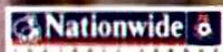


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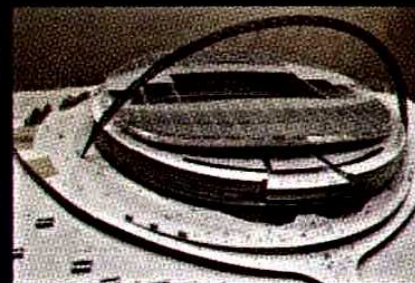
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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S FIXTURE AGAINST OLDHAM ATHLETIC.

Iain Dowie's Oldham side visit us today on the back of a fantastic run in the league and as a result, they currently sit in third place in the league table and may I take this opportunity in welcoming Iain, his management team, directors, players and supporters to Wiltshire today.

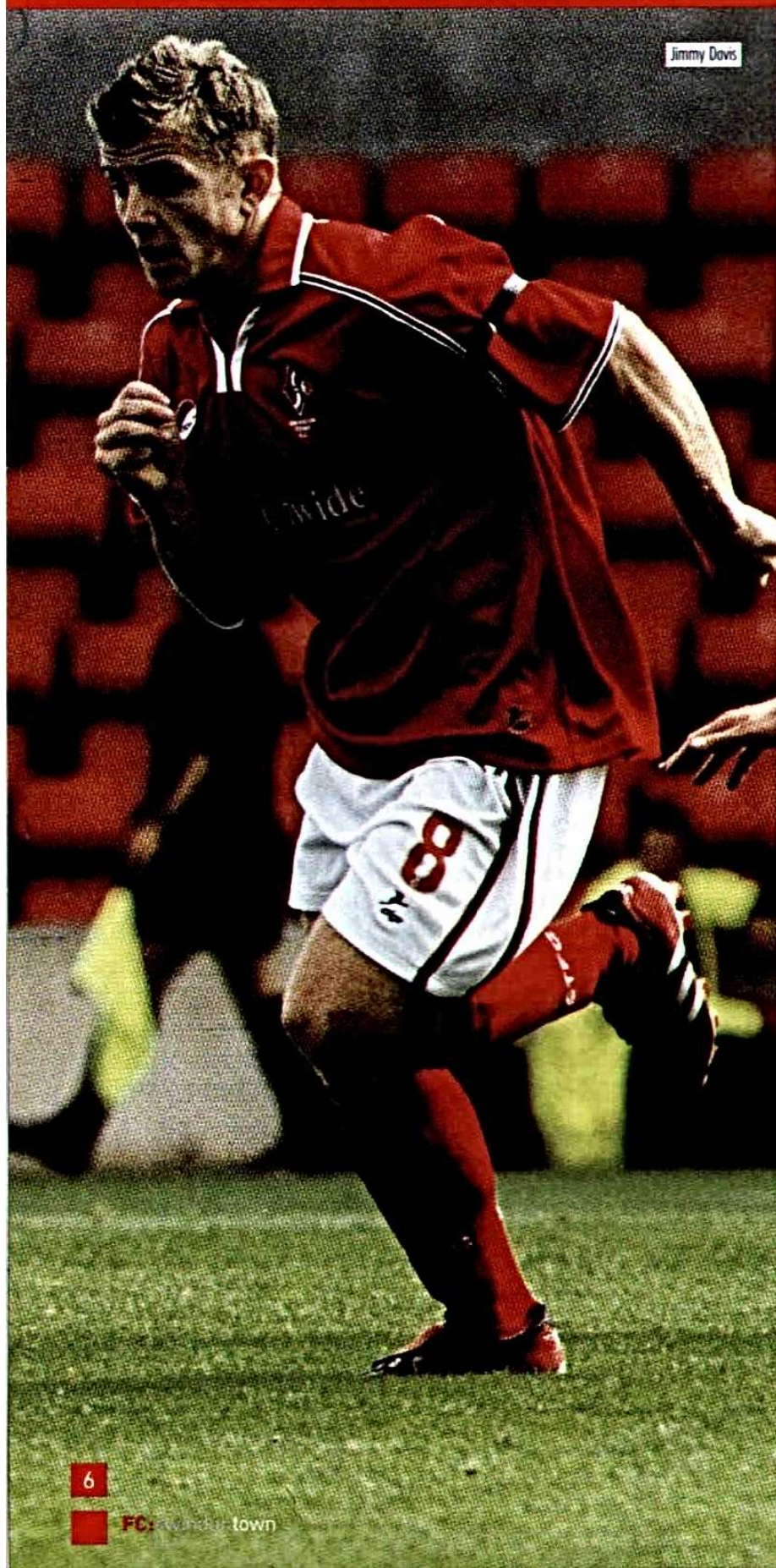
Unfortunately our own form has continued to disappoint and our defeat last week at Luton has seen us slip the other way in the table and we find ourselves back in the bottom four. A win this afternoon is crucial if we are to drag ourselves away from a situation which, in previous years, has been all too familiar. It goes without saying that we are going to have to play a lot better than we did last week in order to get a result.

Our last two games have shown the good and the bad sides to this team. Against Northampton two weeks ago I asked for a collective effort to end what was the worst run I had ever encountered. Thankfully the players responded and they showed great determination and spirit in beating Northampton 2-0. It wasn't a great performance, but defensively we were sound and at the other end we put two chances away and when results aren't going the way you'd like, you'll take a win no matter how you get it.

With that said, having got the win against Northampton I was looking for an improved performance away from home against Luton, a side that I believe is no better than ours. Unfortunately we got back into our old habits and I will quite openly admit that it was one of the most disappointing performances I have seen in my time here as manager of this

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Jimmy Davis



football club and as the manager, along with my players – together we must take responsibility. It is now up to all of us to make amends because, and rightly so, the supporters deserve more from their team. I think you have all been fantastic in what has been a difficult time for us all, but we must start to repay some of that faith.

The most disappointing aspect of last week's defeat for me was the way in which we seemed to fold, to give in without a fight. Steve Howard's performance for the home side was a major factor and his presence caused us all sorts of problems. Luton made the most of that and kept attacking through him, we just couldn't get our heads round it and Luton were quicker to the ball, had more desire and we just didn't play to our strengths.

Needless to say that this week has been very difficult. A few fingers were pointed at the start of the week and it is difficult to identify what is going wrong, but we have all been working hard in order to put things right. Steve and I have been trying a few different ideas and despite last week's result, I still believe that Steve has made a positive impact.

Steve's major worry in his brief time here has been the size of the squad and I always knew that if we were to encounter injuries, we would struggle. Quite simply, our squad is not big enough and we are not in a position where we can't put out our strongest side every week. Hopefully we will have Jimmy Davis back in the side today, his pace and power has been sorely missed, but on the other side of the coin we lose Sam Parkin through suspension and our squad really is being tested to the limit – we just don't have the options I would like.

And it's not just about putting out our strongest eleven, it's about having competition for places in the squad and at the moment we just don't have that. Any successful side has players pushing those



in the starting eleven for their shirt, but in some positions we just don't have that strength in depth and the quicker this latest embargo is lifted the better. The situation regarding this club and its embargo has been well documented and I am not willing to press the issue – on-the-field matters take precedence today. But at some stage something has to give because, quite simply, we need to add to this squad.

Today's game provides a very stiff test of character for us. As I've already mentioned, Oldham will be looking to make it six wins from six in a bid to keep up with those above them in the league table. But we are capable of matching them, that I am sure. I am still a firm believer, not just in my own ability, but that of the players too and they need to share that same belief in order to get a positive outcome. As hard as it is for the supporters, I ask that you get behind the lads in an effort to put things right. Regrettably you have not had much to shout about in recent weeks, but the players need your full support in order to put this run behind them.

Get behind the lads and let's hope that with a bit of hard work, come 4.45pm we will all be celebrating an important victory. See you all here once again for next week's visit of Colchester.



DICK MACKEY

This week we have had Steve Robinson and Jimmy Davis in the Treatment Room.



'Turbo' received a kick on his achilles area during the Northampton game and was still troubled by it against Luton. As a result he had to come off in the second half. I did some hill running on Wednesday morning with him, but we have mainly been concentrating on getting him in the water. This is best for his type of injury because it is not fully weight bearing and gives his ankle a better chance of recovery. I think it will be late before we can make a decision on him, he will really have needed to train on Friday morning to make him available for today's game – which is of course is the intention.

Another player that I am hoping will be available today is Jimmy Davis. He has worked hard during the week and should be very close to being ready to return. I just have a feeling we may need another 24 hours to get him right, but he has done some running and football training so we are keeping our fingers crossed.

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The cold financial chill running through football at present, continued last week when Watford announced their acute financial problems. The club was forced into asking their personnel to take a 12.5% reduction in salary which, as I understand it, will be paid back at a later date to be agreed in the future. I think it is fair to say that Watford are one of those clubs that we all thought was well run and would never find itself in this position. Indeed the Crystal Palace chairman, Simon Jordan, was quoted last week as saying that he felt several First Division clubs were in imminent danger of slipping into administration over the course of the season.

So it was with finance in mind that I travelled to the offices of the Football League, along with our Financial Director, Sandy Gray, to discuss the embargo currently on the club.

I am pleased to say that we enjoyed a very positive meeting with the league and they have trust and confidence in the current management team to ensure that the club is operating on sensible financial lines, and that we have the backing of our major shareholder.

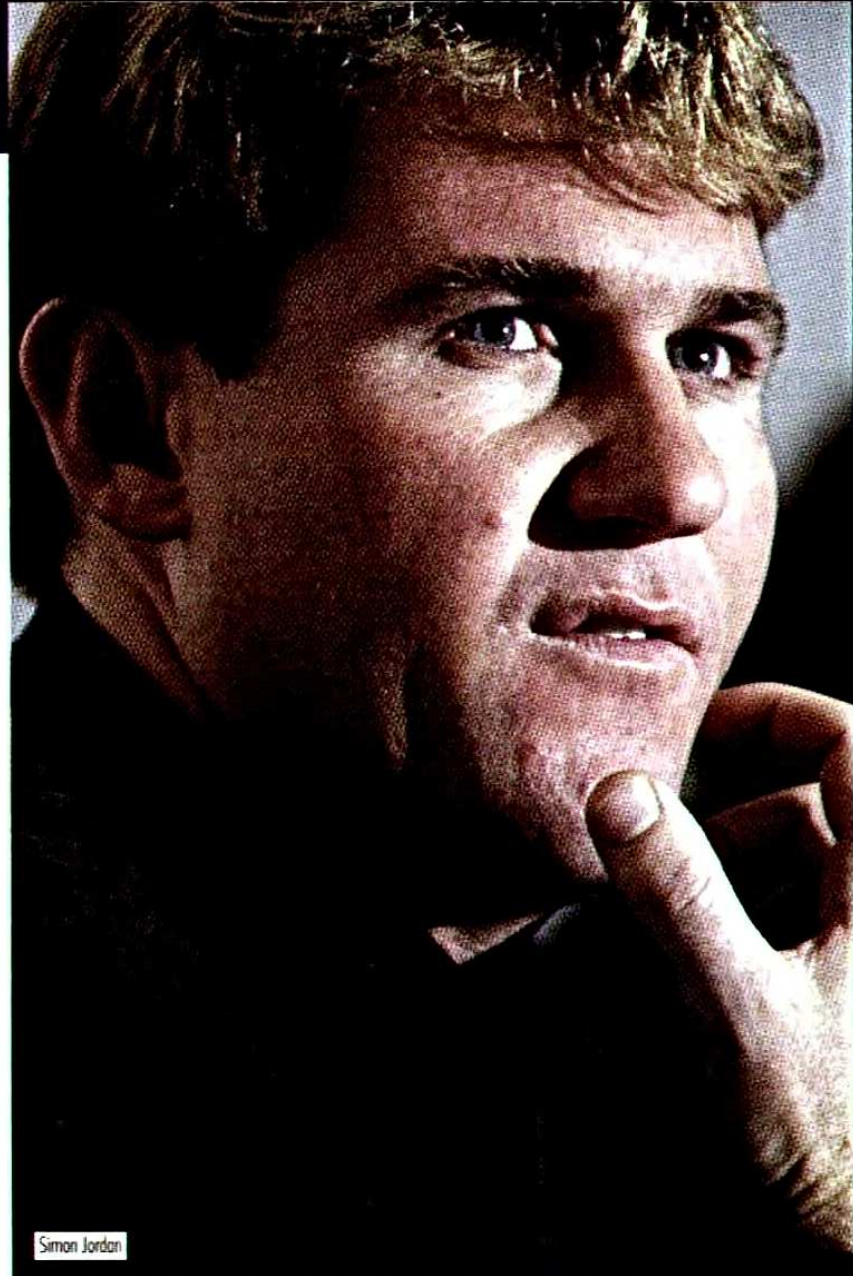
Whilst we are subject to the CVA (which was approved back in May) we need to update the League on our financial position throughout the season, but I do not believe that the delays we saw over the signing of Sam Parkin will be repeated. Unfortunately we still have an embargo on us, courtesy of the PFA who have acted because we have not fulfilled a loyalty payment due to Neil Ruddock. As I write these notes I am still trying to agree a resolution, if only

temporary, with the PFA. One thing is clear, the trading position of the club means that we cannot make this payment to Neil Ruddock without outside assistance. This contract was signed by the previous management of the club and committed the club to a financial burden it could not afford at the time. Instead on the day these contracts were being signed, I believe the minibuses were being repossessed. I hope that the PFA will 'cut us some slack' and allow us to bring in players in

positions where we have problems with injuries and suspensions, and I then hope that we can sit down and have meaningful discussions with Neil Ruddock and his advisors. It helps no-one to continue to hurt the club, least of all the players and supporters of Swindon Town Football Club.

Thank you for your continued support through this difficult period.

Enjoy the game.



Simon Jordan

MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.



THE WEEK THAT WAS

23.09.02

TOWN IN EMBARGO LIMBO AGAIN

The Football League has placed a transfer embargo over the club in response to an outstanding loyalty payment due to transfer-listed player Neil Ruddock. Unlike previous transfer embargoes, the Football League has given the club permission to apply for approval when attempting to cover vital playing positions with new members of playing staff. Previous embargoes have acted as a blanket restriction on the club signing new players as they related directly to outstanding monies owed to the Football League. However, this case is slightly different in the fact that it is in response to a single case of outstanding payments due to an individual player.

Mr Ruddock has a loyalty bonus clause built into his contract and the club are currently attempting to reach a negotiated settlement. Speaking to the official website this afternoon Town's Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, commented: "We are obviously disappointed that the Football League have taken this action but not surprised.

"The Football League are aware that we have met with Neil Ruddock and his representatives and are doing everything we can to reach a negotiated settlement."

24.09.02

TICKETS ON SALE FOR CITY CLASH

Tickets for the away clash with local rivals Bristol City, on Saturday 19th October, are now on sale.

Tickets are priced as follows: £15.00 for adults, £12.00 for OAPs, £11.00 Students and Under 19's, £10.00 for Under 16's

All tickets are for the covered Blackthorn Wedlock Stand and seating is unreserved, disabled supporters can buy on the day or contact Bristol City direct on 0117 9666666. Call 01793 333777 to book yours or come along to the ticket office at the County Ground. SAS Travel will be running coaches to Ashton Gate so call 01793 825935 for further details.

