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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](mailto:nickjudd76@hotmail.com).



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# THE GAFFER



## **GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR WHAT WILL BE OUR SECOND HOME GAME IN THE SPACE OF JUST FOUR DAYS.**

I only hope that, after what has been a difficult time for the club, we can repeat the kind of form that saw us beat Southend so convincingly on Tuesday night. It was a great performance and it was good to see the lads play with such enthusiasm and confidence. To be honest, they had been threatening to do that at various stages of the season and my only criticism would be that they did it in the cup and not the league!

League points have been at a premium in the last couple of months and with the greatest respect to the LDV Vans Trophy, it has to be our prerogative to stay in this division as opposed to reaching the latter stages of that particular competition. Hopefully the win will be the catalyst we need to win games in the league and in an ideal world we'll also go on and do well in the LDV trophy as well.

Today's game is a big game for the club. Forget the speculation from the last two weeks - a win this afternoon will put the club in a slightly healthier position in the league. What with Mansfield just behind us in the table, a win will see some breathing space between us and it also helps to build confidence.



# THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Sam Parkin

Advertiser



It gives me great pleasure in seeing Mansfield visit us this afternoon. As some of you will be aware, I spent a number of years as manager at Field Mill and it is a great little club. They have done fantastically well to get into this league and I sincerely hope they stay here – just as long as they give us three points this afternoon!

As for the aforementioned press speculation regarding my position, well, I stand firm by my principles. I love this club, the players and the supporters and I am not a quitter. Believe me, this recent run has been as hard for me as it has the fans and I would desperately love to see that put right. Should the board decide that they want someone else in to do the job then so be it, but I know that I am doing everything I can to change things around and I will continue to do so until I am told otherwise.

Back to today's game and the job in hand – I am hoping that the lads can put on another show for you this afternoon. It was great to see the players move so well and with desire to get forward as they did against Southend. It's great to have Sam Parkin back – his strength and guile caused Southend all sorts of problems, but perhaps more impressive was that we had six different scorers getting on the scoresheet. I just hope that we haven't used up all of our goals ahead of this afternoon's clash!

Get behind the lads this afternoon – those that came on Tuesday did so and we all saw what happened. All the best and enjoy the game.



# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



This Afternoon's encounter with Mansfield is a big game for us all here at the club. Tuesday night's victory aside, wins have been difficult to come by and so to win against a team immediately below us is a must if we are to climb away from the bottom four.

Like ourselves, Mansfield have struggled to win games and so we both find ourselves at the wrong end of the league table. However, I am hoping that Tuesday night's win will be the springboard from which we can go on to put a run of league wins together in the league.

It was a great performance, surprising when you consider that we've been performing well below the standard to which we have become accustomed to in recent weeks. Nevertheless, it has been a long time in coming and it is all credit to the lads that they managed to prove just what they can do when they really apply themselves. Defensively we were solid, in midfield we kept the ball and in the final

third we looked dangerous and I am especially pleased for the front lads because they have been under a lot of pressure to score.

This afternoon takes on greater significance for reasons that go beyond our own situation. As you may or may not know, a 'Kick Racism out of Football' campaign has been running all week and today we will be showing our support for what it is a crucial campaign. Unfortunately, racism is something that we haven't managed to eradicate from our game as recent events around Europe have proved. However, we can do our bit for the game by banishing it from the County Ground and if you here any racist comments - I would ask you to 'do your bit' and expose these people for the good of the club and for the good of the game.

Enjoy the game and here's hoping for three points!



## DICK MACKEY

This week we have done quite a lot of work with Keith O'Halloran and have started what we hope will be a successful road to recovery for him. It has been a difficult and trying time for Keith as I have said before. However, we are hoping that the surgery he has undergone recently will put a full stop to the problems he has experienced with his leg. And to that end we started a fairly modest regime of ankle flexibility and weight bearing work, which is just using his own bodyweight. Once we, in conjunction with our specialist, get the all clear that the bones have healed properly, we will be starting work in earnest with running, weights and ball work all coming in as we try and get him back to full fitness.

Nathan Edwards has made good progress with his hip flexor injury and I am hoping next week we can start exercising with a football. Neil Ruddock's injury has been difficult because he has had a lot of fluid on his knee. We have to look at it carefully and we can't work him any harder than we are so we have been walking, cycling and swimming. He will be going up to Lillshall in a few weeks to keep up his progress with leg strength.

Steve Robinson is fine. He had a nasty knock on his knee in training on Monday, but it was much better Tuesday morning and he should be available for selection this afternoon.



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Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's important fixture against Mansfield Town. I would like to welcome the visiting directors, management team, players and supporters from Mansfield.

Last Monday evening Bob Holt and I attended a supporters meeting arranged by TrustSTFC at the GW bar. Given our current circumstances I was not certain what the tone of the evening would be. I was very pleased that, following a detailed presentation by Tony Norris of the Trust, that a very lively and constructive Q and A session was held for just over an hour which kept Bob and I on our toes to say the least. Our aim was to be as informative, open and honest as we could be and I believe we managed to achieve that.

Importantly, we accept that we have a lot of work to do to improve the communication and trust between the club and our supporters and I can assure you that we will strive to do just that. I also hope that the evening marked a watershed in the relationship between the board and the TrustSTFC committee. If we can both deal with each other with respect and integrity then between us we can move the club forward in the future.

I noted with great interest the speculation in the press, both national and local, last weekend regarding the club. Let me say for the record that if we have anything official to say about any aspect of the club, we will release the information in a proper and timely manner through the various official channels. In the meantime I would suggest that you don't take the speculation, especially in some of the nationals, too seriously.

Today marks a very important date in the football calendar. This weekend football makes a clear statement on the issue of racism, which sadly has reared

its ugly and unwanted head again recently. There is no place in football for racism of any type. At Swindon the only important colour is the colour of the shirt our players wear. We want to attract supporters from all parts of our community to the County Ground in support of our team, and we will not allow the small minority to deflect us

from our aims. We are proud to support the 'kick it out' campaign, and if any supporter should hear racist abuse at the County Ground, I would ask them to report it to any steward.

Thanks again for your continued support and here's to three, much needed points.

STFC Supporting the anti-racism campaign.

## MARK **DEVLIN**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.





# THE WEEK THAT WAS



**14.10.02**

## TOWN ESTABLISH 'HEAD ROOM'

Following the success in the High Court, when Mr. Justice Patten upheld the Club's application for an injunction preventing Swindon Town Properties Ltd. from appointing an Administrative Receiver, Bob Holt, a director at the County Ground, said the Board were greatly relieved at the outcome. The threat by STPL to appoint an Administrative Receiver has been a constant drain on the Club's limited resources. It has also been a major obstacle that has prevented the Board from going forward. Holt freely admits the Board's prime objective of late has been to get rid of this threat.

**18.10.02**

## DUKE NAMED IN NATIONWIDE TEAM OF THE WEEK



Swindon Town's David Duke has been named in the Nationwide Second Division Team of the Week. The Scottish player has been playing at left back for Town and his performance against Colchester in the 2-2 draw drove the team on and his throws are causing real problems for opposition defences.

**18.10.02**

## TOWN TO OPEN STRATTON BANK

Swindon Town announce that they will be opening the Stratton Bank stand for three games next month as a trial in an attempt to appease visiting fans. Swindon Town Chief Executive Mark Devlin has said that the Club are opening the stand for a trial to illustrate that the club does listen and respond to correspondence received. The first of the trial matches is the visit of Tranmere Rovers on Saturday November 30th.

**18.10.02**

## TOWN SEARCH CONTINUES

Despite much press speculation, Swindon Town Football Club continues the search for someone to come in and take the club forward. The news followed a large number of rumours regarding the managerial situation and fans are reassured that the board is taking its time in order to make the right decision.

**22.10.02**

## BOARD COMPLETE ALL BAR ONE

Swindon Town Chief Executive Mark Devlin and Director Bob Holt attended a fans' forum at The GW Bar, Swindon. The meeting entailed a varied exchange of views between the two Swindon Town FC officials and members of the Swindon Town FC Supporters Trust. The Trust have been campaigning for a STFC supporter to be elected onto the Board Of Directors in order to give the fans a voice. As a result of last week's meeting, a target of a Christmas or New Year AGM now seems the likely time for a fan to be elected onto the board.



**23.10.02**

## MARKETING CONTRACT WITH TOWN CANCELLED

The Board of Swindon Town Football Club has confirmed that the contract between STFC and Dunwoody Sports Marketing has, by mutual agreement, been cancelled. Mark Devlin the Chief Executive of STFC claimed that the continual bombardment of undue and unsubstantiated adverse publicity was having a detrimental affect on the Club's marketing effort. Furthermore, Devlin suggested that the negative publicity has 'defiantly created an underlying reluctance in the business community to support the Club'.





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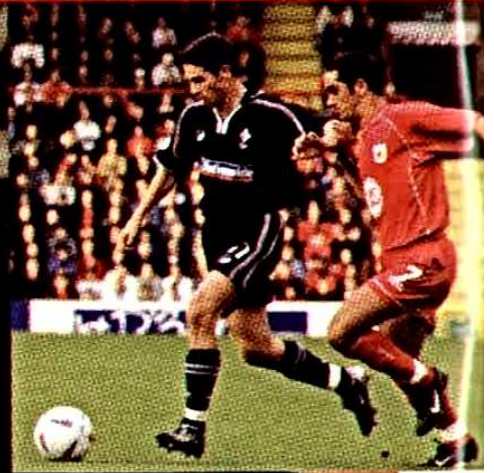
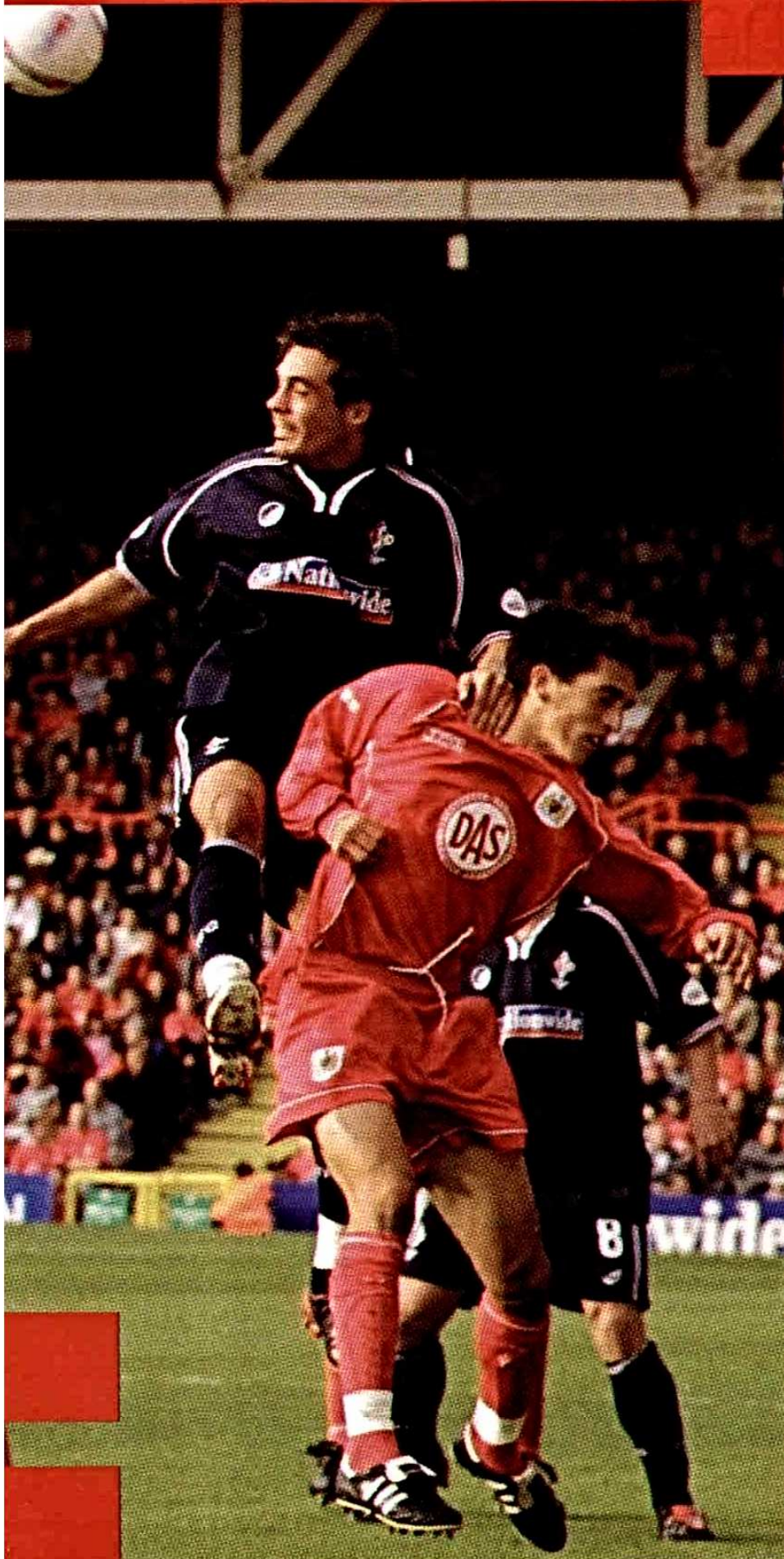
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## BRISTOL CITY 2

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## SWINDON TOWN 0

Andy King, still defiant following a week of increasing press speculation surrounding his future at the club, made one change to the side with Stefani Miglioranza stepping into the midfield in place of Johnnie Jackson. And it was King's side that nearly got off to a flying start to when, on two minutes, Miglioranza swung in a free kick from the right hand side. Unfortunately, despite finding Eric Sabin, the unmarked Frenchman could only plant his header over the bar and into the safety of the home fans behind the goal. Matt Hewlett, returning to his former club, made his presence felt with a strong challenge on City's Mickey Bell after just four minutes into the game. Hewlett won the 50:50 challenge, but Bell stayed down for a short period and was substituted on 15 minutes being replaced by Andy Woodman. Sabin then darted his way into the City box cutting neatly inside from the left on six minutes but his shot was taken well down to his right by home 'keeper, Steve Phillips. Alan Reeves also looked composed at the back and was in command of Christian Roberts (who scored a hat trick last week) in the early stages with some timely interceptions.

Bristol City then took the lead with just 12 minutes on the clock. A defence splitting 40-yard pass by captain Tommy Doherty found Scott Murray who chested the ball down and swept the ball underneath the body of Griemink. This followed a brief spell of good City passing, but the ball from Captain Doherty was a superb piece of play which left David Duke on the back foot.

Following the goal Town looked the better side for a spell. Davis, Miglioranza and Invincible all had shots blocked as they looked for the equaliser. Miglioranza's over exuberance saw him booked for a powerful challenge on Tinnion on the half hour as temperatures rose on the pitch. At the other end Scott Murray was again at the centre of things, his shot from inside the area hitting Griemink's legs before Heywood cleared the ball off the line.

City made it two on 38 minutes, Brian Tinnion receiving a pass 30 yards out and was allowed time on the ball. He took aim and unleashed a rocket of a shot which Bart Griemink could do nothing about. Andy King made his first substitution during the break as he brought on Alan Young for Danny Invincible, who had little service to work from in the first period. However, Reeves nearly let the home side in for another on 48 minutes when he left a through ball for Griemink to claim instead of clearing the danger. This let in Murray whose cross was narrowly missed by the oncoming Christian Roberts. The watching Andy King, who had moved down from the stand to dugout for the second half, would have been frustrated as his side created a chance but could not finish it once again. Miglioranza's right hand cross was met by Sabin who was virtually unmarked but could only head harmlessly over without forcing a save from Phillips. Griemink had to be alert to rush out and deny Roberts before another effort from the former Exeter City striker fell the wrong side of the bar for City supporters. The home fans began cheering each pass between their players on 58 minutes and just a minute later Andy King made his second tactical substitution bringing on Jackson for Miglioranza to try and improve the delivery from set pieces. However, Bristol City began to take a firm hold on the game and Town were fortunate not to see efforts from Roberts and Tinnion add to the scoreline. Griemink was again the busier of the two custodians as the game drew to a close. He rose high to claim a Beadle cross before gathering a Beadle shot from 20 yards following a neat turn from the former Bristol Rovers man on the edge of the box. At the other end David Duke, who featured in last week's Nationwide Second Division Team Of The Week, could not break the City defence as his 25-yard effort got a deflection and rolled into the untroubled arms of City keeper Phillips.

