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## Today's Mascot

A warm welcome to today's mascot, Thomas Head, aged eight years old. Thomas attends Highworth Northview School and he supports Chelsea - with his favourite players being Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Sam Parkin. He also enjoys playing computer games, and watching Swindon. *Enjoy your day Thomas!*





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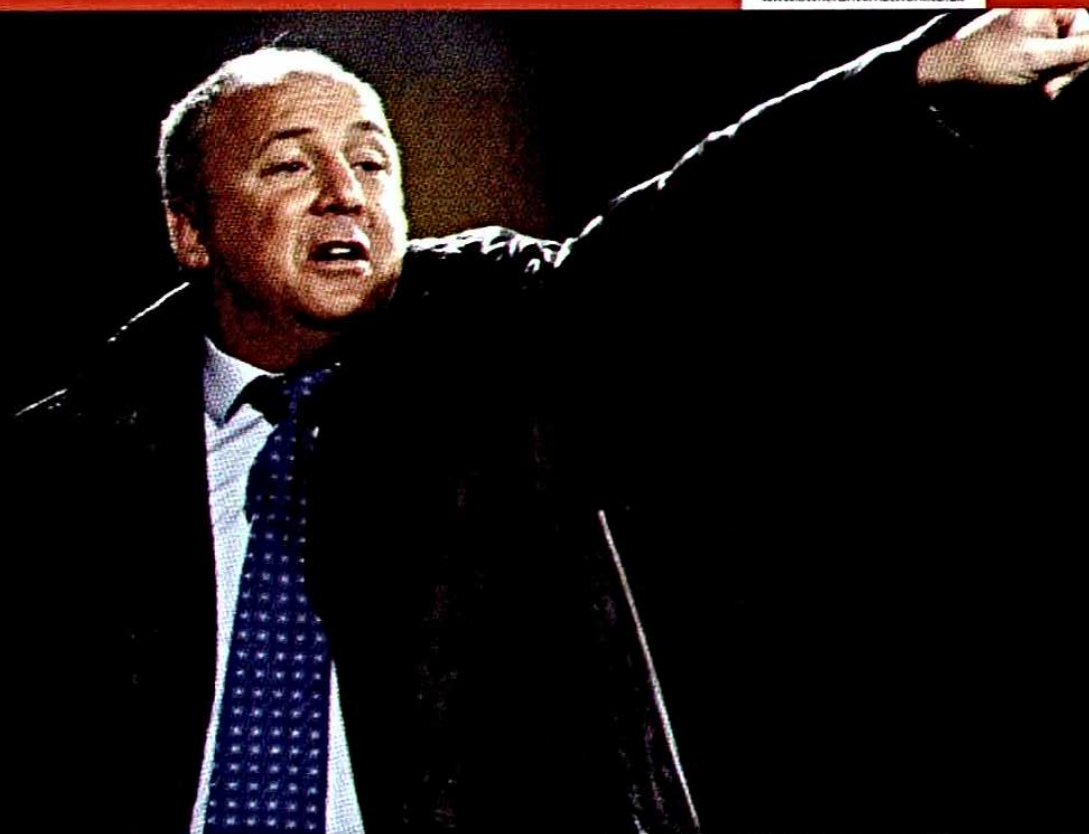
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# THE GAFFER

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**WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING AN ABSENCE OF TWO WEEKS. I MUST SAY IT'S NICE TO BE BACK, ESPECIALLY AFTER WHAT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL TIME ON THE ROAD FOR US.**

Today we entertain a Tranmere side looking to return to Division One. Of late results have been slightly inconsistent for them, but then that is the very nature of this league and there are very few teams that will string good results together week in week out. With that said it will be a tough encounter, we failed to beat them last time around and we know that they are a very difficult side to beat. May I wish Ray, his management team, directors, supporters and players a safe return after the game.

As for our own form, well things have taken a turn for the better in the last two weeks – and that's with the players working under enormous constraints. As you know, the players had not been paid (hopefully that will have been rectified by the time you read this) and so to string three wins together in four games, having gone behind twice, shows just how hard they're working at the moment. I am pleased for them more than anything because they have shown tremendous determination and effort and they deserve all the success they get. However, if they want to keep winning and reaping the rewards, they must continue to work hard in order to get something out of today's game.



# THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Last week's win, which was thoroughly deserved, shows just how well we can play when at the top of our game. Unfortunately, we nearly paid the price for some silly defensive errors and if I had to criticise the lads – then that would be it. We have given away too many silly goals recently and we must cut them out if we are going to climb the table. It was a great team performance and without wanting to single any one person out – Sam took his goals magnificently. But it was a great collective effort and the lads have been absolutely magnificent.

Last week's win also showed just what good support can do for us. At both Notts County and Wycombe, the fans that travelled with us were absolutely magnificent. At Wycombe in particular it was almost as if they were willing the ball to go in and if we can create that kind of atmosphere here at the County Ground – then it could really help us. You saw how the players responded last week – let's see if we can do that here this week because it really is like having an extra man out there.

Next week sees the return of the FA Cup to the County Ground, Huddersfield the visitors. The FA Cup always lifts everyone at the club and this year will be no different. If we can get as many people in the ground as possible, then hopefully together we can ensure a place in round two – the financial benefits, not to mention the excitement would be considerable to us all.

Until next time, thanks for your support and I'll see you next week.



# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



## WELL, WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES AND SINCE MY LAST NOTES, OUR LEAGUE POSITION SEEMS TO HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY.

Last week's win at Wycombe ended what was a profitable week for us following the results against Mansfield and Notts County, yet when we went 2-1 down there was a real sense of 'here we go again'. But we fought back, dug in and got the result we thoroughly deserved. It was great because, to be honest, we should have won at Notts County comfortably, and had we come away from Wycombe without three points as well I think the lads would have felt very hard done by. But we dominated for 70-80 minutes and realistically, could have won comfortably by three or four goals. In the end Sam's popped up with another couple of goals and there is no stopping him at the moment, he is a natural goalscorer and is very cool in the box – but overall it was a great team

effort. From the back to the front, everyone kept going and to be honest, even the fans played a huge part because they didn't stop singing – even when we went a goal down towards the end.

What it now means is that we've gone four games without a defeat (if you include the LDV win against Southend) and hopefully that will continue today. Winning, just like losing, becomes a habit and the longer we can keep going the better. Not only will our confidence improve but also our league position.

Get behind the lads like you did last week and with a bit of luck we'll get another three points in the bag. See you next Saturday.



**DICK MACKEY**

The Treatment Room has been relatively busy this week, with five players in for treatment. Firstly, Danny Invincible has experienced pain with his wisdom teeth and we are keeping a close eye on his situation. At the time of going to print it is too early to say whether he will be available for today's match or not.

Sam Parkin was involved in an accidental clash with Craig Farr in training on Tuesday afternoon and came straight back to the club for treatment. He received a knock to the inside of his knee and we are optimistic, but again it is too early to say whether he will be fit enough to play today.

Keith O'Halloran saw a specialist on Tuesday and we are hoping to have him running by Christmas. Juan Cobian has been in with a sore foot but was expected to train on Thursday. However Nathan Edwards will not be able to train and Neil Ruddock has been down at Lilleshall this week as he continues his recovery.





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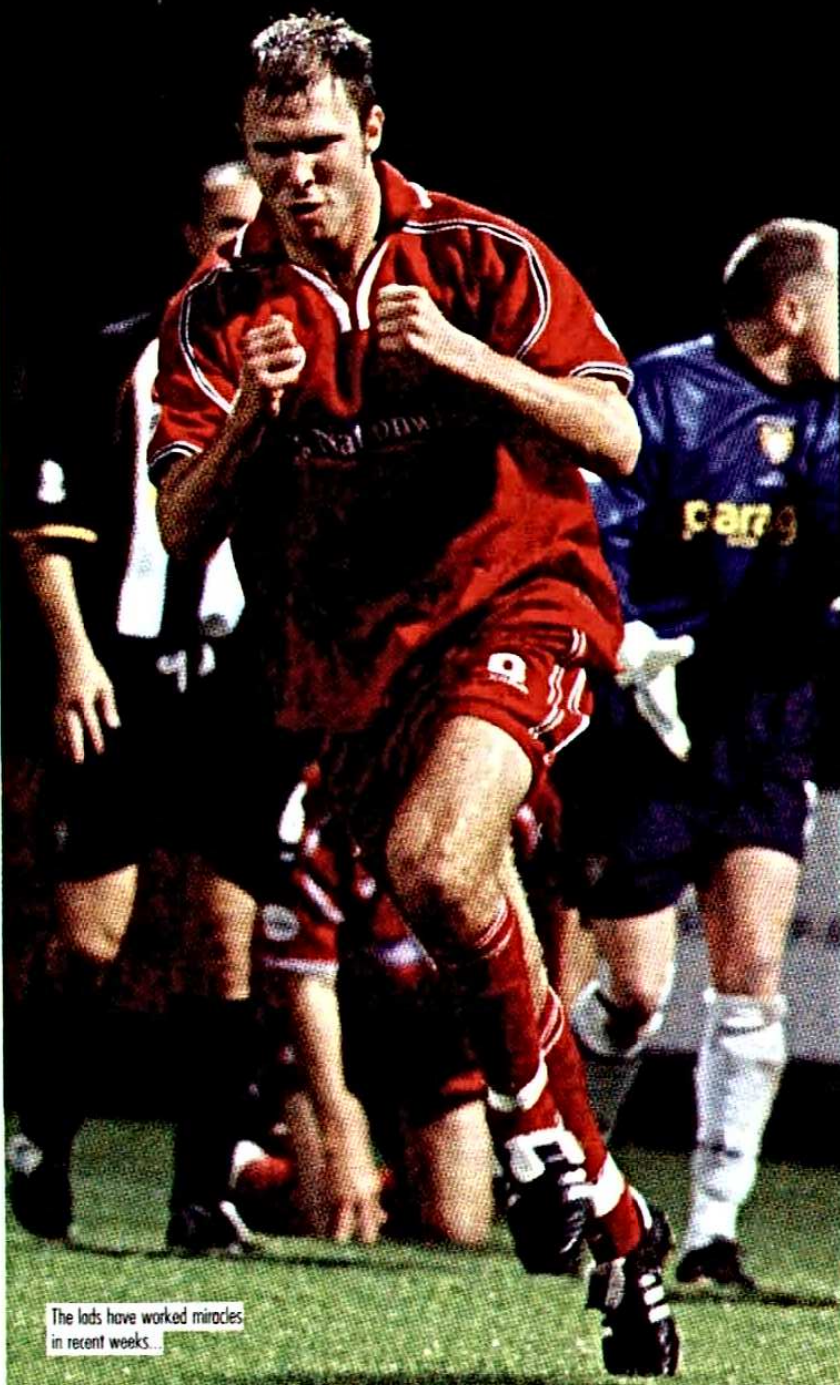


Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to everyone for today's game with Tranmere Rovers. On behalf of the board can I also welcome the directors, management, players and supporters who have made the long journey south from the Wirral.

Before I joined the club I was told there was never a dull moment at the County Ground and recent weeks have certainly been true to that sentiment. I would firstly like to congratulate Andy and all the players on their tremendous performances of the last fortnight. It must have been difficult for the players to keep their minds focused on playing whilst their salary has been late in arriving, and it is testimony to their professionalism and desire to play for this club that they produced such good performances, with the results to match, during this difficult period.

As I write these notes we are working hard to find the money to meet the player's wages and we are very hopeful that this will have been achieved. Without going into too much detail, let me try to explain why we are faced with the current financial situation:

The first two months of the season were relatively on target from a financial point of view, with no outside financial assistance required for the club to pay its way. All that changed in October. Firstly, the attendance figures fell sharply leading to a shortfall of approximately £80,000 against budgeted revenue. Additionally, we have no leeway when it comes to paying Inland Revenue related bills. Because of our financial past we must make sure these payments are made as they fall due, otherwise we face the very real prospect of the CVA being challenged, with the grave consequences that would bring. And lastly, we are now faced with an increase in salaries as the personnel previously employed and salaried by Dunwoody Sports Marketing



## MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

transfer back to Swindon Town FC's payroll.

