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THE GAFFER

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST NORTHAMPTON TOWN.

On Tuesday evening at Cheltenham we lost our seventh straight game and I'm well aware that we've got big problems. However, we can't hide away from them and the only way we can turn things around is through hard work.

My team are suffering from a lack of confidence and it shows in the way they are playing. A section of supporters are turning on them and it affects their performance - they're certainly not the players I knew from four weeks ago, they're nervous wrecks.

I've made a big, and I believe brave decision, to bring in Steve Coppell to re-motivate the players. Unfortunately, that didn't happen on Tuesday night but you have to take it one step at a time, so now we've got to look at the next thing.

Steve hasn't had time to work with the players on the training pitch but he has had an impact on me. He's put certain things to me that were sensible and brought ideas to the game that I wanted. He believes what I believe in which gives me confidence to go forward.

People are asking why I made the decision to bring in Steve because I was putting my head on the block. That's not the way I see it because the decision was made in the best interests of the football club. I knew that at some stage we would hit a brick wall,

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Steve Coppell will be hoping to stop the rot at the County Ground.

admittedly it came sooner rather than later, and then it's up to me to think of a way to try and get through it. I can't go out and buy players to boost things so you have to try something different. If it doesn't work in the short term then so be it, but at least I have tried something.

Steve has seen how nervous the players are and now we have to look at why they are feeling like that and how we pick them up.

This run of losses is probably affecting us more now because we started so well. It raised the expectation of everybody and now things are going against us, it intensifies the criticism and loss of confidence.

That's what is really getting to me; the confidence and belief in the players we all had has been lost and the same people that were tipping us for the championship are now calling for my head.

I'm big enough to take that and I don't mind them showing their anger at me, but I would ask that they don't take it out on the players that wear the shirt, because it won't make things better and will only further damage the club.

I've always said that while I've got the players on my side, or until someone takes it away from me, I will continue to work as hard as I possibly can to make this club successful.

This job is the thing that I believe I am best at and I love doing it, so I won't give that up voluntarily. If the board of directors feel that a change of manager is necessary to improve things, then that is their decision. I won't walk away from the battle and I will fight it alongside the players because that is my nature.



Andy King is hoping to return to winning ways this afternoon

This week I have felt the lowest low of my life and in all honesty I'm dumbfounded that the same players, playing in the same style and with the system that beat Barnsley and Chesterfield, have lost seven straight games - we have to put the Cheltenham game behind us and start again this afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kevan Broadhurst, his coaching staff and his players to the County Ground as well as all the directors and supporters of Northampton Football Club.

As I've said, please get behind the players this afternoon. They're desperate to give you something to cheer about and if we all make an equal effort to get us out of this slump, then life will seem a lot easier to bear.

Thanks for your support

Andy King



DICK MACKEY

This week we have Jimmy Davis, Alan Reeves and Adam Willis in the Treatment Room.

Reevesy picked up a groin strain in training on Tuesday and as a result, was unavailable for selection on Tuesday night. Although he felt ok, he wasn't 100% and so we didn't want to risk him ahead of today's game against Northampton. I would like to think he would be available today, and towards the end of this week he was stretching and jogging without any adverse reaction.

I am also hopeful that Adam Willis will be available for selection today. Adam had a precautionary x-ray on Wednesday morning and since then he has felt a lot better. He has been able to run in straight lines and I would have expected him to return to full training on Friday. Should that have been successful, then he too will be available for selection this afternoon.

That just leaves me to give you the latest on Jimmy Davis. Jimmy has worked ever so hard; he is obviously typical of the Manchester United psychology when it comes to hard graft and getting yourself back into full fitness. He has been attacking his comeback with vigour and has made excellent progress. He is now riding bikes, swimming and moving weights and so I would like to see him back in training in a weeks' time.

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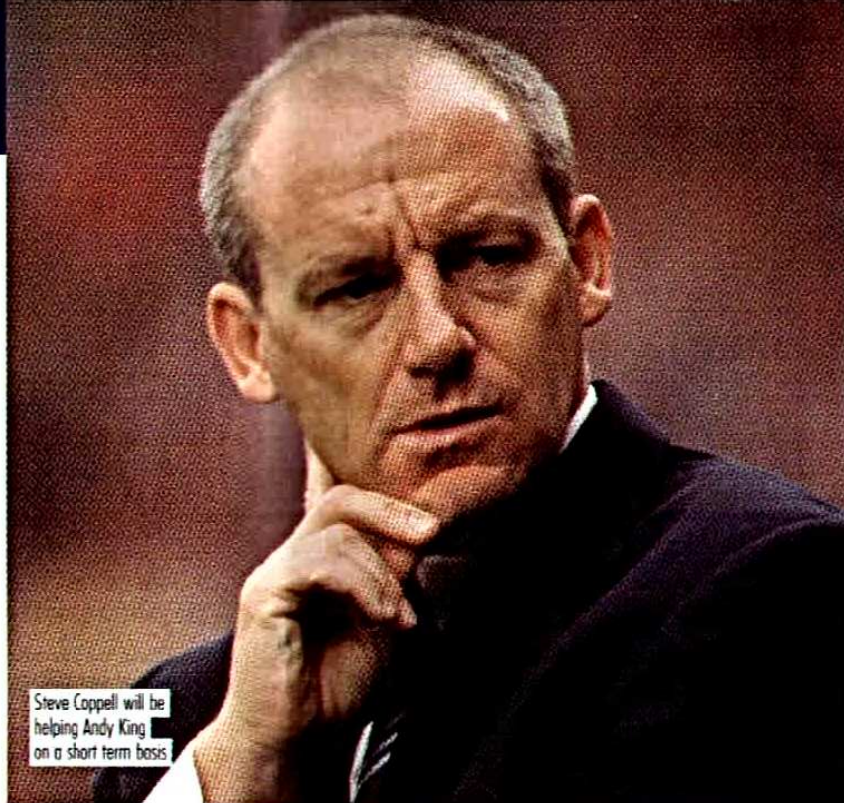
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Good afternoon and welcome to you all for this afternoon's game against Northampton Town. A warm welcome on behalf of the board of directors at the County Ground to the visiting management team, directors, players and supporters from Northampton.

It goes without saying that the results of the last few weeks have been disappointing for everyone connected to the club. It is to Andy King's credit that he has been prepared to stick his hand in the air and ask for assistance. He cares deeply about the club and wasn't prepared to see the run of results continue as they were. As a board we were very happy to confirm Andy's request to bring in Steve Coppell to assist him over the next few weeks. Steve, as everyone knows, has a fine pedigree and an excellent background and is no stranger to developing teams on a tight financial budget. We are very hopeful that, as a team, Andy and Steve will be able to improve the performance of the team and turn the results around. At this stage of the season two wins on the trot would see the club move several places up to mid-table.

I fully appreciate how frustrated fans will feel after the recent series of results. I can assure you all that Andy, Steve and all the players are working very hard to turn the results around and that they care as deeply as our supporters. As a board of directors, we too fully acknowledge the frustrations you will be feeling and want to see things improve as soon as possible. However, one of the consistent problems with the football business is the lack of patience shown by clubs when results don't go their way. It has become all too easy to make rash 'quick fix' decisions, simply to placate a section of the fan base that want to see changes. Generally speaking, successful clubs are those who have developed the greatest stability and continuity on and off the field, building for the long term rather than being sucked into a culture of short-termism. The board fully believe that our management team and playing squad are capable of turning the corner.

Steve Coppell will be helping Andy King on a short term basis



MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.



Let me give you some statistics that make interesting reading: Under Colin Todd, two seasons ago we had 8 points from 9 games. Under Roy Evans last season, with a team constructed by Andy King with the exception of Neil Ruddock, we had achieved 12 points from our first 9 games. This season the record is 7 points from 9 games. It goes to show that our starts have been reasonably similar over the past three seasons, and that the cries for changes are a little unfair, given the fact that this team have played some of the best football seen by a Swindon side for a few seasons.

Yes, we have hit a difficult patch, but with your positive vocal support the team can turn it around.

As a consequence of Steve's arrival Malcolm Crosby has moved to take up the role of reserve team manager and Neil Ruddock will be able to concentrate on getting fit following his knee operation earlier this month. It should be noted that Neil's role as player/coach

was never contractual. Neil has a player's contract which, as has been well documented, is well in advance of anything that the club can afford to pay. I still hope that we can reach an amicable and equitable solution with Neil as far as his contract is concerned.

We have received several letters and phone calls from fans regarding the incident towards the end of Tuesday night's game involving Andy Gurney and a section of our supporters. Andy will fully accept that, whilst the barracking of the players from some fans was very vocal, he, as a professional and as Club Captain, should be able to rise above the criticism and not get involved. On behalf of the club I apologise unreservedly for any offence caused. We are all in this together, fans and players, and together we can turn the results around.

Thank you for your continued support, please get behind the players and help them towards a much needed three points.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

10.09.02

DAVIS GETS PERMISSION TO PLAY

Manchester United boss, Sir Alex Ferguson, last week gave Town loan star Jimmy Davis permission to play in the club's Worthington Cup match against Wycombe Wanderers.



Town officials were unsure if United would allow Davis to play in the League Cup competition as United themselves have a reputation for playing their younger stars in their opening rounds for which Davis will now be ineligible.

Andy King was boosted by the news saying: "Despite results not going our way, Jimmy Davis has been magnificent for us and we're pleased that Manchester United have allowed him to play."

11.09.02

REPLICA KITS GO ON SALE

Swindon Town Football Club has finally received the replica kits and training wear, which is now available in the club superstore.

Fans have been patiently waiting for nearly a month for the new merchandise to arrive but due to an unforeseen problem with Customs at Felixstowe, which until two weeks ago, prevented the new kit from reaching the County Ground ready for the new season.

3,000 replica home shirts were delivered and right up until the kick-off of last week's match against Wycombe, superstore staff were busily printing Nationwide logos onto the replica shirts to meet the pre-orders.



11.09.02

TOWN GO DOWN TO WYCOMBE

An extra time winner from Wycombe skipper Paul McCarthy sent Town crashing out of the Worthington Cup.

Harris had put the visitors in front just a minute into extra-time but Adam Willis drew Town level soon after, however, it was McCarthy's goal that condemned Andy King's side to their fifth consecutive defeat. Jimmy Davis also picked up an ankle injury that will keep him out of the side for three weeks. For a full match report see page 12-13.



12.09.02

JACKSON COMPLETES LOAN SWITCH

Tottenham Hotspur midfielder, Johnny Jackson, has completed a one-month long loan switch to Swindon Town.

Left-sided midfield player, Jackson, comes highly recommended by Spurs manager, Glenn Hoddle and the Camden-born midfielder has played alongside Town's other loan signing, Jimmy Davis, in England's Under 20s international side.

For a full interview with Johnny Jackson, turn to page 32-35 where he talks about his switch from Tottenham, as well as his first thoughts on STFC.





14.09.02

LOFTUS ROAD WOE

Another game, another defeat – everyone involved with Swindon Town was left wondering when their disastrous run of form was going to end.

This time it was QPR's turn to heap more misery on Andy King and his troops courtesy of second half goals from Kevin Gallen and Richard Langley. Town had performed well in spells but an in-form QPR were too strong. Once again, a full match report is on page 14.



16.09.02

STEVE COPPELL JOINS THE CLUB

Swindon Town manager, Andy King reveals that he is bringing a new assistant manager to the Club, on a short-term basis, in a bid to lift the Robins out of their current slump.

Andy King approached former Crystal Palace, Manchester City and Brentford manager, Steve Coppell, about joining up with the Robins on a short-term basis and Coppell has agreed to lend his expertise.

Andy King said: "Hopefully, his arrival will lift the side and provide us with some fresh ideas to help us get through this difficult period. Steve will bring a different approach and has a tremendous amount of managerial experience we can tap into."



17.09.02

TOWN GO DOWN TO CHELTENHAM

Town crashed to their seventh consecutive defeat against Cheltenham in the first league derby between the two sides.

Town were soundly beaten and also had Sam Parkin sent off for a foul on Book in the Cheltenham goal as they endured yet another torrid 90 minutes.

A Hewlett own goal was enough to give the home side a deserved half time lead, whilst Milton ensured the Robins' first league win of the season when he doubled Cheltenham's advantage in the second half. Turn to page 18 for more details.



21.09.02

HE'S GOT A TICKET TO RIDE

This afternoon marks the last day that Mark Rogers and Brian Powell will be working in the STFC Ticket Office. Brian Powell, known to his friends as 'BK'. Is retiring after 31 years of working at the club. In that time he hasn't missed a home game. He started in 1971, the same day as the Arkells Stand was opened and he has been a dedicated worker ever since. I am sure we will continue to see Brian at the County Ground, but all the best for the future! Mark Rogers started in 1995/96 season and, unfortunately, has decided to move onto pastures new. Mark will be hoping to spend more time with his new born baby son Henry. Once again, we wish them all the best of luck.



MATCH



SWINDON TOWN 1

WILLIS 100

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2

HARRIS 91, MCCARTHY 109

An extra time winner from Wycombe skipper Paul McCarthy sent Town crashing out of the Worthington Cup. Not only that, but the Chairboys' defender condemned Andy King's side to their fifth consecutive defeat, although not for the first time it was undeserved.

Richard Harris had given the visitors the lead when he converted Steve Brown's goal bound header following a comical mix-up in Town's area, before Adam Willis levelled the scores when he followed up Andy Gurney's free-kick which had been spilled by Frank Talia. The former Swindon 'keeper had, despite receiving large amounts of taunts from the unforgiving Town End, kept Wycombe in the game in the second half, although his side should really have been leading at the break.

Town could have opened the scoring as early as the fifth minute, Steve Robinson finding himself in a shooting position following Jimmy Davis's pass. Unfortunately, 'Turbo' could only blaze his shot over the bar. Two minutes later and Eric Sabin had a penalty shout turned down; the Frenchman seemingly brought down by a Wycombe defender. Unfortunately the referee signalled for a corner. Mr P. Armstrong's inconsistency spoiled the game and in total, he booked nine players when there wasn't really a nasty challenge in the whole game.

Craig Faulconbridge came close when he angled a shot wide of Griemink's goal following a dangerous cross from the right. A minute later and Wycombe really should have taken the lead. Sean Devine angled a low shot across the face of the Town goal and Faulconbridge almost turned it in at the far post, Matt Heywood denying the former Wrexham striker with some superb defending.

On 22 minutes Wycombe had a goal disallowed. A long-range effort was deflected over Griemink only for the linesman to raise his flag for offside and Town were lucky to go in at the break still level.

The second half came to life following three Wycombe chances. Firstly, Devine hit a shot straight at Griemink before McCarthy came close with a header. The visitors really should have taken the lead when they had two chances in one, Wycombe having two chances to shoot following a maelstrom in the Town area. Griemink was on hand to save the first shot, whilst two players failed to convert Wanderers' wayward rebound.

Jimmy Davis then had good cause for a second penalty appeal. The diminutive winger beat Chris Vinnicombe on the left and seemed to be brought down by the Wycombe defender. The verdict? Goal kick - much to the vehement feelings of the Town End and the game went into extra time.

Town couldn't have got off to a worse start when, after three players failed to even kick the ball, a Wycombe shot was deflected and Richard Harris was on hand to head the ball home. However, Town responded almost immediately when Adam Willis bundled the ball home following Talia's save from a Gurney free-kick. Unfortunately Willis injured himself in the process and he was replaced by Reeves.

Wycombe threatened to take the lead once again when Craig Faulconbridge failed to connect to a dangerous Richard Harris cross before Sabin had the best chance of the game at the other end. A great ball from Steve Robinson released Daren Dykes and the former Buckingham Town midfielder crossed to the onrushing Sabin. Unfortunately the Frenchman, despite hitting the target, saw his effort tipped over by Frank Talia.

Just as Town were preparing themselves for a penalty shoot-out, Wycombe applied what proved to be the killer blow. Once again Town failed to clear, a re-occurring theme in their last few defeats, and Paul McCarthy was on hand to head home at the far post.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Willis (Reeves, 103), Heywood, Duke, Hewlett, Miglioranza (Eds 91), Robinson, Davis (Dykes 86), Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Young.

WYCOMBE: Talia, Rogers, McCarthy, Thomson, Vinnicombe, Currie (Brown, 73), Bulman, Simpson, Roberts (Harris, 69), Faulconbridge, Devine (Ryan, 93). **Subs not used:** Williams, Johnson.