29.09.02

TOWN CRUSHED AT LUTON



Town went down to their eighth defeat in nine games last Saturday, with Joe Kinnear's Luton side the latest to heap misery on King's men. Howard, Fotiadis and a Steve Robinson penalty were enough to win the game. For a full match report turn to page 14.

30.09.02

ROCKIN' FLOORED BY FOWL PLAY

Rockin' Robin competed in the fourth annual Mascot Grand National on Sunday and despite getting into second place, was floored by some of his fellow mascots. Rockin' Robin made a flying start to the race being in second place until a bout of 'fowl' play by an unidentified mascot ended his chances of winning the race, staged at Huntingdon Racecourse, which included one mascot who flew in from America to compete in the event. 'I got off to a great start but halfway through the sprint I was caught by a gang of vigilante mascots, and after seeing the film of the race, it looks as if I was tripped.'

It remains to be seen whether video evidence will be used, but with Oldham the visitors to the County Ground today, a rematch could well be on the cards which could give Rockin' Robin the chance to stake his claim as the fastest mascot in the land.





30.09.02

SOL:D -TRIBUNAL DATE SET

A date has now been set for the tribunal meeting regarding the sale of Sol Davis to Luton Town from Swindon. Sol Davis joined the Hatters on August 16, with the Kenilworth Road club paying Swindon half of their proposed valuation - £25,000. Davis, born in Cheltenham, has since played ten games for the club and he figured in their 3-0 win last Saturday. However, the two clubs have been unable to come to any kind of agreement on the price of the player, with Luton offering £50,000 for the left-back. The STFC board is unwilling to accept what they believe to be a figure lower than they expected and so the decision will go to a tribunal meeting on October 9. Officials from both clubs will attend. We will keep you posted on the outcome on the official website.

01.10.02

'MIG' SIGNS FOR ANOTHER MONTH

Stefan Miglioranza signs a contract that will keep him at the County Ground for a further month. Miglioranza, 25 this month, was greatly impressive in the early stages of the season but has recently been sidelined with a knee injury. However Stefan has been working hard and is expected to be fit for today's visit of Oldham. 'The knee has been a little sore with some aching but things are looking much better and Saturday's game is certainly a realistic target' he said.

01.10.02

TOWN TO FACE SALISBURY IN FA YOUTH CUP

The F A Youth Cup draw was made on Tuesday morning and Viv Busby's side will face Salisbury City in the First Round proper, after Salisbury defeated Bath on penalties in the preliminary round on Monday evening.

01.10.02

TOWN FANS TO SETTLE SCORE

Swindon Town fan Mark Davies is spearheading a campaign to buy the club a new scoreboard. At the moment the Club do not have a functional scoreboard as the one at the top of the Stratton Bank has been out of use for a number of seasons. "It is a running joke at the County Ground - with our own fans and the visiting supporters," Mark said. I have been an avid fan for the last 14 years and a season ticket holder for seven. We've had some tough times, and as a supporter you wonder what you could do to help. "

Davies has the Boxing Day clash with Brentford in mind as a target for the new board to make its functional return to the County Ground. Now Davies, along with fellow Town follower John White, are taking the pro-active approach to help the cash-strapped club. The duo are aiming to raise the estimated £5,000 plus VAT required for a new fully-functioning facility. Davies and White are making the most of their business contacts by writing to companies in the area asking for donations. Davies is however appealing to other fans to get involved, having already received a positive response from some of the 35 or so local businesses he has contacted so far.

Anyone seeking further information on the project or willing to help please contact Mark Davies on 07736 629535 or John White on 07977 068763.

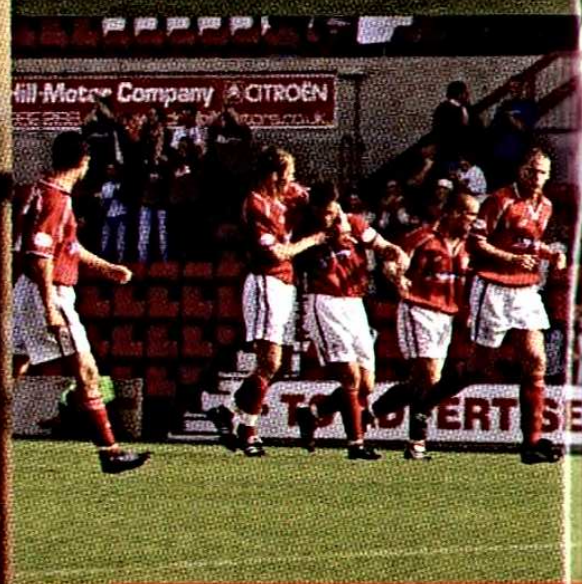
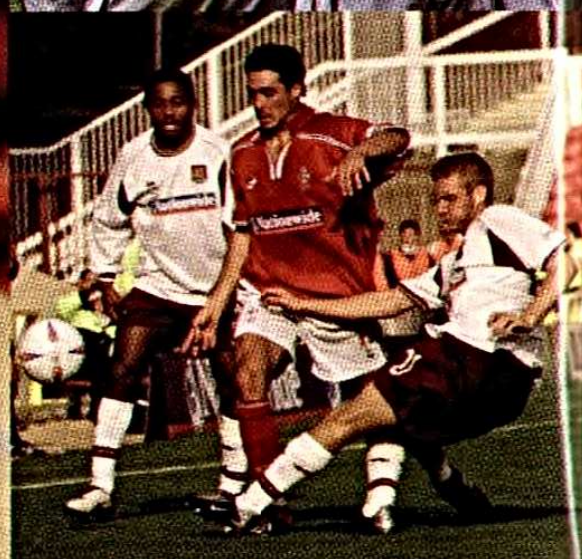
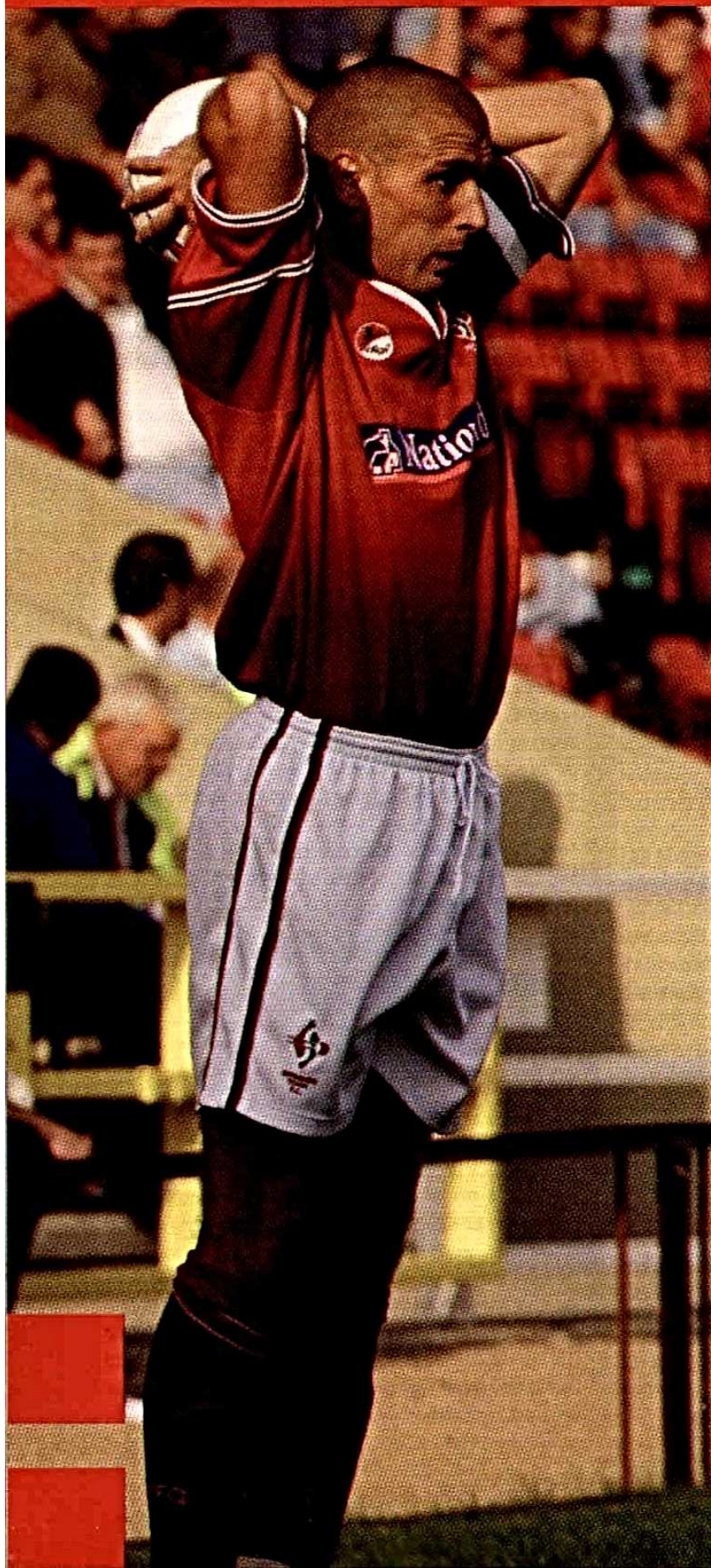
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TOWN IN BRIGHTON MIX

Swindon Town's Reserves side made the trip to Brighton in the Avon Insurance Combination League as this programme went to print. You can read a match report on www.swindontownfc.co.uk, or wait until next Saturday's programme. Malcolm Crosby was set to field a very young side with only Argentine Juan Cobian being the experienced player amongst the young charges.

Swindon Town Line-up: Craig Farr, Ian Herring, Kevin Halliday, Chris Collins, Mark Fenwick, Juan Cobian, Dave Bampton, Neil Crosby, Chris Hughes, Alan Young, Mark Draycott. Substitutes: Steve Smith(GK), Michael Pook, Ian Oliver, Luke Gerrard, Aaron Salter

MATCH



SWINDON TOWN 2

JACKSON 31, PARKIN 79 (PEN)

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 0

The majority of the 4,719-strong crowd breathed a huge sigh of relief as Town strode to a confident 2-0 victory. Jackson scored on his home debut before Parkin took great delight in putting one past his former club to secure the points as Town looked a different side from the one that lost at Cheltenham.

Town looked raring to go right from the kick-off. Adam Willis replaced Gareth Edds in the only change to Town's line-up from Tuesday night, but it looked like a different eleven players from those that lost at Whaddon Road. Gurney and Heywood were superb in the middle of Town's defence whilst Willis was like a rock as Town coped with the few attacks that Northampton had. In midfield Hewlett dominated, whilst Robinson, Jackson and Duke linked up well with Parkin, Sabin and Invincible. Duke looked dangerous on the left hand side, whilst Town's front line held the ball up superbly.

Eric Sabin, whose pace caused Northampton no end of problems, broke free as early as the third minute. The Frenchman won the ball on the half way line and broke free with just the 'keeper to beat. However, before he had the chance to release a shot Hargreaves tackled him brilliantly. Danny Invincible came close four minutes later, the Australian latching onto Gurney's deep cross at the back post and missing by inches with a well-directed header.

The decisive goal however came from Jackson and a set piece. With Eric fouled just outside the area, Jackson stepped up to curl home a brilliant effort from 20 yards.


Town started the second half much as they had finished the first and Invincible angled a volley inches wide of the goal shortly after the interval. A minute later and Northampton enjoyed their first chance of the game. Armand One, who hadn't really caused Town any problems up until this stage, fired over from the edge of the area.

One sent another shot over the bar before Gurney took Town forward once again. Town's skipper, who was booed during the early stages of the game by a small section of the Town End, drove forward and sent a 3-yard drive just over the Cobblers bar. Three minutes later and Town had their best chance to double the advantage. Johnny Jackson delivered a wicked cross from which Eric Sabin headed over from just six yards.

A minute later and Steve Robinson sent a fierce shot straight at the Northampton 'keeper before Willis blocked superbly from One's goal bound effort. One came close again soon after, the former Cambridge forward blazing over from just four yards following Asamoah's superb cross.

On 77 minutes Town made it 2-0. Sam Parkin latched on to a flick from Danny Invincible and, having nudged the ball past Harper who subsequently brought him down. Parkin dusted himself off and confidently slotted the ball home past Nathan Abbey who had come on to replace Harper who was sent off. Parkin ended his own barren spell in front of goal and in doing so, scored his fifth goal of the season against his former club.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Willis, Heywood,  Duke,  Jackson, Hewlett, Robinson (Miglioranzi 87), Invincible, Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Reeves, Young.

NORTHAMPTON: Harper,  Gill, Sampson, Spedding, Carruthers, McGregor (Asamoah 45), Harsley, Trollope, Hargreaves, One (Forrester 69), Gabbiadini (Abbey 78) **Subs not used:** Rickers, Lincoln.

MATCH

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LUTON TOWN 3

HOWARD 14, FOTIADIS 47, ROBINSON 87 (PEN)

SWINDON TOWN 0

After a poor start to the season Luton are now finding the kind of form that saw them promoted to Division Two last year and last Saturday against the Town, a killer second goal just four minutes into the second half was enough to ensure three points.

Steve Howard, who had scored 7 goals in 11 games for Luton before last Saturday's match, made an immediate impression when he shot over the bar inside the first minute. Presented with last season's Golden Boot for Division 3, Howard then scored on 13 minutes following a pass by Andrew Fotiadis. Apart from finishing strongly in the first half and battling to win five corners within 16 minutes in the second, Town never really troubled The Hatters and in the end it was another sad day for the 404 travelling faithful.

On a warm, sunny September afternoon Town lined up in 4-4-3 formation. Stefan Miglioranza was injured and so not considered, whilst Steve Robinson, doubtful on Friday, did play. On five minutes he supplied Parkin with a chance and Carl Emberton managed to boot the ball into the stand.

Luton came close at the other end soon after, Heywood giving away a corner in which Russell Perrett flicked back for Howard to head over the bar. Matthew Spring then struck a hard shot that Matt Hewlett blocked well and the game continued at a frenetic pace, with both sides going forward. Unfortunately Luton looked the more likelier of the two sides to score.

Fotiadis had a great chance to double the Hatters' advantage but missed with only Bart to beat before Town cleared another chance off the line. On 29 minutes Parkin had a great opportunity from Duke's cross which then fell to Sabin who couldn't find the net. On 35 minutes Kevin Nicholls incurred a head injury and was replaced by Peter Holmes. Town were finishing the half strongly and a Jackson free kick was cleared back to him before a great move down the right hand side lead to the Frenchman heading just over the bar. A Gurney free kick found Danny on the left soon after, and his low cross was snuffed out for a corner.

Fotiadis effectively ended the game just four minutes into the second half, his first goal in over a year. Town hit back with a strong period of pressure and Sabin should have scored when one on one with the 'keeper. 11 minutes into the half Gareth Edds came on for Robinson. A Jackson free kick saw yet another corner for Town. His cross gave Heywood a real chance, but it led to yet another corner. On 73 minutes Darny headed over the bar before Fotiadis left the field to a standing ovation on 77 minutes. On 85 minutes Andy Gurney conceded a penalty which Steve Robinson converted, the only problem was it was our man's namesake, to make it 3-0 to the home side.