The delay in finding the additional funds to pay the player's salaries is because before any monies are made available on this occasion, our investors want to be satisfied that we have our forward costs under control. This particularly affects us when we

have long-term contracts that the club cannot afford given the current revenues we are generating from the various methods available to us. My intention is that the club can stand on its own two feet without needing continual third-party funding and that means we will have to take a hard view at our forward costs and make them even more manageable.



# THE WEEK THAT WAS



**30.10.02**

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE AGRESS NEW DEAL

The Football League has agreed a highlights package for the next two seasons with ITV, which will enable supporters to see action from The Nationwide Football League, Worthington Cup and LDV Vans Trophy on terrestrial screens. The agreement will see highlights and goals from all three divisions screened on a regional basis on ITV, both on Sunday afternoons and in midweek. It also provides for additional coverage of The Worthington Cup, including highlights of the Final in all regions.

**01.11.02**

## 92 TEAM CHALLENGE

To help raise money for this years BBC Children In Need campaign, four intrepid journalists are to set off from their Middlesbrough base and attempt to visit every football league ground in the country - within two days! Their route takes them from Darlington to Premiership side Middlesbrough via 90 other grounds. The route is estimated to take 52 hours, but they will be aiming to set a new record in beating that time. Their epic journey runs from Wednesday 13th to Friday 17th November and they will be visiting the County Ground along the way. They will be collecting items from STFC that will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the BBC Children In Need Appeal.

**01.11.02**

## GREENHAMS STAND UNVEILED

Swindon Town FC are delighted to announce that Newbury based company, Greenham, will be the new sponsor of the Town End. Greenham Operations Director, Mike King, is a keen follower of football and has visited many grounds on his travels. However he has been impressed by the hospitality and has decided to sponsor the stand to promote Greenham as well as showing the company's support for the club. Mike King said: 'Having followed football for years, visiting most grounds, we have found the hospitality at Swindon Town to be the best we have come across. I would certainly recommend the matchday experience to any business.'

**03.11.02**

## YOUNGSTERS RECEIVE WARM WELCOME

Two Swindon Town First Team Players were at The County Ground last Thursday for children's Half-Term week.

Eric Sabin and Stefani Miglioranza were in the Club shop from 2.00pm signing autographs and posing for photos with fans. The Club Shop also ran a promotion where they offered 10% discount on anything purchased which had been signed by one of the players. Juan Cobian, Nathan Edwards and Kieth O'Halloran did the same thing on the Wednesday - look out for more special days in the future.



**04.11.02**

## DEBENHAM'S LAUNCH

Swindon Town FC are delighted to announce that, from last Monday, Debenhams will be stocking STFC merchandise in their town centre store. Amongst items on sale will be home and away kits as well as leisurewear and other squad products. Debenham's can be found in The Parade in the town centre. The Swindon Town FC Online Clubshop is currently being revamped with a new system being set-up and installed to enable a better facility on offer for online shopping too.

**06.11.02**

## MAGIC NUMBER

Following a meeting on Tuesday with the Evening Advertiser and Trust STFC Chairman Tony Norris, [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) can bring you details of a promotion which will be in place for today's game. One promotion discussed was to reward the 5,500th person through the turnstiles for today's match against Tranmere Rovers. The Club have decided to offer a free half season ticket, worth up to £225, to one lucky supporter.



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## SWINDON TOWN 2

PARKIN 21, SABIN 46

## MANSFIELD TOWN 1

LAWRENCE 2

The anti-Andy King fraternity were quietened by Town's second win within a week - Eric Sabin scoring the winning goal with a neat finish just after half time following Sam Parkin's first half equaliser. And whilst Town climbed just one place in the league, the victory certainly took the pressure off the former Mansfield boss.

Unfortunately the small minority in the Town End continued to berate Andy King and even began to argue amongst themselves whilst the vast majority of the 4,136 crowd got behind King and his men as they notched their first win of the month against a poor Mansfield side.

It wasn't quite as entertaining as the rout against Southend three days earlier, but it was a case of 'job done' for Swindon as they put four points between themselves and the visitors and in doing so, leapfrogged Peterborough in the table. There were changes from the side that beat the Shrimpers in the week; Sabin, Reeves and Hewlett returned to the starting line-up whilst Willis, Edds and Invincible had to make do with a place on the bench.

However, it was the visitors that struck first blood, Liam Lawrence seizing on a poor clearance from Bart Griemink following Reeves' back pass. The youngster curled a clever left footed shot into the empty net much to the dismay of the Dutchman, who must have thought lightning had struck twice following his antics against Colchester.

On nine minutes Eric Sabin headed straight at Van Heusden before Hewlett's teasing cross was deflected over a Town corner.

The deserved equaliser came on 19 minutes. A long ball from Johnny Jackson was controlled by Sam Parkin who neatly rounded the 'keeper and fired into the top corner of the net. It should have been two three minutes later, Miglioranzi forcing Van

Heusden into a save from a fierce left foot drive. Town started to exert their influence on the game and to be honest, The Stags rarely threatened Town's half let alone their goal.

Just before the half hour mark Jackson sent in a wicked cross only to find no-one in the box to finish it off before Reeves saw his close range header tipped over. A minute later and it was Heywood on the end of Davis's cross, he too couldn't head home from close range.

On 30 minutes Gurney saw a long-range effort find Van Heusden's hands before Heywood headed over again from another Davis corner. On 34 minutes Van Heusden was called into action again, this time by his own player following Hewlett's surging run. It took a full stretch save to prevent the ball from going in, however, in pushing the ball round the post the 'keeper did enough to keep the scores level at half-time.

If Town were after a perfect start to get them going in the second half then it was provided by in-form striker, Eric Sabin. The Frenchman seized a poor back pass and showed great composure in rounding the 'keeper before slotting the ball home into the empty net. Town's players carried on regardless of the antics of the Town End and Johnny Jackson was unlucky not to extend Town's lead when his shot was blocked following Sabin's incisive through ball. At the other end Mansfield scared Town with a rare attack and Lawrence came close again, his shot was flicked into Griemink's hands by Craig Disley on the goal line. Four minutes later and Lawrence came close again, this time he cut inside from the right before hitting the post.

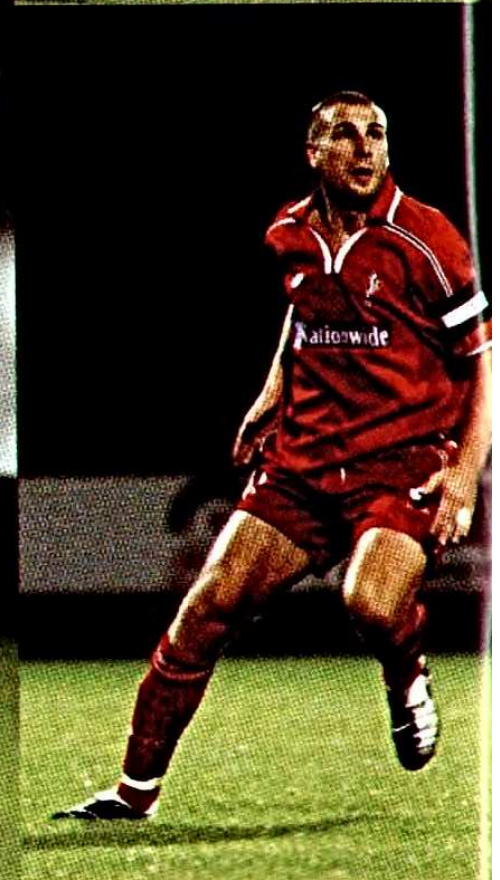
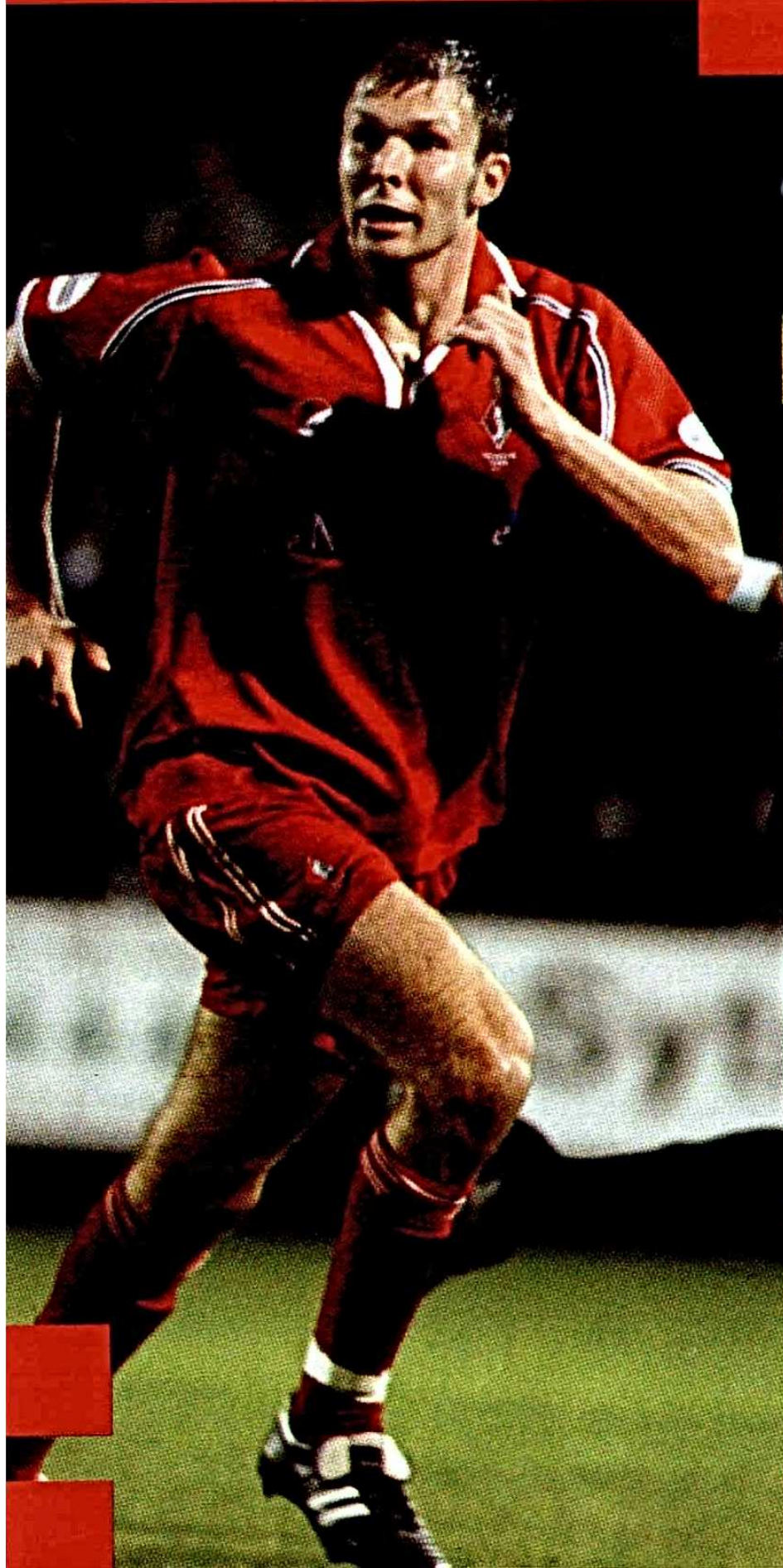
Unfortunately the game became rather stale, events off the field contriving to affect those on it. However, Eric came close once more before the final whistle when he headed wide from Jimmy Davis's cross.

