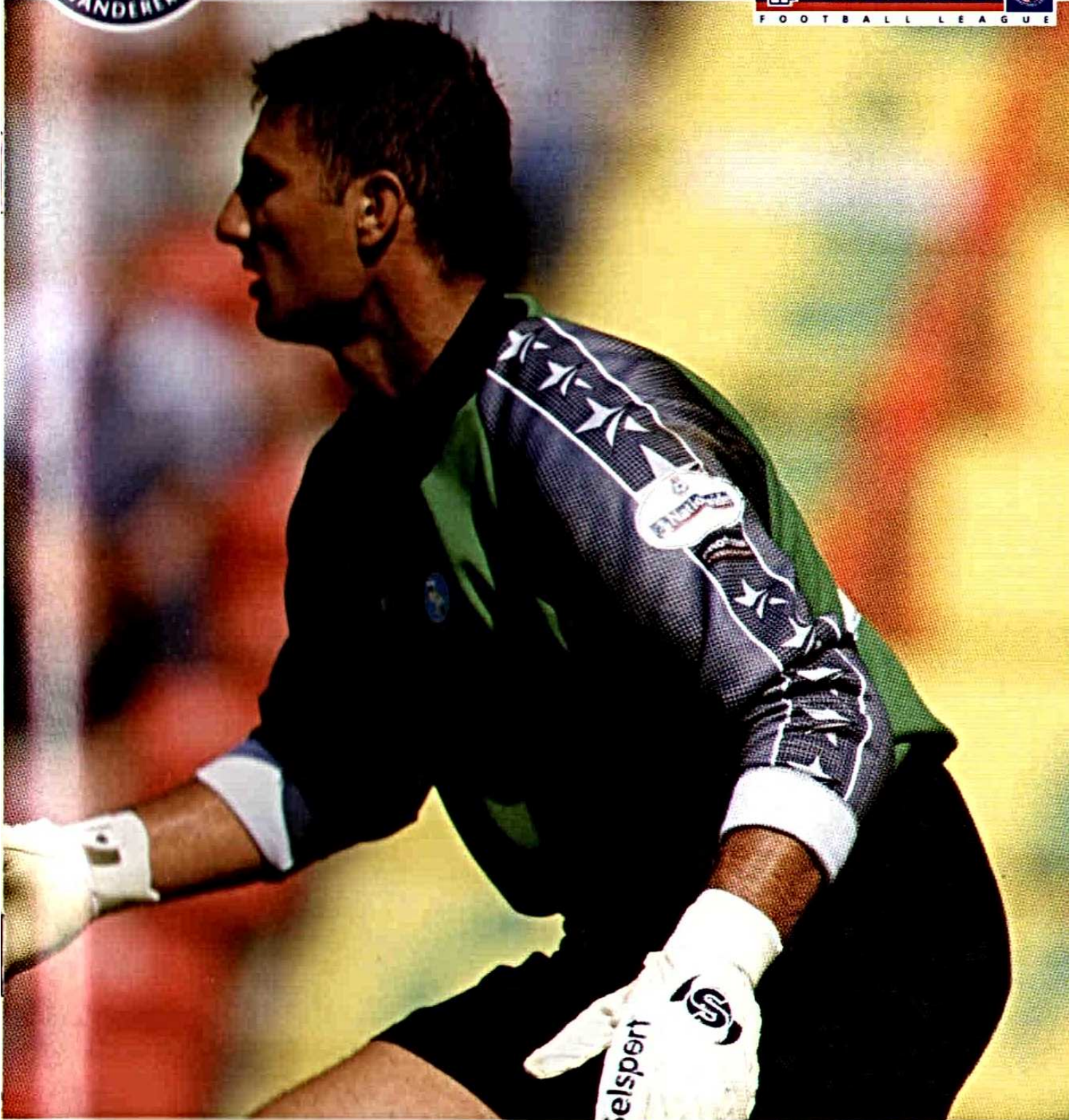




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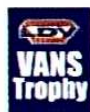
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IT'S not often that I find myself agreeing with the ideas of UEFA and FIFA, but I was encouraged to hear them suggest that there should be at least six English players in each Premiership team that takes the field.

I'm not xenophobic. I think players such as Thierry Henry, Gianfranco Zola and Eric Cantona have been fantastic for our game and fantastic for the development of English players.

But for every Robert Pires there are just as many imports who have not made an impact and who are no better than the English players whose jobs they have taken.

I think the idea to restrict the number of foreigners in a team across the whole of the world game is basically a sound one.

Whether six is the right number or not is arguable, but I think in England some restriction needs to be imposed to breathe new life into the game from top to bottom.

It can't be right that in an English Premiership match, Chelsea once took the field with 11 foreigners when they have so many talented youngsters in reserve.

Youngsters at Premiership clubs like Chelsea need to know that they have got the chance of breaking into the first team, just ask former Wanderers loanee Sam Parkin, who returns with Swindon this afternoon.

Or ask players at clubs such as our own Wycombe Wanderers who need to know that they have the chance of that dream move to a big club.

One of the saddest things about the explosion of foreign talent in our game has been the reduction in the number of lower league players being transferred into the big clubs.

While I wouldn't want to see

Lawrie Sanchez lose any of his players there is something sad about that fact that Steve Guppy is the only former Wanderer who has really made a big move.

Wycombe reached the FA Cup semi-final 18 months ago and didn't receive a single bid for any of their players!

Last week's visit to Barnsley really brought it home.

'I certainly hope that Barnsley, Leicester and all the other struggling clubs pull through'

Not too long ago they were rubbing shoulders with the elite in the Premiership. Now two relegations later they are fighting for their lives.

The administrators have moved in at Oakwell and The Tykes are just four weeks away from going out of business despite having by far and away the best facilities in our division.

Anyone among the travelling Blue Army in Yorkshire last Saturday, will have seen Barnsley's magnificent academy training facilities behind the massive away stand.

Once upon a time a club like Barnsley could have staved off trouble by selling a promising youngster, but the English transfer market post-Bosman and transfer windows has become stagnant.

British clubs have become too interested in taking the instant option and doing their transfers in Euros rather than with the good old British

pound and maybe a cap on the number of foreigners allowed in a team would swing the pendulum back the other way.

The trouble is though I wonder whether such a rule would prove legal.

If FIFA imposed it, how long would it be before another Bosman came along and took the game to court claiming the restriction to be an infringement of his liberties?

I certainly hope that Barnsley, Leicester and all the other struggling clubs pull through.

Barnsley's elevation to the Premiership was one of the great soccer stories of recent times. Football needs clubs like them, like Wycombe and like last Tuesday night's opponents at Adams Park, Chesterfield.

Wycombe and Chesterfield captured the hearts of the nation when they both reached the FA Cup semi-final as second division clubs.

And in Chesterfield's case it if hadn't been for some dubious refereeing they would have beaten Middlesbrough and had their glory day at Wembley Stadium.

And don't forget it wasn't too long ago that Swindon, with our own Mr Sanchez in their side, were strutting their stuff among the big boys in football's top flight.

We can't afford to lose these clubs from the game and a restriction in the number of foreign players might just be the leg-up they need.

Dave Peters writes for the Bucks Free Press and the Bucks Free Press Midweek.

Read his match report in Tuesday's Midweek and his big-match preview in the Free Press on Friday.

Good afternoon and welcome to manager Andy King, the players and supporters of Swindon Town F.C. We can expect another tough game today, the Robins made a very good start to the season before hitting a poor run of results. Now they arrive at Adams Park on the back of three games unbeaten, a 6-1 win over Southend United in the LDV Vans Trophy, a 2-1 home win last Saturday against Mansfield Town and a 1-1 draw at Notts County on Tuesday evening.

Those of you who attended our match with Chesterfield on Tuesday evening would have gone home pleased with our evening's work. We were very patient playing against a side who came to defend with lots of men behind the ball. At half time I reminded the players they would need to show more patience and in the end we would get the result. The arrival of Andy Rammell and Darren Currie brought the goals we were looking for and with a bit more luck Andy could have grabbed a hat trick. They had a chance when Jamie Burt hit the bar at 0-0 but we could have gone on to win by more. An excellent piece of play by Michael Simpson deserved a goal but the keeper pulled off a terrific save to deny Simmo, who does come close to

scoring on a number of occasions during the season.

The game did illustrate how much stronger our squad is this season with Rams, Brownie and Darren coming off the bench to strengthen the side just when we needed something different. Last season we were making subs with youngsters and you were hoping they could change things whereas you know that the players we have now will change the game.

Lewis Cook made his league debut for us on Tuesday evening and I was pleased with the way he performed. Steve Brown had played well at Barnsley on Saturday and with the likes of Keith Ryan and Andy Rammell we need to give them a break and use them to the team's advantage. Lewis is a young lad who has potential but most of all he has pace, we lack some pace in the team at this moment with injuries to Jockey, Gavin and Robbo and Lewis gives us other options on the left of midfield.

Once again thank you for supporting the lads, I think you will agree the entertainment on Tuesday evening was lively and we got the result we thoroughly deserved.

This afternoon we need your help

once again as we shall be going all out to take three points from Swindon. We have moved up the table nicely over the last four games and another win would enhance our place in the top ten. Next Saturday we travel to Huddersfield Town and then can enjoy two cup ties, the first against Cheltenham Town in the LDV Vans and then Brentford in the First Round of the F.A. Cup.

We already hold a victory over Swindon at the County Ground this season in the Worthington Cup. Not the most memorable of games from either point of view but in the end we came through 2-1 in extra time. This will be the stimulus they need to come here and try to maintain the unbeaten record over us in our league meetings here. Last season a 1-1 draw under Roy Evans was possibly the right result for both teams, we need to improve on that today and put a dent in that record.

Looking at the draw for the two cup competitions if I had to make a choice then it would have been better to play both at home. However, under the circumstances the F.A. Cup tie is the more important of the two and a home game against Brentford is very

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acceptable. Being paired with another side from your own division is not the best of draws but at least we know all about them and I am sure have a good chance of progressing to round two. It will be interesting to see what kind of crowd we get for this match. Brentford are doing well in the league and we were unlucky to get beaten over there earlier in the season. Manager at Brentford is Wally Downs, another old mate from my days at Wimbledon and if we can build the game up then we could see our best crowd at Adams Park for a First Round tie.

Let me remind you that we shall be sending a side over to Wexham Park on Wednesday evening for the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup Second Round game. As I write it is not possible to say what the strength of the team will be but we shall certainly treat it with the respect that it deserves in terms of a competitive side.

Now is a good time to mention our youth team who play here on Tuesday evening, 5th November, against Cirencester Town in the

Second Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. Congratulations to Micky Forsyth and his team of young lads who have a good record in this competition having reached the Fifth Round last season. This will be a good opportunity for some of you to come along and watch our youngsters in action.

So it is time to remind you all of how important it is to get behind the team as we go together ever **ONWARD and UPWARD.**

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Brian Kane, one of our Directors, has relocated to Los Angeles for a short business assignment and sends his thoughts from across the Atlantic.

I read with interest an article that appeared just before the start of the season that indicated more than half the players registered to play in the Premiership now come from overseas. I couldn't work out whether I think this is a good thing or a bad thing.

On the plus side, does it mean the best players want to play in England because it's the best league to showcase their talents. Or is it for more mundane reasons that we are dumb enough to pay the outrageous salaries we do and it has nothing to do with the skill, or art, or competitive nature of the game.

It wouldn't be so bad if I felt that the players who were over here were truly world class but I have a sneaking suspicion their agents are better at selling their skills than the players are in delivering them. By the same token, how is it that second-class players come to England but I don't hear of many second-class players playing in their countries.

One of the arguments that was put forward in the early days of the Premiership, when foreign players came over in droves, was that it would kill off the youth development of homegrown players. The counter argument, which I just about buy into was that young kids in this country would see the best players and it would raise their skills as they tried to copy their heroes.

I don't think we can argue that going into the new Millennium England has about the best crop of young players of any country. A little more luck, a little more experience and there's no doubt in my mind World Cup 2002 could have been coming home to England.

The squad system has obviously helped in allowing more players participate in the opportunity to play at the top, albeit in some cases for only 15 minutes a week. The pace of the game is faster and the

tricks – for some reason called professionalism – that go on make the game much more injury prone than previous eras.

How did a Chelsea supporter at one point last year feel when he was supporting a club on which no English players were fielded. Peter Osgood, Barry Bridges, John Hollins and the like must have been forced to have another drink at the bar at such a thought!

'I am generally optimistic about the future development of homegrown players'

The situation at home is no different to what baseball, basketball and ice hockey have been facing in the US for the last twenty years as Imports came in and changed the face of the game and the way local supporters interact with their teams.

In baseball, which has its own set of problems, the influx of Japanese and Central American stars has become so great that it has just about killed off the players post game comments and interviews as hardly anybody these days speaks any English!

Whether it's because of the influx of players who supporters know will only be around a season or two, or the wider exposure due to TV, the nature of support in the US at many games is moving from a local base to a national base. People become supporters but don't necessarily go to a game. They will buy merchandise, they will watch their 'teams' on TV and they may, as a special treat, make a trip to see one game a year or every other year. Their support is generally superficial – strong when the team does well, non-existent when they hit hard times.

Not so different from the trends appearing at Clubs like Manchester United

where a survey I saw recently quoted 90% of the people who claimed to be United supporters had never been to a game at Old Trafford. Maybe Roy Keane's words about the lack of passion from the prawn sandwich corporate guests wasn't too far from the truth.

I am generally optimistic about the future for development of homegrown players but I do think it will require some form of regulation. In the US, while not exactly restricting the home vs. foreign balance, they do put salary caps on clubs so that a rich benefactor with bottomless pockets can't buy up all the best players. This has worked well as a basic strategy and puts greater worth on strong coaching rather than strong cheque books.

The US has been very strict about the calibre of players that can come in and get work permits, with the result, although expensive, only the best can get the opportunity to play in the US top leagues. This is an area where we need to tighten up. Far too frequently foreign players of a mediocre level infiltrate into the system and bring nothing to the game either for the team or the spectators.

Finally, I do believe we need to encourage more of our better players to gain experience and insight into other countries and their leagues. Providing they are not lost for all their careers, their learning can be invaluable to the England team in international competition. The French put their international club experience to good use in 1998 and only their arrogance and poor management stopped it from being repeated in 2002. Their internal tax structure almost forces their highest earning players to leave but the skills and experience they gain is invaluable and makes them multidimensional as players. Far too frequently, our own international players know only one dimension in their game – the one they play in the Premiership. If 50% of our national team earned their wages overseas, I think we could win the World Cup for the next 12 years.

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Swindon Town made a good start to the season and spent the first three weeks at the top of the table. A 3-1 home win against Barnsley on the opening day was followed by a 4-2 victory at Saltergate, still the only home defeat Chesterfield have suffered. A scoreless draw at Blackpool was another good result, especially against former Robins manager Steve McMahon. Then a run of poor results has seen them tumble to the bottom half, in fact fourth from bottom as we write. Manager Andy King has had a tough time of it without funds to improve the team and a number of injuries to a small squad of players. In fact the Robins have done very well to remain in Division Two as for the past three seasons they have flirted with relegation. A succession of managerial changes have done nothing to improve the situation as all have had their hands tied by the financial constraints the club find themselves in.

We have already met Swindon at the County Ground this season, in a Worthington Cup First Round game, we managed to win in extra time. We had gone into the match off the back of a 3-0 defeat at

Wigan and they were in a spell of four games without a win. To some extent the cup game reflected those stats as each side shelled the other in an attempt to win the game within the allotted ninety minutes.

After a 2-0 reverse at Bristol City they came back with a 6-1 demolition of Southend United in the LDV Vans Trophy at the County Ground. At a time when the pressure is on Andy King the Town boss remains adamant he will honour the remaining fourteen months of his contract.

But a 2-1 win last Saturday against Mansfield at the County Ground has brought smiles to many faces.

There has been much talk of new managers, assistant managers and a director of football but there will be no doubt Andy King will be as large as life on the bench this afternoon.

A 2-1 win last Saturday against Mansfield at the County Ground has brought smiles to many faces, this was enhanced by a fighting 1-1 draw at Notts County on Tuesday evening after the Robins had led 1-0 at half time.

SPIREITES ARE RAM RAIDED

Four hours on the motorway in heavy traffic meant Wanderers striker Andy Rammell arrived just in time to sit on the bench. His chance came on sixty nine minutes when he replaced Sean Devine and within three minutes had put the Blues in front. Chesterfield had set their stall out not to concede and hit on the break, and almost succeeded when Jamie Burt struck the bar on 62 minutes after a dash down the Wycombe left. It was Darren Currie, who replaced Keith Ryan on 63, who supplied the cross for Faulconbridge to head down for Rammell to score from four yards out. Six minutes later a repeat performance from Currie gave Rammell his second goal, this time getting in front of keeper Muggleton to head home. Two minutes later it could have been his hat trick as another Currie delivery to the far post found Rammell who headed past the upright with Muggleton well beaten. Michael Simpson brought the crowd to their feet with five minutes remaining as he ghosted past three defenders only to see his shot brilliantly saved by Muggleton. Chesterfield had not conceded a goal in their last six home games and looked a dour defensive unit but the patience the Wanderers showed brought about a thoroughly deserved victory.