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MATCH



QUEENS PARK RANGERS 2

GALLEN 50, LANGLEY 56

SWINDON TOWN 0

Another game, another defeat – everyone involved with Swindon Town must be wondering when their disastrous run of form of six straight defeats is going to end. This week it was QPR's turn to heap more misery on Andy King and his troops, the Loftus Road side collecting three comfortable points courtesy of second half goals from Kevin Gallen and Richard Langley.

It was another disastrous afternoon for Swindon, perhaps the only highlight being Alan Reeves' performance – the former Wimbledon defender was absolutely superb in the centre of Town's three-pronged defence.

Johnny Jackson made his debut for Town following his move from Tottenham Hotspur on Friday afternoon, the left-footed midfielder slotted into a five-man midfield that comprised Robinson, Hewlett, Miglioranza and Duke. Heywood and Gurney accompanied Reeves at the back, whilst Sabin and Parkin led Town's attack. Jackson showed signs of class with his deft touches, but even he struggled to make an impact on a game in which Town were outfought in every department.

Richard Langley ran the show for the home side, and with Dennis Oli and Terrell Forbes looking to get forward at every opportunity on each wing – QPR posed a dangerous attacking force. However, despite Langley shooting over the bar on 3 minutes, Town proved to be equally as dangerous as the game started in emphatic fashion. Sam Parkin came close when Simon Royce in the Hoops' goal tipped his header round the post in front of a rather disappointing away following before Dennis Oli broke from his own half to send a low drive just wide of Griemink's goal. Soon after Sam Parkin enjoyed his second chance in the space of just two minutes. The former Chelsea striker found himself free in the box when Steve Robinson crossed from the right hand side, unfortunately he could only angle his effort over the bar.

On eight minutes Kevin Gallen seized a poor Heywood clearance

to volley a fierce effort at Bart Griemink, the Dutchman on hand to save comfortably. On 15 minutes Town had an effort cleared off the line. Danny Shittu headed a cross-come shot from Johnny Jackson off the line and Town would go on to waste the subsequent corner. Shittu was a proverbial rock in the Ranger's defence, the giant defender, along with Clarke Carlisle – looked impressive together at the back. Town's defensive trio weren't enjoying the afternoon as much and on 21 minutes, they breathed another huge sigh of relief when Tommy Williams' shot went wide of the post after the former Birmingham midfielder had cut in from the left hand side.

QPR, obviously disappointed with their first half offerings, upped the tempo following the break and just two minutes after the restart, Richard Langley saw his long-range effort deflected over the bar. A minute later and the home side broke the deadlock. David Duke failed to clear on the left hand side and the ball managed to make its way into Town's box as a result. Matthew Rose managed to angle a shot at Griemink's post before Kevin Gallen smashed home the rebound.

Six minutes later and it was 2-0. Matt Heywood gave away a needless free-kick on the edge of the Town penalty box and Richard Langley curled in a great free-kick to double the home side's advantage. QPR were on top and Town were in danger of caving in. However, Reeves marshalled the troops and he led by example, blocking Gallen's shot on 62 minutes. However even Reeves couldn't help Rose and Langley going close again on 71 minutes, Rose shooting wide after Griemink had parried Langley's shot.


Town enjoyed a brief spell of pressure soon after, with Edds and Young coming on to replace Hewlett and Duke. However, even a late effort from Edds couldn't lift Town's spirits and they now slip to 20th in the table. Rangers on the other hand now occupy sixth place, just two points behind the leaders.

QPR: Royce, Forbes, Shittu, Carlisle, Williams, Langley, Rose, Palmer, Connolly, Oli (Thomson 77), Gallen.

Subs not used: Dodou, Murphy, Pacquette, Digby.

TOWN: Griemink, Robinson, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke (Edds 77), Miglioranza, Jackson, Hewlett (Young 77),

Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Cobian, Farr, Edwards.



Steve during his time
at Crystal Palace.

Words By Paul Haworth

STEVE

**THIS AFTERNOON THERE
COPPELL, THE FORMER C
MANAGER, HAS JOINED T
MANAGER AND WATCHED**

Andy King approached Coppell about joining up with the Robins on a short-term basis and Coppell has agreed to lend his expertise.

Swindon suffered their seventh consecutive defeat on Wednesday evening and King is keen to listen to new ideas. Andy King said: "Steve and I spoke on Sunday about the Club's current plight and also discussed the possibility of him linking up with the team on a short-term basis. Hopefully, his arrival will lift the side and provide us with some fresh ideas to help us get through this difficult period. Steve will bring a different approach and has a tremendous amount of managerial experience we can tap into."

Steve's football career got off to an unusual start as he had always been considered too small to make it as a footballer and so was studying economics at Liverpool University. However, Tranmere Rovers were sufficiently impressed with him that they played him as an amateur in their then Third Division side whilst he continued with his studies. He was quick to make an impression with visiting scouts and in February 1975, after only 38 appearances for Tranmere, Tommy Docherty paid £45,000 to take him to Second Division leaders Manchester United.

COPPELL

WILL BE A NEW FACE IN TOWN'S DUGOUT. STEVE CRYSTAL PALACE, MANCHESTER CITY AND BRENTFORD HE CLUB ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AS ASSISTANT WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S DEFEAT AT CHELTENHAM.

Steve's career progressed rapidly and he soon established himself in United's first team, and before long, in the England team, making his full international debut against Italy in 1977. He wasn't an old-fashioned winger, he was one of the first of a new breed of wide midfield players who, in addition to being able to beat defenders and whip over telling crosses, would track back and provide cover for his defence. The high point of his playing career was an FA Cup winner's medal in 1977, though he also played in the 1976 and 1979 finals and the 1983 Milk Cup final.

His playing career was effectively brought to a premature end by a tackle from Hungarian defender Joseph Toth at Wembley in November 1981. Although he managed to carry on playing for another 14 months despite his injured knee, he wasn't the same player and eventually gave up playing on medical advice. An articulate and intelligent man, Steve became chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association towards the end of his playing days and it was no surprise when he became the League's youngest manager (at age 28) when he took over at Crystal Palace in June 1984. In 1989 the Eagles won promotion to the First Division via the play-offs (behind champions Chelsea and runners-up Manchester City) and in 1990 reached their first FA Cup final. The following season they won their first Wembley trophy (the Zenith Data

Systems Cup) and finished third in the First Division, the highest the club had ever finished.

However, the successful Palace side was broken up, most noticeably with the departure of striking partnership Ian Wright (to Arsenal) and Mark Bright (to Sheffield Wednesday) and the club were relegated from the Premiership at the end of the 1994-95 season, albeit with 49 points, the highest ever for a relegated top division club. Steve resigned as manager and was out of the game for some time before rejoining the club as Technical Director. He was regularly linked with management jobs that became available, reaching the shortlist of three when Terry Venables was chosen as the England manager. Finally, on October 7 1996, he returned to management by agreeing a three-year deal at Manchester City.

Coppell's return to management was to be extremely brief as on November 8 the same year he resigned on medical advice, thus becoming the most short-lived manager in the club's history. Fortunately for Steve, he made a recovery and at the end of February 1997, was re-appointed as Crystal Palace manager, succeeding the departed Dave Bassett. Success soon followed with Palace gaining promotion to the Premiership courtesy of a 1-0 play-off victory over Sheffield United.



A year and half later he again resigned as manager of Palace for the second time and it wasn't until May 2001 that Coppell took up the managerial reigns once again, taking over at Second Division Brentford. However, Steve soon became disillusioned with life at Griffin Park and after only a year in the job, resigned in June 2002.

May I take this opportunity in welcoming Steve to the County Ground, whilst wishing him all the best in his new role at STFC.

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MATCH



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CHELTENHAM TOWN 2

HEWLETT OG 30, MILTON 65

SWINDON TOWN 0

Steve Coppell looked on as Town crashed to their seventh consecutive defeat against Cheltenham on Wednesday night. Town were soundly beaten, but also had Sam Parkin sent off for a foul on Book in the Cheltenham goal as they slipped into the bottom four for the first time this season.

A Hewlett own goal was enough to give the home side a deserved half time lead, whilst Milton ensured the Robins' first league win of the season when he doubled Cheltenham's advantage in the second half.

Heywood almost scored in his own net after just two minutes, the giant defender angling a mis-kicked clearance towards his own goal. Fortunately Griemink was on hand to save with his legs before Tony Naylor and McCauley both came close with blocked efforts. At the other end Invincible looked to be the only source of a Town goal and on 12 minutes he sent a shot straight into the arms of Book. Both Invincible and Sabin worked their socks off and if they continue to work as hard as they did in the week, then their luck must surely change?

Cheltenham dominated the opening half hour and Walker, Naylor and Alsop enjoyed numerous chances before Matty Hewlett headed into his own net. Gurney had fouled a Cheltenham midfielder and then complained forcing the referee to move the kick ten yards closer to the Town goal. And when McCauley whipped in a fierce cross, Hewlett could only help it on its way into the net. It could have been before the break, Junior Alsop going close before the referee signalled for half time.

The second half started as the first had finished with the home side on top. And Town's task became even more monumental when Sam Parkin was sent off for a mis-timed tackle on Book in the Swindon goal. The decision seemed a little harsh.

Despite Parkin's lunge, the referee experienced the condition of the pitch when he took a tumble on his way to alleviating the situation.

Junior Alsop saw another chance go begging before Eric Sabin enjoyed Town's best chance of the game. The Frenchman cut in from the left hand side and fired a fierce left hand shot just wide of Booker's goal. A minute later and Duke sent a tame shot towards the home goal as Town began to exert some pressure on the game. In fact, with ten men the visitors seemed to play much better and the home side were struggling to find any rhythm in midfield. That said, the threat posed by Naylor and Alsop on the break was clear for all to see and Naylor came close having dispossessed Gurney in his own area, the diminutive striker angling a low drive at Bart's legs.

A minute later and it was 2-0. Milton seized a cross field ball from Tony Naylor and the midfielder hit a low drive that, with the help of a deflection, looped over the despairing Griemink.

Town battled on despite the disenchanted feelings of the Town following and Invincible came close when he shot straight at the 'keeper three minutes later.

Cheltenham nearly made it three when Bart was called upon to save at the feet of Finnigan when he was clean through before Sabin had a good call for a penalty turned down when his cross was seemingly handled by a Cheltenham defender.

There was still time for one more effort before the final whistle blew. A long Heywood ball was brilliantly chested down by Danny and in the same move, he angled a volley towards the top corner of the home sides' net. Unfortunately, Book tipped over and Town were left reflecting on another night of misery.

CHELTHENHAM: Book, Howarth (Williams 45), Mike Duff, Walker, Victory, McAuley, Yates, Finnigan, Milton, Alsop (Spencer 81), Naylor. **Subs not used:** Brough, Brayson, Higgs.

PORT VALE: Griemink, Edds, Gurney, Heywood, Duke, Invincible, Robinson, Hewlett, Jackson, Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Miglioranza, Edwards, Young, Dykes.

SWINDON TOWN 0

LUTON TOWN 4

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Juan Cobian, Kevin Halliday, Nathan Edwards, Chris Collins, Ian Herring (Cheeseman), Darren Dykes, David Bampton (Hughes), Alan Young, Mark Draycott (Crosby), Mark Fenwick. **Subs:** Steve Smith, Chris Taylor.

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IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S SECOND STRING SUFFERED THEIR FIRST DEFEAT OF THE SEASON AT THE COUNTY GROUND LAST WEDNESDAY AGAINST A STRONG LOOKING LUTON SIDE.

The Robins team, predominantly made up of youth team players, found it difficult to contain the Luton forward line and were punished early in the first half. The visitors had looked lively from the opening kick-off and were moving the ball around with pace, whilst Swindon were struggling to find any kind of rhythm.

Swindon settled and began to gain more of the possession but it was still the away side that was creating the goal scoring chances. The Hatters held their one-goal advantage into the half-time interval and that was as good as it got for Crosby's young side.

Luton accelerated the pace early in the second period and scored two quick-fire goals that ended Town's hopes of a second half comeback.

Luton continued to make all the running and it was becoming a difficult afternoon for the Robins and it wasn't long before the away side extended their lead. The Hatters saved the best for last and a well-worked move ended with Chima Eberendu nonchalantly chipping Craig Farr for the fourth and final goal of the game. Luton went close to scoring on a couple of occasions during the remaining 15 minutes but it ended 4-0 to the men from Bedfordshire.

After the match Crosby said: "As a team we didn't really get to grips with their movement off the ball and it showed in the goals we conceded.

"We put out a young side and although those players have the ability to have played better, it will serve as a good learning experience for them."

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	0-4
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	
Tues 18 Feb	Brentford	Away	
Wed 26 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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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2002

SWANSEA CITY 2

SWINDON TOWN 2

ZEBROVSKI 2

STFC line-up: Matt Bulman, James Hambridge, David Stroud, Adam Galliford, Mark Jones, Aaron Salter, Bertie Foster, Michael Pook, Mitchel Wyatt, Chris Zebrowski, Leigh Henry. **Subs:** Lance Lewis, Ashan Holgate, Kirk Willmoth, Richard Alexander

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UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S
FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S UNDER 17S HAVE KEPT THEIR UNBEATEN START TO THE SEASON INTACT WITH A 4-0 WIN AGAINST CHELTENHAM, AND A 2-2 DRAW ON THE ROAD AWAY AT SWANSEA.

A brace from David Stroud, as well as goals from Lance Lewis and Justyn McKay were enough to see off Cheltenham two weeks ago and give the 17s their third consecutive victory. However, last Saturday they played "well under par" according to Jimmy Fraser and in doing so, lost their 100% record.

The game was played at the Vetch Field, Swansea's first team home ground and so was a great experience for the youngsters. However, their performance didn't match the setting and despite the side containing five first team scholars (most of which normally play for the under 19s), Jim Fraser warned against his side becoming complacent. He said, "Don't get me wrong, we always want the lads to win, but it was the nature of this performance that disappointed us the most. The lads had, up until this game, won every week and so maybe they think it's a bit easy?"

"They are a fantastic bunch of lads, but if they stop working hard and doing things right, then they will fail to beat teams such as this. In winning their first three games they have set themselves very high standards and last week they fell below them. They play Cardiff this week, themselves enjoying a good start to the season and so we must be on the top of our game if we're going to return to winning ways."

Chris Zebrowski scored another brace to add to the one he scored against Exeter three weeks ago, although he had a glorious chance to earn all three points in the dying moments.

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	4-0
Sat 14th Sep	Swansea City	Away	2-2
Sat 21st Sep	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	
Sat 5th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Sat 12th Oct	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Sat 19th Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Sat 26th Oct	Free Week		
Sat 2nd Nov	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 16th Nov	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 23rd Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 30th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 7th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 14th Dec	Torquay United	Home	
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 18th Jan	Oxford United		
Sat 25th Jan	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 1st Feb	Free Week		
Sat 8th Feb	Cheltenham Town	Away	
Sat 15th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 22nd Feb	Cardiff City	Away	

HOME MATCHES KICK-OFF AT 11.00AM AT KING EDWARDS PLACE, WANBOROUGH



MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 3

DRAYCOTT, CHEESEMAN, FENWICK

AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Luke Garrard, Mark Fenwick, David Bampton, Neil Crosby, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, Chris Hughes. **Subs:** Chris Taylor, Justyn McKay.

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UNDER 19'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S UNDER 19S RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS LAST WEEKEND WHEN THEY DEFEATED BOURNEMOUTH AT HOME IN THE CUP.

The 19s had experienced their first defeat of the season in the cup a week previously, the lads going down 3-0 against Cirencester. Justyn McKay made his debut for the 19s, McKay an under 16 player normally and he came on as a substitute in the second half.

In the first period Town played some attractive football, kept possession well and looked dangerous from set pieces. In particular, Town looked like scoring from free kicks and corners. However, the 19s failed to make the most of their chances and at half time, they were still level with the score at 0-0.

At half time Viv Busby urged his troops to keep delivering quality crosses in and to keep shooting and Mark Draycott soon took the pressure off with a goal shortly after the break. Town started to play with a lot more confidence and belief and Jamie Cheeseman made it two with a spectacular over-head kick before Mark Fenwick made it three. Unfortunately Town allowed the visitors back in to the game and a lapse at the back offered Bournemouth a lifeline. A Town defender slipped allowing a Bournemouth forward the opportunity to strike the ball past Steve Smith. Bournemouth grabbed a second five minutes from time when they were given a penalty, Town's defence adjudged to have pulled a Bournemouth shirt.

Town held on for a much needed win and now occupy third place in Group Thirteen of the Youth Alliance Cup. Town now face Portsmouth in a bid to reach the next round of the cup.