Town are still hoping for their first victory of October, whilst City go up to third in the league.

**TOWN:** Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Robinson, Hewlett, Miglioranza [Jackson 60], Invincible (Young 45), Davis, Sabin **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Willis.

**CITY:** Phillips, Coles, Butler, Hill, Murray, Burnett, Doherty [Brown 85], Tinnion, Bell [Woodman 15], Roberts [Lita 89], Beadle **Subs not used:** Myhill, Hulbert.



All pictures courtesy of Andy Bush

# MATCH





## SWINDON TOWN 6

JACKSON 10, DAVIS 25, HEYWOOD 45, INVINCIBILE 49, MIGLIORANZI 89, PARKIN 90

## SOUTHEND UNITED 1

JONES 23

Swindon Town tonight progressed into the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy with a scintillating performance against Southend United on Tuesday night. With three changes to the side that lost at Ashton Gate (Willis replacing Reeves and Edds and Parkin returning in place of Hewlett and Sabin respectively), Town romped home with their best performance of the season.

Town started brightly with Johnnie Jackson delivering a number of superb balls into the box. Jackson was again at the centre of things as his free kick provided the first goal of the night on ten minutes. The Spurs loanee executed a superb curling free kick from all of 35 yards which flew past Flahavan in the Southend goal to give Town a deserved lead. Danny Invincible then strode forward into the box but his snapshot was cut out for a corner as Swindon attempted to build on their early lead.

After a brief spell of pressure the Shrimpers shocked the Town faithful on 22 minutes when a corner from Steven Clark was rifled home by Graeme Jones to level the scores. However, it took Town just four minutes to take the lead, Jimmy Davis picking the ball up on the halfway line and rampaging forward before cutting inside his man and unleashing a right foot shot which left Flahavan with no chance in the visitors' goal.

The Robins were flying and an air of expectancy among the 1,700-strong crowd buzzed around the ground and this seemed to be the catalyst for the players as they continued to perform. Sam Parkin, who returned to the side after suspension, showed his qualities when he held off his man and layed the ball to Gareth Edds but his shot was deflected wide for a corner as the buoyant red sea continued to surge forward. Another through ball from the Town defence found Invincible who foraged forward with purpose. He strode across his man but should have squared the ball to the unmarked Davis, but went alone only to see his run ended by a covering tackle. The ball fell to Davis who unselfishly squared the ball to Invincible but he could only hook his shot over the bar. Just two minutes before the break an inch perfect cross by Duke on the

left was met by Davis but he could only head over Flahavan's goal. Soon after Gurney hit the woodwork with a beautiful free-kick before Matty Heywood increased Town's advantage. A minute into added time a cross from the right was met powerfully by the central defender who headed home.

Neither side made any changes at half-time and it took the home XI just three minutes to add to their tally. An interchange of passes between Parkin and Davis resulted in the former Chelsea man driving the ball across goal which evaded Flahavan, but Danny Invincible made no mistake from five yards out. There was nearly a fifth when an excellent low cross from Edds was narrowly missed by the onrushing Parkin and Invincible. Stefani Miglioranzi was the next player to try his luck when on 53 minutes a quickly taken free-kick by Gurney was squared to the American who hit low shot narrowly wide of the right hand post.

On 77 minutes Andy King made a treble substitution replacing Jimmy Davis, Danny Invincible and Bart Griemink with Eric Sabin, Daren Dykes and Craig Farr. Griemink left the field to great applause whilst Farr received a hearty Wiltshire welcome to the County Ground on his competitive first team debut. Farr gathered a curling cross from the left by Damon Searle on 79 minutes and showed good initiative by quickly bowling the ball out along the surface to set-up another Swindon. Gurney then rocketed a 40-yard free kick straight at Flahavan who did well to hold onto the captain's vicious strike. Stefani Miglioranzi made no mistake two minutes before time to make it 5-1. Eric Sabin had a drive tipped round for a corner and Jackson's centre was headed out to the American whose speculative effort flew past the diving Flahavan.

The referee's assistant indicated three minutes of injury time and this allowed Swindon time to craft another well-worked goal. The influential Miglioranzi threaded a ball neatly through to Parkin who got the ball onto his left foot and stroked the ball under the oncoming Flahavan to take the Swindon goal tally to six as Southend awaited the final whistle.

**TOWN:** Griemink (Farr 74), Willis, Gurney, Heywood, Edds, Miglioranzi, Jackson, Davis (Sabin 74), Duke, Parkin, Invincible (Dykes 74) **Subs not used:** Hewlett, Reeves.

**SOUTHEND:** Flahavan, Cort, Whelan, Jordan (Beard 51), Searle, Thurgood (McSweeney 86), Tilson, Smith, Clark, ■ Belgrave (Salter 55), Jones **Subs not used:** Gay, Selley.

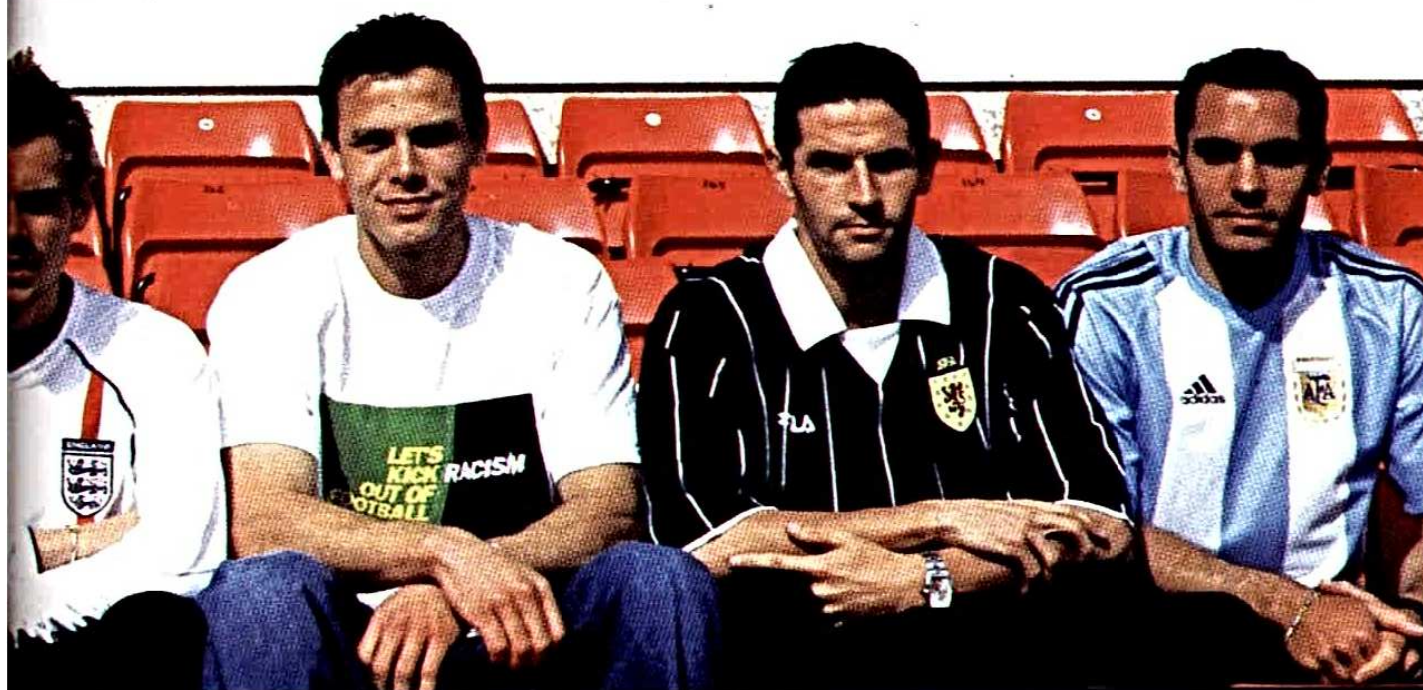


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## UNITED COLOURS OF SWINDON TOWN



Amid all the worries of recent seasons here at the County Ground, the emergence of an extreme right-wing faction amongst Town's home support has arguably been as bad as anything else.

The presence of this 'minority' is an unwelcome one that can only damage the reputation of the club. It has been a long, hard, and not yet completed fight to drive overt racism out of football. Thankfully, the monkey noises and racist chanting that were once prevalent not just at the County Ground, but throughout football, have largely been confined to the dustbin of history. Those supporters who used to indulge in this behaviour, however, have not. They have been quiet in recent seasons, but something triggered their re-emergence as we battled relegation during the 2000/01 season.

The club has done what it can to eradicate their threat, and has reacted positively. The disappearance of the No Surrender cross of St George from the Town End is one example of the club taking positive steps. It is also notable that the club's staff team recently took on an Asian football team from the town.

However, and perhaps the greatest part of that problem lies in the fact that the worst offences take place out of the club's jurisdiction, away from home. It then becomes the responsibility of us, the supporters, to drive these people out or at least shut them up. Surely we owe it to ourselves to refuse to join in with their songs of hatred and to isolate them from the body of decent supporters. Better still, those who like to make some noise should drown them out with relevant, Swindon-orientated, songs. Surely this is preferable to just joining in, whatever they sing, and making it seem to others that they enjoy widespread support among Swindon's fan base. We would appear to have had some success, given that the chanting has gone away of late, but on the evidence of that Wycombe game less than two years ago, we still have some way to go.

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## NORWICH CITY 1

HENDERSON

## SWINDON TOWN 0

**STFC line-up:** Farr, Edds, Halliday, Bampton, Collins, Herring, Fenwick, Cobian, Dykes, Young, Hughes **Subs:** Taylor D, Smith, Cheeseman, Draycott, Taylor C.

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

# IN RESERVE



## RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

A FIRST HALF STRIKE BY NORWICH'S IAN HENDERSON WAS ENOUGH TO SECURE ALL THREE POINTS FOR THE HOME SIDE AT CARROW ROAD LAST WEDNESDAY.

Town, despite playing well at times, fielded a young side once again and they were overpowered by an experienced Norwich side that included the likes of Daryl Sutch.

Mark Rivers, starting his first game from an injury lay-off for the Canaries, began well creating chances for Daryl Sutch and Chris Llewellyn. On 26 minutes, Llewellyn spurned a good chance for City. Henderson's right-wing cross was met by the Welsh forward before he shot straight at Craig Farr who gathered the ball with ease.

Town were keeping the ball well but Young and Hughes were struggling to create the chances in Norwich's half. At the back Edds looked composed, whilst Dykes and Herring were doing their best to maintain the midfield. Norwich continued to build patiently and were rewarded five minutes before the break. A wonderful first time pass from Damian Batt found Henderson who lobbed Farr from 20-yards out. Farr up until the goal had had a great game, but even he could do nothing to prevent Henderson from breaking the deadlock.

Norwich enforced their experience and authority on Town's fledgelings in the second half Henderson and Rivers caused continuous problems. On 63 minutes Henderson was again put through on goal but failed to round Farr, then Batt shot wide after an excellent cross by Rivers. In the dying minutes Craig Farr made a superb save from substitute Danny Self to deny City a two-goal lead.

Malcolm Crosby, talking to [swindontownfc.co.uk](http://swindontownfc.co.uk) about the defeat at Norwich City, said that his side had performed well against an unbeaten side. "We did very well against a very experienced Norwich side which included a number of first team players. The only criticism I would have of the lads is that when we had the ball we gave it away too easily rather than maintaining controlled possession. But you couldn't fault them for effort at all. I am not too disappointed with the result, although we lost, because we put in a good performance against a side that included established players such as Craig Fleming, Mark Rivers and Daryl Sutch amongst others."

The Reserves had a week off this Wednesday and they now prepare for the visit of Reading this week at the County Ground.

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	0-1
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	
Tue 12 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	
Wed 4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Tue 10 Dec	QPR	Home	
Mon 6 Jan	Crystal Palace	Away	
Wed 15 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	
Wed 5 Feb	Northampton Town	Home	
Tue 18 Feb	Brentford	Away	
Wed 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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## Yellow and Red cards

	Yell.	Red		Yell.	Red
Barnsley	28	3	Tranmere	19	2
Chesterfield	30	0	Bristol City	17	3
Luton	29	1	QPR	17	3
Stockport	28	1	Northampton	16	3
Oldham	25	2	Notts County	18	0
Peterborough	24	1	Huddersfield	17	0
Wycombe	23	2	Colchester	14	2
Blackpool	22	2	Cardiff	15	0
Swindon	22	1	Plymouth	14	1
Port Vale	20	2	Brentford	12	0
Wigan	20	2	Cheltenham	10	0
Mansfield	21	0	Crewe	8	0

## TOP GOALSCORERS

Shots outside area			Scored in last 10 mins		
Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Zola	Chelsea	4	Earnshaw	Cardiff	4
Henry	Arsenal	3	Bramble	Southend	4
Muiryne	Norwich	3	Bothroyd	Coventry	3
Corden	Mansfield	3	Counago	Ipswich	3
Wotton	Plymouth	3	Johnson	Forest	3
Langley	QPR	3	Cresswell	Preston	3
Liddell	Wigan	3	Taylor	Blackpool	3
Tudor	Cambridge	3	Murray	Bristol City	3
Tinkler	Hartlepool	3	Howard	Luton	3
Simpson	Rochdale	3	Angell	Port Vale	3
			Connell	Bournemouth	3
			Kitson	Cambridge	3
			Tudor	Cambridge	3

## Attendance Changes over 10 years

Club	Ave 93-94	Ave 02-03	% +/-
Cheltenham	919	5,264	473
Wigan	1,897	6,485	242
Cardiff	6,588	12,871	95
Mansfield	2,718	4,873	79
Crewe	3,833	6,271	64
Huddersfield	6,365	9,703	52
Blackpool	4,756	7,138	50
Northampton	3,443	5,133	49
Barnsley	7,596	9,846	30
Bristol City	8,853	11,139	26
Chesterfield	3,141	3,883	24
Wycombe	5,448	6,058	11
Plymouth	9,003	9,897	10
Brentford	5,570	6,096	9
Stockport	5,094	5,552	7
Colchester	2,859	3,069	7
Tranmere	8,095	7,284	-10
QPR	14,133	12,141	-14
Luton	7,878	6,493	-18
Notts County	8,346	5,996	-28
Peterborough	7,412	4,757	-36
Port Vale	8,323	4,320	-48
Oldham	12,569	6,509	-48
Swindon	15,011	5,278	-65

## Scored in first 15 Mins

FOR	0-15	Tot	%	AGAINST	0-15	Tot	%
Cardiff	6	20	30	Swindon	7	22	32
Wycombe	4	19	21	Cheltenham	6	22	27
Oldham	4	22	18	Mansfield	5	37	14
Wigan	4	26	15	Colchester	4	16	25
Bristol City	4	27	15	Luton	4	22	18
Huddersfield	3	12	25	Barnsley	4	23	17
Northampton	3	13	23	Port Vale	4	23	17
Tranmere	3	14	21	Brentford	3	17	18
Brentford	3	16	19	Huddersfield	3	17	18
Notts County	3	19	16	Stockport	3	17	18
Port Vale	3	19	16	Northampton	3	18	17
Luton	3	25	12	Wycombe	3	21	14
QPR	3	26	12				

## Goals scored from Set Pieces

CLUB	Co	FK	CLUB	Co	FK
Plymouth	5	5	Notts County	1	3
Bristol City	3	4	Port Vale	2	2
Brentford	2	4	Wycombe	2	2
Luton	4	2	Barnsley	2	1
Oldham	3	3	Chesterfield	0	3
QPR	2	4	Colchester	1	2
Blackpool	5	0	Cardiff	2	0
Crewe	1	4	Huddersfield	1	1
Mansfield	0	5	Peterborough	0	2
Tranmere	3	2	Swindon	1	1
Wigan	2	3	Stockport	1	0
Cheltenham	2	2	Northampton	0	0

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

## Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Player	Pts	SR
Cardiff	Robert Earnshaw	9	3
Wigan	Nathan Ellington	9	3
Stockport	Luke Beckett	8	4
Plymouth	Paul Wotton	7	4
Northampton	Marco Gabbiadini	6	1
Blackpool	John Hills	5	2
Huddersfield	Martin Smith	5	1
Port Vale	Brett Angell	5	1

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts

## COMEBACKS

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Blackpool	0	0	3	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
Mansfield	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
QPR	0	0	2	2
Tranmere	0	0	2	2
Wigan	0	0	2	2

## THROWAWAYS

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	4	4
Barnsley	0	0	2	2
Notts County	0	0	2	2
Plymouth	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
Stockport	0	0	2	2

number of games when clubs have come behind to win or been ahead and lost.