On 89 minutes another Jackson free kick went through the home defence but no Town player could get on the end of it. It pretty much summed up our afternoon.

LUTON: Emberton, Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Davis, Robinson, Spring, Nicholls (Holmes 36), Hughes, Howard, Fotiadis (Crowe 78) **Subs not used:** Neilson, Thorpe, Hillier,

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Willis, Duke, Robinson (Edds 58), Hewlett, Jackson, Invincible (Young 79), Parkin, Sabin **Subs not used:** Farr, Edwards, Reeves



20 QUESTIO

1. WHAT DO YOU DO TO UNWIND FROM FOOTBALL?

Spending time with my young child, she is keeping me busy at the moment. Probably a trip to the park for a push on the swings with her.

2. WHAT CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

A BMW

3. WHAT MUSIC'S PLAYING ON YOUR CAR?

Coldplay and Starsailor

4. WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE STUCK IN A LIFT WITH?

A lift engineer to get me out!

5. WHO WOULD YOU LEAST LIKE TO BE STUCK IN A LIFT WITH?

I would say Ainsley Harriot

6. LAST BOOK READ?

The last Mario Puzo book

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

Has to be the house.

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

The derby against Bristol City is one of the games I'd especially like to win

9. FAVOURITE DRINK?

Sparkling Water

10. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

I got the train to Cardiff a few weeks ago

11. FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?

Men's Health

12. CAREER LOW?

Getting relegated from the First Division down to the second under Jimmy Quinn

13. CAREER HIGH SO FAR?

Making my debut for Swindon Town at Tranmere, it ended up as a 0-0 draw unfortunately.

14. ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?

None that are printable!

15. FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Italy. I like Rome but I would have to say Venice is my favourite destination

16. BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH?

Gordon Strachan at Coventry, he was getting on at the time but he just stood out as a class above the rest

17. HARDEST OPPONENT PLAYED AGAINST?

I played against Emile Heskey when he was a teenager at Leicester and he always managed to cause a few problems

18. WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU FOLLOW APART FROM FOOTBALL?

I try and follow all the national sports. The cricket and the six Nations rugby are always good to watch

19. BEST GROUND PLAYED AT?

The Stadium of Light was massive, but I would have to say the Reebok Stadium is the best ground I've played at. That was a quality stadium and just the right size.

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

Well at 26 I hope to have a few more years left in me yet. So no not really, although I would like to stay in the sport in some capacity.

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SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 10

WYATT 2, LEWIS 3, VALENTINE 1, HENRY 1, BENNETT 2, OWN GOAL

CIRENCESTER TOWN 2

STFC line-up: Matt Bulman, Matty Bennett, Andy Patton, Kirk Willmoth, Aaron Salter, Mark Jones, Chris Zebrowski, Leigh Henry, Lance Lewis, Mitchell Wyatt, Tom Valentine. **Subs:** Richard Alexander, Piyaphong Khaekphong, Sam Chichester

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S UNDER 17S RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS IN EMPHATIC STYLE LAST WEEKEND WHEN THEY PUT TEN PAST LOCAL RIVALS CIRENCESTER. THE VICTORY FOLLOWED THE SIDE'S MINOR BLIP AT HOME AGAINST CARDIFF THE WEEK BEFORE, TOWN GOING DOWN BY THREE GOALS TO TWO.

The 3-2 reverse against the Welsh side was undeserved, but Town were punished by some sloppy first half defending in which three separate mistakes were seized upon by the Bluebirds. The second half was a different story, with Town tightening up at the back and taking the game to the visitors. In fact, Town began to dominate the game and when Matt Bennett made it 3-2, it looked as though they would go on to rescue a deserved point. Unfortunately they couldn't convert their chances and they encountered their first defeat of the season.

Converting chances wasn't a problem a week later when Town notched ten against Cirencester. Another good performance from a team including seven under 16s, three under 17s and one under 15 saw Lance Lewis grab a hat trick, with Mitchell Wyatt and Matthew Bennett getting a brace each.

At half time however the score was just 2-1 and it wasn't until the second half that the home side began to run riot. Not only that, but the quality of play and the goals themselves pleased Jimmy Fraser immensely. He said, "The lads showed a great attitude because, having gone 2-1 up, they could have quite easily sat back. Thankfully they didn't and instead, they played some fantastic football and created a number of chances, it could have been more than 10.

"The good thing is that this side continues to raise its own standards and the youngsters coming through are acquitting themselves well. A big test for them will be this week's game because they might assume that they are going to win comfortably again. If they can continue to work hard and show the right attitude then we will be ok, but it can sometimes be easy for a team that has just won 10-2 to get complacent - I just hope that's not the case."

Find out how the lads get on against Plymouth by logging on to the club's official website.

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	2-3
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	10-2
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	Away	
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 28TH SEPTEMBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 3

SWANSEA CITY 2

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Dave Bampton, Luke Garrard, Mark Fenwick, Chris Hughes, Michael Pook, Mark Draycott, Neil Crosby, David Stroud, Kyle Lapham **Subs:** Harry Hambridge

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

UNDER 19'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S UNDER 19S ENJOYED A WEEK OF CUP JOY AS THEY TRAVELLED AWAY FROM HOME THREE TIMES IN THE SPACE OF SEVEN DAYS. THE GRUELLING SCHEDULE STARTED AT PORTSMOUTH, BEFORE VIV BUSBY'S SIDE TRAVELLED TO GRIMSBY AND THEN SWANSEA.

Viv Busby described the Portsmouth display as the "best of the season so far," not only that but with some of the best goals he has ever seen. The first followed a good bit of play, with Michael Pook striking a thunderous shot into the top corner of the net from the edge of the area. The second was even better, Justin McKay dribbling from inside his own half to hit a 35-yard shot into the top corner of the net. A Portsmouth penalty allowed the home side back into the game before, ten minutes into the second half, Danny Taylor crossed for Neil Crosby to fire home from 12 yards. The victory sees Town up against Northampton in the next round of the Youth Alliance Cup.

On Wednesday night the lads travelled to Grimsby's Blundell Park to take part in a Midlands Youth Cup fixture. The side left Swindon at 9.45am in the morning and so it came as no surprise when Grimsby strode a two-goal lead, the effects of the long day taking their toll on what was a young side. It was a poor first half performance, but Jamie Cheeseman pulled a goal back just before half time with a free kick. An inspirational half time team talk saw Town go on to improve and dominate the second half and Cheeseman equalised for the visitors.

Town should have gone on to win the game but, even after an additional 30 minutes of extra time, they could not convert chances into goals and a penalty shoot out was required to split the sides, Town eventually winning 4-3. Town now face West Brom or Burton Albion in the next round.

The week was rounded off with another fine victory, this time in the league away at Swansea City. As expected the lads started slowly, the travelling tiring the players to the extent that they played well below the standard that they have become accustomed too. They went a goal down after just one minute and it was two shortly after. Luke Garrard pulled a goal back before half time before Town started to play as a unit. A more compact second half performance brought goals from Michael Pook and Neil Crosby, the latter coming from the penalty spot after David Stroud was brought down in the box.

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	Portsmouth		3-1
Wed 25th Sep	Grimsby		2-2 (4-3pen)
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	3-2
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		

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



Neil Crosby



4th SUPER FREE KICKS

5 OF THE BEST

Those who found the previous issues Five of the Best slightly concerning will be pleased to hear that this week's is slightly more entertaining.

Whether you're bored at work or need five minutes to kill, then why not try one of our online footie games? Not that we'd advocate playing games whilst at your desk, or tear you away from the club's official web site for that matter...

5 SOCCER SHOOT OUT

http://www.nabiscoworld.com/Games/or_shock_orso.htm

This game is frustratingly hard. Not only that but because it's American, it's also annoyingly described as a 'Soccer game' by its host site, Nabisco, a web page that is home to a number of online games. It also takes a fairly long time to download, but once you've got there it involves you holding your mouse down and moving it as quickly as you can in the direction of the goal. Easy you may think? Put it this way, it brings a whole new meaning to the 'banana shot'! Not bad graphics though, but when you do hit the back of the net (or the post), the goal moves like it's inflatable.

4 SUPER FREE KICKS

http://game.thefa.com/entry_game.htm

Fancy yourself as a Robbie Fowler, Emille Heskey or David Beckham? Well, all you need to do is score three free

kicks in a row and you will be transformed from a 'Fox in the box' in the quarter final stage, to a 'Super Striker' in the semi-final stage and 'Captain Marvel' in the final. This is fairly easy (either that or we just spent too much time playing on it), but if you score three in a row, you are entered into the FA's prize draw. The worst thing about it is that David Beckham looks more like Luc Nijholt! Mind you, Luc never struck a ball like that...

3 FOOSBALL FOOSBALL

www.umbro.com

The French call it babyfoot, we call it table football, the aged cast of Friends call it Fussball. Whatever your preferred linguistic derivation, you can play it either by going to Umbro.com, or by going through FHM's top 100 internet games. This game is fantastic! Merely drag a coin into the slot, then a ball into the middle of the table and then spin your players to your heart's content. The game works as a normal game of Fussball, merely click on the row of

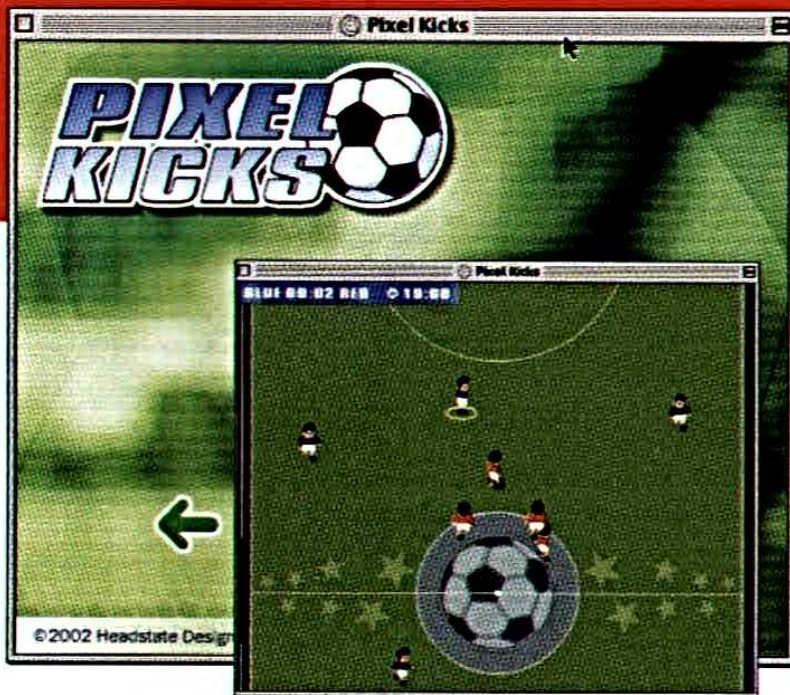


3rd FOOSBALL FOOSBALL



2nd ROBERTO BAGGIO

1st PIXEL KICKS



2 ROBERTO BAGGIO

<http://www.robertobaggio.com/games/index.asp>

What a game! Fast moving, realistic and a lot of fun, the Italian midfielder has certainly done well with this game on his official web site. Like some of the others, it involves you taking free kicks from different positions around the edge of the area, with a wall and goalkeeper to beat. All you need to do is choose the height, direction and power at which to shoot the ball (obviously taking into account the position of the wall and the wind direction) and follow Robbie's hints! Every time you score four goals you win a passion cup, and with each cup the difficulty gets harder. The greatest thing about this game is that it's fast moving, hugely addictive yet very challenging! And Roberto almost looks

like Johnnie Jackson too – so you can recreate his goal against Northampton to your hearts content!

1 PIXEL KICKS

www.headstate.co.uk

It does not get any better than this, the only football game (that we found) in which you actually get to play a proper game of football! Just by using your arrow keys, as well as the x and y buttons to pass and shoot, you can battle it out in a five-a-side game. Co-ordination is the name of the game with the fast-moving action. What's

even better is that you can play in red and pretend to be your heroes! Hours of fun are guaranteed playing this game, although it's probably not a good idea to play it at the office – you'll never do any work ever again!

BEST OF THE REST...

Awesome golf game

www.electrotank.com/games/minigolf

Throw spears – it's fun

<http://games.alentus.com/games/makai/games/speartoss.asp?id=>

Table tennis

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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

OUR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE GAMES PROGRAMME HAD A BREATHER LAST WEEKEND, BUT WE ARE BACK IN ACTION TOMORROW FOR A FULL PROGRAMME.

The fixtures are as follows: the under 9s, 10's and 11s are away to Cardiff City, the under 12s and 13s at home to Bristol Rovers, and the under 14s and 15s away to Bristol Rovers. Be sure to find out how the lads got on in next week's issue of the matchday programme.

Remember, anyone interested in watching our under 12s and 13s (against Bristol Rovers) are reminded that our games kick-off at 11.00am at the club's training ground in Wanborough. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

One game that did take place last week involved our under 10 trialists. These players are at the Centre of Excellence on a six-week trial period. In that time it is hoped that we can make a decision on their futures and last week's game helped us to do that. They played against Cirencester's under 10s side in a fantastic game and we thank Cirencester for playing us.

Until next time, enjoy the game.
Jimmy Fraser

FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6

UNDER 9S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 10S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 11S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 12S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
UNDER 13S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
UNDER 14S	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
UNDER 15S	BRISTOL ROVERS	A

OCTOBER 13

UNDER 9S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
UNDER 10S	CHELTEMHAM TOWN	H
UNDER 11S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
UNDER 12S	SWANSEA CITY	A
UNDER 13S	SWANSEA CITY	A
UNDER 14S	SWANSEA CITY	H
UNDER 15S	SWANSEA CITY	H

OCTOBER 20

UNDER 9S	SWANSEA CITY	H
UNDER 10S	SWANSEA CITY	H
UNDER 11S	SWANSEA CITY	H
UNDER 12S	CARDIFF CITY	H
UNDER 13S	CARDIFF CITY	H
UNDER 14S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 15S	CARDIFF CITY	A

OCTOBER 27

FREE WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS



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.

TODAY'S VISITORS

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Boundary Park
Home of Oldham Athletic



THIS SEASON

Ins: Les Pogliacomi (Parramatta), Clint Hill (Tranmere) Chris Killen (Man City) Josh Low (Cardiff) Clyde Wijnhard (Preston)

Outs: Paul Shepherd (Scarborough), Paul Rickers (Northampton) Andy Goram (Queen of Sth) Craig Dudley (Burton)

Odds for promotion: 10/1
(courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Last five games: WWWWW

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 10 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 4-0 (v Bury)

Biggest defeat: 1-7 (v Cardiff City)

Top scorer: Eyres 13

Most League apps: Stuart Balmer (43)

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1895

Biggest win: 11 - 0 v Southport
(26/12/1962)

Most capped player: Gunnar Halle
(Norway: 15)

Most league goals: : Roger Palmer
(141: 198 0/92)

Biggest buy: Ian Olney £750,000

Record against the Town:
STFC Wins 11, OAF wins 11. Draws 7

Oldham had the better of both exchanges that year, but it didn't finish the Latics from following Town through the relegation trap door and into Division One.

