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Those of you who write regularly for the programme know that we are always trying to improve it where we can. Therefore it is nice to hear good things about it and this year, Programme Monthly has been particularly kind to us once again. The following extract is taken from the October issue: "This has taken up where it left off last season. Beautifully presented, with artwork and design of the highest calibre. This often involves the use of full page (and larger) photographs, but there is no sense of space-filling, as the number of non-advertising text pages is sufficiently high to provide ample value for money. Magazine-style articles sit best in this format, but the basics are not neglected in this splendid production." Have your say – If you think the Swindon 'mag' can be improved in any way, then email your thoughts to the programme editor at nickjudd76@hotmail.com.

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THE GAFFER

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON. MAY I ALSO WELCOME STEVE WHITTON, HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM, PLAYERS, DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE MADE THE JOURNEY FROM ESSEX TODAY.

As I write these notes I am finding it difficult to know what to say. In fact, I almost feel as though I am in the same position as last week. Results are not good and public opinion is such that many fans would like to see me replaced.

It is a very difficult situation for me. I would go as far as saying that this is the lowest time since I've been here and I am not stupid – this is not a good time for us all on the field. But the fact of the matter is that I simply can not walk away from this situation because I am not a quitter. I would be lying if I said I liked the atmosphere at the moment. The number of fans venting their frustrations towards me is growing and is no longer a minority – but I am still hoping that I can sway their opinion with some good performances and positive results. That is the difficult part, but something that I am adamant we can achieve.

I still have belief in myself as a manager to lead this club forward. Not only that, but I also have belief in my players and although it is hard for them, I think that they will come through this and be stronger for it. With the start that we had and the confidence in the camp – I never expected this latest run of results to happen, but in my opinion the only

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Matty Heywood in
action last week



thing to do is to keep working as hard as we can in order to put it right.

Last weekend's result was particularly disappointing because, in the first half, we created a number of chances and played fairly well. Not only that, but in the second half when we were up against ten men, we struggled to break them down and it was an irresponsible performance. It was better than Luton, but it was still disappointing and I almost wish Oldham hadn't gone down to ten men because we were worse when we had the extra man. We just didn't take responsibility and the players didn't do as they were told at half time. There were individual decisions being made that were wrong and the lack of potency up front was there for all to see. We didn't even create many chances and if that doesn't happen, then you are always going to struggle to score goals. It is something that has been a problem ever since I joined the club and it is something that needs addressing. But then again when you're winning games going forward and creating chances comes easily – it's not so easy when you haven't scored for a while and things appear to be going against you.

This week we play a side in stark contrast to last week's opposition. As you know Oldham came here on the back of a good run which didn't help us, but today's visitors have lost five in a row and so their confidence is likely to be low too. Put simply, this is a game we must win and if we do things correctly and just go out there with a bit more belief and confidence – then we know we can beat Colchester. It will take a passionate performance, but I am confident that the lads have it within themselves to overcome this current problem.



Sabin on the attack

The players need you, the fans right now to get behind them and really urge them on to victory. Yes it's hard and yes, there are those of you that believe that I am not the right man for the job here. But I would ask that today, you sing your hearts out for the lads because it makes such a difference to them. I will take the stick, I did so last week and I will do it again – but please support the lads because it is a difficult time for them as well.

Finally, as you know this week we lost the services of Steve Coppell. Steve came here for a couple of weeks and helped us out and I thank him for that. Unfortunately Steve was given the opportunity to return to management in a higher division and I don't blame for moving on. Instead I wish him all the best of luck with Brighton.

All the best and enjoy the game.



DICK MACKEY

Welcome to this afternoon's game against Colchester United.

Today we should have Jimmy Davis available for selection having not been available against Oldham Athletic last week. He just needed another 48 hours or so to be fit and we couldn't risk bringing him back early because it may have done more long-term damage.

Two youngsters have also been in this week, Nathan Edwards and Alan Young. Nathan has a hip flexor injury and will be out for another ten days or so. Youngy received a kick just above the ankle on the lateral side of his leg at Worthing against Brighton in the reserves.

There was quite a lot of bruising in the area but he kicked a ball for the first time on Wednesday albeit in some discomfort. I am hopeful that he will be there or thereabouts for today's fixture.

Keith has had a torrid time of late and was unfortunate enough to get an infection after his surgery, but that is now a lot better. He did a little bit of light training on Wednesday and is progressing well.

Steve Robinson trained on Tuesday as did Jimmy Davis. Jimmy has been in the gym and should have trained fully yesterday and hopefully both Jimmy and Steve will be available for Andy today.

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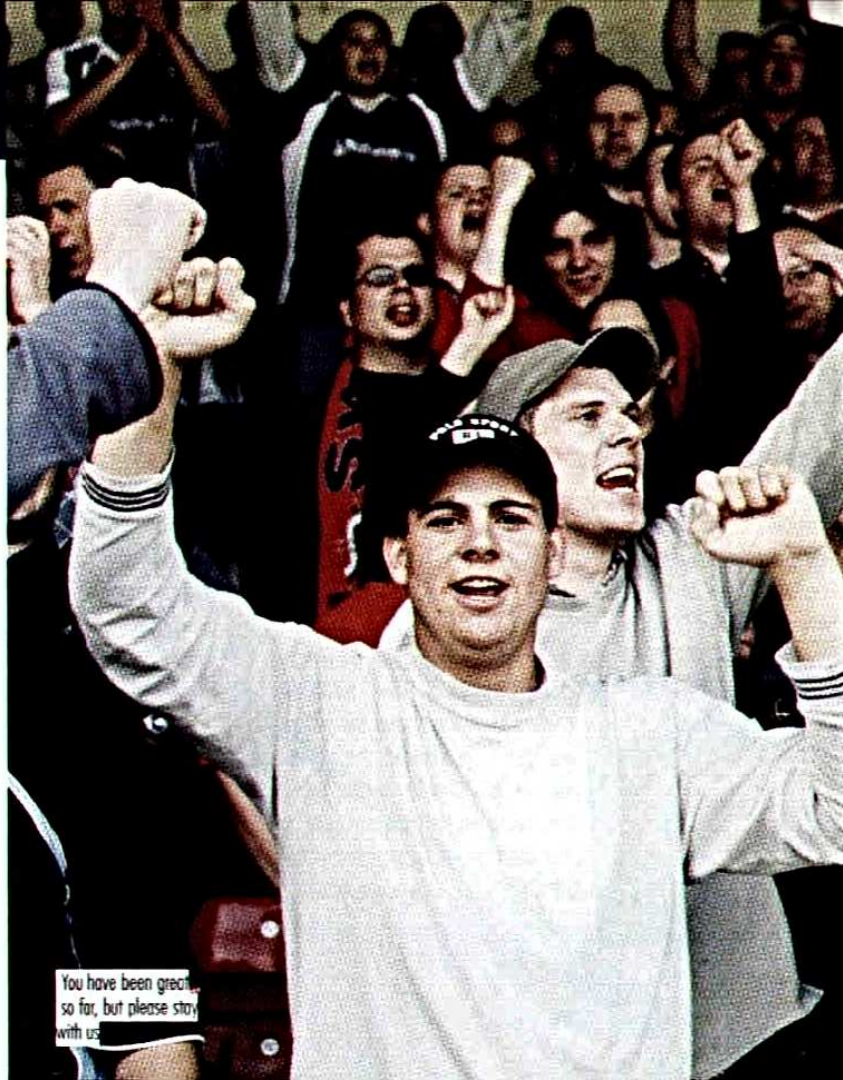
Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Colchester United. A warm welcome also to the visiting directors, management, players and supporters who have travelled across from Essex.

Naturally, there was a great deal of disappointment amongst everyone at the club, particularly our supporters after last Saturday's result. However, listening to the phone-in on BBC Wiltshire Sound I was made aware that there are some half-truths and myths out in the public domain that need responding to and rectifying. Let me try and answer some of them:

1. Andy King remains the manager of our club because the board believe he can still turn the results around and develop our on-field long-term strategy. It is not because we owe Andy money from previous times that we cannot afford to pay him if he were to leave.

2. The club has managed to 'right the boat' financially over the past few months. However, cash flow, as it is at most football clubs, is very tight, and without outside assistance we cannot make the loyalty payment to Neil Ruddock. Yes, the board understood the contractual obligation to Neil, but it should be understood that over £1.4 million, in shares and loans has been invested in the club since December 2001 to keep the club going and get us to where we are now. As with all disputes there are arguments on both sides, and whilst Neil has been unable to get himself fit enough to challenge for a first team place, we believe it is wrong that the club, when it cannot afford to do so, should be punished for not paying a 'loyalty fee'.

3. Until such time as the club successfully defends against the debenture held against the stadium by the previous owners, there is no chance of any additional investments into the



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MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

club. That is why the club are so driven to defend itself.

4. Ticket prices had to be increased to ensure that the club could continue to pay its way. Without the increase, unpalatable as they may have been to some people, this club would not have survived this far. If we can achieve a regular number 5,500 (or more) paying customers for every home game then the club can survive, and prosper. The club will not be able to continue if people stay away or are encouraged to stay away by misguided comments from certain sections. We cannot afford to let this club face the financial abyss again – I don't believe it will be able to pull off a third escape act.

I hope this helps you to understand the position a little more clearly.

The concerns over team performances have deflected us from our intentions to open more communication routes with our fans. Please be sure that we still intend to develop our communication processes as quickly as possible.

Please support the team positively, your frustrations are completely understandable, but with your vocal support we can make the County Ground a difficult place for opposing teams to visit.

Enjoy the game.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



04.10.02

TOWN PLAY THEIR PART IN HOLLY AND JESSICA APPEAL

Members of the Cambridgeshire Police Force reached the County Ground last Friday evening as part of the Holly and Jessica Appeal. Four members of the force – Phil Enderby, Ifor Maddox, Steve Selves and Paul Roberts – arrived at around 8'o'clock as part of



their trip including all 92 league clubs. Swindon Town midfielder Stefani Miglioranzi met the officers and 'Stef' presented the officers with an STFC shirt signed by the first team squad, which will be auctioned off - the proceeds going to the Holly and Jessica appeal.

05.10.02

WILLIS WINS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Haine & Smith Player of the Month Award for September, in memory of Rupert Smith, was awarded to Adam Willis on Saturday. The central defender has been consistent and he put in an outstanding performance as Town defeated Northampton at the County Ground. The Haine and Smith Player of the Month award has been kindly donated by Barry Smith, whose son Rupert tragically died in 2001. Rupert was a keen supporter of the club and attended as many games as possible.

07.10.02

FORMER TOWN STAR MAKES ENGLAND SQUAD

Former Swindon Town Loan star David Thompson has been drafted into the England squad for the Euro 2004 double header with Slovakia and Macedonia. The former Liverpool and Coventry player was brought to The County Ground by former manager Steve McMahon. Thompson made his Town debut against Middlesbrough in November 1997, the game in which George Ndah made a goal-scoring debut to his Swindon Town career. The Blackburn midfielder, who made ten appearances for Town, was called up after West Ham's Trevor Sinclair pulled out through injury.

07.10.02

COPPELL EXITS SWINDON FOR BRIGHTON

Swindon Town Assistant Manager Steve Coppel started this week as the new manager of Brighton. The former Brentford boss was brought to The County Ground by Manager Andy King to assist with coaching. The former Manchester City and Crystal Palace boss had previously informed the Town board that his involvement with Swindon Town FC would not be long term – so his appointment at Brighton confirmed his expected departure. Coppel's first game involved with Town was an away fixture at Whaddon Road where Swindon were beaten 2-0 by Graham Allners Cheltenham. Steve Coppel's then saw Swindon defeat Northampton 2-0, then he remained Kings assistant for the defeats by Luton and Oldham. However Coppel was due to leave The County Ground after the Colchester match this Saturday, but the lure of an immediate return to management proved too good to miss.



09.10.02

SOL DEAL DONE AND DUSTED?

At the time of this programme going to print, Town were expecting to find out how much they would get for Sol Davis, with the tribunal set to take place on Wednesday afternoon. Details can be found on the club's official website.



12.10.02

AWAY KIT GOES ON SALE

Town fans can now buy the new away kit for the 2002/03 season, which are available in the club shop as of today. Adult shirts are £36.99, Kids £29.99





the Cross bar

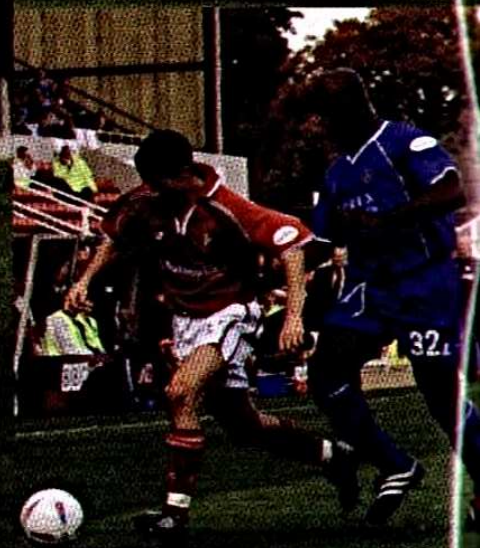
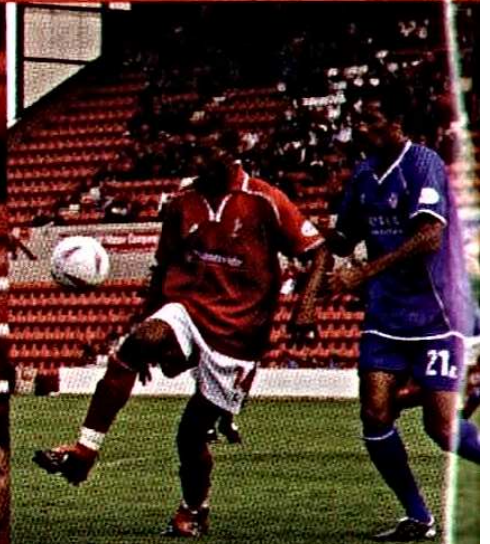
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MATCH



SWINDON TOWN 0

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 1

DUXBURY 6

An early goal from Lee Duxbury was enough to see Oldham record a sixth straight victory as Town lacked ideas on a sunny autumnal afternoon.

Despite playing well in the first half and playing against 10 men for 45 minutes, Town just couldn't apply themselves in the second half and, instead, frustrated the 4,326 crowd with a disappointing display – many fans subsequently making their feelings perfectly clear at the end of the game.

Town started with five at the back, Willis, Reeves and Heywood joined by Gurney and Duke on each flank, whilst Miglioranza, Hewlett and Jackson made up the midfield trio. With Parkin suspended, it was up to Sabin and Invincible to take charge up front.

However, it was the visitors that struck first blood and as early as the sixth minute Oldham scored what later turned out to be the winning goal. Lee Duxbury cut in from the right hand side to force a low left-footed effort past Griemink in the Town goal. It was an impressive finish, but to be honest Duxbury had all the time in the world to line up his shot and King will be frustrated by the lack of urgency in his defence.

Town looked dangerous following the visitors' goal however, and Invincible and Sabin caused the away defence all sorts of problems with their pace.

In fact, Invincible came close from several long-range efforts but didn't quite trouble Pogliacomi in the Oldham goal.

Johnny Jackson was perhaps Town's best outlet – the Tottenham

midfielder linking the midfield and the attack well. And it was from his corner that Town nearly equalised, Pogliacomi saving well from the Tottenham midfielder's wicked cross.

With minutes remaining in the first half Oldham were reduced to ten men. Danny Invincible turned on the half way line and looked to have got the better of Julian Baudet until the defender brought him down. Baudet was subsequently sent off and Town looked forward to facing ten men in the second period.

Town's faithful were expecting a barrage of pressure from their team in the second period but it wasn't to be. Instead Town looked devoid of ideas and despite having much of the ball, they failed to penetrate in the final third. Danny Invincible headed wide from a corner before Wijnhard came close to adding a second for Oldham, the former Leeds man directing a shot straight at Griemink.