## Outside the area

Scored from long range	Conceded from distance
Mansfield	7
Bristol City	6
Crewe	6
Plymouth	6
QPR	5
Wigan	5
Cardiff	5
Colchester	3
Luton	3
Notts County	3
Oldham	3
Cheltenham	7
Luton	6
Plymouth	5
Wycombe	5
Cardiff	4
Mansfield	4
Northampton	4
Notts County	4
Barnsley	3
Peterborough	3
Stockport	3

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# MATCH ACTION



WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2002

## SWINDON TOWN 4 DRAYCOTT 2, CHEESEMAN, GARRARD SALISBURY CITY 0

**STFC line-up:** Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Dave Bampton, Luke Garrard, Chris Taylor, Michael Pook, Justyn McKay, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, David Stroud **Subs:** Matty Bulman, Harry Hambridge, Kyle Lapham, Aaron Salter, Mark Jones

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

## UNDER 19'S



## UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

A TOWN UNDER 18S SIDE BEAT SALISBURY CITY 4-0 AT THE COUNTY GROUND ON WEDNESDAY EVENING IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FA YOUTH CUP.

After a slow start to the game Viv Busby's side began to exert greater influence on the match and Mark Draycott opening the scoring for the home side. It was his first chance of the match and he took it well. Youth development officer, Jimmy Fraser admitted, "During the first half we played in patches and couldn't establish a rhythm to our play."

The management team offered their side some positive words of encouragement and the side produced a more consistent performance in the second 45 minutes. Fraser continued, "The lads got it together in the second half and kept it simple. We moved the ball around much better and our movement off the ball was excellent, which created a lot of goal scoring chances."

Swindon started to dominate the match and began to take their chances. Draycott added his second before Cheeseman opened his account. The final goal of the game was scored by Luke Garrard following a precise corner.

Swindon progressed to the next round of the competition and Jimmy Fraser was very pleased with the sides' overall performance. He concluded: "We had to field an under 18 side, which is slightly different because we put out an under 17 and 19 side in the League, so this was only the second time this team has played together."

"As you can imagine it was a slightly different line up than we're used to and third year scholars such as Ian Herring and Mark Fenwick had to sit it out because they were ineligible."

"It did give us a chance to play some of the younger lads such as David Stroud and Justyn McKay who play for our under 16s side, but it's a good experience for them and can only serve us well in the future. One of the most pleasing aspects was that we were able to give them advice at half time which they took on board and it showed in their second half performance. The team can get better and we're looking forward to proving it in the next round."

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

HOME MATCHES KICK-OFF AT 11.00AM AT  
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The draw for the next  
round of the FA Youth Cup  
was made on Thursday -  
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for full details.



# 20 QUESTIONS





IN HOT PURSUIT OF OUR JOBS, WORK EXPERIENCE DUO GEMMA SMITH AND DEAN MCMENEMY TOOK TIME OUT TO QUIZ A SOAKING WET DANNY INVINCIBLE ON FOOTBALL (NOT SOCCER) IN AUSTRALIA, HIS FAVOURITE FILM AND R'N'B MUSIC.

**1. HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE THE AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE TO THE ENGLISH GAME?**

The difference comes in the organisation of the game in both countries. For a start, there isn't nearly as much money around in the Australian game and the divide between teams at the top and teams at the bottom is pretty huge. Over here it's very professional from the Premiership down to Division Three.

**2. HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE WINNING A MATCH?**

It depends on the game really. I don't do anything too wild. I like to relax at home or, if it's been a big game, go out with the rest of the lads - it hasn't happened too much recently unfortunately.

**3. WHAT CAR WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO OWN?**

A Lamborghini please!

**4. WHAT MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO?**

A mixture really. Rock, pop, R'n'B. The only thing I'm not into is heavy metal!

**5. WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE COMEDIAN?**

Eddie Murphy.

**6. WHO IS YOUR BEST MATE IN THE SQUAD?**

There isn't anyone in particular really; we all get on really well.

**7. WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?**

To play football until I'm old and grey - that's about it!

**8. WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST MEMORABLE GAME YOU'VE EVER PLAYED?**

Peterborough would have to figure pretty highly, scoring that goal was an incredible feeling. Other games that spring to mind are the ones that I managed to play for Australia.

**9. WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO PLAY ALONGSIDE AND WHY?**

Ronaldo, he's a great player.

**10. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANYTHING IN THE WORLD WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Good health (and Swindon winning Division Two obviously).

**11. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?**

I liked Braveheart. Jerry Maguire was good too.

**12. HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN FOOTBALL?**

My older brother played back home in Australia and I followed in his footsteps really. He encouraged me to get involved from the age of six and that's where it all started.

Obviously I had a chance to come and try my luck over here having played for Marconi Stallions in Australia, and Swindon spotted me whilst on trial for West Ham.

**13. HOW DOES LIFE IN 'BLIGHTY' COMPARE TO LIFE BACK HOME 'DOWN UNDER'?**

The weather and the price of living! No seriously, the people are very friendly and to be honest - fairly similar in some respects. There are a lot of Aussies over here.

**14. IF YOU COULD SAY ANYTHING TO THE FANS ABOUT THE WAY THEY'VE SUPPORTED YOU, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Thanks for the support! The fans have been pretty good when you consider all that they've had to put up with in terms of poor results, off the field traumas and so on. Just stick with us and hopefully we'll repay some of that faith.

**15. WHERE DO YOU PREDICT SWINDON TOWN FINISH THIS SEASON?**

Top 10.

**16. DO YOU PREFER PLAYING HOME OR AWAY? WHY?**

I love playing at home. Obviously the atmosphere hasn't been as good recently but that will come back when we start winning games. To have thousands of people supporting you is a great feeling.

**17. ANY TIPS FOR ANY ASPIRING YOUNGSTERS?**

Work harder than the others and you'll succeed.

**18. WHICH TEAM WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE WIN THE PREMIERSHIP?**

Arsenal.

**19. KYLIE OR HOLLY?**

Kylie.

**20. WHAT DID YOU MAKE ON THE EVENTS IN BALI?**

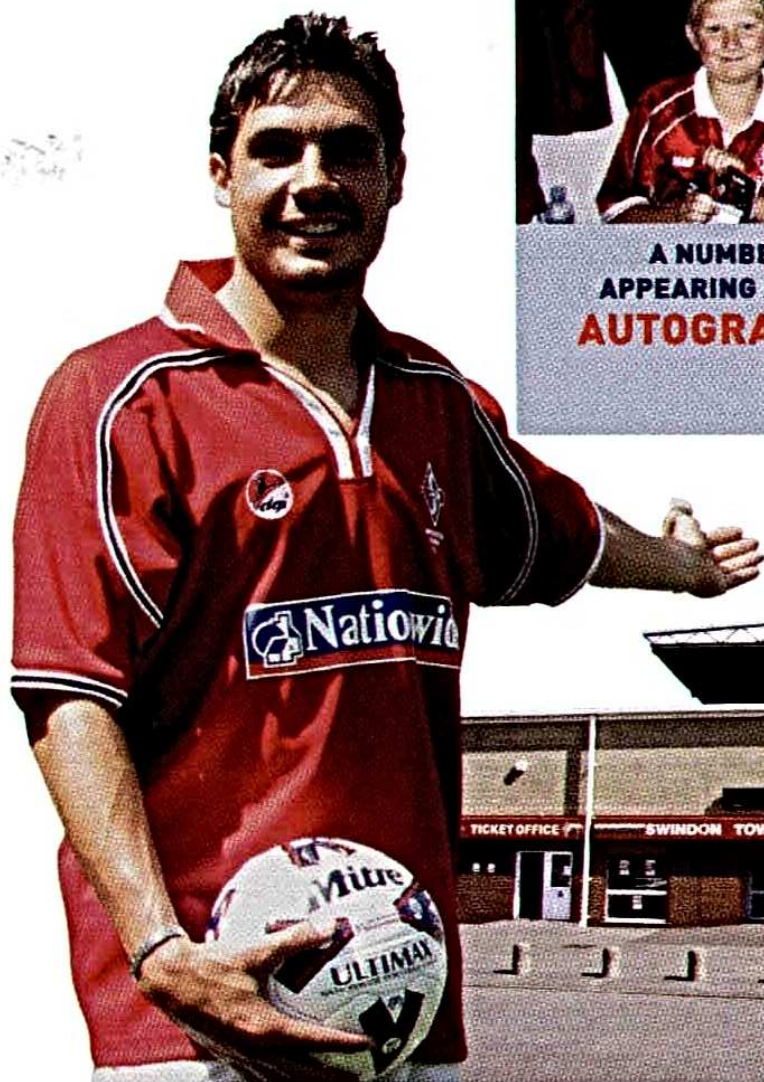
Personally I'm devastated because there were a lot of Australians involved. I have seen a lot of friends go over there on a regular basis and it was lucky that there weren't any there at the time. It's scary that things like that are happening in places such as Bali.

**NEXT ISSUE: SAM PARKIN**



# BREAKING NEWS!

STFC ARE GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO MEET  
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## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

### GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S MATCH AGAINST MANSFIELD TOWN.

The Centre of Excellence will be enjoying a well-earned rest this weekend with no matches scheduled. It's probably not such a bad thing because all the rain this week would have made playing conditions very difficult for our young players.

The teams were in action last weekend however and our sides came up against Welsh opposition in both Swansea and Cardiff. The younger lads played against Swansea and it was a mixed bag of results. The under 9s drew 2-2, while the Under 10s won a close encounter 5-4. Unfortunately, the Under 11s lost 3-0 against the Swans.

The older members of the Centre of Excellence faced Cardiff but could only record one win in three matches against The Bluebirds. The Under 12s went down 4-2 but the 13s, were able to record the one win in a closely fought 2-1 victory. The Under 14s were on the losing end of a 3-1 match and Cardiff could claim the upper hand in this series of matches. Due to the fact that some of the Under 15s Cardiff players were called up to their respective Welsh national squad the Under 15s match was postponed.

We have some good news to announce with Lee Salter, one of our under 15s, has been selected to represent the club playing for England. It is a fantastic achievement to be recognised in this way and everybody here at the club would like to congratulate Lee and his family on that. Unfortunately, he is injured at the moment and is due to have an operation, but we hope he will have a speedy recovery and be back playing for the Centre of Excellence soon and then be fit to represent England when they next meet up in February.

That's all for this week folks, so ta ta for now and see you next time...

Jim (I will do my notes on time next week) Fraser

### FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER

#### NOVEMBER 3

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

#### NOVEMBER 10

UNDER 9S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 10S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 11S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 12S	TORQUAY	H
UNDER 13S	TORQUAY	H
UNDER 14S	TORQUAY	A
UNDER 15S	TORQUAY	A

#### NOVEMBER 17

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

#### NOVEMBER 24

UNDER 9S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 10S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 11S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 12S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 13S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 14S	FREE WEEK	
UNDER 15S	FREE WEEK	

#### NOVEMBER 24

FREE WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS





THE VISIT OF THE STAGS TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON WILL EVOKE SOME BITTER/SWEET MEMORIES FOR ONE PARTICULAR MEMBER OF TOWN'S MANAGEMENT TEAM.

## TODAY'S VISITORS

## MANSFIELD UNITED



Field Mill Stadium home of Mansfield United

### THIS SEASON

**Ins:** Colin Larkin (Wolves), Neil MacKenzie (Blackpool), Ilyseden Christie (Leyton Orient), Mark Lever (Bristol City), Lee Glover (Macclesfield), Arjan Van Heusden (Exeter)

**Outs:** Adam Barrett (Bristol R), Alistair Asher (Halifax), Chris Greenacre (Stoke), Lee Glover (Burton)

**Odds for promotion:** 500/1  
(odds courtesy of [www.swindonticket.co.uk](http://www.swindonticket.co.uk))

**Last five games:** LLWDL

### LAST SEASON

**Position last year:** 3 (Division Three)

**Biggest win:** 4-0 (v Macclesfield, Huddersfield)

**Biggest defeat:** 0-4 (v Blackpool)

**Top scorer:** Greenacre 26

**Most League apps:** Corden 51

### HISTORY BOOK

**Formed:** 1897

**Biggest win:** 9-2: v Rotherham United (27/12/1932)

**Most capped player:** John McClelland (Northern Ireland: 6)

**Most league goals:** Harry Johnston (104: 1931/36)

**Biggest buy:** Lee Peacock £150,000

**Record against the Town:**  
STFC wins 17, MTFC wins 8, Draws 13

In 1994 a certain Andy King lead the Derbyshire club to an infamous League Cup victory against Leeds United at Elland Road before he was relieved of his duties two years later.

King's replacement was his right hand man, Steve Parkin, who has only recently experienced the other side of the managerial coin himself when he was released by Barnsley two weeks ago – The Tykes failing to establish themselves in Division Two following their relegation from the First Division last year.

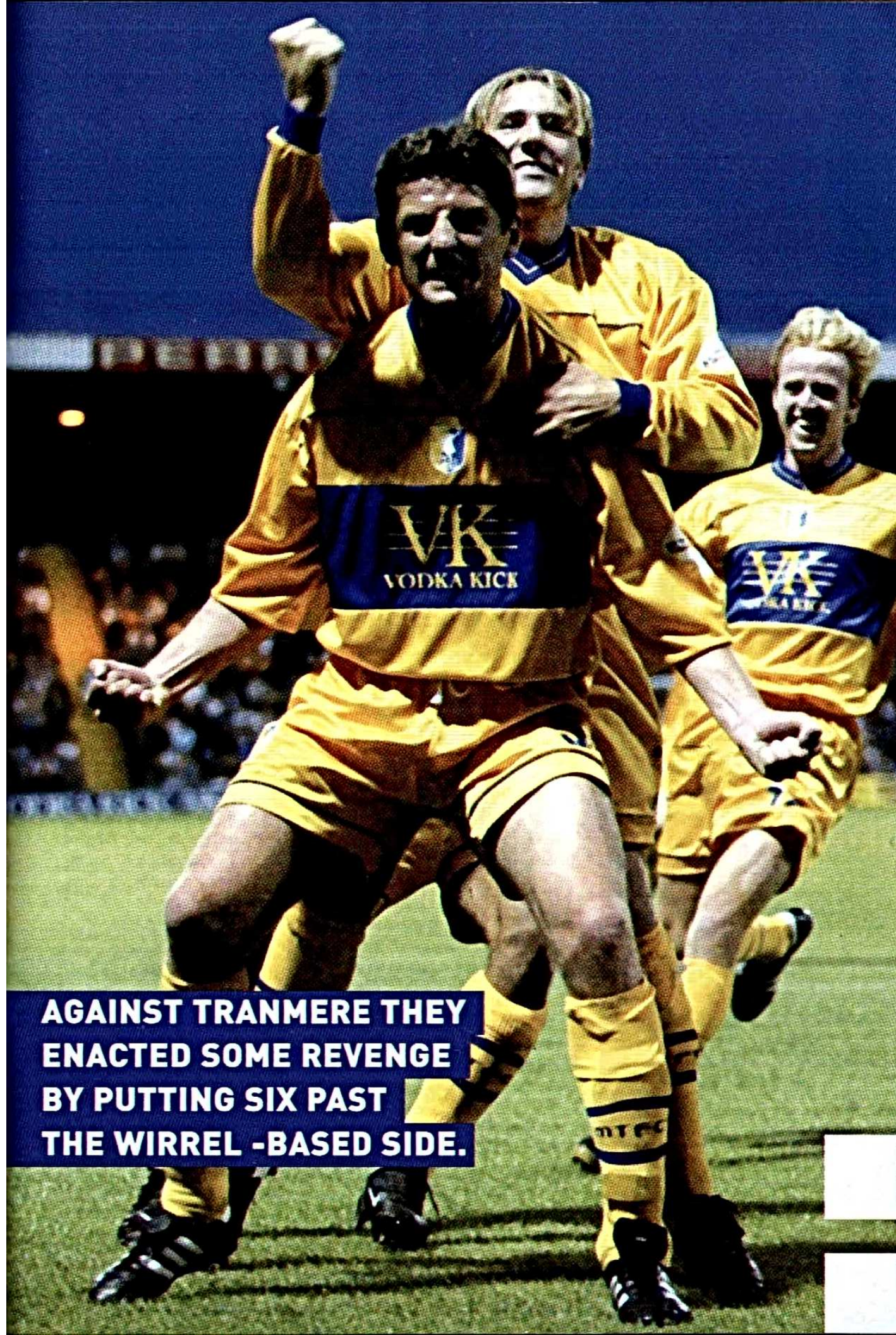
However, whilst at Field Mill Parkin managed to lay the foundations of a side that would later earn promotion to Division Two and it is last year's third place finish that sees Mansfield visit us this afternoon.

