOZ ROBBED!

Town go down to their third consecutive defeat as Stockport win 1-0 at the County Ground. Town absolutely dominated this game despite losing, and were left ruing a plethora of missed chances when Luke Beckett scored the only goal on 56 minutes. Turn to page 14 for a full report.



31.08.02

CROSS BAR OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Nationwide Stand's new bar, aptly named the Cross Bar by fan Rob Hing, opened for business ahead of the Stockport game. The new bar, as well as two kiosks in the Arkells Stand, are now open on matchdays from 1.00pm, as well as for 45 minutes after each game.





01.09.02

COMMUNITY CAR BOOST

Pictured here are community officers Clive Maguire, Luke Sharps and Jon Holloway with Jon Ellis from Windmill Hill. Windmill Hill, who have already sponsored the Community Office's minibus, have now given them a new car at a reduced rate as well. Jon Holloway, delighted with the car said, "The four community officers are very busy at the moment and need the car, as well as the van, to travel to local schools and football clubs. Windmill Hill have been great to us and this car will really help our cause."



benefit from working in a busy, yet successful department that has grown exponentially in recent months. The attraction of being first with the news and getting to know the players is an obvious benefit too. If you are interested in the above position, please

send us a CV, covering letter (explaining why you are the person for the job) as well as a brief match report from a game of your choice. If sending by post, send to Nick Judd, Swindon Town Football Club, The County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED. Alternatively, you can email your applications to nickjudd76@hotmail.com

02.09.02

STFC NEEDS YOU!

Swindon Town Football Club is looking to appoint a new full-time web editor to assist in its busy Communications Department. The job of website editor is demanding, yet hugely enthralling and candidates must be enthusiastic, be passionate about football and a talented writer to boot. From match reports to hot breaking news, tasks will change on a day-to-day basis and the right candidate must be able to adapt accordingly. They will also be prepared to work on matchdays – to report the latest news and views as and when they happen. A car is also essential. As well as a competitive salary, candidates will also



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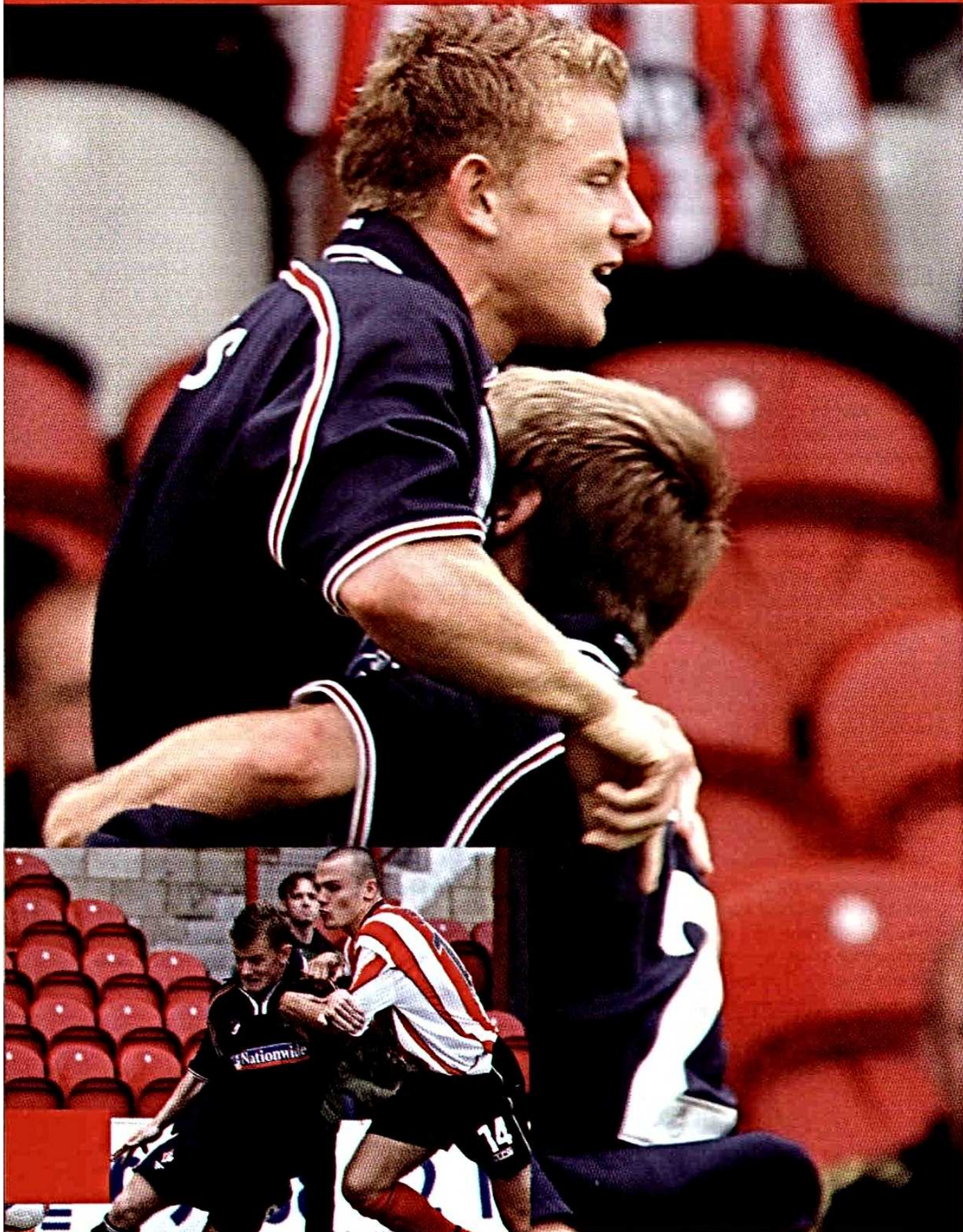
CHRISTMAS PACKAGES – JUST A FEW PLACES LEFT

Fans are being reminded that there are just a few places left for those wishing to celebrate their Christmas party at the County Ground. Town's catering department is now in its seventh year of fun packed party nights here at the club and over the years they've built up a first class reputation for providing fun packed nights of eating, drinking and dancing. Lunchtime festivities cost just £15.00 + vat (per head), Christmas dinners £22.00 + vat (per head) and Festive Finger buffets £15.00 + vat (per head). If you're interested then contact Chris Abrook, Barks and Kiosks manager on 01793 333715.

07.09.02

QUIDS IN!

Fans are reminded that all drinks (singles only) are £1 in the Winners Lounge after today's game. The promotion coincides with England's friendly against Portugal, the game being shown in the bar.



MATCH ACTION



MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2002, KO 3.00PM
GRIFFIN PARK 6,299

BRENTFORD 3

VINE 7, 14, MCCAMMON 78

SWINDON TOWN 1

DAVIS 17

Town were left ruing a host of missed chances and some sloppy defending as they slumped to their second consecutive defeat of the season at Griffin Park.

They started the game with a similar 4-3-3 formation, Jimmy Davis replacing Danny Invincible up front (with Sam Parkin finishing the forward trio), Andy Gurney, Stefan Miglioranzi and Steve Robinson occupying the midfield. At the back it was a similar looking quartet, with the impressive Edds lining up alongside Willis, Heywood and Duke.

However, it was the home side that enjoyed the best of the early exchanges and with just three minutes gone Stephen Hunt shot wide from the edge of the area. Two minutes later, Rowan Vine showed how dangerous he could be when he got himself into a shooting position twenty yards out. Fortunately for Griemink and those behind his goal, he dragged his effort wide of the goal. Town's sigh of relief was short-lived and just a minute later Vine had given the home side the lead. Having controlled a quick ball into his feet from the right hand side, Vine beat off challenges from Matty Heywood before turning and shooting into the top corner from ten yards. Town were devastated. Yet no sooner had they gone about the business of getting themselves back in the game – it was 2-0. Vine again was the perpetrator, this time the 20-year old heading home a wicked cross from the right hand side, leaving Griemink with no chance in the Town goal.

Town were clearly shell-shocked, but Jimmy Davis threw them a lifeline three minutes later. The diminutive winger broke free on the right just after the quarter-hour mark and he cut inside with devastating effect, cutting the ball across Paul Smith's body and into the bottom corner of the net – the first goal that The Bees had conceded this season. Town, like Brentford, looked dangerous going forward, but it was in midfield that they were losing the battle. Steve Robinson apart, Town looked disjointed

and the back four were struggling to cope with the growing numbers of Brentford midfielders pushing forward.

If Vine and McCammon were causing havoc for Town's defence, then Jimmy Davis was doing exactly the same to the Bees rearguard, the on-loan star crossing to Sam Parkin at the back post. Unfortunately for Town, and with no defenders around him, Parkin headed over the bar when he really should have done better. A minute later and Davis was at the centre of the action again, this time going it alone with the ball at his feet. Having squirmed his way around three or four defenders, Davis got himself in to a shooting position and angled a low drive just wide of the target.

Town came out for the second half confident of at least salvaging a point. On 76 minutes Town had their best chance to equalise when David Duke was released by a Davis through-ball on the left-hand side. The Scotsman broke free and was one-on-one with the 'keeper. Unfortunately, Duke delayed in shooting and just before he was about to release the ball, he was tackled by a last ditch lunge by a Brentford defender.

Similarly, Danny Invincible, on for Steve Robinson, was through shortly afterwards. However, having got himself into a shooting position, the Australian was indecisive and his effort found the 'keeper in a good position. Two minutes later and Town were punished for their miss. Another wayward pass in the wrong area of the pitch allowed Mark McCammon to break free on goal. With just Griemink to beat, the tall striker slid the ball home under the Dutchman's body and the game was effectively over.

With many Town fans dispersing, Andy Gurney wasted another opportunity with an effort that encapsulated Town's afternoon. The captain latched onto a Sam Parkin flick and from six yards out – he could only force his shot straight at the goalkeeper.

BRENTFORD: Paul Smith, Dobson, Roger, Sonko, Somner, O'Connor, Hutchinson, Hunt, Jay Smith, McCammon (Constantine ,87), Vine. **Subs not used:** Julian, Evans, Chorley, Anderson.

TOWN: Griemink, Edds, Willis (booked), Heywood, Duke, Gurney, Miglioranzi, Robinson (Invincible ,71), Sabin (booked), Parkin, Davis. **Subs not used:** Reeves, Edwards, Farr, Dykes.



MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2002 KO 3.00PM
THE COUNTY GROUND 5,456

SWINDON TOWN 0

STOCKPORT COUNTY 1

BECKETT 56

Town's faithful will be wondering how their side lost this game having dominated last week against Stockport County.

Jimmy Davis orchestrated the proceedings and on four minutes came close when he volleyed over from just six yards out. Four minutes later and Town came close again, this time Miglioranzi firing a long-range effort straight at the 'keeper. On 11 minutes Davis shot straight at Lee Jones in the Stockport upright before he angled a cross towards Eric Sabin on 16 minutes. Unfortunately the ball was plucked away from the Frenchman's head before he had the opportunity to head home.

Miglioranzi saw another volley finish just wide of the target before Sabin shot wide following a mael in the penalty area.

Stockport's main attacking outlet was through Ali Gibb on the right hand side of midfield and on 24 minutes he crossed for Luke Beckett to angle an half volley towards Town's goal. Fortunately Griemink was on hand to palm the effort round the bar.

Town broke again just after the half-hour mark and Gurney shot straight at the Jones once again from 25 yards. Seven minutes later came Town's best chance of the game. Jimmy Davis cut inside following a short corner and his goal bound effort was headed over by Reeves on the six-yard line.

The second half started as the first period finished and on 50 minutes Jimmy Davis, who absolutely terrorised Stockport's defence, fired straight at the 'keeper. A minute later and it was Sabin who was causing problems with his pace; having beaten a defender on the right he sent in a dangerous cross that went across the face of the goal.

Four minutes later Town really should have opened their account.

A cross fell to Parkin on six yards and, after the keeper saved from Town's top scorer, he quickly picked himself up off the floor to tip the ball over from Gurney's rebound.

Having missed so many chances you got the feeling that it wasn't going to be Town's day and just before the hour mark, Luke Beckett applied the killer blow. Another cross from Ali Gibb on the right went across the face of Town's goal and the former Chesterfield man stubbed the ball over the line following Burgess's attempt.

Town's relentless pressure continued and the home side looked likely to get a quick equaliser. Two minutes after having gone behind Andy Gurney found himself clear in the box following a Jimmy Davis cross. Unfortunately Town's skipper mis-controlled when it seemed easier to hit the ball first time and the chance was wasted.

Two minutes later and Davis crossed again, this time to Sam Parkin whose header was deflected wide for a corner.

On 65 minutes Town were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area. Jimmy Davis stepped up to take it and Lee Jones in the Stockport goal scrambled his effort off the line. Five minutes later and Parkin came close again. This time another header (from yet another Davis cross) was saved off the line.

Town were becoming increasingly frustrated as the game went on. Once Parkin had headed over for the third time in the half, the home side's efforts were coming from further and further out. With 15 minutes remaining Miglioranzi shot wide from 30 yards, Town's enthusiasm seemingly evaporating the longer the game went on and not even the presence of Matt Heywood up front could unsettle Carlton Palmer's defence.

TOWN: Griemink, Edds, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Davis, Gurney, Robinson (Willis 78), Miglioranzi, Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Edwards, Young, Cobian.

STOCKPORT COUNTY: Jones, Hardiker, Clare, Challinor (Lambert 46), Gibb, Briggs, Palmer, Goodwin, Lescott, Beckett (Daly 84), Burgess (Ross 83). **Subs not used:** Ingham, Ellison.

20 QUESTIONS



LAST WEEK JIMMY DAVIS REVEALED HIS WORST CHAT-UP LINE AND HIS SECRET NICKNAME. THIS WEEK, IT'S **STEVE ROBINSON'S** TURN TO ANSWER 20 QUESTIONS. OR SHOULD I CALL HIM 'TRAMP'?

1. NICKNAME?

Robbo, Turbo or Tramp – although I don't approve of the last one.

2. WHAT TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT OTHER THAN SWINDON TOWN (!)?

Notts County, I was born in Nottingham and so it was the first team I followed.

3. WHAT'S THE MOST RIDICULOUS RUMOUR/STORY YOU'VE EVER HEARD/READ ABOUT YOURSELF?

That I've scored a goal.

4. WHAT'S THE WORST CHAT UP LINE YOU'VE EVER HEARD USED BY A TEAM-MATE?

I'd have to claim that I'm afraid. I said, "Hi, my name's Steve – can I stand here?."

5. WHAT ARE THE MAIN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION OTHER THAN FOOTBALL IN THE TOWN DRESSING ROOM?

We had a golf day not so long ago and so we've talked about that a lot. Jimmy Davis won it with 45 points, but anyone who wins that many points and claims to have a handicap of 16 has to be a bandit.

6. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT DO WHEN YOU FINISH PLAYING FOOTBALL?

As little as possible hopefully. Maybe play a lot of golf?

7. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

Play golf and the guitar.

8. WHO WOULD YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO AS A PLAYER?

Someone who's quick, doesn't stop running and loves to tackle. Billy Bremner (I wish!).

9. WHO ARE YOUR HEROES, ON AND OFF THE FIELD?

I haven't really got any heroes as such.

10. HARDEST OPPONENT EVER PLAYED AGAINST?

David Batty was pretty tough. A good player and hard too.

11. CAREER HIGHS AND LOWS?

The highlight was scoring against Leicester City for Birmingham in the FA Cup. The lowest point in my career would have to be the injury I had at Birmingham. I had three knee operations and played just eight games in one season.