ON THE SAME DAY

The Robins were at Notts County on Tuesday evening and Manager Andy King made two changes to the side that started against Mansfield last Saturday. Steve Robinson and Danny Invincibile came in to replace Jimmy Davis and Stefan Miglioranza in midfield and continued with the 4-3-3 formation successful in the previous two games. Swindon made

the early running but gradually County began to stamp some authority for their home advantage. The visitors went in front on 32 minutes when Jackson crossed low into the box, Invincibile saw a shot blocked but the ball fell to Parkin who swept home his eighth goal of the season. In the second half Notts boss brought on Marcel Cas and it had a significant change to the

possession for them. With Swindon just 14 minutes to go for an elusive away win, County equalised. Bolland was the first to react following a long free kick to poke home from close range past Griemink. The home side now pushed forward and Griemink was called into action on 80 minutes to keep out a fierce shot from Cas as County looked for the winner.

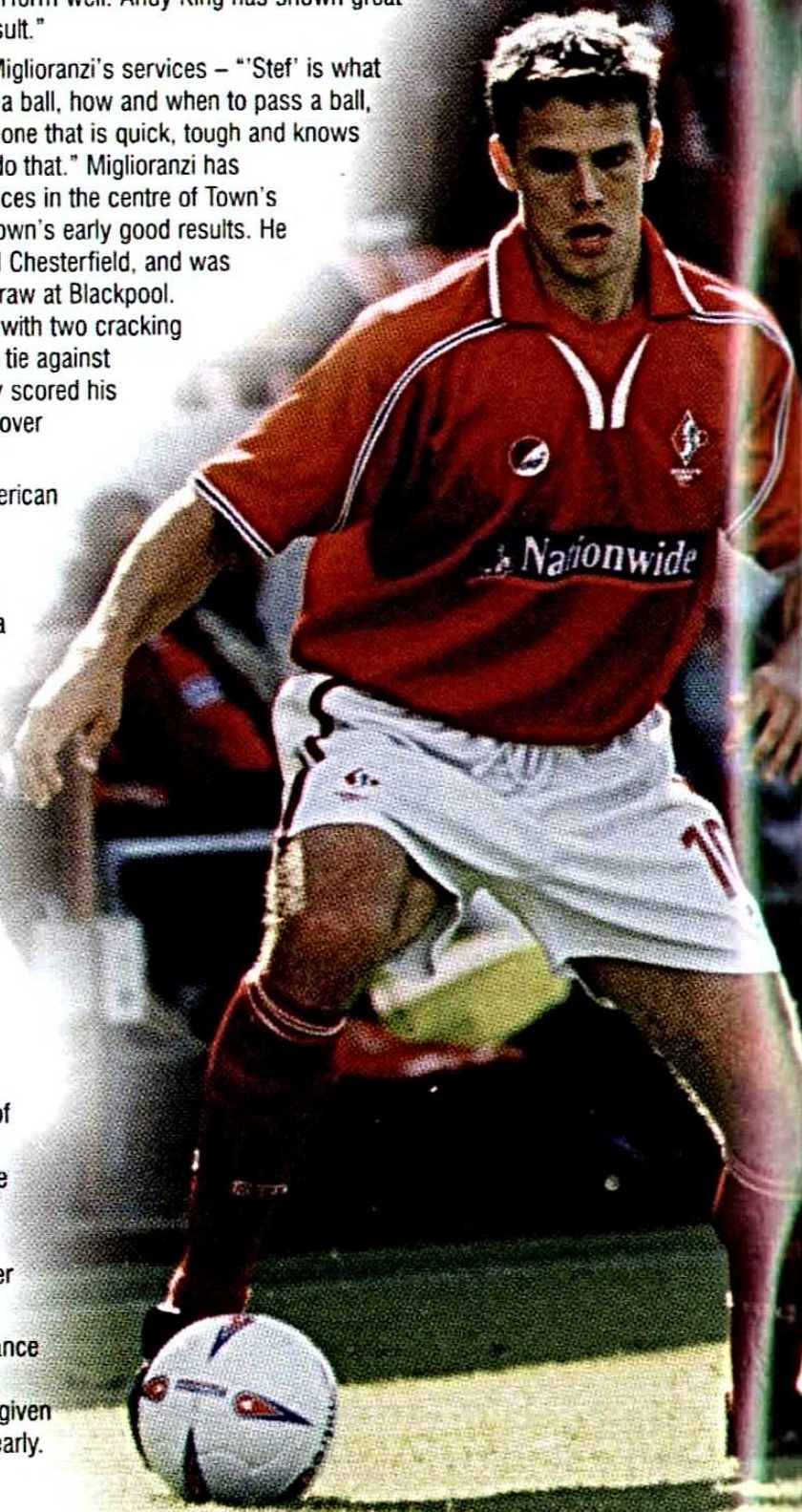
After a desperately disappointing 2001-02 campaign, Miglioranzi, a Brazilian-born New Yorker (with an Italian passport!), jumped at the chance to kick-start his Football League career by joining Swindon last July. The versatile 25-year old, who can appear in defence as well as in his usual central midfield role, commented – "During the last few months at Portsmouth it became more difficult because I wasn't getting games. I am the sort of person who needs to feel they have the backing of their manager to perform well. Andy King has shown great faith in me and I am feeling more confident as a result."

Town boss Andy King was delighted to acquire Miglioranzi's services – "'Stef' is what I like to call a footballer – he knows how to control a ball, how and when to pass a ball, as well as being able to hit a tackle. We need someone that is quick, tough and knows how to put themselves about and he will certainly do that." Miglioranzi has responded by turning in some impressive appearances in the centre of Town's midfield – his best performances coinciding with Town's early good results. He showed his class in the victories over Barnsley and Chesterfield, and was rated Town's 'Star Man' in the commendable 0-0 draw at Blackpool. Looking to get on the score sheet, he was unlucky with two cracking drives that drifted just wide in the Worthington Cup tie against Wycombe at The County Ground, and he eventually scored his first Town goal in the convincing LDV Vans victory over Southend United.

Miglioranzi's early football was played in the American College football system – he helped St John's University (NY) to win the 1996 NCAA Division 1 Championship, and then appeared for Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer. Moving to the UK he had a trial with Everton. With Liverpool also showing interest in the talented midfielder, Alan Ball beat both Merseyside giants by inviting him to Portsmouth for a trial and signing him in March 1999.

Later that month, Miglioranzi made his Division 1 debut against Crystal Palace in a 1-1 draw at Fratton Park – the first of 42 first team appearances he made for the south coast club. His only two goals came in the next season – in the home victories over Sheffield United and Stockport County. Last season he rarely featured for Pompey – a combined result of injuries and strong competition for places within Graham Rix's squad. He played in the first match of the season at Wolverhampton and came on as substitute on just three occasions – giving him little opportunity to display his close ball-skills and little shimmies. At the end of the season he was one of several Pompey players to be placed on the transfer list.

The Swindon No.10 will no doubt be out to enhance his reputation at Adams Park this afternoon - the Wycombe lads will need to ensure that 'Stef' isn't given the opportunity to rule midfield or they may pay dearly.





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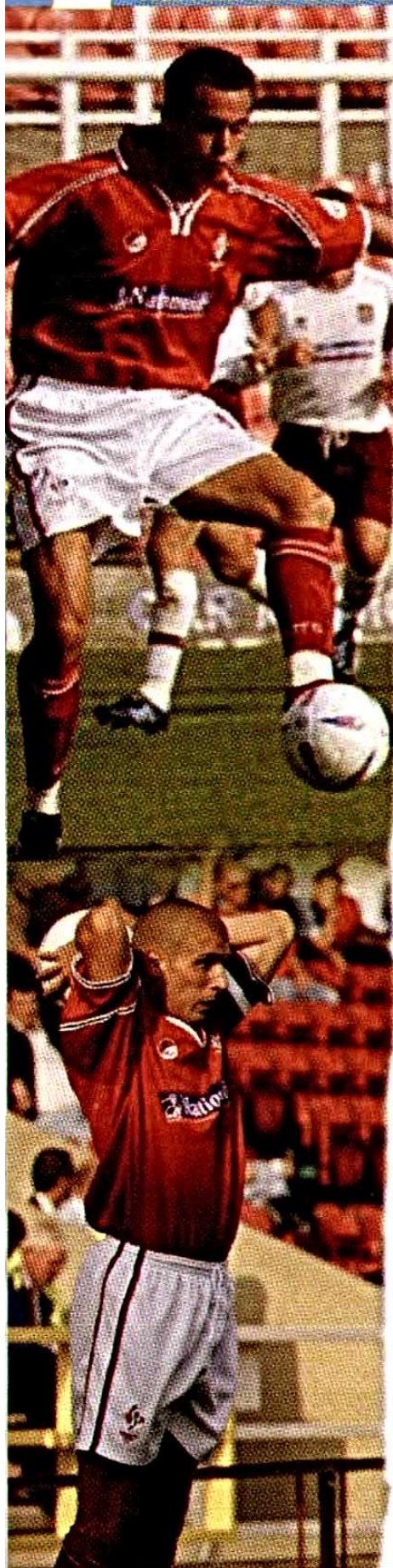
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Alan Hutchinson takes a look at the opposing players



Between the posts they have the giant keeper **Bart Griemink** who arrived on a free transfer in the summer of 2000. The former Dutch U21 International was originally on loan as cover for Frank Talia before eventually joining the club. Has been a regular in the side for the past two seasons. Cover for Bart is a young keeper highly thought of, **Craig Farr**. He was an unused sub throughout the 2000-01 season and will be hoping to get a chance at some point this season.

In defence they have a whole range of players to select from, some who have been at the County Ground for a while. **Gareth Edds** is a young Australian right back who was signed from Nottingham Forest and began the season well. Now has a fight to regain his place as club captain **Andy Gurney** (*bottom left*) has returned to the side. **Adam Willis** is a centre back who has been at the County Ground since 1998. Brought in by **Colin Todd** he has remained a favourite at the heart of Town's defence under Andy King. Recently signed an extension to his contract. **Matt Heywood** was snapped up on a free transfer from Burnley by Andy King. Has been an ever present since 2000-01 season only missing four games last season. Strong in the tackle and good in the air he is a very important part of the Robins defence. **Alan Reeves** is another experienced centre back who causes problems for the opposition at set pieces. Joined Swindon in 1998 from Wimbledon where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. **Andy Gurney** can either play at full back or wing back. Signed on a Bosman from Reading in the summer of 2001. Andy

missed just four games last season through suspension, will continue as club captain again this season. **Matthew Hewlett** (*bottom left*) is currently injured and unlikely to play today but has been a valuable member of the side.

In midfield there are a number of players contesting the four places available. **Stefan Miglioranzi** (*top right*) is the product of American College football where the most successful players are drafted into Major League Soccer. He was taken from MLS side Chicago Fire and joined Everton on trial, although keen to sign him a deal was not agreed and he moved to Portsmouth who did take him. He can play in midfield or defence and joined the Robins in the summer. **David Duke** is a left sided player that arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland. Now in his second season at the County Ground the Scotsman could become a real find for Swindon, a good crosser of the ball. **Jimmy Davis** is on loan from Manchester United, has already shown what he is capable of in the early part of the season. Has been out the last few games with injury. **Darren Dykes** is one for the future, snapped up this summer from non-league Buckingham Town. Is yet to make an appearance for the first team, has had trials with Spurs and Leyton Orient. **Danny Invincibile** is the Australian with the interesting name. Came on a free from West Ham after Harry Rednapp had recommended him to Colin Todd. A goal scoring midfielder who is a big favourite with the fans, much expected of him this season. **Steve Robinson** is a right sided player, a tough tackling energetic terrier signed from Birmingham City for

£50,000 in February 2001.

Usually plays in the centre or on the right of midfield, will be hoping to become a regular once more in Andy King's team.

Nathan Edwards is a product of the club's youth policy and signed a pro contract in the summer. Played in the final game of last season against the Blues at the County Ground, high hopes for the future. **Kevin Halliday** is another who has come through the youth team ranks and is one of the more experienced youngsters.

Although still to make his full league debut he has figured off the bench on a number of occasions.

The attack is made up of a former loanee from Chelsea who signed for the club in August, a very exciting young Frenchman and one of Town's brightest hopes for the future. **Sam Parkin** (bottom right), a name Wanderers fans will be aware of when he was on loan during 2000. A bright and intelligent forward with natural goalscoring ability. Returning from a suspension following his sending off against Cheltenham. **Eric Sabin** is a Frenchman few had heard of when he joined the club last summer. Comparisons were made with Thierry Henry with his flair and exciting approach to the game. Looks very dangerous when the ball is played behind opposing defences, needs more confidence in front of goal to make his game complete. **Alan Young** is one of Swindon's brightest hopes for the future, he has risen from Town's youth team and played into himself



ON THEIR BENCH

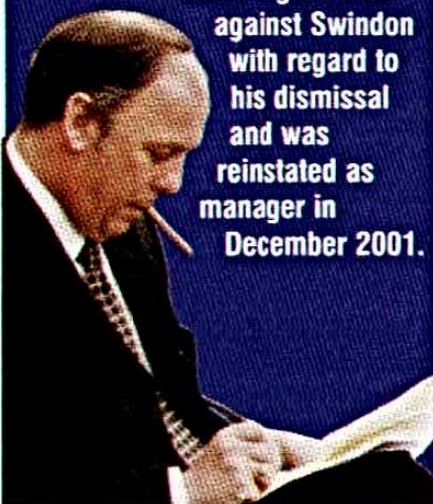
ANDY KING - MANAGER

As a player he made 150 appearances for Everton, scoring an impressive 38 goals in four seasons at Goodison before joining QPR.

Made his first managerial appearance at Mansfield Town in 1993, they were relegated at the end of that season but King steered them to a mid-table finish the following season.

In 1995-96 he lost his job at Mansfield, he continued in the game working with good friend Peter Reid at Sunderland. Andy joined Swindon Town when Colin Todd appointed him as his assistant in the summer of 2000.

The Robins struggled to free of the relegation zone, a win over Peterborough and our victory at Bristol Rivers ensured their safety for another season. The great escape was not enough to save his job and he was replaced at the County Ground by former Liverpool Roy Evans. One year later King was back when Roy Evans left the club – King had taken legal action against Swindon with regard to his dismissal and was reinstated as manager in December 2001.



Tight at the top

An 88th minute goal from Wigan skipper Jason de Vos at Luton last Saturday earned the Latics a valuable point and kept them at the top of the table – albeit only on goal difference from Cardiff City. With Luton going into the fixture on the back of five consecutive victories, it was always going to be a difficult afternoon for Paul Jewell's side. Aaron Skelton had put Luton ahead and they had a man advantage for the last 5 minutes – Matt Jackson being sent-off after receiving a second yellow card. Defender de Vos's goal extended Wigan's run to nine league games without defeat. Meanwhile Wigan have become the 11th professional club on the CV of veteran goalkeeper Dave Beasant. Jewell signed him as cover for the not fully fit John Filan and commented - "Dave will be good to have around the place and will have a big influence on the training pitch by helping the younger players around him."



Bluebirds step up the pressure

After thrashing Hartlepool 5-0 in the LDV, Tranmere came down to earth with a bump at Ninian Park. Peter Thorne netted twice in Cardiff's 4-0 victory and this was probably the best performance of Lennie Lawrence's side this season to date. Robert Earnshaw was also on the score sheet to take his personal tally to 13 in all competitions. Making his debut for Tranmere was Wolves striker Adam Proudlock who has joined on a month's loan. The 21-year-old has been on the fringes of the first team at Molineux this season, making just five sub appearances for Dave Jones' side.

Loftus Road fortress breached

Just days after their tenants Fulham had surrendered their unbeaten home league record, landlords Queens Park Rangers did the same – Oldham coming from behind to win 2-1 at Loftus Road. A massive 15,491 – the highest for a Division Two fixture this season, watched the game. This was a tremendous result for Oldham whose form had dipped rather after a marvellous September. Boss Iain Dowie was jubilant afterwards – "This is a fantastic victory for us, the boys have shown a lot of heart today. It is hard to get anything out of QPR. They are a good side but we gave it everything." Rangers' home defeat left Blackpool as the Division's only side to remain unbeaten at home.



Cheltenham off the bottom

It was a good few days for Cheltenham Town. After convincingly dumping Col U out of the LDV (see page 41 of this programme for further details) Graham Allner's side won 2-1 away at Northampton. The winning goal came from midfielder Richard Forsyth who is on loan from Peterborough. Northampton's goal came from Jamie Forrester who had reached the 100-career goal landmark in the 4-3 LDV Vans Trophy win over Hereford United. The 28-year-old former Leeds and Grimsby front man commented afterwards – "It has been a while coming, but it is nice to get and it is a nice landmark for me. Hopefully, I can go on now and score many more."

Uncertainty continues at The County Ground

Another team enjoying a few good days was this afternoon's visitors Swindon Town. After a confidence



boosting 6-1 LDV victory over Southend United, they overcame fellow strugglers Mansfield Town 2-1 at The County Ground. Town made life hard for themselves by giving away a soft early goal, but efforts from Sam Parkin and Eric Sabin secured the vital points. For former Adams Park loan favourite Parkin it was his seventh goal of the season. Most news from Swindon has continued to concentrate on off the field movements. Jan Molby (former Hull City, Kidderminster Harriers and Swansea City boss) is the latest name to be linked with a position within the management alongside current manager Andy King. Other names linked to the club have included Tony Adams, Chris Waddle and Stuart Pearce.