**TOWN:** Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Hewlett, Miglioranzi (Robinson 77), Jackson, Davis (Invincible 77), Parkin, Sabin **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Willis.

**MANSFIELD:** Van Heusden, Clarke, Moore, Lever, Vaughan, Disley, MacKenzie (Corden 56), Williamson, Lawrence, Little, Sellars **Subs not used:** Jason White, Hurst, Holyoak, Bacon.



# MATCH





## NOTTS COUNTY 1

BOLLAND 76

## SWINDON TOWN 1

PARKIN 32

Andy King made two changes to the side that started against Mansfield with Steve Robinson and Danny Invincible returning to the side in place of Jimmy Davis and Stefani Miglioranza.

On what was a cold and misty night Town began the match brightly and a Johnnie Jackson free kick was headed away from danger with just two minutes on the clock. Eric Sabin also started the game well with the Frenchman showing confidence and composure on the ball. On eleven minutes Sabin played in Sam Parkin and after cutting inside his man, the former Chelsea man saw his left foot shot blocked on the edge of the box.

The home side then began to slowly make their mark on the game and had a good spell of possession that culminated in a cross that was easily gathered by Bart Griemink in front of the travelling contingent from Wiltshire. Danny Allsop then hit a shot on the half volley that flew just over the Dutchman's upright as County edged into the game. Eric Sabin carved out a goal scoring chance for Town on 21 minutes when he cut inside his man in the area, but wanted too much time to get his shot away and the ball was cleared. Steve Robinson, playing against the club he supported as a boy, was influential in midfield and played an acutely angled ball through to Sabin and the Frenchman raced clear down the right only to see his cross turned out for a corner. The resulting centre by Jackson was headed goal wards by Alan Reeves but the ball was cleared off the line having been well stopped by Garden in the County goal, who continues to deny ex-Town player Steve Mildenhall a first team start this season. Eric Sabin was at the centre of things again on 24 minutes when his glancing header, following a Jackson corner, rattled the County bar as Town looked to break the home side down.

On 31 minutes Heffernan edged past Duke as the 18-yard box approached, but the Scot put in an excellently timed cover tackle to save a near certain goal for the Magpies. Just two minutes later Town scored their first away goal since August to take the lead. Johnnie Jackson crossed low into the box and after Invincible's

shot was blocked, the ball fell to Parkin who swept his eighth goal of the season calmly past Garden. Town ran out for the second half unchanged as they looked to build on their first half lead. With this in mind, Eric Sabin rampaged into the County half following a cross field Hewlett ball, cut inside his man before bending the ball not quite like Beckham, but just past Garden's upright. On 53 minutes Sabin was guilty of missing a golden chance. Captain Gurney crossed from deep and the ball fell to the Frenchman who could only plant his header firmly into the stand from just seven yards out when perhaps he should have scored to seal the points. Notts County boss Billy Dearden made his second change of the night when he took off Allsop and brought on Marcel Cas on the hour mark – a move that proved to be the catalyst to Notts County's revival. On 63 minutes Bart Griemink had to be on his guard to gather a Stallard cross as Bolland waited to swoop at the far post. The big Dutchman then made a superb double save two minutes later tipping a Michael Brough drive onto the post before saving a follow-up shot from Bolland.

Jimmy Davis made an entrance to the field of play on 67 minutes as King decided to take off Invincible and bring on the fresh legs of Davis to add further energy and invention to the Town cause. With 20 minutes to go Town produced the best move of the match that involved a neat interchange of passing between Davis and Parkin with a one-two presenting Davis with a clear-cut chance. The Manchester United loan player saw his shot blocked from 12 yards out.

With Swindon Town just 14 minutes away from an elusive away win, Notts County equalised. Paul Bolland was first to react following a long free kick into the box, from which the flick on was poked home past Griemink to set the scores at 1-1. On 80 minutes Bart Griemink made another good save when he palmed a low shot from substitute Marcel Cas away from danger. Alan Reeves helped to preserve a point when he made an excellent tackle on Heffernan as the front man set his sights on goal just inside the area.

**NOTTS COUNTY:** Garden, Ramsden (Stone 34), Fenton, Richardson, Nicholson, Bolland, Whitley, Brough (Caskey 73), Stallard, Heffernan, Allsop (Cas 60) **Subs not used:** Mildenhall, Liburd.

**SWINDON:** Griemink, Gurney, Reeves, Heywood, Duke, Robinson, Hewlett, Jackson (Miglioranza 83), Sabin, Parkin, Invincible (Davis 68) **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Willis.



# MATCH

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## WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2

FAULCONBRIDGE 17, RAMMELL 72

## SWINDON TOWN 3

DAVIS 12, PARKIN 79, 90

There may have been just 637 Town fans at Adams Park last Saturday, but those that did weather the rain and the cold conditions were rewarded with a magnificent performance and grandstand finish as Sam Parkin struck twice in the last ten minutes to earn three well-deserved points. Andy King made just one change from the side that played so well at Notts County on Tuesday night - Jimmy Davis returning to the starting line-up in place of the ill Danny Invincible.

Wycombe had the first chance of the game when, on two minutes, Faulconbridge evaded Town's offside trap. Reeves managed to get a tackle in on the former Wrexham striker and in doing so, gave the home side the first corner of the game. Faulconbridge then headed over the Town goal from the cross, the ball bouncing off the surface and over the bar. On ten minutes Faulconbridge's glancing header went wide from a deep cross before Town took the lead. Jimmy Davis latched onto a Parkin flick and slotted the ball past Talia into the bottom right hand corner of the net. Jimmy Davis was involved again soon after when he was tackled on the left when he should have released following a good run from deep inside his own half.

On the 15-minute mark Darren Currie was brought down on the edge of the Town area although it looked like a good tackle to those behind the Town goal. Bulman's subsequent shot was deflected from the free kick. A minute later and Faulconbridge equalised for the home side with a close range header following a Wycombe corner; Rogers' flicking on to Faulconbridge who, unfortunately, wasn't marked at the far post. On 21 minutes Hewlett shot straight at Talia from the edge of the area following good work from Davis on the left. At the other end a Faulconbridge cross from the left (when Town's defence thought that the ball was running out of play) just eluded those in the box.

Five minutes later and Sam Parkin was free on the left inside in the area, unfortunately his pass to the oncoming run of Gurney was cleared by a Wycombe defender. On the stroke of half time Davis cut in and his shot deflected wide for Town corner, of which Parkin headed wide from Jackson's cross. Town started the second half with greater purpose and, like Tuesday, dominated proceedings without taking advantage of their superiority. On 50 minutes Talia, who was already being barracked by the Town fans behind his goal,

mis-kicked the ball straight to Parkin whose first touch let him down before Jackson shot over from edge of area. Swindon continued to pile on the pressure, yet whilst they continued to dominate the game they just couldn't convert. On 56 minutes Eric Sabin won the ball in the Wycombe area before turning and angling a fierce drive just wide of the goal. Immediately afterwards and Sabin was clean through on the Wycombe goal. Unfortunately the Frenchman's first touch let him down. However the ball fell to Parkin who only had Talia to beat, but the former Swindon 'keeper did enough to block Parkin's effort.

On 71 minutes and against the run of play, Wycombe took the lead. Michael Simpson broke free on the right and his cross was converted from seven yards by Andy Rammell - the seasoned striker sliding in and converting from close range. Town continued to pile forward, this time in search of an equaliser and Invincible blazed over following Senda's slip before Talia saved at Parkin's feet following Jimmy Davis's run and subsequent through ball.

Four minutes later and just as it looked as though Town had relinquished their share of the spoils, 'Super Sammy Parkin' popped up with his ninth goal of the season. Danny Invincible latched on to a long ball on the left and sent in a great cross in which Parkin smashed home into the roof of the net. Town's faithful, who had been superb all game, jubilated - it was nothing less than they deserved. Shortly afterwards a great run from Jimmy Davis on the right found Hewlett unmarked in the box, his first touch let him down and Talia saved at his feet. At the other end Gniemink was called into action when he tipped Faulconbridge's looping header over the bar.

Just as the game was drawing to a close Sam struck again with a last minute winner. Jimmy Davis crossed from the right hand side and Invincible's cross was parried to Parkin who volleyed home into the empty net.

It was a grandstand finish but deserved nonetheless. Town had dominated the second half and this win means that they've lost just once in the last six games. All credit to Andy King, the lads and the fans who played their part in a famous team victory!

**WYCOMBE:** Talia, Senda, Thomson, Rogers, Vinnicombe, Currie (Cook 64), Ryan, Bulman (Brown 69), Simpson, Faulconbridge, Rammell (Johnson 84) **Subs not used:** Dixon, Harris

**SWINDON:** Gniemink, Heywood, Gurney, Reeves, Davis, Robinson, Jackson, Hewlett, Duke, Parkin, Sabin (Invincible 68) **Subs not used:** Edds, Willis, Miglioranza, Farr



## SWINDON TOWN 1

YOUNG

## READING 1

**STFC line-up:** Farr, Edds, Hughes (Taylor C 80), Collins, Willis, Halliday, Herring, Dykes, Young (Pook 84), Bampton, Fenwick **Subs:** Smith (GK), Cheeseman, Pook, Taylor D, Taylor C

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# IN RESERVE



## RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S RESERVE SIDE ENTERTAINED READING AT THE COUNTY GROUND LAST WEDNESDAY; A BATTLING SECOND HALF PERFORMANCE EARNING MALCOLM CROSBY'S SIDE A POINT AGAINST A STRONG ROYALS' XI.

However, it took Reading just eleven minutes to take the lead when a 60-yard cross-field pass from Smith found Sammy Igoe who crossed to find Nathan Tyson. The youngster headed in from close range to put the Royals ahead.

Visiting 'keeper Jamie Ashdown was called into action at the other end when he palmed away a powerful drive from Town, but during the resulting goalmouth melee, no Swindon player could turn the ball home. A minute later Alan Young bent a free kick round the wall but straight at Ashdown who did well to hold onto the ball in the wet conditions. At the other end David Bampton nearly scored at the wrong end as he forced a cross against his own bar and over for a corner, which was subsequently cleared.

Gareth Edds made a good run down the right hand side on the half hour mark and his deep cross found Adam Willis who powerfully headed straight into the arms of Ashdown. Andre Fashanu looked strong in possession for Reading and he laid the ball on for Mackie who shot high and wide from just outside the area minutes later. The first half finished with Reading looking the stronger side with spells of passing football to keep Town at a distance.

Town drew level just seven minutes into the second half. A poor clearance by Ashdown found Alan Young 25 yards out who coolly side footed the ball into the empty net to equalise for Town. The visitors then had a goal disallowed on 55 minutes before Farr got down well to his right to save well from Andre Fashanu once more. Daren Dykes then turned well on the edge of the area, but his final effort flew harmlessly into the vocal youngsters in the Town End. Dykes had a much easier chance on 74 minutes when Kevin Halliday chipped the ball into the box onto the head of Dykes who saw his header crash off the crossbar to keep the scores at 1-1. Swindon were worthy of their point after a hard fought second half which saw several players leave the field injured. Reading performed well but Town can be happy with their display and now look to the home match against Plymouth this week.

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

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# MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2002

## SWINDON TOWN 3

FENWICK, MCKAY, TAYLOR

## BOURNEMOUTH 2

**STFC line-up:** Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Luke Garrard, Chris Taylor, Michael Pook, Justyn Mckay, Mark Draycott, Mark Fenwick, Chris Hughes, Mark Jones. **Subs:** David Stroud.

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# UNDER 19'S



## UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S UNDER 19S BRAVED THE HORRENDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS LAST WEEKEND AND OVERCAME A SPIRITED BOURNEMOUTH SIDE, CHRIS TAYLOR EARNING ALL THREE POINTS IN THE DYING MOMENTS.