How times have changed as the two sides now battle it out for much-needed Division Two points, albeit for contrasting reasons. Oldham, at the time of writing, are pushing those above them in the top four following a great run of results whilst Town, struggling in the bottom four again following last Saturday's defeat, are looking to consolidate in the middle of the table.

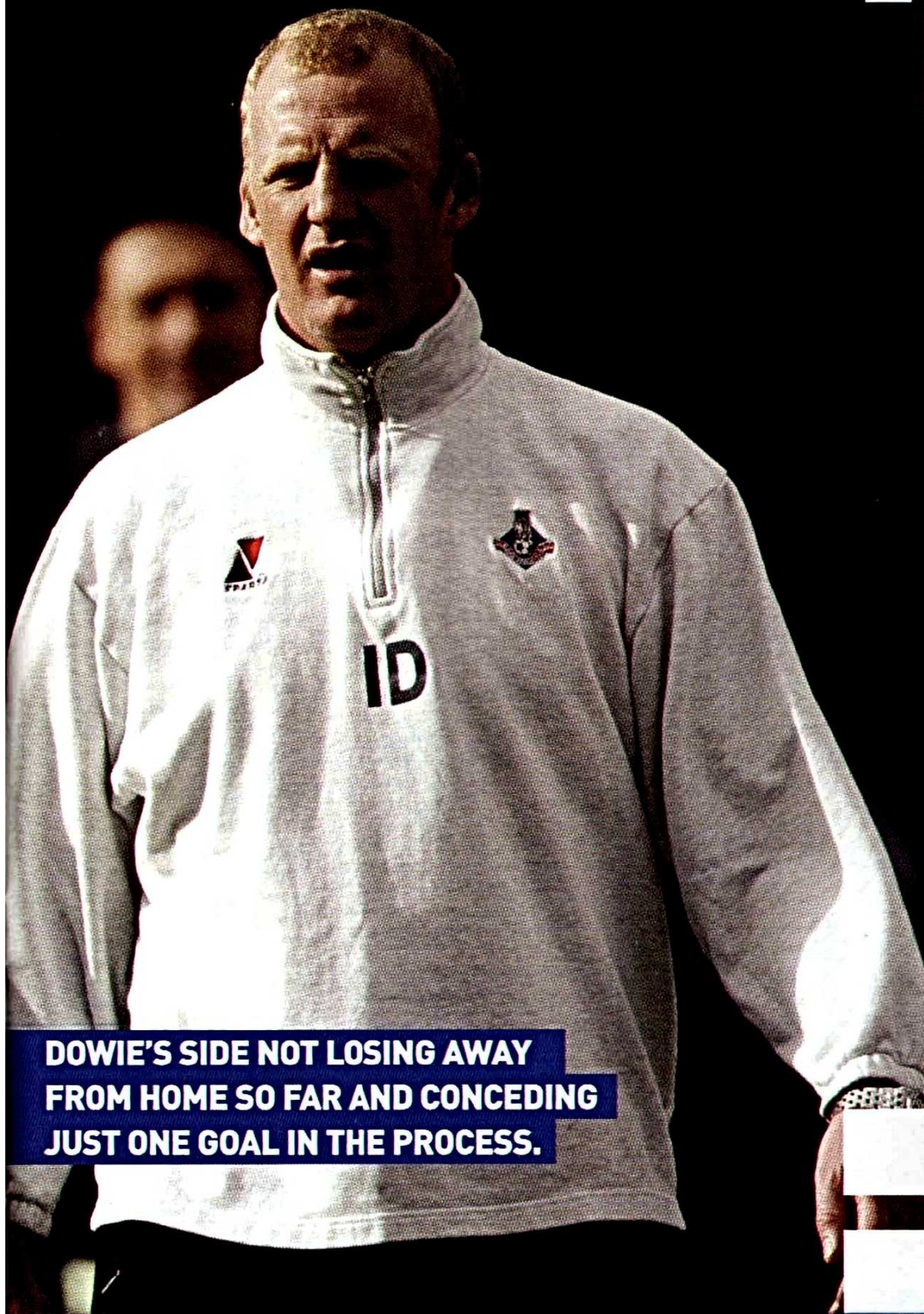
During our last campaign, The Latics proved too much for Andy King's side as they ran out 2-0 winners in both meetings. In fact you have to go back to the previous season to find Town's last triumph against the Latics, McAreavey and Grazioli getting on the scoresheet in a 3-0 win on a wet and windy Wiltshire evening.

This year Oldham Athletic visit Wiltshire undergoing another state of transition following the arrival of new supremo, Iain Dowie, their fifth manager in two years. The Latics have welcomed a succession of managers through the revolving doors at Boundary Park in recent seasons including Mick Wadsworth (now at Huddersfield) and John Sheridan. Yet in Iain Dowie it looks as though they may have found the man that could steer them back to the dizzy heights of the Premiership, or at least Division One anyway.

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 (as well as the reserve team for a slightly longer period) before he was given a permanent managerial berth at Boundary Park in May this year.

At the time of writing, Dowie's side are sitting pretty in third position of Division Two having won seven of their last eleven games, including a 6-1 trouncing of whipping boys Mansfield Town and last Saturday's 4-0 win over Huddersfield. Perhaps more ominously for Town is The Latics' impressive away form - Dowie's side not losing away from home so far and conceding just one goal in the process.

The arrival of Clyde Wijnhard has boosted Oldham's front line, the former Huddersfield and Preston man has added strength to what was an already impressive array of attacking options. Add to that the experience and strength of Clint Hill from Tranmere, Josh Low from Cardiff and Les Pogliacomi 'between the sticks' and what you have is a side capable of challenging for promotion, and one that that will be difficult to beat this afternoon.



**DOWIE'S SIDE NOT LOSING AWAY
FROM HOME SO FAR AND CONCEDED
JUST ONE GOAL IN THE PROCESS.**

THE GAFFER



IAIN DOWIE

Iain Dowie was appointed as Oldham Athletic's manager on May 31 2002, succeeding Mick Wadsworth in the post, after seven months as assistant boss. Dowie had previously coached at QPR under Ray Harford and Gerry Francis, and was caretaker manager of the Superhoops for a month in-between their tenures.

As a player, Dowie began his professional career with Luton Town before signing for Fulham on loan, and then West Ham United. Iain made only played in 12 league games during his first short spell with The Hammers, scoring four times, before signing for Southampton, where he spent nearly three-and-a-half years and made 122 appearances, notching 30 league goals for The Saints. Iain returned to London with Crystal Palace in January 1995, as they attempted to preserve their Premiership status, but left the club the following season to rejoin West Ham and return to the top flight after The Eagles' relegation.

He played 68 further league games for the Upton Park club and scored another eight goals, before signing for Queens Park Rangers, where he played out his career. Iain was capped 59 times by Northern Ireland, as well as earning one cap at Under-21 and Under-23 levels.

MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD
Oldham '02 P11 W7 D2 L2
QPR '98-'98 P2 W1 D1 L0

THE SQUAD

LESLIE POGGIACOMI (keeper)

Former Parramatta Power goalkeeper who joined the Latics in the summer of 2002 from the Australian Premier League. Very respected goalkeeper in the southern hemisphere that has won a host of championship cup medals. Had trials with a number of English clubs in the higher divisions before the Latics moved in to secure his signature to bring him to Boundary Park.

exciting prospect.

Scored his debut League goal with a rasping header against Stoke City last season and already many clubs from the higher divisions have their eyes on this towering defender. Has the unusual nickname of 'One Size'.

YOUNG GUN CLINTON HILL

Clint joined the Latics July 2002 from Tranmere Rovers after the clubs agreed a compensation fee of £225,000 for the ex-Tranmere youth player. Hill is a rugged, no-nonsense defender who was club captain at Prenton Park. Scorer of valuable goals, especially in Tranmere's good cup runs of late, The Prenton Park faithful were upset to lose this young exciting defender when he decided to left to join Oldham.

JULIEN BAUDET (def)

French defender of some promise who joined Athletic from Toulouse last season. Big and strong and with an eye for goal, unlike English defenders, Julien is a very good distributor of the ball.



DAVID BEHARALL (def)

Another new signing this season. David spent six months of last season on loan at Boundary Park from Newcastle United and impressed so much that the Latics stepped in with a permanent offer. Very quick and good in the air, David will be one to watch on the park this season.

MATTY APPLEBY (def)

Matty joined Athletic from Barnsley at the back end of last season. Matty adds experience to Latics' midfield with Newcastle, Darlington and Barnsley amongst his former clubs. Clever, strong and good distribution are Matty's main strengths.

FITZ HALL (def)

Giant defender of some promise, Fitz's career started at West Ham United as a schoolboy but was then released to Barnet for his formative years, which were as a centre forward. Having "failed" to find the net Barnet released him to Chesham United where the Latics picked up the

!DANGER! DAVID EYRES

Another Latics player with vast Football League experience, with over 500 appearances for Blackpool, Burnley, Preston and Oldham Athletic where David



was voted as the Supporters' Player of the Season, as well as winning the Junior Supporters' accolade. Age holds no barriers for David who still bamboozles defences with his tricky footwork, he also has a lethal left foot.



DARREN SHERIDAN (att)

Darren joined Latics from the other Lancashire Latics of Wigan during 2001 and immediately made himself at home at Boundary Park with goals against Manchester City and Blackpool. The tigerish midfielder player is one of the game's great battlers and when the going gets tough you can find Darren at the forefront.

CARLO CORAZZIN (att)

Canadian international with Italian roots, Carlo joined Athletic from Northampton Town ahead of season 2000/01. A veteran of over 300 League games and 100 goals, Carlo has represented his

country more than 60 times, scoring 10 goals. He is a very dangerous player in and around the box.

JOHN EYRES (att)

John started his career at Boundary Park where he made 10 appearances scoring one goal before moving on to Scunthorpe United for a £40,000 fee in 1994. Having made 173 appearances and scoring 51 times for The Irons John left for Hull City, his home town club in a £70,000 transfer, where he scored 13 times in 50 games before re-joining the Latics under the Bosman Ruling.

JOSH LOW (att)

Very tricky, pacy right-winger whose career started at Bristol Rovers where he made 22 appearances. Moved to Leyton Orient in the 1999/00 season where he unfortunately could not settle and after making only five appearances for the O's, Josh moved on to join Cardiff City. Josh's scintillating form for the Bluebirds earned him rave reviews and attracted interest from Bolton and Reading, but the Latics moved in August to secure his services on a two year contract.



Very experienced ex-Ajax, Groningen, RKC and Willem II striker. Clyde scored 35 goals in the Dutch League before joining Leeds United for £1.8million in 1998. Found the net three times in 18 games for the white rose outfit before moving on to Huddersfield Town where he made 62 appearances scoring 16 times. Also had a short spell with Preston North End where he scored three goals in six games. Now on the comeback trail after suffering an horrific car accident. The Latics were the first to step in to sign the exciting Surinam-born striker.

AND THE REST...

Gary Kelly, Dean Holden, Shaun Garnett, Lee Duxbury, Paul Murray, John Sheridan, David Reeves, Wayne Andrews, David Miskelly, Michael Clegg, Craig Dudley, Danny Boshell, Ben Smith, Will Haining, Chris Killen, Wayne Gill, Adam Griffin, Tom Whittle, Lourenco, Tony Carss, Chris Armstrong.



CLASSIC DERBIES REVISITED

Since the birth of the first professional league over seventy years ago two teams have dominated Argentinian football. Together they account for over 50% of the country's entire footballing fan base, and together they share a rivalry unequalled in the rest of the country. The "Superclasico" as it is known in Argentina, the derby of all derbies. Rich versus poor. 'The millionaires' vs the 'People's team'.

A rivalry (that resulted in the country's entire stock of Juventus shirts being sold out to Boca fans when River flew to Tokyo for the Toyota Cup against Juve) finds its roots deep in the working-class area of Buenos Aires. Both clubs were formed in the working-class district of La Boca in the south of the city, and it was here that the rivalry began to take shape. A division emerged between those that became


increasingly rich and those that became increasingly poor, the more affluent members of the district favouring River and the poorer classes supporting Boca. In the amateur league of 1913 the two teams and their sets of fans clashed for the first time. In a baptism of fire that saw the red and white flags of River, and the blue and yellow flags of Boca burned to the ground, the tone was set for a century of bitter rivalry.

In 1938 River Plate moved to Barrio Norte, an area in which the members of the Buenos Aires high society had begun to build their mansion houses, and the distinction based on wealth between the two clubs was complete. From then on the River fans became immortalised as 'los millonarios' (the millionaires!) a team for the upper tier of Argentinian society. In stark contrast, Boca Juniors, remaining at the

place of their humble roots, became known as the 'People's team', a team for whom football is not just a game, but love itself.

With 29 league titles to their name River Plate are the more successful of the two sides. Together with Boca Juniors they dominated the league in the 1930's. The 1940's and 50's saw the domination of a side that many River Plate fans consider to have been the finest ever to wear the famous red and white shirts. Angel Labruna was Boca's tormentor in chief scoring 16 goals against Boca Juniors alone and guiding them to 10 league titles.

Having dominated the Argentinian game for the past two decades, the next twenty years were not to prove so rewarding with the championship remaining an elusive prize until the arrival of Angel Labruna (former star forward) as coach in the mid



TOWN SUPPORTERS MAY BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FORTHCOMING DERBY WITH BRISTOL CITY, BUT IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE ARGENTINIAN CLASH BETWEEN BOCA JUNIORS AND RIVER PLATE, AS BEN LEACH EXPLAINS. OVER TO BEN...

The Boca fans celebrate.

1970's. During this time Boca dominated, competition being largely provided by Independiente. Players such as Silvio Marzolini, and the goalkeeping great Hugo Gatti, who curiously enough played for both Boca and River, and somehow managed to remain adored by both sets of fans, helped to keep Boca at the top. Despite River Plate's barren twenty or so years the club did not exactly fade into obscurity, with seven finishes as runners-up in the league, whilst in 1966 they made it to the finals of the Copa Libertadores, eventually losing to Penarol of Brazil.