Hot shot Hulse

Crewe striker Rob Hulse just can't stop scoring these days. He hit a hat trick in the 4-0 win at Mansfield in the LDV and, after celebrating his 23rd birthday on the Friday, scored both goals in his side's 2-1 win at Port Vale. Wanderers fans will remember too well his goals at Adams Park in September. This latest haul took his season's tally to 15 (11 league and 4 cup). After losing at home to Plymouth the previous week, the win at Vale Park got Crewe's promotion aspirations back 'on track', Dario Gradi's side moving up to 5th, just three points behind Wigan.

City on a roll

After West Country nerves had held to win a penalty shoot out at QPR in the LDV, Bristol City recorded their 5th consecutive league victory winning 3-1 at Peterborough. Scott Murray's 90th minute goal, his 10th of the term, sealed the result and moved Danny Wilson's side into third place. Barry Fry's Peterborough however have now gone five games without a win and are entrenched in the relegation zone.



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THE SECRET DIARY

of Keith Allen (age fifty but only three quarters), Secretary of Wycombe Wanderers

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SIX DAYS.....976 MILES

Monday 21st October

8-40am Arrive at work despite having booked two days holiday, needing to "tie up" all the details from the weekend matches. Match reports, referee reports and disciplinary reports needing completion for the first team, Under 19 and Under 17 matches.

10-35am Depart for sunny Devon, having completed all the necessary paperwork from the weekend, chatted to the Manager and answered the post/emails.

1-30pm Arrive at Exeter and spend a couple of hours in Exmouth, enjoying a little sea air.

4-00pm Arrive at my Aunts house in Exeter, where I enjoy a pleasant evening in an Indian restaurant with assorted cousins, partners and their offspring. Very pleasant evening, talked too much, ate too much and of course drank far too much of the red nectar.

Tuesday 22nd October

10-00am My headache and I bid farewell to my Aunt and take the scenic coastal route to Paignton, in pouring rain with a grey mist sweeping down of the moor.

11-10am Arrive in Paignton and have a wonderful three hours, strolling around and revisiting many of my schoolboy haunts, having spent all the school holidays there for six years. In the late fifties/early sixties, when I was a schoolboy, my grandparents lived in the town and my grandfather used to take me to watch Torquay United. We would take in about eight games a season and ever since I have been a closet Torquay fan, theirs being the second result I look for each Saturday.

2-30pm Arrive in Torquay, the sun now being out I sit on a bench and have a geriatric snooze. The afternoon was quite warm and a dozed gently for almost an hour until I was rudely awoken by a sharp, brief shower. Walked along the sea front for some way, almost to Livermead Cliff and then back to the harbour. Bumped into three Wycombe fans down for the game and staying with family in Paignton, chatted briefly before continuing my stroll.

5-45pm Arrive at Plainmoor and changed into my smarter match days clothes, before looking around the outside and then inside of a ground I had not set foot in since 1963.....almost 40 years. I remembered parts of it, but it seemed bigger in my boyhood and was totally changed, much for the better and it was better than I expected. Stood in the spot on the half way line I used to occupy with my grandfather all those years ago, although the stand was new and nothing looked familiar.

10-15pm Having enjoyed the game, result, performance and hospitality, departed for home.

Wednesday 23rd October

1-35am Arrive back at Aylesbury and try not to wake my long suffering wife, who had not accompanied me on my sentimental trip to glorious Devon.

8-45am Arrived at work, tired but ready for an

almost full day.

4-40pm Depart for home and change into my dinner suit, guest of London Wasps at the black tie Testimonial Dinner for Peter Scrivener, to be held in The City of London.

6-05pm Depart for London, having spent an hour with my long-suffering wife, who for some reason was still speaking to me.

7-15pm Arrive at the Barbican car park and stroll to The Brewery, the high class venue for the function, which was attended by over 500 people all paying £90 per head (I was a guest).

11-30pm Make my excuses and leave, after the speakers (Phil Tufnell, Ali McCoist and Laurence Dellaglio, introduced by Gabby Logan). Very tired and annoyed that I had decided to drive, having had to drink mineral water all evening.

Thursday 24th October

12-35am Arrive back home and try not to wake my long-suffering wife.

8-45am Arrive at work for a full day of catching up and preparing for the weekends fixtures, having ascertained that the long suffering wife was still speaking to me. Reflect that I have no idea why she puts up with me?

6-05pm Arrive home, shattered and enjoy a pleasant evening in with my long-suffering wife.

Friday 25th October

8-35am Arrive in office and complete arrangements for all the weekend games, clear all outstanding paperwork, wave the team off en-route for their Barnsley Hotel.

11-05am Pre-match meeting with Wasps who are playing Gloucester in a televised Rugby match the following day.

11-55am Speak to Sky and the men erecting the marquee in the car park, to make sure all is going well.

12-15pm Meeting with Safety Officer Frank Knowles, to ensure he was happy with everything regarding the TV and car park marquee.

1-45pm Write these programme notes and email them to the printers.

2-40pm Check desk and in tray are clear, fax guest list to Barnsley, sort out two minor and one major problem for Under 19's.

4-25pm Leave for home.

5-10pm Arrive home, collect long-suffering wife and depart for Nuneaton where we are staying the night with my father en-route to Barnsley.

6-55pm Arrive in Nuneaton.

Saturday 26th October

Barnsley and back, arriving home around 8-45pm and collapsing with exhaustion following an amazing seven days.

What a week, chaotic, sentimental, wonderful, busy and very tiring although mostly self-inflicted.

I covered 976 miles, at my own expense and spent hours behind the wheel.....will I ever learn?

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by Alan Hutchinson



Supporters Player of the Month Award

The Supporters Players of the the Month award for September was won by Michael Simpson. Simmo was presented with his award before the match against Peterborough United by Paul Nagle, Chief Operations Officer for Integrity Software, the clubs Official Sponsors. Our picture shows Simmo receiving his award with his home kit sponsor Francis Cavell, his away kit sponsors Alison, Richard, Katherine and Fraser Sanderson.



Greene King Stand Opening

The club are delighted that our brewers Greene King PLC have signed a two year contract to sponsor the Home Terrace. This was officially opened before our match with Peterborough United by Duncan Thomas and Sue Thomason from Greene King. Our picture shows Duncan Thomas and Sue Thomason with Wycombe Wanderers Financial Director Rod Tomlin performing the ceremony.



Platts present keys

The General Managers of Platts Motor Company Ltd presented the keys to a Seat Leon 1.6S for use by Wycombe Wanderers Football in the Community Department. Platts Seat are about to open a new car showroom on the London Road, High Wycombe. Our picture shows John Jones and Chris Harvey from Platts with Wanderers Financial Director Rod Tomlin receiving the keys.

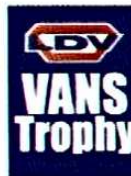
Collection at Tranmere game

There will be a bucket collection by nurses dressed in uniform in the car park on behalf of the Paediatric Unit at Wycombe Hospital on Saturday 23rd November when we are at home to Tranmere Rovers. All funds collected will go toward providing a large space with a safety surface for a children's play area at the Hospital.

TheFA CUP

Draw

The draw for the First Round of the F.A. Cup was made last Saturday and the Blues have been given a tie against Brentford. The match is due to be played on Saturday 16th November at Adams Park, kick off 3pm.



LDV Vans Draw

Another draw made last Saturday was the Second Round ties for the LDV Vans Trophy.

After the successful win over Torquay United in Round One the Blues have been drawn away once more, this time to Second Division rivals Cheltenham Town. The match is due to be played on Tuesday 12th November at Whaddon Road, kick off 7.45pm.

Programme Website

We have been notified of a new programme website for all football fans, Wanderers fans will be able to bid for old programmes or exchange issues. It is www.nsprogs.co.uk, North South Programmes is the name of the company running this site.

Chaplains arrive at Club

The football club have received a visit from two Chaplains who specialise in bringing initiative to support chaplaincy in sport. We welcome John Roberts and Tim O'Brien from the Union Baptist Church in Easton Street, High Wycombe. Both John and Tim make visits to the club to talk to everyone involved, including the players and the manager.

Young Blues go forward

The Wanderers youth team are off and running in the F.A. Youth Cup once again. A 4-1 win at Ilford sees them into the Second Round for the fourth season, a competition that the Blues have a good record in. The draw was made the following day and the Blues will meet Cirencester Town at Adams Park, on Monday 5th November at 7.30pm.



Sean begins suspension

This afternoon Sean Devine starts a three match ban following his sending off at Luton in the Avon Insurance Combination reserve fixture. Sean will miss the game at Huddersfield next Saturday and the LDV Vans Second Round tie against Cheltenham.

Macca out today

The Blues skipper Paul McCarthy also misses out this afternoon. After collecting five yellow cards he serves a one match ban and will sit it out today.



Martyn Lee back training

It's good news for Wanderers diminutive midfielder Martyn Lee who returned to training recently after a long lay off through injury. Martyn is very keen to show what he can do as he will be out of contract at the end of the season. The next aim is to be available to play for the reserve side as soon as he has regained his match fitness.



Poppy Appeal Today

There will be a collection by the Royal British Legion for the annual



Poppy Appeal. Please give generously to help those servicemen who have suffered in conflict.

Slough Town this Wednesday

On Wednesday 6th November we travel to Wexham Park for the Second Round of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup, kick off 7.45pm. If the Blues come through this one they will travel to holders Maidenhead United in the Quarter Final.

Welcome back Bodger

This afternoon we welcome back our resident mascot 'Bodger'. He has been sunning himself in the Canary Islands in preparation for the English winter.



Costly Miss

Last Saturday a last minute missed header from Craig Faulconbridge cost associate Director John Goldsworthy a case of wine. Our Chairman Ivor Beeks had promised JG a case of wine if the Blues had been able to collect outright wins in the last three matches. A home win over Peterborough United got things rolling, a win at Torquay in the LDV saw the excitement mount.

Unfortunately Craig headed wide with the last touch of the game for us at Oakwell and with it went the case of wine JG had been dreaming about. So it was back to Tesco's and Wine Rack.

Mo scores in Bucks

Former Blues midfielder Mo Harkin returned to Bucks with Crawley Town last week for the match against Flackwell Heath in the F.A. Cup. The Sussex Doc Martens Premier side won comfortably 4-1 as the Heathens were reduced to nine men. Mo scored the third goal that took them into Round One for a meeting with fellow Doc Martens side Tiverton.

Swindon Mascot

This afternoon we welcome Aaron Davis from Swindon. He attends the Grange Junior School



in Lower Stratton, Swindon. His favourite footballers are Michael Owen, Jimmy Davis and Danny Invincible. When he is not watching Swindon Town he can be found playing on his skateboard.

MILESTONES

With Dave Finch

We recorded our biggest ever win in the LDV Vans Trophy (in all its guises) with the 4-0 triumph at Torquay. In 21 games in the competition that was our 14th away and this trend is set to continue in the next round. Lewis Cook, Darren Currie, Sean Devine, Jonny Dixon, Craig Faulconbridge, Frank Talia and Andy Thomson all made their competition debuts for us, with Sean and Mark Rogers netting their first goals. Sean scored the first hat-trick by a Wycombe player in the competition. The attendance is the third lowest that we have played in front of since our League entry, behind 946 at Leyton Orient (2000/01) and 1,033 at Shrewsbury (1998/99), also in the same competition.

Last Saturday we played on our 64th different ground in Football League matches and Oakwell is the 75th Premiership/League ground that we have visited in all competitions. Barnsley are our 60th different opponent in League matches and our 74th overall. The result was our 59th 1-1 draw in the League (34 at home, 25 away), easily the most common score.



Wanderers team of 1949-50

HOW MANY WERE REALLY THERE? - 25th February 1950

Record crowd at Loakes Park see Wanderers reach semi-final

Rationing was still the norm when 1950 rolled around, but for Wanderers fans it was a great time to support the club. The F.A. Amateur Cup had gripped everybody in the town as Wanderers overcame some very good opposition en-route to the quarter final. They had started out at Maidenhead United in the Preliminary Round and trailed 5-4 when fog enveloped the ground and brought about an abandonment. The match was replayed and ended scoreless before Wycombe got through 2-1 in a third match this time at Loakes Park. The First Round draw took Wycombe to the Suffolk market town of Bungay with 500 travelling fans making up the crowd of 2,500. This was a huge crowd for such

a little club who surrounded the pitch with stakes to hold the crowd back and a farm cart for the officials to view from. Leading 1-0 at half time the Blues scored another three in the final 20 minutes to reach Round Two. Crook Town, one of the giants from County Durham, were drawn at home and almost 11,000 turned out for this one. They were to see a famous victory secured by a superb Jock McCullum goal. With 17 minutes left Jock latched onto a through ball and as the big Crook goalkeeper, Jack Snowden, came lumbering out Jock cleverly chipped the ball over him. It just managed to cross the line as the crowd behind the goal held their breath.

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After the match Jock was quoted, "The crowd drew in their breath and sucked the ball over the line". It was another home draw in Round Three as Dulwich Hamlet attracted 13,600, which was a record for Loakes Park. Wycombe won an exciting game 3-1 after Johnny Blizzard had scored in the opening minute as Jock McCullum and Henrik Mikrut made 3-0 before half time.



**Jock McCullum scores
against Crook Town**

WANDERERS IN THE SEMI-FINAL

16,000 see Wycombe win McCullum puts Blues on winning way

Fans should keep in mind that the team was still being selected via a committee and it is great credit to the players involved who motivated the entire cup run. The experience of Frank Adams was also cultivated at this time as he would talk to the players in the dressing room before each cup match. The players appreciated his leadership qualities and were motivated by his words of encouragement.

They were now just two matches from Wembley and the Final of a major National cup competition. The draw for the quarter final gave them another home tie, this time against fellow Isthmian club St. Albans City.

Cup fever had gripped the town for the entire two weeks leading up to the game. On the day of the game special trains, over eighty coaches and many, many cars blocked all the approaches

leading to Loakes Park as some 2,500 St. Albans supporters came in. Never before had so many people wanted to be at a game, with five minutes to kick off there were still huge queues outside the ground while ambulance men were dealing with stretcher cases inside the ground. Few felt the keen edge of an east wind as they huddled together all determined to secure a view of the pitch.

Just before the start a St. Albans supporter ran onto the pitch to plant a blue and gold flag on the centre spot. As soon as he had gone a young Wanderers fan sped on to remove it. Back came the St. Albans supporter to reclaim it but was immediately set upon by a posse of Blues yelling schoolboys but he still managed to bravely wave his flag until the police intervened.

Wanderers had made one change to their line up by bringing in new Barnet signing Frank Westley on the left wing. He replaced Peter Birdseye and on the day it looked a good decision as he brought a new variety of deliveries into the danger area. The game was fast and furious and packed with thrills as

the record crowd were absorbed in the action. The opening goal on 25 minutes literally came out of the blue. A free kick from Wanderers left back George Jackson looked to be going wide of the far post when Jock McCullum suddenly sprinted between two defenders and flashed in a shot which gave the astonished Sullivan in the City goal no chance. Five minutes later the home team went two up as a long clearance up field from right back Flippance went straight to centre forward Henrik Mikrut. He seemed to fall over himself in an attempt to control the ball and while his acrobatics appeared to mesmerise the City defenders Ken Butler pounced to slam the ball in. Undeterred the St. Albans forwards clawed a goal back just before half time when Sayers collected a pass from Lucas and went through the Wanderers defence to score with ease.

Within a minute of the re-start Jock McCullum virtually ended the visitors hopes when he made it 3-1. Ken Butler initiated an attack and Mikrut pushed the ball through for McCullum whose speed outstripped the defenders before slotting home. St. Albans refused to lie down and pressed forward causing a few problems for the Wanderers defence. The issue was finally settled on 73 minutes when Westley ran on to centre squarely across the goal. Racing in Mikrut threw himself headlong at the ball. He not only headed the ball home but swept the hapless Sullivan into the net with him.

It was a memorable day for the Wanderers, the official crowd figure was given out as 15,850 but to this day nobody really knows how many did see that game. Wanderers had reached the semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup for the first time in nineteen years and once again it would be Bishop Auckland they would face at Griffin Park, Brentford for a place in the final at Wembley.

Wanderers team against St. Albans was: Lodge, Flippance, Jackson, Gearing, Krupa, Way, Blizzard, McCullum, Mikrut, Butler, Westley.

You've been at Wycombe for a while now and you've scored 6 goals this season – four in the reserves – but the two goals you've scored in the first team have been very important

I scored at Oldham, which was my first ever league goal, when I came on as sub. I played 20 games at Palace but never managed to score as half were as a defender and half as a centre-forward. I was over-the-moon to get my first goal for Wycombe and my first league goal. With the goal at Swindon, the ball went to the far post and Sean Devine knocked it back across to me. I just headed it back in, it was a bit of a poacher's goal, Gary Lineker style!

This season you've not started as many games as you would have liked to, are you surprised by that?