Their inception to Division Two under the guile of Stuart Watkiss has been relatively harsh. Despite an opening day win against Plymouth Argyle, Mansfield failed to win a game in their next eight (in all competitions) and they subsequently slipped down the table. The transfer of last season's top scorer Chris Greenacre to Stoke in July appeared to take its toll and the lack of goals has proved to be their achilles heel. Perhaps more alarming however was the number of goals going in at the other end, with Watkiss' side conceding no less than 37 goals – the most in the Second Division. Crewe slipped five past the Stags before QPR added four a week later, but Mansfield's worst defeat came a week later when they were thumped 6-1 by Oldham.

However, Mansfield's form seems to have taken a turn for the better in recent weeks and against Tranmere they enacted some revenge by putting six past the Wirrell-based side and a 0-0 draw against Peterborough last weekend would suggest that they may have cracked their defensive problems. At the other end Ilyseden Christie and Colin Larkin have both got four goals apiece and it is from these two players that the Field Mill faithful will be pinning their hopes of survival.

As for their record against the Town, Mansfield (without tempting fate) haven't beaten us since the early eighties. As for their last win at the County Ground you have to go back until 1976/77 when they beat us 1-0. The Stags later went on to win Division Three whilst Town finished in mid-table - given our current predicament I think both club's would accept a similar finish!





**AGAINST TRANMERE THEY  
ENACTED SOME REVENGE  
BY PUTTING SIX PAST  
THE WIRREL -BASED SIDE.**



## THE GAFFER

## THE SQUAD



**STUART WATKISS**

Stuart Watkiss was appointed manager of Mansfield Town on January 9 2002 following Billy Dearden's move to Notts County. Stuart had been Dearden's assistant since the summer of the previous year having moved through the ranks at Field Mill. He arrived at Mansfield in July 1996, signed on a free transfer from Hereford, and played until May 1999 when he was put in charge of the club's youth team. Stuart's playing career began with his hometown club, Wolves, when he was signed from the youth team in 1984. After making just two appearances for the senior side at Molinieux, the central defender was taken on a non-contract basis by Crewe. He failed to make an impact at Gresty Road however and moved into non-league football.

His return to the professional ranks came in 1993, with Walsall, who signed him from Midlands Alliance side Rushall Olympic. After making 60 appearances for The Saddlers, Stuart moved on to Hereford and, five months later, to Mansfield.

After taking over as manager at Field Mill in January, Stuart's immediate aim was to keep up the good work his predecessor had done at the club. With The Stags in a strong position, in the top three of the division, the new boss was hopeful that he could achieve promotion in his first few months at the helm.

### MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Mansfield '02 - Present P36 W14 L4

### KEVIN PILKINGTON (loan)

A former Manchester United goalkeeper, Pilkington joined the Stags after a short trial spell at the beginning of last season. He became the club's number one goalkeeper after the departure of Bobby Mimms in the summer and is expected to make a big impact at Field Mill. His other clubs are Rochdale (loan), Rotherham (loan), Port Vale, Wigan and Macclesfield.



**YOUNG GUN**  
**LIAM LAWRENCE**

Liam is a promising youngster who scored four goals in eight first team appearances last season. An enigmatic midfielder from Retford, Lawrence is another product of the Stags successful youth development scheme and should be one to watch this season.

### CRAIG DISLEY (mid)

A typical box-to-box player, Disley is yet another product of the youth team at

Field Mill. Won a local radio station's Young Player of the Year award last season and was attracting the gaze of Premiership scouts.

### NEIL MOORE (def)

Joined the Stags in July 2002 to aid in the long awaited Division 2 Campaign. Neil, nicknamed 'Mooro' comes to Field Mill from Conference Club Telford United. His other clubs include Everton, Norwich, Burnley, Macclesfield, Blackpool, Carlisle, Oldham and Rotherham. The six-foot defender has shone in pre-season training.

### SCOTT SELLARS (mid)

Brought in towards the end of the Stags Promotion Campaign 2001/02 Scott brought with him a wealth of experience gained in the Premiership and Europe game. The Sheffield-born star has played football at the highest level for a long list of clubs including Leeds United on two different occasions, Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle United, Bolton Wanderers and Huddersfield.

### NEIL MACKENZIE (mid)

Neil joined the Seasiders in the summer of 2001 after rejecting a contract offer from former club Kidderminster Harriers. The 25-year old midfielder made his first league start for the Seasiders in their opening away victory over Bournemouth at Dorchester Town in August 2001. Played his part in Blackpool's LDV success but was limited to appearances mainly from the bench in league fixtures.





Iyseden Christie celebrates his goal against Tranmere Rovers

### MARK LEVER (def)

Experienced central defender who previously played for Grimsby Town and Bristol City. Having made more than 400 appearances for the Mariners he brings a wealth of experience to the back row at Field Mill, making his Stags debut in a reserve match at Meadow Lane against Notts. County he is seen by all as a prize signing for Mansfield.

### IYSEDEN CHRISTIE (att)

Iyseden signed for the Stags on a free transfer from Leyton Orient this year. It is not the first time he has played for the club, after being on loan from Bournemouth he signed a two-year deal before leaving for Leyton Orient where he managed to score 14 goals.

### JAMIE CLARKE (def)

Another talented youngster to come through the youth ranks at Field Mill. Jamie made his professional debut

against Luton Town in April 2001 and he has been a central part of Stuart Watkiss' plans ever since. An asset to the club both on and off the field.

### DAMIEN DELANEY (def)

A young defender who made a huge impact when breaking into Leicester's first team in January 2001, Damien joined Mansfield on loan in September. He actually joined the Foxes in the October 2000 for £50,000 from Irish outfit Cork City. Joined First Division Stockport County on loan in November 2001 to boost his first team experience, and Huddersfield boss Lou Macari snapped him up in another loan deal in March 2002.

### COLIN LARKIN (mid)

Colin won the hearts of Wolves Fans in his time at the club, they thought of him as being the next Robbie Keane. He has spent time on loan at Kidderminster last season so sees joining the Stags in Division 2 as progression to his career.





# THEM AND US



Born in January 1956, Dave Syrett was a Salisbury lad who signed professional terms with Swindon in November 1973. A striker who had already gained England youth international honours, he became an established part of a forward line that included David Moss and Trevor Anderson. Early competition for places saw him loaned out to Wolves to gain useful professional experience, but the move failed to bring about an appearance at Molineux.

In August 1977, after 122 appearances that returned 30 goals, Dave moved on to our visitors today (then in Division Two). Yet despite scoring a further 15


times that season as he finished top goal scorer Syrett's goals couldn't prevent a slide into Division Three, and March 1979 saw the striker transferred to Fellows Park to fellow divisional rivals Walsall. The fellowship didn't last long however and after just 11 games, three goals and five months, Dave was a Peterborough player, where he settled more comfortably. Syrett then managed almost a goal every third match over a 79-game period that stretched to June 1982 and included two Peterborough finishes immediately below the Division Four promotion zone. At the end of 1981/82, a further move took him to Northampton who had just finished third

from bottom of Division Four and who had endured the indignity associated with re-election to the Football League. He was to be joined by another ex-Town player, Russell Lewis, and an improvement saw a healthier finish the following year when Swindon finished just seven places higher.

At the end of 1983/84, Dave Syrett had played 321 League matches and scored 90 times when his professional career drew to a close. In 1973/74, just as Dave Syrett was making his League debut for Town, another England youth international striker was taking his first steps on the County Ground stage. Ray







ANDY KING MANAGED TODAY'S VISITORS TO AN INFAMOUS CUP VICTORY AGAINST LEEDS IN THE 90'S WHILST A YOUNG COLIN CALDERWOOD STARRED AT FIELD MILL BEFORE JOINING TOWN. DAVE WILLIS INTRODUCES TWO MORE THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS.

Andy King Celebrates!

Clarke had joined Town from Spurs in June 1973, and while Syrett was making 27 appearances that year, Clarke chipped in with 14 of his own. The two played together as part of a youthful forward line on more than one occasion that season and Clarke would beat Syrett to Mansfield by three years.

Born in Hackney in 1952, Ray made just one substitute appearance for Tottenham whom he had joined as a professional in October 1969. Ex-White Hart Lane man and Town manager Les Allen tempted Clarke to try his hand at Swindon, but when Allen was replaced by Danny Williams, the sale of number

nine Ray Treacy led to Williams recruiting Peter Eastoe from Wolves, rather than pinning his faith in the further development of the Syrett/Clarke partnership. At the end of the season, and with just two goals to his credit, Ray tried pastures new at Field Mill in exchange for £5,000. It was quoted that Williams sold Clarke due to an embarrassment of striking riches, a strange statement from a team that had just finished bottom of Division Two and a problem that the present management team would love to have.

Clarke's career took off at Mansfield, where he scored over 50 goals in

around 90 League appearances as Mansfield took the Fourth Division championship. Attracting the attention of the scouts, Ray became one of the earlier football migrants to the continent in a move that took him to Sparta of Rotterdam in 1976 for a then considerable fee of £180,000. Subsequent spells at Ajax and FC Bruges followed before Ray returned to England in October 1979 when he joined Brighton in Division One. Scoring eight times in 30 League appearances he made one final move, on this occasion to Second Division Newcastle in June 1980. Two last goals in 14 appearances followed.







# ERIC OUR IDOL

**NICK JUDD CAUGHT UP WITH ERIC SABIN (NOT LITERALLY – I'M NOT THAT QUICK) AND TALKED TO TOWN'S STRIKER ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF RACISM.**

Before we get started, may I wish Eric Sabin the best of luck this afternoon. A slightly odd request you might think? Well, if the programme curse is anything to go by, our favourite Frenchman is destined to have what's commonly known in the trade as a 'stinker' today.

The programme curse that I refer to appears to be affecting each player featured on the front cover and the phenomenon started pretty much when my tenure as Editor (coincidence? Surely not!). Bart Griemink had just been sent off having appeared on the cover and to be honest, I didn't think too much about it. Yet when Sol Davis gifted Coventry City with the opening goal in the FA Cup Third Round defeat two years ago I started thinking that something might be afoot. More recently, and despite playing well all season, Bart was once again the unfortunate victim when, uncharacteristically, he played below par against Colchester two weeks ago.

With that said when Johnnie Jackson graced the Northampton issue he announced his arrival at the club with a goal and I am hoping that the same happens with Mr Sabin this afternoon and I have bravely decided to go against Mr Ritson's advice!

Indeed, another goal would go down well for our favourite Frenchman who, having scored against Colchester, has become a crowd favourite in recent weeks. His hard effort and seemingly endless running has been one of the highlights in what has been a disappointing run for the club, although it was rewarded with that glorious strike which levelled the scores in a game that appeared to slipping away from Town's grasp. "It was a relief to get on the scoresheet, but even more of a relief for us to get back into the

game because we really needed to avoid defeat against Colchester," Sabin admitted. "It had got to the stage before that game that we just couldn't afford to lose any more and to be honest, we simply had to win. Unfortunately we got off to a bad start but it shows just how much spirit we still have in the camp that we managed to claw our way back into the game. A draw wasn't ideal, but the fact of the matter is that we didn't lose and we must draw on the positives from the game."

The relief of Eric's goal was clear to see and whether it was intentional or not, the enigmatic Frenchman made sure that Andy King was part of his celebration. "It was never my intention to run up to Andy – it was just such a relief that I suppose I went a bit mad and I ran in that direction!" he laughs. "When you are under such pressure and something like that happens you just tend to express yourself in some way and that was just my way of celebrating."

Unfortunately another defeat at Bristol City followed before Tuesday night's emphatic victory against Southend – something that frustratingly, Eric had to miss out on. "It's not that much fun watching from the sidelines, but to be honest I was tired after Saturday's game and the main thing for the team is that we won. To be honest, it was great just to see the team play like that – we all know that we can do it because we do so regularly in training every day, but to see such passing and such movement is great in a competitive match. It doesn't matter who we beat or what competition it is in, the main thing is that we won because it proves to us that we can do it – the trick is now to build on that and make it two wins in two today."





A second win today would be fantastic and having scored six in the week, is there a chance we can see a repeat – after all, Mansfield's defensive record isn't too impressive. "I don't think that really means anything to be honest, they are in a similar position to us and so they will be equally as desperate to get a result. A win is a win and yes, it would be lovely to score a large number of goals, but to be honest we will take a 1-0 if it means that we get three points and we must not get carried away with the win. There is a danger when you play well like that to get carried away and we must not succumb to that, after all, we've all seen what happened following our good start to the season."

Today's game – as you may well be aware already, takes on greater precedence for reasons other than the football on the field. Last weekend signalled the start of the annual 'Let's Kick Racism out of Football' campaign and today Town's stars will be doing their bit by wearing t-shirts with the

slogan on. Being the only black player in Town's squad, has Eric experienced any racism since his time in England? "I think you will find racists in every walk of life, but to be honest I have heard very little since I have been in England."

The problem, as he goes on to explain, is far worse in his home country. Sabin also suggested that the problem might be slightly more deeply rooted in society as opposed to the footballing domain on its own. "My first major experience of racism at its worst came in Hungary. I was playing for Nimes against Honved in 1996/97 in a UEFA Cup tie and some of things that the people said, just because of the colour of my skin, was horrendous. It wasn't very nice and to be honest, I thought it was pretty sad. Then again, like I said, I imagine you get these people in all walks of life – how do you change their opinion? You and I know that it is people's personalities that count, not the colour of their skin. But some people do not share

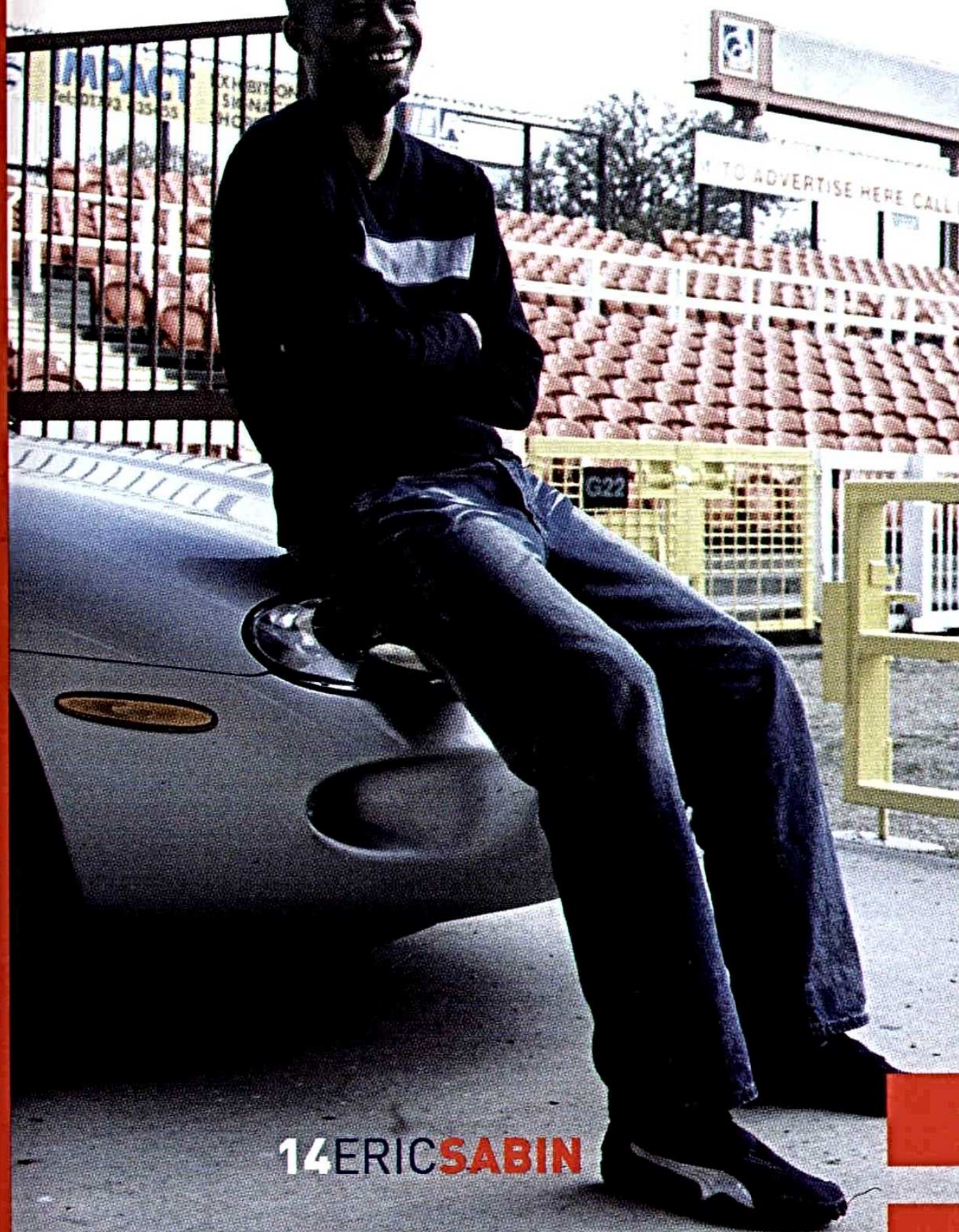
that opinion and if they are prepared to go to such lengths as to voice it in public, then how do you go about changing their feelings?