Sat 17th Aug	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-1
Sat 24th Aug	Bristol Rovers	Home	0-0
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cirencester		0-3
Sat 14th Sep	AFC Bournemouth		3-2
Sat 21st Sep	Cup Date 3		
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	
Sat 5th Oct	Cirencester	Home	
Sat 12th Oct	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 19th Oct	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 26th Oct	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 2nd Nov	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 9th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Sat 16th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 23rd Nov	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 30th Nov	Torquay United	Home	
Sat 7th Dec	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 14th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 21st Dec	Free Week		
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 11th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 18th Jan	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 25th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 1st Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 8th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		
Sat 15th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		

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Only one team drew, the under 14's finishing their encounter with Torquay with a goal-a-piece. The under 9s, 10s and 11s face Cardiff City, the under 9s registering an 8-3 win, the 10s losing 1-3 and the 11s 2-5. The under 12s lost 2-4 to Torquay, whilst the under 13s and 15s won 2-1. Last weekend's games pitched us against Cheltenham Town and the under 9s and 10s drew 2-2 despite fantastic performances. Our under 12s and 13s played at home against Exeter and were beaten disappointingly 2-3 and 2-4 respectively.

The under 14s and 15s travelled to Exeter, the 14s winning 3-2 with goals from Luke Preston, Chris Allen and Danny Baker. The under 15s were beaten 0-5. Overall the weekend was disappointing, not just in terms of results, but also because some of the performances weren't up to the standard that we, as a Centre of Excellence expect. The standards that the players have set themselves is not as good as we would like and so we are hoping to improve on that this weekend. All of the age groups have worked very hard in the coaching sessions and the players are looking forward to tomorrow's encounters. The 9s, 10s and 11s travel to Swansea, the 12s are without a game and the 13s and 14s are at home to Cheltenham. The under 15s also play Cheltenham, but they travel away from home. All of the games kick off at our Zurich Life Training Ground at 11.00am, anyone who would like to watch would be very welcome.

All the best and until next time,
Jimmy Fraser

FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8

Under 9s	Cardiff	H	8-3
Under 10s	Cardiff	H	1-3
Under 11s	Cardiff	H	2-5
Under 12s	Torquay	A	2-4
Under 13s	Torquay	A	2-1
Under 14s	Torquay	H	1-1
Under 15s	Torquay	H	2-1

SEPTEMBER 15

Under 9s			
Under 10s	Cheltenham	A	2-2
Under 11s			
Under 12s	Exeter	H	2-3
Under 13s	Exeter	H	2-4
Under 14s	Exeter	A	3-2
Under 15s	Exeter	A	0-5

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



TODAY'S VISITORS



Sixfields Stadium, home of Northampton Town.

THIS SEASON

Ins: Paul Rickers (Oldham), Lee Harper (Walsall), Paul Trollope (Coventry), Nathan Abbey (Chesterfield)

Outs: James Hunt (Oxford), Keith Welch (Tranmere), Adam Sollitt (Rushden)

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

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 19

Biggest win: 4-1 (v Wrexham, Tranmere & Wycombe)

Biggest defeat: 1-5 (v Bournemouth)

Top scorer: Forrester 18

Most League apps: Jamie Forrester (45)

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1897

Biggest win: 10 - 0: v Walsall
(05/11/1927)

Most capped player: E Lloyd Davies
(Wales: 12)

Most league goals: : (1961/62: 36)

Biggest buy: Jamie Forrester £150,000

Record against the Town:

STFC wins 42, NTFC wins 31, Draws 18

NORTHAMPTON TOWN, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MANAGER, KEVAN BROADHURST, AND AT THE TIME OF WRITING CURRENTLY OCCUPY A PLACE IN MID-TABLE HAVING WON ONLY THREE OF THEIR OPENING NINE LEAGUES GAMES.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Furthermore, two of those wins came at the beginning of the season and since then, Broadhurst has been trying to piece together where it has all gone wrong – although he will be boosted by Wednesday's 4-1 demolition of Colchester.

However, the first of those three victories came in the second weekend of the season and it might turn out to be their best result of the season, the Cobblers travelling to Ninian Park and overcoming title hopefuls Cardiff 2-1.

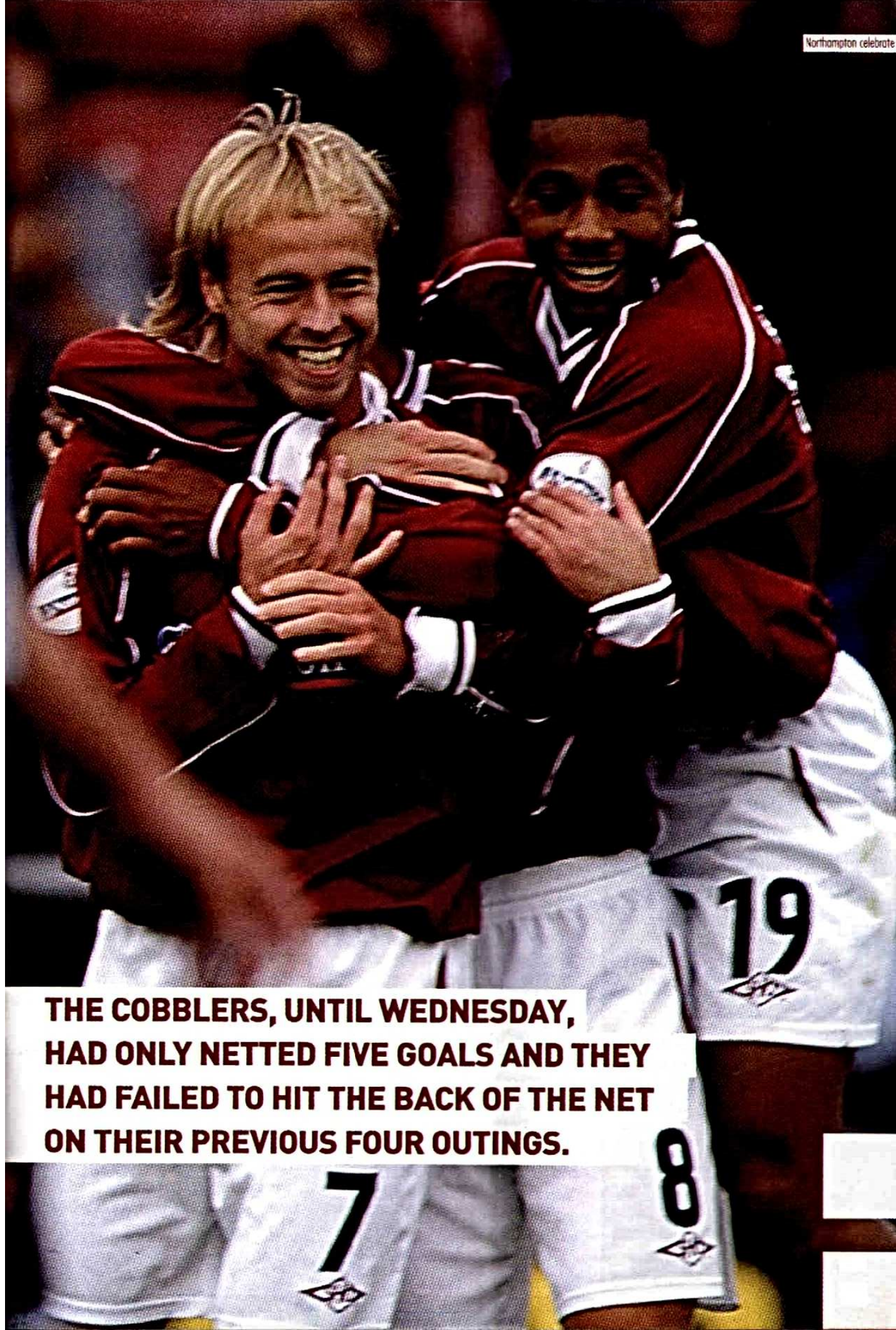
Two defeats followed and without a goal in return to the five conceded against Blackpool and Chesterfield. And after the slender win against Barnsley they've managed to pick up just four points with a 0-0 draw against Huddersfield and Wednesday's win against the U's. Defeats against high-flyers Wigan and Bristol City have added to the Cobblers' woes, whilst top of Broadhurst's agenda will be to revive the club's flagging fortunes in front of goal.

The Cobblers, until Wednesday, had only netted five goals all season and they had failed to hit the back of the net on their last four outings. Veteran striker, Marco Gabbiadini, is carrying the weight of goal scoring responsibility well with six goals in nine starts – some of you may remember the screamer he scored in that win over Cardiff this season. Armand One, who many of you may remember played for Cambridge two seasons ago, has been brought in on loan in an attempt to bolster the goals for column.

Also returning to the County Ground this afternoon will be local lad, Paul Trollope, son of former Town manager Jon. Paul began his career with Town in 1989 as a 17-year-old before moving to Torquay, Derby and Fulham to name only a few. Paul signed for the Cobblers in July and has made seven appearances so far. Also re-united today will be Town striker Sam Parkin, who spent last season on loan at Sixfields. Parkin, who has scored four goals already this season, managed just five last time around and he will be hoping to show the Northampton faithful just exactly what he is capable of this afternoon.

Andy King will be relieved to hear that the Robins have enjoyed some success over the Cobblers in recent times and have not been on the losing side for the previous seven meetings. Last season a Danny Invincible strike secured all three points for Swindon in the corresponding fixture, whilst Northampton's last win against us came in 1984.

Perhaps more worrying for the Cobblers (rather than their record against the Town!), is their current financial plight. Like many teams in this division, the collapse of ITV Digital has hit them hard and they are currently urging anyone to help their SOS campaign in which they are hoping to raise £500,000 by January next year. Having been in a similar position, I'm sure many Town fans would join me in wishing them the best of luck.



**THE COBBLERS, UNTIL WEDNESDAY,
HAD ONLY NETTED FIVE GOALS AND THEY
HAD FAILED TO HIT THE BACK OF THE NET
ON THEIR PREVIOUS FOUR OUTINGS.**

THE GAFFER



KEVAN BROADHURST

Kevan Broadhurst was officially appointed as the manager of Northampton Town on October 25 2001, less than a month after Kevin Wilson's dismissal. It is the first time he has been in charge on a full time basis of a league club although, he has been in temporary charge before, following Ian Atkins departure in 1999.

At the age of 16 he started out at Birmingham City as an apprentice before signing for the club and playing 163 games in an 8-year career as a defender at St. Andrews.

His career was tragically cut short when he was badly injured in a derby game between Birmingham and their arch rivals Aston Villa. Despite recovering from the injury, he could not continue as a professional and his career ended while in his mid-20s, something regarded by Blues fans as a tragic waste of a young talent.

Since moving into coaching, Kevan has already taken joint charge of Northampton, with Kevin Wilson, and was named as Wilson's assistant when the former Chelsea player was confirmed as the manager at the end of October 1999.

N'hampton '01- P49 W16 L22 D11
N'hampton '99-'99 P5 W2 L2 D1

THE SQUAD

LEE HARPER (keeper)

Lee arrived at Sixfields in the summer of 2002 on a free transfer from Walsall and he subsequently signed a two year contract. The former Gunner stands six feet tall and he started life at non-league Sittingbourne Town before Arsenal plucked him out of non-league football for £150,000 in 1994. He spent most of his time as understudy to David Seaman at Highbury, before he moved to Queens Park Rangers for £125,000 in 1997.

JERRY GILL (def)

A wholehearted and totally committed performer, this Bristol-born defender spent six seasons playing non-league football for Bath City and Yeovil Town before a £30,000 move to Birmingham City moved him in to the Football League. Jerry is a real fans' favourite at St Andrews. He made more than 60 appearances for Birmingham before his loan switch to Sixfields on the eve of the 2002/03 campaign.



IAN SAMPSON (mid)

Started out with non-league Goole Town before moving to Sunderland in November 1990. Signed by the Cobblers for £30,000 in August 1994 after impressing during a loan spell, Ian was the only ever present player during the 1994/95 season, and was loaned to Tottenham Hotspur for the Inter-Toto Cup. Since joining the club, Ian has only missed a handful of games and he is the club's longest serving player.

DUNCAN SPEDDING (def)

Left sided defender/midfielder who was signed in July 1998 from Southampton for £70,000, having made 7 Premier League appearances for the Saints. Duncan caught the eye of the watching nation with his performance in the televised FA Cup game at Carvey Island but sadly suffered a knee injury over Christmas and sat out the first few weeks of 2002.

CHRIS CARRUTHERS (mid)

Chris, a local youth scholar, was one of the brightest spots of a disappointing end to 1999/00 season for the Cobblers and throughout the following campaign he won himself a regular place in the squad. He picked up the ntfc.co.uk Man of the Match award for his display against AFC Bournemouth at Sixfields after only a handful of first team starts.



CHRIS HARGREAVES (mid)

Chris started his career at Grimsby Town having progressed through their youth policy. During his four-year stay with the Mariners he figured in just over 50 matches, predominantly appearing as a substitute before signing for Hull City prior to a loan spell at Scarborough. Spent two seasons at Boothferry Park before joining West Bromwich Albion on a free transfer, where he only spent seven months, before a loan move took him to Hereford United. He enjoyed a two and half year spell at Edgar Street before signing for Plymouth Argyle and later, Northampton.



Sampson and McGregor grapple with a Barnsley player.

PAUL RICKERS

Paul arrived at Sixfields in the summer under the Bosman ruling after making more than 300 appearances for Oldham Athletic. The 5ft 10in hardworking midfielder player has agreed a 2-year contract at Sixfields, and despite being in his mid-20s, he has a wealth of experience to offer.

PAUL HARSLEY

Boss Kevan Broadhurst pulled off something of a coup for the Cobblers in the summer when he persuaded the 24-year old Paul to agree a two year deal at Sixfields. Paul started out at Grimsby Town as a trainee, before moving on to Scunthorpe United and Halifax Town at the start of the 2001/02 season. He finished the season as leading scorer from midfield with 11 goals.

PAUL MCGREGOR

Paul made a name for himself as a youngster at Nottingham Forest. After brief spells at Carlisle and Preston, he moved under the Bosman ruling to Plymouth where he had two successful

years, including 16 and a Player of the Year award. Paul joined the Cobblers in a Bosman ruling move on a two year contract during the summer of 2001.

!DANGER! DEREK ASAMOAH

Derek signed an initial one-year contract at Sixfields in July 2001 after impressing in a trial spell. After spells with Hampton & Richmond and Slough Town in non-league football, Derek has proved that his pace and dribbling skills causes defences plenty of problems. Already a crowd favourite, this Ghanaian born striker is always a threat against tiring defences when coming off the bench, Derek signed a new two-year contract to stay at the club last summer.

JAMIE FORRESTER

Quick thinking striker who displays brilliant skills and loves to run at defenders. Jamie is a former England Schoolboy and Youth International, winning the UEFA Under-18 Youth Cup in 1993. Started his career at Leeds

when he was signed from French club Auxerre. Found his opportunities limited at Elland Road and eventually signed permanently for Grimsby, Scunthorpe United, FC Utrecht and Walsall and later, Northampton Town for a record fee.

MARCO GABBIADINI

Proven goalscorer who has represented England at both B and Under 21 level, as well as representing the Football League. Started his career with York City before Sunderland recognised his talents and paid £80,000 in 1987 to take him to Roker Park. Scored 87 goals during his four seasons stay before Crystal Palace splashed out £1.8million in October 1991 to secure his services. Gabbiadini then enjoyed spells at Derby, Panionios, Birmingham City, Oxford United, Stoke, Darlington and Rushden and Diamonds before joining today's visitors.

AND THE REST...

Richard Hope, John Frain, Darryn Stamp, Gerard Lavin, Nathan Abbey, Paul Trollope, Daryl Burgess, Greg Lincoln, Jerry Gill, Steve Morison, Armand One.

THEM AND US

At just 5'7", Steve Berry surely holds a unique place in Swindon Town's history. A glance at his statistics shows that the midfielder played only four League games for Town, but that's less than half of the story.