No, I'm not surprised by that because Lawrie Sanchez has got 'Rams', Craig and Sean – three really experienced strikers and then me, one of the younger ones pushing in behind them. I knew I was going to come here and be sub and work my way into the squad. My aim first and foremost was to get into the squad, so I'm in the squad all the time and I've been on the bench all the time and featured in nearly every game. I've scored two goals, personally I feel I could have scored more than that, so I'm just happy to feature when I get my chance. In time if I do get a start I can prove what I can do then and hopefully stay in.

Were you surprised when you heard that Wycombe first had an interest in you?

I was surprised because out of the clubs that were interested in me, Wycombe was never one of them. I was on a free from Crystal Palace and looking to get out and I had three clubs interested in me. It just so happened that we played Wycombe in the reserves I got a hat-trick and then a phone call the next day saying would I like to join them. I jumped at the chance

straight away, obviously knowing about the history of the club and the FA Cup run. I'm happy with the club, people thought, coming from Crystal Palace, that I'd taken a step down but I don't feel I have because at the end of the day I'm playing football. The team is great, the boys are the great and the whole set-up is brilliant here at the moment. It is really enjoyable and I'm just enjoying my football here at the moment.

You began your career at Palace and trained with some top-name players, who stood out for you?

I'd been around players like George Ndah, Bruce Dyer and Neil Shipperley when I was a youth team player. In my era, when I was playing, there was Neil Ruddock, Jamie Pollock, Hayden Mullins and Clinton Morrison, so I've had the privilege of playing with them. Clinton and Mikael Forssell I played alongside when I was a centre-forward and then, when I was a defender, I played alongside Neil Ruddock, Dean Austin and Hayden Mullins.

Has your long throw always been with you as a player?

Yes, since I was little. I've always been able to throw the ball, I don't know how. Everyone asks 'Do you do a lot of weights?'. I can just pick up the ball and throw it! I don't even know how far I can throw it. It depends, if it is a dry, hot day and the ball is sticky I could probably throw it the length of the pitch! My brother has a long throw as well. I just use it to the best of my ability to help the team.

Andy Legg has a very long throw at Cardiff. When you came on you appeared to throw it further. Are you aware that you could be setting a record?

Well, it was talked about on Grandstand last season when I was at Palace. We played Charlton in the Worthington Cup, everybody was going on about Andy Legg and then I came on and chucked a ball into the box. There was talk that they would have a

competition between me, Legg, Challinor and another guy but it never came about. It is a bit predictable with me taking it all the time, but if it is needed then I will trot over and take a throw-in.

What aspects of your game do you want to improve on at the moment?

I'd say receiving the ball as a centre-forward, being able to pin the defender and making the ball stick so the ball doesn't bounce off you and disappear. It helps the team if you can hold the ball up so that midfield and defenders can push up. I'm happy with what I'm doing at the moment, but there is a lot more that I can do once I get my chance.

What do you learn from the experienced Sean Devine and Andy Rammell?

Everything from Sean. He has taken me under his wing and we even share driving into the club in the morning. Andy, his holding the ball and heading ability and his all-round play, Sean's goal-scoring and his ambition when he is in the box to hunt the ball and put it in the back of the net. They talk to me all the time, they are always praising me and I'm praising them and it is good to be around people of that calibre.

What has been the highlight of your time at Adams Park so far?

The highlight has to be my goal against Oldham because it was my first ever league goal and, if you don't mind me saying, it wasn't a tap in either! So I was very happy with that! I've got it on video at home and a lot of people have come round and asked to see it and I'm very happy to put it on, hopefully I'll get a couple more of them.

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Last season saw one of the better games of football between the two sides as Swindon came to Adams Park with Roy Evans in charge.

Ten-man Wycombe maintained their unbeaten run in the league after a very entertaining encounter against the Robins. The visitors were only denied a winner from on-loan Crystal Palace youngster Wayne Carlisle by a dramatic injury time first half equaliser from Wycombe's on-loan striker Richard Walker.

Swindon took the lead on 23 minutes after Wayne Carlisle was given freedom to run on goal and drive home a 25yard shot. It followed a period of good pressure from the visiting side and at that stage they looked good value for all three points. Within sight of the break Stuart Roberts was gifted a clear run on goal and provided Walker with his third goal of the season as he smashed the ball across the diving Bart Griemink.

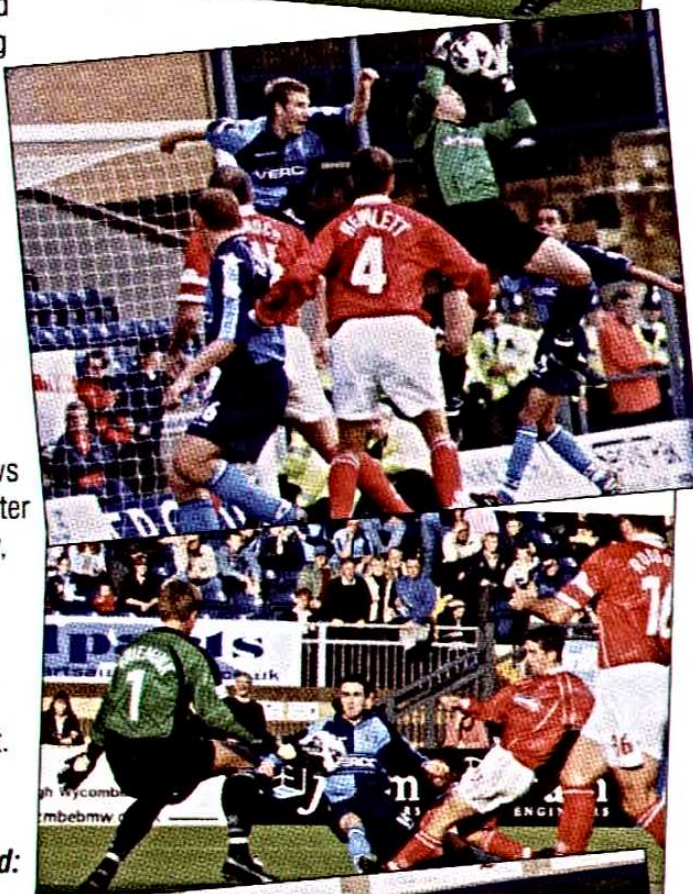
Despite chances for either side in the second half the game ended 1-1 as match referee Fraser Stretton red carded Richard Walker for what appeared to be a head to head confrontation with Steve Robinson.

This was the third meeting between the two sides at Adams Park and Swindon now have one win and two draws and remain unbeaten in the league when visiting Bucks. After the game both managers were happy to settle for the draw, Roy Evans was pleased with the way his side battled and Lawrie Sanchez highlighted the manner in which the Blues fought back after falling behind.

Matches between the two sides are always hard fought events and no doubt this afternoon will not be too different.

Teams: WYCOMBE, Taylor, Vinnicombe, Rogers, McCarthy, Currie, Roberts (Holligan), Simpson, Brown (Bulman), Senda, Rammell (Ryan), Walker. **Subs not used:** Emblen, Carroll.

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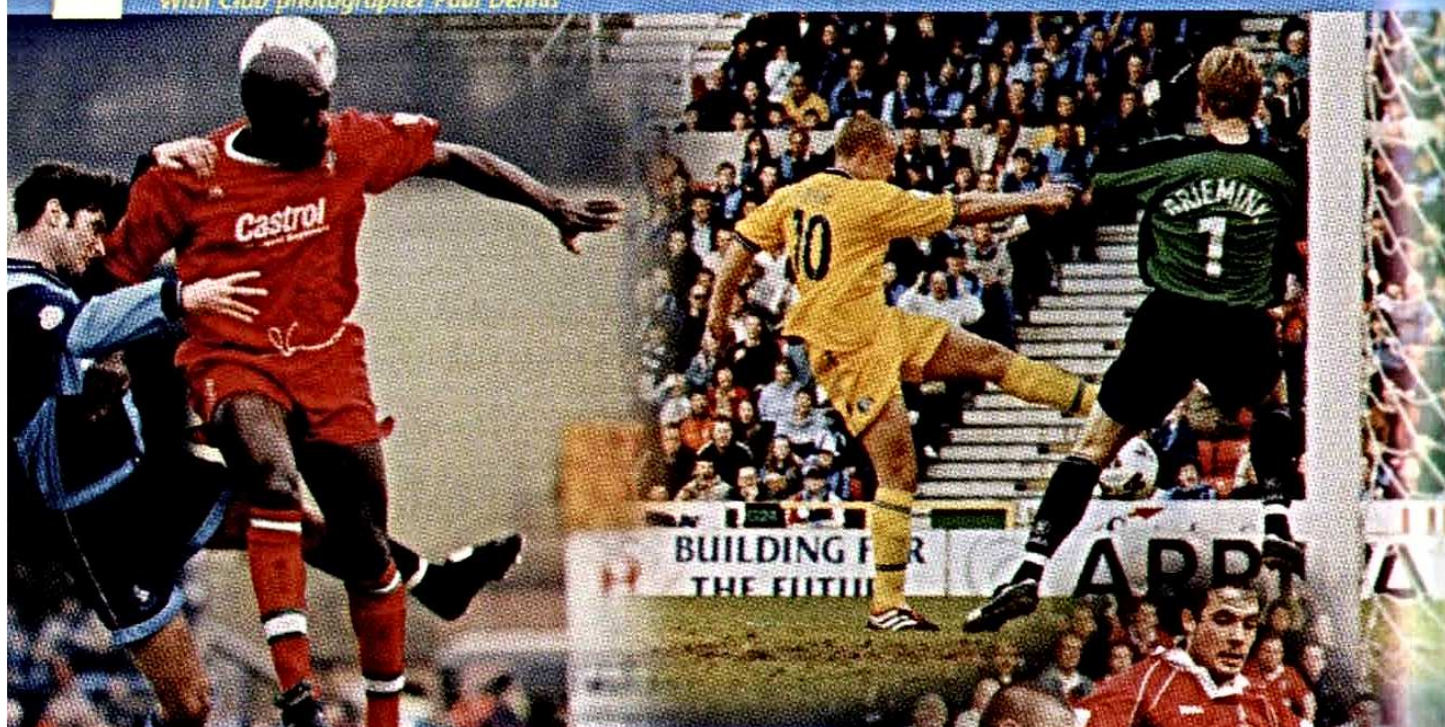
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TL Jason Cousins tangles with Wayne Allison at Adams Park in 1996.

TR Chris Vinnicombe and Danny Invincible in the 0-0 draw at Adams Park 21st April 2001.

C Sean Devine opens the score for the Blues at the County Ground last season. The match finally finished 1-1, the very last game of the season 20th April 2002.

BL John Cornforth flicks the ball away from Kevin Watson during the Coca-Cola Cup tie at Adams Park 18th August 1998. The Blues won this match 2-0.

BR Frank Talia comes for a ball that Terry Evans manages to get his head to in the match at Adams Park, 2nd March 1996. The Blues lost 2-1.



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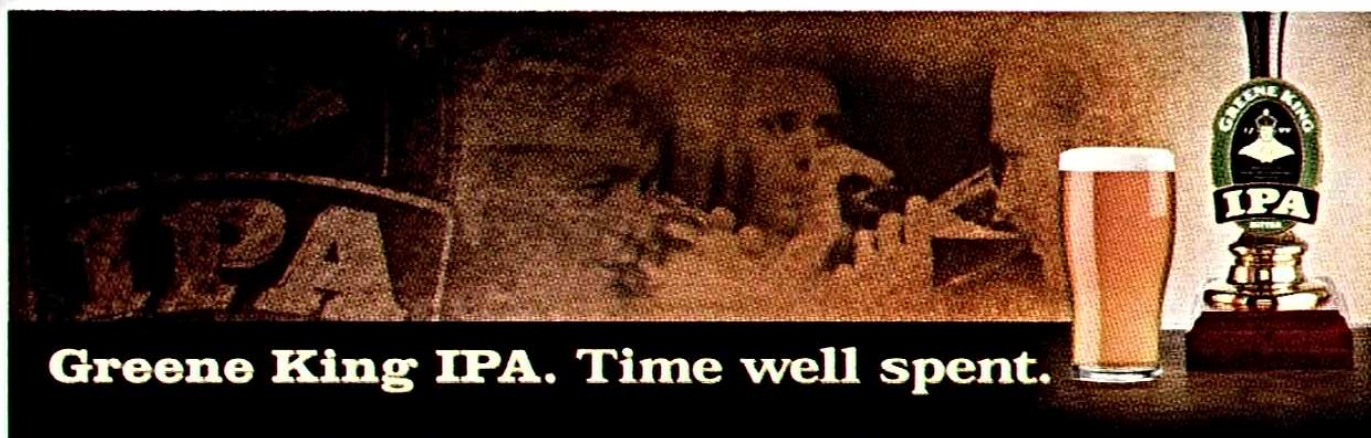
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Clubs Comparison

| Goals Scored | |
|--------------|------------|
| 8 | Shots |
| 7 | Headers |
| 3 | Volleys |
| 4 | Penalties |
| 0 | Free Kicks |
| 0 | Own Goals |

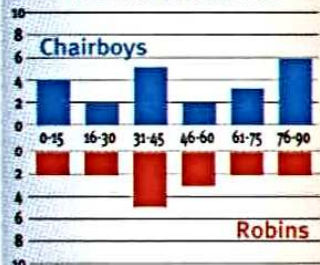
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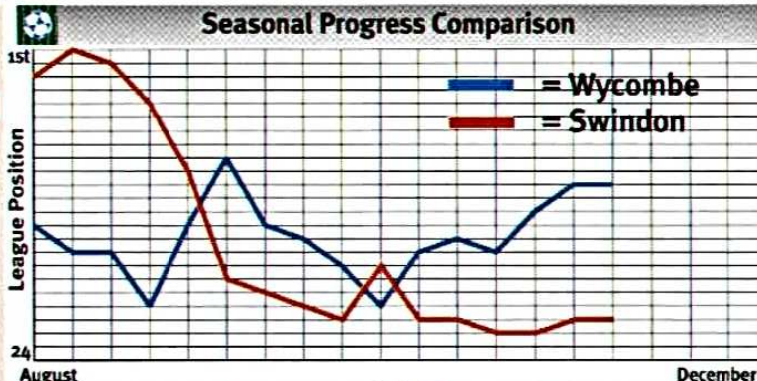


Form Guide - Last 6

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 4 | Won | 1 |
| 1 | Drawn | 2 |
| 1 | Lost | 3 |
| 9 | For | 5 |
| 5 | Against | 10 |
| 13 | Points | 5 |
| 4 | Goal Difference | -5 |
| WWLWDW | Sequence | LLDLWD |

Yellow & Red Cards

| | | |
|----|--------|----|
| 25 | Yellow | 24 |
| 2 | Red | 1 |



2002-2003 Attendances

| Chairboys | | Robins |
|-----------|---------------|--------|
| 47,301 | Aggregate | 41,084 |
| 8,383 | Highest | 7,564 |
| 4,897 | Lowest | 4,136 |
| 5,913 | Average | 5,136 |
| 59 | % of Capacity | 35 |

Average Goals per game

| | | |
|------|--------------|------|
| 1.38 | For | 1.00 |
| 2.13 | Home For | 1.25 |
| 0.63 | Away For | 0.75 |
| 1.38 | Against | 1.50 |
| 1.50 | Home Against | 1.13 |
| 1.25 | Away Against | 1.88 |

2002-2003 Figures

| | | |
|----|------------------------|----|
| 21 | Players Used | 19 |
| 3 | Clean Sheets | 2 |
| 4 | Failed to Score | 8 |
| 3 | Goals scored from... | |
| 3 | Corners | 1 |
| 2 | Free Kicks | 1 |
| 1 | Goals conceded from... | |
| 2 | Corners | 0 |
| 2 | Free Kicks | 5 |

10 Year Record

| Chairboys | | Robins |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| 58.8 | Avg Pos. among 92 clubs | 45.4 |
| 5,448 | Avg Att 1993 | 15,011 |
| 5,913 | Avg Att 2002 | 5,136 |
| 9 | + / - % | -66 |

Top League Scorers

| Faulconbridge | | Parkin |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| 4 | League Goals | 7 |
| 15 | Games Played | 13 |
| 0.27 | Lge Goals/Game | 0.54 |
| 2 | Points Gained | 6 |
| 2 | Scoring Run | 2 |
| 0 | Hat-Tricks | 1 |
| 3 | Close Range | 0 |
| 1 | Inside Area | 7 |
| 0 | Long Range | 0 |
| 0 | Shots | 5 |
| 3 | Headers | 0 |
| 1 | Volleys | 0 |
| 0 | Penalties | 2 |
| 0 | Direct FKs | 0 |

Swings

| WW | Games Won from: | ST |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 0 | 3 Goals Down | 0 |
| 0 | 2 Goals Down | 0 |
| 0 | 1 Goal Down | 2 |
| 0 | Lost from: | |
| 0 | 3 Goals Up | 0 |
| 0 | 2 Goals Up | 0 |
| 1 | 1 Goal Up | 1 |
| 0 | Drawn from: | |
| 0 | 3 Goals Down | 0 |
| 0 | 2 Goals Down | 1 |
| 3 | 1 Goal Down | 0 |
| 0 | 3 Goals Up | 0 |
| 0 | 2 Goals Up | 0 |
| 2 | 1 Goal Up | 1 |