Jackson came close soon after, the midfielder angling a low drive towards the bottom corner of the net. Unfortunately Pogliacomi tipped the ball round the post and Gurney headed over from the subsequent corner.

John Eyre fired over the bar for Oldham before Gurney forced Pogliacomi into a spectacular save, Town's skipper sending a fierce drive towards the top left hand corner before Oldham's 'keeper tipped the ball over the bar.

Town were running out of ideas and it was Oldham that looked the more likelier to score, Wijnhard beating Willis and Reeves to force Griemink into a save before Corazzin saw his effort thwarted by the Dutchman.

TOWN: Griemink, Willis, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Miglioranza (Edds 73), Gurney, Hewlett, Jackson, Invincible, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Dykes, Cobian, Bampton.

OLDHAM: Pogliacomi, Hall, Baudet, Beharall, (Holden 22), Duxbury, Darren Sheridan, Carss, Eyre, (Killen 89), Eyres, Corazzin, Wijnhard. **Subs not used:** Miskelly, Andrews, Da Silva.

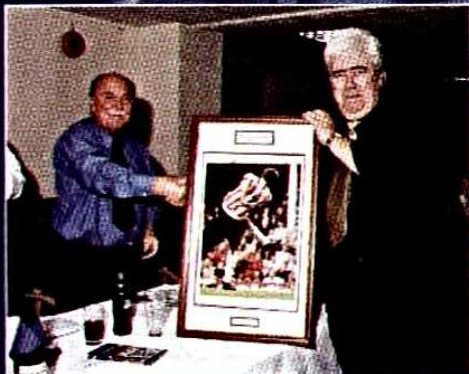
SPORTING DINNER

A SOCCER LEGEND COMES TO TOWN

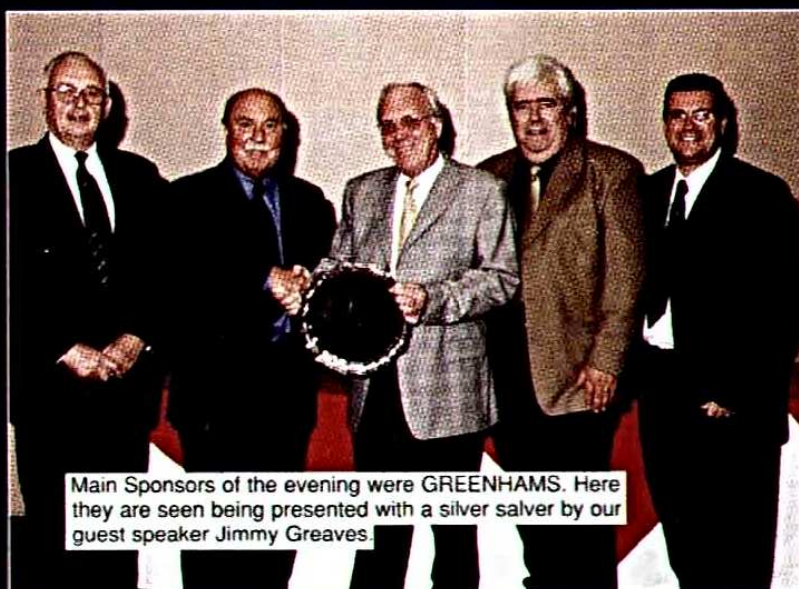
Close to 200 guests were present at our Sporting Dinner, sponsored by GREENHAM last Monday. Our guest speaker was ex Tottenham Hotspur and England legend of the 60's, JIMMY GREAVES. A great evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were present, and the evening also included a superb display from the evening's comedian SEAN STYLES. As usual the evening's high standard of entertainment was kept going by the very popular and professional MC, BARRY WILLIAMS.

Swindon Town would like to thank the following companies and guests who showed their support on the evening. They were GREENHAM, ASH OFFICE INTERIORS, THE PROPERTY SHOP, McLEAN HOMES, DUNWOODY SPORTS MARKETING, WESSEX CONSERVATORIES, SAS, IMPACT, MILLENNIUM PARTNERSHIP (ANDOVER) and the parties of Mrs TAYLOR, Mr FITCHETT, Mr REEVES, Mrs WALEGA and Mr MORRIS.

Operations Director of GREENHAM, Mr Mike King, is presented with a signed Matt Le Tissier piece by Jimmy Greaves.



Jimmy reflects on the serious part of the game.



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Our popular MC, Barry Williams.



Jimmy Greaves with the lucky winners of a signed Tottenham shirt.



Sean Styles presents another joke.

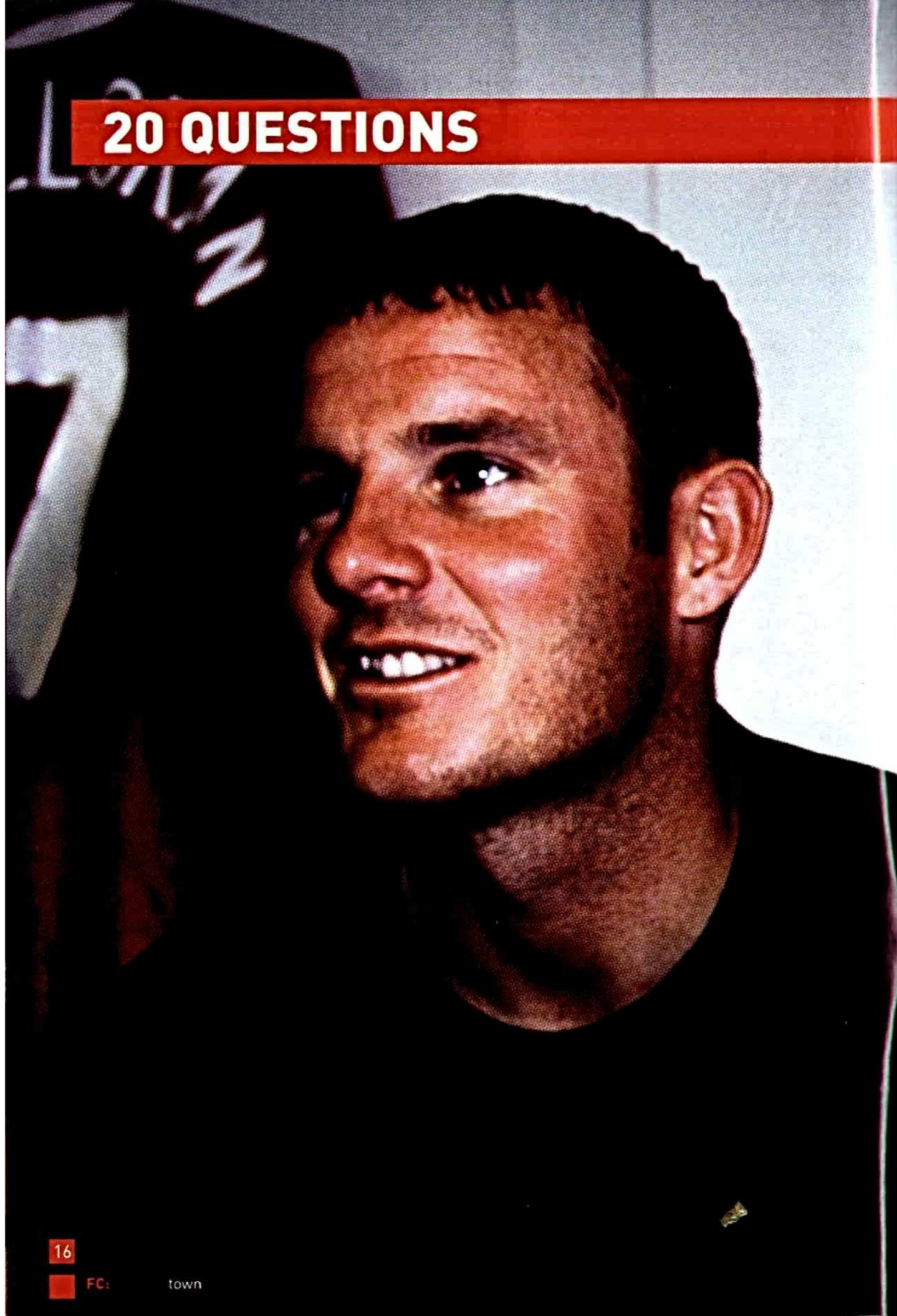
ANOTHER LEGEND COMES TO THE COUNTY GROUND



Mark Devlin, the Club's Chief Executive meets Jimmy Greaves.

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20 QUESTIONS



HE MAY BE INJURED BUT WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM - TOWN MIDFIELDER KEITH O'HALLORAN TALKS TO CHRIS TANNER ABOUT SAO PAULO SKILLS, FHM AND WINNING THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE.

1. HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR TIME AT MIDDLESBOROUGH?

I really enjoyed it, I played a few first team games there but they were starting to spend a lot of money. When they were bringing in the likes of Ravanelli and Juninho it wasn't looking like I was going to get a chance so it was time to move on.

2. HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL WITH THE ENGLISH LEAGUES?

It's a good standard, people don't realise how good Scottish football is. They just think it's Rangers and Celtic - they are obviously the top teams but when you look down here you have Manchester Utd, Arsenal and Liverpool who dominate. I think in every footballing country there are top teams that dominate. However I think Scottish football is suffering at the moment, there isn't a lot of young lads coming through and I think that is the problem. On the whole I really enjoyed my time up there.

3. SHOULD RANGERS AND CELTIC JOIN THE PREMIERSHIP?

No I don't think so. It would be unfair on the other clubs in Scotland. Rangers and Celtic do bring in a lot of revenue and the other clubs need them to an extent.

4. WHICH TOWN PLAYERS DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ON FAME ACADEMY?

Youngy thinks he is a bit of a pop star and I would put Alan Reeves forward for it as well.

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

I don't really follow any other sports apart from football, as I kid I followed Liverpool and managed to see a few games at Anfield.

6. TIP FOR THE PREMIERSHIP AND CHAMPIONS LEAGUE THIS SEASON?

Hopefully Liverpool, but Arsenal do look good at the minute being so dominant, but they might have a few hiccups. Real Madrid are outstanding, it only took Ronaldo a minute to score on his debut so I will have to go for them to win the Champions League.

7. WHO DO YOU THINK WILL FALL THROUGH THE PREMIERSHIP TRAPDOOR?

I hate to see teams go down because it is just disaster for them financially. But if I have to pick three it will be West Brom, Bolton and Birmingham.

8. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER?

The Mirror and The Star.

9. FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?

FHM.

10. IF YOU HAD £1 MILLION TO SPEND WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND IT ON?

A few holidays and a house back home in Dublin. I'd blow it all!

11. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ROY KEANE AND THE WORLD CUP SITUATION?

Roy Keane is a hero for me so I wouldn't say anything against him. He stood up for what he felt was right. There always seems to have been a rift there. I think he might go into management, he can do anything he puts his mind to.

12. FAVOURITE RADIO DJ?

I don't really listen to the radio much I prefer television.

13. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME?

The Premiership.

14. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

That would be last year sometime on the train.

15. WHAT IS PLAYING ON YOUR CAR STEREO AT THE MOMENT?

Nelly.

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

Roy Keane or to quote Willo (Adam Willis) - a lift engineer to get me out!

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

'Dukesy' definitely, he's a terrible crack.

18. BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH?

That has to be Juninho because his skills are frightening.

19. IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME, AND WITNESS ANY SPORTING MOMENT WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Ireland beating Romania in the 1990 World Cup.

20. CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S DIVISION TWO GAMES?

I will say home wins for Cardiff, Chesterfield, Huddersfield, Luton, Peterborough and of course ourselves against Colchester today. An away three points for Brentford and draws for Barnsley, Plymouth and Stockport.

NEXT WEEK: DANNY INVINCIBLE

SWINDON TOWN 2

BRISTOL ROVERS 1

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Juan Cobian, Kevin Halliday, Gareth Edds, Ian Herring, Dave Bampton, Chris Collins, Neil Crosby, Mark Draycott, Daren Dykes, Chris Hughes
Subs: Steve Smith, Chris Taylor, Jamie Cheeseman, David Bampton, Luke Garrard

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S RESERVES CLAIMED A 2-1 VICTORY OVER LOCAL RIVALS BRISTOL ROVERS AT THE COUNTY GROUND LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The visitors included first team players Bryant, Richards, Gall and Emblem in their side whilst with the exception of first team substitute keeper Craig Farr, only Gareth Edds and Daren Dykes had appeared for the first team this season for Swindon.

The home side began brightly with Crosby seeing his drive well saved and Daren Dykes dragging his shot wide following a mix up on half way in the Rovers defence, which let the ex-Buckingham man in. However the visitors took the lead on just 8 minutes when Rovers broke away down the right hand side and the ball was crossed to the back post where Kevin Gall was allowed to chest the ball down before firing a fierce shot past Farr from 10 yards out. Just three minutes later Swindon responded with a swift equaliser from Ian Herring. A corner found its way to Mark Draycott whose clever back heel laid on Herring who rifled his shot past the visiting Clarke in front of the Town end. Chris Hughes was guilty of missing the best chance of the first period for Town. Slack defending from Rovers let in Chris Hughes who ran the ball to the edge of the box but fired high and wide with only the keeper to beat with no defender near him.

Malcolm Crosby's side came out for the second half looking bright and Juan Cobian's excellent low drive from the right across the face of the box was admired by his teammates rather than followed up. Defender Shore cleared the danger following the resulting corner. The impressive Mark Draycott then had a shot well saved and Craig Farr was up to the challenge when he raced out of his area to eliminate the threat of a Rovers through ball. Rovers then had a two on one situation with 'keeper Farr, but could not find the back of the net as the ball was completely missed when squared and the threat cleared. Swindon began to press forward again as the second half wore on with Juan Cobian and Edds orchestrating the midfield proceedings. A tricky run by Argentine Cobian into the box was ended on 79 minutes when he was hauled down for a penalty. Gareth Edds stepped up to the spot and coolly slotted the ball into the top right hand corner of the net past Clarke to give Town their first win in three games.

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

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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2002

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1 SWINDON TOWN 0

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

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S FIXTURES 2002/03

DESPITE SCORING TEN GOALS A WEEK PREVIOUSLY, SWINDON TOWN'S UNDER 17S FAILED TO HIT THE BACK OF THE NET AGAINST PLYMOUTH LAST WEEKEND. INSTEAD, JIM FRASER'S SIDE WENT DOWN TO THEIR SECOND DEFEAT OF THE SEASON AGAINST A STRONG PLYMOUTH TEAM.

Before Saturday's defeat against Argyle Town had lost just one game (against Cardiff City) and had scored in every match. Unfortunately, despite playing well and creating a number of chances – they couldn't quite hit the back of the net and subsequently endured their second defeat of the season.

Jim Fraser takes up the story. "It was a good performance," he said. "The important thing was, having won so convincingly the previous week, that we didn't get complacent and the lads responded really well against tough opposition. We played some great football and got ourselves in good positions – we just couldn't put them away.

"To be honest, the result was a bit harsh on us but the home side punished a sloppy mix up between Matty Bulman and Aaron Salter and they subsequently put the ball in the back of the net. It is mistakes like that that are holding this side back because, had it not been for that, we would have at least got a draw out of the game. But mistakes happen and I can't really fault their performance. They worked hard and played well and I can't ask for any more. If they learn from their mistakes then it will have been a useful game for us."

The 17s must now look to return to winning ways today when they face AFC Bournemouth away from home. Needless to say that we will keep you posted on the result first thing Monday morning on www.swindontownfc.co.uk.

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	0-1
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 5TH OCTOBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 4

CIRENCESTER 1

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Kyle Lapham, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Luke Garrard, Justyn McKay, Mark Fenwick, Neil Crosby, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, Chris Hughes, David Stroud. **Subs:** Harry Hambridge

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UNDER 19'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

IT WAS FOUR WINS IN FOUR FOR TOWN'S UNDER 19S AS THEY CONFIDENTLY SWEEP ASIDE LOCAL RIVALS CIRENCESTER LAST WEEKEND. A COMPETITIVE LOCAL DERBY SAW MARK DRAYCOTT NOTCH AN IMPRESSIVE HAT TRICK, WHILST NEIL CROSBY ADDED A FOURTH LATE ON.