12. WHAT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING YOU'VE EVER BOUGHT?

A round of drinks for the lads.

13. WHICH TEAM DO YOU MOST WANT TO BEAT THIS SEASON?

Bristol City. Not only do we owe them one from the last two seasons, but it would be great to give the fans something to cheer about and City are, I suppose, our main rivals this year.

14. ROY KEANE – HERO OR VILLAIN?

Both. (Wise answer – Ed.)

15. BIZARRE RUN-INS WITH A FAN?

Well, there was this one occasion when one of my team mates at Birmingham handcuffed me to this girl. And then he threw the key in the canal. We couldn't separate ourselves and in the end the police had to force them off us at four in the morning.

16. BEST GOAL EVER SCORED?

All four of them!

17. ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?

I can play the guitar pretty well.

18. WHAT MUSIC'S IN YOUR CAR AT THE MOMENT?

The Vines and the new Coldplay album.

19. HAVE YOU EVER USED YOUR FAME AS A FOOTBALLER TO YOUR ADVANTAGE?

It's probably more of a disadvantage to be honest!

20. PREDICTIONS FOR TODAY'S GAMES

Blackpool	3-1	Tranmere
Brentford	0-1	Luton
Colchester	0-0	Cheltenham
Crewe	3-1	Chesterfield
Huddersfield	1-1	Barnsley
Mansfield	1-4	QPR
Notts Co	0-3	Oldham
Swindon	4-0	Port Vale (and I'm going to get a hat-trick!)
Wigan	2-0	Wycombe

MATCH ACTION



WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2002

CAMBRIDGE UNITED 1

SCULLY

SWINDON TOWN 1

REEVES

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Juan Cobian, Kevin Halliday, David Bampton, Neil Ruddock (Ian Herring 67), Alan Reeves, Darn Dykes (Cheeseman 39), Nathan Edwards, Alan Young, Neil Crosby (Draycott 73), Chris Hughes.

Subs: Steve Smith, Chris Taylor

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S RESERVES UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUED LAST WEEK WHEN AN ALAN REEVES HEADER IN THE DYING MOMENTS LEVELLED THE SCORES AT CAMBRIDGE.

Town had been trailing to an early Tony Scully effort until Town's longest serving player popped up to head home on 85 minutes. A draw was nothing short of what Town deserved, the visitors putting the home side under large amounts of pressure in the second half.

Cambridge started the game the brighter of the two sides and they took the lead almost instantly when Alex Revell's cross from the left hand side found Tony Scully in the box. Scully took advantage and he managed to scramble the ball past Farr at the second attempt. Cambridge almost made it two three minutes later. Daryl Bourgeois latched on to a Jonathan Heathcote through ball and did well to hold off challenges from Neil Ruddock before dragging his shot wide from the edge of the area.

Reeves and Ruddock rallied the troops from the back and, having organised the defence gave Town the confidence to go forward. Young forced Brennan in the United goal into a full-length save when he latched onto Dykes' cross and no matter what Town did, they couldn't force that elusive equaliser.

Cambridge looked the more likelier of the two sides to add to the score after the break, Craig Farr was called upon to make a number of impressive saves, the best of which came when Farr was on hand to slide and prevent Armand One from slotting home inside the area.

Farr's saves were to prove crucial as in the hot sun, Cambridge began to tire and Town camped themselves in Cambridge's half. However, it took until the 85th minute to level the proceedings. Cambridge failed to clear a Dykes free-kick and Mark Draycott's resultant cross was headed home by Alan Reeves from 10 yards. Both sides had late chances to win the game. Firstly, Cambridge came close when Owen Paynter flashed a 20-yard shot wide of the goal before United's 'keeper did well to smuggle a wicked corner from Juan Cobian.

Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	1-0
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge United	Away	1-1
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough United	Away	3-2
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	
Wed 9 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	
Tue 12 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	
Wed 4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Tue 10 Dec	QPR	Home	
Mon 6 Jan	Crystal Palace	Away	
Wed 15 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	
Wed 5 Feb	Northampton Town	Home	
Tue 18 Feb	Brentford	Away	
Wed 24 Feb	Bristol City	Home	
Wed 12 Mar	Gillingham	Home	
Wed 26 Mar	Colchester United	Away	
Wed 2 Apr	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Wed 16 Apr	Leyton Orient	Away	
Wed 23 Apr	Oxford United	Home	
Wed 30 Apr	Portsmouth	Away	

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ROCKIN' ROBIN

AS THE SUMMER MONTHS COME TO A CLOSE AND THE DARK NIGHTS CLOSE IN – IT'S TIME FOR ROCKIN' ROBIN TO REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER FOR TOWN'S FAVOURITE MASCOT.

It's been an interesting summer. I've been up and down the country giving up my boots to a worthy cause and I've even managed to meet the queen!

It all started when I opened a small village fete in a place called Steventon. I was given an endless supply of millet and I managed to bite in to some very tasty chocolate cakes during the afternoon! Later on I attended a Jubilee 2002 street party, where I entertained children and made myself feel ill bouncing on a Bouncy Castle (mental note to self – don't go on bouncy castles having eaten loads of cake!).

However, things didn't really kick off until I was invited to the Reebok stadium (Bolton Wanderers' ground) for a Mascot World Record Attempt. The idea was to try and get as many mascots together in one place and in the end, 54 of us achieved the record and I made a brief appearance on Sky Sports news. Part of the day's fun was an

11 v 11 mascot match on the Bolton pitch. I was chosen to play for the Bolton Hospice side on an extremely wet day! Anyway, match referee John Miginly started the game with the size 15 football! I decided to keep my profile low to start with in order to lull the opposition (Bolton Hospital) into a false sense of security, however I let my guard down! A large blue hippo was bearing down on our goal and with flashbacks of my tackle at Bristol City fresh in my mind I decided to race the length of the pitch, only to bring the large blue hippo down on the edge of the box. Red Card! I could not believe it. In protest I decided to sit in the middle of the pitch, but the linesman intervened, dragging me from the soaked touchline! I couldn't be doing with this, so after a delay of 17 seconds I was back in the game! Within moments I was presented with the ball on the halfway line, grasping the opportunity with both wings I skilfully dribbled to the other end

of the pitch, taking it around the despairing goalkeeper, to notch the opener of the game...goooooooooooooooooal! Unfortunately, my team Bolton Hospice lost the game 12-3, but I managed to grab a winner's medal and that red and yellow card from the ref! Rockin' made a sharp exit!

More recently, you may have noticed my absence at the Barnsley game. (I was there in spirit!) On this day I was on 'wedding duty' at the Wedding of Mark Bowler, who is a life long Swindon Town fan. Mark entered a competition to win £2,000 as part of the consolation for missing the first game of the season! As a result the media interest in the wedding was huge! BBC Radio





Wiltshire Sound and BBC 5 live demanded interviews from the happy couple and hopefully a picture of Mark, Michelle, John (Marks Brother) and myself will appear in 4-4-2 magazine! John, also a lifelong Town supporter, donned a Black armband for the wedding in protest for the date of the wedding fixture. Nevertheless, Rockin' Robin didn't disappoint in the evening function with an energetic, match day dance!

So, on to the future! On September 28th this year I am running in the fourth British Mascot Grand

National which will be held at Huntingdon racecourse. Last year I finished in 9th spot out of 121 other mascots. The training schedule has been tough, and the new diet is hard to keep to but with Pasta, seed and rice as my main stable foods, and some personal training from Danny Invincible, I'm confident in bringing the trophy and title of 'Mascot Grand National Winner' to where it belongs - SUR-WIN-DON!!!!

All the best,
Cooooooooo Yooooooooo
Reeeeeeeeds,

Rockin'



Swindon Town v Port Vale

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For/Against



Goalscoring



Home/Away



Top Scorer



Form Guide



Discipline



Attendances



Swings/Margins



Miscellaneous



Clubs Comparison



Goals Scored

5	Shots	3
1	Headers	0
1	Volleys	0
1	Penalties	2
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0

Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored

1	0-15 mins	0
1	16-30 mins	1
3	31-45 mins	2
2	46-60 mins	0
0	61-75 mins	0
1	76-90 mins	2



Form Guide

2	Won	2
1	Drawn	0
3	Lost	4
8	For	5
8	Against	10
7	Points	6
0	Goal Difference	-5
WWDLLL	Sequence	LLLLWW
WLL	Home Seq.	LLW
WDL	Away Seq.	LLW

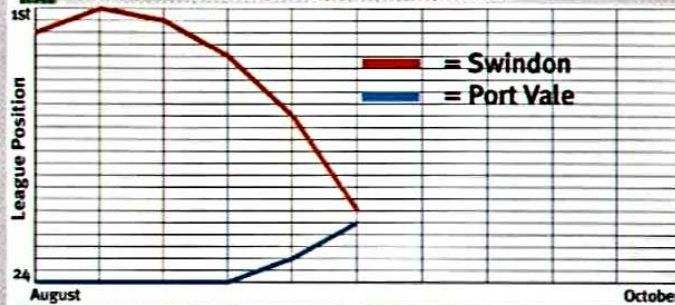


Yellow & Red Cards

10	Yellow	11
0	Red	1



Seasonal Progress Comparison



2002-2003 Attendances

Robins	Aggregate	Valiants
18,722	13,561	
7,564	Highest	5,629
5,456	Lowest	3,862
6,241	Average	4,520
43	% of Capacity	24



Average Goals per game

1.33	For	0.83
1.00	Home For	0.67
1.67	Away For	1.00
1.33	Against	1.67
1.00	Home Against	1.67
1.67	Away Against	1.67



2002-2003 Figures

16	Players Used	19
1	Clean Sheets	2
3	Failed to Score	1
0	Goals scored from...	
0	Corners	0
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Goals conceded from...	
0	Corners	2
1	Free Kicks	0





10 Year Record

Robins	Avg Pos.	Valiants
45.1	among 92 clubs	44.6
15,011	Avg Att 1993	8,323
6,241	Avg Att 2002	4,520
-58	+ / - %	-46



Top League Scorers

		
4	League Goals	2
6	Games Played	5
0.67	Lge Goals/Game	0.40
3	Points Gained	2
2	Scoring Run	1
1	Hat-Tricks	0
0	Close Range	1
4	Inside Area	1
0	Long Range	0
3	Shots	1
0	Headers	0
0	Volleys	0
1	Penalties	1
0	Direct FKs	0



Swings

ST	Games Won from:	PV
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
1	1 Goal Down	0

Lost from:	
0	3 Goals Up
0	2 Goals Up
0	1 Goal Up

Drawn from:	
0	3 Goals Down
0	2 Goals Down
0	1 Goal Down
0	3 Goals Up
0	2 Goals Up
0	1 Goal Up



Margins

0	Won by 1 Gl	2
2	Won by 2 Gl	0
0	Won by 3 Gl	0
0	Won by 4 Gl	0
0	Won by 5+ Gl	0
0	Games	
2	Lost by 1 Gl	2
1	Lost by 2 Gl	1
0	Lost by 3 Gl	1
0	Lost by 4 Gl	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gl	0

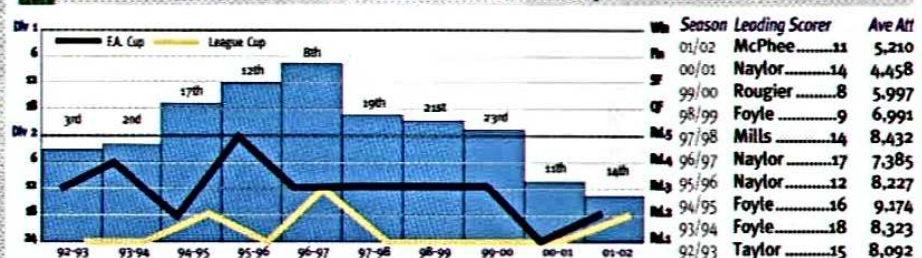


Misc stats

1	Highest Pos.	19
18	Lowest Pos.	24
2	Winning Run	2
3	Unbeaten Run	2
3	Losing Run	4
4	No Win Run	4



Port Vale's 10 Year History



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THIS SUNDAY SEES THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE GAMES PROGRAMME RE-START. OUR UNDER 9'S, 10'S AND 11'S PLAY AT ZURICH LIFE AGAINST CARDIFF, WHILE THE UNDER 12'S AND 13'S PLAY AWAY AT TORQUAY. THE UNDER 14'S AND 15'S WILL PLAY TORQUAY AT HOME AT THE CLUB'S TRAINING GROUND.

All of our home games are played at the club's fantastic training ground in Wanborough. Anyone who is interested in watching our younger lads is welcome; all the games kick off at 11.00am, it would be great to see some supporters up there.

The coaching for the Centre of Excellence players will then start on Monday. The players are coached twice a week and we will be up at Zurich Life up until half term. Then we return to our usual coaching facility at Greendown Community School.

We are delighted to be able to use these facilities to enable us as a Football Club, to try and produce players for our first team.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Supporters Club who again have sponsored the Centre of Excellence to the sum of £5,000 for the second season running. We hope this sponsorship continues for many more seasons to come.

FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8

Under 9s	Cardiff	H
Under 10s	Cardiff	H
Under 11s	Cardiff	H
Under 12s	Torquay	A
Under 13s	Torquay	A
Under 14s	Torquay	H
Under 15s	Torquay	H

SEPTEMBER 15

Under 9s		
Under 10s	Cheltenham	A
Under 11s		
Under 12s	Exeter	H
Under 13s	Exeter	H
Under 14s	Exeter	A
Under 15s	Exeter	A

SEPTEMBER 22

Under 9s	Swansea	A
Under 10s	Swansea	A
Under 11s	Swansea	A
Under 12s		
Under 13s	Cheltenham	H
Under 14s	Cheltenham	H
Under 15s	Cheltenham	A

September 29

Free week for all clubs



JUST TWO GAMES AGO PORT VALE WERE ON THE VERGE OF A MINI-CRISIS. HAVING LOST THEIR OPENING FOUR GAMES AND CONCEDED 10 GOALS, THE VALIANTS WERE PLAYING ANYTHING BUT HEROIC FOOTBALL.

TODAY'S VISITORS

PORT VALE

Vale Park, home of Port Vale.



THIS SEASON

Ins: Phil Charnock (Crewe), Brett Angell (Rushden), Ian Brightwell (Stoke), Jon McCarthy (Birmingham)

Outs: Sagi Burton (Crewe)

Odds for promotion: 20/1
(courtesy of www.swindontown.co.uk)

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 14 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 5-0 (v Cambridge)

Biggest defeat: 0-4 (v Blackpool)

Top scorer: McPhee 14

Most League apps: Cummins 53

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1876

Biggest win: 9 - 1 vs Chesterfield
(24/09/1932)

Most capped player: Sammy Morgan
(Northern Ireland: 7)

Most league goals: Wilf Kirkham
(1926/27: 38)

Biggest buy: Gareth Ainsworth £500,000

Record against the Town:
STFC wins 22, PVFC wins 24, Draws 14

Brian Horton admitted his side weren't battling enough, but refused to make any major changes, believing his strategy and players were better than results suggested. Perhaps most worryingly, the fans made vocal their displeasure with Horton's tactics and were beginning to turn on the team.

But football's a funny old game we're so often told, and in the space of a week Vale's fortunes have been turned around by two hard-fought 1-0 wins. The first, to the surprise of everyone, came away to then league leaders Wigan. And last Saturday saw Brett Angell tap in a late winner against struggling Peterborough to lift the Burslem-based side to within a point and a place of Town. Which makes today's game all the more fascinating.