"To be honest, it is easier to just ignore it. But even that it is hard – it is a problem that isn't going to go away unfortunately but I don't know what we can do."

Unfortunately recent events would suggest that Eric isn't too far away from the truth, players such as Thierry Henry and Emile Heskey on the wrong end of some awful abuse with their respective clubs in Europe in recent weeks. However, one problem that could be eased today is Town's league position and if Eric has anything to do with it – he will be doing his part by adding to his tally of two for the season.

Should he score and Town win, then I will be able to sleep a little bit easier in the knowledge that the programme hasn't contributed to Town's poor form!





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# DIV2 REVIEW



## WIGAN EDGING THEIR BETS



Former Manchester City defender Richard Edghill is set to make his debut for Wigan Athletic after joining the Latics on a non-contract basis. Edghill has been training with the Latics and was signed in order to play in their LDV vans Trophy tie at Notts County last Tuesday night. "We're going to give Richard a run-out and it'll be good for us and him," Wigan boss Paul Jewell told the club's website. "We've signed him on non-contract forms for now and it gives him the chance to play and impress and put himself in the shop window." Edghill, 28, made over 200 appearances in 10 years at Maine Road before being released in the summer.



## GRADI IN GRANTHAM GAMBLE



Crewe boss Dario Gradi has invited Grantham Town's exciting striker Jamie Clarke to train with the club. The 20-year-old has been watched by several clubs, including Plymouth, Bradford City and Bristol City, after making an impressive start to the season, and Gradi has decided to take a look at the player himself.

"Someone who we think highly of has recommended the lad and really it's a case of nothing ventured nothing gained," Gradi told the club's official website.

Jamie will train with us for a few days and it's a great chance for him. I haven't seen him play personally, but I'm told he's in great shape, and we'll see how he fits in."



## WHITTON AYE-AYE'S RICHARDS



Colchester United manager Steve Whitton is looking forward to working with his new loan signing, Justin Richards, who has moved from Bristol Rovers in a one-month deal. Adrian Coote has moved in the opposite direction as part of the deal as he bids to gain some much-needed first-team football. Richards is a 22-year-old striker who has a great deal of potential, according to Whitton. Talking to the club's official website Whitton said, "Justin is a young lad from West Brom and Bristol Rovers paid £75,000 for him just over a year ago. I watched him play for Bristol Rovers against our reserves just a couple of weeks ago and I gave Ray Graydon a ring to see what the situation was with him. I see something in him, he's young he has a good attitude and it will be good for him to get some experience somewhere else."





## EADEN IN LATIC SWITCH



Wigan Athletic manager Paul Jewell has boosted his promotion-seeking squad by signing Nicky Eaden from Birmingham City. The former Barnsley defender has impressed Jewell during his loan spell at the JJB Stadium on a permanent basis and has agreed a deal with the Latics until the end of this season. "Nicky's done very well on loan here and we are pleased he's agreed to come permanently," confirmed Jewell. "When we originally brought him in we always felt that we may look to make it a permanent deal and that's how it's turned out. He's got good experience and has real quality and has done exceptionally well so far. He's not played a lot of games in the past six months so his fitness can still improve and then he'll get even better."



## SHANE ON HIS WAY OUT



Injury-hit Mansfield Town striker Shane Bradley is set to leave Field Mill. Bradley has not played at all this season and is to have his contract paid up by today's visitors. The 22-year-old scored eight times in his first season with the Stags after joining the club from Southampton in August, 2000. However, the former England Schools international has scored just three times and started only seven games for the club. "It's been a nightmare for both parties really," said manager Stuart Watkiss. "Shane has never had a good run of games. He's picked up injury after injury and spent most of his time here in the treatment room. From the club's point of view, his wages have basically been dead money as we have had nothing back from the player. In terms of value for money, the deal has been catastrophic for the club. I need to have players that are available and the finances being as tight as they are, we have no option but to off-load," Watkiss told the club's website.



## LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FAIRFORD TOWN PRODUCED THE SURPRISE RESULT OF LAST WEEKEND WHEN THEY HELD TEAM BATH TO A 0-0 DRAW AT CINDER LANE IN THE FA VASE FIRST ROUND.

Team Bath, who are just one round away from the First Round proper of the FA Cup, were kept at bay by heroic goalkeeping from Fairford Town goalkeeper James Price who made several outstanding saves to keep his side in the tie.

Town were just nine minutes away from glory when Team Bath forced the game into extra-time. Team Bath went on to win the encounter to give them a home tie against Lymington & New Milton.

Cirencester Town lost 3-0 on Tuesday night at home to Gloucester City whilst Swindon Supermarine threw away a two goal lead against Racing Club Warwick to take just a point back to Hunts Copse.

Chippenham Town ran-out 3-1 winners over visitors Hinkley with goals from Matt Rawlins and Martin Paul who grabbed a brace to take his tally to seven for the season. Goalkeeper James Bittner was forced to leave the field in the second half with striker Charlie Griffin taking his place between the sticks and was rarely troubled. Elsewhere in the Hellenic Premier Division Wootton Bassett won 2-0 at home to Bicester and Highworth Town were hammered 5-0 at Welton Rovers in the FA Vase.





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THE 50/50 DRAW party is led by Roger Bunce whose hard work and devotion to the Club has been greatly appreciated for many years. Last year alone the 50/50 draw raised £10,000 for the Club, with money going towards the youth set up, matchday sponsorships and much more. This year they have donated £5,000 to Jimmy Fraser for the Centre of Excellence and their various trips over the summer, as well as a number of other sponsorships. With the support of the 50/50 draw, the Club wouldn't have benefitted in the way that it has - so keep buying those tickets. Not only could you win the Jackpot, but you will also be helping the club at the same time.

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## VINTAGE RED

TOWN HAD ALREADY WON PROMOTION FROM DIVISION FOUR AND AS DICK MATTICK EXPLAINS - NEEDED JUST ONE POINT AGAINST MANSFIELD TO SECURE THEIR FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP.

Two of the highest scoring clashes between today's teams came in the 1965/66 campaign when Swindon had just been relegated back to Division Three. The match at the County Ground proved to be a resounding success for Swindon centre forward, Keith East, who equalled the record for the number of goals scored in a league match by a Swindon player with five strikes. Don Rogers got the Robins' other goal in a 6-2 victory. The double was clinched at Field Mill in comprehensive fashion with a 5-1 win. East and Rogers were again on the score sheet but were joined by Dennis Brown and full backs, John Trollope and Owen Dawson, who scored in rapid succession. It was not until the 1968/69 season, in which Swindon won promotion, that Mansfield got revenge with a 2-0 victory at Field Mill.

Today's feature match took place in the 1985/86 season at Mansfield on April 19. Swindon had already won promotion from Division Four and needed just one point to clinch the first ever Championship in their Football League history. Swindon looked to

be the more assured of the two teams from the kick off, but it took a brilliant save by the lanky Kenny Allen, who dived to his left, to save a free kick from Neville Chamberlain to keep the score sheet blank. Three minutes later Charlie Henry had the ball in the Stag's net only for it to be ruled out for an offside infringement. In the 33rd minute Mansfield took the lead against the run of play. A Paul Daniels cross was headed on by Keith Cassells and headed in by Chamberlain. Leigh Barnard nearly levelled the scores two minutes later when his shot was blocked on the line by former Swindon player, Mike Graham. Just before half time Swindon got the equaliser they'd been threatening. A free kick by Dave Bamber rebounded from the Mansfield wall to Bryan Wade. Rather than blasting in another shot he carefully controlled it before passing to Barnard whose left foot shot found the net. Cassells and Collins both went close for Mansfield in the second half, the latter with a shot which produced a great save from Allen, but again it was Swindon who had more of the opportunities with Charlie Henry unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions. Wade,

nicknamed 'the badger' due to his powerful shuffling runs twice brought excellent saves from Hitchcock in the home goal. Despite being the target for some vitriolic abuse from Mansfield fans who felt robbed by the decision of the Scottish central defender to move from Field Mill under the Tribunal System, he produced a towering performance at the centre of Swindon's defence while Charlie Henry worked tirelessly throughout. At the final whistle the scores still stood at 1-1 and Swindon were champions. Swindon fans who stayed on to cheer were rewarded when Lou Macari sent his scantily clad players back out on to the pitch to salute the fans, many of whom had joined their heroes on the pitch.

**Mansfield:** Hitchcock, Graham, Garner, Lowery, Foster, Pollard, Kent, Kenworthy, Robinson (Collins 71), Cassells, Chamberlain.

**Swindon:** Allen, Roberts, Hookaday, Barnard, Cole, Calderwood, Coyne, Henry, Bamber, Wade, Kamara. Sub: Gordon (not used)

**Attendance:** 8,416



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## MARK HANRAHAN TALKS PETER REID, AS WELL AS GETTING CAUGHT WITH HIS PANTS DOWN... READ ON!

Well, the news caught me with my pants down and I'm sure it surprised you too! Howard Wilkinson has taken the reigns at Sunderland following the sacking of Peter Reid. Whilst I confidently predicted any one of Mick McCarthy, David O'Leary or George Graham would take the reins at the Stadium of light, Sunderland opted to bring FA Technical Director Howard Wilkinson out of hibernation in an effort to preserve their Premiership status. Whilst Wilkinson's appointment was met with a general dismay by the Black Cat's faithful, absolute outrage was avoided with the shrewd appointment of Wilkinson's number two – former Cheltenham and Stoke City boss Steve Cotterill. Cotterill – himself only at Stoke a matter of months – is one of the UK's most well respected young managers and an inspirational presence on the training field.

Bryan Robson is heavily tipped to make his long awaited return to management by filling Steve Cotterill's vacated position in the Potteries.

Sunderland's managerial upheavals appear to have triggered a scrum of

sackings and subsequent appointments up and down the divisions. Yes ladies and gentlemen the managerial merry-go-round is once again spinning with gusto! Hot on the heels of Wilkinson's appointment came the news that Jan Molby's reign as Hull City boss has been brought to an end and that former England U21 coach Peter Taylor has agreed to chance his arm in Division Three with the Tigers. Taylor should fit the bill perfectly with a promotion track record boasting success with both Gillingham and Brighton. He has recently been working with Barry Fry at Peterborough.

Perhaps more of a surprise was Ipswich's decision to sack George Burley. Burley, who had led Ipswich into both the Premiership and Europe, paid the price for the Tractor Boys lacklustre start to this campaign and his failure to preserve Premiership status despite a rash of expensive arrivals at Portman Road including Nigerian International Finidi George and Italian 'Keeper, Matteo Serini. Burley's seat is expected to be filled by Peter Reid.

You have to feel sorry for Rotherham manager Ronnie Moore. The unfortunate Millers boss was left with egg on his face after confirming his intention to accept Ipswich's offer of their managerial post. A cheeky prankster in fact made the 'offer' which allegedly came via the phone from Ipswich chairman David Sheepshanks. Moore has threatened legal action if the authorities can identify the prank-caller.

Crisis-club Barnsley have sacked manager Steve Parkin. Reserve-team coach Glynn Hodges has been put in charge of first-team affairs at the cash-strapped club with immediate effect.

Neil McNab has been named as the new manager of Exeter City. The former Portsmouth and Manchester City coach replaces John Cornforth; himself sacked a fortnight ago.

Rumours abound regarding Darren Anderton's future at Tottenham. It appears that the £3 million Spurs saved on the Robbie Keane price tag actually represents Anderton's value in the swap deal that should be concluded when the



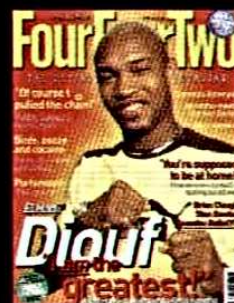
transfer market opens again in January. It is suggested that when Keane headed for North London, a tight deadline in the new transfer window system meant Spurs and Leeds ran out of time to complete the deal. Anderton himself has failed to figure in Spurs surprise early season form that has seen Spurs rise to third in the Premiership. All eyes on January then! Not a game goes by at the County Ground without me making some kind of reference to money matters blighting the 'beautiful game'. Quite frankly I'm getting sick of it. This week, our former play-off final opponents Leicester City are the latest club to be placed into administration. Boss Micky Adams and Leicester's coaching staff have all agreed to 10% wage cuts whilst the players have agreed to a partial wage referral to ease the struggling Foxes financial woes. It has been confirmed that up to a quarter of Leicester's non-playing staff are to be made redundant whilst a consortium led by former Spurs and England striker, Gary Lineker, waits in the wings to save the ailing Midlands club which he has supported from childhood. Mohammad al Fayed took full advantage of Brazilian legend Pele's book signing appearance at his Harrods store, officially employing the world's greatest ever player as the club's official scout for rising Brazilian talent. It is hoped that Pele - who appeared draped in Fulham colours - will open the floodgates for top quality young Brazilian stars keen to make a mark in the Premiership at Loftus Road.

Finally, Bolton's Danish hard-man Stig Tofing was given a four-month jail sentence on Tuesday for assault following a fight in a Copenhagen restaurant in June. Tofing had been celebrating Denmark's participation in the 2002 World Cup finals this summer when the altercation took place. Tofing is appealing against the sentence and will continue to appear for Bolton's second string pending the outcome of the legal challenge.

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# SWINDON TOWN

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**GOOD AFTERNOON  
EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO  
TODAY'S GAME AGAINST  
MANSFIELD TOWN - LET'S  
HOPE FOR MORE OF THE  
SAME FROM TUESDAY NIGHT!**

This week we have been on our travels and have run a three day course in Uffington. The Oxfordshire Schools broke up a week earlier than those in Swindon for half term so it has allowed us to run an additional course during the Autumn Half Term. Despite the heavy downpours of rain all the children enjoyed the three days. We would again like to thank Uffington Junior Football Club for hosting the event and we look forward to revisiting them again next year.

Everything is now in place for our final course of the year to be held here at the club which starts on Tuesday. Again we are fully booked with two hundred youngsters signed up for the three days of fun.

Find out how they got on in the next issue of the matchday programme.

Best Wishes,  
Clive and Jono.



### SHARPY'S BIT

Today we have ten children from Drove School from all different ethnic backgrounds and they will be running out with the teams at three o'clock. They will also be playing a game of five-a-side football on the pitch at half time, this is to show our support for the 'Kick racism out of football' campaign. All the children will be wearing the 'Kick racism out of football' t-shirts, so please show your support for them.