The victory follows the 19's impressive run of form that saw them record three victories in the space of seven days last week. And similar to those victories it was another decent performance as Viv Buby explains. "We played very well in what was a strong and competitive game. Obviously the Cirencester boys were up for the game with it being a local game and they came at us, but to be honest we looked comfortable against them and deserved the win." "We passed the ball very well which we encourage them to. Not only that but the movement was good and as a result we created a number of chances. Mark Draycott gave us the lead in the first half when lobbed their 'keeper from the edge of the box. He added a second just after half time when he finished from close range following Jamie Cheeseman's effort before completing the hat trick with a well-taken penalty.

"Unfortunately we gave a goal away with some sloppy defending, the visitors capitalising from a good save after Steve Smith parried a free kick. Fortunately we went down the other end straight away and got a fourth. A quick throw allowed Chris Hughes to cross for Neil Crosby to tap in at the back post.

"Overall it was a good performance from our boys. We worked hard and showed a good attitude and although we always say that results aren't everything – it's always nice to get a win!" As well as having good words to say about Town's performance, Viv also had positive things to say about the pitch itself, the playing surface at Wanborough in excellent condition. "We must thank the ground staff for the work they've done on that pitch. They've done a magnificent job and whenever we have visitors down there, they always comment on how nice it looks."

If you would like to go and watch the 19s then they would welcome your support. Their games take place at the club's training ground at Zurich Life, Wanborough and the games kick off at 2.00pm.

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
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	3-2
Sat 5th Oct	Cirencester	Home	4-1
Sat 12th Oct	Cardiff City	Away	
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Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 11th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 18th Jan	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 25th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 1st Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 8th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		
Sat 15th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		

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Mark Draycott



5th MICHAEL CARRICK

OF THE BEST

Last week Sven Goran announced his squad to face Slovakia and Macedonia. Amongst our favourite Swede's 24-man throng is David Thompson, currently at Blackburn, but who made ten appearances for Town under Steve McMahon. This got us thinking, who are five of the best England internationals to have spent time here at the County Ground? This is what we found...

5 MICHAEL CARRICK

Michael was brought in on loan by Jimmy Quinn from West Ham and made his Robins debut at home to Norwich in the First Division. He made six appearances for Town with two goals to his name. After leaving the County Ground Michael then starred for West Ham at the end of the 1999/2000 Season and scored in The Hammers' 5-0 demolition of Coventry. After a successful spell at The County Ground he caught the eye of Under 21 Manager David Platt and earned his first England cap as a substitute in the 4-0 win over Mexico in May.

4 TERRY FENWICK

Terry's England career saw him play in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and he played against Diego Maradona when the Argentine scored THAT goal. He featured in four of England's five World Cup matches in Mexico which

were among his total of 20 appearances for his country. The Durham-born defender joined Town on a free transfer from Spurs in September 1993. He made 23 appearances for Swindon in the Premiership but just two the following season after an altercation with fellow Town player Luc Nijholt. He moved to Portsmouth and later became manager at Fratton Park.

3 HARRY FLEMING

Described as a 'great footballer and gentleman' Harold Fleming was capped nine times for England. He actually played twelve times for England but caps were not awarded for matches against continental opposition. Perhaps Fleming's greatest day came in 1912 when he scored a hat-trick against Ireland. In all, he scored nine goals for England and had it not been for World War



4th TERRY FENWICK

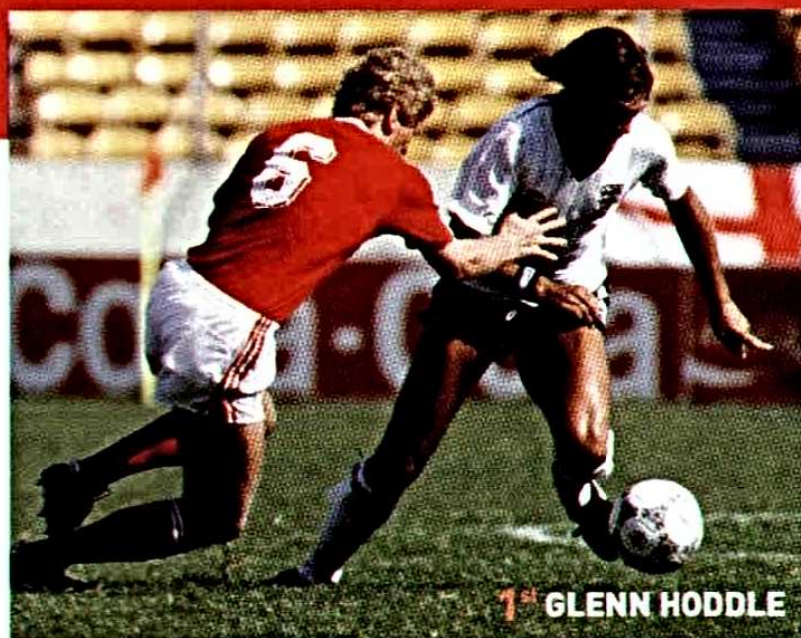


2nd STEVE COPPELL

One, undoubtedly it would have been many more. An inside-right whose ball control and balance seem to have been his main attributes, Harry died on the 23rd August 1955.

2 STEVE COPPELL

He may have been here for a couple of weeks, but by becoming Town's assistant manager Steve qualifies for our top five. With 42 caps (and seven goals) to his name it is no surprise and Steve made his international debut against Italy in 1977. Steve was of a new breed of wide midfielders who, in addition to being able to beat defenders and whip over telling crosses, would track back and provide cover for his defence. Steve, since leaving the County Ground and at the time of writing this programme has now taken over the managerial reigns at Brighton.



1st GLENN HODDLE

1 GLENN HODDLE

Recently voted the best Tottenham player of all time by fans on the Official Spurs Website, Glenn Hoddle was, without doubt, the most naturally gifted English player of his generation and is now back 'home' at Spurs as manager. He played 53 times for his country with 44 of those caps coming whilst at White Hart Lane. Glenn enjoyed a successful spell here at The County Ground winning promotion with some outstanding football including that

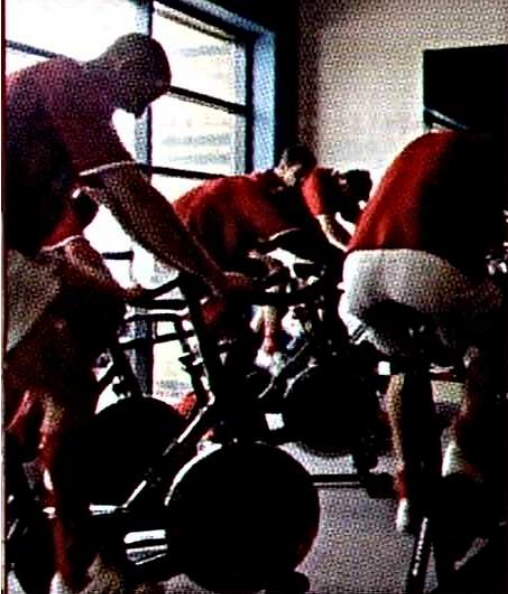
Play-Off Final victory against Leicester City in 1993. After a spell as Chelsea boss, he managed his country at the World Cup France '98. Southampton was his next port of call as 'gaffer' but he returned to his 'home' at White Hart Lane and has enjoyed a successful spell at the helm so far.

BEST OF THE REST...

Tim Flowers

Neil Webb

Steve McMahon



DANNY'S SOCCER SCHOOL

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KEEPING **FIT**

In order to be the best you have to keep yourself in good shape and this week, our Aussie Maestro takes us through a number of exercises you can do to get yourself in tip top condition. All of the pictures below were taken during a rather strenuous session at Cannons Gym!



STEP 1

A gentle jog can be used to warm up or down. Alternatively a more strenuous run can work your aerobic system. Remember to take in plenty of water.



STEP 2

Another great form of exercise is the bike and in particular, the spinning bike in which your endurance and stamina are tested to the limit.



STEP 3

Strength is crucial and so a number of machines or simple exercises (like the one Bart is doing here) can build up your body strength.



STEP 4

To build up muscle strength use a higher weight with less repetitions. Alternatively, if it's toning you're after, do more 'reps' at a lower weight.



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COLCHESTER
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TODAY'S VISITORS



Layer Road, home of
Colchester United

THIS SEASON

Ins: Daniel Steele (Millwall), Mark Warren (Notts County), Richard McKinney (Swindon), Sam Stockley (Oxford), Patrick Baldwin (Chelsea)

Outs: David Gregory (Canvey Island), Jason Dozzell (Canvey Island), Ross Johnson (Dag & Red), Anthony Allman (Woking), Olly Blackwell (Heybridge)

Odds for promotion: 100/1
(courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Top scorer: Keith 3

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 15 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 6-3 (v Chesterfield)

Biggest defeat: 1-4 (Oldham, Brentford & Brighton)

Top scorer: McGliesh 16

Most League apps: Scott McGliesh (52)

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1937

Biggest win: 9 - 1: v Bradford City (30/12/1961)

Most capped player: None

Most league goals: Martyn King (131: 1959/65)

Biggest buy: Neil Gregory £50,000

Record against the Town:
STFC wins 21, CUFC wins 20, Draws 13

IT IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY IN THE SEASON TO BE TALKING ABOUT 'MUST-WIN' GAMES, BUT COLCHESTER'S VISIT TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON WILL HAVE MANY FANS TALKING ABOUT 'SIX-POINTERS'.

COLCHESTER UNITED

Yet these games have become synonymous with the U's (and us I suppose as well) in recent years and Colchester, like Town, are struggling this time around having started the season 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), a dilapidated ground and no money to spend it is easy to see why the same assumption is made year after year. In fact, the club is arguably more famous for being the club that Lua Lua came from, rather than for its own merits.

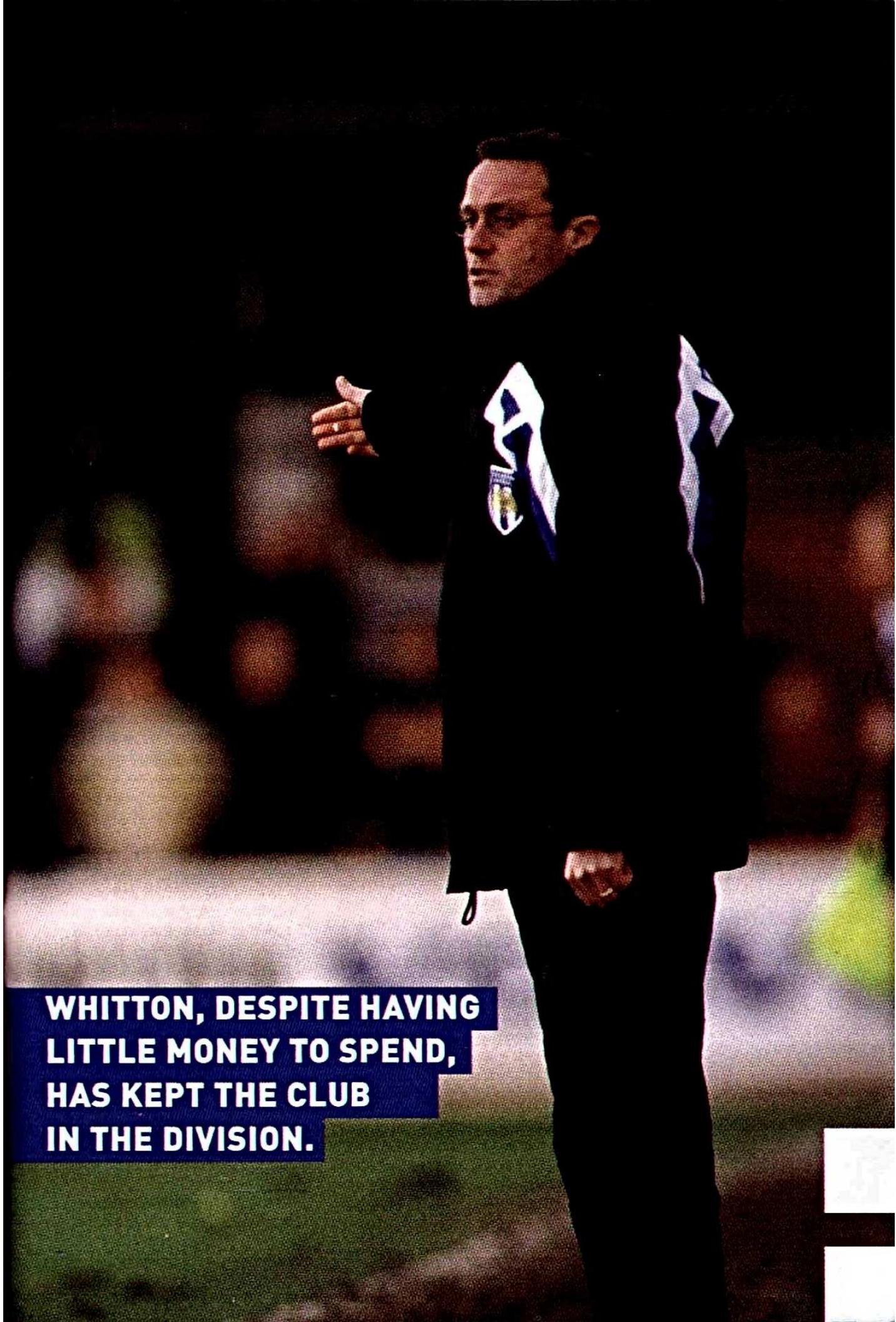
However, Colchester by their very nature are a club that thrives in the face of adversity and for the last two years, they have defied the odds and remained in Division Two when bigger clubs such as Bristol Rovers and Oxford have not. Even their club history suggests that they are more resilient than 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, endearing himself to the Layer Road faithful in the process.

With that said 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 by one place in the league. Had it not been for their recent run of five games without a win they would probably be enjoying better times too, a combination of injuries and suspensions whittling down Whitton's already thin squad (sound familiar?).

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 before their recent run has seen go in the opposite direction.

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 collected just one point in the process – let's hope that their dismal run continues today.



**WHITTON, DESPITE HAVING
LITTLE MONEY TO SPEND,
HAS KEPT THE CLUB
IN THE DIVISION.**

THE GAFFER



STEVE WHITTON

Steve's playing career saw him play at the top level with Birmingham, Sheffield Wednesday, Ipswich Town and Colchester United, although his greatest days were spent at his boyhood heroes, West Ham United.

Injury forced him out of the game early in 1998 and led him to concentrate on coaching as assistant to Steve Wignall at Colchester United. In his time as Assistant Manager, Steve helped guide the U's to two Wembley appearances, including the 1998 Play-Off Final, where they gained promotion to Nationwide League Division Two.

In January 1999, Steve took over as Caretaker-Manager before the arrival of Mick Wadsworth, reverting back to Assistant Manager following his arrival. Wadsworth resigned just weeks into the start of the 1999/00 season however and Steve took permanent charge of the team.

MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Colchester '99 - Present P172 W49 L73 D50

Colchester '99-'99 P1 W0 L0 D1

THE SQUAD

SIMON BROWN (keeper)

Chelmsford-born keeper who was signed from Tottenham in the summer of 1999 at the age of 23. Failed to make the first team at White Hart Lane, but had spells on loan at Lincoln and Fulham. Established himself in his first season at Layer Road, making 41 appearances in all competitions.

JOEY KEITH (def)

Talented young wing-back who signed from West Ham in the summer of 1999. Despite no first team experience he went straight into the U's side and missed only one of the 50 first team games in 1999/00 - a feat only equalled by one other player. Discovered a new talent when pushed forward in the latter half of the 2000/01 season and has proved his ability around the box with some superb free-kick taking.