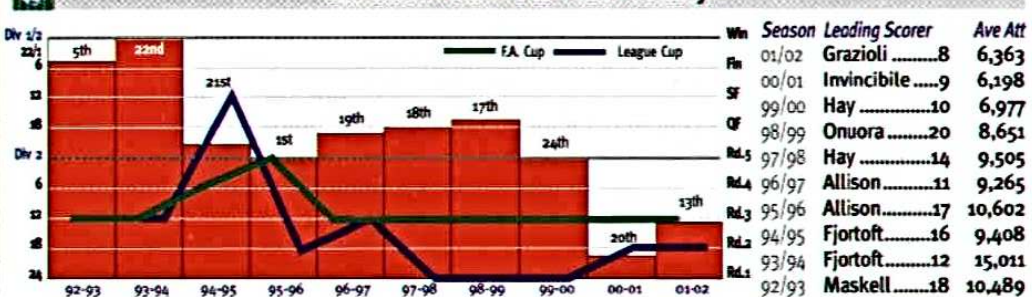
Margins

| | | |
|---|----------------|---|
| 3 | Won by 1 Gl | 1 |
| 2 | Won by 2 Gls | 3 |
| 1 | Won by 3 Gls | 0 |
| 0 | Won by 4 Gls | 0 |
| 0 | Won by 5+ Gls | 0 |
| 4 | Lost by 1 Gl | 4 |
| 0 | Lost by 2 Gls | 4 |
| 2 | Lost by 3 Gls | 1 |
| 0 | Lost by 4 Gls | 0 |
| 0 | Lost by 5+ Gls | 0 |

Game Averages

| | | |
|----|--------------|----|
| 9 | Highest Pos. | 1 |
| 20 | Lowest Pos. | 22 |
| 2 | Winning Run | 2 |
| 3 | Unbeaten Run | 3 |
| 4 | Losing Run | 6 |
| 4 | No Win Run | 7 |

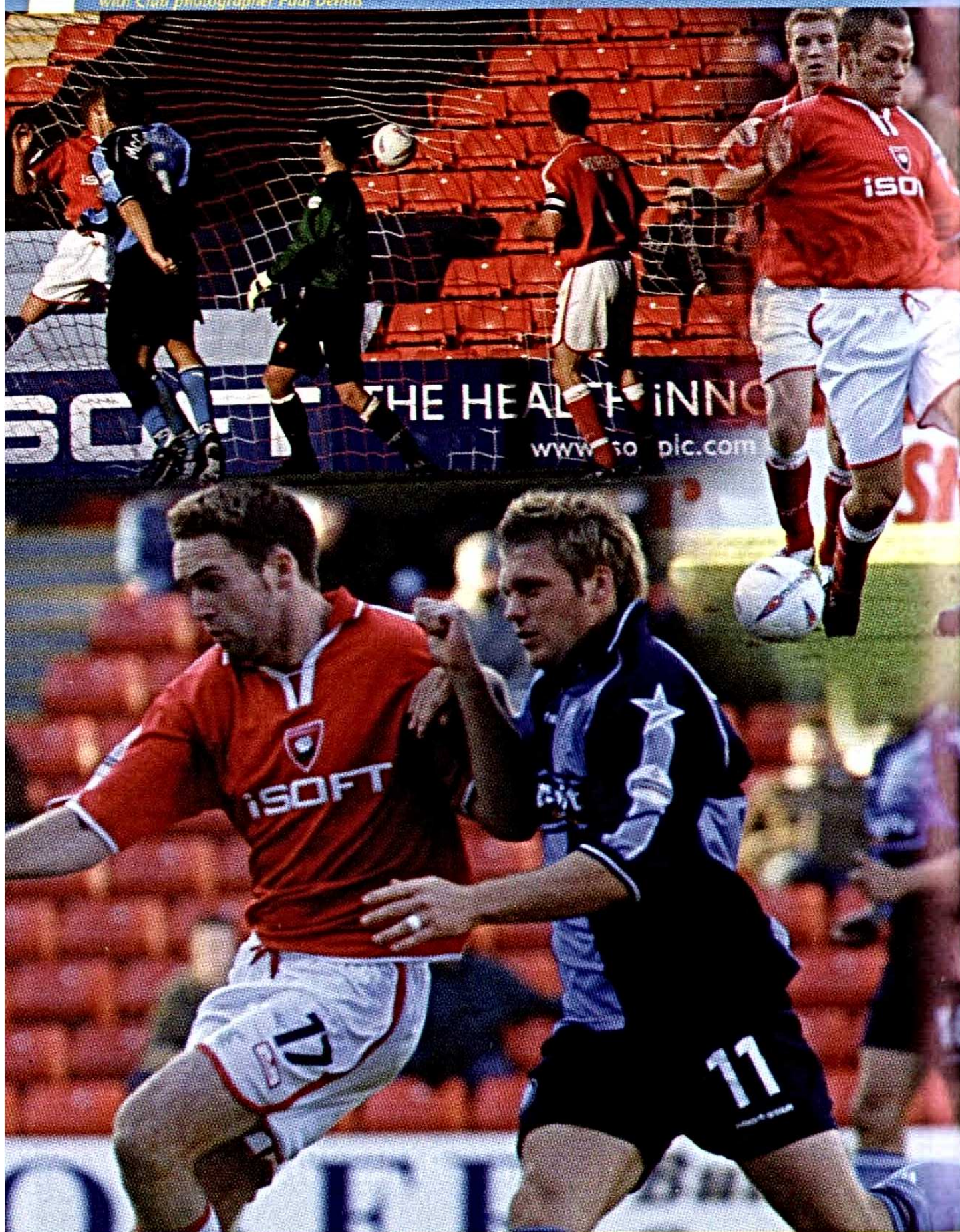
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Highest & Lowest Attendances

| | High | Low | | High | Low |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|
| QPR | 15,491 | 11,010 | Crewe | 7,683 | 5,138 |
| Cardiff | 13,564 | 11,546 | Brentford | 7,145 | 5,177 |
| Bristol City | 13,205 | 9,597 | Swindon | 7,564 | 4,136 |
| Huddersfield | 11,989 | 8,467 | Notts County | 6,548 | 4,797 |
| Plymouth | 11,922 | 8,530 | Stockport | 6,468 | 4,601 |
| Barnsley | 10,495 | 9,134 | Mansfield | 7,258 | 3,441 |
| Blackpool | 8,201 | 6,377 | Cheltenham | 6,382 | 3,852 |
| Tranmere | 8,153 | 5,980 | Port Vale | 6,374 | 3,328 |
| Luton | 7,860 | 6,004 | Peterborough | 5,332 | 4,203 |
| Oldham | 8,033 | 5,490 | Northampton | 5,739 | 3,663 |
| Wigan | 8,047 | 5,358 | Chesterfield | 4,539 | 3,189 |
| Wycombe | 8,383 | 4,897 | Colchester | 3,300 | 2,721 |

TOP GOALSCORERS

| headers in 6 yard box | | | scored from outside area | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|--------------------------|------------|-----|
| Player | Club | Tot | Player | Club | Tot |
| Larsson | Celtic | 5 | Tudor | Cambridge | 5 |
| Campbell | Everton | 3 | Zola | Chelsea | 4 |
| Taylor | Burnley | 3 | Liddell | Wigan | 4 |
| Johnson | Forest | 3 | Simpson | Rochdale | 4 |
| Helguson | Watford | 3 | Henry | Arsenal | 3 |
| Angell | Port Vale | 3 | Mulryne | Norwich | 3 |
| Faulconbridge | Wycombe | 3 | Corden | Mansfield | 3 |
| Conlon | Darlington | 3 | Wotton | Plymouth | 3 |
| | | | Langley | QPR | 3 |
| | | | Tinkler | Hartlepool | 3 |

Margins of Victory

| Gms won by | 1gl | 2gl | 3gl | 4gl | 5+gl |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Bristol City | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Cardiff | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Oldham | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Wigan | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Blackpool | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Crewe | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| QPR | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brentford | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chesterfield | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Luton | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Port Vale | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stockport | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tranmere | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wycombe | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Plymouth | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnsley | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colchester | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Huddersfield | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Northampton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Swindon | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cheltenham | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mansfield | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Notts County | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Peterborough | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Scored just before Half-Time

| FOR | 30-45 Tot | % | AGAINST | 30-45 Tot | % | | |
|--------------|-----------|----|---------|--------------|---|----|----|
| Crewe | 6 | 23 | 26 | Mansfield | 7 | 40 | 18 |
| Swindon | 5 | 16 | 31 | Wycombe | 6 | 22 | 27 |
| Wycombe | 5 | 22 | 23 | Wigan | 4 | 13 | 31 |
| Bristol City | 5 | 31 | 16 | Colchester | 4 | 18 | 22 |
| Cheltenham | 4 | 16 | 25 | Notts County | 4 | 22 | 18 |
| Oldham | 4 | 28 | 14 | Cheltenham | 4 | 24 | 17 |
| QPR | 4 | 28 | 14 | Northampton | 4 | 24 | 17 |
| | | | | Barnsley | 4 | 25 | 16 |
| | | | | Port Vale | 4 | 25 | 16 |

Goals conceded from Set Pieces

| CLUB | Co FK | CLUB | Co FK |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Mansfield | 8 8 | Colchester | 3 0 |
| Huddersfield | 4 6 | Luton | 1 2 |
| Blackpool | 4 4 | Plymouth | 1 2 |
| Barnsley | 3 4 | Port Vale | 3 0 |
| Cheltenham | 3 4 | Stockport | 3 0 |
| Tranmere | 5 2 | Wycombe | 1 2 |
| Northampton | 1 5 | Bristol City | 0 2 |
| Notts County | 2 4 | Cardiff | 1 1 |
| Peterborough | 2 3 | Chesterfield | 2 0 |
| Swindon | 0 5 | Crewe | 0 2 |
| Oldham | 2 2 | Brentford | 0 1 |
| QPR | 3 1 | Wigan | 0 1 |

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

COMEBACKS

| Won from | -3 | -2 | -1 | Tot |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|
| Blackpool | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Luton | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Oldham | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Port Vale | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| QPR | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Swindon | 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.

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

| Scorers | Gls | Pts | SR |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Robert Earnshaw | 10 | 9 | 3 |
| Nathan Ellington | 8 | 9 | 3 |
| Luke Beckett | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| Rob Hulse | 11 | 7 | 3 |
| Paul Wotton | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Marco Gabbiadini | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Sam Parkin | 7 | 6 | 2 |
| Bruce Dyer | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Martin Smith | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Steven Howard | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| Marc Bridge-Wilkinson | 5 | 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

Goals from close range

| Scored inside 6 yard box | Conceded inside 6 yard box |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wigan | 11 |
| Blackpool | 10 |
| Luton | 10 |
| Wycombe | 10 |
| QPR | 8 |
| Stockport | 8 |
| Barnsley | 7 |
| Notts County | 7 |
| Peterborough | 7 |
| Port Vale | 7 |
| Tranmere | 7 |



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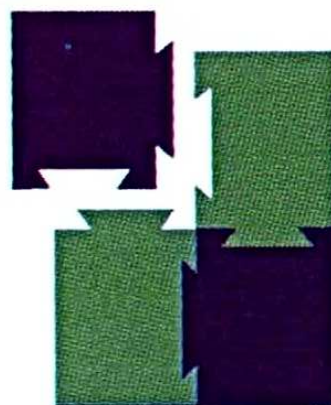
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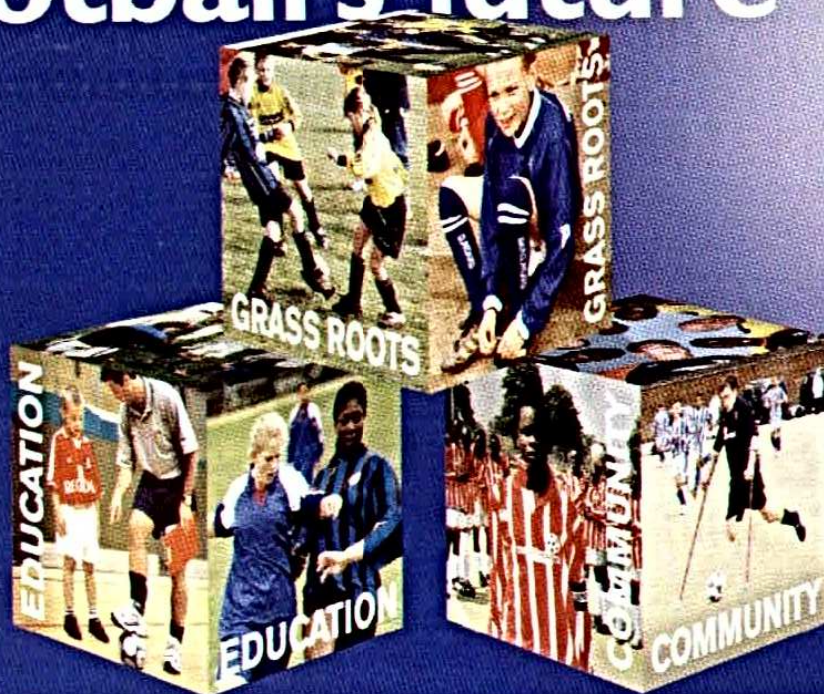
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by Mark Austin, Director of Sales & Marketing

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FREE GIFTS AT EVERY WYCOMBE WANDERERS GAME FOR CYCLISTS

As part of Wycombe Wanderers on going commitment to implement the Green Travel Plan, we are giving away free gifts to encourage more fans to cycle to Adams Park on matchdays. There is also now a covered bicycle rack that can hold 20 bicycles behind the Roger Vere Stand at Adams Park. Fans who cycle to any WWFC match, collect a "Gift" voucher from the steward on the entrance gate and produce a valid WWFC matchday ticket with the "Gift" Voucher at the Commercial Offices, will have a choice of FREE GIFTS that include a Wycombe Wanderers seat cushion, the FA Cup book "Fame & Glory", a choice of WWFC Limited Edition Model Vehicles, a WWFC 2002/2003 Events Diary or a £150 Holiday Gift Voucher.

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FRIENDS OF WWFC PLAYERS TRUST FUND UP TO £26,000

The Friends of Wycombe Wanderers New Players Trust Fund is now up and running. The Trust Deed was finally signed on 14th October 2002. There are 3 independent Trustees and two WWFC Board Directors making up the Trustees. The Trust Deed has been published in full on the New Players Trust Fund Website

www.friendsofwwfc.co.uk and on www.wwfc.org along with the new Bank account details to enable businesses/fans to donate directly into. The account currently has £15,000 in it, with another £11,000 that has already been pledged still to come. As this New Players Trust Fund represents the only immediate means of funding new players, fans and businesses are being urged to donate whatever they can afford to assist in the acquisition of new players. Cheques can be paid straight into the Trust Fund or posted to the Commercial Offices, Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4HJ. Cheques can be made payable to "Friends of Wycombe Wanderers New Players Trust Fund" The full Trust Fund Bank details are: Lloyds TSB plc, 27-31, White Hart Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 2HL

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NON-MATCHDAY EVENTS FOR 2002/2003

The John Conteh Sportsmans Dinner will be taking place in the Vere Suite on Monday 18th November 2002, with Master of Ceremonies and entertainer Barry Williams. Tables of 10 £495 + VAT; Tables of 12 £585 + VAT (prices includes 5 course meal and entertainment). Bars open 6pm until Midnight. Dress - Lounge suits.

Two Party to Party Nights are being held in the Vere Suite on Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 18th December 2002. Everything included in the price (other than drink). Ideal way of not having to

organise your firms or mates get together Christmas do, let Adams Park Conference and Banqueting Centre do it for you (Buffet, Crackers, Disco, Entertainment all included).

Christmas Day Lunch is a speciality at Adams Park on Wednesday 25th December (eat as much as you like 4 course Carvery) and a New Years Eve Party is always held on 31st December. For details contact Tony Leese or Matt Baker on (01494) 472100 or e-mail them at AP@adamsparke.co.uk

In 2003 the non-matchday events that are scheduled include: Emlyn Hughes Sportsmans Dinner on Monday 27th January 2003 with popular regular comedian Mike Pugh and MC Barry Williams. Tables of 10 £495 + VAT; Tables of 12 £585 + VAT (prices includes 5 course meal and entertainment). Bars open 6pm until Midnight. Dress code - Lounge suits. A Fun Casino Night in the Keen Lounge combined with a Black Tie Dinner Dance run by Adams Park Events Ltd in Vere Banqueting Suite is being held on Friday 21st March 2003. Tables of 10 £400; Tables of 12 £480 (prices includes 5 course meal and entertainment). Bars open 6pm until Midnight. Dress - Black Tie. The John Parrott Sportsmans Dinner on Monday 31st March 2003 is with popular Master of Ceremonies and Entertainer, Barry Williams. Tables of 10 £495 + VAT; Tables of 12 £585 + VAT (prices includes 5 course meal and entertainment). Bars open 6pm until Midnight. Dress code - Lounge suits. The Jimmy Greaves Sportsmans Dinner on Monday 12th May 2003 is hosted by Barry Williams. Tables of 10 £495 + VAT; Tables of 12 £585 + VAT (prices includes 5 course meal and entertainment). Bars open 6pm until Midnight. Dress code - Lounge suits. The 15th Annual Golf Day at Beaconsfield Golf Club on Wednesday 3rd September 2003 includes luncheon in Clubhouse followed by 18 hole stableford competition and then Gala Presentation 5 course Dinner with Comedian Mike Pugh. Teams of 4 costs £475 + VAT including entry into the double your money competition. There is the usual Sytner High Wycombe Ltd BMW competition on the 16th hole to win a new BMW plus two nearest the pin and two long drive competitions.