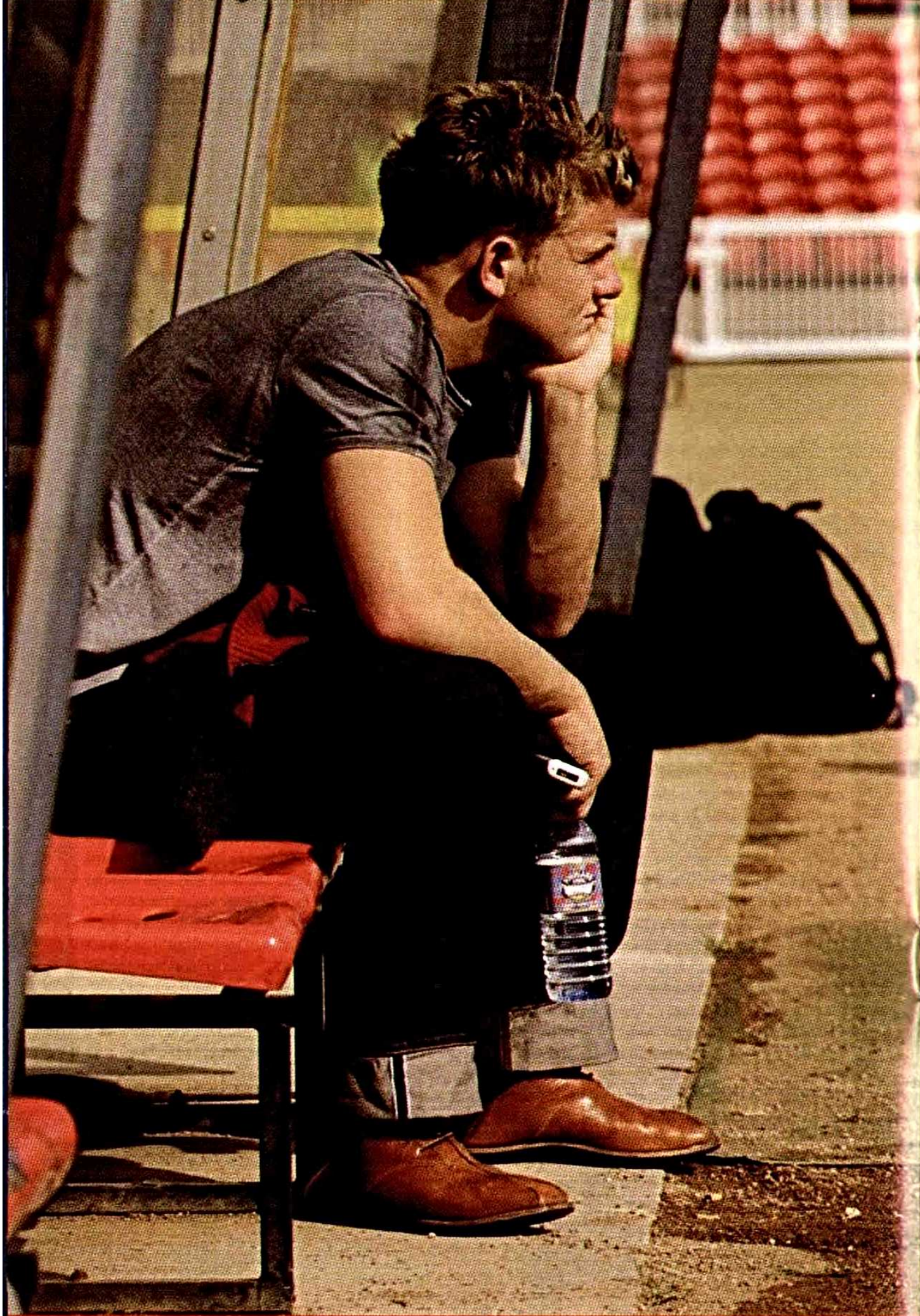
The appointment of Labruna as manager restored River Plate to its winning ways, and to the dominion it had previously held over Argentinian football. After an 18-year gap the title returned to the Monumental stadium, with River Plate celebrating their

fourteenth league success. Further league championships were lifted in 1979, 1980 and 1986 to set the club up for its first success in the international club competitions that their compatriots had done so well in during River's empty years of the 1960's and 1970's. In 1986, they lifted the Copa Libertadores for the first time in their history, beating the Colombian side America Cali 3-1 on aggregate.

Despite the success of River during this period there was something of Boca's that they desperately wanted. Something for which they yearned and lamented and yet would never touch. Indisputably, the late 1970's and early 1980's was the time of Boca Juniors. More specifically, it was the time of the greatest footballer to have ever walked upon the surface of the earth. This was the era of Diego Maradona and he belonged to Boca Juniors with his heart

and soul. Although he graced the Argentinian league for only a few years he made an impact that has never been rivalled. Maradona took his side to successive cup and championship trophies. Then he left for Spain. River Plate resumed where they had left off. In 1986 they won the Copa Libertadores and travelled to Tokyo to take on Europe's top side in the World Club Championships. There they defeated Steaua Bucharest to become the official 'best club team in the world'.

Since then their success has been consistent. It follows the River Boca pattern. One title to River two to Boca, two titles to River, one to Boca, and so on and so forth. The achievement of River Plate for all the wealth that it possesses and for all the trophies that it may have won could never match that of Boca Juniors for one simple reason. They had Maradona.



JIM'LL FIX IT!

JIMMY DAVIS WILL BE HOPING TO 'FIX' TOWN'S RECENT RUN OF FORM SHOULD HE RETURN TO THE SIDE TODAY AS HE TELLS NICK JUDD.

Jimmy Davis, it has to be said, has very little in common with Jimmy Saville. Such is the demands of the modern game that we all love that he certainly doesn't smoke any cigars and whilst he may be fit – he's no marathon runner. And whilst our favourite winger might also play for the richest club in the world, he certainly doesn't wear any gold chains around his neck.

Yet whilst Mr Saville may help hundreds of people in their hour of need, Jimmy Davis will be hoping to do the same this afternoon by helping Swindon Town to their second win in ten games and in doing so, end a dismal run that has seen Town slip dramatically from top spot to bottom four.

It won't be easy. Firstly, it is not yet official whether or not the diminutive winger is set to start this afternoon – the youngster hoping to banish an injury (sustained by colliding with Eric Sabin would you believe?) that has kept him out of the side since the Worthington Cup defeat against Wycombe. Not only that, but today's visitors are on something of a high, third place in the league to be exact.

"It will be a difficult game for us, we are not exactly high in confidence at the moment. But that said, we have shown at times this year that we are better than our current form suggests and so it's up to all of us to try and go out there and play like we know we can. The lads should take confidence from the fact that we won our last home game comfortably and not dwell too much on last week's performance at Luton. But yeah, Oldham will be a tough side to beat, they're flying at the moment but as we found when we were up there, you can so easily be beaten when you least expect it."

And if anyone should know about this afternoon's visitors it's Jimmy who, for a number of years now, has played football in the Lancashire area – Oldham perpetually having to live in the shadow of their great neighbours, Manchester United. In fact, the last time Oldham played United in a competitive league fixture was 1993/94, the season the Latics (and ourselves, as if you needed reminding) fell through the relegation trap door from the nation's top flight to division One. United, since then have gone on from strength to strength, establishing themselves as one of the most consistent and successful teams in the world. Amazing to think then, that one of our current players is a part of that.

"They are a huge club. I was only 14 when I first joined them and as you can imagine, I was a little bit overawed by it all! But I've been there for a while, I'd like to think I've grown up a bit and there's more to life than just being at a big club. At Swindon I've played first team football and there is no substitute for that. But when you are training with players like Giggs and Co – you are going to enjoy yourself and it has certainly improved me as a player."

But simply playing for United's reserves doesn't quite present enough of a challenge for our Jimmy. Davis, who came to the County Ground with the blessing of Sir Alex Ferguson, has wowed the Old Trafford management team for a number of years with his performances in the club's youth set up and reserve team. That's not that impressive I hear you say, yet when you consider that Beckham, Giggs, Scholes, the Neville Brothers and Nicky Butt have all emulated from that very same youth set up, then it makes you wonder just what lies ahead for Town's short-term star. And Davis has good reason to be confident, his performances for England's



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under 20s proved that he has the potential to become a fantastic player and in his brief stint at the County Ground, his performances and work rate have belied his years – a combination of power and pace proving too much for a number of sides so far. Yet he is also realistic. The rigours of Division Two hardly compare to the pressures of Premiership football and, like Johnny Jackson, there are one or two 'more established' names blocking his path.

"I am under no illusions. I have been playing reserve football for some time and to be honest, such is United's squad that I can't see myself playing first team football in the foreseeable future. The endless stream of youngsters going into the squad seems to have slowed and the prospects aren't great. But I believe in my ability and should the opportunity ever arise, I will be ready and willing to step in and do the best I can.

"To be honest, I am absolutely loving it here at Swindon and I'd like to stay for as long as possible. I love the club, the lads have been great and Andy King has given me what I've dreamed of, first team football."

Whatever the future holds for Jim, I am sure we'll see him grace our television screens in the future at some level. Yet whilst he remains in Wiltshire, his immediate task is to not only recover from a frustrating injury, but also help his current team-mates out of a depressing problem. Should Davis play today, it will be down to his hard work off the field. Having picked up the injury, Davis has worked tirelessly to get himself fit, something that Physio Dick Mackey attributed to the 'Manchester United ethic'.

"It is so frustrating having to watch from the sidelines. Watching the lads when perhaps they're not playing quite as well as they have done and not being able to do anything about it is so frustrating and it spurs you on to get back in the team. With that said, watching them play against Northampton was a buzz because you could tell they were enjoying it. Hopefully they can do the same against Oldham and that this time, I'll be a part of it."

Town's current predicament is confusing, not least for Andy King who has seen a

'Jekyll and Hyde' performance from his team so far this season. For the first five or six games, results apart, Town looked capable of beating any team in the division whilst more recently, defeats against Cheltenham and Luton have suggested that we're perhaps not as good as we thought we were. So just what has gone wrong?

"It's difficult to put your finger on it, although I think at times we are to desperate to get a goal and as a result, we play the long ball when we should really be getting it on the floor. I'm not too worried about our form. Ok it's not ideal, but we are capable of so much more and all it will take to get us back to that level is a win or two under our belts."

A win today would certainly lift Town away from the bottom four, not a position that Davis is accustomed to with United. A win next Saturday too would certainly raise confidence amongst the Swindon masses, whilst also unnerving a couple of sides that may think there in for an easy game when they face The Robins in the next few weeks. Let's keep our fingers crossed!



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DIV2 REVIEW



RIFT IN THE CAMP?



QPR manager, Ian Holloway, has laughed off suggestions that team-mates Clarke Carlisle and Richard Langley are at loggerheads. The duo had a heated exchange during Saturday's victory against Colchester as QPR maintained their promotion challenge, but Holloway was quick to play down the incident. He said, "They're the best of buddies. Someone was unmarked and Richard thought that was down to Clarke, but Clarke was picking up somebody else. They had a bit of a bust-up - what's wrong with that? That just goes to show the determination in the team. It doesn't matter to me if they do that as long as they are friends afterwards, which they are. They want to win and they've got passion. It's about time we had a team of players with that kind of passion. My team are showing passion, the fans are showing passion with the noise they're making, and that's how I want it."



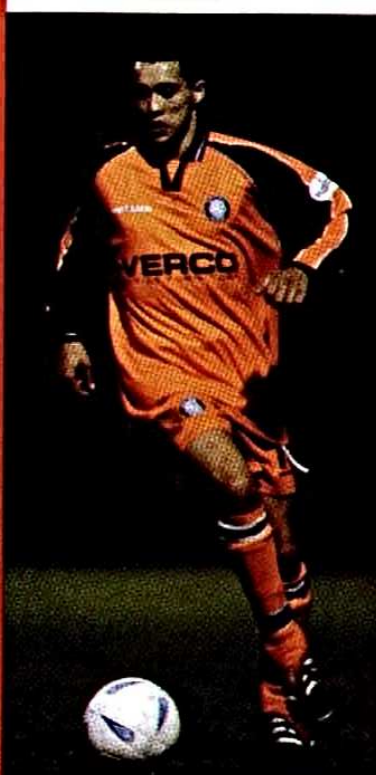
JONES IN ROVERS RETURN



Tranmere Rovers have re-signed striker Gary Jones from Nottingham Forest on a free transfer. The 27-year-old forward left Prenton Park just over two years ago after making almost 180 League appearances for the club. However, Jones has struggled at the City Ground and after scoring just one goal in 31 League appearances during his first season at Forest, he found himself restricted to only five appearances for Paul Hart's side last season. "Jones, who has signed a three-year deal at the Nationwide Division Two club, has already spent a month on loan at Tranmere this season, starring in six matches. "It's great news that Gary has signed a permanent deal," Tranmere boss Ray Mathias told the club's official website. "I feel we've got a first division player who has great strengths and has a physical presence in the midfield."



RETURN OF THE MAC



McSporran and Gavin Holligan are set to resume training next week after missing the whole of the season so far through injury. The strike pair have been sidelined by a cruciate ligament and a knee injury respectively, but both are poised to boost the Chairboys squad in the next week or two. McSporran told the Bucks Free Press: "It's a big step closer. When you start running again you feel you are getting somewhere and I can't wait to get back into it. It's still going to take some time but it's a step in the right direction." Former West Ham youngster Holligan added: "I'm just looking forward to getting myself fit again. I'm going to be hungrier than ever and hopefully I can get back by December."



WHITEHEAD SPOT ON



Tranmere Rovers have signed Reading 'keeper, Phil Whitehead, on a month's loan, with John Achterberg and Keith Welch both out through injury. Achterberg suffered a blow to the head against Wigan, while Welch has a dislocated shoulder, leaving boss Ray Mathias with just veteran Eric Nixon as a senior keeper. The arrival of Whitehead comes with the Royals star relegated to the bench by the arrival of Marcus Hahnemann at the Madejski Stadium. Whitehead, 32, has been with Reading for three years following a £250,000 switch from West Brom. He had previously had spells with Oxford United, Barnsley and Halifax Town and he has been a thorn in Swindon's side for two years, pulling off some remarkable saves in the encounters between the two teams.

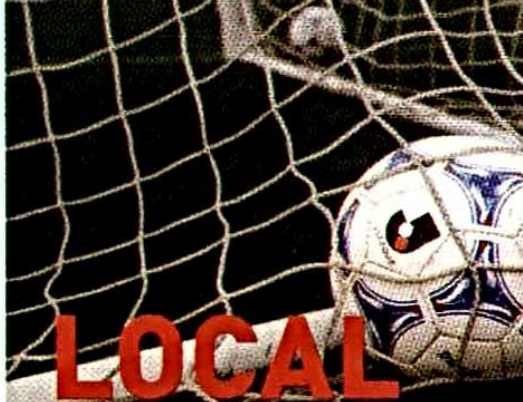


BOOTH TAKES TURN FOR WORSE



Huddersfield Town's poor start to the season has taken another turn for the worse with the news that key striker Andy Booth will be out of action for two weeks.

The 28-year-old forward picked up a hamstring injury in the clubs' 4-0 defeat against today's visitors last Saturday. The defeat plunged Huddersfield into the Nationwide Division Two relegation zone and they have netted just five goals in their opening 11 Nationwide Division Two games. Terriers boss Mick Wadsworth is keen to bring a striker to the McAlpine Stadium on loan this week to cover for Booth's absence.



LOCAL

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FORMER SWINDON MIDFIELDER, TOM JONES, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW PLAYER-MANAGER AT SWINDON SUPERMARINE FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF JOHN MURPHY LAST WEEKEND.

Alan McDonald has been named as Jones's assistant, whilst Paul Bodin, another former Swindon player, will take a prominent coaching role.