ALAN WHITE (def)

Released by Luton in May 2000, this tall central defender joined Colchester in the summer for his second spell at Layer Road, following a month's loan midway through the previous season. Made nearly 100 first team appearances in all competitions at Luton, where Lennie Lawrence had recruited him for £40,000 from Middlesbrough in 1997. Aged 24, Alan hails from Darlington and signed a year's extension to stay with the club for the 2002/3 season.

SAM STOCKLEY (def)

Sam joined Colchester United on a month's loan at the end of August from Oxford United. Having fallen out of favour with the Third Division club, Sam will be hoping for regular football with the U's. Cost Oxford £150,000 from

Barnet in 2001, and was a part of the PFA Third Division Team of the Year for that season.

DANNY STEELE (def)

Big 19-year-old centre back who signed in July 2002 after being released by Millwall's academy at the end of the 2001/02 campaign. Danny was invited for a trial with Colchester after impressing Steve Whitton in a couple of reserve matches at the tail end of the last campaign. Steele is a no-nonsense centre-half who will be hoping to force his way into Colchester United's defence.

MICKY STOCKWELL (mid)

Colchester were delighted to capture the summer signature of this midfield ace, who has more than 600 first team appearances with Ipswich Town under his belt. Essex born, his experience and irrepressible energy and enthusiasm proved invaluable at this level as he scored 11 goals and was an ever present in the first team - winning a string of Player of the Year awards in his first season.

BOBBY BOWRY (mid)

Signed from Millwall in July, Bobby was signed to fill the role vacated by Aaron Skelton's departure to Luton Town during the summer. An experienced midfielder, Bobby's passing ability will provide a spark for the likes of Kern Izzet and Thomas Pinault to feed off in the centre of the park, whilst his defensive strengths allow the younger duo to push forward.

YOUNG GUN
THOMAS PINAULT

(mid)

Thomas is a young Frenchman who signed in the summer of 1999 and after



Bobby Bowry of Colchester
flies in against QPR

a long time on the sidelines, has now established himself a regular midfield place in the U's line up. His first taste of senior action came as a sub in August 1999, but he had to wait another eight months for his full debut.

KEM IZZET

Exciting and combative midfielder who joined the U's on transfer deadline day in 2001 after being released by Premiership side Charlton. Initially brought to Layer Road on a month's loan, Kem impressed manager Steve Whitton and earned a permanent move. Brother of Leicester's Muzzy, 21-year-old Kem has already attracted interest from higher divisions.

SCOTT MCGLEISH

The U's top scorer last season with 15 goals, Scott is a lively striker who joined Charlton from non-league Edgware at the age of 20 in May 1994. After six Division One appearances as a sub and a loan spell at Leyton Orient, he moved to Peterborough. The goals began to flow in a 1996 loan spell at Colchester where he helped the U's into the Division Three play-offs. After a £50,000 move to Leyton Orient in November 1996, Barnet paid £70,000 for his services and he scored nearly 40

senior goals before new Steve Whitton snapped him up for Colchester in January 2001.



Became the U's third signing of last summer after an impressive trial spell. Having fallen out of favour with Notts County, 23-year-old Kevin was signed by Steve Whitton to provide strength in depth up front. Hard-working and determined, 'Raps' became the second U's player to hit double figures for goals scored during the 2001/2 season.

ADRIAN COOTE

Proven goalscorer who has represented England at both B and Under 21 level, as well as representing the Football League. Started his career with York

City before Sunderland recognised his talents and paid £80,000 in 1987 to take him to Roker Park. Scored 87 goals during his four seasons stay before Crystal Palace splashed out £1.8 million in October 1991 to secure his services. Gabbiadini then enjoyed spells at Derby, Panionios, Birmingham City, Oxford United, Stoke, Darlington and Rushden and Diamonds before joining today's visitors.

DEAN MORGAN

An effervescent striker who is expected to make his breakthrough into the U's first team this season. Aged just 18, Dean is rated highly by the backroom staff at Layer Road, and after a season of substitute appearances will be keen to force his way into the starting line-up on a more frequent basis.

AND THE REST...

Joe Dunne, Gavin Johnson, Scott Fitzgerald, Karl Duguid, Mark Warren, Glenn Williamson, Chris Keeble, Adrian Coote, Marc Canham, David Hadrava, Triston Chambers, Leke Odunsi, Pat Baldwin, Sam Stockley, Lloyd Opara, Richard McKinney.

THEM AND US



Ray Bunkell was a Swindon Town midfielder between June 1971 and December 1973 during which he clocked up 56 Division Two appearances. Born in Edmonton, Ray signed for Tottenham in 1967 but failed to make an appearance for the White Hart Lane club despite winning England youth international honours. A move to Swindon, then in Division Two, gave him his first start in a 0-0 draw at Watford and 31 outings were to follow before season 71/72 drew to a close, encompassing goals in the home wins against Portsmouth and Cardiff. With a further 23 appearances in

1972/73, Ray looked like an established member of the Town's first team but despite the common Tottenham ground between Bunkell and Town manager Les Allen, Bunkell left the County Ground to try pastures new at Layer Road, Colchester.

United were then in Division Four but Ray had joined a promotion bound team who completed the season in third place, and as Town were destined for bottom place in Division Two Ray kicked off 1974/75 on an equal footing with his ex-team mates. Ray played in 129 League matches for Colchester in a

period stretching to 1979 and contributed nine goals as Colchester spent further spells in Division Four and Three.

Will Dixon joined Town in September 1973 and in doing so enrolled in a pretty exclusive club. Other members were to include Clive Allen and Joey Beauchamp. All three left the club for whom they'd signed within weeks of joining without ever making a League appearance.

Only a month earlier Will had left Fourth Division Reading and signed for



DAVE WALLIS WENT BACK ON THE SEARCH FOR PLAYERS THAT HAD PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS AND THIS WEEK, WITH THE VISIT OF COLCHESTER, HE FOUND RAY BUNKELL AND WILL DIXON.

Ray Bunkell in action

promoted Colchester, newly of the Third. For whatever reason, Dixon chose to 'up-sticks' (if any sticks had been downed at that point) and venture back along the M4 to Swindon.

A London-born lad who started his career at Arsenal, it seems that west of the capital suited him better than Essex, which was surely a wise choice. Having never made a first team appearance at Highbury, Dixon of Wood Green had moved to Reading in 1969 and made in excess of 150 League appearances for the Elm Park club.

Reliable and consistent would describe Will, apart from his 'stint' at Colchester that is, and the move to Swindon was to add 140 Division Three appearances as he became established as Town's regular right back.

Another strange circumstance took Dixon away from the County Ground to Aldershot in 1977. Despite making 38 League appearances that season and despite Dixon's open desire to stay at Swindon, manager Danny Williams moved Will on to the Recreation Ground for a nominal fee. A disagreement over travelling expenses

was cited for the split and Will received a presentation from Town supporters in his last Town match at home to Portsmouth for his contribution to the club's cause. Perversely, it had been Dixon's goal at Aldershot in April 1976 that had provided the Town with a 1-0 win, and the points that made the difference that sent Aldershot down to the Fourth Division and scrambled survival for Town.

So, still west of London, another 120 games followed at Aldershot leaving Will with a healthy career total of over 400 games when he retired in 1979.



DUTCH COURAGE

BART GRIEMINK, DUE TO MAKE HIS 96TH APPEARANCE FOR TOWN THIS AFTERNOON, TALKS TO CHRIS TANNER AND PREDICTS A 3-0 WIN...

Believe it or not, Bart Griemink, Town's influential goalkeeper, is now one of Swindon Town's longest serving players. The big Dutchman arrived at The County Ground on loan from Peterborough United in February 2000 after being brought in, initially by Jimmy Quinn, before Colin Todd signed him in the summer of the same year.

Born in Oss, Holland, Bart started his career in his home country, signing his first contract for WKE Holland at the age of 18. 'Dutch football is certainly different. I haven't seen a game from the league I used to play in for about seven years so it is a bit hard to compare it with the standard over here in England. Coaching in Holland starts early at around seven or eight years old so it follows right through.'

Griemink then made the move to England through a friend of his who was playing football in the Dutch non-league. A trial then came about at Birmingham City and after playing in a reserve match, the rest as they say, is history. The Manager that signed him was none other than the enigmatic Barry Fry. He then re-signed Bart when he became the manager at Peterborough United and paid £25,000 for his services in 1996. Griemink's displays at St Andrews obviously impressed Fry as Bart went on to make 62 appearances at London Road.

'He is a great guy. He gave me a chance to come over to England and play and I was very grateful for that. Barry Fry is one of those old fashioned managers who likes to throw tea cups about at half time but I always got on quite well with him. The spirit was always good and he was definitely a character!'

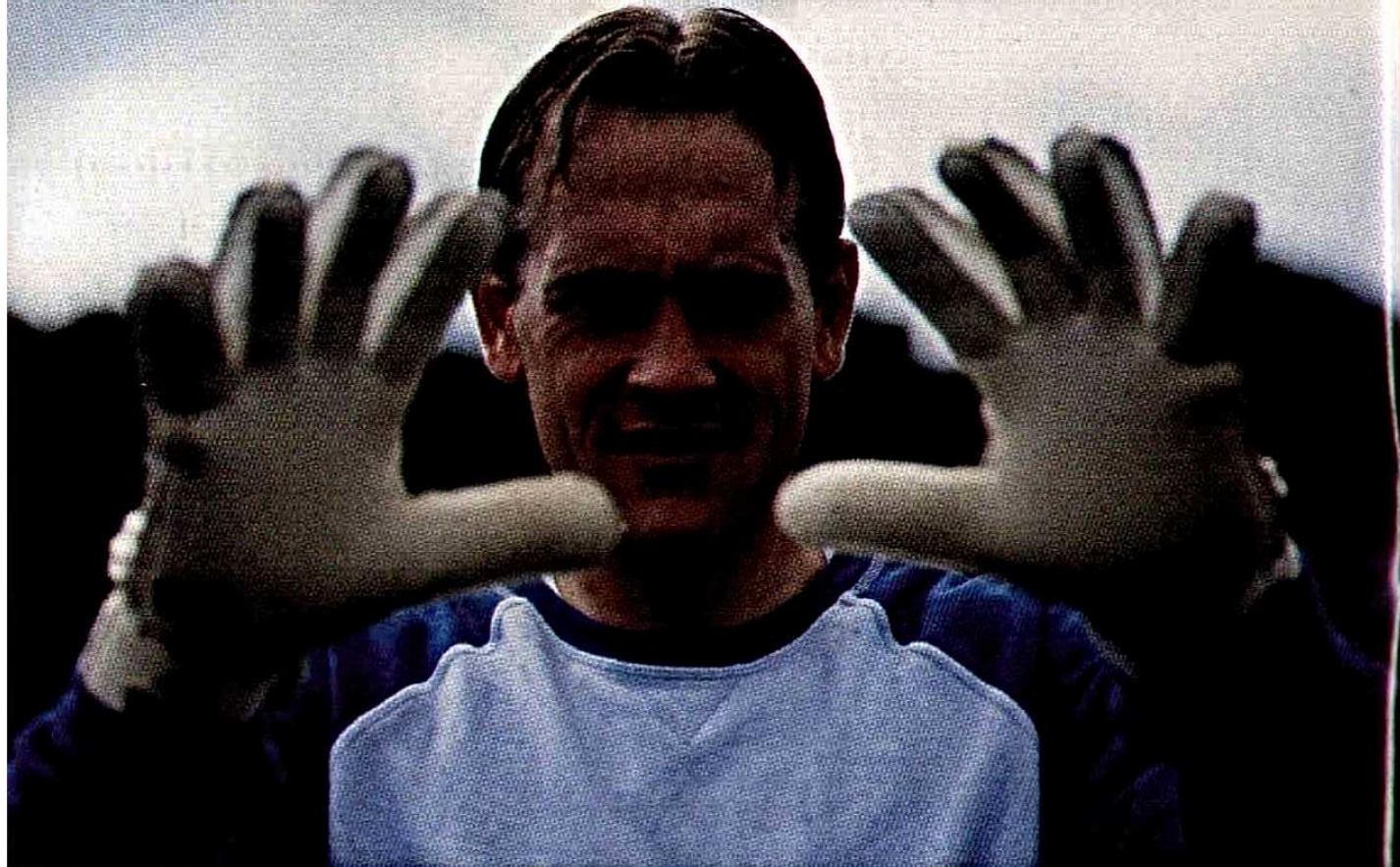
Bart has played under a number of managers since his time with Barry Fry and in his time at the County Ground alone, Bart has

played under four managers in just two years with Jimmy Quinn, Colin Todd, Roy Evans passing through the revolving managerial doors - Andy King now in charge. When on loan here, Bart played four games in Division One under Quinn before returning to East Anglia. Following Swindon's relegation to the Second Division he was signed by Colin Todd who arrived in the summer of 2000 along with a glut of new signings. Bart's permanent County Ground career began brightly with a clean sheet in the goalless draw with today's opponents Colchester United. He is now one of the more experienced members of a young Swindon side.

'We have a very young side at the moment and everyone is working hard. I think Alan Reeves is the oldest player at 34 and I am 30 myself. Then there is 'Gurns' (Andy Gurney) and a few in their late twenties and I think experience helps in the type of situations that we find ourselves in now. I can understand the fans current displeasure, everyone is frustrated though, not just the fans, it is everyone connected with the club including the players. When you are losing games it is hard, but we just have to keep working hard to try and get ourselves out of trouble.'

Griemink comes across as a down to earth family man who is settled at the club and enjoys what he does. He and his wife have just had a baby girl which he says keeps him occupied in his spare time. The Griemink family also say Bath is one of their favourite places to visit when they get the chance. Bart was on his way into the famous rugby city as we conducted this interview. He also divides his spare time between the gym and spending time with friends.

'I get on with most people at the club, Keith O'Halloran is a good



friend and we meet up at the weekends sometime and go out. I try and go to the gym at least three times a week and do a weights routine which concentrates on my upper body which helps my game.'

His matchday routine remains constant and involves an 8.30am rise, a walk, then a pre-match meal of chicken, rice and beans. He claims not to be the nervous type, but his morning walk calms him before an hour and a half of extreme concentration in the hustle and bustle of the tough English Second Division.

'I do all sorts of things on match day. I get up at 8.30am and have breakfast then go back to bed and watch a bit of television then have my pre-match meal at around 11.30am, which is then followed by a walk. I set off for the ground at around 12.30pm. I try to think about the game as much as possible and think of things that I would like to do during the match. I get a little bit nervous before the game, but it is just the usual pre-match nerves. I just like to get on with the game as 3.00pm approaches.'

Craig Farr is Bart's main rival for the Number One shirt and he is full of praise

for the former Youth Team stopper.

'He is a great keeper and played very well in pre-season so it is clear he has promise for the future. He is a good all rounder and working with him in training you can see his potential. We have goalkeeper training on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons with Alan Judge. The rest of the time is spent with the squad as we work together. There are a few keepers I look at and try and learn from. I think Peter Schmeichel is one of the better keepers certainly. Opposition strikers are not something that I pay great attention to or analyse before a match. I take every game as it comes no matter who we are playing - I just concentrate on keeping a clean sheet.'

Penalties are certainly a chance for 'keepers to shine and as the 6'4 Dutchman explains, the solution to Swindon Town's goal scoring problem could be a lot closer to home than we all think. Bart claims to have had thoughts on notching that vital FA Cup winner in the dying seconds.