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Good Afternoon and welcome to today's game with Swindon Town F.C. Lets hope we can keep up our good form and get a result over the Robins today.

Community News

With October Half Term well out the way we are now taking bookings for all the Christmas and New Year courses. So it's very busy in the Community Office as not only are we booking your next holiday courses, we are also running our second block of After School Clubs in Wycombe, South Bucks, Maidenhead, Windsor and Henley. These courses are proving ever popular with both boys and girls and are aimed at introducing basic football skills and techniques. At the end of the 6-week course the children receive a medal, certificate and a free ticket to watch Wycombe Wanderers play.

Penalty Shoot Out

For those who don't already know the Community Scheme half time penalty shoot out is now fully booked for the season. Today we have Widmer End Under 9's taking penalties at both the home and away end, so lets really get behind them and give them a big cheer.

Matchday Package

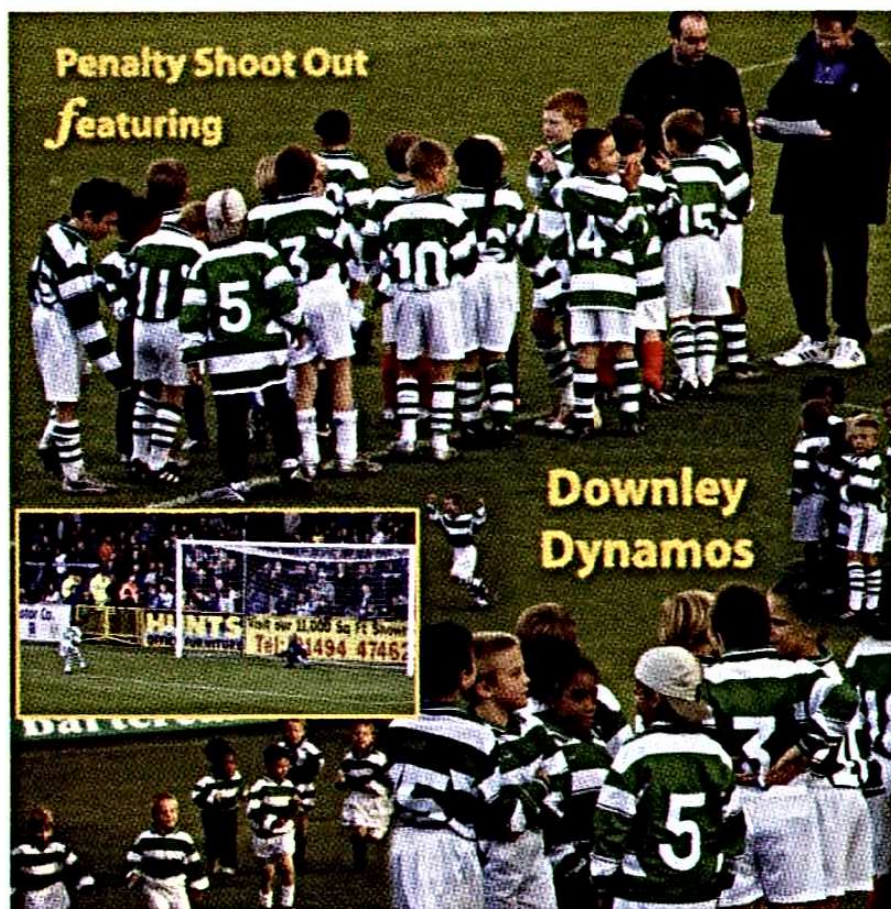
Another popular package at Wycombe Wanderers although there are some games available to book. The package includes a two-hour coaching session by our qualified staff, coach travel to Adams Park, McDonalds lunch, and tour of the ground and then tickets to watch a first team. If you would like to book then call myself on 01494 472100. Today we have Kieth Carter and Widmer End football club.

I hope you enjoy the game today.

Christmas and New Year Courses

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| 35A | Teikyo School | Mon 23 Dec | £15 |
| 35B | Chesham Park | Mon 23 Dec | £15 |
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| 36A | Teikyo School | Thur 2 – Fri 3 Jan | £30 |
| 37A | Chesham Park | Thur 2 – Fri 3 Jan | £30 |
| 38A | Beacon School | Thur 2 – Fri 3 Jan | £30 |
| 40A | St Pirans | Mon 23 – Tues 24 Dec | £30 |
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36 Jonny Dixon



by Nicky Chivers

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Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town. I extend that warm welcome to George Chadwick and his Junior Robins that have joined us here today. I hope you will enjoy this afternoons game and get behind the boys with lots of cheering and shouting to help them win the three points.

BIRTHDAYS

First up we have our Birthday wishes.

I would like to wish Mark Chapple a Happy Belated 10th Birthday for the 26th October, with love from all his family and friends. Mark's favourite player is Craig Falconbridge. Happy 6th Birthday to Liam Powell for the 10th November, love from all his family and friends. Liam attends all home games along with his brother, Owen, cousin Jacob and friends Phil and Charlotte. His favourite player is Darren Currie would also like to wish Paul Wilson a Happy 6th Birthday for the 14th November, with love from all your family and friends. Paul's favourite player is the one and only, Darren Currie!

PHOTOS/LETTERS



This photo was taken at Swindon Town, the last game of the 2001/02 season. The Penalty shoot-out was between the Junior Robins (Swindon) and Loudwater Juniors (Wycombe). The Goalkeeper was the one and only Billy Blood Drop and I'm pleased to say that the Wycombe boys won. Well Done!

CARDS & CERTIFICATES

By now you should have all received your membership cards and certificates. Could you please let me know if they haven't arrived so that I can make sure we have your details on file. I don't want you to miss out on any mailshots that I might send! You can reach me here that club or on my email
nicky.chivers@wycombewanderers.co.uk

The Wonder of Wycombe Wanderers!

*We got there early, found
somewhere to park,
And started to move to the gate.
But to dismay,
I hasten to say,
Game Over - we were too late!*

*"You got the time wrong!" Was the
continuous song,
Of derision paid out to me.
When along came a bloke,
Who smile as he spoke,
"Wycombe has won seven, three!"*

*O lack and alas, the next match
came to pass,
And we got there early to park.
But unknown to me,
Where we should be,
Was down at Cardiff Arms Park!*

*"Cardiff Arms Park?" "You're having
a lark!"
That's for rugby I went on to say.
"Well the way Wycombe is,
They are the biz,
And it's not just football they play."*

*Not Knowing how best to give it a
rest,
I went on and on like a clod.
"O, give us a break,
For goodness sake,
You know Lawrie Sanchez's a God."*

*So I then made amends, and took
all my friends,
To match, which I thought it would
thrill.
Griffen Park was the place,
But I had a red face,
Cos they beat Wycombe Wanderers
one-nil!*

Thank you to Marion Percy for her poem.

Enjoy the game!

Nicky

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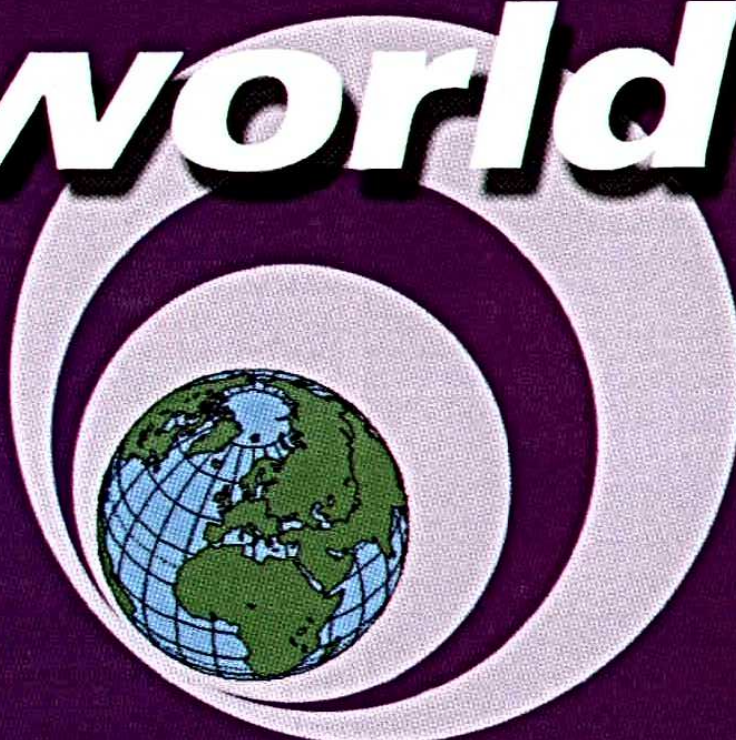


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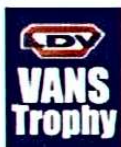
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by Adrian Wood

Having previewed the Huddersfield trip in last Tuesday's programme, I will concentrate on our away trip to Cheltenham Town in Round 2 of the LDV Vans Trophy, scheduled for week commencing November 11th. This will be our first journey to Whaddon Road for a senior fixture since our clashes with The Robins back in the Conference days.

In Round 1, whilst Wycombe won comfortably 4-0 at Torquay, Cheltenham cruised home against Col U. The Robins were gifted the lead in first-half stoppage time when Colchester goalkeeper Richard McKinney brought down Paul Brayson in the area and was sent off. Brayson converted the penalty and also added the fourth goal when he rounded substitute goalkeeper Simon Brown 12 minutes from time. In between, Scott McGleish headed Colchester level on 57 minutes, but Cheltenham regained the lead with an expert Grant McCann free-kick from 20 yards. Julian Alsop scored the third goal in the 68th minute with a tap in from close range. The attendance at Whaddon Road was 1,369.



Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5NA

The ground has been greatly improved since the Conference days with a fair deal of re-development. The capacity is 7,407 (3,139 seated). The latest edition is the new Wymans Road Stand on one side of the pitch. This was built by Barr Construction and is a covered, all seated, single tiered stand, containing 2,034 seats. Part of this stand is given to away supporters. On the other side of the pitch is the Main Stand, which has seating to the rear and terracing at the front. This stand straddles the half way line and does not extend for the full length of the pitch, having open spaces to either side. At one end is the terraced Cheltenham & Gloucester Stand, which has had a roof added recently. Opposite, the Whaddon Road End is given to away supporters. This end has a small covering on one side of the terrace.



How to get there

By road: Take the M40 signposted Oxford. At Junction 8 branch left and follow the A40 towards Oxford. At the Headington roundabout, take the 3rd exit (signposted Ring Road, The North). After 3.7 miles, at the Banbury Road roundabout, take the second exit, and at the next roundabout take the third exit (signposted Cheltenham). Follow A40 into and through Charlton Kings. At traffic lights where Cirencester Road joins from left, go straight on. At next set of lights, turn right into Hales Rd, keep on this road for 1.5 miles. After 1.0 miles, road bears round to right, then left. Turn left into Whaddon Road (see small row of shops, just past Oakley GCHQ). Go straight over small roundabout, continue for 0.5 miles. Ground and car park on the right.

Mileage from High Wycombe = 67

Car Parking is in the adjoining streets. The Parklands Community Association in Wymans Road also has limited parking spaces.

By rail: I doubt if anyone will be travelling by rail but if you do, the station is over two miles from the ground. Bus routes F and G go to the town centre from the railway station car park and the ground is about a 10 minute walk from here.

Facilities around the ground:

There is a club bar at the ground, called the Robins Nest that allows in small numbers of away fans. The two closest pubs to the ground are 'The Cat & Fiddle' and 'The Greyhound', but these

are for home supporters only. For away fans the 'The Sudeley Arms' and 'Mackensies' (and there is a decent fish & chip shop in-between the two!) are both recommended. To find these pubs, turn right out of the club car park, and then turn left at the end of the road (there is a handy off licence on the corner). Go straight over the roundabout, and The Sudeley Arms is on your left and Mackensies is further up on your right.

Were you there when....?

Our last senior fixture at Cheltenham was in season 1991/92. We dropped four valuable points to The Robins that season, drawing 2-2 at Adams Park, then losing 2-1 in front of a 1,320 crowd at Whaddon Road. Simon Stapleton scored our goal that evening and, with Simon Hutchinson being sent off, it was not a happy night for Martin O'Neill's side.

Wycombe lined up as follows: Hyde, Cousins, Crossley, Kerr, Creaser, Smith, Hutchinson, Casey, Stapleton, Scott and Guppy. Subs - Ryan and Deakin.

Cheltenham were relegated that season with Wycombe, I am sure you are all aware, losing out on Goal Difference at the top to Col U.

Our only Conference victory at Cheltenham was in season 1988/89 when Kevin Durham netted the only goal (attendance 1,772). There were two draws - in 1987/88 (2-2) and in 1989/90 (1-1). We lost 1-0 there in season 1990/91.

Full LDV Vans Trophy 2nd Round Draw (Southern Section)

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| Exeter City | v Cardiff City |
| Stevenage Boro' | v Luton Town |
| AFC Bournemouth | v Leyton Orient |
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by Adrian Cole, Youth Development Officer

The reports on the Centre of Excellence comes from their fixture on 6th October against Queens Park Rangers.

The under 12's squad was made up with some players from the under 11's and although the team as a whole did not play well the younger players certainly held their own. We had numerous opportunities to score but just did not take them and we were punished right at the end of the third period with 2 goals by our opponents due to some sloppy defending.

For the under 13's we knew that the visit of QPR always guarantees a lively game and this was no exception. QPR started the better of the two sides with our boys looking as if they were still in bed. This changed just before the end of the first period when Jake Hyde latched on to a through ball and finished well past the oncoming keeper. The confidence flowed through the team and we started to play some of the best football of the season so far. Matthew Phillips and Darrell Ellams showed some superb quality going

forward and new boy Darrell capped off an brilliant performance with a memorable goal. Defensively Tom Banner and Chris Ashton were sound and showed supreme composure. But this was all in all an excellent display and one to build on for future weeks.

How is it that the under 14's games always have a goal within the first five minutes. This week though it was in their favour rather than ours with a fairly strong wind to their backs it looked like QPR might run riot as they showed great physical strength in the first period. Due to some committed defending on our part they failed to capitalise on this. We settled down in the latter stages of the first period and, against the run of play, Lewis Pallet scored. Picking the ball up in the final third he managed to catch their keeper off his line but like Northampton last week we failed to create too many chances for the rest of the game. However the build up play is definitely coming together with our defence comfortable on the ball and the

midfield starting to show a little more. Martyn Busby in particular performed well against his Dad's old club, working hard in the midfield to link the play.

The under 15's continued their good progress with an excellent performance away to QPR. The industrious Gianni Picciano moved into the attack and justified the switch by scoring two really well taken goals within the first 20 minutes. The first half an hour of this match saw Wycombe's boys in breathtaking form with their passing and movement as good as you'll see anywhere. QPR did manage to pull a goal back half way through the game but our boys pressed on and midfielder Roger Skone popped up with two other brace of goals. The work rate of the boys is now so high that it allows their ability to come to the fore and what was most pleasing was the contribution from the likes of Ashley Thompson and Mark Ludlow whose use of the ball was quick and incisive and marks their improvement this term.

WITH THE LADIES

by Marian Lyon

Prestwood Motors



WW Ladies Reserves v Morris Motors 2-1

The Reserves secured another 3 points against Oxford based Morris Motors with a 2-1 home victory. Blues took the lead in the first half after Tahli Jenkinson played a ball into Leah Asante who pulled it back into Laura Coull's path for her to score her first goal for Wycombe. But in wet and windy conditions the game took a good 45 minutes to really get going; the second half was played at a much faster pace and Wanderers created plenty of chances. Neither Asante nor Steph Dean could make all the pressure count and against the run of play it was the visitors who put the ball in the back of the net. A freekick squirmed through Buttons' hands and the game was level. The winner came from a Dean corner, Coull played the ball back out wide for Dean to swing in from a better angle and Leanne Palfrey finished to secure all 3 points.

Team Line-Up: Buttons, Roisin Nellis, Claire Burrage, Tahli Jenkinson, Leanne Palfrey, Laura McClean, Amy Watters, Jade Harker, Laura Coull, Stephanie Dean, Leah Asante subs. Kylie Furnstone, Rebecca Meller, Becky Flint (all used)

WW Ladies First Team v Thame 6-0

Sunday's league fixture took Wanderers back to Towersey and the team was determined to improve on last week's performance that saw a cup victory, but only after extra time. There is still work to be done, but the 6-0 scoreline reflects a much better performance.

A couple of changes saw Helen Scourfield in at left back, Jenny Kitley move to the centre of midfield and Jess Bacon start up front. From the start the whole team looked lively and there were chances to score right from the whistle. Sophy Bowden looked confident on the right wing and combined well with Eloise Revans behind her. The first goal came from a header won by

Kitley to Bowden who set up Player of the Match Karyn Atkinson, who turned and shot past the advancing keeper. After Bowden's cross sailed over the keeper, a defender instinctively put her hands up giving the referee a very easy penalty decision. Oakley's kick was saved though and she had to wait for a ball to bobble out of a goal mouth scramble to squeeze a shot just inside the left hand upright to make it 2-0. Bowden made it 3 when she hit the top corner.