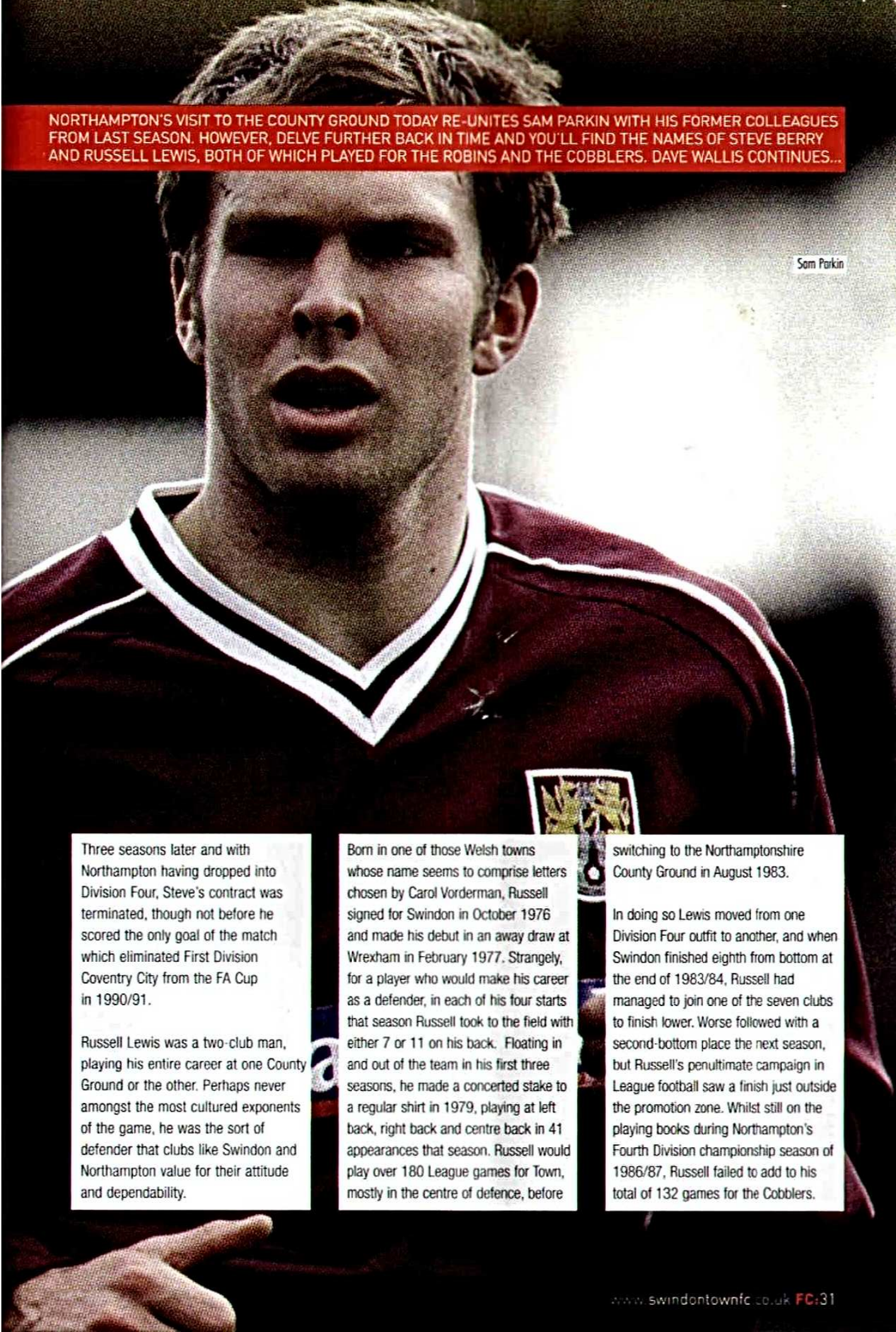
Born in Gosport in April 1963, Steve played 28 times for Portsmouth and after a spell on loan to Aldershot, moved up to Sunderland on a free transfer in July 1984. Despite his elevation to the promised land, Berry's move to Division One didn't prove to be all that successful and although he played 34 times on Wearside, the disappointment of relegation at the end of 1984/85

resulted in a move to Newport County in December 1985.

60 League appearances followed and as County readied themselves for the drop into Division Four, Steve moved to Swindon in March 1987 for £12,000. His one League appearance for Town that season came on the final day when he wore the number 11 shirt in a 1-0 win at Ashton Gate. The result that sealed a third place finish in Division Three for Town and denied the Robins of Bristol City their own play-off berth. Berry then went on to play in all five play-off games when Town overcame Gillingham in a third match

at neutral Selhurst Park to clinch a Division Two spot.

Who knows what happened next, but after playing in three of the first four games of 1987/88, Macari (not for the first time) decided to shuffle his pack and in October Steve was reunited with Aldershot in a deal which brought Bobby Barnes in the opposite direction. Third Division 'Shots moved Berry on to our guests today for £45,000 a year later after almost 50 games, and it was at Northampton that he spent the most stable part of his career, playing over 100 League matches.



NORTHAMPTON'S VISIT TO THE COUNTY GROUND TODAY RE-UNITES SAM PARKIN WITH HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES FROM LAST SEASON. HOWEVER, DELVE FURTHER BACK IN TIME AND YOU'LL FIND THE NAMES OF STEVE BERRY AND RUSSELL LEWIS, BOTH OF WHICH PLAYED FOR THE ROBINS AND THE COBBLERS. DAVE WALLIS CONTINUES...

Sam Parkin

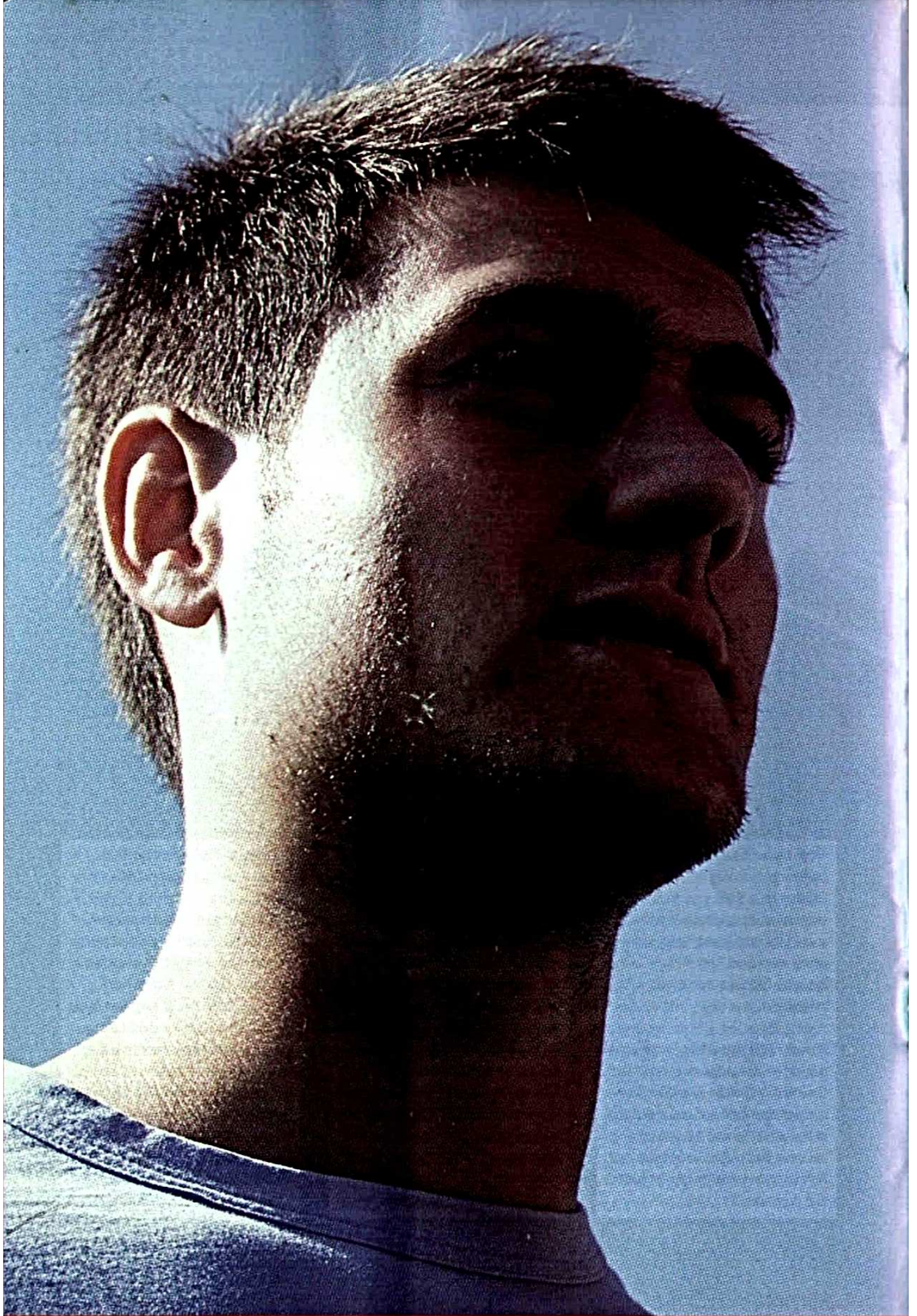
Three seasons later and with Northampton having dropped into Division Four, Steve's contract was terminated, though not before he scored the only goal of the match which eliminated First Division Coventry City from the FA Cup in 1990/91.

Russell Lewis was a two-club man, playing his entire career at one County Ground or the other. Perhaps never amongst the most cultured exponents of the game, he was the sort of defender that clubs like Swindon and Northampton value for their attitude and dependability.

Born in one of those Welsh towns whose name seems to comprise letters chosen by Carol Vorderman, Russell signed for Swindon in October 1976 and made his debut in an away draw at Wrexham in February 1977. Strangely, for a player who would make his career as a defender, in each of his four starts that season Russell took to the field with either 7 or 11 on his back. Floating in and out of the team in his first three seasons, he made a concerted stake to a regular shirt in 1979, playing at left back, right back and centre back in 41 appearances that season. Russell would play over 180 League games for Town, mostly in the centre of defence, before

switching to the Northamptonshire County Ground in August 1983.

In doing so Lewis moved from one Division Four outfit to another, and when Swindon finished eighth from bottom at the end of 1983/84, Russell had managed to join one of the seven clubs to finish lower. Worse followed with a second-bottom place the next season, but Russell's penultimate campaign in League football saw a finish just outside the promotion zone. Whilst still on the playing books during Northampton's Fourth Division championship season of 1986/87, Russell failed to add to his total of 132 games for the Cobblers.



JJ WE GOTCHA!

NEW LOAN SIGNING JOHNNY JACKSON TALKS TO THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME ABOUT HIS MOVE FROM SPURS.

For years Swindon Town has had a reputation for bringing some of the best young players in on loan. David Thompson of Blackburn, Tony Grant of Burnley, even Shay Given from Newcastle – it has been a fairly illustrious list of names that has been through the revolving door of players to join the club on short-term periods.

And when Jimmy Davis joined with the blessing of Alex Ferguson, boss Andy King seemed to have unearthed another gem in the diminutive right winger. Yet Town's latest recruit seems to have gone largely unnoticed, the young Tottenham star the victim of Town's recent run of results that has seen them lose seven games in succession. However, in Johnny Jackson, Swindon have a player in which many at White Hart Lane believe to be the next big thing, and any player that comes with glowing praise from Glenn Hoddle deserves to be taken seriously.

Johnny Jackson was due to sign two weeks ago but at the eleventh hour, Spurs discovered that the 20-year-old midfielder was in fact suspended for three matches. The Football League reduced this ban to two games to hasten his loan switch to the Robins and he subsequently made his debut at Loftus Road last Saturday. He also played in Tuesday night's defeat at Cheltenham.

Jackson comes highly recommended by Spurs manager and former Swindon boss, Glenn Hoddle and the Camden-born midfielder has played alongside Town's other loan signing, Jimmy

Davis, in England's Under 20s international side. Yet if ever he needed to learn the harsh reality of lower league football, then the last week has certainly proved to be one such lesson.

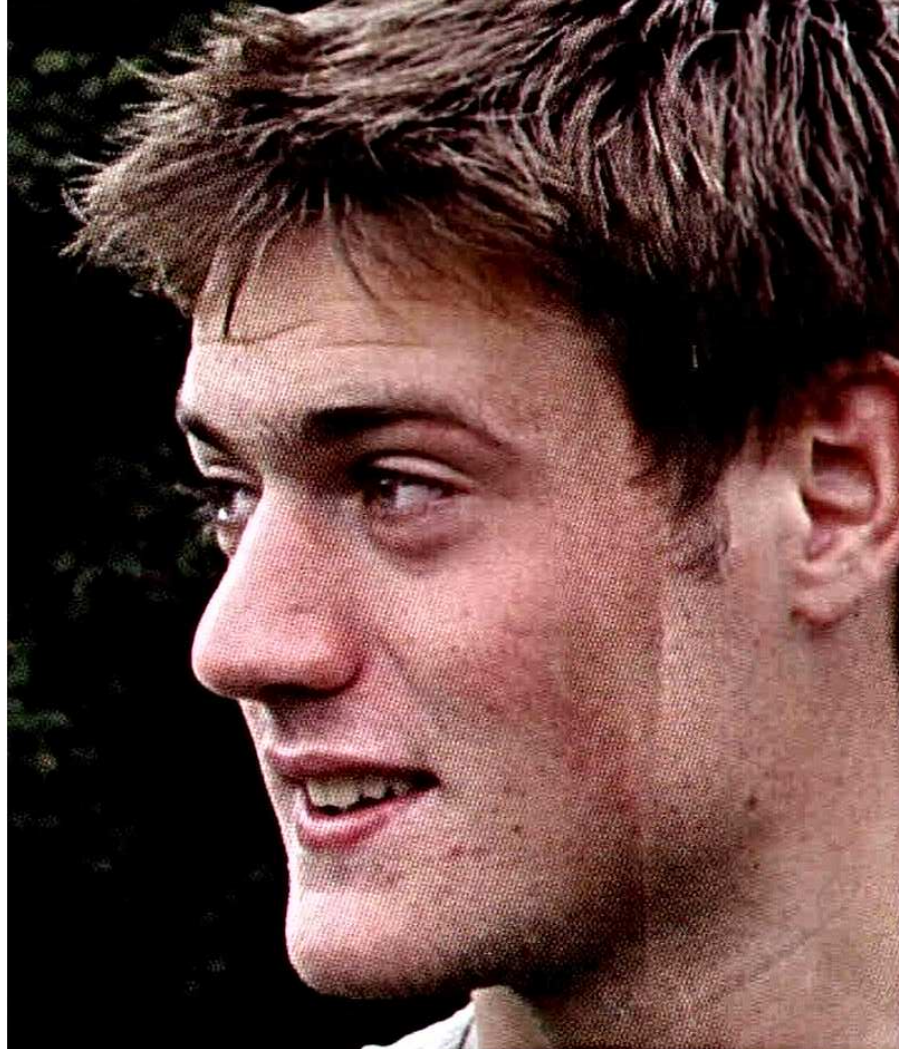
Two defeats in his first two games, it's been a difficult test for the unassuming youngster.

"It has been hard, but then I have still really enjoyed it. To be honest, just to be playing league football is enough for me. Obviously it would be even better to be winning and that hasn't happened so far, but I think we are capable of turning things around.

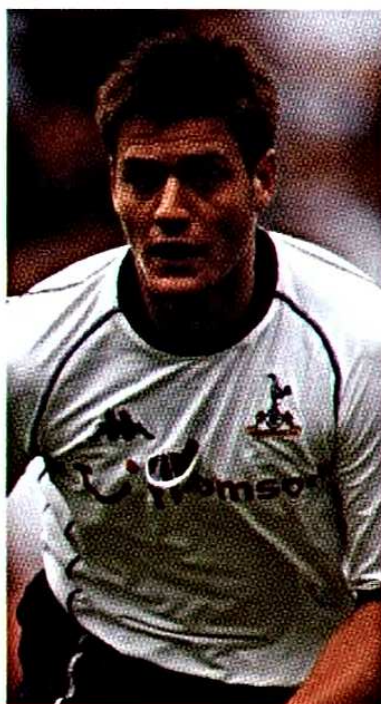
"As for my own form, well I don't think it's helped coming into a losing side. But the lads have been great to me and have helped me acclimatise to Division Two football. It's certainly much more competitive than anything else I've played in before, a lot more physical."

However, Jackson not only believes in himself, but also believes in his new side's ability to turn things round, starting with this afternoon's encounter with Northampton.

"When any side gets into the habit of losing it is very difficult to get out. But there comes a stage when your luck has to change and by all accounts, up until recently we were playing well and so I think it is only a matter of time before things change. It is one of those things, should we get a lucky goal or whatever then confidence rises and you build on it.



"We've worked hard since the Cheltenham defeat and Steve Coppel has introduced some new ideas since he's been here, so hopefully we can start getting things right from the Northampton game and go on to build on it. The lads



are all pulling in the right direction and are desperate to end this run."

As for the more long-term future of Jackson, well, that seems to lay firmly with Tottenham Hotspur. Jackson is yet to make a first team appearance for Spurs but is expected to become a first team regular within the next couple of seasons and both King and Hoddle view his loan switch as a vital part of his learning experience.