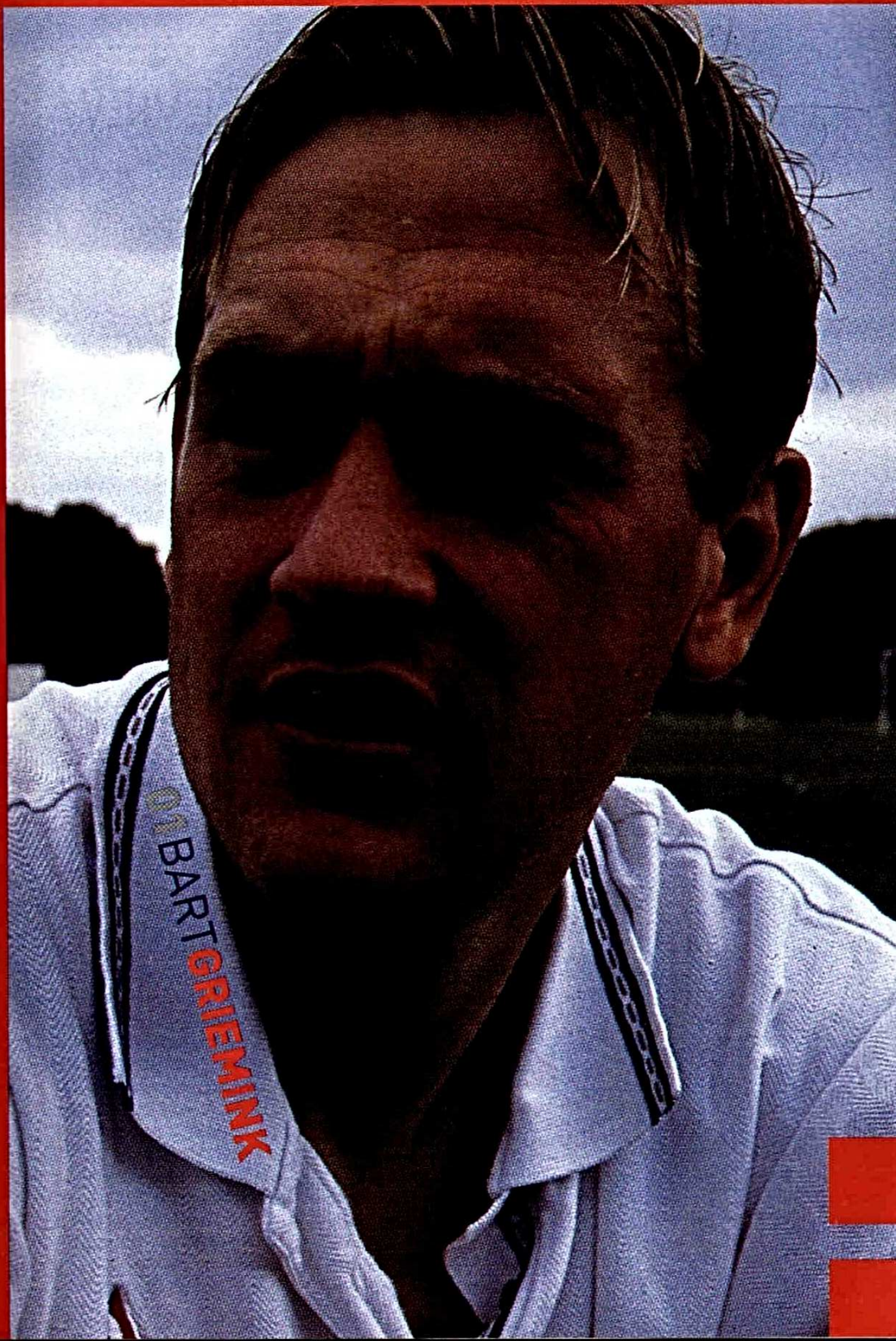
'I keep an eye on the foot position of the penalty taker, but it is normally a guess on penalties. Sometimes it works sometimes it doesn't! I do think sometimes that I would

like to go out and score a few goals but it doesn't happen to often, the lads always tell me to get back in goal! I have thought about it in the league but I think I might just end up getting in the way of our strikers, for the moment I will let the others get on with it.'

On the visit of Colchester United to the County Ground today, Bart is hoping for three points against Steve Whetton's United side that lie just one place above Town in the league and who have just one away win this season to their name.

'They started the season in similar fashion to us but haven't had a great run lately and seem to be struggling. Hopefully we will beat them today - I'll say 3-0 in our favour.'

I thank Bart for his time and let him continue on his journey into the cultural heart of Bath with its varied lifestyle, renowned spa's and outstanding charm. But despite the tranquil surroundings, there is a firm sense that Bart Griemink remains totally focused on rising head and shoulders above all around him in his quest for a win today.



DIV2 REVIEW



LARRIEU EXTENDS PILGRIMS STAY



Plymouth Argyle's French 'keeper, Romain Larrieu, has signed a two-year extension to his current contract, keeping him at Home Park until the summer of 2005. The 26-year-old has been with Argyle for almost two years and has been a star performer ever since, helping the club to the Third Division title last season. Argyle vice-chairman Peter Jones told the Evening Herald of the deal, saying: "Romain signed on Saturday and everyone at the club is delighted about it. He has obviously done extremely well since coming into the side and we look forward to having him here for a long time to come. Romain has done extraordinarily well and built himself a big reputation as one of the best keepers outside the Premiership."



BAD BREAK FOR ROBINS DEFENDER



Cheltenham Town defender Steve Jones suffered heartache on his return to Robins action, breaking his right leg in the 3-1 defeat by Blackpool. The 31-year-old former Swansea stopper landed awkwardly after a clearing header and was stretchered from the pitch just before half time. Jones had previously broken the same leg while at the Vetch Field and has made just three appearances since his return to Cheltenham due to a catalogue of woe. "The bone is broken in two places. I knew I'd done it straight away," Jones told the Gloucestershire Echo. "I heard a crack and it felt a bit sore. I couldn't stand on it. I've got to go and see a specialist this week sometime. It's just one of those things, but I haven't been the luckiest with injuries."



CARLISLE INJURY WORRY



QPR are waiting to assess Clarke Carlisle's calf injury after the defender limped out of the 2-0 defeat at Crewe early in the first half. "Clarke's got a problem with the back of his knee which has stretched to the calf muscle and we will have to wait and see the extent of the problem," said Rangers manager Ian Holloway.

Before Saturday's setback Carlisle had been looking to re-establish himself as one of the country's brightest prospects having recovered from a knee injury doctors feared might have ended his career. The QPR defender returned to league action against Mansfield last month - 19 months after severely damaging his cruciate ligament. In fact the damage sustained was so serious, it was initially feared the player might not walk properly again, let alone resume playing.



ABBEY STAYS WITH COBBLERS



Northampton Town goalkeeper Nathan Abbey has signed a deal to keep him at the Sixfields Stadium until the end of the season. The former Luton Town keeper joined the Cobblers from Chesterfield at the start of the current campaign. "I needed the security," Abbey told the club's official website. "I have enjoyed my time here, so I thought it was the sensible thing to do and I'm happy to stay longer. The 24-year-old made his full League debut for Northampton on Saturday and kept a clean sheet in place of the suspended Lee Harper.



VALE TARGET FORWARD SWOOP



Brian Horton is eager to boost his strikeforce with a fresh face in the near future, even if he fails to sign Wigan forward Lee Ashcroft. The Latics star has been on Horton's wish-list for a while, but Vale face competition for the 30-year-old from another Second Division side. If that deal falls through, though, Horton still has other irons in the fire. Horton told local newspaper, The Sentinel: "It is getting harder because clubs haven't got the staff, but we have made a few inroads and I am hoping we can do something on Monday."



LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

A SECOND HALF GOAL FROM FORMER TOWN STRIKER, CHARLIE GRIFFIN, EARNED CHIPPENHAM TOWN A POINT AGAINST WEYMOUTH ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

Weymouth had beaten Tommy Saunders' men 4-1 in a recent FA Cup clash, and Town looked likely to lose again when Jason Charles gave the Terras the lead. Fortunately Griffin, who had gone five games without a goal, ended his drought and equalised 20 minutes from time. Chippenham stay in eight place in the league.

Highworth stunned the rest of the Hellenic Premier Division on Tuesday night when they won 3-1 at title favourites Yate Town. John Fisher's side came from a goal behind to lead 2-1 at half time before Andy Wollen added a third in the second half.

Jon Holloway's Worcester City side were replaced at the top of their league by Crawley Town following a 1-0 defeat against Bath City.





THIS AFTERNOON WE WELCOME MARK AND MICHELLE BOWLER AS MATCH SPONSOR TO THE COUNTY GROUND, AS WELL AS MR. MIKE KING AND HIS PARTY FROM GREENHAMS AS TODAY'S MATCHBALL SPONSORS.

COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

• MATCHDAY SPONSOR

A warm welcome to today's very unique Matchday Sponsor, **Mr MARK BOWLER**, his newly wed wife **MICHELLE** and all the guests of the **BOWLER** family. Why is their sponsorship unique? Well, Mark was recently awarded the Nationwide 'Supporter of the Year', and part of the prize for winning was a cash prize of £2,000. Mark, a truly devout Swindon fan, thought no more about it and duly agreed to help the Club by sponsoring today's game and, at the same time, saw it as an opportunity to do a bit of PR by inviting all of his family to a VIP day out at the Club. Mark has promised however, that despite giving away half of his winnings to the Club, he does intend treating Michelle to a slap up Chinese meal if she is lucky. Having been married now for the best part of two months, Michelle is finally realising what it is like to be married to a mad keen Robins fan like Mark!

• MATCHBALL SPONSOR

Our Matchball sponsor today is **Mr. MIKE KING** and his wife **LORI**. Mike is the Regional Director of **GREENHAM** and has been a superb supporter of the Club, both last season and also this time around. **GREENHAM** are regular sponsors of our Sporting Dinners, and only last Monday he bought sixty guests along to the evening with Jimmy Greaves. Once again he has shown his true

support of the Club by confirming another five tables for our Sporting Dinner with 1966 England World Cup winner Jack Charlton on December 9th. *On behalf of the Club, we hope that you have a great day with us and that you will all have smiling faces at 4.50pm today.*

• COME AND SEE SOUTHEND IN THE LDV TROPHY

As you are no doubt aware, we have been drawn at home to **Southend United** in the first round of the **LDV Trophy**. The game is scheduled for **Tuesday 22nd October** with a **7.45pm kick-off**. We will be offering **Executive packages** for the game at **£20 per head** plus vat, which will include a two course dinner, complimentary programme, half time refreshments and a match ticket for the game in the Executive area. If you would like to book your places then why not give our Marketing Administrator **Elaine Hiscock** a call on **01793 333718** now?

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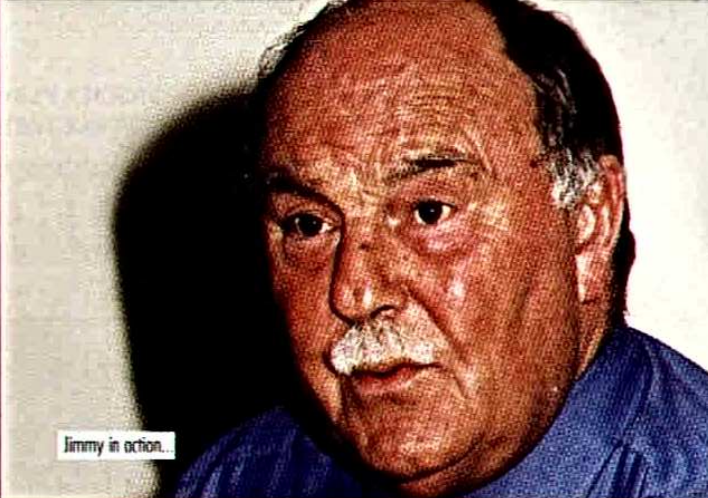
With Christmas only about eleven weeks away, now is the time to start thinking about those not quite as well off as ourselves. Christmas is always a time to give and the Club are asking both local companies and fans alike for support in the season of goodwill. On Thursday 26th December the visitors to the County Ground are **BRENTFORD** and on this day, the Club will be inviting a number of under-privileged children to come and watch the game as guests of the Club and giving them a real Christmas treat! We will be giving the children a pre-match Christmas luncheon, matchday programmes, tickets for the game, Club gifts – whilst making sure that every child leaves the Club at the end of the game with a Christmas present. If you think that you, or your Company, would like to play it's part in making a donation to the day, whether it be by a monetary donation or presents, then I would be pleased to hear from you on my direct line of 01793 333719. It really is our aim to make the Children's day and CHRISTMAS, so why not play your part as well and get right into the Christmas spirit. I look forward to hearing from you.



Mike King, of Greenhams, pictured here with Jimmy Greaves



Jimmy Greaves with guests



Jimmy in action...

• JIMMY GREAVES SPORTING DINNER

Close to 200 guests were present at our Sporting Dinner, sponsored by **GREENHAM** last Monday. Our guest speaker was ex Tottenham Hotspur and England legend of the 60's, **JIMMY GREAVES**. A great evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were present, and the evening also included a superb display from the evening's comedian **SEAN STYLES**. As usual, the evening's high standard of entertainment was kept going by the very popular and professional **MC, BARRY WILLIAMS**. Swindon Town would like to thank the following companies and guests who showed their support on the evening. They were **GREENHAM, ASH OFFICE INTERIORS, THE PROPERTY SHOP, McLEAN HOMES, DUNWOODY SPORTS MARKETING, WESSEX CONSERVATORIES, S.A.S, IMPACT, MILLENIUM PARTNERSHIP (ANDOVER)** and the parties of **Mrs TAYLOR, Mr FITCHETT, Mr REEVES, Mrs WALEGA and Mr MORRIS**.

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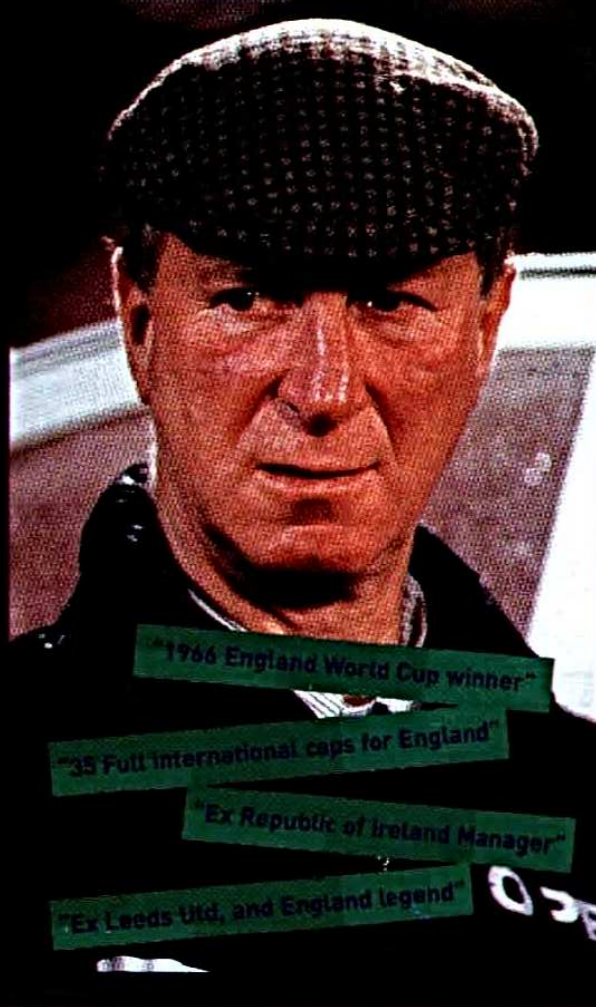
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THIS WEEK DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO 'THE EIGHTIES' AND, LIKE TODAY'S PRESENT CROWDS, THERE WASN'T MANY MORE THAN 5,000 THERE TO SEE TOWN BEAT THE U'S.