On Monday November 4 I will be starting football sessions on the County Ground extension from 6-7pm for youngsters between 11-18 years old. If you are interested please contact me on 01793 617718.

All the best,  
Luke



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# CLASSIC DERBIES REVISITED

Ever since a certain 17-year old set the world alight with a blitz of goals in his first World Cup in 1950, Brazil has been the team to which any team aspires. They have been the symbol of Latin American flair, rhythm and movement, and have become a bastion of invulnerability. At international level they are synonymous with excitement, passion and brilliance, although the league itself is little recognised in the west. However, to the Brazilians and indeed much of the South Americans in general, the Brazilian league, much like the international team which it produces, sits proudly at the top of the game and represents everything with which its international team is synonymous. When all is considered, players, history, success, it is difficult to disregard this view. Even in terms of derbies Brazil reigns supreme. The majority of Brazilian clubs come from four of the largest cities, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre, and for this reason there are perhaps more derbies in the Brazilian top division

than in any other league worldwide. From Sao Paulo come Corinthians, Palmeiras, Portuguesa, Santos and of course Sao Paulo. Cruzeiro and Atletico Mineiro compete on behalf of the city of Belo Horizonte, whilst the rivalry in Porto Alegre is between Gremio and Internacional. Yet it is in Rio de Janeiro that we find the mother of Brazilian derbies; the classic 100-year old story of rich against poor. This is the rivalry known in Brazil simply as Fla-Flu. It is a rivalry between the people's club of Flamengo and Fluminense, the club of the upper classes.

There are no less than five teams all competing with each other for the support and adulation of the population of a city containing more than five million people. As well as Flamengo and Fluminense there is Vasco de Gama, America and Botafogo who all do battle for local and regional supremacy. When it comes to captivating the fans, arousing the fervour and exhilaration of the city, there is no derby like Flamengo and Fluminense. It is the

most exciting event in Brazilian football, one which typifies the carnival spirit of Rio. "The most delightful show on earth," as one famous Brazilian author described it.

Like many other football histories, the Flamengo Fluminense derby started with a cricket club. In 1895, Oscar Cox founded the club of Flamengo (albeit as a rowing club) as a subsidiary of the Cricket Club of Brazil. Fluminense were founded seven years later. At this point the rivalry between the two clubs was non-existent and the two clubs shared close working ties. Virgilio Leite de Oliveira was even president of Flamengo at the same time as being the Manager of Fluminense. It was not until 1911 that the club of Flamengo formed its own football section to compete with its counterparts Fluminense. The club was founded by Alberto Borgeth who opened his club to all enthusiasts of football. Unlike Fluminense, who had a select number of players on their books that were allowed to train at the club's grounds, anyone with a passion for





BEN LEACH RETURNS TO SOUTH AMERICA THIS WEEK AND OUR INTREPID REPORTER GOES BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CLASSIC BRAZILIAN DERBY, THE 'FLU-FLA'.

football was allowed to take part in Flamengo Club's training sessions. Flamengo became the people's club, an open, accepting and accommodating club for people who enjoyed the game of football. Fluminense gained the unfortunate reputation as the snob's club, a club only available to the upper classes, those who could afford to be discriminating. Rich against poor - Fla-Flu - the rivalry between Flamengo and Fluminense was born. However in the twenties and thirties the two clubs still continued to share the Laranjeiras Stadium. Since then it is the people's club Flamengo who have relocated, moving to their new home in the Jose Bastos Padilha Stadium (Gavea). On July 7 1912 the first ever derby between Flamengo and Fluminense took place. It is testimony to the initial support that the two teams enjoyed that over 800 fans attended. The game ended 3-2 to Fluminense who began a period of short lived domination over Flamengo. It was during this period that the rivalry of Fla-Flu began to engage the attention of the

football following of Rio de Janeiro. The derby became associated with emotion, love, belief, passion and loyalty, thanks in no small part to the writings of the Brazilian journalist Mario Filho. His writing invoked such a passion and fervour in the fans that they flocked to the stadium in their droves. Such a following was created that the games between the teams of Flamengo and of Fluminense would often have to be held at the Maracana Stadium due to the comparatively small capacity of the two clubs own ground. In fact, the two clubs still hold the record attendance for a match between two club teams. In 1963 the Maracana hosted the final of the Rio State Championship, which was won by Flamengo. 177,020 fans watched the game. Within Rio de Janeiro, Fluminense are the most successful team, having won the Rio Championship 28 times whereas Flamengo have won it 26 times. However at national and international level Flamengo have the upper hand. Fluminense have won the Brazilian League Championship only twice and have never

won a title outside of Brazil. Flamengo have won the Brazilian league four times and the Copa Libertadores, Copa Toyota and Copa Mercosur once. Despite Fluminense's wealthy following, it is Flamengo who have always had more stars in their ranks. Dida, Mario Zagallo, Jorginho, Zico, Bebeto and Romario have all worn the famous red and black shirt. From the list of all time Flamengo players the name Zico stands out above all the others. He is the club's all-time greatest scorer, scoring over 500 goals throughout the 1970's and 1980's, and is still their greatest fan. He is the player that above all epitomises the Fla-Flu spirit and the spirit of the Brazilian league in general. Whilst many Europeans consider it a shame that he never really tested himself by coming to one of the great European leagues, the Brazilians think the opposite. His history, like the history of Fla-Flu, is one of passion, loyalty and love, a love that can bind a player to his club for his whole career, and a love that could bind together two clubs for a century of memories.

# BUNG FLU





October is far too early to be talking about six-pointers and 'crucial' encounters but it seems we cannot afford the fact that today's game falls into both categories.

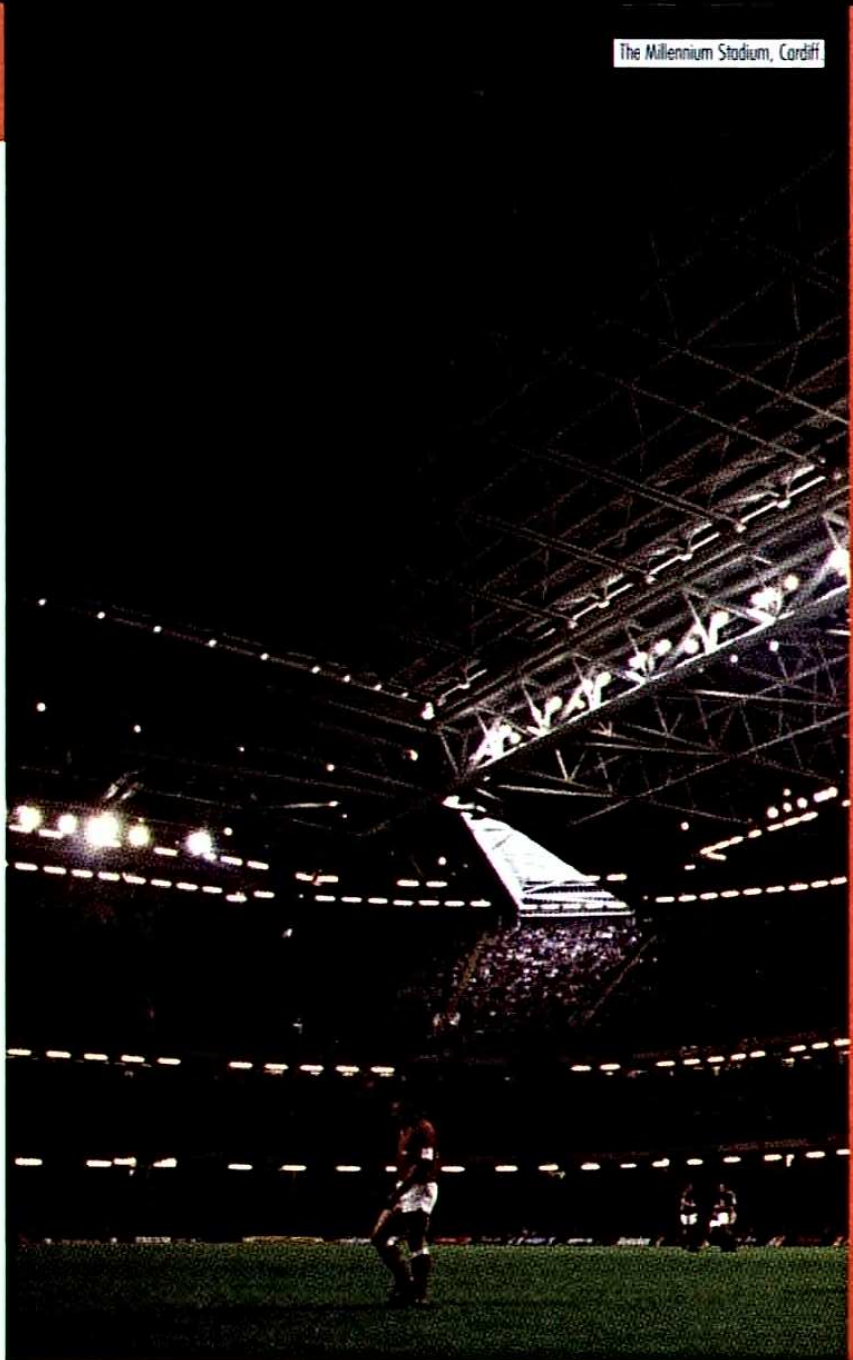
They also say that the league table doesn't tend to lie by the time you reach the end of October. I hope and pray it is currently telling a whopping great big fib.

Just how and where has it gone wrong? Were the wins over Barnsley and Chesterfield mere flukes? I don't and won't believe that. We do have a better squad than for the last couple of years. Goals are the glaring problem. We don't seem to be able to buy a goal at the moment. However, such is the state of the club's finances that probably wouldn't be possible anyway!

Let's hope today is finally the day where everything 'clicks' and we start to pull ourselves clear of the drop zone. Having been given the boot earlier in his managerial career at Field Mill, I'm sure Mr King will be particularly desperate to secure three points. Again, there is a chance I may have been overtaken by events by the time you read this. Apologies if that is the case. Never a dull moment at this place is there?

Off the pitch, I attended the Swindon Town Supporters' Trust fans forum on Monday evening. I think a lot of people went home that evening heartened by the genuine spirit of co-operation that was displayed between TrustSTFC and the board. It never threatened to degenerate into a slanging match. There are always going to be areas of disagreement but the clear message appeared to be one of united we stand, divided we fold.

It's Tuesday morning as I pen these notes and I am not yet in a position to know whether we are in the second round draw of the LDV. I do hope so because it is a competition worth winning. The financial rewards are there for all to see as well as a day out at the Millennium Stadium of course. Then at full time today it is the draw for the first round of the FA Cup. Let's hope it hands us a nice home draw.



## JON RITSON



### EVENING ADVERTISER

Finally, may I take this opportunity to welcome Ian Wilkerson back to the County Ground press box today. Those of you who love a flutter on the horses will remember Ian for his 'Wilko's Winners' column in the Evening Advertiser.

For some reason, Wilko decided to abandon the 'Adver' for the Nottingham Evening Post almost two years ago. He is the paper's Mansfield Town reporter

and he confidently assures me that his return to the County Ground will result in three points for The Stags. I hope his prediction proves as accurate as his horse tips (only joking). The loser buys the beer at full time so I am desperate for a Town win.

Enjoy the game and see you all back here for the Tranmere Rovers clash in a fortnight. Don't forget to keep up to date with all the Town news in your Evening Advertiser.

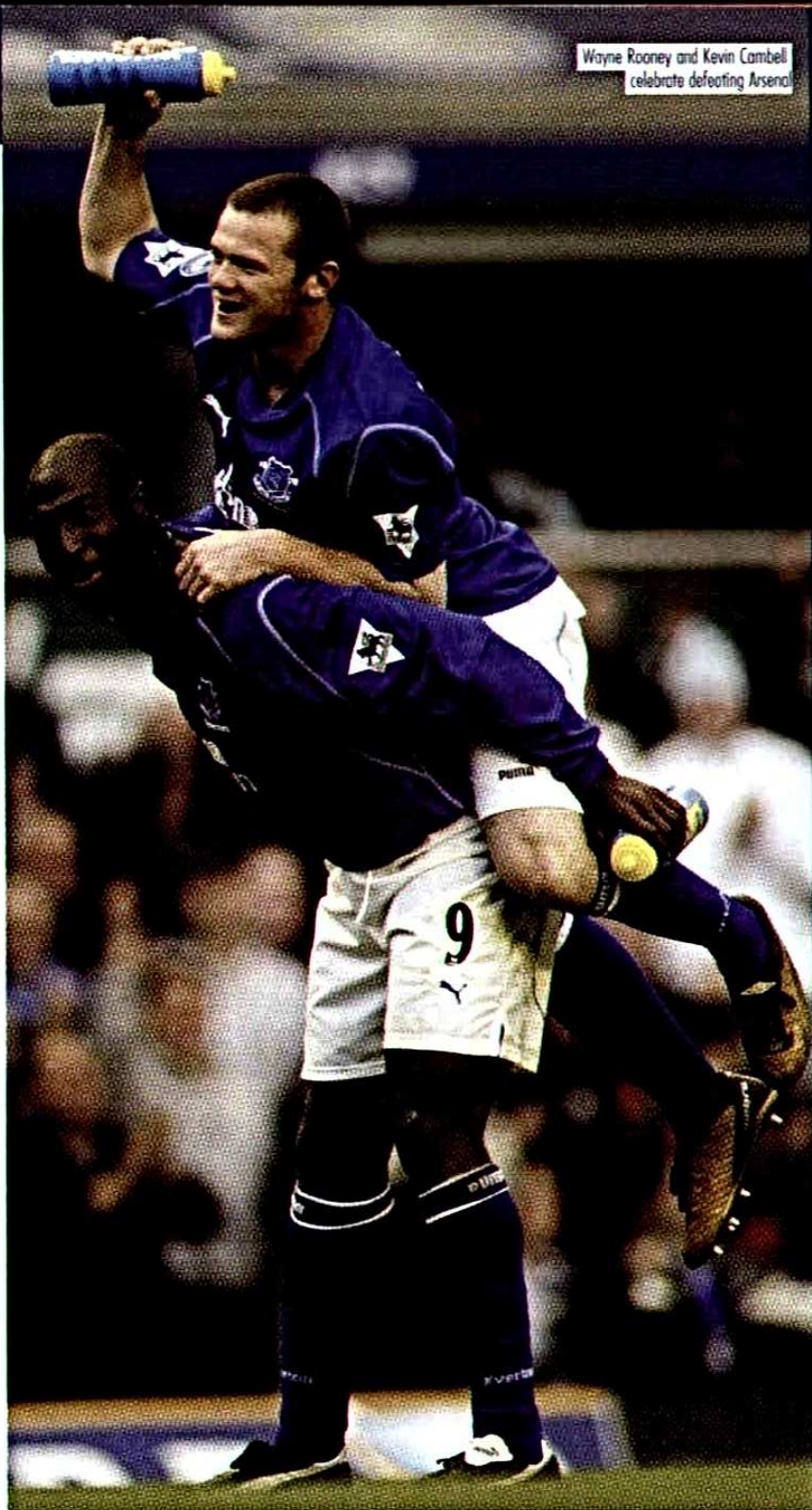


It is pure Roy of the Rovers stuff. I make no apology for jumping on the band-wagon and praising Everton's Wayne Rooney for an excellent first Premiership goal. I have been fortunate enough to be at the games where Beckham scored from the half-way line to score his first top flight goal, plus Michael Owen's full league debut when he slotted home from the penalty spot to open his account. Three very different goals from England's finest.

The major observation to be made of these three talents is that overnight, they became men when really they were, and as is in the case of Rooney, just boys. If the paper talk is to be believed, the talented Toffeeman will go from an £80 per week pay-packet, to a rather lovely £10,000 per week in December. Ten thousand pounds per week! That'll be nearly half-a-million for the year 2003!

We have something very right in our English academies around the country in that we bring through some tremendously exceptional players. But what we have very wrong is the fact that money then moves in to play. I can guarantee Rooney loves playing football first and foremost, and probably could not care less about being on £1,000 or £3,000 per week.