"I was on the bench towards the of last season and was travelling to most games with the first team. I was assuming that, at some stage, I would get my opportunity – unfortunately it never happened. Then I started playing in pre-season and was playing well, obviously I need to do a bit more to get myself in the team, but if things go well here then you never know."

For years, Jackson has excited the

Tottenham management with his displays in, first the youth team, and secondly the reserves. Last season in particular he recovered from tendonitis in his knees to play some of the best football of his career in Tottenham's second string. His reward was a place on the bench against Liverpool in the final game at the Lane last term, the first time he had made the bench at Premiership level. One feels that a first team berth isn't too far away.

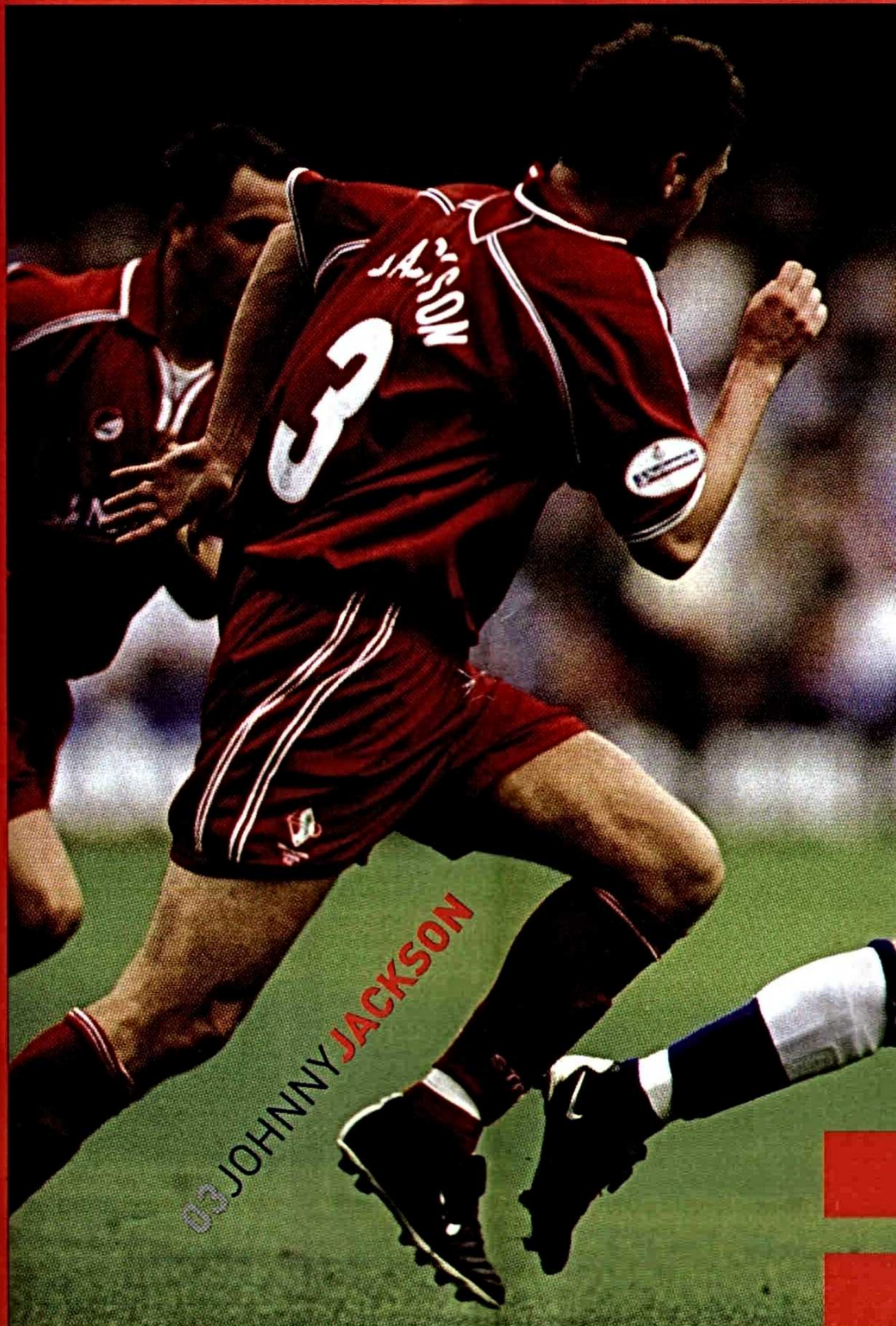
However, with the side doing so well it could take some excellent performances to see him climb Hoddle's pecking order.

"The team have started very well and whilst I expected them to do well, I never anticipated them to start this brightly! But it is all good for the club and I still think that if I can push those in the first team, that it will be better for everyone. But whilst I am at Swindon I will continue to do my best for them, they have given me the opportunity to play first team football and I am very grateful for that."

Still, as well as his aspirations with Spurs he also has a wealth of international experience that bodes well for the future too. Like Jimmy Davis, the 20-year old has also played among the under 17s and 19s.

"I think I'm just about young enough to play for the under 20s, but if I can keep play regularly for Swindon, and play well, then there is every chance that I can stay involved. The next step is the under 21s after that, but to be honest I think I'll have to be playing regularly for Spurs to be able to reach that stage. We'll see!"

Jackson will certainly be looking for a better performance this afternoon, both personally and from the rest of the side if he is to make Glenn Hoddle sit up and take notice of him. Let's just hope that it's case of third time lucky and that he helps us to a much needed victory in his third attempt.



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DIV2 REVIEW



CARDIFF MOVING HOME



City planners have given Cardiff City the go ahead to build a new £100million state-of-the-art stadium. The agreement reached between the club and the city council gives Cardiff City sole developer status to redevelop the Leckwith area of the city. Though planning permission for the new 30,000-seater stadium has still to be given, Cardiff Chairman Sam Hammam is delighted that the first steps have been taken. Talking to the club's official website he said: "This is great news and whilst we have a long way to go, this is a very robust agreement negotiated over almost two years. A new football stadium is vital for Cardiff City and for Wales and there is nothing that can make the people of Wales feel proud of being Welsh and there is nothing that can crystallise the people of Wales as a nation more than a successful football club."



BEEES FACING ADMINISTRATION



Reports in the local London press are speculating that Brentford are just weeks away from being placed into administration. Speaking in the Hounslow Chronicle the club's directors issued a plea to local businesses for financial aid: "If there is a company out there that wants to be part of an exciting future in the heart of the community, we want to hear from them. It could be anything from sponsorship to helping us refinance on a loan only basis with significant returns in terms of national publicity and kudos."

The London club is facing severe financial trouble this week after its plans to sell Griffin Park to raise capital fell through.



HUDSON RECALLED BY MCCLAREN



Premiership highfliers Middlesbrough have rejected the call from Chesterfield to extend Mark Hudson's loan deal and are insisting that the midfielder return to the Riverside. Hudson has been on loan with the Spireites for a month and Chesterfield had requested that the move be made permanent. Manager Dave Rushbury now has a week before Hudson returns to Teeside after Tuesday's game against Stockport.

The Chesterfield boss told the club's official website: "The whole idea of taking these promising young lads on loan is to see if they can play league football and make them more battle hardened to the rigours of league football. I am delighted that Mark has made such a positive impact that Middlesbrough want to take a second look at him."

The 21 year-old is the captain of Middlesbrough reserves and manager Steve McClaren is keen to take a more hands-on role in the youngster's development.



HOLLOWAY VOWS TO KEEP LANGLEY AND CARLISLE



QPR boss Ian Holloway insists he will fight to keep Clarke Carlisle and Richard Langley at Loftus Road. Both players were attracting interest from Premiership clubs before suffering cruciate ligament injuries against Fulham in January 2001. Langley, 22, returned to action late last season and looks to be getting back to his best whilst Carlisle is finally back in the first-team after an injury which threatened to end his career.

Holloway has no doubt he would have lost the pair had they not been sidelined when Rangers were in administration. "When we seemed to be dying, we were a carcass and the vultures came and fed off our bones," he said. "We lost Peter Crouch and Jermaine Darlington for small fees and it doesn't take a genius to work out that if Richard and Clarke weren't injured, they might have gone as well. I'm glad they didn't go because I'm enjoying working with them and they're both fantastic lads. People like Clarke and Richard are vital to us and I'm a lucky man that they are still here. Over my dead body are they going anywhere."



WATKISS REFUSES TO QUIT

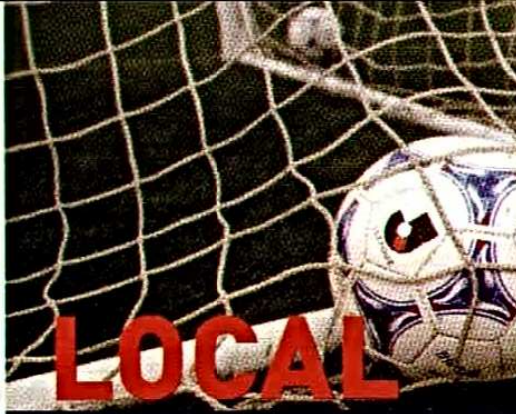


Mansfield Town boss Stuart Watkiss remained defiant following last Saturday's 6-1 drubbing at Oldham Athletic.

The Stags have endured a torrid time on their return to the Second Division, losing six of their eight games and conceding 28 goals in the process.

But the former commanding centre-back has no intention of giving up, commenting: "You don't have to be Einstein to realise that things aren't going well but there's no way I will throw in the towel. I always knew it would be a difficult season but the players must stand up and be counted.

"If there's someone out there who can do a better job then it's up to the chairman to make that decision. I will speak to him during the week because he isn't going to be happy and we will see where we go from there."



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

HIGHWORTH AND DEVIZES CUP WOE

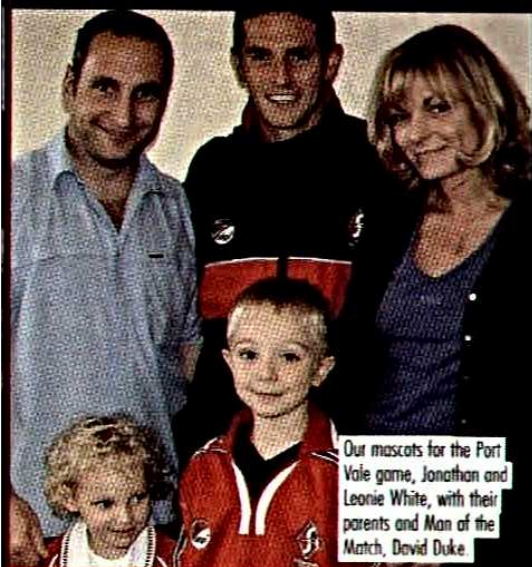
Highworth Town and Devizes both exited the FA Cup last weekend. Highworth, who had Mark Belcher sent off, managed to claw their way back into the game having gone two down. Former Town scholar Jamie Mills, and Tate Hulbert both managed to get on the score sheet before Tony Hopkins snatched a late winner.

Devizes were also on the wrong end of an FA Cup defeat when they lost 1-0 at home to Taunton. A goal after just six minutes was enough to end the home sides' dreams for another year. Corsham were 2-1 losers at Paulton Rovers.

SUPERMARINE BOTTOM AS CHIPPENHAM KEEP UP PRESSURE

Supermarine remain rooted to the foot of the table in the Dr Martens Western Division, whilst Chippenham kept up the pressure on those above them in the league with a 3-0 home win against Ilkeston Town on Saturday. Chippenham now occupy sixth position in the Premier Division, just three points off top spot - a position they could have claimed had they won on Monday night. Cirencester lost 5-2 at home to Mangotsfield United despite going two-nil up.

If you have any local football news you'd like to share with us, then send it in to stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com, or post it to the club C/O Programme Editor.



Our mascots for the Port Vale game, Jonathan and Leonie White, with their parents and Man of the Match, David Duke.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the County Ground this afternoon. In particular, may I welcome today's matchday sponsors, The Swindon Chamber of Commerce as well as our Match ball sponsors, Barclays Bank



COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN



Managing Director, Mr Mike King, of Greenhams is presented with a Club Sponsor salver from David Duke

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As it stands today it is an independent, non-political organisation that represents the entire business community regardless of sector or size, through membership, events, lobbying and representation, and various other business services. Current membership ranges from sole traders to industrial giants.

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

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Finally, everyone will leave with a club memento, plus the memories of the day they experienced the 'Matchday Corporate County Ground Experience'.

If you would like to book your places for Saturday October 26, then ring Elaine Hiscock in the Sales and Marketing Department on 01793 333718, or fax her on 01793 333703.

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DICK MATTICK, TOWN'S RESIDENT HISTORIAN, TAKES US BACK TO THE SWINGING SIXTIES AND SOME OF THE MOST RUGGED CONTESTS BETWEEN TOWN AND NORTHAMPTON.

The 1962-3 season saw both sides promoted with Northampton on 62 points and Swindon on 58. In that season Swindon lost 3-2 at home to the Cobblers early in the season, but managed a 1-1 draw in March at the 'other' County Ground thanks to a Jack Smith goal. The following year it was the Cobblers who brought Swindon down to earth with a 4-0 win at the County Ground after the Robins had shot to the top of the table with an undefeated run of 9 matches. Later in the sixties Swindon enjoyed one of their biggest and best away wins at Northampton, winning 6-2 with goals from John Smith, Roger Smart, Don Heath, Peter Noble and Don Rogers, who scored twice.

Today's featured match took place at the County Ground towards the end of the 1964/65 season. Early in the season Town had gone down 2-1 at Northampton on a foggy December day. Manager Bert Head had left the side in no doubt that they

faced a tough battle to stop Northampton, who were challenging for promotion, completing the double. At half time Swindon's hopes looked in tatters with Northampton centre forward Bobby Brown netting in the 6th and 30th minutes to give the Cobblers a 2-0 half time lead. Swindon had not been outplayed and chances for Dennis Brown and Ernie Hunt had both gone begging while twice Jo Harvey, the Northampton 'keeper, saw shots kicked off the line.

Swindon stormed back into the game with two goals in two minutes in the second half. Hunt pulled the first one back after 48 minutes and 60 seconds later Mike Summerbee brought the scores level shooting high into the roof of the Stratton Bank goal. Although Northampton went close to restoring their lead it was Hunt with his second goal of the game that edged Swindon in front. Worried Town fans were given relief when Don Rogers scored

the final goal of the game in the 85th minute. To win was good enough, but to come back against a strong, tough tackling side which had a two goal lead and the best defensive record in Division Two made it perhaps the most memorable night of a very disappointing season.

The victory was not without cost however. Ernie Hunt was left with a broken bone in his foot which restricted him to just one further appearance in the season, while 'Big' Bill Atkins missed the next game with a gashed ankle that required seven stitches. Swindon were relegated at the end of the season after an agonising wait on the last day. A narrow defeat at Southampton meant Portsmouth had to lose their last match, which was being played in the evening, if Swindon were to stay up. Their opponents Northampton needed a point to gain promotion and the subsequent draw left both contestants happy but Swindon fans discontented.

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MARK HANRAHAN RETURNS FROM HIS HOLIDAY IN CUBA TO FIND TOWN 20 PLACES LOWER IN THE LEAGUE THAN WHEN HE LEFT...

Firstly, apologies. A severe bout of jet-lag coupled with being caught-out by my own lack of expertise with this year's Worthington Cup fixtures meant both my waffle and I were conspicuous by our absence from the Worthington Cup exit at the hands of Wycombe. For what it's worth, I was busy flying the flag for Swindon Town in deepest, darkest Havana, Cuba. Don't think this was all sand, sun and surf either – you try orchestrating a collection of Cubans in a verse of "Oh-Danny-Danny...". No mean feat in itself! Anyway, more about that later!

Trying to keep up to speed with the ever changing world of football whilst based for a full fortnight in a nation banned from trade with the United States of America and deprived from what we would describe as the most basic computer technology was a major effort. Nonetheless, I managed to fill the void by using various outrageously priced Internet cafés as my refuge from Cuba's searing heat – well that was the excuse I gave the missus! Nonetheless, there have been plenty of juicy footie morsels for us to chew over...

FIFA's new transfer window system of dealing with the ramifications of the Bosman ruling caused a few ripples of activity amongst the Premiership clubs. Glenn Hoddle made his long awaited swoop for a world class striker, making the British tabloid press eat humble pie in the process. Hoddle has played a canny game of bluff with the red-tops this summer, throwing up smoke screens of denial in the UK and staging overseas 'raids' to appease the long-suffering Spurs faithful. The outcome? A £7 million Robbie Keane – a full three million less than Spurs were touted as having to pay to lure the Republic of Ireland World Cup star to North London.