The number of goals and the heavy pitch made the Town's victory at Easter in 1963 one of the most memorable matches between the two sides. John Stevens scored a hat trick in Town's 6-1 victory. It was a vital win sandwiched between defeats at the hands of Peterborough on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and a key result in keeping Swindon's eventually successful promotion challenge alive. Dave Moss is another player to have scored a hat trick in a match between Swindon and Colchester. This came at the County Ground in 1974 when he scored 3 of Swindon's four goals, two of them from the penalty spot in a 4-1 win. Today's feature match took place on the 9th October 1982. Although less than 5,000 turned up to watch, it was Swindon's biggest crowd of the season to that point. The previous week had seen a dispute break out between two of the most long standing servants of the club. Manager John Trollope had spoken out against the Board's decision to loan Roy Carter to Torquay United as they were in a promotion challenging position alongside Swindon in

Division Four and the South Coast club was due to play Swindon during the loan period. Cecil Green argued that the financial position of the club dictated that the club saved money by putting the Cornishman out on loan. The first half of the match saw Swindon in command and playing good football, but half an hour elapsed without a goal being scored. Even 'Adver' reporter, Clive King, felt United were unlucky to have a penalty awarded against them thinking that Swindon player, Howard Carter, should have been penalised for pushing when the referee, Les Burden, awarded a penalty in the 32nd minute. Paul Rideout took full advantage to give the Town the lead and was unlucky not to increase it a short time later when he sent a blistering shot inches wide. Just before half time Swindon increased their lead when a left wing cross from Leigh Barnard was met by Andy Rowlands who headed it down into the Colchester net. The second half was only eight minutes old when Rowlands scored again. Again it was a header but this time the left wing cross came from an overlap by

Kevin Baddeley. United's manager, Alan Hunter, brought himself on and pushed former England international, Kevin Beattie, into the attack to try to turn the tide but although there were no further goals Colchester never looked like getting back into the game. Russell Lewis played for much of the match with a broken nose and helped stop the danger men John Lyons and Roy McDonough from getting into the game. The win lifted Town to fourth place but at the season's end they failed to achieve a return to Division Three at the first time of asking, finishing in eighth spot, two places below Colchester who won the return fixture at Layer Road.

Swindon: Allan, Henry, Baddeley, Emmanuel, Lewis, Graham, Pritchard (Hughes 80), Batty, Rideout, Rowland & Barnard.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Coleman, Adcock, Wignall, Beattie, Allinson (Hunter 58), Osborne, Lyons, McDonough & Leslie.

Attendance: 4,473

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KEYHOLE SURGERY, MANAGERIAL CASUALTIES AND EUROPE – IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR FOURFOURTWO'S MARK HANRAHAN.

The writing had been on the wall for some time so it was no shock when, late Monday night, Sunderland chairman Bob Murray announced his "...very difficult decision" that brought the curtain down on Peter Reid's eventful seven years at the club. Reid was undoubtedly a major force in turning Sunderland from a decaying club bound for Division Two into one of the largest concerns in the Premiership. However, whilst Sunderland are a totally different entity to the club Reid took charge of in the mid-nineties, results have failed to convince of late. In the mega-bucks world of the Premiership, money talks and sentiment takes a long walk off a short pier! The fear of losing Premiership status, the success of fierce local rivals Middlesbrough and Newcastle and growing frustration from supporters ultimately called time on Reid's tenure.

A list of candidates to replace Reid is long and distinguished with one of David O'Leary, George Graham and Mick McCarthy likely to land the post by the time you have read this. Seagulls Chairman Dick Knight has also brought

Martin Hinshelwood's ten-game period in charge of Brighton to an abrupt halt by appointing former Swindon Town assistant manager Steve Coppell as Manager. Despite Knight's claims that there never was a ten-game trial for his newly appointed manager, Brighton's 1-0 defeat away to Watford (their tenth league defeat in succession) proved to be one poor result too many. Knight moved fast to secure the services of Coppell on Tuesday after the former Brentford and Crystal Palace manager ended his stint at the County Ground over the weekend.

Manchester United and England have been rocked by the news that £30 million defender Rio Ferdinand has been ruled out for up to a month following keyhole surgery to clear up a knee injury. Ferdinand's absence means he misses England's two crucial qualifiers against Slovakia and Macedonia. Following the Paul Scholes injury debacle, both Alex Ferguson and Eriksson's assistant Tord Grip were keen to avoid another squad withdrawal controversy. Both stated in the press that the operation is the best solution all round. Rio's place in the

squad was taken by Middlesbrough's inform Ugo Ehiogu.

Despite an impressive performance against Portugal at Old Trafford, Leeds midfielder Lee Bowyer has been controversially overlooked this time around. Bowyer, who set-up his Leeds colleague Alan Smith's debut strike has been omitted due to his poor club form of late. Also missing from the squad will be enigmatic West Ham's star Joe Cole. Cole at least has the consolation of dropping down the England U21 squad!

Hot on the heels of West Ham's Michael Carrick last season, another former Swindon Town loan star's impressive form has been rewarded with his first senior call-up to the England squad. Most people will remember David Thompson as the 'clockwork mouse' midfielder who brightened up Steve McMahon's final season in charge with a string of energetic performances. Whilst by no means guaranteed a starting place against either Slovakia or Macedonia, Thompson - who has already nabbed three spectacular goals since his bargain

£1.5 million move from Coventry - has been tipped by many as a candidate for England's troublesome left-midfield position. His penetrative runs and range of shooting drawing conclusions that he could bring valuable dimension to the England midfield if selected.

Leading us nicely into European action. The Champions League aside, the tie most likely to capture the imagination pits Scottish Champions Celtic against Blackburn Rovers. Rovers, fresh from their 3-3 (4-4 win on away goals) success against CSKA in Bulgaria, face Martin O'Neill's side in a match already attracting the inevitable tag of the 'Battle of Britain'. Whilst failing to impress in the Champions League, Celtic have made an impressive start to life in the Uefa cup with a 2-0 win over Suduva (10-1 aggregate victory) signaling their intentions to their future opponents.

Last season's Premiership cannon fodder Ipswich Town put aside their inconsistent start to life back in Division One to defeat FC Sardinia 2-1 on aggregate. George Burley will be hoping their progression in the UEFA Cup is not at the expense of their domestic form as suggested when last year's ill-fated European adventure ended with defeat against Inter at the San Siro. The omens look good. Ipswich followed up the Sardinia victory up with a hard-fought 1-0 away win at Wimbledon's Selhurst Park. Finally, if Andy King, Dave Jones, Glenn Roeder and Jan Molby think they have problems pitch-side, they can thank their lucky stars this week following bizarre news from India, Football 365 reports. "Monkey Tears Ear Off Football Coach". The report describes how a football coach in India lost an ear after he was attacked by a monkey! One Samir Chatterjee, was taking training at the Sodepur Sporting Stadium when his simian assailant took to the field, disrupting his carefully planned coaching session. Chatterjee hit upon the bright idea of luring the creature away from

the pitch with some fruit and veg he had hanging around. Unfortunately, the primate attacked him instead. Chatterjee was taken to hospital but doctors were unable to reattach his ear.



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AS WE MENTIONED LAST WEEK WE ARE CURRENTLY SETTING UP OUR SCHOOLS' SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITIONS.

The preliminary rounds are due to take place in November and not October, as was stated in the Oldham issue of the Matchday Programme.

The girls from Dorcan got to the area finals last year and were narrowly beaten in the final by Southampton. Pictured above are the girls from Dorcan taken at the Bristol Rovers training ground, at last year's finals. Let's hope we have similar success this year.

Nolan Paul, our 'YT' lad has moved on to find another job. We would like to thank him for all his efforts and hard work, and give him our best wishes for the future.

Again another reminder that half term is fast approaching, and we are doing two courses. On the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of October we travel to Uffington. On the 29th, 30th and 31st October we are here at the club. As I write these notes we have only 10 places left on our course here at the County Ground and so, unfortunately, you may have missed the boat if you have not returned your form.

Bye for now
Clive, Luke and Jono



SHARPY'S BIT

Good afternoon and welcome to the game. Last Wednesday I went down to the Broad Green Centre to start a new weekly coaching session, which will take place from 7.15pm to 8.00pm. At these courses the lads learn new skills as well as playing a game of six-a-side football. If you would like to come along and join in then feel free - I look forward to seeing you there.

At the next home game against Mansfield (November 16) we are showing support for the 'Kick Racism Out of Football' campaign. We are going to have children running out with the players before the game, as well as a game of six-a-side football at half time. They will be wearing 'Kick Racism out of Football' t-shirts and will be from a number of different ethnic minorities. Look out for that next time and until then, all the best.



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CLASSIC DERBIES REVISITED

Although it is currently the two teams from the capital, Lazio and AS Roma who are leading the way in Serie A when anyone mentions the word 'derby' in Italy they are invariably referring to the showpiece in the San Siro. None of the feuds between the Roman or Turin clubs, either now or previously, have ever produced such a fever pitch of passion.

The Milanese derby is a derby of history, legend, celebrity and fanaticism. It incites memories of Italian elegance and European domination: A rivalry of style, competition and football. Whereas most derbies will stir up years of resentment or bitterness that have emerged through years of cultural difference or clashes of class, the Milan-Inter derby is pure in that the passion that is aroused is caused largely through purely footballing history. Last years' 6-0 defeat of Inter by AC Milan not only resulted in an historic victory (or

loss, depending on whose side you were on), but also in the Inter fans being lead off the pitch under heavy police escort after their fans had tried to storm the pitch. Such a derby defeat can either compensate for a whole season or else ruin it. The Inter fans' bombardment of the team bus and training ground, needless to say signalled quite clearly that they felt their season had slowly and painfully been desecrated over the course of ninety torturous minutes. In Inter coach Marco Tardelli's words the night was "the worst I have seen in my life".

The first of over 250 equally contested (usually) Milanese derbies was played in a small city in Switzerland in 1908. Earlier that year the 'Internazionale Football Club of Milan' was formed. Internazionale (so called because they were open to anyone, not only Italians) was the result of a group of footballers rebelling from Milan A.C.

Their original colours of gold black and blue are still used. Because of their international roots Inter were badly affected by World War I. Many players were lost to battle and many were never to return to their club. Virgilio Fossati who had captained his team to their first ever league championship in 1910, lost his life. It was largely due to the war that AC dominated the early years of their rivalry. Despite this early history, it is the 1960's in which both club's have their true roots. This was the decade of the city of Milan. Between 1962 and 1969 they won 5 of the 7 Scudettos between them. In a decade in which the two sides emerged to become perhaps the two most singularly powerful clubs in the country their rivalry became the most compelling. The sixties saw the Inter side of Helenio Herrera compete with a Milan team under the management of Rocco and captained by Cesare Maldini, father of Paolo and future

WITH THE BRISTOL CITY DERBY LOOMING IN JUST SEVEN DAYS TIME, BEN LEACH TRAVELS TO ITALY TO GO BEHIND THE SCENES IN ITALY'S GREATEST CLASH, THE MILAN DERBY.

Coach of the international side. Yet it was Inter who remained on top. The side was captained by Giacinto Facchetti (now the Vice President) and continued unbeaten by their rivals for ten consecutive years. They won three league championships, two European Championship Cups and two Intercontinental Cups. Yet it wasn't purely a blue and black era. The red and black shirts of A.C. Milan to their credit won the Italian league championship twice and the European Champions' Cup. The two clubs fought and battled over every single championship, over every point and every goal. It was the decade that made the Milan teams what they are today. Forty years later the two teams are still associated with the same things that connected them back then: A battle of precision and passion, flair and flamboyance, celebrity players, managers, presidents and even season

ticket holders. All this stems from this era. Inter became the very pioneers of the catenaccio (the Italian defending wall) the impenetrable wall being preferable to attacking flamboyance. Unlike Herrera, Rocco focused on the faith that he would have in his team, encouraging a relatively free and open style. "If you treat the players like men, then they play like men. If you treat them like women, then they react like women" he maintained. For many critics, even the sides of Van Basten, Gullit and Rijkaard or Matthäus, Brehme and Klinsmann were nothing in comparison to the sides of the 60's, both in terms of the style of the football that was produced and pure footballing ability. The 60's set the scene for the legend of Inter and of A.C. In the role of Inter coach and after another poor performance from his team, Marcello Lippi drew comparisons with former players and admitted: "If I were

chairman, I would kick each player in the backside and then kick me too." Of course, Massimo Moratti obliged, sacking him promptly.

The Milan team of Van Basten, Gullit and Rijkaard, among many other multi-million pound signings backed by the club's president Silvio Berlusconi, never really gained the respect that was accorded to the Milan side of the 1960's. Milan of course had always been a very Italian club and the success given to them by three Dutchmen may, it's true to say, have been resented. Since then the success of both sides has diminished, with managers changing constantly (Inter have had three in the past two seasons). Yet what will remain is the passion for an eternal derby: one that ignores those unnecessary factors of socio-political setting and cultural context and cuts straight to the point in the most elegant way.

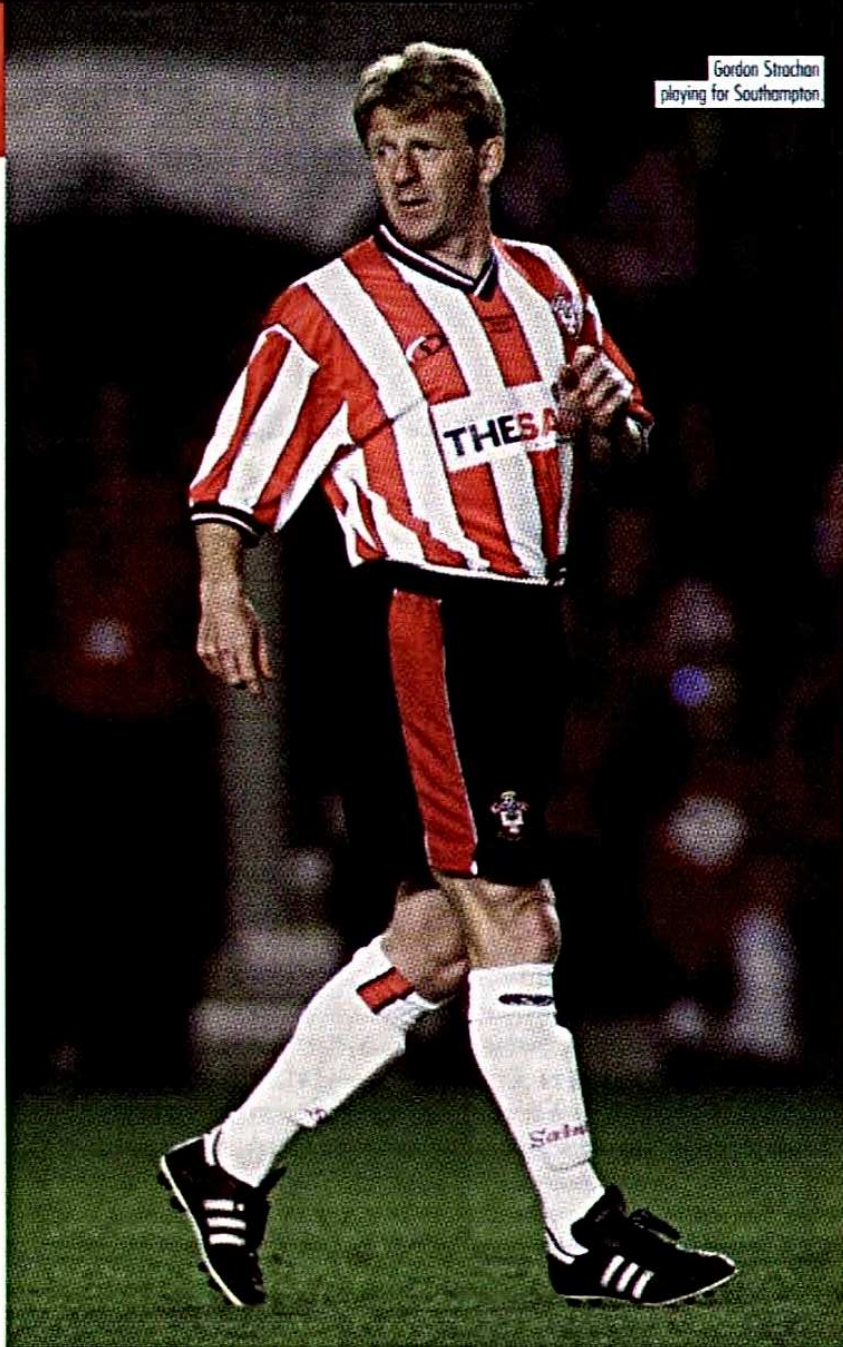
The Milan Derby



I turned 30 last week but I think my current weariness has little to do with old father time catching up with me. Miserable results, continuing strife off the pitch and even Oxford winning games. I am starting to wonder if the great referee in the sky really does have it in for this football club of ours.