Let's hope that the advisors he has surrounding him (and I bet there's a few) will advise him sensibly. I think this has been so in the cases of the Beckham's and Owen's of this world, but take Gascoigne for example. He was badly advised and had it not been for the lack of good advice, he could have gone on after Italia '90 to become one of the greatest stars of World football. I just hope that Rooney keeps his feet on the ground, and does not go the way of some of our other Premiership young



## HELEN WINGROVE



### BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND

stars. I am not saying that he does not deserve his wealth because he does. All commodities have a certain worth in their individual industry and Rooney will potentially add millions

of pounds to Everton's coffers over his tenure with them.

I just wish I had been at Goodison last Saturday instead of Ashton Gate.



# SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

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## **Away travel sponsored half time draw**

At the time of writing these notes we are still waiting for the winner of £271 (with winning ticket number 275) to come forward. If you hold this numbered ticket please contact Roger Bunce on 01865 820499, or see him at the match today. The winner has 28 days to collect the prize in line with the competition rules. Quite remarkably, despite a season low crowd at the game, we had on offer our biggest prize of the season, thank you to all those supporters who took part!

## **Disabled group meeting.**

The group held their latest meeting on October 14 in the Winners Lounge. Guest for the evening was none other than Eric Sabin who gave the group an insight into the differences between football in England and that in France. The group were extremely grateful to Eric for giving up his time and would like to thank him for this through these notes.

## **Matchday sponsorship.**

Today we welcome 12 guest supporters to the Football Club as prize winners in our recent lucky draw. These supporters will enjoy the full benefits of a sponsorship package and will have the opportunity of judging their man of the match after the game. Should you wish to be included in a future lucky draw then please give Roger Bunce a call on the number detailed above and he will explain exactly how you can be included.

## **Transport to matches**

It is a concern to everyone that the recent fall in attendance may once again see the club facing further financial difficulties. Our away travel organisation have a tremendous record in getting fans to away matches and they would also like to help any supporters having difficulty in regularly coming to home matches, by opening a lift sharing register. Often supporters cannot get to games because of a lack of public transport, or cost. It is our aim to help as many fans

as possible by putting you in touch with others in your locality, who may be able to help, by either lift sharing or providing transport for fans without transport themselves. We do know lift sharing works.

If you regularly come to the County Ground, can help and have space in a car, or need a lift, please contact the Away Travel Organisation on 01793 536757, or alternatively via the 24 hour answer phone line 01793 825935. Ask to be included in the register, you may be able to cut the cost of coming to matches.

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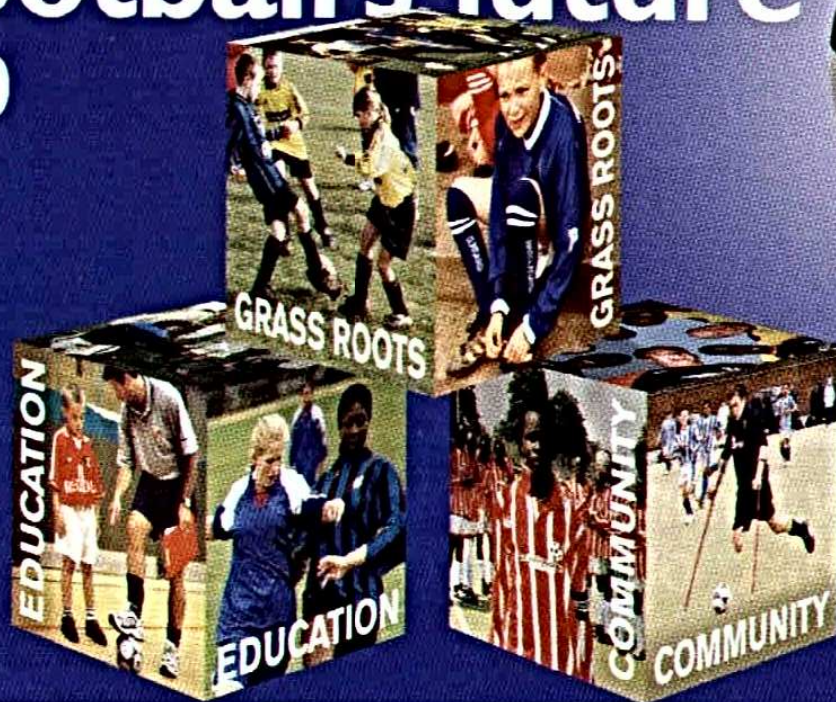
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**GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR  
JUNIOR ROBINS AND WELCOME TO  
TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST  
MANSFIELD.**

## JUNIOR ROBINS

Our trip to Bristol last Saturday was disastrous to say the least, especially considering it was a short trip down the M4. In the end we only had eight Robins that travelled and including parents, there were just 15 people – not good considering we now have more than 50 members.

Our next trip will be another short journey to Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday November 2. Let's rally round and take with us a huge number of Junior Robins to help support the lads. Reciprocal match day tickets (free) will be available.

If you book your tickets via SAS Travel then please tell them you are a Junior Robin and quote your membership number. If you are travelling by car give George a ring on 01672 520679 and he will arrange for you to collect your ticket at a convenient place at Wycombe, either that or he'll post them to you. Again a few adult tickets are available for this match but as always, they are on a first come first serve basis.

We are thinking of holding a Junior Robins disco at Christmas time. We will let you know through these notes any developments...

If any of you or your friends would be interested in becoming a Junior Robin – then membership costs just £3. We think it's a great bargain and for that you also get a discount in the club shop!

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



## ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN' ROBIN, MATCHDAY  
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Dear Rocky,

Buongiorno! I have long been an admirer of your athletic skills and would like just to ask you if you have ever felt the inclination to enter in the world of horse riding in any shape or form, I can see you in a neat show-jumping uniform, or maybe giving me a run for my money in the horse racing game. It's just a little something I would be fascinated to know.

Frankie Teddori

Ciao Frankie!

You are a top man! I love watching the horse racing on the TV, especially when our own Mr Chairman is on with Clare Baldy presenting. Great stuff! I sat myself on a horse recently and it was not a pleasant experience. I gingerly mounted the beast, for a couple of seconds I was in complete control, but soon I was hanging on for dear life – I can honestly say I've never been quite so scared. This Robin was Rocking all right! However, the supermarket manager came out and threw me off, and my money had nearly run out anyway!



Rocky ze Robin,

It is me again, your old friend Arsenal. People keep asking me if my wonderful football team are going to last the whole season without getting beaten. Rocky, could you take a look in your famous crystal ball and see what the season holds for the Gooners – will we stay invincible?

Arsenal Wenger

Bonjour!

Firstly I would say we have the copyright on the word Invincible here at STFC – oh Danny Boy – but to answer your request, I have consulted the oracle and can see Arsenal going the entire league season without a defeat! However, I can see trouble ahead in the FA Cup. After sweeping aside Oxford and Bristol City in the first two rounds, the Robins draw Arsenal at the County Ground in the 3rd Round!! Hang on to your escargots, mon chérie. It could be a rocky ride and I see the Invincible one doing a Don Rogers! Bon Chance!



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

Congratulations to last week's winner, Mark Fry, who correctly named Andy Rowland as the answer. Send in your answers to this week's clue to the above address.

Born 20/1/65, Scotland

Defender

Played for Town between 1985 and 1993

Anagram: I DREAD COOL CLOWN.





## 01 HAPPY TRAVELLER

Pictured here once again is our intrepid traveller, Town fan Steve Leonard who has been on his travels once again. In our last issue we showed you a picture of Steve in Cyprus – this week we feature him with his daughter, also in Town's colours.

Remember, if you have any photos of yourself in the 'red and white' on holiday, then send them in to us and we'll get them on this page.

## 02 TEAM OF THE WEEK

Congratulations must go to David Duke who, last week, made it into the Nationwide's Division Two Team of the Week. Our favourite Scotsman has featured in every league game so far this season and has proved to be a consistent member of Andy King's squad.

## 03 A BELATED HAPPY BRITHDAY...

Goes to Jimmy Fraser, Town's Centre of Excellence and youth team co-ordinator. Jimmy was 34 last week and he says the best present he received was the rose from a secret admirer. Apparently the bookies have stopped taking bets on who sent it, Alice Wills has admitted that she may be responsible...

We must also wish Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, happy birthday too - although I am not in a position to say how old he is!

## A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the stewards that worked for free on Tuesday night. In total, there were 34 Stewards present at Tuesday night's LDV fixture against Southend – to you all, many thanks from all at STFC.

## FAMOUS FACES

Spotted at Tuesday night's game was Stuart Pearce (again), Cyril Regis and Joe Jordan. Joe's son was playing his first game for Southend whilst Cyril appeared to be meeting some of his players. As for Stuart Pearce – your guess is as good as ours!

## MY SWINDON XI – CONFUSION FC

The team below is a commentator's nightmare. Every player played for the Town at some stage but sadly didn't all take to the field at the same time, which Ed Hadwin at Wiltshire Sound is probably quite pleased about. Distinguishing Horlock from Hurlock and Waddock from Ruddock would have tested the skills of the best microphone operator in the business, and how would Shaun Hodgetts make sure that listeners knew Jimmy Allan had replaced Kenny Allen in goal at half time?

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 KennyAllen    | 7 Terry Hurlock   |
| 2 Paul Allen    | 8 Gary Waddock    |
| 3 Kevin Horlock | 9 Martin Williams |
| 4 Neil Ruddock  | 10 Darren Bullock |
| 5 Brian Borrows | 11 Andy Williams  |
| 6 Frank Burrows |                   |



# YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

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## WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

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

On October 22 1977 Swindon travelled to Chester to take on the side that stood just below them in mid-table Division Three. A 1-0 win to the home side saw the teams swap positions as Chester drove on to an eventual fifth place while Town continued to drop towards the relegation positions. Now with only one win in nine League games, it was reported that Town were ready to splash £20,000 to shore up the defence, but manager Danny Williams dropped out of the chase for Everton defender Steve Seageant when confronted with wage demands of around £150 a week.

On the 25th Swindon played a Third Round League Cup match at Fratton Park, forcing a 1-1 draw with Portsmouth through a David Moss equaliser six minutes from time, and on the 29th Town won a League game at home to Exeter. Incredibly, Swindon had scored eleven goals over the most recent six League games and still won only two of them, by 5-0 and 4-0 respectively.

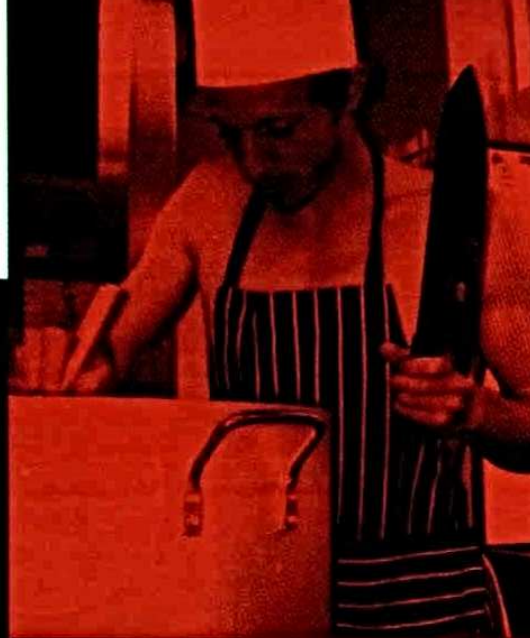
1 Chester City now play at the Deva Stadium. What was the name of their home ground in 1977?

2 In midfield for Portsmouth in the League Cup tie was a player who joined Swindon in July 1982 and played over 200 games for Town. Who?

3 At right back for Exeter on 29th was a player who joined Swindon in July 1979. Who was this?

4 On 22nd October 1977, one of Swindon's local rivals played at Spurs in Division Two. They lost 9-0. Who?

5 On 31st October, a former Swindon Wembley star left Derby County for Cardiff. His name?



STEVE ROBINSON

## THE NAKED CHEF

'Robbo' continues his food on a budget theme and this week, rustles up some Cauliflower Cheese for us.

### NO. 5 TURBO'S CAULIFLOWER CHEESE

1. You will need 2oz marg, 2oz flour, 1pt milk, 4oz grated cheese, 2tps english mustard, salt & pepper
2. Get a good sized cauliflower, trim and cut into four pieces, then cook in boiling water for six minutes.
3. Melt the marg in a thick bottomed saucepan. Add sieved flour and cook for several minutes until mixture is of a sandy texture and leaves the side of the pan.
4. Add the warm milk slowly mixing in with a wooden spoon until smooth.
5. Add mustard and the cheese, do not boil. Mix until cheese has melted and remove from heat. Add salt and pepper to taste
6. Place cauliflower in an ovenware dish, coat with the sauce and sprinkle with the rest of the cheese.
7. Place in a pre-heated oven gas mark 5 for twenty minutes or until golden brown.





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# Swindon Town v Mansfield Town

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## Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
6	Shots	15
2	Headers	3
2	Volley	0
2	Penalties	0
1	Free Kicks	1
0	Own Goals	0

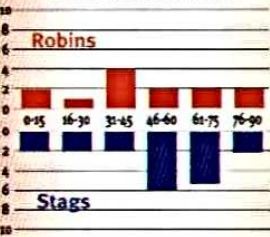
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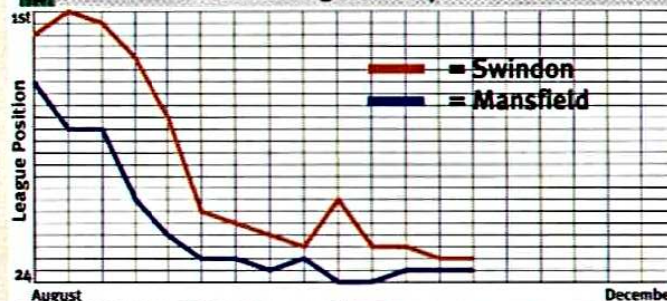
## Form Guide - Last 6

1	Won	2
1	Drawn	1
4	Lost	3
4	For	9
10	Against	9
4	Points	7
-6	Goal Difference	0
LWLLDL	Sequence	WLLWDL

## Yellow & Red Cards

22	Yellow	21
1	Red	0

## Seasonal Progress Comparison





## 2002-2003 Attendances

Robins	Aggregate	Stags
36,948	34,113	
7,564	Highest	7,258
4,152	Lowest	3,668
5,278	Average	4,873
36	% of Capacity	49

## 10 Year Record

Robins	Avg Pos.	Stags
45.5	among 92 clubs	78.4
15,011	Avg Att 1993	2,718
5,278	Avg Att 2002	4,873
-65	+ / - %	79

## Top League Scorers

 Parkin	 Christie 1 of 2 players on 1 goals	
5	League Goals	4
11	Games Played	13
0.45	Lge Goals/Game	0.31
3	Points Gained	3
2	Scoring Run	1
1	Hat-Tricks	0
0	Close Range	1
5	Inside Area	3
0	Long Range	0
3	Shots	3
0	Headers	1
0	Volley	0
2	Penalties	0
0	Direct FKs	0

## Average Goals per game

0.93	For	1.36
1.14	Home For	1.43
0.71	Away For	1.29
1.57	Against	2.64
1.14	Home Against	2.71
2.00	Away Against	2.57

## 2002-2003 Figures

18	Players Used	24
2	Clean Sheets	1
8	Failed to Score	8
1	Goals scored from...	
1	Corners	0
1	Free Kicks	5
0	Goals conceded from...	
0	Corners	7
5	Free Kicks	8

## Swings

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

## Lost from:

0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	0

## Drawn from:

0	3 Goals Down	0
1	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	1
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
0	1 Goal Up	1

## Margins

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

## Misc stats

1	Highest Pos.	7
22	Lowest Pos.	24
2	Winning Run	0
3	Unbeaten Run	2
6	Losing Run	5
7	No Win Run	7

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# UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

*When did you start playing football?*

I used to play with the older boys in the back garden. Eventually they got me to play for the local boys club at Wootton on the Isle of Wight

*Were there any opportunities at school?*

I went to Whippingham Primary School and played for the school team. When I moved onto Ogbourne Middle School in Cowes there was an island girls league so I was able to play competitive girls football for the school. From the school team I joined the Isle of Wight ladies

team who play in the South East regional league.

*How did you end up at Swindon Town?*

I joined the soccer academy at Cirencester College and got to know some of the girls who played for the Town and they got me to join. I played a few trial games last season and then signed in the close season. I currently go the Academy at Filton College, Bristol, so I am still able to play college football

*What are your hopes for the future?*

My ambition is to play in the top flight, hopefully with Swindon Town.