Tom Jones enjoyed an illustrious playing career, his time at the County Ground sandwiched by spells at Aberdeen and Reading and his main task is to lift Supermarine off the bottom of the table with the game against Gresley today. Jones said, "It is something I have wanted to do for a long time, and now the time is right. I won't be making massive changes because I haven't got the resources, but I will be looking to change the style of play to a shorter passing game."

Jones becomes Marine's third manager inside 12 months following the departures of Murphy and our very own Clive Maguire.



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THIS WEEK DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO THE PREMIERSHIP IN 1993 WHEN TOWN MADE THE LONG TREK NORTH IN AN EFFORT TO TRY AND CATCH OLDHAM IN THE LEAGUE.

When Swindon reached the last eight of the FA Cup in season 1923/24, their victims in the Second Round were Oldham who were defeated 2-0 at the County Ground in front of a crowd of over 22,000. The most recent FA Cup match between the sides was on February 12 1996 when Martin Ling's second half goal gave Swindon a 1-0 win in the Fourth Round clash. The highest aggregate score in a match between the two sides came in 1966/67 when a Don Rogers hat trick helped Swindon to a 6-3 victory at the County Ground in a Third Division match.

Today's feature match took place on the December 7 1993 during Swindon's only Premiership season. Swindon were four points adrift at the foot of the table, but Oldham, with just 15 points, were only three places higher and although the season was less than half way through the game was labelled by many as a 'six-pointer'. The game, not surprisingly considering its importance, was fiercely

contested and less than three Swindon players were booked in the first half. These did not include Terry Fenwick however, that despite the former Tottenham defender recklessly challenging Neil Pointon, who was subsequently carried off. Kevin Horlock conceded his third foul in the twelfth minute thus earning him a booking. But worse still for Town was that the challenge led to a free kick on the right touchline which Rick Holden curled into the Swindon net.

Swindon's best effort in the first half was a curling right wing corner by Bodin that hit the side netting and the Latics might have increased their lead just before half time. Fraser Digby came to Town's rescue diving at Craig Fleming's feet before turning an effort from Graham Sharp round the post for a corner.

Nine minutes into the second half, Oldham were unlucky when Sharpe's volley rebounded from the bar and the same fate befell Andy Mutch's header from a cross by

Paul Bodin at the other end. Seven minutes later and it was Mutch with a header that brought Town level when he netted following a left wing cross by Horlock. Swindon fans were counting down the minutes and a good save by Digby must have given them the feeling that perhaps this was the night that they could at least celebrate a point. Unfortunately it was not to be. Although the resulting corner was cleared to the edge of the area Steve Redmond pounced to drive home the rebound which gave Joe Royle's team a 2-1 victory. By the season's end it was to prove a hollow victory for Oldham who, like Swindon, were relegated.

Oldham: Walsh, Fleming, Pointon (Pedersen 35), Hale, Jobson, Redmond, Milligan, Bernard, Holden, Sharp & McCarthy (Ritchie 22).

Swindon: Digby, Fenwick, Whitbread, Taylor, Horlock, Summerbee, Nijholt, Moncur, Bodin, Scott & Mutch.
Attendance: 9,771



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WEMBLEY, ROY KEANE AND MARK HUGHES ALL GRAB THE ATTENTION OF FOURFOUR TWO'S MARK HANRAHAN THIS WEEK.

So it seems that football is once again 'coming home'! No we have not nailed another major Championship for these shores. We do however find ourselves 'welcoming' the news of a deal finally being struck for the complete redevelopment of the old Wembley. Now I'm caught in two minds here. Sadly I was not even a twinkle in my old mans eye when a Don Rogers brace led us to Wembley glory back in 1969. However I was very much present and correct at our two recent triumphs over Sunderland and Leicester – and what amazing days they were! So, on hearing that the Football Association had secured the finance deal worth in excess of £750 million I was caught with mixed emotions.

On an international front, I've grown quite partial to the FA 'bringing the England team to the people'. On one hand, Wembley was always a fabulous cauldron of noise and atmosphere whenever we took on the world superpowers of Germany, Brazil, Spain, Argentina, France and Italy. However, when facing traditional second-tier

nations, i.e. Poland, Turkey, Nigeria, Chile etc. something was always missing – usually about twenty thousand paying customers! Playing international friendlies at a packed Old Trafford, Anfield, Villa or St. James Park (not to mention more recent fixtures at the impressive Pride Park and St. Mary's Stadium) has been – in atmosphere terms alone – a massive success. The results too have been encouraging as Sven Goran Eriksson continues his revolution of England's international setup. So why bother with a new stadium at all? Surely there's more pressing priorities at the games grass roots that deserve looking at?

This coin does have a flip side. This particular town fan maintains cherished memories of ticker-tape receptions, Alan McLaughlin's contorted scream and clenched fist salute, Glenn Hoddle's elegant curled finish, Shaun Taylor's brave header and familiar arm-aloft celebration, not to mention Craig Maskell's bemused excitement after drilling home off the far post etc. etc. (oh come on, indulge me will you!).

On these memories alone, a little voice somewhere at the back of my mind tells me we really do need a national stadium. Somewhere that captures the imagination of each and every supporter in the land, giving them a spectacular canvass on which their memories will be etched and recalled at will. The rather less dreamy concern however is at what cost do such memories come? With the current government's track record on major landmark projects (see the vastly over-budget Millennium Dome) we the fans (as well as voters and taxpayers) have every right to fear another white elephant. £750 million-plus seems like an awful lot of money for a single stadium, especially when us fans have grown used to casting ever-envious eyes towards Cardiff's impressive, roof-retracting arena. The Welsh erected the Millennium Stadium at a fraction of the cost set-aside for the new Wembley (complete with its proposed 'triumphant' arch), the football – and athletic – supporting public will demand nothing else but perfection in bricks and mortar!

How many players do you know that could sign for a club and become an immediate fan's favorite before kicking a ball? South-East London has opened its arms to controversial former Leicester City midfielder Dennis Wise. Wise, who has penned an 18-month contract at the New Den was recently sacked by Leicester for breaking Foxes team mate Callum Davidson's cheekbone during a row over a game of poker.

Millwall have struggled to recapture the form that took them to the play-offs last season and Mark McGhee snapped-up Wise to inject some much needed stability and experience to his midfield. Indeed, Wise excelled on his 3-2 winning debut at Coventry. Somewhat characteristically, Wise managed to find his way into the referees notebook - after just 90 seconds - welcome to the Nationwide, Dennis!

Joining him at the New Den is Southampton's former £7 million pound man Kevin Davies who has struggled with form and fitness since returning to the South coast following a disastrous spell at Blackburn Rovers. Mark McGhee will be hoping that two goals in his first three starts (including one at Highfield Road) will not prompt a recall to Gordon Strachan's misfiring Saints front-line.

A Nationwide manager under increasing pressure as I write is Brighton's Martin Hinshelwood. Seagull's chairman Dick Knight has apparently given Hinshelwood just ten games to prove his worth. Nine defeats down, one to go? The writing appears to be on the wall.

However, returning goal ace Bobby Zamora may yet offer a lifeline. Zamora, whose goals made him a central figure in Brighton's surge up the table, showed no signs of fatigue whilst notching on his return in the 1-2 defeat against fellow

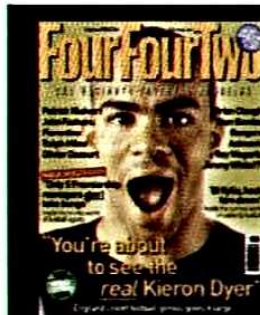


strugglers Grimsby Town.

Finally, autobiographical extraordinaire and the Emerald Isle's own maestro of the 'whole-hearted' challenge Roy Keane has jotted another chapter to his developing catalogue of controversies. It seems Keane's Norwegian nemesis Alf-Inge Haaland and the Irish firebrand could be brought together in a court-of-law earlier than first thought - and in the most bizarre of circumstances. Keane is contesting two charges of bringing the game into disrepute.

Both charges relate to challenges on Haaland in the Manchester derby at Old Trafford, April 21st 2001 (the separate charges relating to comments in Keane's recent autobiography are subject to additional FA action). Keane intends to use comments made on Haaland's official web site just after the match to clear his name.

Amazingly, Haaland himself will therefore be required to attend the hearing in-person later this month as a key witness in Keane's battle to clear his name!



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Please check with your headmasters that they have sent in your school's application form - the closing date is fast approaching!

Also coming up is the Girl's Adidas Predator Competition at Greendown School. This applies to girls that play in the under 13 age group and this will also be from 4.00pm-6.00pm.

Remember, both finals will be staged here at the club on the County Ground pitch (pictured above is last year's final on the hallowed turf).

Half term is fast approaching and on the 22, 23 and 24th of October we are on our travels to Uffington to run another course. It is hoped that we can convert some of the Oxford fans into Swindon fans while we're there!

Finally, for our course here at the club (29,30 and 31st October) we have very limited spaces left. If you haven't sent in your application form already, then get them in to us straight away to avoid disappointment.

Bye for now
Clive, Luke and Jono



SHARPY'S BIT

The last few weeks have been pretty busy to say the least. The main event was a charity match which took place on the pitch here at the County Ground last Wednesday. This was between Swindon's staff team and Swindon Asians, with the Asian side looking to raise money in aid of Indu Bharaj who sadly passed away last February. Town's staff team included former players Phil King and Paul Bodin and we eventually ran out 6-2 winners in the end. Jon Holloway (3), Dan Prescott, Sam Collier and Jeremy Newton. Team manager Neil Ruddock said that he was "pleased to continue the team's unbeaten run." The game was played in a great spirit with over 200 people watching. In all we raised about £500 and a great evening was had by all.



THEM AND US



John was born in Bebington in October 1960 where regular readers might remember Ken Beamish had been born 13 years previously. Like Beamish, Kelly's first League club was Tranmere Rovers. After more than 60 Division Two appearances, winger John moved on to Preston in October 1981 where he stayed for three seasons, all spent in mid-table of Division Three. This was a period which saw John Kelly produce his most prolific goal scoring run (27 goals) during his most stable clubmanship (130 games) so it can't have seemed an upward step when he travelled to Chester of Division Four in August 1985.

However, Chester took second place in

Division Four in 1985/86 and Kelly chalked up 43 games as City gained promotion to the Third, finishing a mere 18 points behind champions Swindon Town. Whatever John did that year might have impressed Lou Macari, because in June 1987, and with Swindon newly crowned Division Three play-off winners, Kelly moved to the County Ground. Now it's been said before that Lou sometimes appeared to change his mind about a player soon after signing him, and Kelly was to make few appearances at Swindon. Starting the first three games of the season, a spell which produced two wins and a goal in the win at West Brom, Kelly was then on the bench four times. In October after a ludicrously short three

months of the season, Kelly moved on to Oldham, coincidentally the opposition in his last appearance in a Town shirt.

Kelly seems to have settled better at Boundary Park and in excess of 50 games followed, but in August 1989 John moved on to Walsall, destined to finish bottom of Division Three in 1990. Ten games were played on loan at Huddersfield before John Kelly called a halt to his professional career.

The 'other winger called Don' to win a League Cup winners medal in 1969, Don Heath was born in Stockton on Boxing Day 1944. An initial spell at Middlesbrough didn't bring a League

THERE AREN'T MANY PLAYERS TO HAVE MADE THE MOVE FROM SWINDON TO OLDHAM AND VICE VERSA, SAM PARKING PERHAPS THE MOST RECENT. IN FACT, I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY. THANKFULLY DAVE WALLIS WAS ON HAND TO HELP US OUT AND THIS WEEK, HE FEATURES JOHN KELLY AND DON HEATH.

Sam Parkin

start and move to Carrow Road, Norwich in July 1964 was necessary to produce his first appearance.

Don spent three years in Norfolk where he played in 92 League games during which City occupied a mid-table, Second Division berth. 15 of Don's 25 career goals came in those three seasons and with his move to Swindon taking place in September 1967 Don settled in straight away at the County Ground, taking to the field on 33 occasions and effectively making the number seven shirt his own. In 1968/69 Don clocked up another 38 League games and added all 12 League Cup matches which took Town to, and inclusive of, Wembley. Promotion

to the Second Division of course was also achieved at the end of that season and 1969/70 saw Don help Town consolidate their new seniority with another 17 games, but by Christmas of that season he could no longer rely on a first team shirt. Manager Fred Ford had taken to giving diminutive play-maker John Smith the number seven shirt, and in the summer of 1970 and after 88 Swindon League games, Don Heath became an Oldham player.

By journeying to Boundary Park, he dropped down two divisions but 1970-71 brought a promotion spot and Athletic were in the Third. Don was at Oldham for

two years where he appeared 45 times and with his club again holding that newly elevated status he moved on once more, this time to Peterborough. This was another drop into the bottom division and a year and 44 League appearances for Posh brought the club perilously close to a re-election spot. Making one last career move, Don moved up to Hartlepool, the only team to finish below 'Boro. At the end of 1973/74, Peterborough were champions, Hartlepool were mid-table and Don had retired. For a player whose name appeared so little on the score sheet, Don managed to produce at least a goal for each of the five clubs for which he made League appearances.

Today sees one of the most eagerly awaited contests at the County Ground in many, many years. I'm not talking about the visit of Oldham Athletic, rather the appearance of the Latics' mascot Chaddy the Owl.

Having watched a report on the Mascot Grand National, it is clear that Rockin' Robin would have beaten his Oldham counterpart had it not been for a blatant trip by one of the other competitors. It was also good to see Rockin' putting Oxford United's mascot in his place.

I thought I would start with something light-hearted because if I'd started with the football, I'd be reaching for the pills or the razor blades by now. After the win over Northampton it looked as though we had finally emerged from our dreadful slump. Sadly, our performance at Luton was simply appalling. We never looked like getting a result at Kenilworth Road and played like virtual strangers. The supporters who made the trip to Bedfordshire deserved far better than the 90 minutes they had to endure. The worst aspect of the day was seeing Sol Davis' beaming grin at full time. I don't think I've ever seen him smile that much before. And where did he learn to do overhead kicks? Still, football has an unnerving ability to throw up surprises when you least expect it. A glance at Oldham Athletic's away record does not do much to inspire confidence. The Latics have won three and drawn two of their five away games. I doubt too many bets are being placed on a home win but the fact is that the Latics have to lose some time. It's not as if they are Arsenal. Let's hope the lads are fired up and, with your vocal support, we can make it a long and miserable journey home for Oldham.

While the first team struggle to make a Second Division impression, take some heart from the performances and



JON RITSON



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results of the club's youth sides. The Under 17s and Under 19s are flying in their respective leagues and the hope is that it won't be too long before several new faces start knocking on the first team door.

Since we last met, we have had the excitement of the LDV Vans Trophy draw. A home game with Southend is hardly likely to get pulses racing but however maligned the competition, it

is worth winning. Frustration levels are rising but whatever your views on the manager, it does no good to start getting on the backs of players. They are hardly brimming with confidence and a bad atmosphere is not going to inspire them to victory.

Anyway, that's about it until we meet up again next week for the visit of Colchester United, don't forget to buy your copy of 'The Adver' on Monday.