Apologies as I may have been overtaken by events by the time you read this. In an ideal world the transfer embargo will have been lifted, Luton will have had to pay us the full whack for Sol Davis and the snarls in the stands will have turned back to smiles. If things have gone the other way, well, let's just say the brown stuff hitting the fan is an experience we are used to. Is it really too much to ask, just to have a 'normal' football club? Admittedly, I am not really sure what the definition of a 'normal' football club is but strife-free would be nice. I realise that I am asking for the impossible. If my wish was granted, Town would be debt-free, own the ground and be playing in the Premiership. We have to accept what we are and where we are but that doesn't mean we have to like it. Steve Coppell has left to try his luck at Brighton. He clearly likes a challenge. The Seagulls are currently on an even worse run than we are. Best of luck to him. Andy King has endured a difficult week. First he has to contend with supporters calling for his head and then his best mate gets the push at Sunderland.

Who would be a football manager? I suppose it's one of those professions where the divide between success and failure is pretty thin. Hero one minute, villain the next. But enough of the football. Back to my problems. Turning 30 made me think about my early years of watching football. When you are eight or nine, 21-year-old players seemed old. The general view was the 30 barrier marked the end of your career. At 29 you are 'experienced' but once you touch 30 'you're past it'. I will admit that it troubles me slightly that only Razor,



JON RITSON



EVENING ADVERTISER

Reevesy and Bart are the only Town players older than me, but I do at least take heart that 30 no longer means knackered (although Brian the Town backroom staff XI manager might disagree, having seen me play on the County Ground turf). David Seaman, Gordon Strachan and Stuart Pearce all shone went beyond their 30th birthday. Sir Stanley Matthews was still playing at 50. Can't see it happening in today's era though. Anyway, apologies for the

age-thing. Next week I'll find myself complaining the music is too loud and saying things just 'aren't the same any more'.

Get behind the boys today, make some noise and let's try and haul the boys out of the bottom four. And don't forget to pick up your copy of the Sporting Pink in Monday's Adver. Let's hope I'll be reflecting on a much-needed three points.

Football does something to people's minds. I never really knew my Dad until we went to a football match. Imagine a stereotypical accountant, if you will. Quite a quiet man with little to say, most of the time...or so I thought. He transforms into this other man that always surprises me when we go to a game together.

I guess what I am trying to say that football gives us something that I am not sure can be satisfied anywhere else in our normal lives. My Dad has never raised his voice in our house, apart from to shout at Pearce, Waddle and Southgate. Football really brings alive passion, ecstasy and also severe sadness, which is not matched in our areas of every day living. Yes, there are wonderful occasions in life such as newborn babies, but do you remember how you felt when we whipped Argentina one-nil back in June? Did it feel like any other emotion you'd felt....ever?

And how about the emotions being stirred in the opposite direction? For example, I have lost count of the number of tête-à-têtes we have had in my multi-cultural circle of friends about England v Scotland for example.

Italians and their emotions are an excellent example. They're fanatical about many things; family, food and of course, football. About two years ago, I was at the Olympic Stadium in Rome for Lazio-Inter Milan. It was Sven's first match in charge of Lazio since he'd been named as the next England coach. Eriksson at that time was a hero in the city. He'd guided Lazio to win Serie A the previous season. Graffiti around the city proclaimed him a saint and an idol. That Saturday night, the Lazio loyal turned. Supporters of all ages and both genders proceeded to lambaste Sven for his side's extremely poor performance.



HELEN WINGROVE



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To say they were passionate would be an understatement. Talk to a local after the game, they remained angry and vehement that Eriksson had lost his mind. This was Lazio. Their football club. Sven had spoiled their weekend and perhaps their season. Even my Dad would have

felt aggrieved and also made his feelings known had he been a supporter and present on the night. That's what we do. We support the club, and when things go bad, it stirs those emotions to boiling point and sometimes it blows – even in the most quiet of us!

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The latest winner was regular Town fan Anthony Reeves,

who lives in Aylesbury and who normally attends with his father. Unfortunately last week his father could not make the match but as regular ticket purchasers Anthony picked up the tab and won £266 for ticket number 260.

If you would like to join the **regular subscription scheme** for the draw please ask a ticket seller or visit our web site to pick up the details. Alternatively, if you would like to distribute forms to friends or work colleagues please contact Roger on the number above and he will provide you with all necessary forms. Don't forget every ticket sold helps either supporters or football club interests.

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Following our match sponsorship, we will be pleased to welcome 10 supporters as our guests for the match against Mansfield in a few weeks time. Their names came out of the hat in a recent lucky draw.

Disabled group meeting

A final reminder that the next evening meeting of the Disabled Group will take place on Monday evening, next week in the Winners Lounge starting at 7.30 p.m. If you have not attended a meeting either as a group member, or helper, then new members are always welcome and it a great opportunity to meet fellow supporters and often either a player or member of the club management as well. On **Monday evening next week** it is hoped that Eric Sabin will be in attendance.

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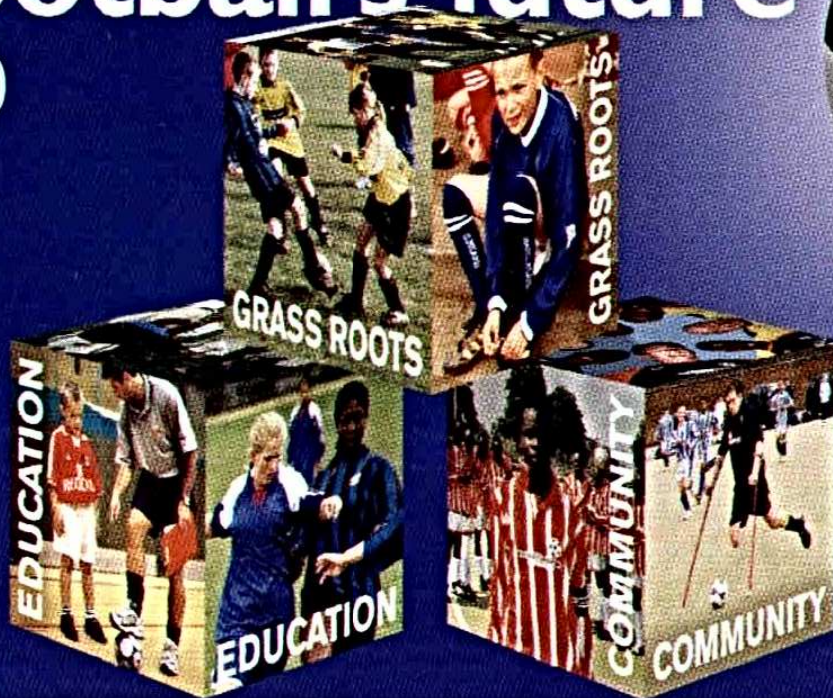
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**GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR
JUNIOR ROBINS AND WELCOME TO
TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST
COLCHESTER UNITED.**

JUNIOR ROBINS

We start our notes today for all existing Junior Robins' members. Please note that our next trip (including reciprocal tickets) is next Saturday October 19 when we face Bristol City.

We have had several enquiries about this match but unfortunately not enough at the moment to organise our own coach. If you are going to the match under your own steam, and are not travelling with SAS Travel, then please ring George Chadwick on 01672 520679. George will arrange to meet you there regarding the ticket. We do have a few adult tickets available for this match, but they will have to be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

The next reciprocal match is against Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday November 2.

If you know of any friends who would be interested in becoming a Junior Robin then please tell them that these, and other matches throughout the season are available to just £3 – the cost of joining the Junior Robins. What a good bargain, and a discount in the club shop to boot!

Finally, Richard Dunston is always on the look out for ball boys/girls between the ages of 12-15. If you are interested and think you can be part of Richard's team, then please ring hi on 01993 703110. Applicants will have to become a Junior Robin first of course!



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN' ROBIN, MATCHDAY
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Rockin' Robin,

Thank you so much for lending me your mask for my goal celebration at the weekend, it went down a storm, I'm just wondering what I can do next – a variation on the Robbie Keane back flips maybe? Thanks again, Facundo Savion, Fulham.

Facundo,

No problem my old gaucho, glad to be of assistance, although I did feel a bit naked walking around without the mask – suddenly nobody recognised me! At least I could get to the bar on Saturday night without a crowd. A while back I approached Robbie Keane about learning all that back-flipping and somersaults to add them to my own routines, one of the first things he asked me was 'how flexible can you be' to which I replied 'well, I can't make Tuesdays'...



Rocksworth,

Your soundest advice, please old mate. After my success as captain of the European Ryder Cup team this year, I am trying to decide whether to lead them on next year, or should I quit at the top - What would you suggest? Sam Torrid

Sammy Baby,

I can put forward a name as your replacement for the Captainship next year - Rockin' Robin! I can do that job! I love that golf lark and instead of relying on a buggy to scuttle around the course I could just fly from one hole to another, and I'd love to do all that diving in the water hazard with those mad Irishmen as well. Only joking Sam! You were brilliant and so were all the boys, I think you should do it all again over on their side of the pond. Go for it!



AND FOR TWO FREE TICKETS... NAME THE PLAYER

Born 8/9/54, Derby

Forward

Played for Town between 1978 and 1986

Anagram: DROWN A DYLAN

Send you answers in to the above address. Congratulations to last weeks winner, Mrs Susan Peachey from Freshbrook – who correctly said that Shaun Taylor was the player in question. Two tickets are on their way!



01 YOUNG GUN ENJOYS DAY OUT

Pictured here is Swindon Town Under 11, Blayne Wherrett, who was the club's mascot last Saturday against Oldham. Blayne is a part of Town's Centre of Excellence set up and last week, he was given V.I.P treatment at the County Ground. In fact, before the game Blayne was given the chance to kick around with another mascot as well as the players and to be honest, he looked right at home! We hope you enjoyed your day Blayne.

02 LOVE WAS IN THE AIR

Pictured here are Marcus Carter and girlfriend Sam, who watched last week's game in the Nationwide Stand. Marcus and Sam were the first people to turn up on Saturday and, with thousands of empty seats around them, they cuddled ahead of Town's clash with Oldham. As a result, being the nice people that we are, they were invited to today's game as guests of the club and so we wish them a very warm welcome. Talking before last Saturday's game, Marcus said: "It's been a few years since I've been here and out of the blue we thought we'd come and watch again. We're trying to do as many league grounds in the country as possible and this was the closest!" As for the club's invitation to join them this afternoon he added, "It's amazing really, we never expected anything like that when we turned up. It's a lovely gesture."

03 LEONARD BACK ON THE ROAD

Steve Leonard has been a regular on these pages over the last two seasons and this year, he has been back on the road again. This time Steve and family have been to Cyprus and he is pictured here in the Troodos Mountains at Mount Olympia. Look out for more pictures of Steve in the next issue of the programme against Mansfield.



FAMOUS FACES

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have seen a number of famous faces at last week's game. Joe Jordan, Colin Calderwood and David Kerslake were present at last Saturday's match against Oldham. Also spotted was Pianist and Musical Director of the Parkinson Show, Laurie Holloway. Laurie recently lost his wife, the famous jazz singer Marion Montgomery – obviously our commiserations go out to him. If you see any famous faces here at the County Ground then drop us a line and let us know.

TOWN WELCOME NEW SUPPORTER

Congratulations from everyone at the STFC office go to Nick Prescott and wife Tracey, who gave birth to baby Oliver two weeks ago. The Prescott family have already introduced one new fan to the world in the way of daughter Katie and now they now have another to bring to the County Ground. Congratulations and the best of luck to the two of you from all at STFC!

MY SWINDON XI – ENGLAND STARS

With a crucial England match scheduled to be played today there was probably little danger that Town's match was likely to be re-arranged to release players for International duty. However, there have been some very noteworthy names who have pulled on both the Town's red (or at least been on the books) and the Three Lions, a team of which is seen here. Is there anyone in the crowd today who saw Harold Fleming score for Town?

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Tim Flowers | 7 Mike Summerbee |
| 2 Colin Todd | 8 Neil Webb |
| 3 Brian Marwood | 9 Harold Fleming |
| 4 Steve McMahon | 10 Glenn Hoddle (Player/Manager) |
| 5 Neil Ruddock | 11 Mark Walters |
| 6 Terry Fenwick | |

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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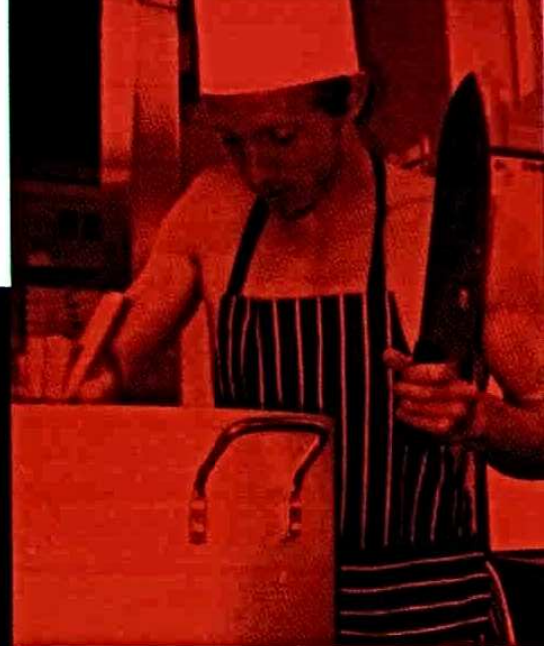
Answer the highlighted question below and win two free tickets to a Nationwide League match of your choice here at the County Ground.

October 8 1977 brought a trip to Lincoln City where Town succumbed 3-1. Chris Guthrie was on the mark for Swindon with his fifth goal of the League season as City inflicted Swindon's fifth defeat in the first 12 games. The loss saw Town, who at one stage had been second,, drop further down the Division Three table to 12th position.

Town were back at the County Ground on October 15 when Port Vale were the visitors and Steve Aizlewood's goal was enough to secure Town's first point since his last strike four games ago. At number ten for Vale that day was Ken Beamish. In between these games on October 12, Scotland qualified for the World Cup finals through an infamous 2-0 win against Wales played at Anfield. The debate regarding a disputed handball in the box that brought about a Scotland penalty rumbles on to this day. England meanwhile won 2-0 at Luxembourg, a result that didn't do enough to encourage optimism for England's progression to Argentina '78.

- 1 One of Lincoln's midfielders in 1977 became Town's record signing in December 1979 at £110,000 and subsequently played many years for Southampton. Who?
- 2 And another Lincoln squad member that year, who made over 100 appearances for the Imps, joined Town in 1980, but failed to make single appearance for Swindon. A tricky question, but who was he?
- 3 England's first goalscorer against Luxembourg was Ray Kennedy. The second played for Plymouth, Ipswich and Arsenal. Who?
- 4 On October 13, Bristol Rovers appointed a new player/coach who had previously scored against Swindon at Wembley. He scored a hat trick on his debut for the Pirates two days later. Who is he?
- 5 Colchester's goalkeeper was ever present during 1977/78 and later managed Norwich and, less successfully, Everton. What is his name?

Answers: 1) Gavin Cockhill 2) Brendan Guest 3) Paul Warner 4) Send your answer in to us. 5) Mike Walker



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

This week, after his appearance in the Daily Telegraph and on Talksport, Town's resident chef goes back to basics with this pizza recipe.