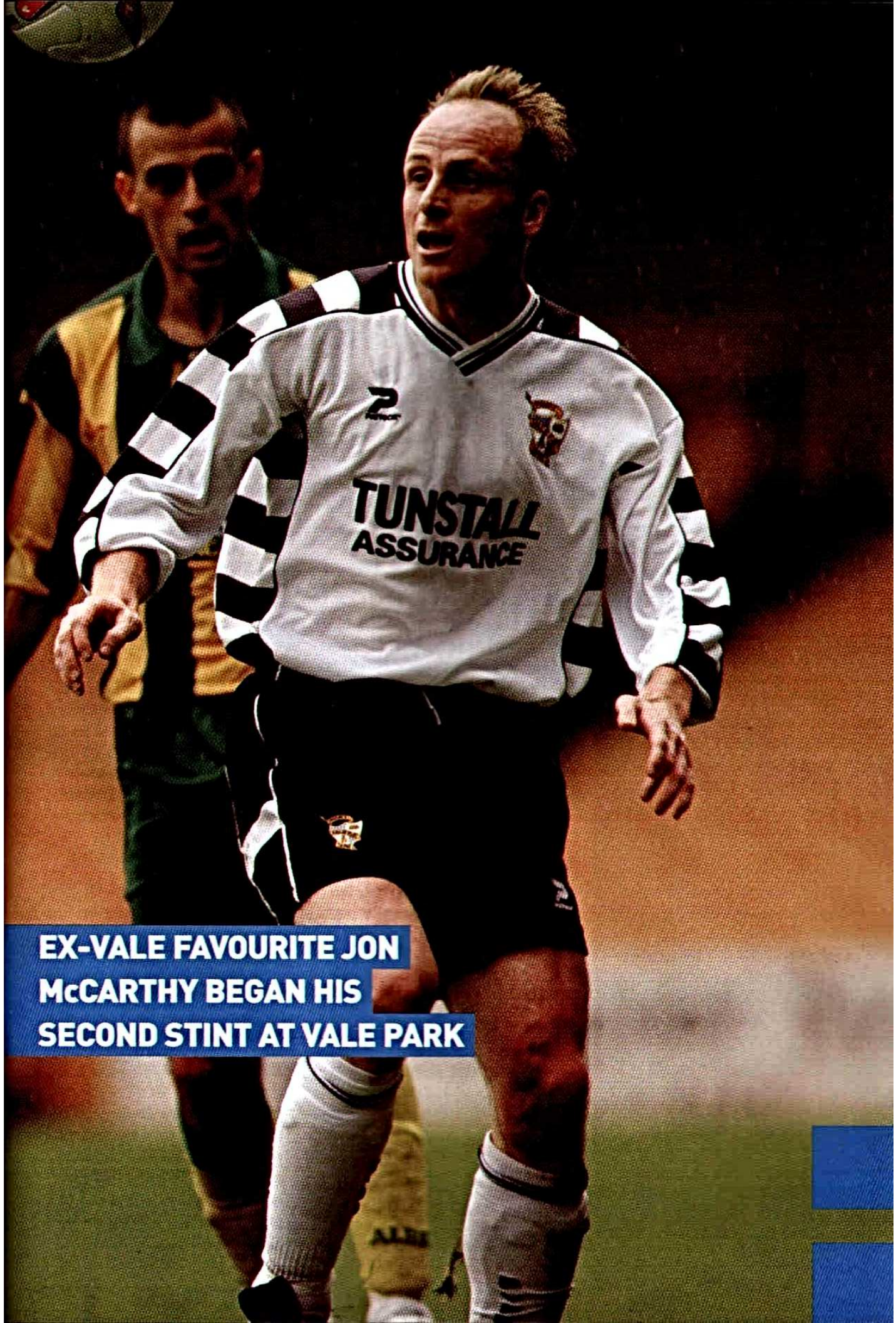
Vale's dismal start came as quite a shock, given the team's gradual improvement last season which looked to be improved with the fresh injection of blood in the summer. Seasoned veterans Brett Angell and Ian Brightwell were brought in to give experience to a young, blossoming side and ex-Vale favourite Jon McCarthy began his second stint at Vale Park. Crucially, Horton was able to retain his prized assets in the summer, with key players like goalkeeper Mark Goodlad and attacking midfielder Marc Bridge-Wilkinson signing new contracts.

The turnaround in the last two games means that Vale go into today's match with a renewed confidence. While last Saturday's narrow home victory against Barry Fry's Peterborough was hardly a convincing win, as Horton admits, the result is everything when the team is at the wrong end of the table.

Of course, that's a sentiment every Robins fan will know too well, when Town come into this afternoon's crunch game on the back of two defeats. While King's men have played well and had the lion's share of possession, failure to convert chances in front of goal against Brentford and a superlative goalkeeping display from Stockport keeper Lee Jones has meant Town are in danger of getting stuck in the wrong half of the table if today's result goes the same way.

However, Town can take heart from the fact that Vale suffered twice at the hands of Andy King's team last season, most notably the comfortable 3-0 win at the County Ground last Spring.

Brian Horton, of course, is not the kind of manager to take that kind of defeat lightly and if Vale produce a similar performance to that of their last two games, we should see a much closer game this afternoon.



**EX-VALE FAVOURITE JON
McCARTHY BEGAN HIS
SECOND STINT AT VALE PARK**

THE GAFFER



BRIAN HORTON

Brian Horton joined Port Vale as manager in January 1999. On leaving school he played non-League football for Hednesford Town before joining Port Vale as a professional. He played 236 League games for Port Vale and scored 37 goals (13 from the penalty spot) before he signed for Brighton in March 1976, and then Luton in 1981.

He became player-manager at Hull City in May and led them to promotion to Division Two in his first season. He was sacked in April 1988 and moved to Oxford United as assistant to Mark Lawrenson. He took over the managerial role there six months later before being appointed to the Manchester City hotseat in August 1993. Just two years later and he was on the move again, this time to Huddersfield where his tenure ended in 1997. He then moved back to his old club Brighton as manager where he proved to be popular with both fans and players, while getting results on pitch. He helped prevent The Seagull's relegation from the Football League as they finished 23rd in Division Three for the second year in a row. He left Brighton to return home to Port Vale in February 1999.

MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Port Vale '99-	W57	L79	D61
Brighton '98-'99	W14	L19	D10
Huddersfield '95-'97	W39	L46	D35
Man City '93-'95	W29	L34	D33
Oxford '88-'93	W77	L101	D65
Hull City '84-'88	W77	L60	D58

THE SQUAD



!DANGER!
MARK GOODLAD (keeper)

Current 'Player of the Year' and past winner of the 'Young Player of the Year' Goody's consistent performances give an air of confidence to the back four. Joined from Notts Forest on a free transfer, the 22-year-old stopper has caught the eye of many of the bigger clubs.

MATT CARRAGHER (def)

Club Captain Matty has played well over 100 games for the club since his transfer from Wigan Athletic in the summer of 1997. Happy to play either at right back or in the heart of defence, he is enthusiastic both on the pitch and off it.

RAE INGRAM (def)

Comfortable anywhere on the left side, Rae is now in his second season with the club since signing from Macclesfield Town. First team opportunities were limited last season, but Rae proved to be a dependable deputy when others were injured or suspended. Prone to the odd hairstyle change.

MICHAEL WALSH (def)

'Walshy' made all Vale fans happy in the close season by committing himself to the Valiants for another two years, despite overtures from other clubs. A key figure in the heart of the defence his all-action style has firmly endeared himself to the Vale Park faithful. Now in his fifth season since a £100,000 capture from Scunthorpe, his long throw always deserves respect, with his ability to throw the ball as far as most can kick it.



NEIL BRISCO (mid)

It was an in-and-out season for the ex-Manchester City trainee last term. He suffered from a few injuries, which limited his number of starts in the first team. Strong and hard-working, Neil's best games are surely to come in black and white.

MICHAEL CUMMINGS (mid)

The Dubliner was ever-present last season - a rarity in the days of squad rotation. Just pipped for the Player of the Year award and having scored 10 times from midfield last season, he will be expected to continue in the same vein. Signed from Middlesbrough in March 2000 and is a Republic of Ireland Under 21 international.



STEPHEN MCPHEE (for)

A real bag of tricks, the young Scot terrorised defences last season and you can expect the former Coventry man to be prominent again this time out. His pace and guile make him a very exciting player and he would have collected more strikes in front of goal had he calmed his exuberance. He has skill and ability in abundance.



Mark Goodlad hurries across his goal to stop a free kick from Reading's John Salako.

M BRIDGE-WILKINSON

Marc missed the first half of last season through injury and probably didn't want the season to end, as he was just picking up form on his return to the side. The ex-Derby talent has enjoyed a full pre-season and will be looking to return to the form that saw him pocket 15 goals from midfield in his first year with the club. Bigger fish have taken a look, but 'Bridgey' has recently signed a two-year contract.

IAN ARMSTRONG

The fleet-footed Liverpool youngster was hampered by injuries last season, but still showed everyone his underlying potential. A mercurial strike against Brentford at Vale Park last time around gave notice that an injury-free spell will ensure he has a bright future in the game. An England youth international, who saw little chance of breaking through at Anfield - their loss is Port Vale's gain.

YOUNG GUN STEVEN ROWLAND

Ever since the 19-year-old broke into the first team from nowhere at Wigan's JJB stadium last season, his play has been a

model of consistency. Tough in the tackle, performances have belied his years and he will hope to continue the swift progress he has made.

BRETT ANGEL

A striker with a wealth of experience, signed after going on trial during the close season. Served with many clubs, including Southend and two spells with Stockport. Played for Rushden & Diamonds last season. Brett will be hoping to provide competition for places in the Vale forward line, especially having scored the winner against Peterborough last week.

JON MCCARTHY

Many fans saw 'Macca' re-signing as the return of the prodigal son. After three broken legs he was signed by Brian Horton at the start of this season having been released by Birmingham City. Left for Birmingham in what was a record transfer of £1.5million. Vale signed him from York City for £450,000 after previously being with Hartlepool. Fans are hoping to see the form they remember well and hopefully Jon can put all his injury problems behind him.



THEM AND US

One of the more recent links in the Town - Port Vale connection, Alex Smith, now at reading

Beamish was born in Bebington on Merseyside in August 1947, so the fact his first port of call as a League player was Tranmere Rovers shouldn't be a surprise to anyone. Rovers were, at the time, challenging for promotion from Division Four and after successive fifth place finishes claimed just one place higher in 1966/67, which rewarded Prenton Park with Third Division football. Tranmere held their elevated status until striker Ken completed a move to Brighton in March 1972. In his 177 League games for Rovers he had scored 49 times, a ratio of over one goal every three matches, and his move to the South coast took Ken to a side competing in Division Two. It was a sad, short stay for Brighton, who finished four points adrift at the bottom of the table, and 96 games and 27 goals later Ken migrated north to Blackburn in May 1974.


At the end of 1974/75 Blackburn and Beamish had claimed Third Division championship honours. Ken played 86 League games for the Ewood Park club, scored 18 goals and helped consolidate a Second Division place before moving to today's visitors Port Vale in September 1976. As today, Vale were divisional rivals of Swindon and 25 years ago next month, Ken Beamish was turning out at the County Ground in a 1-1 draw in Division Three.

85 games followed at Vale Park, as Beamish chipped in with 29 goals, his highest goals per game ratio of his career to date. The Valiants dropped into the Fourth Division in 1978 and Ken, who seemed to have liked a move every two years, retained his Division Three status when he moved on to Bury in September. Now at the age of 31 he hit his best

scoring vein ever as he produced 20 goals in 49 games for the Shakers, and Tranmere, now back in the Fourth, took him back home to Merseyside in November 1979.

It was the sort of back-to-my-roots move that players often make at the end of their career, but Ken was tempted to make one more southward trip when he joined struggling Swindon in August 1981. Town were having a desperate time as they tried to keep their heads above the line that was relegation to Division Four. Making just two appearances under manager John Trollope, Beamish couldn't stop the slide and was invited to replace Trollope at the helm in March 1983 as Swindon stared at Division Four football for the first time.

It wasn't the most auspicious of managerial



TOWN FANS MAY REMEMBER ALEX SMITH, NOW AT READING, WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH SWINDON AND PORT VALE. DELVING FURTHER INTO HISTORY, DAVE WALLIS FINDS BOTH KEN BEAMISH AND TIM PARKIN WHO ALSO DID THE SAME.

spells. With Town under severe financial pressure, Ken was unable to make much impact on the dire situation that the club was experiencing. Replaced by Lou Macari in July 1984, Ken subsequently joined the backroom staff at former club Blackburn as Commercial Manager. Never costing any of his clubs more than £30,000, Ken Beamish looks to have offered them all value for money.

There's currently a Mr. Parkin on Town's playing staff who is earning some praise, but 16 years ago Parkin Mk1 was turning out at the centre of Town's defence. Tim Parkin, at 6'2", had joined Town in July 1986 for £27,500

Born on New Year's Eve 1957, Tim started his career with an apprenticeship at Blackburn during the spell that Ken

Beamish was at Ewood Park, although with Tim making his debut in March 1977, Beamish had already played his last Blackburn game some six months earlier. In the next two seasons Tim made just 12 further appearances and decided to try his hand elsewhere, choosing Malmö in Sweden to further his career in a £25,000 move.

August 1981 saw Tim return to England when, after a brief liaison with Almondsbury, he joined Bristol Rovers and set about clocking up the League appearances that the preceding years had denied him. In five seasons Parkin established himself with around 40 games a year as neither promotion nor relegation seriously threatened Rovers' Division Three position. The call from Lou Macari brought him to the County Ground

and to a team fresh from promotion to the Third.

Tim made 32 League appearances in 1986/87 and added all five play-off games as Town moved straight through Division Three at the first attempt. After 110 games which helped establish the team in Division Two, Tim found it difficult to dislodge Colin Calderwood or Jon Gittens in the centre of defence. A move to Port Vale in December 1989 brought a fresh start and Tim was back at the County Ground making a substitute appearance in a Town 3-0 win at the County Ground in March 1990.

In 1991/92, Vale finished bottom of Division Two. Tim, who had a five match spell on loan to Shrewsbury earlier that season, played his last League match in April at the age of 34.

DIV2 REVIEW

TAYLOR TO
ADD SPICE
TO POSH

Former England caretaker coach Peter Taylor is to assist Peterborough boss Barry Fry on a non-contract basis. Posh have suffered five consecutive defeats so far this season and Taylor has agreed to lend his coaching skills to help turn around the club's poor form. "Peterborough are delighted that Barry Fry has been able to facilitate his personal friend Peter Taylor into joining the club on a short-term, no-strings-attached basis. He will give the training and coaching staff and players a boost," said chief executive Geoff Davey in a statement on the club's official website. "I want to underline that there is absolutely no significance whatsoever about Peter Taylor's arrival, other than a personal favour to Barry Fry and Peterborough. We are most appreciative that a man of such calibre and someone in such demand should see fit to spend some time with us. We hope his presence will produce the spark that is clearly necessary to turn what have been some decent performances into match-winning and saving results."