It's all in the mind. That's what Stuart Pearce would have you think when it comes to pressure points in games. Is there any greater pressure than making the walk from the centre circle to 12 yards ahead of goal, to take a penalty that may help England get through to the World Cup final? Pearce himself admits that had he scored in Turin twelve years ago, then Waddle would not have found it as easy as he did to put the ball into orbit! Would Pearce or Waddle have been helped if a psychologist had helped them ahead of this game?

Sports psychology has become an important part of sport especially at International level. Many top class football teams now have sports psychologists on their payroll. Middlesbrough's assistant manager Bill Beswick, is a qualified sports psychologist and has assisted with the England football set-up at Under-21s level as well as Alex Ferguson at Man Utd - and taken the England basketball team to the Olympics. In fact, he's the most senior Sports Psychologist in UK sport. As always the USA are ahead of us as the American Olympic Athletics team have been making use of mind-mapping and visualisation of goals for decades.

The first person I remember talking about mind games here in the UK is one hundred metre sprinter, Linford Christie. He used a technique that meant he pictured his race consisting of a tunnel with high walls, so as he could not see his opposition, and he could see the finish line. It seemed to have worked as he went on to be one of the world's greatest, but then he was a tremendously talented athlete anyway!

Would psychology help in every instance in all sports? Would a psychologist really have helped Pearce in Italy, or Southgate at



Sam Torrance tees off from the 10th.

Torrance with the Ryder Cup

HELEN WINGROVE



BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND

Wembley in 1996? Would it help me when I'm tee'ing up on the first hole at Broome Manor? Not sure if anything could help my golf game! I think a psychologist might help those playing with/or behind me.

And the Ryder Cup last weekend, do

you really think Europe are better golfers than the USA? Perhaps it was the fact they got their self-belief, confidence and motivation right for the week. They won that game first and foremost, and then the Ryder Cup victory was inevitable.

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Robins Revival Draw

The latest winner of the half-time draw is Eva Hutchings from Aldbourne, who won £267 during the game against Northampton.

Eva promptly then made a donation to the supporters club general funds from her winnings and we would like to recognise, and thank Eva, for this generous gesture. Do please help us by participating in today's draw and don't forget -you can also join by subscription to ensure you are in the draw even if you cannot come to every match.

Donations

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to support Swindon's club physio, Dick Mackey, with a donation of £250. It is hoped that this money will go some way to helping Dick order a piece of medical equipment.

Disabled Group

Swindon Town's disabled group are holding their next meeting in the Winners Lounge on October 14, starting at 7.30pm.

It is hoped that the guest for the evening will be none other than Eric Sabin, Town's centre forward.

Away travel

Available to all supporters, the away travel group offers significant discounts for supporters club members.

In fact, you can save enough on fares from around three games to cover your membership cost. Pick up points include Wootton Bassett, West Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and of course, the County Ground. Please ensure that whenever you travel you book as early as possible and should you need an alternative pick up point to

those listed, then please ask when booking to see if it can be accommodated.

Membership

Membership enquiries are still welcome and full details can be found on this page.

We are really trying to encourage younger members as 'junior robins', who enjoy special concessions and often reciprocal arrangements when travelling to some away matches. For more details turn to page 53.

Write to us C/O The County Ground, Visit our web site at www.go.to/swindontown Membership enquiries telephone 01225 866012

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On September 12 TrustSTFC representatives attended the Annual Supporters Direct Conference.

For those of you who may not know, Supporters Direct are a government sponsored agency that assists in the setting up and maintaining of Supporters Trusts. The conference was addressed by a number of speakers, including Tessa Jowell MP, Professor Derek Fraser (Chair of The independent Football Commission) Malcom Clarke (Co-Chair The Football Supporters Federation) and Billy Bragg.

Professor Derek Fraser explained the role of the Independent Football Commission (IFC). The IFC was set up as part of the recommendations of the Football Task Force. It is there to scrutinise and audit the football authorities and clubs primarily for supporters as the commercial customers of the game. The IFC has now set up an arbitration complaints procedure which fans can use if they feel that their complaints have not been concluded satisfactorily. The IFC

have produced a leaflet to explain the full complaints procedure, and these have been distributed to all football clubs. We also had an introduction to the new supporters group, the Football Supporters Federation, which merges the two previous organisations into one. The FSF will be holding 'The Football Fans' Parliament 2002' on Sunday October 13, at the NEC in Birmingham. It is open to all supporters and the entrance is free. You can register to take part on the FSF web site, www.fsf.org.uk.

Whilst we were at the conference the news came through that the BNP had sponsored a team in the West Midlands. Eventually the football authorities stopped this, but it does highlight a huge problem facing the game. The evil that the BNP represents must be countered at all costs. There will be another 'Kick it out campaign' next month. Racism is not just confined to issues of just the colour of someone's skin. We have faced the abhorrent sight of sectarian chanting from a small section of Swindon supporters.

This coincided with a visit of a group of Swindon fans from Belfast. For these Swindon fans it was met with incredulity and on behalf of all right minded Swindon fans I would like to send our heartfelt apologies to the Belfast supporters. If anyone hears these chants from these so called Swindon 'fans', please report them to the club. These people have no place supporting the club we love.

Finally the conference presented the awards for the Trust of the Year. The highly commended prizes went to; **Swansea City**, who helped save their club and also faced down the BNP, **York City**, who helped save their club, now own 25% of the club and have 25% of the board places, **Enfield Town**, who started their club again after it was ran into the ground. The 2002 Trust of the Year went to **The Dons Trust**, for setting up AFC Wimbledon.

If you wish to find out more information on anything mentioned in this article, please come and talk to the Trust at our office.

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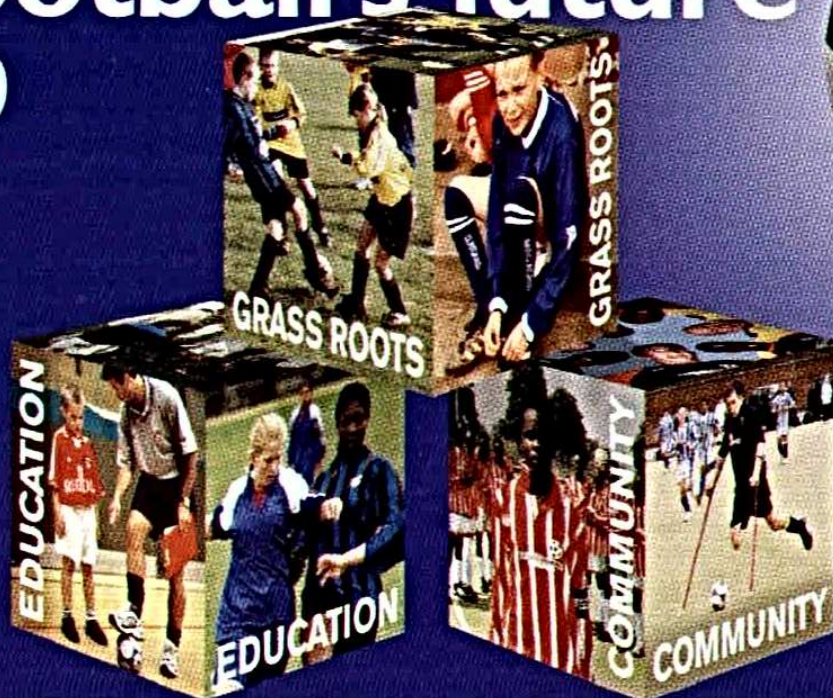
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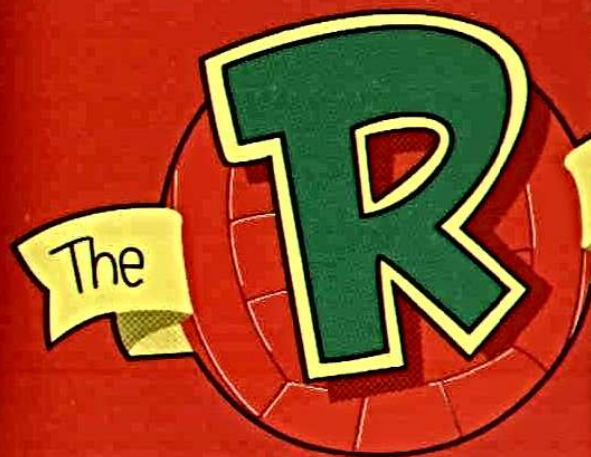
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**GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF
OUR JUNIOR ROBINS AND
WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH.**

JUNIOR ROBINS

Good afternoon to all of our Junior Robins and welcome to today's match against Oldham.

Before we go any further, may I apologise to little Lizzy Skeates, aged five, for getting her name wrong in our last programme notes, and also to her Dad for calling him 'elderly' – sorry about that Phil, we hope you're feeling much better.

Our Junior Robins membership, you'll be pleased to hear, is on the increase but as ever – we need all of you out there to come and join us. £3 is all you need to become a Junior Robin, a very small amount to pay for the advantages you receive. For example, we have reciprocal matchday tickets for the Bristol City game on Saturday October 19 (including a number of adult tickets) which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you are travelling to Bristol but not with the travel club, then please get in touch with George on 01672 520679, and he will arrange to meet you to give you your tickets when you get to Ashton Gate. Who knows, we may even get enough of you to come that we get our own coach!

We've noticed walking around the Town that there are more and more Arsenal, Tottenham, Liverpool and Manchester United shirts than Swindon ones. It's nice to be interested in all the big clubs, but surely it would be better to come along and support your local team? They need all the support they can get at the moment...

Bye for now
George Chadwick



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG


SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN ROBIN, THE COUNTY GROUND,
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Rocky,

I've lost all my credibility – what am I to do. The whole world and masses of Birmingham City fans saw the ball trickle past me into the goal, and replays from all angles showed me up on the news for days – tell me how I can avoid this sort of embarrassment again – please!!!

Peter Enckelgoon, Aston Villain

Peter,


As a fellow professional I have nothing (chortle) but sympathy for you (guffaw), my heart went out to you – honest. The answer – Big Boots. If you wore the Robin Super Boots as modelled by Yours Truly you would not be in the state you are in now. A size 43 would have meant you would have been that much closer to controlling the ball and nobody would have blinked an eye, my own silky skills on the ball prove that the design for the future in footwear is alive and kicking at the County Ground. Alternatively you could just retire. 

RR,

Hey man, thanks for all that coaching which enabled me to become the world's fastest man. I couldn't have burned up that 100 metres record without your advice. Even without the go-faster yellow tights which were banned by the Athletics Committee. Rocky—you're the best.

Tim Montgoonery, from the US of A.

Timbo,

No problembo. In turn, I have to acknowledge the training I have had from Mr Invincible, he has turned me into a 'racing snake' but sadly I just missed out on the honours at the great Mascot Race – I appealed for a stewards enquiry and a drugs test afterwards, but to no avail. Mind you – you have to be fit here at the CG, I had to run like crazy from our announcer here after I rugby-tackled him the other Saturday – he was not happy! As you remember, my best advice for running fast is to really annoy a big bloke first, and you will soon break records for speed! 

AND FOR TWO FREE TICKETS... NAME THE TOWN PLAYER

Just name the player by using the cryptic clues below, send in your answer to us (the address is on page 3) and the winner picked out at random will get two free tickets to a Nationwide League match of your choice!
Born 26/2/63, Plymouth, Central Defender,
Played for Town between 1991 and 1996
Anagram: ROYAL SHUNTA



01 TOWN DOWN UNDER

Pictured here are father and daughter, Russell and Ashleigh House in front of the Opera House in Sydney. Russell and his family have now emigrated to Australia, although they still keep a regular check on all the scores and latest news via the club's official website. Russell, who is the proud owner of Michael Reddy's shirt, wishes the lads the best of luck for the new season. Russell would also like to say a big hello to Alyn and Jo Smith, both season ticket holders and good friends of the House family. Alyn, as some of you may be aware, is responsible for Rockin' Robin's post bag.

02 GREAT SCOTT

Pictured here is Town fan Chris Scott (and matchday press officer) whilst on his South American travels. Chris often finds people to clean his shoes for him and his holiday to Cusco was no different. I can't understand why they call you lazy Chris?

'YOU'LL NEVER BEAT THE STAFF TEAM!'

Swindon Town's staff side remain unbeaten for more than six years with their latest win against Swindon Asians. The game, which took place on Wednesday 24th September, was in aid of Indu Bharaj who sadly passed away last February and the Swindon Asians football team is doing its best to raise money for the Great Western Hospital Appeal. A couple of hundred fans turned up to support the appeal, whilst Neil 'Razor' Ruddock played his part by raffling off a number of items including a signed shirt. Despite a close game (closer than most in fact), Town's staff team (including James Wills, Paul Bodin, Phil King, the Community Officers, Media team AND Mike Sullivan) won by



six goals to two, with Jon Holloway (with three), Dan Prescott, Sam Collier and Jeremy Newton getting the goals.

WELCOME ABOARD

Today's game will be the first for new website editor, Chris Tanner. Chris joined the Media and Communications team last Monday and will be busy this afternoon working on the match report for the club's official website. Welcome aboard Chris!!

FAN POWER - CHEERS GUYS

In our last issue you may remember an appeal for fans in Calne to contact us in order to help another supporter get to games. Bill Dolman suffers from epilepsy and, until now, had been using public transport to get to and from Town's fixtures. Thankfully we received a couple of calls from people willing to help and Bill will now be getting a lift to the games. Many thanks to those that contacted us and a warm welcome to Bill this afternoon.

MY SWINDON XI - GONE TO THE JOHN

This week, a team of John's (with a couple of Jon's).

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| 1 Jon Sheffield | 7 John Smith |
| 2 John McLaughlin | 8 John Moncur |
| 3 John Trollope | 9 John Gilligan |
| 4 John Kelly | 10 John Bailey |
| 5 Jon Gittens | 11 John Templeman |
| 6 John Cornwell | |

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

Once again - all you need to do to win two tickets to a Nationwide League fixture of your choice here at the County Ground, is to answer the highlighted question below and send in your answer to us here at the club. If you're picked from those that send in the correct answer, then we'll send you a couple of tickets - it's that easy!

On September 30 1977, Swindon faced Shrewsbury at the County Ground after a run of four games without a win. Having conceded five against Cambridge three days earlier, Town balanced the books with goals from Kamara, Azlewood, Moss, Guthrie and Trollope, as the 5-0 win contributed something towards restoring early season optimism.

A second home game in the space of five days offered Town the chance to continue their run, but unfortunately they returned to losing ways with a 0-1 defeat at the hands of Bradford City - Town's first home defeat of the season and Bradford's first away win. Despite the points claimed by the Yorkshiremen, Bradford finished the season third from bottom of Division Three and were relegated. Oldham meanwhile were competing in the Second Division where they finished creditably. Incredibly, after winning seven successive games during December and January, Athletic won just two more before the end of the season, but dropped just two places from sixth to eighth.

1. At number 10 for Shrewsbury was a future Town striker and assistant manager. Who was this?
2. And what was his REAL Christian name?
3. The Town left back was amongst the scorers against Shrewsbury, and he scored his only goal of the season. Who was he?
4. And what was HIS real Christian name?
5. Appearing in all of the first 12 games for Oldham in 1977/78 was a goalkeeper who later joined Swindon Town. Who was this?