NO. 5 TURBO'S TESTADO PIZZA

1. You'll need: 1 1/4c Flour, 1 ts Baking powder, Salt, 1/2 c Milk, 2 tbVegetable oil, 1 lb Ground beef, 3/4 oz Taco seasoning mix, 1 c grated cheese, 8 oz Taco sauce, 4 oz Chopped green chillies, 1/2 c Chopped onion, 1/2 c Chopped tomatoes and 1 c Shredded lettuce.

2. Pre-heat an oven to 425 degrees. After that, combine the flour, baking powder, salt, milk and oil in a bowl and stir mixture. Press it into a ball and knead ten times.

3. Roll the mixture on a lightly floured board to a 13-inch circle and place on pizza pan or baking sheet. Turn up edge and pinch and bake for five minutes.

4. Prepare ground beef using recommendations from your seasoning mix and then spread over pizza.

5. Sprinkle cheese over the top and bake for two minutes.

6. Top pizza with taco sauce, chillies, onion, tomato and shredded lettuce and 'Bob's your uncle!'



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"So, the 4th British Mascot Grand National was looming, and I was ready to take on the fastest Birds, Lions and oversized bugs in the world to bring the trophy, glory and prestige back to Swindon Town.

"My training started a few months back, and had been very tough, intense and by all means – torture! Miles of running, hours of weight lifting and a diet of lettuce leaves & millet to boot! Recently Jimmy Davis had been helping me with crucial stretching routines and more chin ups than you would like to dream of in the gym! Tips from the players came in handy as well, with invaluable advice from Eric Sabin and Danny Invincible! I also made sure my boots were in impeccable condition, taking them to the cobblers, and spending a lot of time in the boot room, with the polish in hand!

"As the race approached I finished off the last minute preparations by trying to contact sprinting legend Lynford Christie for advice on the perfect running style for a Robin, and feasting on chocolate – for energy of course!

"Just before the start of the event I met Olly the Ox, the Oxford representative, for the first time. I made sure he knew where he stood, by greeting him with a typical Rockin' Robin rugby tackle and a kick in the stomach!

"So, as the wide variety of animals lined up on the start line, tension began to grow and my nerves were high! The flag was waved and we were off! Feathers were flapped, bills broken and wings waved. I was a Robin on a mission! I chased the heels of first place for half of the race and then the thing that I had dreaded most, happened! A gang of Vigilante mascots had caught up with me and decided to take advantage of my oversized boots. The back of my pantomime-like boot was trodden on as I was about to jump the fourth fence, and I crashed to the ground, underneath the swarm of mascots.

"Hobbling to the end of the course I felt devastated, knee gashed and head bludgeoned. I decided to take my anger out on a fence, which maybe wasn't the best idea in the world, as it later appeared on the national news!

"I was hoping for a Re-match last week before the tie against Oldham, with the eventual winner, Chaddy the Owl. However, the quick bird didn't show, but if he had, I'm sure the race would have been a spectacle! So, the training for next year will have to start early, with more visits to the gym, and gruelling up hill runs (Ooh, I can wait!). But be warned, Rockin' Robin will be back next year, to be crowned the Fastest Mascot in the World!"





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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When and how did you get involved with football?

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And did you?

Yes! I went to Even Swindon Junior School and played regularly for the team until I went to Secondary school. At Commonweal School we did have a girls seven-a-side team that played in tournaments, although we weren't very good.

How did you end up at Swindon Town?

I went to a soccer training course that was run by Tract Mackeddie, who played for Town, and she asked me to play in a five-a-side tournament at Aston Villa. I then signed for Coleview and then the Town.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I have studied drama and would like to follow that up as a career, which may mean moving away. I was recently in an episode of Casualty! While I am still in Swindon I hope to continue to play for the Town.



HAYLEY HUCKIN

AGE 19

POSITION FORWARD

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN LADIES CONTINUED THEIR IMPRESSIVE RUN IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE WITH A 5-2 HOME VICTORY OVER NEWTON ABBOTT.

The Town made a good start when, after four minutes, Lucy Bailey latched onto Michelle Rich's through ball to put Town ahead. Town continued to be the better team until the 18th minute when the visitors drew level. Newton Abbott then took control and took the lead ten minutes before the break. On 54 minutes Michelle Rich scored twice to put Town ahead. Lucy Bailey completed her hat-trick to take the score to 5-2 and earn a well deserved victory. Town's Reserves travelled to play Keynsham Town Reserves and came away with all three points. Hayley Huckin grabbed all four goals for Town in the first half to ensure a comprehensive 4-1 scoreline.

Unfortunately it wasn't a clean sweep for the ladies and the Under 14s seven-a-side team were beaten by Keynsham Town in the Wiltshire County League by seven goals to one. Lisa Coe scored the consolation goal. The Under-14 XI proved too strong for Rushmoor Saints in the Surrey Primary League and won 8-1. Carly Smith (3), Clare Morton (2), Lisa Coe, Robin Everitt and Kerrie Keane were the goal-scorers.

The U12s in the Wiltshire County League beat Swindon Spitfires 7-1. Chloe Bryant and Libby Robinson scored two goals each, with further strikes from Amber Edgerton, Emma Roberts and Kayleigh Steed completing the resounding win.

In the First Round proper of the Women's F A Cup Town have been drawn away to Rover Oxford, the old Oxford United side, who currently play in the Southern Region League (a league below the Town). Tomorrow the Town travel to face Yeovil Town in the South West Combination League. The Reserves are at home to Frome Town in the Wiltshire County League. This game will be played at Aldbourne FC and the Kick Off is 2.00pm.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	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	5-2
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 07 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	

"Hayley Huckin grabbed all four goals for Town in the first half to ensure a comprehensive 4-1 scoreline."

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 NEXT SATURDAY, 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**



Southend (LDV fixture)
22.10.02 (7.45pm)



Mansfield
26.10.02 (3.00pm)



Tranmere
09.11.02 (3.00pm)



Peterborough
30.11.02 (3.00pm)

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NEXT PLEASE...

THE BIG DERBY



WHO? **BRISTOL CITY**

KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY OCTOBER 19**

When the chips are down the last place you want to go is your local rivals, but that is exactly the task in hand for Andy King and his men as they travel to Bristol City's Ashton Gate next weekend.

Bristol City, like every year, are always cast as one of the pre-season favourites for promotion. Indeed, since their demise from Division One in 1999 the perennial under-achievers have failed to deliver when the play-offs seemed a distinct possibility. In 2000/01, when Town endured their first season in Division Two, City started the season poorly. However, a prosperous run of form saw them climb the table and they narrowly missed the play-offs before last season, when the Robins faithful (of the Bristol variety) had to endure another painful seventh placed finish, just five points off sixth place.

Should the season finish now, as it stands City would have banished their play-off misery and

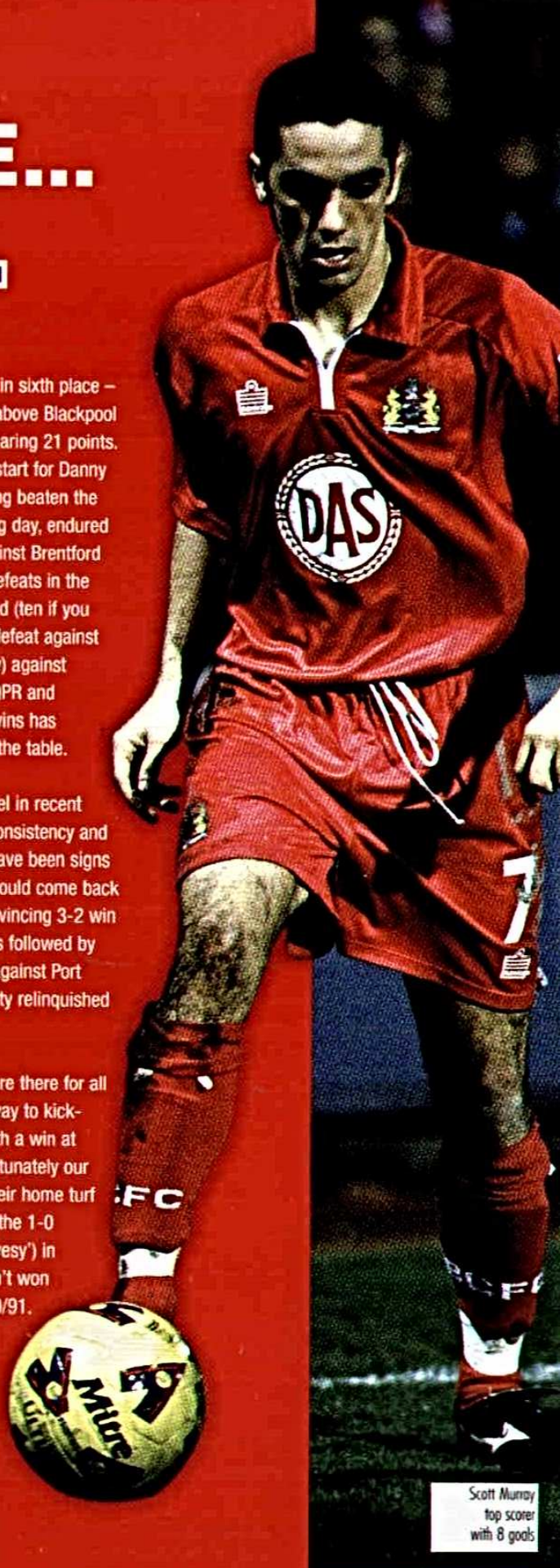
would finish the season in sixth place – the club sitting proudly above Blackpool despite the two clubs sharing 21 points. However, it was a slow start for Danny Wilson's men who, having beaten the Seasiders on the opening day, endured two straight defeats against Brentford and Wigan. Only three defeats in the next nine games followed (ten if you include the humiliating defeat against Oxford in the LDV Trophy) against Oldham, Plymouth and QPR and without any draws, six wins has seen them slowly climb the table.

However, the achilles heel in recent years has been their inconsistency and in recent weeks, there have been signs that the same problem could come back to haunt them. An unconvincing 3-2 win away at Cheltenham was followed by another slender victory against Port Vale, a game in which City relinquished a two-goal lead.

The signs of weakness are there for all to see and what better way to kick-start our season than with a win at our closest rivals? Unfortunately our record against City on their home turf isn't that great and with the 1-0 victory (courtesy of 'Reevesy') in 2000/01 apart, we haven't won there since season 1999/01. Mind you, it was an emphatic 4-0 drubbing – what we'd do for another next week...



Danny Wilson



Scott Murray
top scorer
with 8 goals

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	0-1	4,326 21
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home		
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away		
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home		
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away	[7.45]	
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away		
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home		
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away		
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home		
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away		
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home	[7.45]	
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home	[7.45]	
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home	[7.45]	
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

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

Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranza	Invincible
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson*	Miglioranza	Invincible
Griemink	Edds	Duke*	Heywood	Willis	Davis	Robinson	Miglioranza*	Invincible
Griemink	Edds	Willis	Gurney	Heywood	Duke*	Davis*	Miglioranza	Robinson
Griemink	Edds	Willis*	Heywood	Duke	Gurney	Miglioranza	Robinson	Sabin*
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranza	Sabin
Griemink	Edds	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranza	Gurney ¹	Robinson*	Davis*
Griemink	Gurney	Willis ¹	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranza	Robinson*	Davis*
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranza	Robinson	Robinson
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincible	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson
Griemink	Gurney	Willis	Heywood	Duke*	Jackson ¹	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Willis*	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney*	Willis	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranza	Jackson

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Today's mascot is birthday boy Declan Kelly. Declan, who celebrated his fifth birthday yesterday, is a huge Swindon and England fan and his favourite players are David Beckham and Danny

Invincible. Declan also likes going to the park, eating and acting like a builder.

From everyone here at STFC - have a great day and let's hope you bring us some luck!

SWINDON V SOUTHEND

Tickets are now on sale for the LDV Cup tie which is due to take place on Tuesday October 22. Only the Arkells Stand will be open, but season ticket holders from both the Arkells and Nationwide stands have until the 15th to get their ticket. After that they go on general sale, Adults priced £5, Concessions £2.



FRONT COVER BART GRIEMINK, PHOTOGRAPHY JOHN BALL

♦ DENOTES SENDING OFF ■ ■ ■ DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT OCT 12 2002

Iceland vs Scotland
Slovakia vs England
Spain vs Northern Ireland

Nationwide 1

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

Nationwide 2

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

Nationwide 3

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

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
OLDHAM	12	8	2	2	20	6	26	+14
CARDIFF	12	7	4	1	19	11	25	+8
WIGAN	12	7	3	2	21	9	24	+12
QPR	12	7	2	3	23	12	23	+11
CREWE	12	6	4	2	17	8	22	+9
BRISTOL C	12	7	0	5	21	13	21	+8
BLACKPOOL	12	6	3	3	18	11	21	+7
CHESTERFIELD	12	6	2	4	14	15	20	-1
BRENTFORD	12	5	3	4	13	15	18	-2
PLYMOUTH	12	4	4	4	17	17	16	0
NORTHAMPTON	12	4	4	4	11	14	16	-3
PORT VALE	12	5	1	6	17	21	16	-4
TRANMERE	12	5	1	6	13	21	16	-8
LUTON	12	4	3	5	21	20	15	+1
WYCOMBE	12	4	3	5	16	18	15	-2
BARNLEY	12	4	3	5	13	18	15	-5
STOCKPORT	11	4	2	5	12	10	14	+2
PETERBOROUGH	11	3	3	5	14	13	12	+1
NOTTS CO	12	2	6	4	17	17	12	0
COLCHESTER	12	3	2	7	6	14	11	-8
SWINDON	12	3	1	8	11	18	10	-7
HUDDERSFIELD	12	2	4	6	7	17	10	-10
MANSFIELD	12	3	1	8	19	35	10	-14
CHELTHAM	12	2	3	7	12	19	9	-7

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE			FA CUP			NATIONAL LEAGUE			LEAGUE		
	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK
BART GRIEMINK	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GARETH EDDS	8(4)	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	8(2)	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	8	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	5(2)	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	8(1)	4	1RC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	8(1)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	12	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	12	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	8(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	12	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	4	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEVIN HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRIS COLLINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID Bampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



SWINDON

Manager Andy King

COLCHESTER

Manager Steve Whitton

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓	1	✓	SIMON BROWN
GARETH EDDS	2		JOE DUNNE
JOHNNY JACKSON ✓	3	✓	JOEY KEITH
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓	4		GAVIN JOHNSON
ADAM WILLIS	5		SCOTT FITZGERALD
ANDREW GURNEY ✓	6	✓	THOMAS PINAULT
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	✓	KARL DUGUID
JIMMY DAVIS ✓	8		MARK WARREN
SAM PARKIN	9	✓	SCOTT MCGLEISH
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	✓	KEM IZZET
DAVID DUKE ✓	11		DEAN MORGAN
JUAN COBIAN	12	✓	KEVIN RAPLEY
	13		GLENN WILLIAMSON
ERIC SABIN ✓	14		CHRIS KEEBLE
DAREN DYKES	15		ADRIAN COOTE
NEIL RUDDOCK	16		MARC CANHAM
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓	17	✓	BOBBY BOWRY
CRAIG FARR	18		DAVID HADRAVA
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓	19	✓	ALAN WHITE
	20	✓	MICKY STOCKWELL
DAVID BAMPTON	21		TRISTON CHAMBERS
ALAN REEVES ✓	22	✓	DANNY STEELE
NATHAN EDWARDS	23		LEKE ODUNSI
KEVIN HALLIDAY	24		PAT BALDWIN
STEVE ROBINSON ✓	25		SAM STOCKLEY
ALAN YOUNG	26		LLOYD OPARA
CHRIS COLLINS	27		
	31		RICHARD McKINNEY

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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	2	5	10	7

COLCHESTER'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	2	5	6	16

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday September 1 2001

Swindon Town 1
Colchester United 0

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: **M. R. Warren**

Assistant 1: **I. Ansell**

Assistant 2: **Mr. Singh**

4th Official: **E. B. Mackrell**

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