NEW ARRIVALS
FOR STAG
WEEKENDS

Mansfield Town manager Stuart Watkiss (pictured above) is looking to bring in some new faces before the transfer window saga is resolved. The news comes in the wake of Saturday's 5-0 home defeat to Crewe which the Stags boss described as the worst moment of his professional career. He told the club's official website: "With our injuries at the moment, I've got to look to get someone in. I'll be looking for a forward and a full back. I'm happy with the squad I've got when they're all fit, but that isn't the case at the moment. We have to look at the finances, but if I have an option and the chairman says that it is viable, then I will pursue it."

WALLY TOP
OF THE
CHARTS

Newly-appointed Brentford boss Wally Downes has been named the Nationwide League Second Division Manager of the Month for August after taking his team to the top of Division Two in his first month at the helm. Former Wimbledon midfielder Downes took over as manager following the shock walk-out of previous boss Steve Coppell in June and with the Bees set to lose several top players on Bosman-style free transfers. The omens did not look too bright for the London outfit, but Downes quickly galvanised his squad and they entered the season with quite a flurry – four wins and two draws from their opening six games gave them sixteen points and top spot.



MATHIAS BLAST FOR REFEREE



Tranmere Rovers manager Ray Mathias has blasted the referee after last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Bristol City. Mark Warren awarded the Robins a controversial 70th minute penalty which Brian Tinnion converted to open the scoring. The Rovers boss told the club's official website: "The lads worked tremendously hard and then a decision like that goes against you, I think it was absolutely ridiculous, how you can give a penalty for that I will never know. I think it was a matter of decisions which has cost us the game, I have had a player injured because of a two-footed tackle and if that's not a sending off offence then I don't know what is, at this present time I am very, very annoyed. After Shane Nicholson came off we lost our shape, I had to put a right back at left back and it did disrupt us but the lads battled on and then how the referee can give a penalty for that I just don't know. Graham Allen was actually turning away from the ball and was looking the other way, with no intention whatsoever, the ball has just hit him and the penalty has been given."



NORTHAMPTON APPEAL OVER SAMPSON RED



Northampton have lodged an appeal against Ian Sampson's sending off in the win over Barnsley. Sampson was dismissed for a professional foul on Bruce Dyer in the 42nd minute. The centre-back now faces a mandatory one-match ban, unless the card is rescinded. Manager Kevan Broadhurst said: "We feel the decision was very unjust and after watching the video of the incident we will be appealing."

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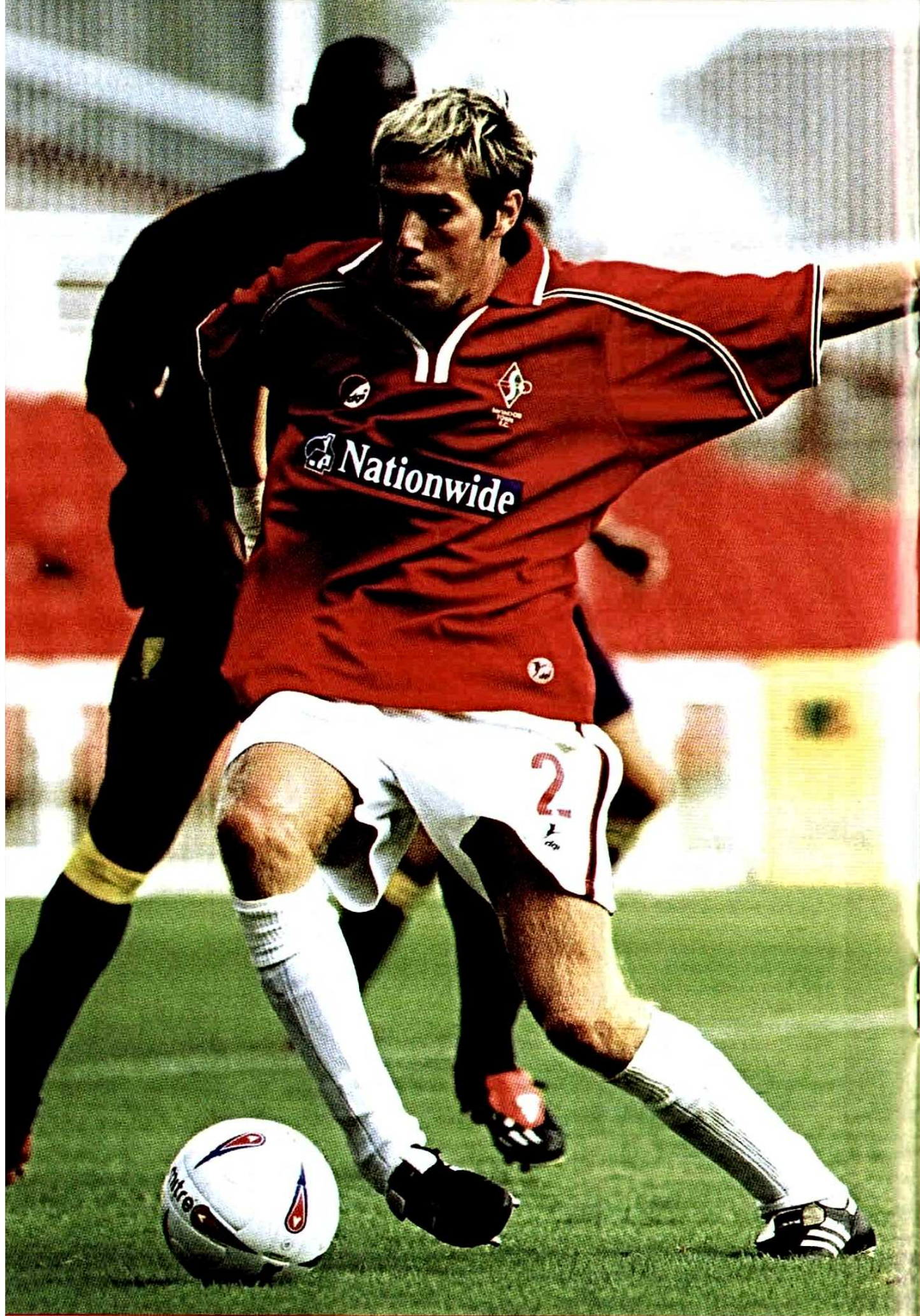
FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

SUPERMARINE CRASH OUT OF FA CUP

Swindon Supermarine manager John Murphy saw his side crash out of the FA Cup 2-0 at Chard Town, and then described the upset as the lowest point in his 20-year managerial career. Supermarine travelled to Somerset with just a point to their name in the Dr Martens League Western Division table, but Murphy's side were still expected to ease past a Chard side who are unlikely to make any impact in the Screwfix Direct Western League First Division. "I've managed for 20 years, and I can't think of a poorer result than that," said a shell-shocked Murphy. "From the club's perspective it's a dreadful result. We conceded early and that put us on the back foot straight away. We haven't been clinical in recent league games, and we weren't again today. We've had balls cleared off the line and their keeper has made good saves, but we couldn't get it in. We now have to re-group as a team and as a club."

CHIPPENHAM INFLECT FIRST DEFEAT FOR 12 MONTHS

Chippenham inflicted Tamworth's first home defeat for over 12 months with last week's 1-0 victory. Charlie Griffin scored for the Bluebirds after 41 minutes. And despite the home side piling on the pressure in the second half, they were unable to beat the Chippenham 'keeper.



AUSSIE RULES!

FIVE CONSECUTIVE GAMES FOR TOWN AND AN AUSTRALIAN UNDER 23 CALL-UP TO BOOT, NOT A BAD START TO THE SEASON TO TOWN NEW RECRUIT, GARETH EDDS!

It's been an incredible couple of months for Town's latest Aussie recruit, 21-year old defender Gareth Edds. Having been released by his former club, Nottingham Forest, at the end of last season Edds was preparing for a period of uncertainty. Like many footballers, he was facing the prospect of finding a new club along with thousands of other players in the same situation.

However, fortunately for Gareth (and Town) he was thrown a lifeline by Town boss Andy King in the summer when 'the gaffer' invited Edds along for a trial. The former Australian under 20 gratefully accepted and a string of impressive performances at right back have since seen him sign for the club for a year. Not only that, but the youngster was boosted last week by the news that is set to make his debut for the Australian under 23 side.

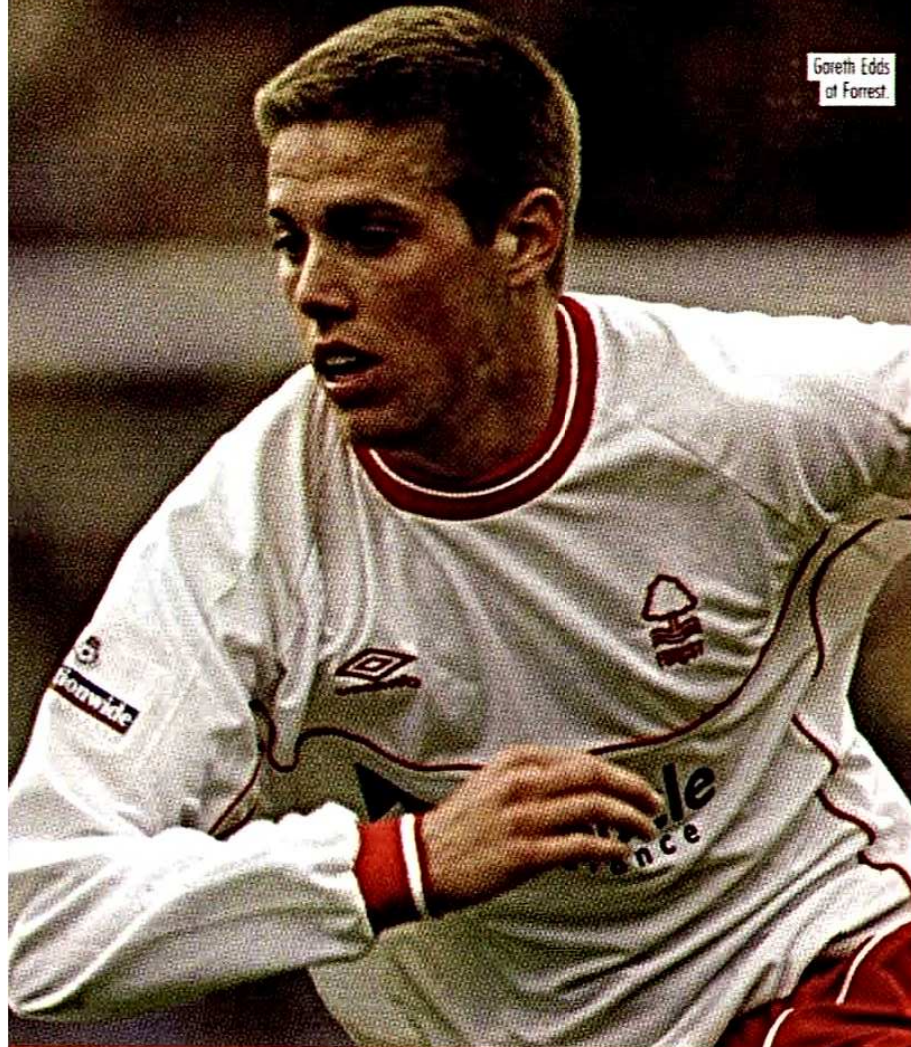
"I must admit it does all seem to be happening at once!" he enthused. "I had a period of 12 months when nothing seemed to be happening and now it all seems to be going well. I just hope it continues because I know what it's like when things aren't going your way."

Few had heard of Edds when the fresh-faced youngster arrived at the club ahead of the trip to Hereford. However, as well as dislocating his finger, Edds made an immediate impression and he has since gone on to become one of Town's most consistent

performers so far this season. Strong in the tackle and with good distribution – Edds has made the right back position his own.

Edds came over to England in 1999 when he was invited to Leeds United as part of a Big Brother scholarship at the Elland Road club (Mark Viduka another to have followed the same path). The scheme provides players with the opportunity (and money) to spend one month with a club to try and earn a professional contract. Unfortunately Edds failed to do enough to earn himself a permanent job with the Premiership giants, but when Leeds' youth manager at the time, Paul Harte, left to join Nottingham Forest, Edds was soon on his way to The City Ground with him.

Edds soon joined the club's highly successful youth academy amongst players such as David Prutton and Jermaine Jenas – both who have now gone to become the centre of much media attention having played for England's under 21 side. "David and JJ were fantastic players with a lot of skill. We grew up together at Forest's Academy. David was obviously given the chance to see what he could do in the Forest first team and he took it, whilst JJ's record now speaks itself, the player now playing at the highest level with Newcastle. But you could always tell that they were good players. However, I always thought that I had the ability to succeed as well and when I wasn't getting the same opportunities, I knew it was time to move on."



Edds subsequently went on trial at Millwall. Yet having played one or two games in the Lion's reserves side, he was, once again, told that he had no future. Millwall's loss became Swindon's gain however, and ahead of the start of the season Edds was invited to join Town's squad on trial. Having impressed in pre-season, Edds joined on a short-term non-contractual basis, which was later extended to a year following his impressive string of performances since the start of the season. Such have been the nature of his performances that it seems amazing that Millwall never took him on board, for he certainly looks as though he has the potential to succeed, certainly in this division and maybe even at a higher level too. "I've been fairly pleased with the way things have gone so far. It's been great just to be able to play on

a regular basis again and I'm enjoying every minute of it, I just hope that I can keep doing what I'm doing so far."

Despite his enthusiasm, Edds is clearly disappointed by Town's slump over the Bank Holiday weekend and he firmly believes that Town should be higher placed in the league. "I strongly believe that we should be higher up the table than we are. We have a great young squad and one that is capable of challenging for promotion, we played the first two teams off the park and deserved more from the games we lost. So I am not too worried by the three defeats because we have the capabilities of achieving something special. Today's game is the second at home in a row and if you win your home games then you'll be doing well."

A win against Port Vale today would certainly send Town back up in the right direction as far as the league table goes, but as well as that Edds also has a number of other, ulterior motives for a positive result this afternoon. "I remember making my debut for Forest against Port Vale back in the 1999/00 season - it brings back some happy memories for me! We won 2-0 that day as well so a similar result would be nice. But playing in goal for them today, like he did on my debut, should be Marc Goodlad, a player that I know from Forest very well and it would be nice if we could stick a few past him!"

A goal today would certainly cap a fine week for Edds, the former Forest defender making his debut for the Australian under 23's on Wednesday. "I've been involved with the under 20's before, but this is the first time with the under 23's and so it's an exciting time for me really. Obviously I couldn't have wished for a harder game playing against Germany in Leverkusen (!), but playing for your country is an honour and it doesn't matter who you come up against. It's such a proud moment for me because it shows where I'm from and hopefully I can do enough to put myself in a position whereby I'm considered for the 2004 Olympic Games. After all that's what myself and those alongside me, many of which I've played with before in the under 20s, are gearing towards."

I'm sure I wouldn't be the first person to wish Edds the very best of luck in his quest for success with 'the Socceroos'. And if he can repeat the kind of form he's been displaying in the red of white of Swindon then I'm sure international success is just around the corner.