The conditions were great for football and Town adapted to the wet surface from the kick-off and they encamped themselves in the visitors' half. A succession of corners brought no reward and against the run of play, Bournemouth broke away and opened the scoring. The visitors' left winger cut in from the left-hand side and sent a powerful shot past Steve Smith in the Town goal.

Despite the setback Town continue to press forward and Mark Fenwick equalised shortly before the break.

At the interval Viv Busby asked for greater effort further up the field, Town apparently not closing Bournemouth down in the visitors' half and his team talk appeared to work wonders, Town on fire from the kick-off. Chris Hughes gave the ball to Mark Draycott who, after a bit of magic, supplied a cross for Justyn Mackay to slot home.

Town were looking comfortable, yet whilst it looked as though the points were safe they then gave a way a series of silly free kicks in and around their own area. Unfortunately Bournemouth made the most of the pressure and the same player stood tall again when he rifled home a fierce free kick to make it 2-2.

With Bournemouth back in the game and hungry for three points, they started to push Town back onto the back foot. However, Town broke away with minutes remaining and Fenwick's cross was converted by Chris Taylor who slid in for the winning goal.

Viv Busby, talking after the game, was pleased by the win and said, "It was a 'bitty' performance and to be fair, Bournemouth gave us a very good game. But we came through it, kept going until the end and got what we deserved."

The under 18's were supposed to be in action in the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday night, unfortunately the game was called off due to the wet weather.

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

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## 20 QUESTIONS





TEN GOALS IN JUST FIFTEEN STARTS FOR TOWN HAS MEANT SAM PARKIN IS THE NEW DARLING OF THE COUNTY GROUND FAITHFUL. CHRIS TANNER CAUGHT UP WITH THE CHIRPY LONDONER AND ASKED HIM 20 OF THE FINEST.

**1. DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?**

I have never really had one, but a few of the lads are taking the mick with 'Super Sam' at the moment.

**2. WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT OTHER THAN SWINDON?**

It has to be QPR. I was a season ticket holder up until I was about 16, when I was an apprentice at Chelsea so had to stop going.

**3. WHAT IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS RUMOUR YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF?**

When I was 19 and out on loan, I read that QPR were going to pay £500,000 for me!

**4. WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU FOLLOW APART FROM FOOTBALL?**

I like to play tennis and watching the big golf tournaments.

**5. WHAT TOPICS OF CONVERSATION, OTHER THAN FOOTBALL, FLY AROUND THE DRESSING ROOM?**

Just the usual dressing room banter, discussing how the lads spent their Saturday evenings.

**6. ANY IDEAS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU FINISH PLAYING?**

If I have enough money, I would like to own my own bar or restaurant. That is my aim.

**7. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?**

I have turned into a bit of a film buff at the moment. 'Jacko' (Johnnie Jackson) has got me into the Sopranos so I would have to say watching films.

**8. WHO DO YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO AS A PLAYER?**

I have always admired Teddy Sheringham. Both of us are not the quickest players.

**9. ANY HEROES ON OR OFF THE PITCH?**

When I was growing up Les Ferdinand was a role model for me. He was my first real 'hero' and has done well in the game.

**10. HARDEST OPPONENT YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST?**

Dean Richards. I came up against him in the Reserves at Chelsea. Having said that I was glad Paul McCarthy wasn't playing for Wycombe last Saturday - he is a good player.

**11. CAREER HIGHS AND LOWS?**

Making my debut on loan at Millwall and scoring a couple of goals was nice, but probably the opening day hat trick here at The County Ground. I would have to say my career low is being told I was surplus to requirements at Chelsea, which was a blow.

**12. MOST EXPENSIVE ITEM YOU HAVE EVER BOUGHT?**

Probably my digital video camera.

**13. TEAM YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO BEAT THIS SEASON?**

Northampton at Sixfields.

**14. WHO WAS THE BEST PLAYER AT CHELSEA?**

Gianfranco Zola. He was brilliant off the pitch with the younger players and a genuine nice guy.

**15. ANY BIZARRE FAN RUN INS?**

Not really. can't think of any so far!

**16. BEST GOAL SCORED SO FAR?**

My best goal came last year for Wycombe at the Riverside against Middlesbrough. I hit a volley past Mark Schwarzer which flew in.

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

I like Indie at the moment so Coldplay, The Charlatans and the Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

**18. WHAT CAR DO YOU DRIVE?**

Volkswagen Golf

**19. WHAT WILL THE TOWN SCORE BE TODAY, AND WHO WILL SCORE?**

I think we will win 3-1 with Danny, myself and Matt Hewlett on the score sheet.

**20. SAM'S PREDICTIONS FOR THE REST OF THE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES:**

Barnsley	1-2	Cardiff
Blackpool	0-1	Wigan
Colchester	1-2	Bristol City
Crewe	2-0	Brentford
Huddersfield	1-0	Wycombe
Luton	3-1	Port Vale
Notts County	2-0	Mansfield
Peterborough	2-2	Chesterfield
Plymouth	3-2	Oldham
Q P R	3-1	Northampton
Stockport	3-0	Cheltenham
SWINDON	3-1	Tranmere

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## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

SWINDON TOWN'S CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE WERE IN ACTION LAST THURSDAY - THE UNDER 9S, 10S, 11S AND 13S ALL PLAYING AS A RESULT OF THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

The games took place at Town's Wanborough-based training ground and whilst the 9s, 10s and 11s played teams from Gloucestershire's mini soccer league, the under 13s played a Brazilian Soccer School from Cheltenham (pictured).

Jim Fraser, who watched the youngsters with Viv Busby, explained the purpose of the day's games. "We have been in contact with the teams from Gloucester for some time, whilst the Brazilian Soccer School is a relatively new contact. By playing these teams we get to see a large number of players from outside the Swindon area. Not only that but it's another game for our kids and we like to put them into game situations as often as possible. With it being half term the kids often just waste their week off. With us they get a game of football and they get the opportunity to put the skills they've learnt in training into a game situation. It also gives the coaches some idea of what they've learnt and what they still need to work on.

"Thankfully the rain held off for them and the parents came and supported the teams, it was a great day. All the lads worked hard and some of the football on display was absolutely fantastic."

The under 15s were in action on the Friday of the same week, playing Southampton at Wanborough. Unfortunately, despite taking the lead, Town were beaten 4-3 by the Premiership club. As for the weekend fixtures - they were casualties of the horrendous weather last weekend.

The weekend the 12s and 13s are at home Torquay, whilst the 14s and 15s travel down to play the same side. The u9s, 10s and 11s will be training at Wanborough.

### FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER

#### NOVEMBER 3

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

#### NOVEMBER 10

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

#### NOVEMBER 17

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

#### NOVEMBER 24

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

#### NOVEMBER 24

FREE WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS





MERSEYSIDE IS BUZZING AT THE MOMENT. WITH LIVERPOOL AT THE TOP OF THE PREMIERSHIP AND EVERTON IN THE TOP SIX, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE FOOTBALLING HOTBED IS DESTINED FOR A RETURN TO THE GOOD TIMES.

## TODAY'S VISITORS

## TRANMERE ROVERS



Prenton Park, home of Tranmere Rovers

### THIS SEASON

**Ins:** Kevin Gray (Huddersfield), Shane Nicholson (Sheff Utd), Keith Welch (Northampton), Ian Feuer (Wimbledon), Gary Jones (Nottm Forest), Sean Connelly (Wolves)

**Outs:** Steve Yates (Sheff Utd), Clint Hill (Oldham), Joe Murphy (West Brom), Alan Morgan (Doncaster), Wayne Allison (Sheff Utd), Sean Flynn (Kidderminster), Jason Koumas (West Brom), Ian Feuer (Wolves)

**Odds for promotion:** 100/1  
(odds courtesy of [www.swindontown.co.uk](http://www.swindontown.co.uk))

**Last five games:** WWLDW

### LAST SEASON

**Position last year:** 12 (Division Two)

**Biggest win:** 6-1 (v Cambridge, Port Vale)

**Biggest defeat:** 0-5 (v Peterborough)

**Top scorer:** Stuart Barlow 17

**Most League apps:** Roberts 53

### HISTORY BOOK

**Formed:** 1884

**Biggest win:** 13 - 0 v Oswestry United (10/10/1914)

**Most capped player:** John Aldridge (Republic Of Ireland: 29)

**Most league goals:** Ian Muir (141: 1985/95)

**Biggest buy:** Shaun Teale £450,000

**Record against the Town:** STFC wins 17, TRFC Wins 14, Draws 15

Add to that the emergence of Wayne Rooney and the return to form of Michael Owen, it's looking pretty good for Sven Goran Eriksson too.

However, in the shadow of arguably two of the greatest clubs in the country are Tranmere Rovers who, since their relegation two years ago, are desperately trying to return to familiar surroundings – Division One.

That task appears to have been made more difficult by the departure of their best player in recent years, Jason Koumas to West Brom. Furthermore, when the club encountered a change in management just days ahead of the season's kick-off it seemed as though the club was set for a year of turmoil as opposed to the predicted promotion surge.

However, a three game unbeaten run (including an opening day 4-1 mauling against Port Vale) suggested that, like the previous year, they would be 'there or thereabouts' come the season's end. Unfortunately for Ray Mathias' men early season optimism on the field dwindled and at the time of writing, Rovers currently occupy twelfth place following last weekend's win against Plymouth.

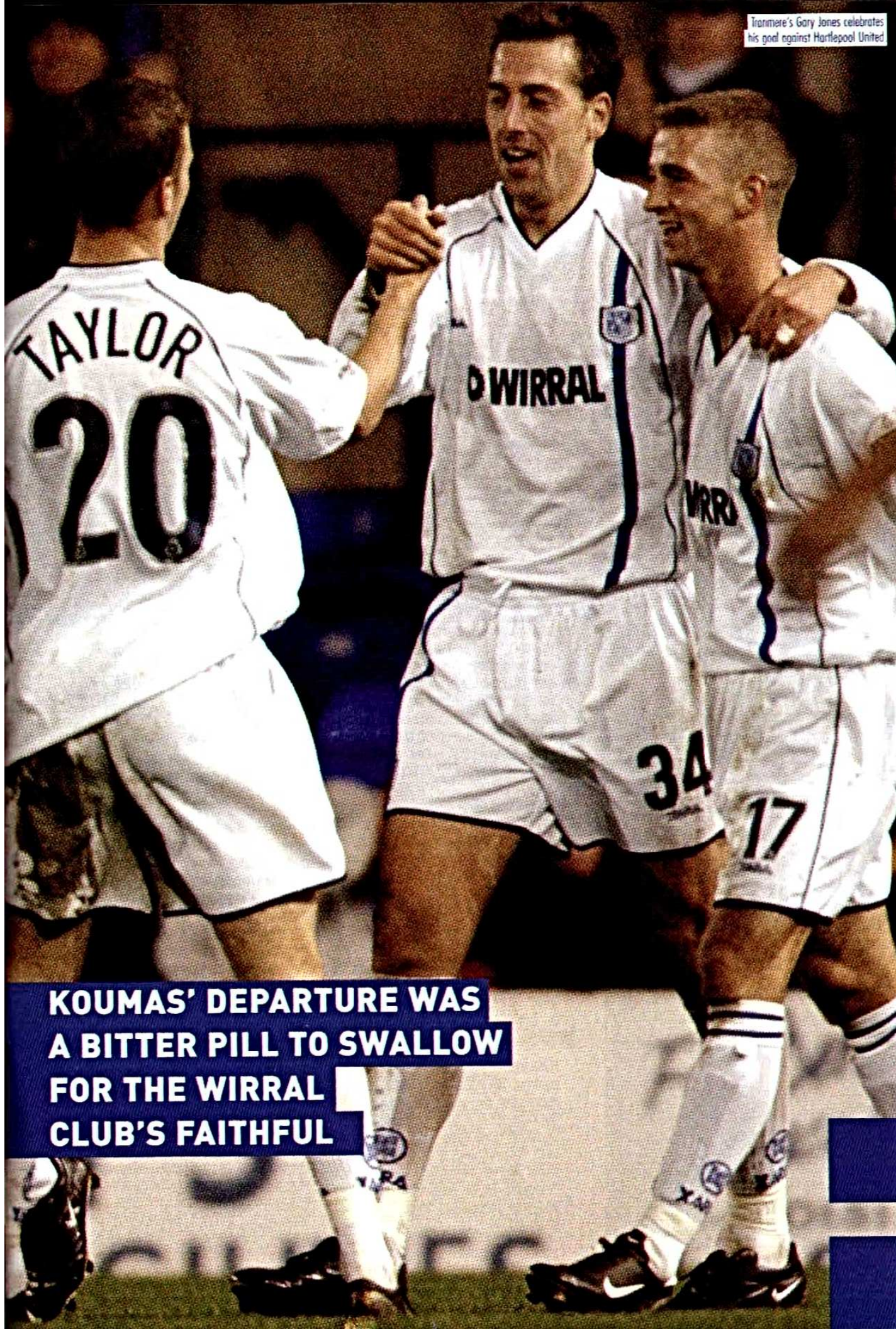
Defeats against Bristol City, Blackpool and Oldham followed in their next four games following that impressive start and slowly but surely, Tranmere started to descend down the table. A welcome break from league proceedings brought a much-deserved victory away at Hartlepool in the Worthington Cup and their league form immediately benefited, with top scorer Simon Haworth grabbing a brace in a 3-1 win over early pace-setters Brentford. Since then the Merseysiders have been on the wrong side of two 6-1 defeats against Southampton and Mansfield.