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

This time of year signals a mass exodus of 18-21 year olds to university and in keeping with their new, more slimline budget - here's a quick and easy pasta dish.

NO. 6 TURBO'S TORTELLINO A LA CARBONARA

1. This meal is so easy yet very tasty - even those of you that can't cook to save your life can have a stab at this simple recipe! You'll need the following ingredients: spinach tortellini, 3 egg yolks, 4 cups heavy whipping cream (be careful not to eat before you start cooking), 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese and 1 pound bacon.
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes (or whatever it says on the packet), or until al dente; drain. Another tip so that it doesn't stick to the pan is to add a touch of oil to the water.
3. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix egg yolks, cream and cheese.
4. Place bacon on a grill and cook under a medium heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside. Do not burn the bacon at this stage (believe me, it's easily done).
5. Add tortellini and bacon to carbonara sauce; cook sauce over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. For a bit of added taste grate some cheddar cheese over the top. Pepper also adds a bit of spice.



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HELLO AND A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME.
THIS WEEK WE'VE SOME GOOD NEWS TO REPORT,
WITH THE NUMBER OF KIDS ATTENDING OUR
SOCCER CENTRES RISING ALL THE TIME.

The centre at Highworth is arguably the greatest example, with the sessions on Tuesday and Thursday now fully booked. The Haydon centre on a Thursday is also fully booked, whilst Stratton's has a waiting list – this is so that the spaces we do have are filled.

The numbers attending our Oasis centre are going up all the time, as are the Link and Marlborough centres. This is great news for the Youth Department, but not for the kids who can't get on the courses.

We will continue to ask the leisure centres about extra hours at the centres, but unfortunately they don't seem to have the time to allow us to use their facilities on a more regular basis. Those of you that are on a waiting list, or are being told that courses are fully booked, ring Jimmy Fraser at the club for more information about the centres that do have spaces. Remember, in order to book a place on one of the Soccer Centres you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses is £3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre. Listed right are the times, centres and age groups of the Soccer Centres.

We'd like to thank the coaches for their continued quality of coaching at the centres – let's hope it continues! Enjoy today's game and all the best.

Jimmy Fraser



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

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

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Wednesday	3.30 - 4.00 pm	5 - 7 years
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When and how did you first start playing football?

I used to kick a ball around in the garden with my Dad and my brother.

Were there opportunities to play at school?

I played football with the boys at St Sampsons School in Cricklade but we had no school team as such. When I went to Braden Forest School at Purton we had a girls five-a-side team.

How did you end up at Swindon Town?

John White found out that I was

playing football at school and he rang me up to get me to play for the Town. Since leaving Braden Forest I am in my second year at the Cirencester Academy where I play a lot of football.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I enjoy playing sport (I also play netball) and so I hope to be able to play for as long as possible. I play for the County Youth side and would like to be a regular with the senior squad.



SAM QUINN

AGE 17

POSITION MIDFIELD/FORWARD

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN LADIES' WON THEIR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO CHESHAM UNITED LAST WEEK, ROGER REEVES' SIDE RETURNING WITH A 1-0 VICTORY.

The visitors had the better of the first half and it was Michelle Rich who broke the deadlock. She hit a 25-yard shot in the 22nd minute to give Town the lead. Chesham did press forward in the second half and searched for an equaliser, but a combination of excellent defending by Michelle Brown and good goalkeeping from Wendy Davis made sure of a well earned three points. The previous week top of the table Portsmouth were the visitors and Town went down 2-0 to a strong Pompey side. A much improved second half performance prevented the visitors from extending the lead any further.

Towns' Reserves beat Purton in the Wiltshire County League 3-1. Purton took the lead before Sam Quinn equalised. Emma Hindmarch made an immediate impact on her debut with two goals to give her new side the win.

The U14s seven-a-side team beat Devizes 4-2 with Thompson(2), Beaumont-Farrell and Coe getting on the scoresheet. The next opponents were the next victim of the in-form U14 side as they were beaten 12-0. Lisa Coe scored six to take her tally to seven in two games. There were also two goals each for April Polden and Samantha Masters with further strikes from Keen and Curton. The U14 XI however lost 4-0 to Aldershot in the Surrey Primary League to a very strong outfit.

Tomorrow the Town play host to Newton Abbott in the South West Combination League. This match will be played at Aldbourne FC at Farm Lane and the Kick Off is 2pm. Town's Reserves are away to Keynsham Town in the Wiltshire County League.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1-0
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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TICKET PRICES FOR THIS GAME ARE PRICED ADULTS £15, OAPS £12, STUDENTS AND UNDER 19S £11, UNDER 16S £5

TOWN ARE YET TO WIN AWAY FROM HOME SINCE THE VICTORY AT CHESTERFIELD BACK IN AUGUST AND IN TWO WEEKS TIME, THEY TRAVEL TO ASHTON GATE TO FACE HIGH-FLYERS BRISTOL CITY. TOWN WILL BE HOPING FOR A REPEAT OF THE 1-0 VICTORY TWO YEARS AGO IN WHICH ALAN REEVES SCORED THE WINNING GOAL.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... BRISTOL CITY

WHO? BRISTOL CITY **WHEN? SATURDAY OCTOBER 19**

WHERE? ASHTON GATE **KICK-OFF? 3.00PM**

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Once again SAS Travel are offering fans the opportunity to travel together. The coaches pick up fans from Wootton Bassett, West Swindon, The County Ground and Ermin Street, and Supporters Club receive a minimal discount. For more details contact the Booking Office on 01793 536757, or the 24 hour information line on 01793 825935. Alternatively, you can always pop in to their matchday office today. They are also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

BY CAR: At junction 19 of the M4 (M32) branch left (signposted Bristol) and then keep left to join M32. On the M32 follow signs for Bristol City centre (A4032). At the junction with the A4044, turn right at the traffic lights into Inner Circuit Road. At the next roundabout, the St James Barton roundabout, take first exit into Inner Circuit Road A4044. Follow signs Avonmouth A4 and go over the roundabout at junction with

B4468. At junction with A3029, take right hand lane into Brunel Way (signposted Weston Super Mare) to join A3029. Cross Cumberland Basin Swing Bridge and branch left at the junction with A369/A370 (signposted Taunton A38). BCFC is on the left.

PARKING: Winterstoke Road is not a bad area for parking – there are very few facilities at Ashton Gate itself.

Train: The ground is just a five-minute drive away from Bristol Temple Meads Station and so getting there by bus from the station is your best bet. Take the service called ABUS Service, it should cost no more than 50p. Taxis are also in plentiful supply. For train times phone 08457 484950 – the national rail line.



NEXT IN TOWN...

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



Colchester United
12.10.02 (3.00pm)



Southend (LIV fixture)
22.10.02 (7.45pm)



Mansfield
26.10.02 (3.00pm)



Tranmere
09.11.02 (3.00pm)

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

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On-line booking

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

NEXT PLEASE

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **COLCHESTER UNITED**

KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY OCTOBER 12**

It is probably too early in the season to be talking about 'six-pointers' and 'must-win' games, but when Colchester visit the County Ground in a weeks time many fans will see a win as an integral part of the club's attempt to climb away from the bottom four.

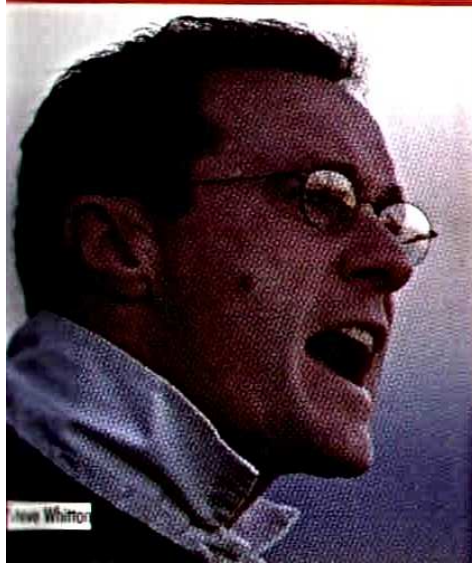
Colchester, like Town have struggled this season and were, again, amongst the bookies' favourites to go down. With a small squad, lack of high-profile names (since the departure of Lomano Tresor Lua Lua to Newcastle anyway), a dilapidated ground and no money to spend it is easy to see why this assumption is made year after year.

But Colchester are a club that thrives in the face of adversity and for the last two years, they have defied the odds and remained in Division Two when bigger clubs, such as Bristol Rovers and Oxford, have not. Even their club history suggests that they are more resilient than most. Located in a city founded by the Romans, Colchester not only boast one of the greatest cup shocks of all time (against Don Revie's Leeds), but they also rose back from the dead following their relegation from the Football League in 1990. In 1991/92, following their relegation from Division Three, the U's not

only won the Conference (ahead of Division Two rivals Wycombe) but also the FA Trophy before returning to Division Two in 1997/98 (thanks to some heroic goalkeeping from Carl Emerson).

Mick Wadsworth came and went (as did George Burley and Mark Kinsella in the 90's) before Steve Whitton took permanent charge of the club in 1999/00 and Whitton, despite having little money to spend, has kept the club in the division ever since.

This year looks set to be another tough one for the U's, the current economic climate contriving to further their economic plight – but so far the Essex boys have acquitted themselves to the extent that they currently sit above Town in the league. An opening day victory against Stockport was closely followed by a creditable draw against Tranmere at Prenton Park. Two defeats followed before victories against Peterborough and Wigan lifted the U's from the bottom half of the table. Goals have been at a premium for Steve Whitton's side and at the time of writing, they've managed just five since the start of the season. As a consequence Colchester are yet to register a win since the Wigan victory in August and they have registered just one point in that time – let's hope that their dismal run continues when they visit Wiltshire.



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 ^{at}	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	2-0	4,719 17
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393 21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home		
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home		
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away		
Tue 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home		
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		

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

								
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincibile
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson*	Miglioranzi	Invincibile
Griemink	Edds	Duke*	Heywood	Willis	Davis	Robinson	Miglioranzi*	Invincibile
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 ¹	Robinson*	Davis*
Griemink	Gurney	Willis ¹	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranzi	Robinson*	Davis
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Robinson
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincibile	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson
Griemink	Gurney	Willis	Heywood	Duke*	Jackson ¹	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincibile
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Willis*	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	Invincibile

ASSISTANT TICKET OFFICE MANAGER

A vacancy has arisen in the Club's Ticket Office for the full time position of ASSSISTANT TICKET OFFICE MANAGER.

The ideal candidate will need to have a wealth of experience with computers and various computer programmes. They must be able to work under pressure, have a good personality, and must also be able to deal confidently with members of the public and their enquiries.

A good basic wage plus other benefits will be offered to the chosen candidate.

If you are interested in applying for the above position, please send your details to Mr. Mike Sullivan, Sales and Marketing Manager, Swindon Town Football Club, The County Ground, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED, or by e-mail on mikegsullivan@yahoo.co.uk.



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**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	Dykes
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
Parkin ¹	Sabin	Miglioranzi	Farr	Edds	Reeves	Young
Parkin	Sabin	Edds	Young	Farr	Edwards	Reeves

TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT OCT 5 2002



Fulham P-P Charlton
Middlesbrough vs Bolton
Newcastle vs West Brom
Southampton vs Man City
West Ham vs Birmingham

Nationwide 1

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

Nationwide 2

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

Nationwide 3

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

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
CARDIFF	11	7	3	1	17	9	24	+8
QPR	11	7	2	2	23	10	23	+13
OLDHAM	11	7	2	2	19	6	23	+13
WIGAN	11	7	2	2	19	7	23	+12
CHESTERFIELD	11	6	2	3	14	11	20	+3
CREWE	11	5	4	2	15	8	19	+7
BLACKPOOL	11	5	3	3	15	10	18	+5
BRISTOL C	11	6	0	5	17	13	18	+4
BRENTFORD	11	5	3	3	12	13	18	-1
TRANMERE	11	5	1	5	12	15	16	-3
PLYMOUTH	11	4	3	4	17	17	15	0
NORTHAMPTON	11	4	3	4	11	14	15	-3
PORT VALE	11	5	0	6	15	19	15	-4
STOCKPORT	10	4	2	4	10	7	14	+3
LUTON	11	3	3	5	18	18	12	0
WYCOMBE	11	3	3	5	15	18	12	-3
BARNLEY	11	3	3	5	11	17	12	-6
PETERBOROUGH	10	3	2	5	12	11	11	+1
NOTTS CO	11	2	5	4	15	15	11	0
COLCHESTER	11	3	2	6	6	13	11	-7
SWINDON	11	3	1	7	11	17	10	-6
CHELLENHAM	11	2	3	6	11	16	9	-5
HUDDERSFIELD	11	2	3	6	5	15	9	-10
MANSFIELD	11	2	1	8	13	34	7	-21

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE			FA CUP			NATIONWIDE CUP			TOTAL		
	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK
BART DRIEMINK	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GARETH EDDIS	10(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	7(2)	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ANDY DURNLEY	7	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	10(1)	5	1RC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	8(1)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	11	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	11	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	7(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	11	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	11	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(5)	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 BAMPFON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



SWINDON

Manager Andy King

OLDHAM

Manager Iain Dowie

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	GARY KELLY
GARETH EDDS ✓ 2	DEAN HOLDEN
JOHNNY JACKSON ✓ 3 ✓	DARREN SHERIDAN
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	SHAUN GARNETT
ADAM WILLIS ✓ 5	STUART BALMER
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	LEE DUXBURY
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	PAUL MURRAY
JIMMY DAVIS ✓ 8	JOHN SHERIDAN
SAM PARKIN 9	DAVID REEVES
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓ 10 ✓	JOHN EYRE
DAVID DUKE 11	MATTY APPLEBY
JUAN COBIAN 12	WAYNE ANDREW
	DAVID MISKELLY
ERIC SABIN ✓ 13	MICHAEL CLEGG
DAREN DYKES 14	JULIEN BAUDET
NEIL RUDDOCK 15 ✓	LESLIE POGLIACOMI
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓ 16	CRAIG DUDLEY
CRAIG FARR 17	DANNY BOSHELL
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 18 ✓	CARLO CORAZZIN
	DAVID BEHARALL
DAVID BAMPTON 19 ✓	FITZ HALL
ALAN REEVES 20	BEN SMITH
NATHAN EDWARDS 21	WILL HAINING
KEVIN HALLIDAY 22	CHRIS KILLEN
STEVE ROBINSON 23	WAYNE GILL
ALAN YOUNG 24	ADAM GRIFFIN
CHRIS COLLINS 25	TOM WHITTLE
	DAVID EYRES
	CLINT HILL
	LOURENCO
	TONY CARSS
	CLYDE WIJNHARD
	CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG
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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	4	3	3	12	9

OLDHAM'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	5	2	10	6

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday August 25th 2002

Swindon Town	0
Oldham Athletic	2

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: P. Walton

Assistant 1: N. D. Appleby

Assistant 2: R. D. Palmer

4th Official: K. G. Barnes

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