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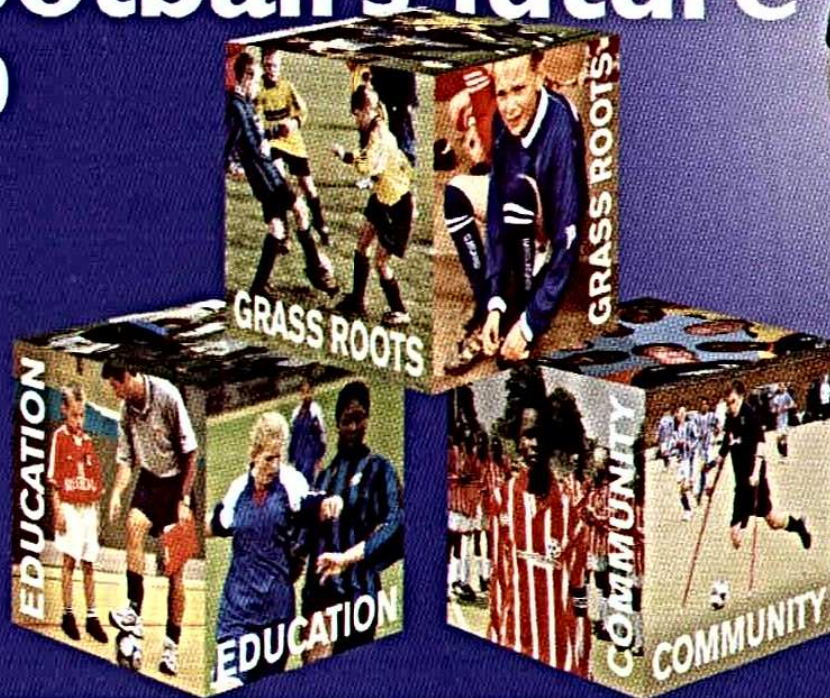
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COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

TODAY'S MASCOTS

Today we welcome brother and sister, Jonathan and Leonie White to the County Ground. Seven-year old Jonathan, who attends Shaw Ridge School, has just been invited to join the Swindon Dolphins swimming club after achieving his Gold swimming award. He is also a member of Ferndale Judo club (sponsored by Superior Access Solutions) where he goes with his Dad once a week. Jonathan would love to play for Swindon one day and he could be the answer to England's left-wing problem! If that fails, he'd also like to be an Olympic swimmer. His favourite Town player is Sam Parkin.

Leonie, three-years old, goes to Upper Shawfarm Playgroup and in her own words, is looking forward to "Walking out onto the patch with the footballer mums"! Leonie is into Barbie, dancing and winding up her brother and as well as liking Danny Invincible, she also loves to eat chocolate, ice cream and chips (not necessarily in that order.) She also wants to work for Dad's company abseiling and climbing tall buildings. That or riding horses for a living...

To both Jonathan and Leonie - we hope you enjoy your day.

GREENHAMS are one of our newer sponsors and have shown their support of the Club since last March. In that time they have been regular attendees at all our Sporting Club Dinners and this season already, their Bristol and Cardiff branches have taken advantage of our match day sponsorship hospitality. Their Managing Director, Mr. Mike King is a personal friend, and he has been excellent in supporting the Club through sponsorship and advertising. Mike volunteered to bring his boots to play today, but as we are always looking to protect the pitch, we thought it was advisable to decline his offer. Also, as he tends to be a bit of a fitness fanatic, we were trying to be a little sympathetic to his body as well!

GREENHAM have 19 branches nationwide, with the nearest branches to Swindon being in Newbury, Oxford, Bristol and Cardiff. Their trade shops are open weekdays 8.00am-5.30pm, and on a Saturday from 8.00am-12.30pm for all your 'One Stop Shopping' needs. Experienced staff are on hand to give friendly help and service for the vast range of personal protection, hose, ducting and accessories, contractors' site equipment/industrial cleaning, hygiene and maintenance products.

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SPORTING DINNER



It is still not too late to book up your places for the first of this season's popular Sporting Dinners. Our main speaker will be the goalscoring legend of Chelsea, Tottenham and England - JIMMY GREAVES.

The date of the Dinner is Monday October 7th and the price of the ticket includes a superb four course evening meal. In addition to the main guest speaker, the evening will be hosted by the popular Barry Williams and will also include a comedy spot plus the normal fundraising raffles and auctions.

To find out more details about the evening and the price of tickets please ring the Sales and Marketing Department on 01793 333719

Our **PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP** is proving to be very popular this season. This is a great opportunity for you to show your support by sponsoring your favourite player's kit. We now only have about six players whose kit needs to be sponsored and hopefully by the end of the month this scheme will be completely sold out. There are many benefits of being a kit sponsor, and these include receiving a replica first team shirt signed by your favourite player, two complimentary tickets to a home game, and the opportunity of meeting your sponsored player. However, we are always looking for ways of upgrading our sponsorship schemes and so, from the start of this season we will be introducing a new benefit - THE PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP EVENING. This will be a private function, available only to supporters who sponsor a player. On the night there will be the opportunity of meeting the players, members of the playing staff and club officials. A buffet will be provided on the evening and you will also have the opportunity of obtaining all the autographs you need. Want to come along on the night? If you do, you'd better be quick to sponsor one of the few remaining players' kit available. Why not give our Marketing assistant Elaine a call on 01793 333718 now?



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Pictured here is Jimmy Davis with guests from Greenhams and George Wimpey Homes at the Stockport Game. The representatives also had their picture taken with the Club Captains before the Game.

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PORT VALE HAVE ALWAYS PROVIDED STIFF OPPOSITION FOR SWINDON DOWN THE YEARS.

Even in the 1962/63 season, when Town won promotion from the old Third Division, Port Vale did the double over Swindon winning 3-2 at the County Ground and 2-1 at Vale Park. Strangely, when Swindon did kick-off the season with a 2-0 win over Port Vale (with goals from Jan Aage Fjortoft and Keith Scott in 1994/95), they ended up being relegated from Division One.

Today's featured match took place on October 21 1986. It was the fifteenth time Town had travelled to Vale Park and they were yet to record a victory there.

Swindon, newly promoted, were without the injured Tim Parkin and Peter Coyne. Phil Prosson (son of Roy, who made 761 league appearances for Vale) returned to the centre of defence for the home side. Lou Macari's Swindon team clearly aimed to make it fifteenth time lucky and within 10 minutes Town were two up. On both occasions it was Dave Bamber who was the creator. Firstly, after he had cut in from

the right and seen his shot hit a post, Chris Kamara was on hand to slide in the rebound. Six minutes later, he headed down a corner from Leigh Barnard for Steve White to shoot home. After 21 minutes, Robbie Earle pulled a goal back for Vale when he turned to crack home a volley from just inside the area. Five minutes from half time, White held up the ball well for support to arrive and then slid a pass into the path of Mark Jones who fired home.

The second half saw G. J. Wilkinson come off the line to replace referee Mike Dimplebee who was struggling with a torn hamstring. Swindon must have been wishing they hadn't squandered their first half chances when Port Vale began to pile on the pressure and after an hour they pulled one back. A half-cleared corner fell to Andy Jones on the edge of the area and he blasted the ball home. It was 3-3 minutes later when Paul Maguire crossed and, in attempting to head it wide, Bamber headed it into his own net. Bamber made

amends for his own goal by winning a free kick and, when Mark Jones floated the ball into the Vale box, Jimmy Gilligan headed home from close range to make it 4-3. Even then Port Vale might have earned a point, but on-loan 'keeper Fraser Digby produced two fine saves to lay Swindon's Vale Park hoodoo to rest. It was also good enough to see Lou Macari return to Old Trafford with his loan period extended until after Christmas.

The season ended with Town winning promotion through the play-offs while Port Vale finished in twelfth position, with Andy Jones knocking in 29 goals.

Port Vale: Arnold, Ebanks, Banks, Walker, Sproson, Williams, Smith, Earle, O'Kelly, Andy Jones, Maguire

Swindon: Digby, Ramsey, Hockaday, Mark Jones, Calderwood, Kamara, Henry, Bamber, White, Gilligan, Barnard

Attendance: 3,371

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MARK HANRAHAN, DESPITE GOING ON HOLIDAY, GIVES US THE LATEST FROM THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL.

There finally seems to be light at the end of the tunnel for Tottenham fans. Despite what Glenn Hoddle said about one or both of Lazio's Hernan Crespo and Fernando Morientes of Real Madrid joining the club, he seems to, at last, got himself a striker. However, Robbie Keane might not be quite as exotic as either Crespo or Morientes, but Keane could prove to be a useful signing nonetheless. Hoddle was at pains to stress that we should only trust the rumour we hear from the horse's mouth – Hoddle himself being the trustworthy thoroughbred of truth in this instance – how wrong he was! At least he has a new face to unleash to the demanding Lilywhites' faithful. For the record, Morientes and Crespo looked destined to join Inter.

Aston Villa have lined up a double midfield swoop for Ireland duo Mark Kinsella and Matt Holland of Charlton and Ipswich respectively. Charlton captain Kinsella, with only 6-months left on his contract at the Valley, has already put pen-to-paper on a two-year contract after a knockdown fee was agreed of £1

million was agreed. At time of writing, Holland's £4.5 million move was on hold due to deadlock in agreeing personal terms.

Claudio Ranieri has obviously walked under a few ladders too many at Chelsea this summer. Having finally seen former England U21 stars Jody Morris and John Terry cleared of attacking doorman in a London bar, Ranieri faces a dilemma over star Striker Jimmy- Floyd Hasselbaink. Barcelona's re-appointment of former Dutch national team boss Louis van Gaal and Chelsea's inability to secure a Champions League place has unsettled Hasselbaink at Stamford Bridge. The temperamental striker is rumored to be keen on joining the Catalan giant's push for major honors. Chelsea – themselves with debts totaling £97.7 million may be keen to cash in before the 30-year old ace passes his sell-by date.

West Bromwich Albion's capture of former marksman Lee Hughes looks to be settled after Coventry agreed a cut-price fee, believed to be around

£3.5million. The flame-haired front man returns to the Hawthorns with after the Baggies waiving the £1.5 million payment still owed from his initial transfer to Highfield Road.

Fulham have parted company with Director of Football, Franco Baresi. The AC Milan legend's role was deemed to be in conflict with owner Mohammed Al Fayed's vision for the club. Tipped by many to take over managerial duties from Jean Tigana, Baresi is now expected to return to AC Milan in some capacity. Given that Tigana had his feathers ruffled by the appointment in the first place, and has yet committed further than the end of the season, Fulham may live to rue missing letting an individual of Baresi's experience go.

Following the decision of David Seaman's England understudy Nigel Martyn to reject Southampton, Saints boss Gordon Strachan has signed Hearts stopper Antti Niemi in a deal reportedly worth £2 million to the Edinburgh club. The Finnish international keeper is expected to be an automatic choice for

selection following a series of erratic displays from Jones, currently Mark Hughes' No.1 for Wales.

Portsmouth have continued their rebuilding under the guidance of Harry Redknapp with the capture of former Inter Milan and Middlesbrough defender Gianluca Festa. Festa, who suffered heavy criticism last season following a spitting incident, joins Paul Merson and co. at Pompey on a free transfer.

Celtic's former Leicester City midfielder, Neil Lennon, has been forced to quit the International scene with Northern Ireland a day before he was due to captain his country for the first time. The Hoops midfielder received a number of threats concerning appearances for his country since his move to Celtic two seasons ago.

West Ham United have completed the six-month loan deal for Trinidad and Tobago international, Brent Rahim. Rahim was recommended to West Ham by their former keeper Shaka Hislop – his international colleague with Trinidad.

Everton's Swedish midfielder Tobias Linderoth could be set to leave the Toffees after demanding new boss David Moyes plays him or allows him to leave. Linderoth, who appeared for Sweden at this summer's World Cup Finals, has been nothing more than a bit-part player for Everton since Moyes arrival at the tail end of last season.

Peter Boizot, who earned his fortune as owner of the Pizza Express chain of restaurants is set to sell Peterborough United to Peterborough Sporting Club Limited. Boizot, who was tempted to the club by current manager Barry Fry is determined to sell his majority share holding which has attracted several offers.

Charlton Athletic are giving an extended

trial to Brazilian born Japanese international Alex. A cult hero in his 'native' country, Alex is said to be available for around £2.5 million. With the departure of Mark Kinsella to Aston Villa, Alan Curbishley's men require bolstering their attacking midfield options with the season still in its infancy.

Arsenal's goalkeeping soap opera has taken a fresh twist with the news that they are giving 33 year-old Argentinean goalkeeper Carlos Roa the opportunity to earn a contract at Highbury. Roa has enjoyed a colourful few years since helping knock England out of the France '98 World Cup with his penalty heroics. The talented shot-stopper pledged to retire from international football following France '98 due to his intense religious beliefs. He fully expected the World was going to end at the turn of the Millennium and as such it was pointless to play on. Indeed, the world did not end as Roa has been led to believe, prompting him to have a career rethink. His arrival on a free transfer from Mallorca could still prove to be quite a coup in the wake of Fabian Carini's collapsed transfer from Juventus.

As rumours continue that Alex Ferguson will make a move to bring Carini to Old Trafford, Denis Irwin's replacement at The Theatre of Dreams has been lined-up. Lille's French U21 starlet Julien Escude is tipped to complete a £3 million transfer when he has recovered from knee ligament damage suffered when he tripped walking his dog!

Finally, Walsall boss Colin Lee has completed the year-long loan of Brazilian striker Jose Luis Guimaraes Sanibio Junior, much to the delight of the replica kit name printer at the Bescot Stadium. Known as Junior for short, he arrives following an unsuccessful trial period at Bolton's Reebok stadium during the summer.



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YOU MAY HAVE READ IN THE LOCAL PRESS THAT WE NOW HAVE A BLACK & ETHNIC MINORITIES COMMUNITY OFFICER BASED HERE AT THE CLUB.

Luke Sharps was appointed and took up the role last month. Luke has a wealth of experience within our department and Jon and I would like to wish him all the best in his new post. Luke can be contacted on our number, or on his direct line which is 01793 617718. Luke will also have his own column on this page in future editions of the matchday programme.

SKILLS, THRILLS AND LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

The summer courses have now finished and what a fantastic six weeks we've had! We have coached around 1,000 children here at the club as well as going to Uffington, Wantage, Marlborough and Chippenham. We would like to thank everyone; especially our coaches who have helped make this summer a huge success.

I am sure that all of you are delighted about being back at school! Our popular after school clubs will commence next week and if you think that you're school might be interested, then get your teacher to give us a call.

Our next course here at the club is during October half term which is the 29th, 30th and 31st. We have had 90 forms returned already, so please get your applications to us as soon as possible.

Best wishes
Clive, Luke and Jono



The Community lads with their new toy.



THANKS. AND THANKS

...Funds were low, yet with the new season just around the corner, much had to be done to improve the Ground and make Swindon Town Football Club an attractive and hospitable venue for supporters and visitors alike.

The idea for the appeal was brought about by the plight of the Club's ground staff who, until the launch, were forced to cut the County Ground pitch using a domestic lawnmower.

The immediate crisis (the lack of a serviceable mower) was soon solved by the generous loan of a lawnmower and servicing from Handy Garden Machinery, Stratton, which did in fact symbolise the impact the appeal aimed to achieve in and around the town.

Staff at the County Ground, in all departments, were asked to submit a list of items, no matter how big or small, that would assist them improve their department and working conditions.

Here are just a few examples of the requests received from staff:

- Stationery (Post-its, etc.)
- Building Materials (e.g. Wood, Plasterboard, MDF, Filler, Wood stains)
- New Goal Nets/Corner Flags

- Emulsion, Gloss & Satin Paint (especially Creams & Whites)
- IT Equipment (Computers, Laser & Inkjet Printers)
- Framed Artwork (contemporary paintings, originals or prints)
- Matchday Announcer's Microphone
- A 'nearly new' mountain bike for Dick Mackey's treatment room

Through the promotion of the list on the club's official website, the Evening Advertiser, BBC Wiltshire Sound and Central News, the Business Appeal grabbed the attention of not only local businesses but began to reach even the most isolated Swindon supporter and the offers of assistance flooded in.