However, more recently Rovers have enjoyed a more prosperous period with back to back wins against Barnsley (league) and Hartlepool (who they've now dumped out of two cups) and last Saturday, their 2-1 win over Plymouth returned them to the top half of the league table. More importantly perhaps is that they've managed to keep two clean sheets whilst at the other end goals have been at a premium and their goals for column is still an issue. Perhaps the 5-0 demolition of Hartlepool in the LDV Vans Trophy may prove to be the catalyst they need to boost the goals for column. As long as that's after our encounter I don't mind!

Key to Rovers' success this season will be whether or not they can hang on to 'keeper John Achterberg, striker Simon Haworth and youngster Iain Hume. Koumas' departure was a bitter pill to swallow for the Wirral club's faithful, let's hope for their sake they can keep the rest of their stars.



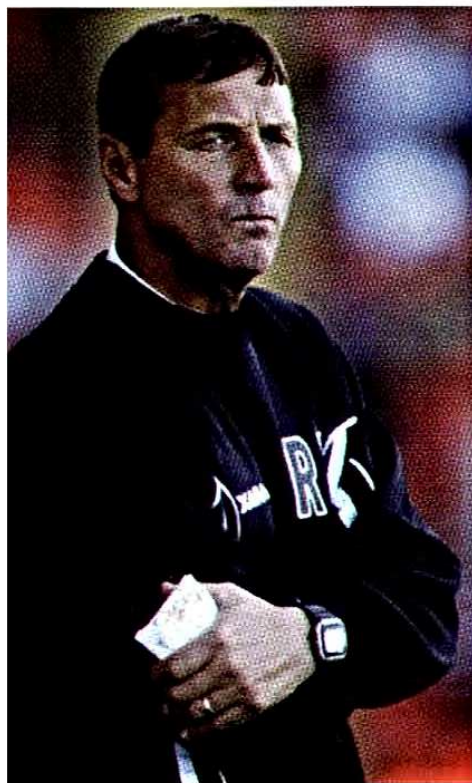
Tranmere's Gary Jones celebrates  
his goal against Hartlepool United



**KOUMAS' DEPARTURE WAS  
A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW  
FOR THE WIRRAL  
CLUB'S FAITHFUL**



## THE GAFFER



### RAY MATHIAS

Ray Mathias was appointed as the new manager of Tranmere Rovers on September 6 2002.

The former Wigan Athletic manager, who made over 600 appearances in his 17 years at Tranmere - his only professional club as a player - took over the reins at Prenton Park from Dave Watson, who had been dismissed prior to the beginning of the 2002-03 season.

#### MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Tranmere 2002-	P20	W9	L9	D2
Tranmere 2001-1	P11	W1	L7	D3
Wigan 1998-99	P62	W32	L17	D13
Wigan 1986-89	P142	W59	L50	

## THE SQUAD

### JOHN ACHTERBERG (Goalkeeper)

Tall Dutch goalkeeper signed on a two-year contract in September 1998 after impressing on an initial two-week trial. Achterberg joined Rovers on a Bosman-style free transfer. With a style not previously seen at Prenton Park, but more commonplace amongst foreign goalkeepers, Achterberg has turned out to be a real bargain signing.

### GRAHAM ALLEN (mid)

Bolton-born Graham Allen joined Rovers in part exchange as part of the Steve Simonsen deal having been unable to break through at Everton, where he had been since his YTS days. After making just six first team appearances at Goodison Park, the chance of a permanent move to Prenton Park and the opportunity of first team football was not one he was going to reject. Initially, signed on a one month loan, his move became permanent in September 1998 with Everton placing a £300,000 valuation on his head.

### SHANE NICHOLSON (def)

Shane Nicholson joined Rovers after being released from his contract with Sheffield United, ironically following their signing of Steve Yates. Predominantly a left sided defender, he has had spells at Stockport, Chesterfield, West Brom, Derby and Lincoln and has recently signed a two year contract with Tranmere.

### RYAN TAYLOR (def)

Ryan signed professional terms in the summer of 2002 after completing a successful two-year scholarship with the club. He is a right full back, who is excellent from dead balls, capable of both in-swinging and out-swinging shots rather reminiscent of David Beckham. Taylor hails from Liverpool and has progressed through Rovers youth sides



### YOUNG GUN IAIN HUME

Iain Hume became the youngest ever player to appear in a Tranmere Rovers shirt when he made his debut as a substitute against The Town in March 2000. At just 16 years and 167 days old and still registered on schoolboy forms, he beat a certain Dixie Dean's record by 192 days. After signing scholarship forms, he progressed rapidly through Tranmere's youth and reserve team sides and he ended the 1999/00 season as a regular on the substitutes bench. A fast and energetic striker with masses of potential, Hume is already a Canadian U20 international.

### MICKY MELLON (mid)

Micky Mellon rejoined Tranmere for his second spell with the club in March 2000 on a free transfer from Burnley after initially signing as a loan player. The Paisley-born midfielder had spent two years at Turf Moor, helping the Clarets into the First Division, before being told he was surplus to requirements by boss Stan Ternent.





## **!DANGER!** **SIMON HOWARTH**

(left)

Haworth joined Tranmere Rovers for £125,000 from local rivals Wigan Athletic. The 24-year-old was formerly the Latics record signing, when he joined back in 1998 for £600,000 from Coventry City. He was signed by then Manager Ray Mathias, who is obviously now in charge at Prenton Park. The Welshman began his career with his hometown club Cardiff City, where he scored 13 goals in just 40 starts. He stayed with the Bluebirds for two seasons before moving to Premiership side Coventry City for £500,000. Chances were limited for the youngster with the Sky Blues, where he stayed for just one year before being snapped up by Wigan.

## **JASON PRICE**

(mid)

Price originally joined the club as a midfielder, but is also capable of playing in defence and attack. The 24-year-old joined Rovers in November and he made his debut in the 2-1 win over QPR, following a successful three-

month spell at Brentford. A former Welsh U21 international, where he played in the same side as Gareth Roberts, Price was previously with Swansea, for six years before moving to Brentford on a short-term contract.

## **GARETH ROBERTS**

(left)

Wrexham-born Gareth Roberts initially joined Tranmere on a two-month trial during the summer of 1999 from Greek club Panionios. Having been released by Liverpool, the young defender was persuaded to move to Greece by Panionios boss Ronnie Whelan who paid just £50,000 for his services. He was rewarded with the experience of playing against Italian giants Lazio in the European Cup Winners Cup quarter-final.

## **KEVIN GRAY**

(left)

Kevin Gray completed his move from Huddersfield Town and was immediately named Club Captain by new boss Dave Watson. The 30-year-old defender joined on a free transfer, after calling an end to his eight-year spell at the McAlpine Stadium. Gray started his career at Mansfield Town in

1988 and was made captain at the age of 19, playing 170 games for the Stags before signing for Huddersfield in July 1994.

## **DANNY HARRISON**

(mid)

Central midfielder Danny Harrison is yet another product of Tranmere's highly successful youth production line. With the club since the age of 10, Harrison made his first team debut in the home defeat by Wigan Athletic in October before starting the LDV match at Oldham the following week. He signed his first professional contract during the summer of 2002.

## **AND THE REST**

Ian Sharps, Alan Navarro  
Stuart Barlow, Andy Parkinson  
Keith Welch, Richard Hinds  
Eric Nixon, Alex Hay  
James Olsen, Phillip Baker  
Jamie McGuire, Paul Robinson  
Paul Linwood, Karl Dunbar  
Shane Nicholson, Sean Connolly  
Philip Palethorpe, Gary Jones  
Russell Howarth, Chris Edwards  
Adam Proudlock.



# THEM AND US



Considered the best product of Swindon's youth programme of his generation, Paul Rideout was born in August 1964 and spent less time at the County Ground than most would have liked. Breaking into the first team while still an apprentice, Rideout was introduced to a side that desperately needed goals to halt a downward spiral destined to culminate in Division Four. Sixteen-year-old Paul made a goalscoring debut on November 29 1980, but he had already gained national attention in a televised England schoolboys match when a 30-yard screamer was included in a hat trick. He was also to represent his country at youth and U21 level but after just 95 League games and 38 goals, financial pressures led to Town

accepting a £250,000 bid from Aston Villa in June 1983.

Rideout flourished at Villa where the Bournemouth-born striker learnt from such luminaries as Gordon Cowans, Peter Withe and Mark Walters. In July 1985, Bari came calling at Villa Park and while most were not surprised that Cowans was subject to the Italians' attention, some eyebrows were raised when 20-year-old Rideout also made the continental switch. Almost 100 games and 23 goals in Serie A followed after which Paul returned home to England and Southampton to play in the same team as Matt Le Tissier, Tim Flowers and a certain Neil Ruddock. A loan period back at the County Ground in 1990/91

saw Paul add another nine games to his Swindon career and a move to Notts County may have heralded the beginning of the end of his playing days. Nothing could have been further from the truth as, after 11 games, Paul up-rooted once more and headed for Scotland where he joined Rangers. 12 games, a goal and a Championship later, a move to Goodison Park set Rideout up to score the FA Cup winning goal against Man United in 1995.

112 League games saw Rideout on the Everton team sheet, and then he decided to go traveling again. Spells at Huang Dao Van, Kansas and Shenzhen, (guess which two are in China) eventually brought him back to Tranmere where he



'THE CHIEF' WAS THE LATEST TOWN PLAYER TO MOVE UP NORTH WHEN HE SIGNED FOR TODAY'S VISITORS DURING SEPTEMBER '99. BEFORE THAT THERE WAS PAUL RIDEOUT AND STEVE PELOW AS DAVE WALLIS EXPLAINS...

Paul Rideout celebrates scoring his hat-trick goal against Southampton



made 46 League appearances to the end of 2001/02. Now 38 years old and after 540 games, Paul holds the distinction of having scored in every calendar year since 1980. How many other current players can possibly make such a claim?