**ANGELA GREEN**

**AGE 18**

**POSITION MIDFIELD**

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

## STFC LADIES

## SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

### TOWN'S LADIES HAD THE BEATING OF YEOVIL TOWN BUT NOT THE WEATHER IN LAST WEEKEND'S SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE ENCOUNTER.

The game at Yeovil kicked off in torrential rain with a strong wind, but on a perfect playing surface. Town battled against the wind and managed to keep the home side at bay and within two minutes of the restart Michelle Rich hit the back of the net with a speculative 35-yard effort. Town were in control of the game when, in the 56th minute, the referee decided to abandon the match due to bad visibility. Town Reserves have had a disappointing couple of games losing 2-1 at home to Frome Town and then 4-1 away at Clevedon Town Reserves. Louise Corcoran got the goal against Frome whilst Hayley Huckin found the net at Clevedon.

The U14 seven-a-side team beat Bradford on Avon in the Wiltshire County League 4-1. Sally-Ann Thompson grabbed three and Lindsey Palmer scored Town's other goal from the penalty spot.

The U14 eleven-a-side team, who play in the Surrey Primary League, were unfortunately beaten 9-3 by Portsmouth. Lisa Coe, Kerrie Keane and Carly Smith were on target for Swindon. The following week they travelled to Reading and won 6-0 with Laura Allsop scoring two and Clare Morton, Carly Smith, Lisa Coe and Tara Lofts getting the other goals. Swindon Town's ladies side have had fifteen players selected for the Wiltshire County Squad to face Sussex in the South West Counties Championship. Congratulations to Lucy Bailey, Michelle Brown, Fiona Baldwin, Louise Corcoran, Wendy Davis, Diane George, Angela Wilson, Sam Quinn, Kim Reeves, Michelle Rich, Margaret Rodd, Clare Wheeler, Nat Wilson, Julie Selway and Hayley Sprules who have all been called up.

Tomorrow Town travel to Rover Oxford for an FA Cup First Round tie, whilst the Reserves entertain Clevedon Town B at Aldbourne FC. Kick Off for the Reserves is 2.00pm.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1-0
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	5-2
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	A	P-P
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	FA Cup 1st Round		
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City	H	
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	A	
Sun 01 Dec	Clevedon Town	H	
Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City	H	
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Thur 19 Jan	Reading Royals	A	
Thur 26 Jan	Reading	H	
Thur 02 Feb	Portsmouth	A	
Thur 09 Feb	Yeovil Town	H	
Thur 16 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 23 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	

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**TICKET PRICES FOR THIS GAME ARE PRICED ADULTS £15, OAPS £12, STUDENTS AND UNDER 19S £11, UNDER 16S £5**

THE STFC 'BARMY ARMY' TAKES TO THE ROAD AGAIN THIS WEEK AS WE TRAVEL NORTH TO NOTTINGHAM BEFORE MAKING THE SHORT TRIP TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NEXT WEEKEND. NEED ANY HELP? FOLLOW OUR COMPREHENSIVE ROUGH GUIDE...

## A ROUGH GUIDE TO... NOTTS COUNTY

**WHO? NOTTS COUNTY** **WHEN? TUESDAY OCTOBER 29**

**WHERE? MEADOW LANE** **KICK-OFF? 7.45PM**

**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:** Nottingham's plethora of sporting events all run smoothly which means that the routes into the city for football traffic are carefully planned and meticulously well signposted. Motorists should follow the A6011 approach road - County's ground is indicated.

**PARKING:** There are car parks situated around the ground but you will need to arrive early for any street parking. It may even make sense to park on the other side of the Trent next to Forest's ground as they are away at Norwich that evening.

**Train:** Nottingham train station is closer to Meadow Lane than the City Ground. Turn left out of the station and left again onto Queen's Road, then right onto London Road and first left onto cattle Market Road - the away turnstiles are a little way ahead on the right. The walk takes about 10 minutes in total.

## A ROUGH GUIDE TO... WYCOMBE WANDERERS

**WHO? WYCOMBE WANDERERS** **WHEN? SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2**

**WHERE? ADAMS PARK** **KICK-OFF? 3.00PM**

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**BY CAR:** Adams Park is positioned in somewhat of a dead-end and motorists will face a long wait to get out no matter where they park. To get to the ground leave the M40 motorway at Junction 4 and follow the A4010 toward Aylesbury. Go straight over three roundabouts into New Road, and continue downhill to another mini-roundabout, at which turn

sharp left into Lane End Road. At the next mini-roundabout, turn right into Hillbottom Road - Adams Park is at the end of this road.

**PARKING:** The club car park only holds around 100 cars, but several of the units on the Sands Industrial Estate also offer matchday parking for £1.50 or so. Keep valuables hidden as not all these car parks are patrolled.

**Train:** The nearest train station is High Wycombe, but fans travelling from Swindon may find Maidenhead Station more suitable and has connections to the West Country. The station is some way from the ground but the club runs special buses (Route F) for both afternoon and evening games. Return buses leave 15 minutes after the match.

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**Tranmere**  
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30.11.02 (3.00pm)



**Crewe Alexandra**  
21.12.02 (3.00pm)



**Brentford**  
26.12.02 (1.00pm)

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# NEXT PLEASE...



**WHO? TRANMERE ROVERS** KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

**WHEN? SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9**

When Jason Koumas left Tranmere to join Premiership new boys, West Brom, many at Prenton Park predicted a lapse in form ahead of the new campaign. Furthermore, when the club encountered a change in management just days ahead of the season's kick-off it seemed as though the club was set for a year of turmoil. However, a three game unbeaten run (including an opening day 4-1 mauling against Port Vale) suggested that, like the previous year, they would be 'there or thereabouts' come the season's end.

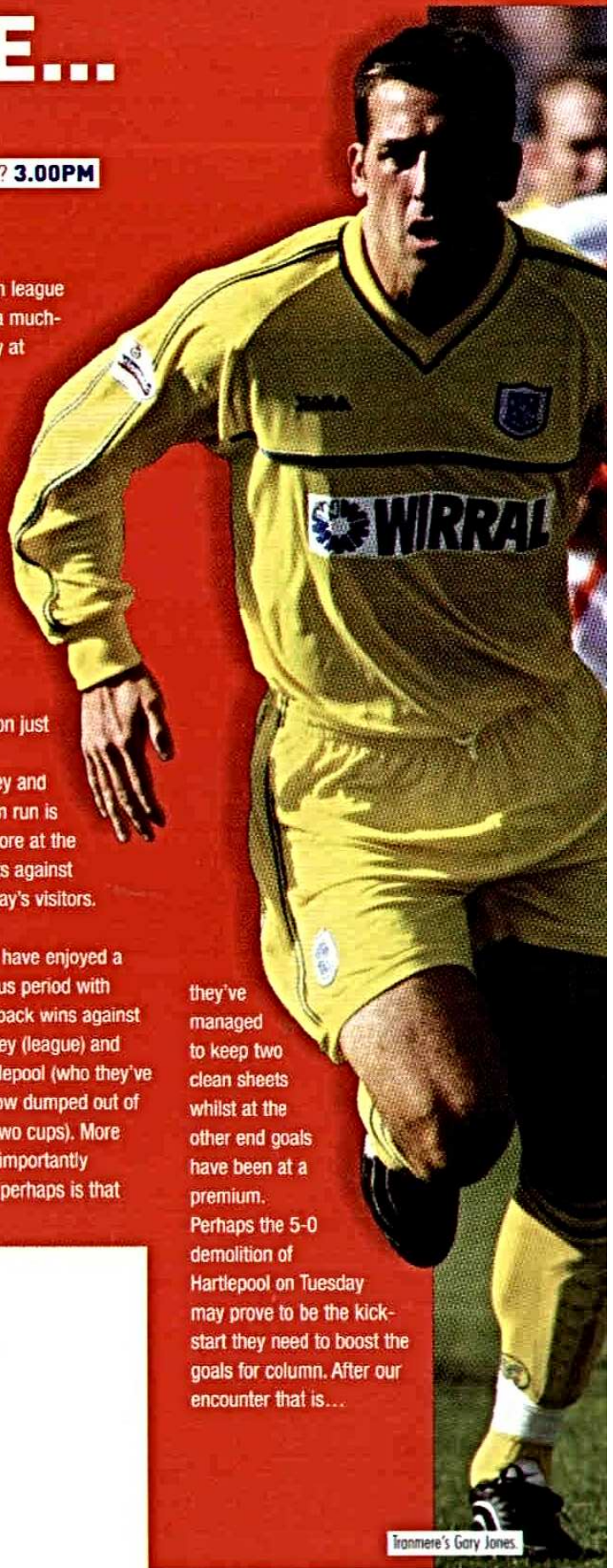
Unfortunately for Ray Mathias' men early season optimism on the field has dwindled and at the time of writing, Rovers currently occupy twelfth place. Defeats against Bristol City, Blackpool and Oldham followed in their next four games following that impressive start and slowly but surely, Tranmere started to descend down the table.

A welcome break from league proceedings brought a much-deserved victory away at Hartlepool in the Worthington Cup and their league form immediately benefited, with top scorer Simon Haworth grabbing a brace in a 3-1 win over early pace-setters Brentford.

Since then the Merseysiders have won just two games against Stockport and Barnsley and included in that barren run is two 6-1 (a popular score at the moment - Ed.) defeats against Southampton and today's visitors.

More recently Rovers have enjoyed a more prosperous period with back to back wins against Barnsley (league) and Hartlepool (who they've now dumped out of two cups). More importantly perhaps is that

they've managed to keep two clean sheets whilst at the other end goals have been at a premium. Perhaps the 5-0 demolition of Hartlepool on Tuesday may prove to be the kick-start they need to boost the goals for column. After our encounter that is...



Tranmere's Gary Jones



Ray Mathias



# 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 <sup>act</sup>	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	2-2	4,152 22
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205 22
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	6-1	1,747 22
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home		
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away (7.45)		
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away		
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home		
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away		
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home		
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away		
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

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

									
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincibile	
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson*	Miglioranzi	Invincibile	
Griemink	Edds	Duke*	Heywood	Willis	Davis	Robinson	Miglioranzi*	Invincibile	
Griemink	Edds	Willis	Gurney	Heywood	Duke*	Davis*	Miglioranzi	Robinson	
Griemink	Edds	Willis*	Heywood	Duke	Gurney	Miglioranzi	Robinson	Sabin*	
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Sabin	
Griemink	Edds	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranzi	Gurney <sup>1</sup>	Robinson*	Davis*	
Griemink	Gurney	Willis <sup>1</sup>	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranzi	Robinson*	Davis	
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Robinson	
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincibile	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	
Griemink	Gurney	Willis	Heywood	Duke*	Jackson <sup>1</sup>	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincibile	
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Willis*	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	Invincibile	
Griemink	Gurney*	Willis	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	
Griemink	Duke	Heywood	Reeves <sup>1</sup>	Gurney	Jackson	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincibile	
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Invincibile	
Griemink	Willis	Gurney	Heywood <sup>1</sup>	Edds	Miglioranzi <sup>1</sup>	Jackson <sup>1</sup>	Davis <sup>1</sup>	Duke	

## TODAY'S MASCOTS



This afternoon we welcome nine-year old Maher Ali to the County Ground as today's mascot. Maher plays football for AFC Swindon and he also enjoys Tag Rugby as well as anything else that involves him being creative. Maher attends Lethbridge Junior School.

From everyone at STFC, we hope you enjoy your day!





FRONT COVER ERIC SABIN, PHOTOGRAPHY RICHARD TILLING

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## NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

		1	2	3	4	5
Parkin <sup>3</sup>	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis
Parkin <sup>1</sup>	Sabin <sup>1</sup>	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Dykes
Sabin*	Invincible	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Parkin
Parkin	Davis <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	Sabin	Farr	Miglioranzi	Edds	Reeves	Young
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Young	Edwards	Reeves
Invincible	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Dykes	Cobian	Bampton
Sabin <sup>1</sup>	Davis	Farr	Edds	Miglioranzi	Dykes	Young
Davis	Sabin	Farr	Young	Jackson	Edds	Willis
Parkin <sup>1</sup>	Invincible <sup>1</sup>	Farr	Dykes	Sabin	Hewlett	Reeves

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GR
WIGAN	14	9	3	2	26	11	30	+15
CARDIFF	14	8	4	2	20	12	28	+8
BRISTOL C	14	9	0	5	27	14	27	+13
OLDHAM	14	8	3	3	22	9	27	+13
QPR	14	8	3	3	26	14	27	+12
CREWE	14	7	4	3	21	10	25	+11
BLACKPOOL	14	7	3	4	20	13	24	+7
CHESTERFIELD	14	7	2	5	15	17	23	-2
BRENTFORD	14	6	4	4	16	17	22	-1
LUTON	14	6	3	5	25	22	21	+3
PLYMOUTH	14	5	4	5	19	20	19	-1
TRANMERE	14	6	1	7	14	22	19	-8
WYCOMBE	14	5	3	6	19	21	18	-2
PORT VALE	14	5	3	6	19	23	18	-4
STOCKPORT	14	5	2	7	16	17	17	-1
NORTHAMPTON	14	4	4	6	13	18	16	-5
HUDDERSFIELD	14	4	4	6	12	17	16	-5
NOTTS CO	14	3	6	5	19	21	15	-2
COLCHESTER	14	4	3	7	10	16	15	-6
BARNLEY	14	4	3	7	14	23	15	-9
PETERBOROUGH	14	3	4	7	17	18	13	-1
SWINDON	14	3	2	9	13	22	11	-9
MANSFIELD	14	3	2	9	19	37	11	-18
CHELTHAM	14	2	4	8	14	22	10	-8

## TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT OCT 26 2002

BARCLAYCARD PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal vs Blackburn  
Birmingham vs Man City  
Chelsea vs West Brom  
Liverpool vs Tottenham  
Man Utd vs Aston Villa  
Middlesbrough vs Leeds  
Newcastle vs Charlton

Nationwide 1

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

Nationwide 2

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

Nationwide 3

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

## APPEARANCES 2002/03

	LEAGUE			FA CUP			PLAYERS FOR CUP			LEAGUE		
PLAYER NAME	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK
BART GRIEMINK	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GARETH EDDS	8(4)	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	8(2)	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	11	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	8(2)	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SAM PARKIN	8(1)	4	1(RC)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	9(1)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
DAVID DUKE	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
JUAN COBIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	15	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	11(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	15	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	7	1	3	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	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(6)	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 BAMPYTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	5(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRAIG FARR	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0





## SWINDON

Manager Andy King

## MANSFIELD

Manager Stuart Watkiss

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	KEVIN PILKINGTON
GARETH EDDS 2	BOBBY HASSELL
JOHNNY JACKSON ✓ 3	ALLEN TANKARD
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	NEIL MACKENZIE
ADAM WILLIS 5 ✓	NIEL MOORE
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	STUART REDDINGTON
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7 ✓	LIAM LAWRENCE
JIMMY DAVIS ✓ 8	LEE WILLIAMSON
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	SHAYNE BRADLEY
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓ 10	CRAIG DISLEY
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	WAYNE CORDEN
JUAN COBIAN 12 ✓	JAMIE CLARKE
	MICHAEL BINGHAM
ERIC SABIN ✓ 14	DAVID JERVIS
DAREN DYKES 15	ANDY WHITE
NEIL RUDDOCK 16	DANIEL BACON
DANIEL INVINCIBILE 17 ✓	MICHAEL SISSON
CRAIG FARR 18	DION SCOTT
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	
	SCOTT SELLARS
DAVID BAMPTON 21 ✓	COLIN LARKIN
ALAN REEVES ✓ 22	IYSEDEN CHRISTIE
NATHAN EDWARDS 23 ✓	MARK HURST
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	
STEVE ROBINSON 25 ✓	MARK LEVER
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CHRIS COLLINS 30	JASON WHITE
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## FORM GUIDE

### TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	2	5	11	9

### MANSFIELD'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	1	3	6	13	26

## LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday April 3 1987

Swindon Town 3  
Mansfield Town 0

## MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: P. T. Crossley

Assistant 1: M. T. Knight

Assistant 2: M. D. Postles

4th Official: G. Horwood



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news updates, match commentaries  
and all the latest ticket information.

\*Calls charged at 60p at all times