Heartened by the response from the local area Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, said: "Some people I have spoken to recently have expressed the opinion that the Club had lost its community backing. This appeal has shown that nothing can be further from the truth and the offers of assistance have flooded in. "We have been amazed by the generosity of the local community, one day we received a small package arrived containing two pens, a pencil, a pad of post-its and a rubber band from an anonymous sender. That exemplifies the kind of community

spirit we are talking about; no matter how big or small, the donation it is gratefully received.

"This appeal has raised awareness and highlighted the Club's position at the heart of Swindon's community. One of our main objects is to take this Club back into the local community and build an even stronger bond, so hopefully this is a great start to an even better relationship."

Equally, if not more importantly, supporters also offered their time free of charge to help the Club prepare for the 2002/03 season. Carpenters, painter and decorators and IT specialists, as well as people willing to work in any capacity committed their services to aid the club in key areas.

Even the person responsible for co-ordinating the appeal, John Prescott, kindly provided his services free of charge and here is just a few examples of how people have been able to help in some way toward the regeneration of Swindon Town Football Club. Swindon Town's Supporters Trust donated £8,000 to help the club secure use of their excellent training facilities at Wanborough.

TrustSTFC Vice-Chairman, Andy Ratcliffe, takes up the story, "Andy contacted us regarding the

ON JULY 9 2002, SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LAUNCHED ITS BUSINESS APPEAL, WHICH WAS AIMED AT LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE HOPE THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO AID THE CLUB'S EXIT AND RECOVERY FROM ADMINISTRATION...



THE BUSINESS APPEAL ROLL OF HONOUR:

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JAMES ANDERSON
STEVE BRYGAN
PAUL MEADEN
LEIGH VOWLES
JOHN WITTS
DAVID BARTLETT
MARIE SAUNDERS
JAMES HISLOP

AGAIN!

training facilities and asked whether or not we would be able to help finance the training budget. He told us that the training facilities were not only a crucial part of the current set-up, but that it also helped to attract new players and so we were delighted to be involved. It was always the intention of the trust to help the club in this way and we hope that the donation of £8,000 to help secure the use of the facilities will show the positive part that the Trust has to play."

The Trust's aid did not end there as Margaret & Bob Collett, parents of Trust Chairman Leigh Collett, used the £75 reward vouchers gained at Homebase to purchase paint and materials to donate to the Club.

Jungles, the local Interior Plant Display company, were kind enough to supply interior plant displays for use in the Club's executive lounges.

Jungles' director, Susan Chapman, said: "We were very happy to be approached by the Club to supply tropical plant displays to brighten the lounges and suites in the Nationwide Stand.

"Swindon Town Football Club is an important part of the local community and we are honoured

to be able to help in this small way towards its recovery."

Supporter, Mike McQueen not only paid for the new corner polls and flags but also donated his plasma screen television to be used in the executive lounges.

Self-employed carpenter, John Witts, donated a full two weeks of labour to help the build Town's new bar facility in the Nationwide Stand.

Dynamic trio Lawrence Griffin, Ben Saunter and Gary Johnson donated their energetic efforts to help renovate the club superstore.

The Club also received a number of anonymous donations and would still like to thank everyone involved in the Business Appeal including the local media for 'spreading the word'. We believe that the response from local businesses and individuals will help revitalise the club's fortunes on and off the field and has reaffirmed STFC's goal to improve and develop relations within its local community. We apologise if we have missed anyone's names off the STFC Roll of Honour, but such was the overwhelming response, your kind donation may have been accidentally overlooked. If so, then please contact the club and we will add you to the list.

My first inkling that life isn't fair struck home at the age of four during the sack race at my first school sports day.

I vividly remember glancing over to my right and making despairing eye contact with my dad. His expression spoke volumes. The clear message was 'welcome to life son, it stinks'. Sadly, that was not the first disappointment I would suffer in my sporting career. A couple of swimming gala triumphs never quite made up for crushing disappointments on the football pitch.

At the age of seven I joined my cub scout pack's football team. We were shocking. A 24-0 defeat greeted my debut, but the greatest disappointment came during a 2-2 draw away at Ilkley. After losing 12 games in a row we thought we had snatched victory. Alas, our joy was cut short when a clearly biased home referee disallowed our Geoff Hurst style winner. But enough of my inner torment. The point I am making, is that sport kicks you in the proverbials like nothing else. A week on and I'm still struggling to come to terms with the defeat by Stockport County. Admittedly we should have taken our chances but you start to get the feeling that the great commentator in the sky is an Oxford fan.

It is a struggle to comprehend how we have plummeted from top to 18th in such a short space of time. Surely our luck has to change? Today would be as good a time as any although Port Vale will be no push-overs. After a shocking start to the campaign, they have recovered well and we will face a tough battle for the points.

Hopefully Jimmy Davis will be on song and can cause some more mischief in the opposition half. You really don't need him Sir Alex. After all, from what I've seen, he cannot make the necessary contribution needed at Old Trafford. By that, I mean he has no chip



Keane is restrained from Jason McAteer by both referee and captain.

JON RITSON



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on his shoulder, he doesn't go round kicking people and a book deal doesn't appear to be in the offing. Don't get me started on the Roy Keane situation again. I think Roy failed to grasp the lesson I learned during the sack race. If life was fair, Darren Day would have done every single bush tucker trial!

Apologies for the rather 'deeper' column than usual. I feel like I've been lying on a black couch for the last few minutes. Still, I feel a lot better.

Thanks for listening. Let's hope the boys can get the right result today ahead of the Wycombe Wanderers Worthington Cup tie on Wednesday. Let's hope England can do the business against Portugal today. Watch out for the inevitable baby cradling goal celebration. Romeo? That kid is heading for some serious playground torment.

Remember to keep up with all the Town news in your Evening Advertiser. Get in the net!

Catch them early and
Swindon Town will be
in their blood for life.

Football clubs have always competed to gain the support of loyal and local fans. It's even more important for non-Premiership clubs to attract support in the modern cash-strapped era of the game.

In my school days, Liverpool had been the team of choice for many of my class-mates. In the decade previous to that, Liverpool again attracted a following in classrooms all over the land especially due to their dominance in the European game.

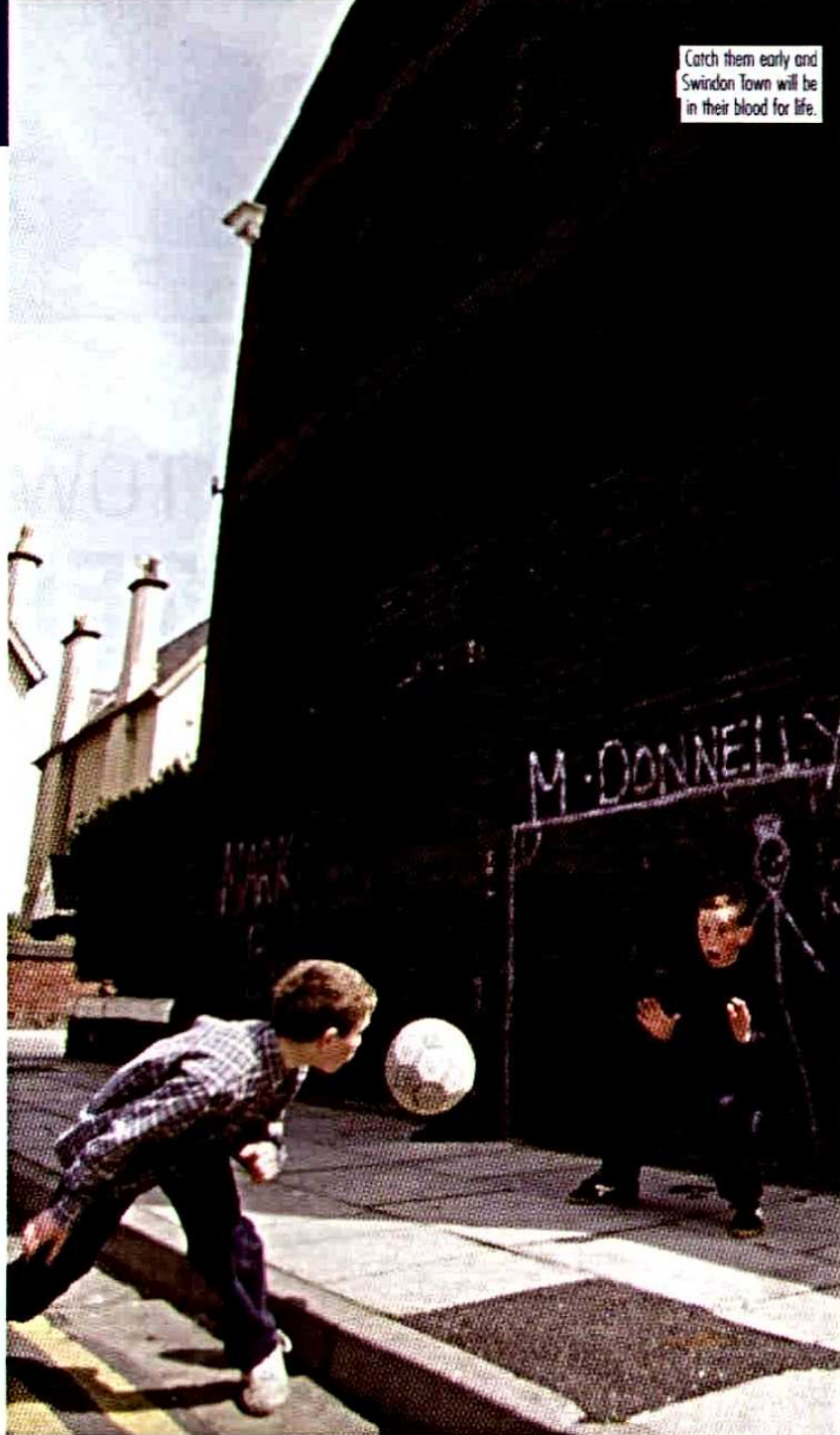
I lived nowhere near Anfield. Not only that, but growing up in the suburbs of London during the late Eighties, you'd have thought my mates could have fancied top flight football of Spurs or Arsenal. Even local, but unfashionable teams such as QPR or Watford could have won a few over. But still my lasting memory of lunchtime kickabouts, was the huge number of Liverpool shirts. I'll always remember the Monday back at school after they lost to lowly Wimbledon in the Cup Final. Not many proud red shirts that lunchtime!

My point? Nothing much has changed.

In my role as chauffeur on the Swindon Mid-Morning show at BBC Wiltshire Sound, I have been to all corners of Swindon over the summer holidays. Red shirts are dominant all over the town. However, very few are the red of Swindon Town. Much more common are the reds of Man Utd, Liverpool and Arsenal.

I've no doubt this picture is repeated all round the country as clubs the size and stature of STFC compete with the big boys. Always have done - always will do.

At last week's home game against Stockport, I was down by the dugout before kick off where kids and their fathers lined up for autographs and photos as their children went off after



HELEN WINGROVE



BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND

their warm up. I commented to one lad that his friends would be jealous when they found out he had his photo taken with Gurney and Reeves. He swiftly shook his head and said they wouldn't care less as none of them supported Swindon. There was no surprise when he concluded his classmates support Man U or Arsenal. I know exactly what

he was saying. Been there, done that, got the home T-shirt!

Solution? Get the kids to the County Ground and let them in for free if need be! They'll still spend pocket money in the club shop. Catch them early and Swindon Town will be in their blood for life.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Adults	£5.00
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<small>Senior citizens, disabled and under 18</small>	
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<small>(Up to 5 people, maximum 2 Adults)</small>	

SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

MAIN SPONSORS OF THE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pictured below are STFC Supporters Club committee members Ann Alder, Teresa Cawte and Tracy Richman officially presenting a cheque from the Supporters Club to



Jimmy Fraser of the School of Excellence. The presentation took place at half-time during last Saturday's match against Stockport County. We hope that the money comes in useful to Jimmy and the Centre of Excellence, it is our pleasure to assist where we can.

On to the half-time draw and winners so far this season include K. Price of Swindon, who won £265 during the Cardiff game, and P. Brown of

Clevedon, who picked up £250 last weekend. Pete Brown, despite being a regular visitor to the County Ground, is the first of this season's winners to have won via the regular subscription scheme. This scheme is open to all fans, so those of you that don't/can't buy tickets on matchday can now do so with this scheme.

You can pre-pay either by cheque or by Bankers order. Entry

for a whole season costs just £24, whilst you can also join midway through a season - all it means is that your entry will continue through to the next season and you will have entry for 24 draws. Entry to the draw by cheque can be done by filling in an application form (available from the away travel office or any committee member), alternatively, an application form can be downloaded from our web site. If this is too much trouble then

simply send your cheque to us, C/O The County Ground, quoting your name, address and telephone number (You need to be 16 or over).

For regular subscription by Bankers order, you will need an application form as described above. Payments may be made annually for £24, or quarterly at £6.

Using payment by subscription is an ideal way to participate if you cannot get to the County Ground every week. Matchday entry costs just £1.

The prize fund is 50% of the entry on the day, so there is always a chance that you will walk away with a nice pot of cash.

The draw is made at half-time and the result is announced immediately afterwards. Should you miss it you can always catch up with the result in Monday's Evening Advertiser, or through our web site. Failing that, these

notes carry details of the winner, normally at the following match. Regular subscribers need not worry, they always have the same number allocated and we contact winners by telephone. Subscription prize winners have come from as far away as Bolton!

All funds raised are used for the benefit of the Football Club and/or its supporters. Our sponsorship of the School of Excellence utilised some of the funds raised through the draw last season.

Please help us through encouraging as many people as possible to participate, even if they do not attend games regularly.

Join today - don't delay!

And finally, if you can spare an hour before kick off on matchdays we would be delighted to add you to our committed team of sellers. Training and help will be given.



THE BEE'S ARE BUZZING



If any of you were at the Brentford game you would have heard an extraordinary plea from the Bee's United Chairman. Bee's United, the Brentford Trust, is trying to raise £1 million to buy the controlling stake in the football club. As of last Saturday they had already raised £300,000 in just one week! They have also increased their membership to over 1,000. It just shows what the commitment of supporters can do. We wish the Brentford trust every success in their endeavours.

The best example of fan power has been AFC Wimbledon. There the Trust has set up their own football club as Wimbledon FC are on the move to Milton Keynes. You would have seen the press reports on the attendances that Franchise FC are now suffering, whereas AFC Wimbledon have had to turn people away from their home games. This is the starkest warning to all people who run football clubs. You can only push the fans so far. The club is not a toy, it is not a normal business, it's heart and sole belongs to its supporters.

Already our club, through the good offices of Mark Devlin, have

said they wish to have dialogue through focus groups, and they are even looking at setting up a complaints system. Whilst we applaud the sentiment we believe that this mechanism is already in place. The Trust already has been working hard to talk through issues with the club, and we present a 'Friendlier' face for people who would feel intimidated by talking directly to the powers that be.

So what we need is your support. To encourage even greater membership numbers we have reduced our membership fee to just £10. We need your support.

If you look at the achievements of the Trust in just one year, you should realise what an important role we already play. We provide a conduit for supporters' views to be presented through the local and national media. We were responsible for the club reconsidering the ticket prices. We are encouraging links between the club, it's supporters and the local community. We have provided £8,000 for the sponsorship of the training facility, and we have brought important members of the club

to meet Trust members.