Steve Peplow was a winger who played for Swindon at the turn of the 70's. Born in Liverpool in 1949, he joined the club in the red part of the city in January 1966 but made just two appearances on Merseyside before migrating south to Swindon in May 1970. Town manager Fred Ford saw the opportunity to play Steve as a foil to the opposite wing raids of Don Rogers and after initially joining on loan he was to stay in Wiltshire for three seasons, during which he was to

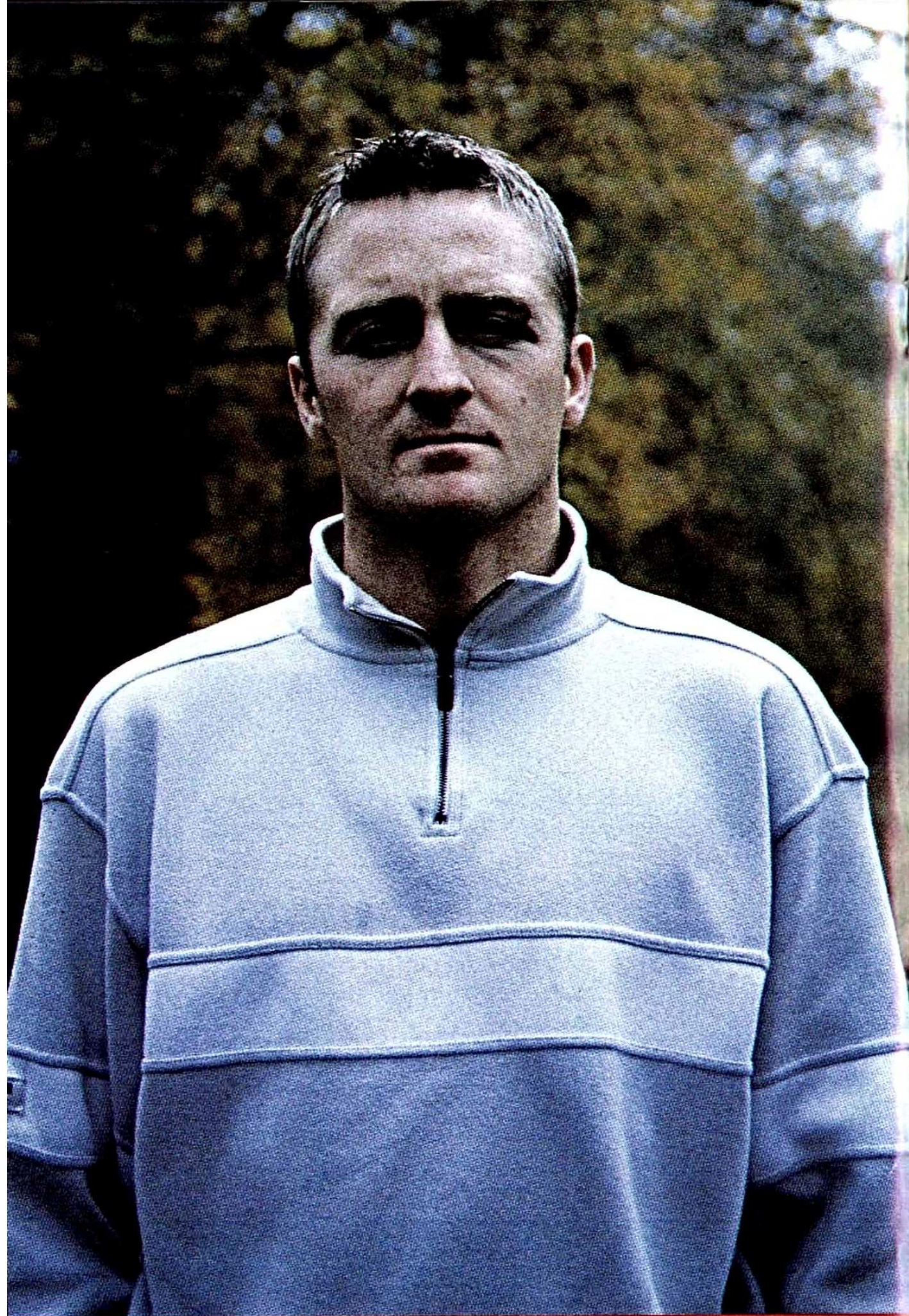
appear for Swindon on 40 occasions.

A return of 11 goals in these matches seems a healthy score for a winger, but such a total of appearances over three years perhaps disappointed Steve. Competing for a place against David Dangerfield, the sale of Rogers to Crystal Palace was followed by the arrival of Tommy Jenkins as his replacement which maintained the winger tally at the club. Looking to improve his League career appearance count Peplow made a move to Second Division rivals Nottingham Forest in July 1973. Nottinghamshire unfortunately was not the place to solve this particular problem as he took to the field just three times for Forest, and while a loan spell at

Mansfield added a further four appearances and a very respectable three goals. Steve returned to his home locale and Tranmere in January 1974.

Back on familiar stamping ground he set about making up for lost time, finally putting together the run of first team appearances that his career had lacked. Rovers, then of the Third Division, dropped into the Fourth at the end of 1974/75, but bounced straight back twelve months later. Steve made almost 250 League appearances for the Prenton Park club and scored 44 goals during spells in Division Three and Four, being released by the club at the end of 1980/81.







# AUTUMN REEVES

**BACK IN THE SIDE AND INSPIRATIONAL AT THE HEART OF TOWN'S DEFENCE IN RECENT WEEKS, NICK JUDD CAUGHT UP WITH TOWN'S 'BLACK-EYED BOY', ALAN REEVES, AND TALKED FOOTBALLING MATTERS (INCLUDING BEING ELBOWED BY ANDY RAMMELL!)**

Only November and it already feels as though it's been a long campaign for us 'Townies'. We've been both top of the table and in the bottom four, felt devastated at Cheltenham, yet jubilant at Wycombe, not to mention fragile what with the ongoing speculation and uncertainty off the field – and the season is just three months old! Yet, like many Town fans, Swindon's central defender Alan Reeves has been there and done that and having been at the County Ground for nearly four years, the current chapter in Town's chequered history comes as no surprise.

"I was here when the side went 19 games without a win – now that was a bad run!" Reeves laughs. "The club literally had to sell players back then, it really was dire straits. But back then the team seemed to expect to lose and despite our recent run this year, there has never been that feeling within this team. There really is a sense of belief in this squad and now, like the start of the season, you are getting a true sense of the character this team has, we've come from behind to win two games in the last three," he continued.

It really has been a 'Jekyll and Hyde' campaign for Town this year. Unbeaten in four, the side then lost ten in the next twelve and it wasn't until last Saturday's last-gasp win against Wycombe that King and his troops managed to add another victory making it two in three. "It was a great win, but nothing less than we deserved," Reeves commented. "We played really well against Notts County and subsequently felt confident going into the Wycombe game. Typically, we made it very hard for ourselves and despite going a goal up we let them back and gave away a couple of sloppy goals. However, we showed tremendous spirit and with the help of the fans, got back into the game, it was a great finish to what was a great performance! "But this is a funny old game, one that's all about confidence and it's a snowball effect, despite our bad run we managed to keep going and pick ourselves up. The Southend game

came at the right time and we put six past them, after that we seemed to grow in confidence and I think we honestly believe that we can go anywhere and get a result. I imagine we'll go into the Tranmere game on a high after Saturday's win – I just hope we can build a more prosperous unbeaten run than the one at the start of the season."

Reeves himself has had to contend with his own problems. As if having to vie with Adam Willis for a spot in Town's back line wasn't enough, there has also been the booing from a small minority of Town fans. It's a topic that I felt awkward about asking, but one in which Reeves answered honestly and sincerely – he has obviously been hardened by years in the Crazy Gang! "I'd be lying if I said it was nice, just ask Andy (King). Having people react like that makes life a bit more difficult, but I've been here before and I've just got to get on with it. Unfortunately, I have to put up with the fact that people are always going to be waiting for me to make the first mistake – for some reason other players can get away with it where as I can't. However, it makes you more determined and that's not necessarily a bad thing."

Reeves's determination seems to have been good enough in recent weeks and whilst King has always been an admirer of Reeves' professionalism, the former Wimbledon defender (who was once described as a 'dashing blonde defender' whilst at Rochdale – it was a while ago!) is playing magnificently alongside Matt Heywood and deserves to start on merit. "I am confident in my ability and whilst I haven't got the pace of some of the other lads, I do have other advantages. The main thing is that the team does well, but if I do happen to have a good game as well then it makes it a little bit better. To be fair, the whole defence has been playing well at the moment and with the support that we had in the last two games from the fans, it makes life slightly easier for us."





Yet despite his current upturn in fortunes Alan Reeves seems to be a little bit worse for wear. With a black eye and a couple of stitches to boot – it seems as though Reevesy has been in the wars, and not for the first time either. "Unfortunately it comes with the job! Being a central defender means that you sometimes have to put your head in where it hurts and it isn't the first time I've come away from a game with scars. This time it was Wycombe's Andy Rammell – he's a big fella! At first I thought he did it on purpose, but I realised that it was just a mistake, it still hurt though!" Despite his war wounds Reeves looks destined to start again this afternoon, with a club close to his hometown of Birkenhead the visitors. "Tranmere will be a difficult side to beat. They came down two years ago and like us, will probably think they deserve to be in Division One. But as we've found out it's a little bit harder to get out of the league than it looks and they're struggling of late – a lot of clubs are."

And it's not just on the field either. This week alone three clubs have announced

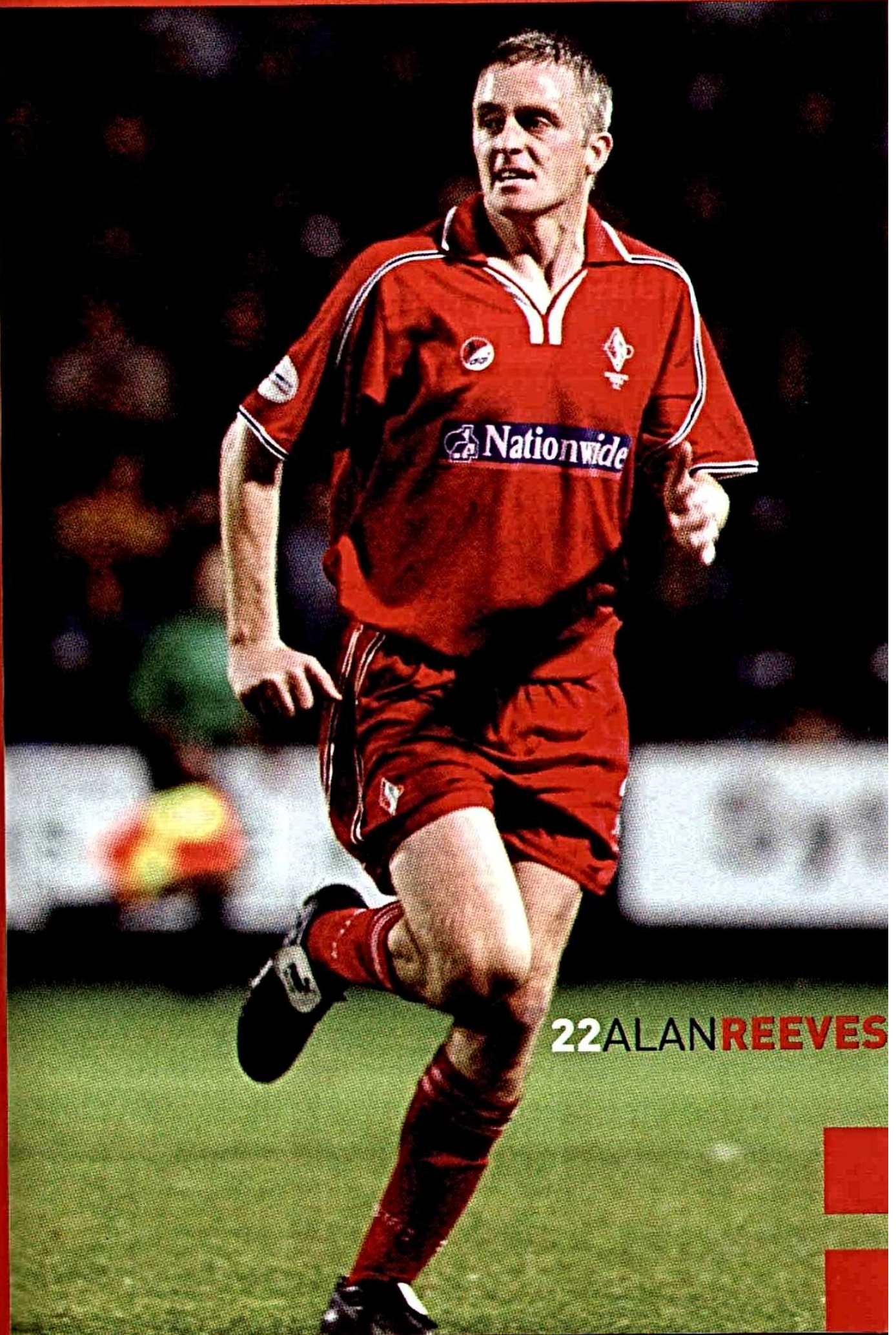
huge losses that could threaten their very existence including Oldham, his brother's club. "A lot of clubs are having to sort their finances out after what seems to have been a crazy period in terms of high wages and so forth. Oldham are no exception and what's happened there is that they've offered nine players, including Dave (his brother), a percentage of their wages to leave. He's on loan at Chesterfield at the moment and I know that they're offering less money than some non-league sides – so football as a whole seems to need sorting out. Frank Talia is another example. I spoke to him after Saturday's game (only because we won!) and he said that he was on a month-to-month contract, apparently they can't afford to offer him anything more."