Keep your eyes open for the emergence of a couple of young stars that we are going to hear a hell of a lot more of in the future. Sixteen year-old Everton striker Wayne Rooney, described by his manager David Moyes as the most exciting prospect he has ever seen, has already made a considerable impression on the Everton First team. Following hot on his heels is Aston Villa youngster Stefan Moore. Last year Moore Captained the Villa youth team

to FA Youth Cup success (scoring a hat-trick himself in the final) with the help of his younger brother Lee. Stefan chose to arrive with a bang – an audacious strike on his full-debut against Charlton was a stunning example of how to catch the eye!

Peter Reid shrugged off a summer of discontent at the Stadium of Light with both an encouraging start to the campaign and a couple of morale boosting signings. Former Chelsea ace Tore Andre Flo joined the Black Cats following his unhappy spell at Glasgow Rangers. His arrival was closely followed by Ipswich goal-ace Marcus Stewart for just £1.5 million. Ipswich were keen to reduce their wage bill following the collapse of Matt Holland's move to Aston Villa and at just £1.5 million, Stewart should prove himself a snip! However, all eyes will be trained back on Reid following his side's 3-0 reverse at the hands of local rivals Middlesbrough.

Sorry Jimmy Davis, I've got to mention it! Manchester United experienced a huge dose of deja vu when Bolton staged their 1-0 raid on the Theatre of Dreams. Bolton won the corresponding fixture last

year and proved it was no flash in the pan. Ironically, last years' goal-scoring hero, highly regarded midfield prospect Kevin Nolan repeated the feat with the only goal this time around following a clanger from England Skipper David Beckham.

Former Wimbledon Record signing Andy Roberts has made his emotional return to former club Millwall following his release from the soon-to-be-relocated Dons. Roberts, who originally left Millwall for £2.5million, moving to Wimbledon for a similar fee, had fallen out of favour and after a season of reserve football and various loan spells has happily returned to the New Den on a year's contract. Roberts reportedly fell-out with his brother (himself a long standing Millwall fan) for leaving the Lions for Palace in the first place – reconciliation is surely due!

The Biggest upset from the first round of the Worthington Cup came at Carrow Road. Nigel Worthington's Norwich City were humiliated 0-3 by Graham Allner's Cheltenham town. The Robins, who had not managed to win a competitive fixture up until the Norwich match stunned the Canaries with a brace from experienced poacher Tony Naylor and a fine Hugh MacAuley strike.

Anyway, getting back to Cuba – what a place. They love their football over there. It's refreshing to know that a country in such close proximity to the US happily avoids using that dreaded word 'Soccer'! This to me is a heathen term used only by patronising Americans far more interested in the cruder offerings of Ice Hockey and Gridiron. Refreshingly, the Cubans have a pretty decent grip of most footie matters in the UK. It was this knowledge that triggered an amusing story from one of my two weeks. My wife and I befriended this Havana local named Lazaro. This gangly 12 year-old was particularly curious about my Number 17 'Invincible' shirt which he

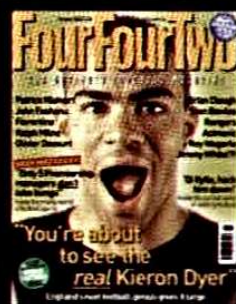
felt compelled to approach and grill me about. We got around to discussing his own playing skills. He mentioned that whilst he and his friends love football, it's a sport kids have trouble getting access to on the basis that a decent ball costs your average Cuban nearly a full-months earnings - \$10 USD (around £6.50 to us). Ever the opportunist, I sensed an opening for conscription's! In return for him and his large band of mates promising to spread the red and white gospel and open Havana's first unofficial Swindon Town supporters club (proving their allegiance with the inaugural burst of "One Matty Heywood..." to the tune of Cuban favorite Guantanamo), I gladly dipped into my own pocket for a spanking brand new ball. The guy literally cried with joy! Altogether now... Castro is a Town Fan, Castro is a town fan la-la-la-la-oit-la-la-la-la!



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All of our after school clubs have now restarted and are up and running. We are also delighted to be going out to Shalbourne School near Hungerford. This is the fourth year we have visited this rural village school and the children really seem to enjoy the input from our professional coaches. It's also the time of year when we organise our national schools six a side competitions. The 'Railtrack' play safe under 11's trophy will take place at Greendown School with the local Grand Final scheduled to take place here at the club on the hallowed County Ground turf. We have mailed out to all the primary schools in the area and will keep you informed with dates and times over the next few weeks. The second National Tournament for us to set up is the Adidas Community Cup. This is aimed at girls under 13's and again we have mailed out to all the schools in Swindon and surrounding areas.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our schools summer challenge days held here at the club during summer term. A special thank you needs to go to Wendy Vickery from Pentel Stationary Ltd and Richard Evans from Coca Cola who kindly donated pens and cans of drink from their respective companies for the children's goody bags, as well as Adi Rowe from Techprint, who provided all of our pads. These kind donations culminated in the project being a huge success. Once again, many thanks!

Signing off! Clive, Jono and Luke.



SHARPY'S BIT

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game. I have been busy organising a charity football match in aid of the Great Western Hospital Appeal in memory of Indu Bharaj, who sadly died of an asthma attack last February. The game will be held at the County Ground this Wednesday 25th September at 5.30pm. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1.50 for children, you can buy tickets from Blues Café on Havelock Street, in the Community Office or pay on the gate. The game is between Swindon Town Staff team and Swindon Asians so please come along and support us.

All the best, Luke.



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IPSWICH TOWN

2001



Nilis's Aston Villa career was looking good when he scored on his debut against Chelsea in season 2000/01. However, it all went wrong for the Belgian international when, having latched on to a long ball (which gave a new meaning to the phrase 'hospital ball'), he clattered into Richard Wright. Nilis, as you can see, wasn't in

the best of states and after a number of operations – he closed the door on his brief career. The injury mirrored a similar incident involving Mark Bosnich and Jurgen Kilnsman in which the German left the game with a fractured cheek bone.

4

PAUL
GASCOIGNETOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v
NOTTINGHAM FOREST

1991



A visibly over-excited Paul Gascoigne dominated this final. His first challenge on Gary Parker – catching the player just below his knee – went unpunished. However, minutes

later he chopped down Gary Charles with a flying tackle. Charles got up unscathed ... the same could not be said of Gascoigne, who never seemed to recover from the challenge.

FIVE OF THE BEST

YEP, AFTER AN ABSENCE OF TWO SEASONS YOU'RE FAVOURITE FEATURE RETURNS TO THE PAGES OF THE STFC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME! WE BEGIN OUR ALTERNATIVE LOOK AT THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL WITH SOME CRAZY CHALLENGES FOLLOWING CHRIS PERRY'S HORROR CHALLENGE AT FULHAM LAST WEEK.

BEST OF THE REST

DAVID BUSST

COVENTRY CITY V MANCHESTER UNITED

ERIC CANTONA

MANCHESTER UNITED V CRYSTAL PALACE

ANDONI GOIKOETXEA

BARCELONA V ATLETICO BILBAO

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**ROY
KEANE**

**MANCHESTER UNITED V
MANCHESTER CITY**

2001



Roy Keane has been at the centre of much media speculation this season, the Irishman claiming to have 'meant' his horrific challenge on Alfie Inge Haaland in the Manchester

derby in April 2001. The feud between the two players carried over from early encounters when Haaland was at Leeds, but the admission by Keane that he intended to impede the Norwegian has landed him in hot water – Haaland allegedly now taking legal action against him.

2

**BENJAMIN
MASSING**

**CAMEROON
V ARGENTINA**

1990

Cameroon's unlikely victory back in 1990 featured a series of 'determined' challenges, with Massing's the worst of the lot. Having seen two of his team mates fail to catch Claudio Canniggia, young Benjamin figured that if a job was worth doing, he'd better do it himself and promptly sent the Argentinian sprawling with a vicious body check. Not surprisingly, Massing was sent off.

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**HARALD
SCHUMACHER**

**WEST GERMANY V
FRANCE**

1982



Patrick Battiston's semi-final appeared to be going quite well - he'd only been on the pitch five minutes when he found himself clean through on goal with only Schumacher to beat. However, the German stopper quickly dealt with the threat by charging beyond the ball and smashing Battiston in the face with his forearm, knocking him unconscious. Battiston got several weeks in hospital, and West Germany, unbelievably, got a goal kick.



I awoke on Wednesday morning hoping that the miserable, depressing scenes at Cheltenham had all been a bad dream.

Rarely have I felt more deflated after a football match. To see fans and players shouting at each other was distressing stuff. The wheels have come off in spectacular fashion. Perhaps Andy should be showing the players videos of the victories over Barnsley and Chesterfield.

I applaud Andy's decision to bring Steve Coppell into the camp. The man has proved that he can bring success to teams that have a modest amount of money and those without a penny to their name. Whether it proves to be a brave or foolish move remains to be seen. However, Andy felt he could not carry on simply hoping that the tide would turn.

This team badly needs a lift. The 'zip' has vanished from their play and hopefully Coppell can inject some badly needed 'oomph'. It just seems that the great footballing commentator in the sky has a huge downer on the club.

While matters off the pitch appear to be slowly sorting themselves out, the price to be paid appears to be matters on the pitch going 'Pete Tong' (apologies to older supporters).

You don't need me to tell you that this afternoon's game is extremely important. Three points against the Cobblers would relieve some of the gloom that has set in. Although they had a good win over Colchester in midweek, they are hardly the best side in Division Two. I just hope you give the lads a chance to play some football. Getting on their backs from the word go is not going to help matters. A repeat of two years ago when the players looked terrified in front of their own fans at times, is not something I want to see again.

Sam Parkin will be out to prove a point today. He endured an unhappy spell at



Sam Parkin will be out to prove a point today against his old team.

JON RITSON



EVENING ADVERTISER

Northampton last season and will want to get back on the scoring track. But it is important to keep a sense of perspective. We are in a serious rut which cannot be allowed to continue for too much longer. However, there are still 36 games to go. Nothing is decided in September. Besides, there is always the LDV Vans Trophy to look forward to. The draw was due to be made this morning. Let's hope it was kind to us.

Anyway, get behind the lads today and hopefully they will respond with the sort of performance we have been longing for. Next week, it's a trip to Luton Town and a reunion with Sol Davis. Hopefully, it will be Sol with the long face at full time.

Remember to keep up with all the news from the County Ground in your Evening Advertiser.

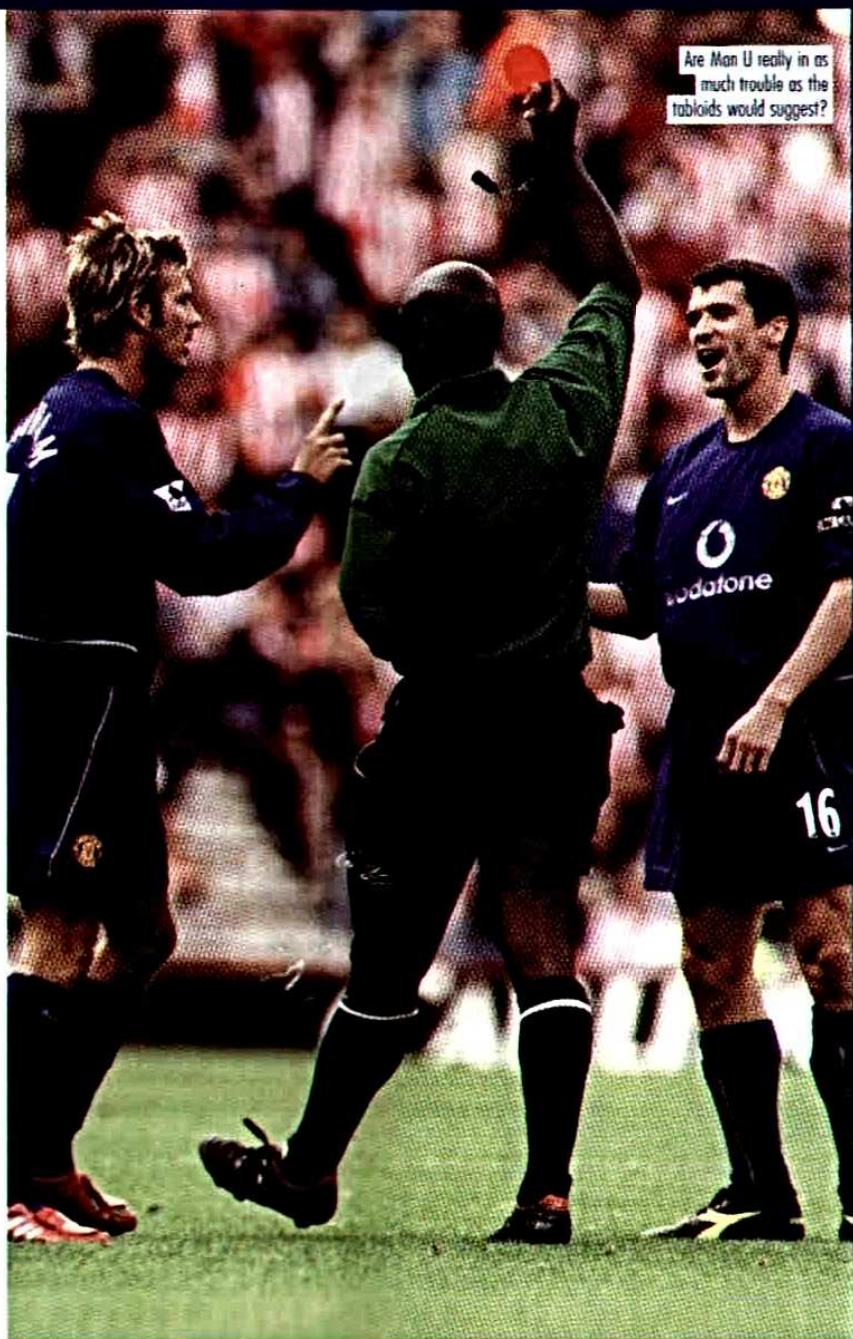
Get in the net!

No more autobiographies to come out of Old Trafford then. Their Chief Executive, David Gill, has finally put his foot down. His stars will no longer benefit from selling their stories of deliberately taking opponents out of the game. Not before Keane, Beckham and their boss cashed in first though.

Keane now stands to miss at least eight games due to a ban for the idiotic things he admitted in his recent offering. Who on earth advised him to let those stories go to print? Surely his many advisors would be able to tell him that if you admit to deliberately hurting another player, then it'll land you in deep trouble?

What about the club itself? I bet Ferguson isn't happy about a long period ahead without his all important midfield engine even after his lengthy exclusion due to his forthcoming hip op. It transpires that the club's lawyers did not even look over the book prior to publication. Don't you think, therefore, that it serves Man U right? They surely deserve to be without Keane for ages, if they're that sloppy as not to check his work over. Keane is a loose cannon anyway so if you were in their shoes, wouldn't you go over every word with a fine tooth-comb? Fair justice then, that they'll suffer as a result and recent results suggest that they will struggle..

Of course, we'll still be able to read all about the life of 'Golden Balls' as this new ruling has only come into effect after his new multi-million contract was signed two weeks ago. Sigh of relief all round. We'll be able to read all about the birth of his new son Romeo in graphic detail. Yippee! Just what we want to know about one of the nation's finest footballers. Personally I'd rather read about the nitty-gritty of his everyday football



Are Man U really in as much trouble as the tabloids would suggest?

HELEN WINGROVE



BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND

issues, and not how much and where he bought his sarong from!

Let's look at real life for a moment. Isn't it reasonable to think that if one of us released a book, containing derogatory remarks about competitors, the company you worked

for would be well within their rights to terminate your contract due to gross misconduct? Isn't there a law which would allow them to recover costs or revenue lost as a result of your book? Would Man U ever do this to Roy Keane? Or do they really believe that any publicity is good publicity?

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We must say congratulations to Mr B. Cross, who won £242 with ticket number 362 at the Port Vale game. Also to Mrs R. Fisher of Chippenham who won £212 against Wycombe. Thank you to everyone who supports us in this initiative.

LATEST NEWS

Our membership will know that in previous seasons we have, as a supporters group, been a member of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs. As a result of the merging of two organisations, we are now founder members of the newly formed Football Supporters Federation. The Federation represents over 100,000 individuals covering 124 supporters organisations throughout the country.