So is the membership really worth £10? I would answer that with a simple question.

How much is piece of mind worth? Whilst the job of the Trust is to encourage more people to come and watch Swindon Town, we are also here to ensure that the decisions being made at the top level are in the best interests of the club and it's supporters. So whilst we need a good working relationship with the club, there will be times when we will question the decisions that have been made. Whatever the situation, one thing must be remembered. The Trust do not have a 'Political' agenda. We are not 'Against' the people who run the club and equally we are not 'For' them either. We are here to say it as we, the Trust's members see it. If it's good we will say it's good, if it's bad we will say it's bad.

So join us. You can download the forms from the Trust web site www.truststfc.co.uk or you can come to the Trust's office on match days, and we will even give you a cup of tea or coffee!

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JUNIOR ROBINS

A warm welcome to all of our Junior Robins for today's match against Port Vale.

We are pleased to announce that we have a few more Junior Robins registered, but still not nearly enough and we still need more of you to join. Last week we entertained Stockport juniors here at the County Ground and as you may or may not have noticed, they chose one of the members on the way down to be a matchday mascot.

They have now subsequently asked us to join them at Edgeley Park on January 18. They have offered us a buffet lunch and a kick around with their juniors. We will, of course, have a free reciprocal match ticket thrown in.

If that sounds good to you, then come and help us fill a coach and make the most of their generous hospitality. There is plenty of time to organise this trip and so let's make it a real success.

Our first away trip of the season is to QPR's Loftus Road next week. If you are going to this match and are travelling by coach with SAS, then remember to quote your membership number when booking to obtain your free matchday ticket. If you are going by car and wish to claim your free ticket, then contact George on the above number and he will arrange for you to collect your ticket at QPR.

Remember that the away matches are just one part of your Junior Robins membership. You can pick up a form from the secretary in the away travel office on match days, or alternatively you can ring George on 01672 520679. I will gladly pop a form in the post for you. Remember that the joining fee is just £3.

TODAY WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JONATHAN PARKS WHO WILL BE 14 TOMORROW.

ROCKIN'S POSTBAG


SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN ROBIN, THE COUNTY GROUND, COUNTY ROAD, SWINDON, WILTSHIRE, SN1 2ED.

Dear Mr Robin,

We would like to formally invite you again to appear on 'I'm A Tacky Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here', we know you refused the first series for your own reasons, but we really would like you for the second one.

Mr Producer

Dear Sir,


The answer is still 'NO'. You won't get me down under, not likely. The only good things to come out of Australia are Mr Invincible and Mr Edds (and a few years ago Mr Talia, and Mr Mitchell), with all those funnel web spiders in the dunnies, you have to have eyes everywhere, and I find that Harold Bishop very scary on Neighbours. And call that Australian Rules 'Football'? More like an organised fight after closing time to my mind. And if Uri Geller is on it again, that's even more reason not to go. How can I eat my yoghurt if all the spoons are bent? No Sireee, clobber. 

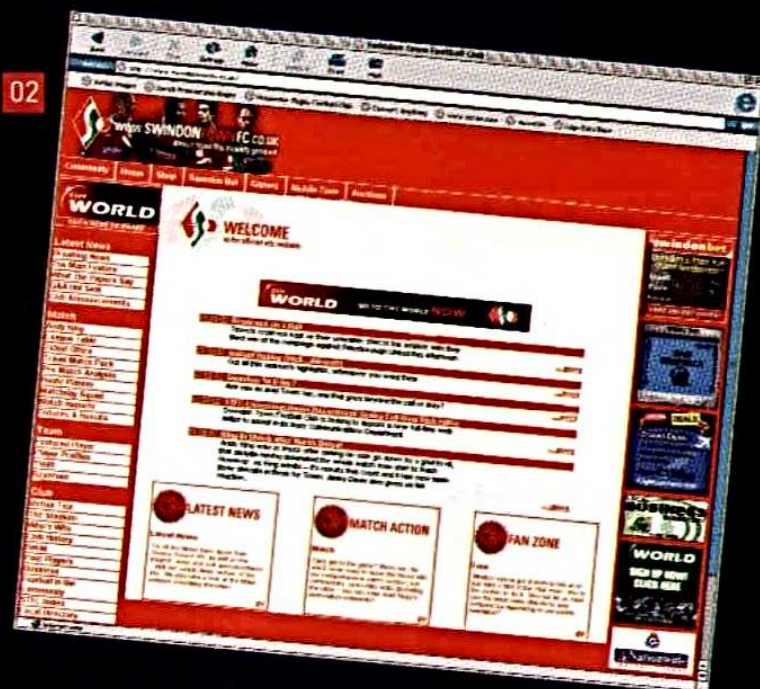
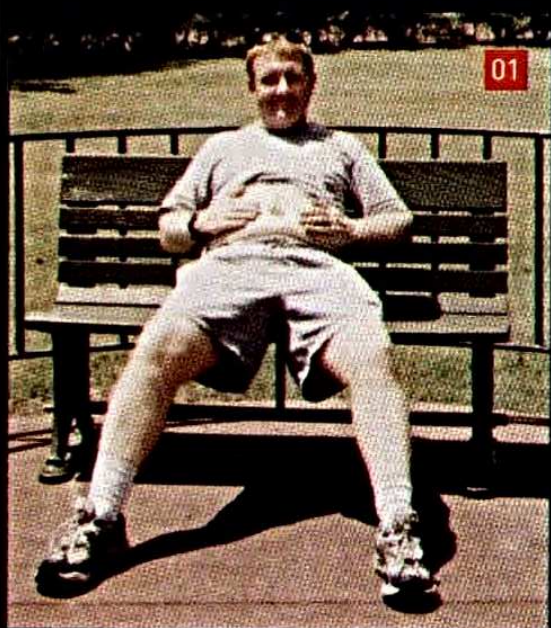
Dear RR,

I have made a fool of myself. I pledged my future to Darlington and drove them crazy with anticipation before waking up to reality and heading for the hills. Now I don't think they like me any more. What was I thinking of? How do I come out of this with any credibility?

Faustina Aspirin

Tina,

Look at Juninho, he did it the sensible way and has eased back into his position with Middlesbrough, I'm sure you could have done the same with a whisper into Bobby Robson's ear at Newcastle. We all loved your bouncy personality and corner flag antics, but having said that, at Newcastle they have the young lad Lui Lui who does all the handsprings and all that flip flop stuff. I taught him all he knows, you know. I have so many admirers of my 'off the wall' style dancing – more like 'off the planet' really! Anyway, ditch the Darlington nightmare – move on Tina and take more milk with your coffee – it's blowing your mind! 



01 HAPPY EATER

Pictured above is Town's Sales and Marketing Manager, Mike Sullivan. Mike, who some of you may remember finished last year's London Marathon (and is also set to compete in this year's New York marathon) has always led us to believe that he is on a strict diet as he looks to continue his training ahead of the race in November. This picture would suggest he's telling a few white lies! Remember, if you have taken part in a race or marathon of any subscription – then let us know about it and send us some details here at the County Ground.

02 WEBSITE EDITOR WANTED!

Swindon Town's busy Communication's Department is looking for a full time web editor to work on the club's official website. The successful applicant will love football and writing, yet must be able to adapt in what is a difficult and challenging role. You will be expected to update the website on a daily basis, as well as on matchdays. As well as a competitive salary, you will also get to hear the news as and when it happens – as well as meeting the players and management team. Those interested in the job must send their cv, as well as match report on the game of your choice, to Nick Judd, The County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED. Alternatively, you can email your application to nickjudd76@hotmail.com. As you can see, Rockin' Robin has already put himself forward for the job!

SWINDON 'TIL I DIE!

Are you an avid Town fan, one that goes beyond the call of duty? You may remember a story that we published last year about a fan that had, at the time of writing that particular issue, been to over 1,000 consecutive games. If you know of anyone that has a similar record, or of anyone that regularly goes beyond the call of duty – then let us know. We are looking to do a new feature about fans that go beyond the realms of any normal fan – so get your thinking caps on and let us know!

MY SWINDON XI

Recent changes to the loan system mean that teams like Swindon can take more players on longer loans than before. As with most clubs operating on limited budgets, Town have used the loan system extensively over the years and have taken the opportunity to field future (and sometimes ageing) stars to overcome short-term problems. The following team comprises of players who have turned out at the County Ground on loan from bigger outfits. What wouldn't Andy King give to be able to call on some of these on a permanent basis?

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| 1 Shay Given | 5 Wayne Carlisle | 9 Tony Grant |
| 2 Andy Todd | 6 David Thompson | 10 Michael Carrick |
| 3 Marlon Broomes | 7 Neil Webb | 11 Joe Kuffour |
| 4 Carl Tiler | 8 Roy Wegerle | |

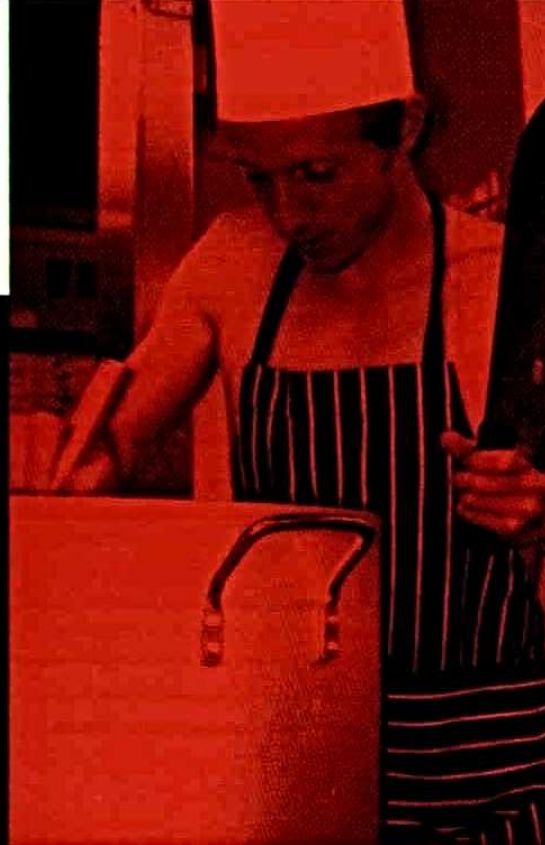
YOU ARE MY SWINDON

Remember - this is your chance to get yourself in the only mag that counts and we would love to hear from you (and of course, we would love to see more pictures of you in your kit!) - so keep sending in your letters and pictures.

SEND THEM TO:

'You are my Swindon'
The Programme Editor
Swindon Town Football Club
The County Ground
County Road
Swindon, SN1 2ED

Or email: stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com



STEVE ROBINSON

25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Town entertained Chesterfield on September 10 1977, keen to put their good start to the season back on track after the previous Saturday's loss at Walsall. Goals from Chris Guthrie and Andy Ford sealed a 2-1 win, with Ford, who had joined Town from Southend during the summer, scoring what would turn out to be his only strike of the season. The win left Swindon in fourth position in the Third Division table and the day saw John Trollope achieve his 800th senior game. Three days later a trip to Deepdale resulted in a 1-1 draw, courtesy of a fourth minute goal from Trevor Anderson against Preston North End. Town dominated the match throughout, having two efforts disallowed and saw a John McLaughlin strike cannon off the crossbar. North End saved the match with a 56th minute equaliser. On September 5 1977 The Daily Mirror alleges that ex-England and Leeds manager Don Revie had tried to fix the result of a Leeds game with Wolves by bribing the opposition, and on the 7th, England, now under the guidance of Ron Greenwood, play out a disappointing 0-0 friendly with Switzerland. Third Division rivals Port Vale were to finish fourth from bottom and hence face relegation that season, when they were doomed to contest Fourth Division football until 1983.

1. Chesterfield's manager went on to manage Derby and Newcastle. Who was he?
2. Chesterfield's goalkeeper that day was making only his 5th League appearance. Less than two months and 11 games later he was a Liverpool player and en route to his spiritual home at Coventry City. Who was he?
3. 25 years ago, Swindon were keen to extend the contract of their ex Chesterfield and Halifax midfielder, who was holding out for a better deal. Who was this?
4. Preston's manager played most of his career at Manchester United and holds a World Cup winners medal. Who?
5. Preston's equaliser was scored by a striker who later made appearances for Manchester City and Liverpool. His name?

Answers: 1. Arthur Cox 2. Steve Ogruzovic 3. Roy McWilliam 4. Nicky Stiles 5. Michael Robinson

THE NAKED CHEF

Last week it was Turbo's Aussie Chicken, this week - Taco Lasagne

NO. 4 TURBO'S TACO LASAGNE

1. You'll need 11 ounces lasagne noodles, 1 pound lean ground beef, 24 ounces tomato sauce, 1/2 cup water, 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix, 8 cups shredded Cheddar cheese and 1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips.
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
3. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, brown beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add tomato sauce, water and taco seasoning. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. In a baking dish layer noodles, then meat mixture and cheese; repeat 2 more times. There will be 3 layers.
5. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave for 10 minutes. Remove from microwave, uncover and let stand for 5 minutes.
6. Sprinkle tortilla chips over the top.

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Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE, OUR CENTRES AT RIDGEWAY AND HAYDEN STARTED THIS WEEK, WHILST THE REST ARE SET TO START THIS MONDAY. MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN WELCOMING ADAM COLLIER ON BOARD.

Adam has been a scholar at the club for the last couple of years and has now since been released. However, Adam has agreed to stay on and coach the kids and the plan is for him to take over so that Jimmy Fraser can concentrate on the Centre of Excellence and youth teams.

Those that haven't heard of, or attended our course before can find out more information both on this page, and by calling Jim Fraser on 01793 333724. FA qualified coaches work to a structured programme designed for everyone's enjoyment. They'll put you through your paces in all aspects of football including dribbling, shooting, skills, small-sided games and much more - whilst the emphasis is continually based on fun and enjoyment.

All the soccer centres are run in conjunction with the school term, so courses vary from 5 to 8 weeks. The next course starts the week commencing Monday September 9, although there are some to start before (call Jim Fraser for more information). All the children need is a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and a drinks bottle.

Boys that show exceptional ability also have the chance to be offered a trial at Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.

To book your place on the Swindon Town Soccer Centres, you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses is £3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre.

Listed right are the times, centres and age groups of the 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	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	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
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	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years



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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When and how did you start playing football?

When I was younger I used to kick a ball around in the garden with my brother and his mates.

Were there any opportunities to play at school?

I started a girl's team at Headlands School in Swindon when I was about 13. We played in a number of tournaments and it was great fun!

So how did you come to join Swindon Town?

At 15 I joined Swindon Spitfires and played regularly in the Southern Region League. During that time I had a trial for England's youth team. Four years ago I decided that I wanted to play at a higher level and so I joined the Town. Since my move I have been regularly chosen for the Wiltshire County Team that plays in the South West Counties Championship.

NATALIA WILSON

AGE 22

POSITION DEFENDER

What are your future ambitions?

Having just got married I have no plans to move to another club. I enjoying playing for Swindon and hope to continue playing. I just hope that we can play at a higher level.

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

THE TOWN LADIES' MISERABLE START TO THE SEASON CONTINUED WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO DEVON LAST WEEKEND.

Town were forced to defend from the start of the game and Plymouth looked the stronger of the two sides. Before Town knew where they were they were two down before the break. However, the visitors began to exert their authority on the game in the second period and despite going a third goal behind, they pulled one back when 14-year old Nikki Watts pulled one back. The home side grabbed a fourth before Watts added her second of the game, the youngster converting a penalty.