Swindon's financial situation has been well documented over the years and this season has been no different. Hopefully, by the time you read this programme the players should have been paid, but it puts a footballer's lifestyle into context when you consider that, like us, they also have bills to pay. "We were expecting to get

paid before the Wycombe game and then we were told that that wasn't going to be the case. It's difficult, not playing football because we all love the game, but in terms of our life away from the game – I mean many of the lads have had to defer their mortgage repayments. But these things happen, as a footballer you know that clubs have ups and downs, it's part of the game, but it doesn't make it any easier."

Such is the very nature of football that all clubs do tend to experience both good times and bad (just look at Manchester City). Yet whilst financially many clubs seem to be experiencing a rather fragile time of things, on the field for Town results are looking up. With a bit of luck our bad run for the season has already been and gone and a win today will ensure that Town's steady ascent will continue – let's hope that Reevesy and his defensive troops can play their part and prevent Rovers from scoring. We can do our bit by getting behind him, King and the rest of the lads – as those that travelled to Wycombe saw last week, vocal support can work wonders.





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# DIV2 REVIEW



## BOUNDARIES BROKEN AS NINE SET TO LEAVE



Cash strapped Oldham Athletic have named nine players that they are in discussions with about terminating their contracts. Arguably the most high profile among the group is veteran midfielder John Sheridan, who has become a firm favourite with the Boundary Park faithful since his arrival from Doncaster in 1998.

The 38-year-old has made over 100 appearances for the Latics, but has struggled to hold down a place this season and that looks to have cost him his job. The other eight players in negotiations with the club had all previously been handed free transfers. They are Gary Kelly, David Reeves (brother of Alan), Shaun Garnett, Stuart Balmer, Wayne Gill, Danny Boshell, Joe Doran and Tom Whittle.



## CITY ANNOUNCE CUT BACKS



Local rivals, Bristol City, have announced losses of £3million and chairman Steve Landsdown has warned that the club will have to find a way of reducing its wage bill. With City pushing for promotion, fans will be hoping that does not mean the sale of star players like Scott Murray and Lee Peacock. Lansdown told the club's official website: "These accounts illustrate the tough financial world in which football, and our club in particular, has to exist. The losses to date have been funded by the directors in the form of loans and share capital. In order to survive and be successful we have to bring our wage costs down as a percentage of turnover and look to break even. Careful management can keep wages under control, whilst still maintaining a squad strong enough to take the club forward," he concluded.



## GET YOUR BIDS IN



Barnsley may be heading towards extinction with the news that the administrator has yet to receive a single bid for the club.

Administrator Matt Dunham has told how he has spoken with several interested parties, but has yet to receive a concrete offer. Dunham told the club's official website: "We are still talking to a couple of very interested parties and are hopeful that a formal offer will be made in the near future. I am not overly worried that there has been no formal offer at this stage. I would have liked there to be a bid on the table by now but there is no point worrying about it. We have done all we can and we now have to wait for one of the interested parties to come in and put something on the table," he added. The club returns to the High Court on December 2 and if no bid is in place by then the court may decide to order that the club is wound up.





## LAWRENCE PROMISES PROMOTION PARTY



Cardiff City boss Lennie Lawrence has promised fans that his team will not only achieve promotion, but that they will do it in style. The Bluebirds stayed at the top of the Division Two table with a 3-0 win over Peterborough at Ninian Park last Saturday and Lawrence is now convinced that they have created a fear factor for visiting teams. "Playing at Ninian Park used to be a problem for us. But we have won the last seven at home," said Lawrence "Now the opposition are coming to our ground thinking, 'We are not sure about this, let's get out of here with some respect'. We are going to show that you can get out of this division playing good football, the sort that the crowd at Cardiff demand," he continued. "If you do not pass the ball and end up hoofing it and not getting the results you will be heavily criticised. But I have got players who have the ability to play good football. We are getting a passing style going. We are working on this and recent results have helped."



## MAGPIES ROBBED IN CITY WASH OUT



Referee Steve Tomlin abandoned last Saturday's Second Division match between Bristol City and Notts County at Ashton Gate just four minutes into the second half because of a waterlogged pitch. County had taken the lead in first-half injury-time when Paul Heffernan turned between two defenders to send a low shot past Steve Phillips. But by then there was already water lying on the playing surface and more heavy rain during the interval meant the ball would not travel more than a few yards in certain waterlogged areas. Referee Tomlin consulted both captains and then the two managers before ordering a 10-minute break to see if conditions improved.

They did not and City's six-match winning sequence in the league was preserved. They had the better of the first half but Matthew Hill and Lee Peacock wasted good chances, allowing Heffernan to strike against the run of play.



## LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

HIGHWORTH TOWN WERE THE BIGGEST LOCAL WINNERS LAST WEEK WHEN THEY TROUNCED TUFFLEY ROVERS 8-1.

Paul Day struck four goals in his first start for the club. Elsewhere in the Hellenic Premier Division Pewsey Vale beat Bicester 3-2 and Wootton Bassett had their match against North Leigh postponed.

At Cinder Lane goals from STFC Community and School of Excellence coach Jeremy Newton, Courtney Chessell and Captain Lee Clark gave Fairford Town a 3-0 home win over Hook Norton.

Tom Jones' Swindon Supermarine crashed to a 7-1 defeat at Solihull Borough with Steve Bennett grabbing an 88th minute consolation for the Hunts Copse side.

Chippenham Town had an impressive 4-1 win over Dorchester Town in the F A Trophy with Adie Mings, Gary Horgan, Martin Paul and Charlie Griffin on the score sheet. Cirencester Town had their game at Weston-Super-Mare postponed at half-time due to a deluge of rain falling on the Weston pitch.



Charlie Griffin





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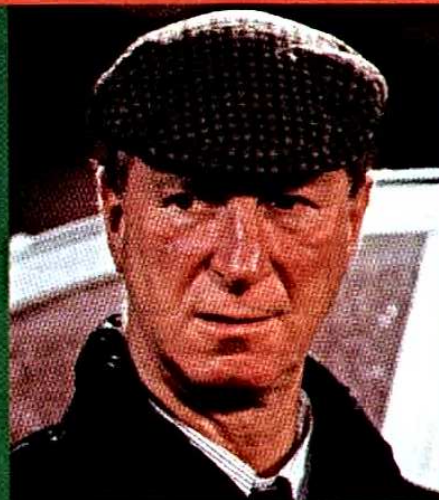
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## VINTAGE RED

DICK MATTICK REMEMBERS TOWN'S PLAY-OFF VICTORY IN 1993 BEFORE TAKING US BACK TO THE DAYS OF DIVISION FOUR. TAKE IT AWAY DICK!

The most famous clashes between Swindon and Tranmere were probably the two semi-final play off matches in 1993. Swindon had seldom done well in Sunday matches during the season, but they broke the jinx with three goals in the first half of the first leg at the County Ground. Tranmere pulled a goal back in the second half to give themselves an outside chance in the second leg. Swindon fans, both at Prenton Park and around their radios in Wiltshire, were kept on edge in a thrilling match that ended in a 3-2 victory on the night for Rovers but put Swindon through to the final and eventually a Premiership place.

Today's feature game was the Division Four game played at the County Ground on the November 2 1982. Swindon had been relegated the previous season and were pressing for a return to Division Three. They must have been optimistic playing against a team which had experienced six straight away defeats prior to the game. Swindon would have taken the lead in the 27th minute had Neville Powell not handled a goal bound shot by Leigh Barnard. Despite

playing with a badly bruised right toe, Paul Rideout made no mistake with the spot kick. It took the team from the Wirral only seven minutes to equalise. Jimmy Allan failed to fold a shot from John Aspinall and Owen Brown headed in the loose ball. Five minutes from half time Swindon equalised thanks to some fine individual play by Andy Rowland. First he nipped in between Powell and David Burgess and as Scott Endersby (later to become a Town player himself) advanced to block his angle, placed a beautifully judged lob just under the cross bar.

Only three minutes of the second half had gone when Rovers drew level again. Ian Griffiths beat Charlie Henry and centred to Aspinall who beat three Town defenders to the ball and headed it back across goal to John Kerr who gave Allan in the Town goal no chance. Swindon poured forward in an attempt to restore their lead. Rowland was unlucky not to get a second goal when his header was kicked off the line and midfielders Mike Graham and Paul Batty both went close with shooting attempts.

When a goal came it was not unlike Tranmere's second equaliser. A cross from Howard Pritchard was headed down by Rowland and as it bounced back up, Leigh Barnard dived to head it home in the 64th minute. Four minutes later Swindon went 4-2 up after Rideout had run on to Barnard's pass. Rideout ran into the area and was brought down by John Williams, causing referee, Michael Dimblebee to point to the spot for the second time in the match and again the former England schoolboy international made no mistake from the spot. He nearly completed a hat trick a few moments later when he beat his marker and bore in on goal but ended trying for goal from too narrow an angle.

**Swindon:** Allan, Henry, Baddley, Emmanuel, Lewis, Graham, Pritchard, Batty, Rideout, Rowland, Barnard. Sub (not used) Quinn

**Tranmere:** Endersby, Burgess, Moonay, Matthias, Powell, Williams, Mungall, Aspinall, Kerr, Brown, Griffiths.  
Sub (not used) Ferguson.



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## FOURFOURTWO'S MARK HANRAHAN ON WAYNE ROONEY, MICK MCCARTHY AND THE LATEST FROM THE FA...

They are dropping like flies at the FA this week! First to jump ship was the FA's chief executive Adam Crozier. Now I am like most fans in not being a huge fan of the political figures behind our 'Beautiful Game' (and you only have to cast an eye over the reaction towards Sepp Blatter at this summer's World Cup finals to understand where I'm coming from!). I was however saddened to hear that the breath of fresh air that is Crozier felt he had no choice but to leave his post. Crozier had been at loggerheads with the Premiership chairman over a number of issues ranging from their consultation on day-to-day decision making, through to the use of Premiership club superstars like David Beckham and Michael Owen in the Team England FA sponsorship deals. Crozier's no-nonsense management style – honed in the no nonsense world of advertising and marketing – had not sat comfortably amongst the more old school Footballing establishment.

Crozier's departure has sent shock waves through the FA. Sven Goran Eriksson's assistant, Middlesbrough boss Steve McClaren, followed Crozier's lead the

following day, leaving the England manager minus his two strongest allies from both the admin and coaching sides of the England setup. Eriksson himself has stated that he will not quit as manager, despite press rumours to the contrary. Tabloid reports have linked Eriksson to a post with the Italian FA.