May we draw our members attention to the very first

Football Fans Parliament that is open to football supporters everywhere. It is being held on October 13 2002 at the NEC in Birmingham and attendance is absolutely free. You will need to register for the event at www.fsf.org.uk. Discussion and debate will be held on the finance and governance of football, football and television and franchise football. Other topics will also be under discussion and should you wish to attend then please register as detailed above.

LOCAL NEWS

We have kept a waiting brief whilst the new management had an opportunity to get to grips with understanding the issues that needed resolving in the short term at the Football Club. Having given them an opportunity to get their feet under the table, as it were, we invited Mark Devlin and Mike Sullivan to meet us prior to the

match against Stockport. Often, non-confrontational events such as this go unreported, but the meeting was very productive. It gave us an opportunity to spell out to the management what we as a group, together with our membership, are trying to do and how we are trying to assist the football club in whatever way we can. As a result of the meeting, we hope to be able to make some further announcements shortly.

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This week Head-to-Head returns as Nigel Bennett from STFC's Supporters Club takes on Barry Parker, President of the Sixfields Travel Club. Let the battle commence!

Remember, if you would like to be the fan that goes head-to-head in one of the next few issues, then drop us a line here at the club. Contact the programme editor on 01793 333740, or alternatively you can email stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com



FANS HEAD2HEAD

BOTH TEAMS ENJOYED FAIRLY GOOD STARTS TO THE SEASON BUT HAVE SINCE SUFFERED A NUMBER OF DEFEATS, SO WHAT HAS GONE WRONG?

Swindon: Who knows? It is probably just a matter of confidence. Our early season form showed that with the right application, confidence and positive attacking formation, we could entertain and also win. Too often over a number of recent seasons, with different managers, we have played with a formation that puts us on the defensive immediately, then a single mistake disrupts plans and we have not had the ability to change the game. A few of these on the trot and the confidence goes altogether, not just the players, but supporters as well.

Northampton: Yes we did start off quite well, but as usual injuries have dogged us. We have a small squad, and so when we lose our striker through injury, defenders through suspension and our captain through international duty – then it doesn't help.

BOTH SIDES HAVE ALSO BEEN BESET BY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. TOWN HAVE JUST COME OUT OF ADMINISTRATION, WHILST THE COBBLERS ARE TRYING TO RAISE £500,000 BY NEXT JANUARY. SO HOW BAD IS IT?

Swindon: Let's face it, the professional game as a whole is in a mess. There has been so much money around that good housekeeping seems to have gone out of the window. Those with financial clout have protected their position to the detriment of others. Times are changing and players' expectation will have to change. Further down the road there is a worry as fewer youngsters take up the game, earning a better living outside the game. Controversially, I would ban loan transfers, all they do is support other teams youth development and do little for our long-term prosperity as a club.

Northampton: Obviously the collapse of ITV Digital has made a huge difference, not only to us but to all clubs. Hopefully the supporters will pull together with extra sponsorship, donations and various methods of fund raising.

WHAT HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF YOUR SIDES' PERFORMANCE SO FAR THIS SEASON?

Swindon: I heard a comment from a town fan on the radio after a recent defeat about watching throw ins. He's believed in an analogy for years, he watches what happens at throws. I think you can always tell how much players want the game, and how much confidence there is in a team by watching how much movement there is when we have a throw. Watch today and you will see. Controversially, I would ban loan transfers, all they do is support other teams youth development and do little for our long-term prosperity as a club.

Northampton: It has been good, fair and poor – we need to become more consistent.

WHO WILL BE THE KEY FIGURES FOR YOUR TEAM THIS AFTERNOON?

Swindon: Pace and power always threaten the most difficult of teams. Let's hope our speed twins are there today and even if they don't convert every opportunity, perhaps they will give us some excitement.

Northampton: Marco Gabbiadini, Armand One and Paul Harsley.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THE OPPOSITION AND HOW WILL YOUR SIDE GET ON THIS AFTERNOON?

Swindon: Gabbiadini has had some stirring encounters with the Town over the years. 'Loved' by Town fans, however, even he should not pose too much of a problem. No doubt he has slowed considerably since we gave him the run around in a Sunderland shirt at Wembley all those years ago. He would have had more kicks that day stood behind a donkey.

Northampton: I don't know a lot about Swindon, but I do know that you are obviously struggling at the foot of the table at the moment. We know a bit about Sam Parkin from last year, I just hope for your sake that his head doesn't go down when all is not well.

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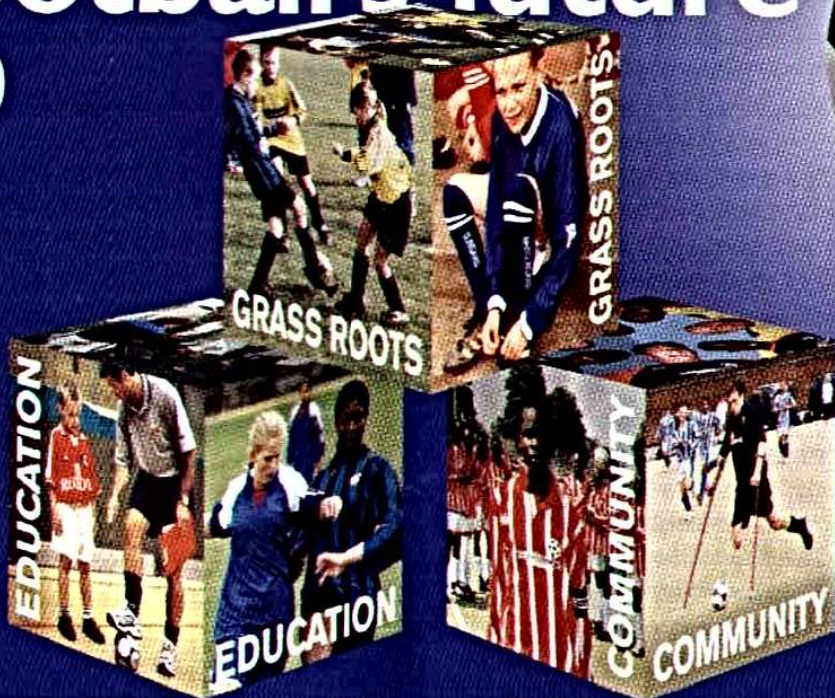
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**GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF
OUR JUNIOR ROBINS AND
WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH.**

JUNIOR ROBINS

I am disappointed to report a very low turn out by the Junior Robins at QPR last Saturday. In fact, we had just seven members come and support the team. We understand that our membership is small, but it is growing and we still need more to make the club successful. Remember, all you need to do to join us is pay £3 (a small amount to pay for the advantages you receive) and contact George Chadwick, who will be only too pleased to send a registration form in the post for you.

However, despite the low numbers, our trip last week was successful for one fan in particular; five year old Lizzie Meads had a great time as the club's mascot. Lizzie and her two brothers, Sam and Josh, are all Junior Robins members and Lizzie was rewarded with the pleasure of being mascot having helped look after her elderly father.

If you have done anything worthwhile or would like a birthday treat, let us know and George will gladly arrange something for you at one of our away matches.

Our next reciprocal ticket trip is at Bristol City on Saturday October 19. This is another short journey for us, and another great opportunity for us to get behind the team, so come on and book your coach seat with SAS Travel, the club's official travel club, and we'll see you there! Alternatively, you can contact George on 01672 520679 and he will arrange to meet you there.

Good luck to the lads today – come on you reds!



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Herr Robin,

What am I to do? I am up the creek without a paddle up here in the Highlands. How am I to regain credibility when the side I pick is only a major embarrassment?

Vertie Bogts

Vertie,

Farge enough, I understand your predicament. Basically, you have to become Scottish in order to succeed. My advice is—dye your hair orange, grow a purple Billy Connolly beard, wear a Rab C Nesbitt vest, a kilt with a giant sporran, sing 'Donald, where's me trewsers' and live on haggis for a week. Becoming Scottish will help you accept that these are the results you are going to get!! Only joking all my Scottish friends! Actually I was speaking to Jock, a Scottish buddy the other day. He dropped a 5p piece, bent down to pick it up and it hit him on the back of the neck! Och aye!

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RR,

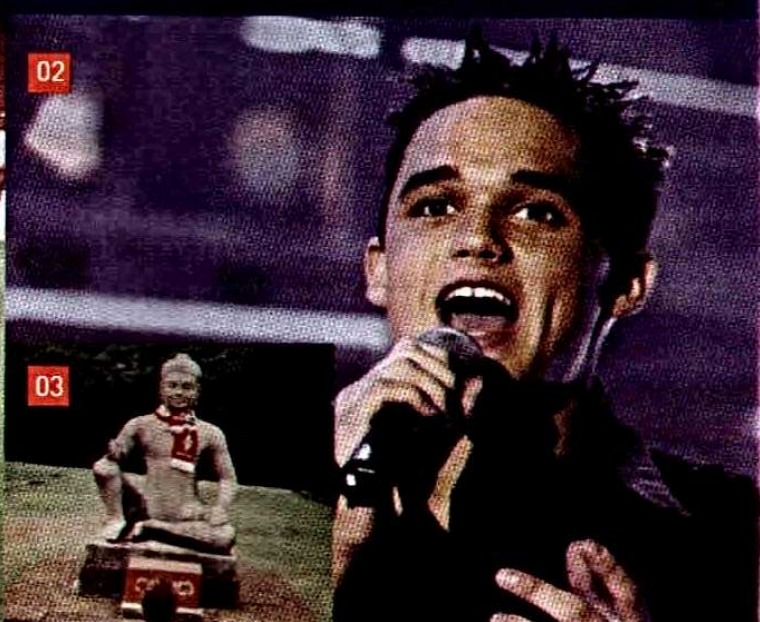
I'm having trouble with my players and their elbows, they are causing them to get into trouble with referees. Can you help me pass on some advice so they won't get into trouble?

Sir Fergie Alexson

Fergie,

I suggest you take the players in question under your wing—they are a complete embarrassment to football in general, send them to evening classes to discover the joys of watercolours and the old masters. Reason being: at present they don't know their arts from their elbows! Boom-boom!

RR



01 BILL JOINS 92 CLUB - NEARLY!

Pictured above is Newcastle fan, Bill Pattison, in front of the Nationwide Stand here at the County Ground. Bill, from Gateshead, visited our 'theatre of dreams' on August 21 as part of his little pet project. Having retired from the rail industry, Bill has since decided to join the 92 club (or whatever the number is now) and visit every league stadium in the country. The County Ground was Bill's 82nd club. Unfortunately, his day got gradually worse, for he visited Reading's Madejski Stadium and Oxford's Kassam Ground having left Wiltshire. At the time of writing, Bill has just six clubs left to visit including some clubs closer to home. We wish Bill all the best on his mission and hopefully we'll meet again - let's hope we come up against Newcastle in the FA Cup - all the best Bill!

02 I WANNA BE A POP STAR!

Commiserations to Nolan Paul, part of the club's Community team, who was unsuccessful in his attempt at Pop stardom. Nolan, who loves his singing, attended one of the auditions for Pop Idol - the rivals, which is currently being screened on ITV. Unlucky mate!

03 OOH AAH CAMBODIA

Two Town fans have been found praying for a change in Swindon's fortunes whilst touring Asia. Justin Smith and Joe Hernon are currently travelling the Southern Hemisphere where they came upon this shrine to STFC in Cambodia. Justin says "I was almost eaten alive by the guard dog as I tried to reclaim the

scarf". The Swindon duo have been on the road since May having started the tour during the World Cup - Joey had the misfortune of watching England's dour bore draw with Nigeria - Justin saw the defeat to Brazil after an American gentleman sold his ticket to him at face value - his wife wanted to go shopping. The pair have now moved on to Australia where they have been keeping up to date with all things Swindon via the internet.

CAN YOU HELP?

Bill Dolman, from Calne, is appealing to fellow Town supporters from Calne to give him a lift to games. Bill suffers from Epilepsy and has trouble getting to and from games, especially when he has to wait for public transport. If you can help, contact Nick Judd on 01793 333740.

MY SWINDON XI - THE D-TEAM

This week, a team of Town players with the letter 'D' in common. Some imaginative positional selection is necessary to accommodate Sol Davis, Jason Drysdale and David Duke in the same side!

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Fraser Digby | 7 David Duke |
| 2 Will Dixon | 8 Peter Dorman |
| 3 Jason Drysdale | 9 David Dangerfield |
| 4 Sol Davis | 10 Gareth Davies |
| 5 Fredric Darras | 11 Darren Dykes |
| 6 Richard Dryden | Sub Kevin Dearden |

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.

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WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Just answer the highlighted question below, send it in to us and if you're picked out from those who answered correctly - then you win two tickets to a league game of your choice. It's that easy!

After a month of the season, Town's satisfactory start began to deteriorate. Three matches in 11 days commenced with the visit of Bury on September 16 1977, and a goal by Chris Guthrie put Swindon in sight of a ninth successive home win before a 56th minute Bury equaliser. Things didn't improve when Swindon returned from Wrexham empty handed having lost 2-1. If these results were bad, things were to get worse with a trip to Cambridge's Abbey Stadium. On September 27 Town were humiliated 5-2 as they dropped to 8th in the table, with keeper Jimmy Allan taking much of the blame. David Moss scored his second goal in two games, and a Ray McHale penalty turned out to be scant consolation for the travelling Town fans.

1. Bury's equaliser was scored by a centre back who later joined Swindon. Who was he?
2. Wrexham's player manager made a club record 592 appearances for Wrexham during two spells with the club between 1959-61 and 1962-79. What was his name?
3. Who was the Wrexham manager between 1968 and 1977 who made 91 League appearances for Swindon and also later managed Chelsea?
4. Which Swindon striker was named in the Northern Ireland team to play Iceland alongside George Best on September 21?
5. On September 17 1977, Derby sack Colin Murphy and appoint an ex Manchester United manager to replace him. Who?

Answers: 1) Billy Tucker 2) Arden Griffiths 3) John Neal 4) That would be too easy!! 5) Tommy Docherty



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

With Summer gone and Autumn approaching, Turbo turns to a more seasonal dish this afternoon...

NO. 5 TURBO'S AUTUMN CHEESECAKE

1. As a player on a special diet, obviously I won't be eating this particular dish, but for you guys you'll need 1/3 cup cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons finely chopped pecans, 1 tablespoon white sugar, 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon unsalted butter, melted, 2/3 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened, 2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons white sugar, 2/3 eggs, 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1-1/3 cups apples - peeled, cored and thinly sliced.

2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, stir together the graham cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and melted butter; press into the bottom of a pan. Bake for 10 minutes.

3. In another large bowl, combine cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar. Mix at medium speed until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Blend in vanilla; pour filling into the baked crust.

4. In a small bowl, stir together 1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Toss the cinnamon-sugar with the apples to coat. Spoon apple mixture over cream cheese layer and sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped pecans.

5. Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 70 minutes. With a knife, loosen cake from rim of pan. Let cool, then remove the rim of pan. Chill cake before serving and then enjoy!


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a great job.

Kids who attend the Soccer Centres have been offered the chance to watch ten first
team games free of charge when accompanied with an adult. Today's game is the
first on the list and so we hope that plenty of you have taken up the offer and are
here for this afternoon's encounter with Northampton. We hope you cheer the team
on to a much-needed victory today!

We'd just like to mention one of our Soccer Centre members, Tom Smith. Tom
attends our Stratton Centre, unfortunately he is very ill at the moment and he has
contracted Arthritis. Danny Invincible and I went to visit him the other day to cheer
him up — and I speak for everyone here at the club when I wish him a speedy
recovery. Get well soon Tom. Also, it was very much appreciated by the youth
department that Danny was on hand to help us out, so cheers Danny.

All the best and enjoy today's game
Jim Fraser



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	4.30 - 5.30 PM	8 - 9 years
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When and how did you start playing football?

I used to kick a ball around with my brothers and when I was sixteen I joined Swindon Spitfires. They were the only ladies team around at the time.

Were there opportunities to play at school?

I went to Walcot Secondary School and then Park Senior High, but there was no mixed or girls football then.

How did you end up at Swindon Town?

I played for Swindon Spitfires for ten years and then wanted to play at a higher level so I signed for Newbury.

I played for them for seven years and then re-joined Swindon Spitfires. When Spitfires were relegated I still wanted to play at a higher level so I joined the Town. I already knew most of the players.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I have been playing in goal for the past two seasons because of our goalkeeping 'crisis'. Now that I am able to play out on field again I hope to keep going as long as my legs will let me. I also manage the County Senior and Youth sides so I hope to be able to continue doing that.