Claire Perkins combined well with Scourfield down the left and set up promising openings for Oakley and Bacon. A series of throws ended in another penalty for a push in the box and Oakley stepped up again, and this time made no mistake. Lou Plumridge had another competent game in goal, coming out well to narrow the angle when Thame's promising build up turned into a more serious danger and recorded her first clean sheet of the season. At the other end Atkinson added another, getting on the end of Oakley's cross and Oakley completed her hat-trick after picking up beautifully weighted clearance from Revans. There is still a good way to go, but at least we know we're all travelling in the right direction.

Team Line-Up: Lou Plumridge, Eloise Revans, Helen Scourfield, Esther Morley, Marion Lyon, Karyn Atkinson, Jenny Kitley, Claire Perkins, Sophy Bowden, Jess Bacon, Su Oakley subs: Jeunine Bray, Anna Moelland (both used)

Women's Southern Region Southern Division (after 27th Oct)

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| Thatcham Town | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Burnham Women | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 3 |
| Bracknell Town | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
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On Wednesday afternoon we played Crystal Palace over at Aylesbury and this programme had to be put to bed just as the game was coming up. Hopefully we have been able to collect three more points toward our tally for the season. With the Chesterfield game on the Tuesday evening it was very much a case of who would be available to play. We have used a number of youngsters this season and so far all have acquitted themselves well. I have told the lads that they must want to play for the reserve side if they hope to have any chance of making the first team. If players do not show the right attitude over reserve team football then what chance do they have of playing in Division Two.

After training I encourage players to stay behind and put some more work in. If players do have things they want to concentrate on then this is an ideal time to do it. So many players want to come and disappear off home as soon as the session is over but I have seen players benefit from extra coaching sessions in smaller groups.

For the fans we have a very interesting game coming up on Wednesday 6th November when we travel to Slough Town for the

Berks & Bucks County cup tie. I am aware of the history between the two clubs and no doubt this will still be the case when this match comes around. It is a while since the club have won this competition, it usually clashes with other important matches being played by the first team and consequently it is not always possible to field a strong side. If we can get through then we shall be away to holders Maidenhead United in the quarter final.

We shall be looking at our games with Palace and Slough in our next home programme in the F.A. Cup on Saturday November 16th at home to Brentford.



It was particularly pleasing to hear how well the lads played at Torquay last Tuesday in the LDV competition. Working with Lewis Cook and Jonny Dixon in the reserve side I realise the talent they have and both players were involved in the match. Lewis provided the cross for Sean Devine to head the opening goal and then hit the post with a fierce shot in the second half. Jonny came on from the bench on 65 minutes and created two good half chances from nothing, I have said before this is a strength he has, creating scoring opportunities from nowhere.

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES SEASON 2002/2003

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| Wed | Sept 18th | SOUTHEND UNITED | 0-2 |
| Wed | Oct 2nd | Oxford United | 0-2 |
| Wed | Oct 9th | NORWICH CITY | 1-5 |
| Wed | Oct 16th | Luton Town | 3-1 |
| Wed | Oct 30th | CRYSTAL PALACE | home |
| Wed | Nov 6th | Slough Town (B&B Cup) | away |
| Wed | Nov 13th | Reading | away |
| Wed | Nov 27th | MILLWALL | home |
| Wed | Dec 4th | GILLINGHAM | home |
| Wed | Dec 11th | Cardiff City | away |
| Wed | Jan 8th | Cambridge United | away |
| Wed | Jan 15th | AFC BOURNEMOUTH | home |
| Wed | Jan 29th | Cheltenham Town | away |
| Wed | Feb 5th | BRIGHTON & H.A. | home |
| Wed | Feb 19th | Northampton Town | away |
| Wed | Feb 26th | BRENTFORD | home |
| Wed | Mar 12th | BARNET | home |
| Tues | Mar 25th | QPR | away |
| Wed | April 2nd | LEYTON ORIENT | home |
| Wed | April 16th | Bristol Rovers | away |
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Saturday, 19th October

Wycombe Wanderers U19s 4
Colchester United U19s 3

We went right at our opponents from the off and were able to apply instant pressure. This hard work was rewarded as early as the fifth minute, when Nathaniel Griffiths won the ball in the air, for Rob Tungatt to collect the ball and send a dipping, swerving shot into the top right corner from 25 yards. It was an excellent strike and a great way for Rob to open his account as a scholar.

We continued to look bright and sharp for the time being, and we dominated the game. 25 minutes in and a Colchester corner was punched clear by 'keeper, Tom Gott. Nick Beasant collected the ball and cleared to Griffiths, who slipped the ball neatly past the last defender to find Jonny Dixon. After a great first touch, Jonny held his composure and finished with icy cool to make the score 2-0. It was an outstanding counter-attack that left our opponents reeling.

However, the 2-0 lead seemed to go somewhat to our lads' heads and the lead was halved on 39 minutes when a catalogue of errors led to their forward being in acres of space and finishing well past the unlucky Gott in goal. This goal looked to be crucial, as one up at half-time having just conceded is never a nice position to be. However, cometh the hour, cometh the man and after great work on the right from James Rogers, who left two defenders standing, Jonny Dixon bagged his second of the afternoon with another calm finish, this time from ten yards out to make the score 3-1 at the break.

With Colchester attacking more, we were very dangerous on the break. 65 minutes in and after a great ball from the left by Matt Warner, Griffiths headed down for Tungatt, who found Dixon, who hammered the ball home from 8 yards on the volley. It was a cracking strike to complete an outstanding hat-trick, and Jonny thoroughly deserved his round of applause as he left the field, replaced by Mark Philo on 70 minutes.

Into the final 15 minutes and we began to show signs of complacency. Colchester's only real weapon of attack throughout the game was a long throw from one of their midfielders, and it was this weapon that nearly undid us in the closing stages. With goals in the 74th and 79th minutes both coming from the long throw, we have plenty to do in terms of defending these set-pieces.

In the end, we were good value for the

result due to the first hour of the game, where we were absolutely dominant and showed what we are capable of. Our next game in the Alliance was last weekend against Southend, and a report of this game will be in the next programme.

Wednesday, 23rd October

F.A. Youth Cup 1st Round Proper

Ilford Youth team 1
Wycombe Wanderers Youth 4

Hoping to emulate last year's achievements – which saw us within penalty kicks of reaching a quarter-final tie at Old Trafford, we began this year's F.A. Youth Cup with a potential banana skin, away to Ilford in deepest, darkest Essex.

These ties against non-league opposition always prove to be tricky and this game was no different. We created several chances early on and could easily have been three or four ahead before they took the lead on the half-hour.

This seemed to kick start the boys into gear, and we got stuck straight back in, with skipper Stuart Hole scoring the equaliser with a header from ten yards after a corner was half-cleared. We were then well on top of the game and could have scored a couple of times before half-time, Matt Warner in midfield should take particular credit for his industrious work and creative attacking play.

We started the second half very brightly, keeping the game simple without becoming predictable. This simple approach was difficult for Ilford to deal with and Rob Tungatt took full advantage, scoring two goals in quick succession, both times taking on their centre-backs and finishing coolly.

With the score at 3-1, the game became very frantic, with Ilford searching for a way back into the match. The tackles were flying in and took great composure from our boys to resist the bait and play their own game.

We were rewarded again for our composed approach, when James Rogers skipped two tackles before being brought down in the area. Matt Warner stepped up and methodically buried the penalty to finish the scoring at 4-1.

Overall, it was a good result in what could have been a tricky tie – this game was like a cup final for Ilford who had already played three games to get to this stage! However the performance was not great, with us conceding needless free-kicks in dangerous areas of the park. Our opponents in the second round will be Cirencester at home (Adams Park), on the 5th of November – Hopefully there will be fireworks and we can reach the third round.

Under 19 South East Conference Table

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Brentford | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 4-8 | 10 |
| Brighton | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5+6 | 10 |
| Portsmouth | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5+4 | 8 |
| WYCOMBE | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Gillingham | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7-1 | 8 |
| Q.P.R. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8+1 | 7 |
| Leyton Orient | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6+1 | 7 |
| Colchester | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Southend Utd | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 22 | -19 |

Under 19's Fixtures

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| Sat Aug 17 | PORTSMOUTH | H | 1-1 |
| Sat Aug 24 | Gillingham | a | 1-1 |
| Sat Sep 7 | Oxford Utd | a | Cup 0-2 |
| Sat Sep 14 | BRENTFORD | H | Cup 0-2 |
| Sat Sep 21 | Luton Town | a | Cup 2-2 |
| Sat Oct 5 | Leyton Orient | a | 2-3 |
| Sat Oct 12 | BRENTFORD | H | 2-4 |
| Sat Oct 19 | COLCHESTER U | H | 4-3 |
| Wed Oct 23 | Ilford (F.A. Youth Cup) | a | 4-1 |
| Sat Oct 26 | Southend Utd | a | 3-0 |
| Sat Nov 2 | Q.P.R. | a | |
| Sat Nov 9 | BRIGHTON | H | |
| Sat Nov 16 | Brentford | a | |
| Sat Nov 23 | LEYTON ORIENT | H | |
| Sat Nov 30 | Colchester Utd | a | |
| Sat Dec 7 | SOUTHEND UTD | H | |
| Sat Dec 14 | Q.P.R. | H | |
| Sat Jan 11 | Brighton | a | |
| Sat Jan 18 | Portsmouth | a | |
| Sat Jan 25 | GILLINGHAM | H | |
| Sat Feb 8 | Merit Division Opening Fixture | | |

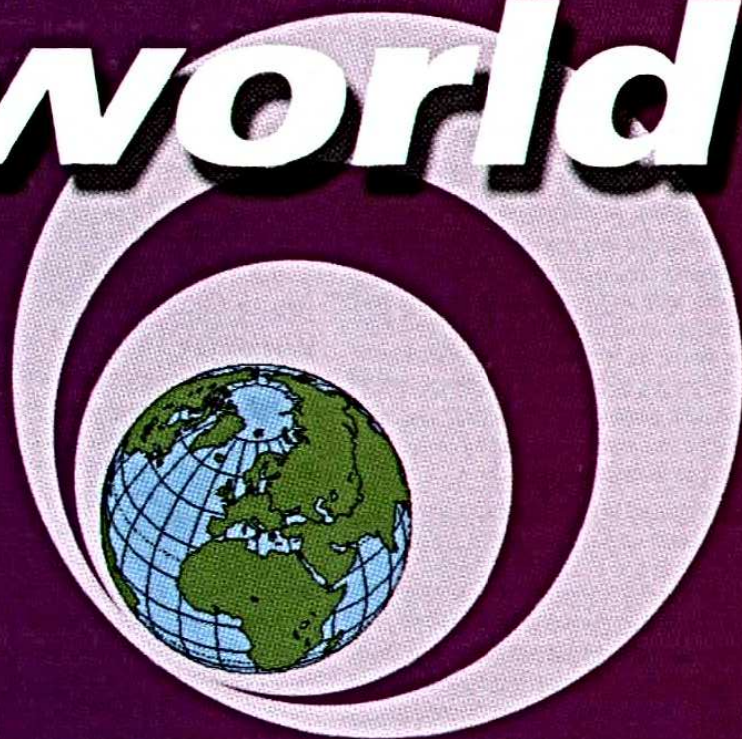
Under 17's Fixtures

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| Sat Aug 17 | Peterborough Utd | a | 0-4 |
| Sat Aug 24 | Gillingham | H | 2-5 |
| Sat Sep 07 | Brighton & H A | a | 3-3 |
| Sat Sep 14 | Q.P.R. | a | 0-5 |
| Sat Sep 21 | Portsmouth | a | 2-3 |
| Sat Sep 28 | Brentford | H | 3-2 |
| Sat Oct 05 | Leyton Orient | H | 2-2 |
| Sat Oct 19 | Southend Utd | a | 4-1 |
| Sat Oct 26 | Luton Town | H | 1-4 |
| Sat Nov 02 | Cambridge Utd | H | |
| Sat Nov 09 | Colchester Utd | a | |
| Sat Nov 16 | Brentford | H | |
| Sat Nov 23 | Leyton Orient | a | |
| Sat Nov 30 | Southend Utd | H | |
| Sat Dec 07 | Luton Town | a | |
| Sat Dec 14 | Cambridge | a | |
| Sat Jan 11 | Colchester Utd | H | |
| Sat Jan 18 | Peterborough Utd | H | |
| Sat Jan 25 | Gillingham | a | |
| Sat Feb 08 | Brighton & H A | H | |
| Sat Feb 15 | Q.P.R. | H | |
| Sat Feb 22 | Portsmouth | H | |

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AT ADAMS PARK BRENTFORD

On Saturday 16th November we meet Brentford here in the First Round of the F.A. Cup. This will be only the third time that the two sides have met in this competition, the previous two meetings took place just after the Boer War. The first meeting was in the 5th Qualifying round in November 1903 at Loakes Park and Brentford won 4-1. The second occasion was at Griffin Park in November 1905, again in the November and the Bees won this match 4-0. Although we have met in various other cup competitions, including the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1898, also won by the Bees, it will be good to have a chance for revenge. Our meetings in the Second Division have been full of talking points over the years and the connection with players between the two clubs has been fascinating. One not to miss!

Having just returned home from our trips to Torquay and Barnsley I am pleased to report that we have not sustained anything more serious than a few bruises. For those of you who like statistics the team traveled some 850 miles over the two journeys taking almost 20 hours on a coach in today's traffic conditions.

I am pleased to let you know that Martin Lee's serious knee ligament injury has healed allowing him to return to training last week. He will require a few weeks to get accustomed to playing again and develop his sharpness. I am sure all the hard work he has done during his time with Terry and myself will stand him in good stead when he returns to playing.

Stuart Robert's ankle injury is slowly settling with him coming off crutches last week. He suffered ligament damage during the game against Cardiff, which will take some time to heal before he can have a safe return to training. He is replacing Martin Lee under Terry's wing as we intend to improve his overall body strength during this period.

Gavin Holligan unfortunately suffered a reaction to the work he was undertaking in his rehabilitation. After a discussion with the knee surgeon it was decided to have a further look in the knee to ensure no further damage had occurred. Encouragingly the knee had not sustained any further damage suggesting that we have to be patient whilst the joint slowly adapts to the stresses applied to it.

Jermaine McSparran continues to make steady progress from his serious knee ligament injury. His progress has however been hampered over the last few weeks by a chest infection.

I thought you might like to know a little about the multi-disciplined team

working in the medical department. As you are aware there is Terry Evans and myself who you see running on the pitch. The St Johns ambulances with the assistance of a paramedic are available pitch side to ensure the safe removal of the injured player during a match.

Once in the treatment area Dr's Chris Trower And Gina Allan the two club Doctors are on hand to administer emergency treatment if required. The Doctors not only provide emergency cover on match days but also deliver an excellent service dealing with the many medical ailments that the players suffer from.

On a monthly basis Dr Fergus Ross a podiatrist (chiroprapist) visits the club to ensure the players feet are kept in a first class condition that will prevent them causing problems. Fergus works with several Premier and division one-league clubs. Interestingly many aches and pains in the ankle, knee and back can be attributed to the way an individual's foot functions at speed over a period of time. Fergus works within the medical team making specialized insoles for players with functional foot problems and so reducing the problems caused by them.

A key issue in Sports Medicine is developing quick referral paths, as the club could not afford to employ these specialist individuals. Dr Phillip Bell, an eminent Sports Medicine Doctor, provides diagnosis and treatment plans for many of the injuries sustained by the players. If a surgical opinion is required a variety of surgeons are used because of their specialization with a particular joint of the body. This ensures that with their expertise the Football Club and players have the most up to date medical opinion.

Hello again and welcome to another edition of Blues Hit The Net. I'm pleased to report that since I last wrote for the Chesterfield programme on Tuesday night, Michael Forsyth's youth squad have beaten Ilford away in a fantastic 4-1 victory and have now been drawn against Cirencester Town on Bonfire Night (Tuesday 5 November, kick-off 7pm) – will there be fireworks at Adams Park in the FA Youth Cup, I wonder?!

Following the Saturday victory over Peterborough and the excellent 4-0 thumping of Torquay in the LDV on the Tuesday, I travelled to Barnsley in good spirits (I don't mean the alcoholic kind, in case my employers read this!). It's a long way is Barnsley but at least I didn't have to make the trip on my own. Gratefully accompanied by my parents, I drove the three hours up Britain's motorway network to arrive in Barnsley, or more precisely a large well-known supermarket to re-fuel – me, not the car!, in plenty of time before kick-off.

After trekking round the ground to claim my press pass and then back round the ground to get in, I met up with Alan Hutchinson, Paul Dennis (Club Photographer) and Dave Peters (BFP) for the obligatory chat before traipsing up the biggest stairs you've ever seen to take my place in the press 'box'.

I happily set about sorting out the laptop and plugging in the various connections, only to find that the laptop was too big for the 'desk' (which slopes at a 45° angle and has a big jutting-out piece at the top so the laptop lid won't open properly) and the internet

connection sockets didn't appear to work (all seven of them!). So, I began the game typing away in Word, my only option, wondering desperately how I was going to upload it afterwards with no internet connection.