Town will be hoping for better tomorrow when they entertain local rivals Reading Royals in their first home game of the season. Over the years the two sides have met on numerous occasions and have also been promoted together too. Last year the Royals pipped Town to third place in the league, although in general honours are fairly even – Town drawing away in Berkshire but losing narrowly on home soil.

However, Town fared slightly better in the Ambassador South West Combination Cup and they got their revenge with a 5-2 win. Tomorrow's encounter will be played at Aldbourne's ground, Farm Lane, Aldbourne, and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Town's reserves start their season tomorrow and face Chiseldon away in the Wiltshire County League.

Finally, the offer is still open for girls to come and join our side. We provide girls and women's football for all ages and we welcome any new faces. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, then please contact John White on 01793 824470.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	A	
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	FA Cup 1st Round		
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City	H	
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	A	
Sun 01 Dec	Clevedon Town	H	
Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City	H	
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Thur 19 Jan	Reading Royals	A	
Thur 26 Jan	Reading	H	
Thur 02 Feb	Portsmouth	A	
Thur 09 Feb	Yeovil Town	H	
Thur 16 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 23 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	



FOLLOWING A TRIO OF HOME GAMES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, TOWN TAKE TO THEIR TRAVELS ONCE AGAIN AS THEY MAKE THE SHORT TRIPS TO BOTH QPR AND CHELTENHAM TOWN. LET'S HOPE THERE ISN'T A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S DEBACLE AT LOFTUS ROAD!

A ROUGH GUIDE TO...QPR

WHO? QPR **WHEN? SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

WHERE? LOFTUS ROAD **KICK-OFF? 3.00PM**

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 11.00am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 11.15am, County Ground 11.30am, Ermin Street 11.45am. Adults will pay £9.50, under 15s £8.50. Supporters Club members will get a £1 discount.

BY CAR: Exit M4 at junction 4b (s/p Watford, M1, M40, Heathrow Terminal 4), and stay in lane for 'Watford M1, Oxford M40' onto the M25. Exit M25 after 4.8 miles (s/p M40 (E), Uxbridge, London (W)) onto the M40 eastbound (which becomes the A40 Western Avenue). Exit A40 after 13.9 miles (s/p White City A40, Harlesden A404). Then as From West A40.

PARKING: Cars and parking in London are never an ideal combination. Many of the streets around the ground are coned off,

including South Africa Road and Bloemfontein Road, and others are reserved for residents. There is some street parking for early arrivals and there's also street parking to the north of the A40 flyover; in the Flowers Estate, west of Bloemfontein Road, south of Uxbridge Road; and in the Ariel Way industrial estate.

UNDERGROUND: Shepherd's Bush (Hammersmith and City Line, Zone 2 (NB Not the Central Line station!)). Turn right out of station into Uxbridge Road. Those with tickets for the Upper Tier of the School End should turn right down Loftus Road (the turning after about 0.2 miles, opposite Zain Textiles), and then first left into Ellerslie Road. Those with tickets for the Lower Tier should continue along Uxbridge Road for a further 0.15 miles, turning right at the first set of lights into Bloemfontein Road (s/p Evangelical Church). Take the 3rd right turn into South Africa Road.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO...CHELTENHAM TOWN

WHO? CHELTENHAM TOWN **WHEN? TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

WHERE? WHADDON ROAD **KICK-OFF? 7.45PM (all ticket)**

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 5.00pm, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 5.15pm, County Ground 5.30pm, Ermin Street 5.45pm. Adults will pay £6.00, whilst under 15s £5.00. Supporters Club members will get a £1 discount.

BY CAR: From South (M5). Exit M5 at junction 11, follow signs to Cheltenham on A40. At first roundabout, follow signs to Cheltenham; at next, turn left. Follow this road (Princess Elizabeth Way), turning right, then left round Coronation Square, to big roundabout. Straight over. Then as From North (M5).

PARKING: Available at the ground and in adjoining streets. Note that the Parklands Community Association in Wymans Road also has limited parking spaces.

RAIL: (Cheltenham): By taxi: Approx £5.

BUS: Bus stop is in railway station car park. Either routes F or G to town centre, run every 10 mins. From town centre, approx 10 minute walk to ground.

NEXT IN TOWN...



Wycombe Wanderers

11.09.02 (7.45pm)



Northampton Town

21.09.02 (3.00pm)



Oldham Athletic

05.10.02 (3.00pm)



Colchester United

12.10.02 (3.00pm)



Mansfield,

26.10.02 (3.00PM)

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Worthington Cup

NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **WYCOMBE WANDERERS** KICK-OFF? **7.45PM**

WHEN? **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

When Town face Wycombe Wanderers this Wednesday it will be the two clubs' second cup encounter in three seasons.

In fact it doesn't feel all that long ago that Town had dumped the Chairboys out of the LDV Vans Trophy at the quarter final stage courtesy of a Gary Alexander brace. The former West Ham striker's two goals were sweet music to the majority of the 3,244 crowd, who were delighted to see egg on Lawrie Sanchez's face following the Wycombe supremo's comments regarding the young striker, now with Hull in the Third Division.

However, one can't fail to be impressed with the Buckingham club's development in the last two decades. Just 15 years ago, Wycombe were still plying their trade in the Isthmian League and in

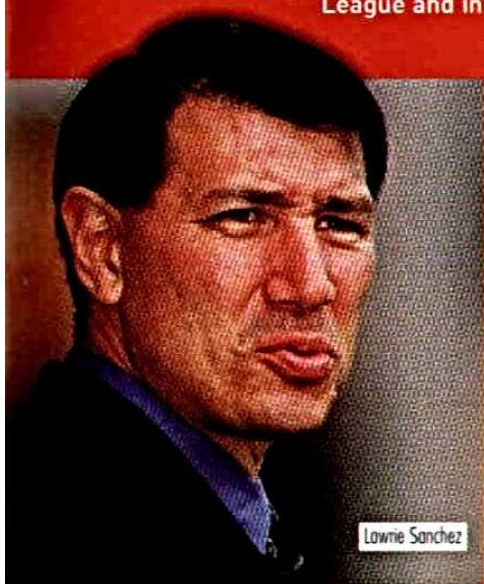
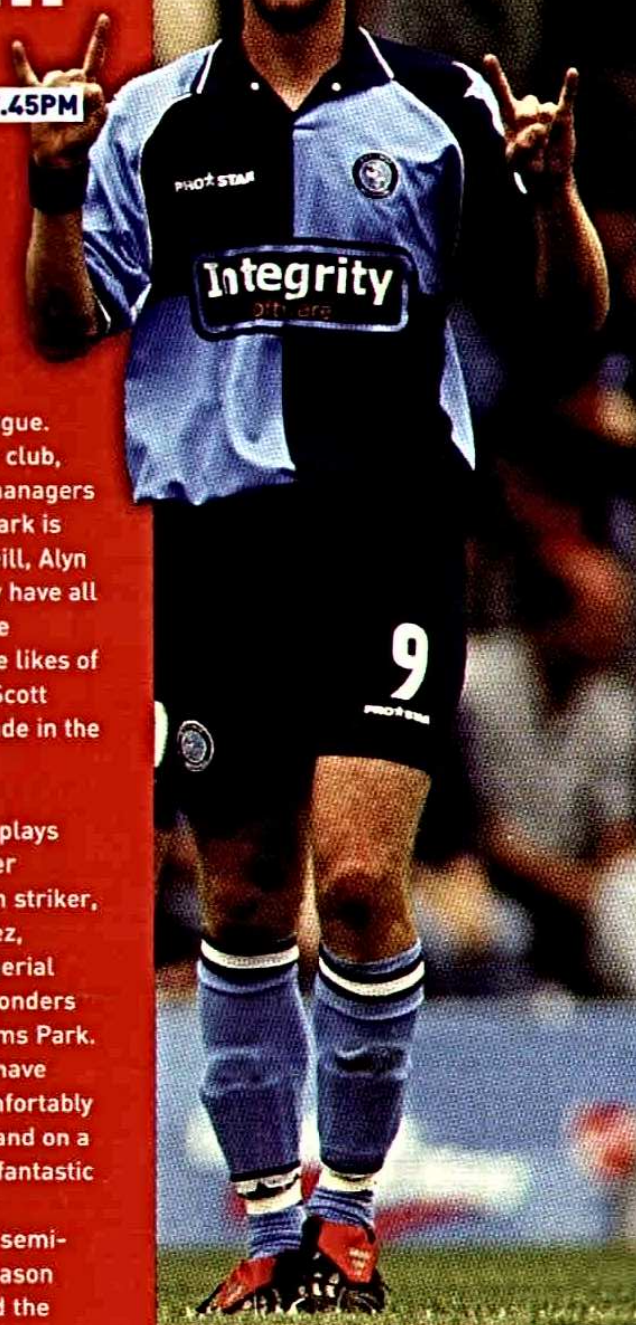
the sixties, they'd turned down the opportunity to play at a semi-professional level when they were invited to join the Southern League. Yet for such an amateur club, the list of players and managers to come out of Adams Park is impressive. Martin O'Neill, Alyn Smith and John Gregory have all since gone on to manage 'bigger' clubs, whilst the likes of Steve Guppy and Keith Scott went on to play their trade in the top flight.

More recently the team plays under the guile of former Wimbledon and Swindon striker, Lawrie Sanchez. Sanchez, enjoying his first managerial berth, has performed wonders in his short time at Adams Park. The fact that Wycombe have managed to survive comfortably in the Second Division (and on a shoestring budget) is a fantastic achievement. Yet when Wanderers reached the semi-final of the FA Cup in season 2000/01, they surpassed the wildest dreams of even the staunchest of supporter.

This season has offered yet another consistent start for the Adams Park faithful. With just one defeat (at the hands of Bristol City) and the team currently in ninth place – next Wednesday's encounter looks set to be a difficult proposition for Andy King's side. A true test

of how good Sanchez's side are will be when they travel to Wigan's JJB Stadium this afternoon, although they do make the long trek north on the back of two impressive victories. The first, a 4-1 thumping of QPR before last week's impressive away win at Oldham in which Bulman and Harris got on the scoresheet.

Craig Faulknerbridge has 3 league goals to his name already this season.



Lawrie Sanchez

TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

KICK-OFF 3PM SATURDAYS, 7.45PM MIDWEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120 4
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189 1
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404 2
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	7,564 5
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299 10
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456 18
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home		
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home		
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away		
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away		
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home		
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away		
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home		
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home		
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away		
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home		
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away (7.45)		
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away		
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home		
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away		
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home		
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away		
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

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Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincible
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Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Sabin



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FRONT COVER GARETH EDDS, PHOTOGRAPHY CHRIS ADAMS

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Sabin [*]	Invincible	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Parkin
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TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT SEP 7 2002

Nationwide 1

Bradford	vs	Coventry
Derby	vs	Burnley
Gillingham	vs	Portsmouth
Grimsby	vs	Ipswich
Millwall	vs	Brighton
Norwich	vs	Sheff Utd
Rotherham	vs	Reading
Sheff Wed	vs	C Palace
Stoke	vs	Nottm Forest
Watford	vs	Walsall
Wimbledon	vs	Leicester

Nationwide 2

Blackpool	vs	Tranmere
Brentford	vs	Luton
Bristol C	vs	Northampton
Colchester	vs	Cheltenham
Crewe	vs	Chesterfield
Huddersfield	vs	Barnsley
Mansfield	vs	QPR
Notts Co	vs	Oldham
Plymouth	vs	Cardiff
Stockport	vs	Peterborough
Swindon	vs	Port Vale
Wigan	vs	Wycombe

Nationwide 3

Bury	vs	York
Cambridge	vs	Hull City
Carlisle	vs	Rochdale
Darlington	vs	Wrexham
Exeter	vs	Bournemouth
Kidderminster	vs	Boston Utd
Lincoln	vs	Scunthorpe
Oxford	vs	Torquay
Rushden	vs	Southend
Shrewsbury	vs	Leyton Orient
Swansea	vs	Hartlepool

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	P.L.O	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
BRENTFORD	6	4	2	0	9	3	14	+6
PLYMOUTH	6	4	1	1	13	9	13	+4
WIGAN	6	4	0	2	9	4	12	+5
CREWE	6	3	2	1	10	5	11	+5
CARDIFF	6	3	2	1	8	5	11	+3
STOCKPORT	6	3	2	1	5	2	11	+3
TRANMERE	6	3	1	2	8	7	10	+1
COLCHESTER	6	3	1	2	4	4	10	0
WYCOMBE	6	2	3	1	11	9	9	+2
BRISTOL C	6	3	0	3	7	5	9	+2
BLACKPOOL	6	2	3	1	6	4	9	+2
CHESTERFIELD	6	3	0	3	11	11	9	0
QPR	6	2	2	2	9	9	8	0
OLDHAM	6	2	2	2	4	4	8	0
BARNLEY	6	2	2	2	6	7	8	-1
NORTHAMPTON	6	2	2	2	5	8	8	-3
NOTTS CO	6	1	4	1	6	5	7	+1
SWINDON	6	2	1	3	8	8	7	0
PORT VALE	6	2	0	4	5	10	6	-5
HUDDERSFIELD	6	1	2	3	4	7	5	-3
LUTON	6	1	1	4	10	13	4	-3
MANSFIELD	6	1	1	4	9	18	4	-9
PETERBOROUGH	6	1	0	5	3	8	3	-5
CHELTHAM	6	0	2	4	3	8	2	-5

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	LEAMING			P.L.O			NORTHAMPTON			OLDHAM		
	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN
BART GRIEMINK	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARETH EDDS	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	5(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEITH O HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	4(2)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	5(1)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUAN COBIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	4(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEVIN HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRIS COLLINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



SWINDON

Manager **Andy King**

PORT VALE

Manager **Brian Horton**

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓	1	✓	MARK GOODLAD
GARETH EDDS ✓	2	✓	MATT CARRAGHER
	3	✓	RAE INGRAM
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4		SEAN MCCLARE
ADAM WILLIS	5	✓	MICHAEL WALSH
ANDREW GURNEY ✓	6		SAM COLLINS
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	✓	NEIL BRISCO
JIMMY DAVIS ✓	8	✓	MICHAEL CUMMINS
SAM PARKIN ✓	9		STEPHEN BROOKER
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓	10	✓	STEVE MCPHEE
DAVID DUKE ✓	11	✓	MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON
JUAN COBIAN	12		DEAN DELANEY
	13		
ERIC SABIN	14		MARK BOYD
DAREN DYKES	15	✓	IAN ARMSTRONG
NEIL RUDDOCK	16	✓	STEVEN ROWLAND
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓	17		PAUL BYRNE
	18		BILLY PAYNTER
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓	19		PHIL CHARNOCK
	20		JOHN DURNIN
	21		LIAM BURNS
ALAN REEVES ✓	22		BRETT ANGELL
NATHAN EDWARDS	23		IAN BRIGHTWELL
KEVIN HALLIDAY	24	✓	JON MCCARTHY
STEVE ROBINSON ✓	25		
ALAN YOUNG	26		
CHRIS COLLINS	27		
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TOWN'S Last 10
Home League Results

D-W-W-D-W-L-D-W-L-L

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	4	3	3	11	7

PORT VALE'S
Last 10 Away League Results

W-L-L-D-L-L-L-L-W

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	2	1	7	6	17

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday March 2 2002
Nationwide Division Two

Swindon Town 3
Port Vale 0

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

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Assistant 2: **B. Wade**
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