DIANE GEORGE

AGE 40

POSITION DEFENDER

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S LADIES SIDE PICKED UP THEIR FIRST POINT OF THE SEASON IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE LAST WEEK WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO SOMERSET AND SHARED FOUR GOALS WITH CLEVEDON TOWN.

Town were trailing by two goals to nil mid way through the second half when Nikki Watts put the home 'keeper under pressure to create the opportunity for Angela Green to score her first goal for the club. With three minutes remaining Lucy Bailey found the net for the Town to get a deserved equaliser. The previous week saw Town go down 4-3 against Reading Royals. Town found themselves two goals down at half time, but within five minutes of the restart goals from Nikki Watts and Lucy Bailey had put the sides level. The visitors scored again, and again Lucy Bailey got the equaliser. In the 77th minute Reading scored what proved to be the winner.

Town have, this week, signed goalkeeper Wendy Davis from Bristol Rovers. Wendy has been a regular 'keeper for Rovers over the past three seasons having joined them from Swindon Spitfires. Town's reserves have, so far, enjoyed a good start to the season beating Wootton Bassett Town 9-4 in the Wiltshire County League. There was a hat trick for Kirby Clift, two goals each for Louise Corcoran and Holly Ashman and a goal apiece for Shonsel Whitehead and Pam Ashman. This win was followed by a 2-2 draw against Bristol Rovers 'A' team, Channelle Kirkham and Pam Ashman were the scorers. The under 14 seven-a-side team beat Frome by two goals to nil, with April Poulden and Samantha Masters finding the net. The under 14 eleven-a-side team travelled to face Southampton Saints and won by three goals to nil. Tara Loftis, Lisa Coe and Carly Smith got the goals. Tomorrow Town entertain top of the table Portsmouth in a South West Combination League fixture to be played at Aldbourne F.F. Kic-off 3.00pm.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argie	A	
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	2-2
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	

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TICKETS FOR THIS GAME ARE PRICED ADULTS £16, JUNIOR/OAP £8.

TOWN HIT THE ROAD AGAIN NEXT SATURDAY AS KING'S SIDE TRAVEL TO KENILWORTH ROAD TO PLAY JOE KINNEAR'S LUTON. A BIG GAME FOR BOTH SIDES WHO SIT UNCOMFORTABLY LOW IN THE TABLE, THIS FIXTURE WILL SEE SOL DAVIS FACING HIS FORMER CLUB FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS DEPARTURE IN AUGUST.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... LUTON TOWN

WHO? LUTON TOWN **WHEN? SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

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

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Why not travel to the game with some like-minded Town supporters with Town's official travel club, SAS travel. Unfortunately, at the time of writing details were unavailable for the trip to Luton, but you can contact them on 01793 536757. Alternatively you can pop into their office before today's game. For more information, call the 24-hour answer phone information line on 01793 825935.

BY CAR: I must hold my hands up, previous directions have been pretty awful on this page. Thankfully, with help of the official web site in which you can now use the AA site to find anywhere in the country (just click on the route planner link on the match section), I can assure you that these will get you there – and from Swindon! Follow signs Marlborough (A345) A4259. At Drakes roundabout take 2nd exit A4259 (signposted Marlborough). At Coate roundabout take 3rd exit. At Commonhead roundabout take 4th exit A419 (signposted Marlborough,

Motorway M4). At Badbury roundabout take 1st exit (signposted London) to join Motorway M4 TRAFFIC BLACKSPOT. Leave M4 at junction 4b (M25) and branch left (signposted Watford and M1) then keep left to join M25 TRAFFIC BLACKSPOT. Exit M25 at Junction 21 (M1) and branch left (signposted The North) to join M1 TRAFFIC BLACKSPOT. At Junction 10 (A1081) branch left (signposted Luton South and Airport) and at roundabout take 2nd exit. At the junction with A505, take 1st exit A505 (signposted Town Centre) then at next roundabout take 1st exit. Follow signs Toddington (B579) to leave by A505, LTFC on the left.

PARKING: There's no obvious alternative to street parking, which is normally in plentiful supply, but those who fancy a pie and a pint in the town centre will find a variety of car parks within a 10-15 minute walk from the ground.



The local police, however, warn about car crime, and advise fans to park in the town centre, which is covered by CCTV.

Train: For up-to-the minute information, call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950. From the station, buses numbered 31, 37 and 38 run alongside Dunstable Road. Alternatively you can make the 15-20 walk along Station Road, Mill Street and Telford Way to Dunstable Road.



NEXT IN TOWN...

Adults £19-£21, Concessions £12-£13, Juniors £6-£7
Town End Adults £13, Juniors £7



Oldham Athletic
05.10.02 (3.00pm)



Colchester United
12.10.02 (3.00pm)



Mansfield Town
26.10.02 (3.00pm)



Tranmere Rovers
9.11.02 (3.00pm)



Peterborough Utd
30.11.02 (3.00pm)

Ticket Office Opening Hours

Monday-Friday **9.00am-5.00pm** Match day (Sat and Wed) **9.00am-7.45pm** Non match day Saturdays **9.00am-12.00pm**

Telephone Booking

Lines are open from 9.00am weekdays **01793 333777**

On-line booking

To book online, log on to **www.swindontownfc.co.uk**

NEXT PLEASE

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY OCTOBER 5**

It was nearly ten years ago that Swindon Town met Oldham on a dark Tuesday night in an early season Premiership fixture at the County Ground. How times have changed as the two sides now battle it out for much-needed Division Two points.

During our last campaign, The Latics proved too much for Town as they ran out 2-0 winners in both meetings, but Andy King's side will be keen to put that right when they visit the County Ground in two weeks time.

Oldham Athletic visit Wiltshire undergoing another state of transition following the arrival of new supremo, Iain Dowie, in May of this year. The Latics have welcomed a succession of managers through the gates at Boundary Park in recent seasons

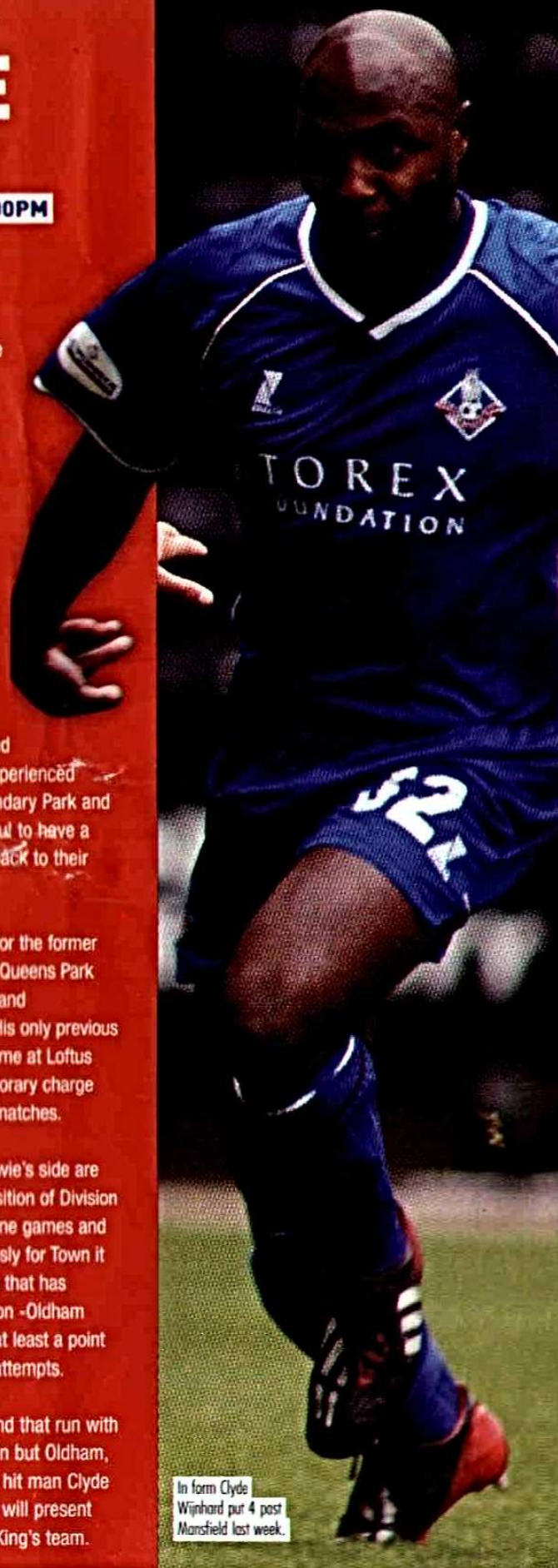
but it looks as though in Mr Dowie, they may have found the man that will steer them back to the dizzy heights of the Premiership.

Since former playing hero, Andy Ritchie, vacated the managerial hot seat at the end of 2001, The Latics have witnessed a further four managers take over at the helm. Billy Ursom, John Sheridan and Mick Wadsworth have experienced short-lived spells at Boundary Park and Dowie is the latest hopeful to have a stab at leading Oldham back to their former glories.

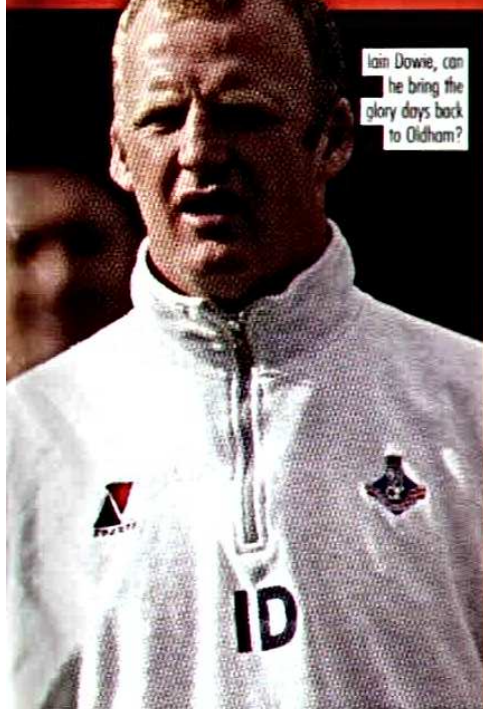
It's been 'so far so good' for the former Southampton, West Ham, Queens Park Rangers and Northern Ireland international marksman. His only previous managerial experience came at Loftus Road where he took temporary charge of the hoops for just two matches.

At the time of writing, Dowie's side are sitting pretty in eighth position of Division Two having won five of nine games and only losing twice. Ominously for Town it has been their away form that has boosted the team's position - Oldham haven't failed to pick up at least a point away from home in four attempts.

Town will be hoping to end that run with a much-needed home win but Oldham, with former Huddersfield hit man Clyde Wijnhard in their line-up, will present stiff opposition for Andy King's team.



In form Clyde Wijnhard put 4 past Mansfield last week.



Iain Dowie, can he bring the glory days back to Oldham?

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	1-2	5,029 19
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-2	2,993 -
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away	0-2	11,619 20
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761 21
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		

THE KEY FAC = F.A CUP WC = WORTHINGTON CUP DENOTES SCORER *DENOTES BOOKING

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

TODAY'S MASCOTS



This afternoon we wish a warm STFC welcome to six year old Luke Matthews, today's lucky mascot. Luke attends Peatmoor Community School in

Swindon and his favourite football teams are Swindon and Liverpool. His favourite player is Michael Owen and as well as football, Luke is a fan of all sports.

We hope you enjoy your afternoon Luke - let's hope you bring the side luck!

LATE NEWS



THE NEWS THAT STEVE COPPELL WAS ARRIVING AT THE COUNTY GROUND TO JOIN THE ROBINS CAME AS SOMETHING OF A 'BLAST FROM THE PAST' FOR OUR RESIDENT PROGRAMME EDITOR, JICK NUDD.

Jick was part of Crystal Palace's School of Excellence while Coppell was in charge at Selhurst Park and although

Jick would never allow this picture sent in by his Dad to appear, we managed to find a place for it anyway. As it shows, Jick has always held a keen interest in football programmes and also that the years have been a lot kinder to Mr Coppell!



FRONT COVER JOHNNY JACKSON, PHOTOGRAPHY RICH TILLING

**DENOTES SENDING OFF ■■■■ DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS

	1	2	3	4	5		
Parkin ³	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis	
Parkin ¹	Sabin ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Dykes	
Sabin [*]	Invincible	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Parkin	
Parkin	Davis ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Dykes	Invincible	
Parkin	Davis	Farr	Willis	Edwards	Young	Cobian	
Sabin	Parkin	Farr	Willis	Hewlett	Young	Dykes	
Parkin	Sabin [*]	Farr	Reeves	Edds	Young	Dykes	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Edwards	Young	Cobian	
Parkin ^{**}	Sabin	Farr	Miglioranzi	Edwards	Young	Dykes	

TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT SEP 21 2002



Arsenal	vs	Bolton
Liverpool	vs	West Brom
Man Utd	vs	Tottenham
Middlesbro	vs	Birmingham
Newcastle	vs	Sunderland
Southampton	vs	Charlton
West Ham	vs	Man City

3.Nationwide a 1

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

1.Nationwide a 2

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

3.Nationwide a 3

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

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	P	D	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
WIGAN	9	6	1	2	14	4	19	+10	
QPR	9	5	2	2	18	9	17	+9	
OLDHAM	9	5	2	2	14	6	17	+8	
CARDIFF	8	5	2	1	12	6	17	+6	
CREWE	9	4	4	1	12	6	16	+6	
BRISTOL C	9	5	0	4	13	8	15	+5	
BLACKPOOL	9	4	3	2	12	7	15	+5	
BRENTFORD	9	4	3	2	10	8	15	+2	
PORT VALE	9	5	0	4	11	13	15	-2	
PLYMOUTH	8	4	2	2	14	12	14	+2	
CHESTERFIELD	9	4	2	3	12	11	14	+1	
TRANMERE	9	4	1	4	11	13	13	-2	
BARNSELY	9	3	3	3	9	10	12	-1	
NORTHAMPTON	9	3	3	3	9	12	12	-3	
STOCKPORT	8	3	2	3	6	5	11	+1	
COLCHESTER	9	3	2	4	6	10	11	-4	
WYCOMBE	9	2	3	4	13	16	9	-3	
HUDDERSFIELD	9	2	3	4	5	10	9	-5	
NOTTS CO	9	1	5	3	11	13	8	-2	
PETERBOROUGH	8	2	1	5	5	8	7	-3	
SWINDON	9	2	1	6	9	14	7	-5	
MANSFIELD	9	2	1	6	13	30	7	-17	
LUTON	9	1	3	5	14	18	6	-4	
CHEL TENHAM	9	1	3	5	8	12	6	-4	

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	SWINDON			PETERBOROUGH			PETERBOROUGH			PETERBOROUGH		
	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN
BART GRIEMINK	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GARETH EDDIS	8(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	5(2)	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	5(2)	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	8(1)	4	1RC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
STEFANO MIGLIORANZI	8	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
JUAN COBIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	9	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	5(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	3	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	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	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(4)	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
DAVID BAMPION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



SWINDON

Manager **Andy King**

NORTHAMPTON

Manager **Kevan Broadhurst**

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	✓ LEE HARPER
GARETH EDDS ✓ 2	CHRIS MARSH
JOHNNY JACKSON 3	DUNCAN SPEDDING
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	✓ IAN SAMPSON
ADAM WILLIS 5	RICHARD HOPE
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	JOHN FRAIN
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	✓ PAUL MCGRAGOR
JIMMY DAVIS 8	✓ PAUL HARSLEY
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	DARRYN STAMP
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓ 10	✓ MARCO GABBIADINI
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	✓ CHRIS CARRUTHERS
JUAN COBIAN 12	GERARD LAVIN
	13 NATHAN ABBEY
ERIC SABIN ✓ 14	PAUL RICKERS
DAREN DYKES 15	✓ PAUL TROLLOPE
NEIL RUDDOCK 16	✓ DARYL BURGESS
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓ 17	GREG LINCOLN
CRAIG FARR 18	JAMIE FORRESTER
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	DEREK ASAMOAH
	20 ✓ CHRIS HARGREAVES
DAVID BAMPTON 21	✓ JERRY GILL
ALAN REEVES 22	STEVE MORISON
NATHAN EDWARDS 23	✓ ARMAND ONE
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	
STEVE ROBINSON ✓ 25	
ALAN YOUNG 26	
CHRIS COLLINS 27	

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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	2	5	12	9

NORTHAMPTON'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	2	2	6	6	22

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday February 2 2002

Nationwide Division Two

Swindon Town 2

Northampton Town 1

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: **P.J. Prosser**

Assistant 1: **M. A. J. Kawken**

Assistant 2: **S. Hollick**

4th Official: **R. P. Desmond**

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