The game was entertaining with another fine performance from a certain Australian keeper (sorry Hutch, I'm not going to give you the satisfaction of mentioning him by name!), who understandably was slightly 'miffed' when referee Cain allowed Barnsley's goal, as it had appeared to all – well four of us in the press box, the home supporters behind the goal and the visiting fans anyway – that it had not crossed the line thanks to a fantastic reflex save. A cracking goal from Keith Ryan and some good performances from the likes of Andy Thomson, Michael Simpson and Danny Senda helped keep my mind of the fact that I could barely feel my fingers by this stage!

Anyway, thanks to some sharp thinking on my part, the match report was loaded as normal after the game as I cheekily borrowed the home website's internet line! This website match reporting is harder than you might think, especially on a chilly afternoon in Barnsley when your equipment is playing up and your dextrous digits have virtually fallen off with the cold!

Then, after hanging around various parts of the ground and the car park in the hope of catching Lawrie for his regular comment on the game (unsuccessfully), I began the long journey back to Wycombe with my parents and A.N.Other – Caroline from the Community Office

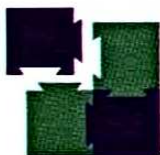
– discussing the merits of various peoples performances, amongst other things.

By now, many of you will be aware of the small bet I have (placed through the official website, of course) on Craig Faulconbridge finishing Division Two top scorer. I'm now becoming increasingly concerned having seen the results from the weekend's games – Rob Hulse of Crewe now has 15!!! What is the man on (?) and do we think he could pass some of it to Faulco?! Don't worry Craig, I still have faith – after all 'it's a marathon not a sprint'.

I'd also like to briefly mention in these notes about Wanderers World. I wrote in the previous programme about the Fans' Forum Feature, which subscribers will hopefully now have seen. Just to let you know there will be a Part II – and possibly a Part III – which I hope to have edited and uploaded by the time you read these notes.

You may also be aware that we recently auctioned Steve Brown's smelly old football boots through the official website's Breaking News section. The auction was tremendously successful and the best bid came in at £120 – congratulations to the winner, we hope you enjoy your footwear for many years to come! Thank you to all those supporters who placed bids – keep your eyes on Breaking News for further auctions in the coming months.

Finally, good luck to the boys for today's game – we beat them in the Worthington Cup, we can beat them again! I just hope I'm not wrong come 5 o'clock tonight!



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In Flanders' fields.*

John McCrae



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Our connection with players who have appeared for both clubs is quite relevant, we have two current players who have played for both plus our manager and first team coach.

We signed Andy Thomson last March prior to the deadline, he came in from Bristol Rovers where he moved to from Portsmouth. Andy began his career at the County Ground in 1993 and two years later he moved to Portsmouth for £75,000. After four seasons at Fratton Park Andy moved to Bristol Rovers for £60,000 in 1999.

Lawrie Sanchez ended his playing career after spending time at Swindon Town having been on loan there from Wimbledon in March 1994 to the end of the season. As members of the Premiership the Robins spent just one season in the top flight under John Gorman before being relegated. The Sanchez debut was against Manchester United where he man marked Eric Cantona who was sent off for stamping on John Moncur.

Terry Gibson was on loan at the County Ground from Wimbledon in 1992 when

Glenn Hoddle was the Player/Manager. Swindon were in the First Division in those days, Terry finally moved to Barnet where he finished his playing career. During a very good goalscoring career Gibbo played for Spurs, Coventry City, Manchester United and Wimbledon.

Frank Talia arrived at Adams Park in August this year on a three month contract and has been very able cover for Wanderers favourite keeper Martin Taylor. Frank joined Blackburn Rovers direct from Melbourne, Australia in 1992. He then moved to Swindon for £150,000 in August 1995 before being given a free transfer in 2000 to Wolves, a month later he joined Sheffield United. Another move, this time to Reading, came at the end of that season where Frank remained until this summer. With the injury to Martin Taylor experienced cover was required and Lawrie brought him to the club after he was released by the Royals.

Sam Parkin, the Robins signed from Chelsea at the start of the season. Was on loan at Adams Park two seasons ago and scored the winner for the Blues against Wolves in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup. Last season Sam was on permanent loan at Northampton Town.



After two away Worthington Cup draws and two away LDV Vans Trophy Draws, I feared we may end up with no home cup matches this term. However if you could choose which competition you would most like a home draw in, it would be the FA Cup. I am also sure one would have not chosen Brentford as the ideal opponents. Progression to the 2nd Round this season will need to be earned. The Vice-President Executive Season Ticket this season includes the first home up tie in each 1st team cup competition. Having missed out on a home Worthington Cup match, at least the VP's will benefit from this exciting local derby, with the prospect of a potential home LDV Vans Trophy draw if the lads can win at Cheltenham.

Our 2nd Round LDV Vans Trophy tie at Cheltenham will not be easy, but still offers the Club's best chance of a prestigious showpiece final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. Having been there for the 2001 Division II Play-off Final between Stoke City and Brentford, I know it is an excellent top drawer venue that gives victors the sense of having achieved something special.

I have written to the Football League this week to suggest they consider re-vamping the rules for the LDV Vans Trophy in future seasons to allow Football Clubs drawn at home in the competition (up to the Area-Finals), the freedom to set their own entrance prices, without having to agree them with the opposition. Obviously, the home Club would still have to pay for the away Clubs coach fare and charge away supporters the same as its home supporters for like for like accommodation. The idea is simply to allow the home Clubs to attract bigger crowds than at present, by letting everyone (home & away supporters) in free, doing special promotions (Quid-A-Kid; 2 for 1, free kid with paying adult etc.). The home Club that puts the most effort (or generosity)

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into attracting larger attendance's should in theory end up with a better cup atmosphere and an uplift in secondary spend. Sadly, at present, none of the Cup competitions allow such freedom as both Clubs and the Competition holders (The Football Association and the Football League Ltd) have to agree. At present, when Clubs do not mutually agree on a pricing structure, the competition holder imposes what it believes to be the fairest compromise for all concerned. Surely, if the Footballing authorities were to award incentives/prizes to Clubs who co-operate to attract the big attendance's for Cup competitions, then hopefully everybody would end up happy. Imagine home and away fans turning up to all Cup games, because the Clubs and the footballing authorities cotton on to the fact that they can make as much or more money by reducing pricing. This would much enhance the prestige of Cup competitions that are often seen as an unnecessary distraction until the later rounds.

Moving onto commercial matters, the next significant non-matchday event is the John Conteh Sportsman's Dinner in the air-conditioned Vere Suite on Monday 18th November 2002. The extremely popular Barry Williams will be the Master of Ceremonies and providing his usual high quality style of unique entertainment. This is the second time the Club have booked John Conteh as he was so good the first time round a few years ago. There are still a few Tables of 10 or 12 left, if you fancy getting a group together or inviting guests. To find out more, please do call Emma Curtis or me on (01494) 538461 or e-mail mark.austin@wycombewanderers.co.uk

This afternoons match against the Robins has extra significance for me personally, as Swindon Town is where the former Blues Sales & Marketing Manager, Mike Sullivan is now plying his trade. Also, another colleague, the former Watford F.C. and Q.P.R. Commercial Manager, Mark Devlin is now Chief Executive at Swindon. Both these guys are doing a good job at the County Ground (at least that is what they both tell me!). Sadly, Mike is missing today as he is running (yet again) in the New York marathon. Nevertheless I wish Mark and Mike a thoroughly enjoyable, though pointless afternoon.

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Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the generosity of John "Wigga" Pierce who, as a former Wycombe lad, is well known to our President Monty Seymour. Despite the fact John and his wife Jan, having retired, have lived in Sutton Coldfield for many years, John is an ardent fan of Wycombe Wanderers. John has very kindly supported this Club faithfully for many years and is well known to many members of the Royal British Legion. With Remembrance Day not being too far away, John has very kindly made it possible for the Royal British Legion to have a full page in this matchday programme to promote Poppy Day. Monty Seymour our President has written about the Royal British Legion in High Wycombe, to encourage us to remember and support those who gave their lives for our freedom. John "Wigga" Pierce has "sponsored" the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal advert today as he wishes to particularly remember his Grandfather, along with all the other local people in High Wycombe who gave their lives for their Country. John's Grandfather was 41622 Private Tom Lee of the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment who sadly fell on 19th October 1917. Please support this worthy cause.



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The Official View

This afternoon we have pleasure in welcoming the Swindon supporters to Adams Park. Recent fixtures against Swindon have been very close, hard fought games. You will recall that last season we drew both League games while they knocked us out of the LDV Vans Trophy. This season we have gained revenge for this by defeating them in the Worthington Cup.

Our thanks must be extended to those of you who made the long trip to Torquay for the LDV Vans Trophy (especially those who gave up a half day of their annual leave and arrived at work tired the following morning). Your loyalty was certainly rewarded by the excellent win and a brilliant hat trick from Sean. Let us hope that the floodgates will now open and that he will start scoring goals in the profusion that we all know he is capable of.

At the time of writing (before Barnsley) I have never known a season for such bad luck with Cup draws. So far we have received away ties at Swindon Town and Sheffield United in the Worthington Cup, Torquay United in the LDV Vans Trophy, Ilford in the F A Youth Cup and Slough Town (and Maidenhead United if we get through) in the Berks & Bucks. That is 6 draws, all of which have been away. Last Saturday (the Barnsley day) our ball went into the bag in both the F A Cup and the LDV Vans Trophy.

COACH BOOKINGS FOR AWAY MATCHES

Rena will be taking bookings today for Huddersfield. She will be in her usual place in the vestibule inside the entrance to the Vere Suite. Alternatively, you can ring her on the usual number 01296 429307.

Of course, if we are drawn away in either or both of the draws mentioned above she will also be taking bookings for these matches.

All non-members are once again reminded that they can obtain a discount of £3 for each away trip on becoming a member. If you wish to become a member please contact Jennie Strange on 01494-772634.

For the trip to Stockport on 30th November 2002 it is proposed to run a coach which will be stopping for a meal. We will keep you posted regarding this.

A.C.M.

This has been arranged for Monday 25th November 2002 and is strictly members only.

QUIZ

This has been arranged for Thursday 28th November 2002. It is always a most enjoyable evening.

LET'S BE HEARING FROM YOU THE LOUDER THE BETTER

GEOFF SUTTON

Independent Thinking

What a great result at Torquay in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy winning 4-0 – a tremendous hat trick from Sean Devine. How good it was as well to see Mark Rogers getting on the score sheet after a cross from Danny Senda was converted.

A pity about the attendance of 1,133 but all credit to those that made the long journey down to Devon from High Wycombe for a mid-week game.

On Thursday 24th Oct. some of the WWISC committee went to see a musical that was put on by a local group at the Wycombe Abbey theatre- 'Half a Six Pence' where one of our members Big John (John Baker) was taking part. An absolutely fabulous show which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone including the cast who gave their all.

A trip to Barnsley on Saturday 26th Oct. a long journey but an excellent pit stop with good food and wine at the 'Elephant & Castle' in Hemmingfield.

Yours truly travelled with Sheila by car to visit my daughters in laws for the weekend and after the match it was a pleasure to go out for a very nice Italian meal with the family.

A 1-1 all draw at Oakwell with a hard earned point for Wycombe-a stunning goal by Keith Ryan and a superb performance by Frank Talia which kept Wycombe in the game. To the manager and board please sign him up he is too good to let go.

Barnsley as a football club are obviously struggling to survive at the moment with severe financial problems – I really hope as everyone does they manage to survive – nobody likes seeing a football club going to the wall- unfortunately with the aftermath of the ITV Digital collapse there are going to be more and more clubs finding themselves in this position.

A tough draw in the 1st Round of the FA Cup at home to Brentford on Nov. 16th-lets hope we can start with a good win.

Another mid-week away game in the second round of the LD Vans Trophy against Cheltenham on Tuesday November 12th.

Our next away game is next Saturday against Huddersfield- please contact Colin Butler on 01494-536270 or Kevin Brown on 01494-883013 to book your seat on the WWISC coach or call at our stall in Hillbottom Road. The coach will be leaving Lillys Walk at 8.15am and Wycombe Six at 8.30am.

Lets hope by today we have climbed further up the table and that we can continue climbing by getting a further 3 points against Swindon this afternoon.

IAN

Hello and welcome once again to Adams Park for today's game with Swindon Town. The last time I wrote for this programme was for the Chesterfield game, so hopefully everything went well with that game and there were no problems.

Last time out, I mentioned the new Park and Ride service we started at the Dashwood Arms, Near Piddington. Today is the first opportunity for that service to be utilised, so hopefully a good number of you will have made your way to this game by that bus. With the pub being the focal point of the service, this presents an ideal opportunity for supporters to enjoy a pre-match drink and/or meal at their own leisure away from the hurley-burley of Adams Park. A single-decker coach leaves from outside the pub at 2-00pm, taking supporters to the ground. After the game, the same coach leaves as soon after the final whistle as possible, returning supporters to the pub for around 5-30pm. This service costs £2 for adults and £1 for children/OAPs. For details on The Dashwood Arms, please ring Gary Dickson on (01494) 881330.

Still continuing is the Park and Ride service from the Cressex cinema car park. Buses leave at 1-45pm and 2-15pm and prices are still £2 for adults and £1 for children/OAPs, although we may well be running one-off promotional prices in the near future as we tinker with the system to find out what works and what doesn't. If you have any advice, suggestions or comments, please contact me on (01494) 472100 or e-mail at andrew.gardner@wycombewanderers.co.uk

ers.co.uk. Your suggestions really do count, and without them we cannot improve the current arrangements, so please do not hesitate in getting in touch.

The game with Peterborough saw our new cycle rack put into use for the first time – it was extremely encouraging that several of took advantage of the offers in place surrounding this facility. In fact, consistent use of the cycle rack can be worth £100 in WWFC vouchers, so it is well worthwhile looking into. For the exact details of the gifts available to you for using the cycle rack, please log on to our website, www.wycombewanderers.co.uk.

Remember the travel questionnaire we threw at you after the Plymouth game? Well we followed that up by asking all our members, VPs and every other regular at the ground to fill in the questionnaire too. We now have hundreds of responses and I am in the process of compiling the results. Thank-you all for your support in this project, hopefully your responses will help us in our on-going discussions with Wycombe District Council.

Finally, the Open Residents Meeting has been re-arranged for Monday, 18th November at 7-30pm in the Vere Suite, here at Adams Park. I hope you can attend because it is crucial that you, the supporters, are actively involved in the future of the club.

I hope you enjoy today's game, hopefully the Blues can produce a performance as strong as at Cardiff, only this time claim the points!

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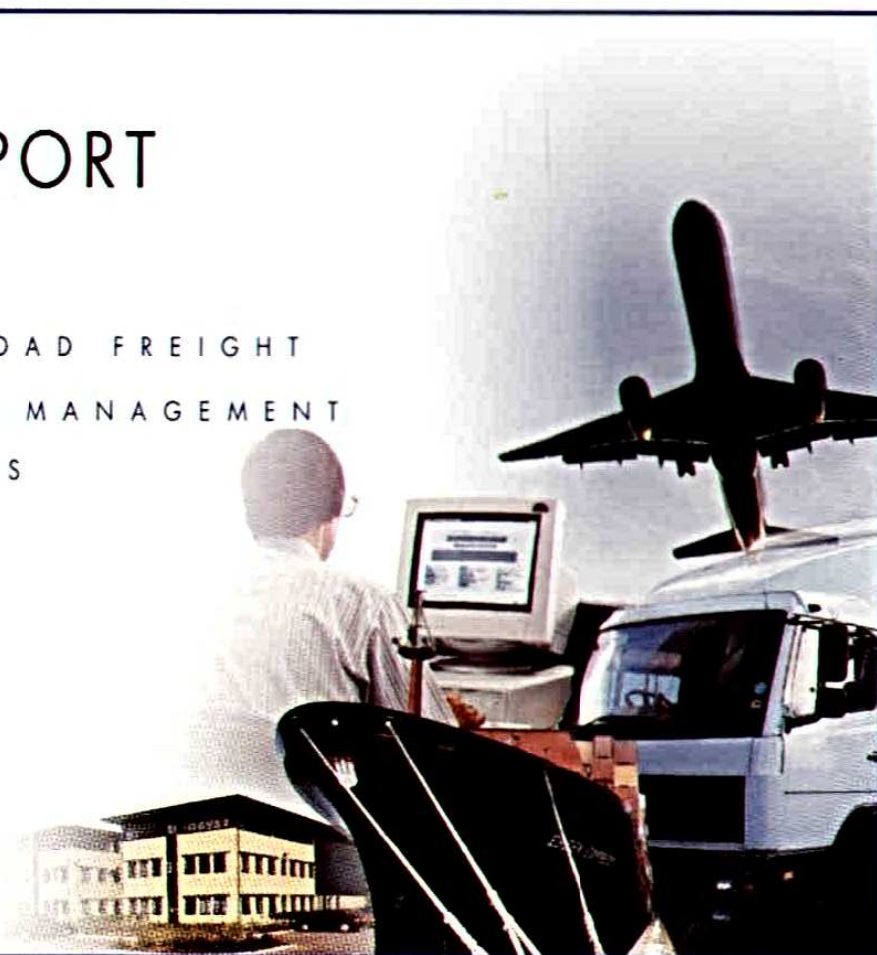
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