A third departure in this turbulent week was FA vice-chairman Frank Pattison. Pattison claimed that he had become concerned at recent developments regarding the running and regulation of the FA itself.

Three weighty departures and frenzied media speculation surrounding the future of the England boss in a single week has left the FA reeling at a time when the Premiership is actively looking to muscle-in on the running of English Football at all levels. It appears we are at the dawn of a new era for the English game. With my own club still reeling from their involvement in the Premiership's Boom and Bust culture, you'll forgive me for viewing potential Premiership lode changes with a good measure of caution.

OK Hanrahan, up on the bandwagon my old son! It is hard to avoid the fact that 17 year-old Everton starlet Wayne Rooney's goal-scoring form continues to set the Premiership alight. Winning goals against both Arsenal and Leeds has drawn the attention of the England Manager, with Sven-Goran Eriksson reportedly keen on fast tracking Toffees teenager Wayne Rooney into the full England squad. The Swede is said to want to invite the striker to the national side's December get-together with an eye on Rooney becoming the next youngest England International, following in the footsteps of fellow striker Michael Owen

Republic of Ireland Manager Mick McCarthy has ended weeks of speculation by agreeing a severance package with the FAI to leave his post as Eire manager. McCarthy held crunch talks with FAI bosses in Dublin on Tuesday evening where it was agreed that his position as team manager was untenable. The Roy Keane World Cup furore and recent defeats in Ireland's first two Euro 2004 qualifiers against Switzerland and



Russia had done little to deflect growing criticism of the Yorkshireman's reign as the Irish team boss. Speaking of Roy Keane, The Man Utd Captain is one crooked Premiership midfielder that will be quite thankful for his current injury problems. Fresh from being given a five-match ban for bringing the game into disrepute with comments in his autobiography, Keane has encountered complications with a hip injury. The former Eire Captain and is unlikely to return to action until January 2003 at the earliest. Keane's disappointment at a lengthy injury setback will be tempered by the news that subject to appeal, his disciplinary ban was due to start this week – lucky that!

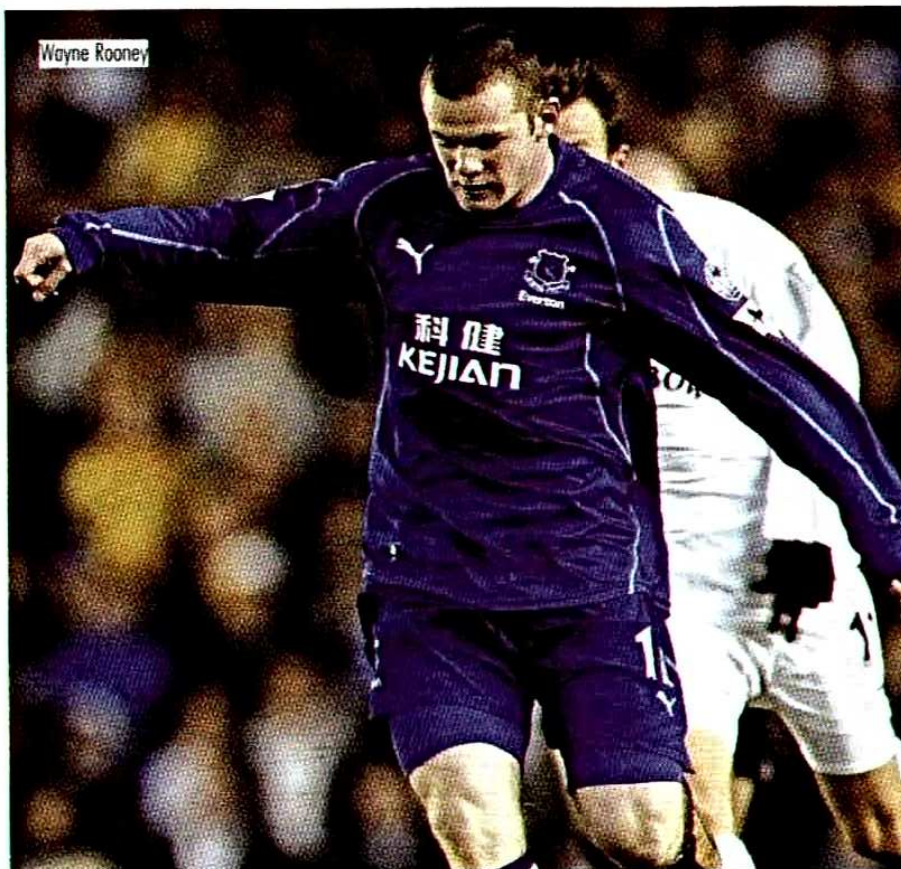
There were three managerial changes in the Nationwide League this week. Former Portsmouth, Gillingham and Bournemouth boss Tony Pulis is the new 'Big Cheese' at Stoke City. Pulis was approached following George Burley's change of heart about the taking the job at the Britannia Stadium.

A rather more fascinating resignation came from Hillsborough as Terry Yorath has quit his post at Sheffield Wednesday. Yorath was confronted not by angry protests or poison pen campaigns, but rather a polite female supporter who gently told him that he was "a very nice man", but that he "should do the right thing and walk away". Yorath's claimed his state of mind was influenced to such a degree that he felt compelled to step aside! Following his about turn in Stoke it was no surprise when Wednesday announced that not only Peter Reid but also George Burley had been interviewed for the manager's job this week! Burley's former club Ipswich have appointed former Oldham, Everton and Man City Boss Joe Royle as successor to Burley at Portman Road. Sunderland's Premiership survival bid has been rocked by the news that influential US World Cup star Claudio Reyna is almost certainly out

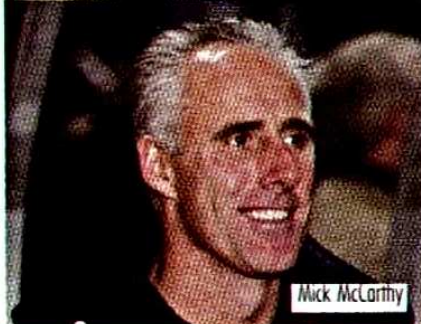
for the season. The former Glasgow Rangers midfielder has ruptured his cruciate knee ligament. The news is a cruel blow to Howard Wilkinson's rescue plans at the Stadium of Light.

Finally, it's handbags at dawn at Old Trafford at the moment as new goalkeeping signing Ricardo continues to tussle with eccentric Frenchman Fabien Barthez for the No.1 shirt. Barthez had been quoted as saying he was unsure as to why Ricardo had been signed as he did not feel the Spaniard posed any threat to his place as

Old Trafford's first choice stopper. A shocked Ricardo retorted that that whilst Barthez had enjoyed success with the French Nation team, he had proved very little in his time at Old Trafford! The spat has led to Alex Ferguson blaming misquotation from foreign press when his players leave Old Trafford for international duty as cause for such embarrassment amongst his players. Come on Jimmy Davis, is that really the type of atmosphere you want to rush back to? Nah – keep knocking them in at the County Ground mate – it's much more fun!



Wayne Rooney



Mick McCarthy



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

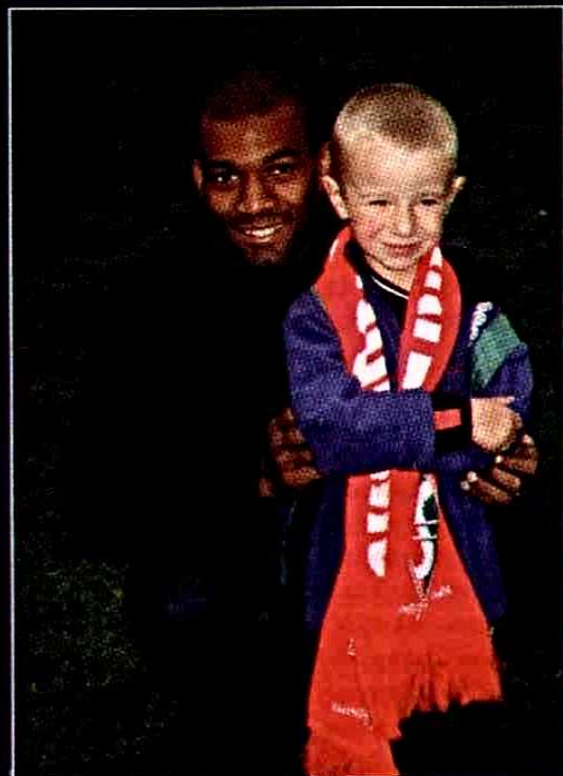
**LAST THURSDAY SAW THE FINAL WHISTLE GO FOR THE HALF TERM FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY COURSES.**

The Courses, which with over 200 kids attending have proved hugely popular in the past, unfortunately came to an end. However, with it being Halloween – they certainly went out with a bang! The children were asked to wear fancy dress to the final course on Thursday and there were prizes for the best dressed child in each group, with the overall winners being awarded a free place on the next half-term course. Most of the kids made a fantastic effort and there were many varied outfits on show which kept everyone amused and the prizes were presented by two Swindon Town first team players. Midfielder Stefani Miglioranza and striker Eric Sabin also signed autographs and posed for photographs on the pitch and in the club shop afterwards in what was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

For more information on the courses, which start again next year, or Football In The Community please contact Clive or Jono on 01793 421303. Clive and Jono would like to thank not only the players for helping present the prizes, but also the kids and parents who attended the courses. They would also like to thank the coaches – without them and their hard work the courses wouldn't even take place. Good effort lads!

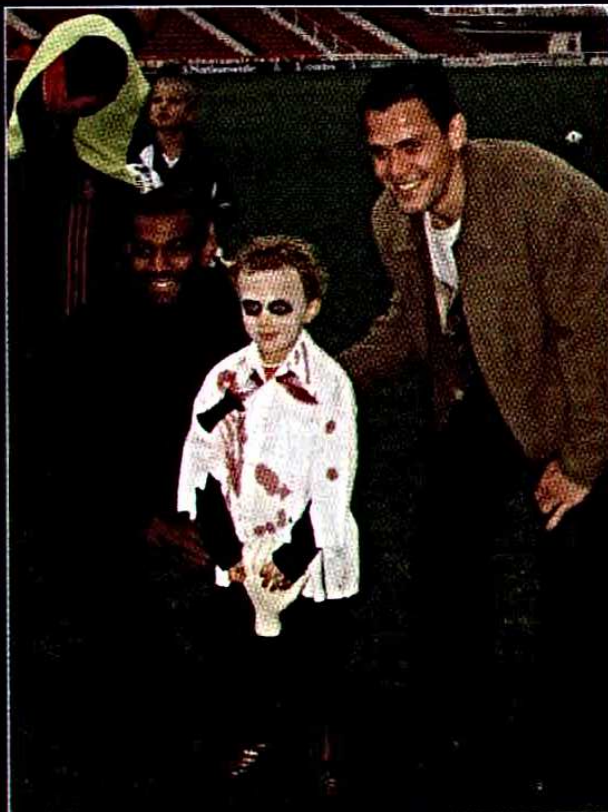
### SHARPY'S BIT

At the last home game I had 10 children from Drove School here, they played in a short game at half time for the 'Kick Racism Out of Football' campaign and all the kids had a god day – many thanks to them all. On Monday I started my Monday night football sessions. There were 15 lads in attendance and we have five courses now up until Christmas. This week I am off to Churchfields Youth Centre to start some sessions with black and other ethnic children – if you want information on these events then give me a call on 01793 617718.



▲ Eric Sabin with one penalty competition winner





▲ Eric and Sref with a scary character!



▲ Fancy dress winners



▲ Eric and Stef sign autographs



▲ Some of the kids in fancy dress



▲ Over 200 kids took part in the day...



▲ ...and they listened intently to Clive and Jono

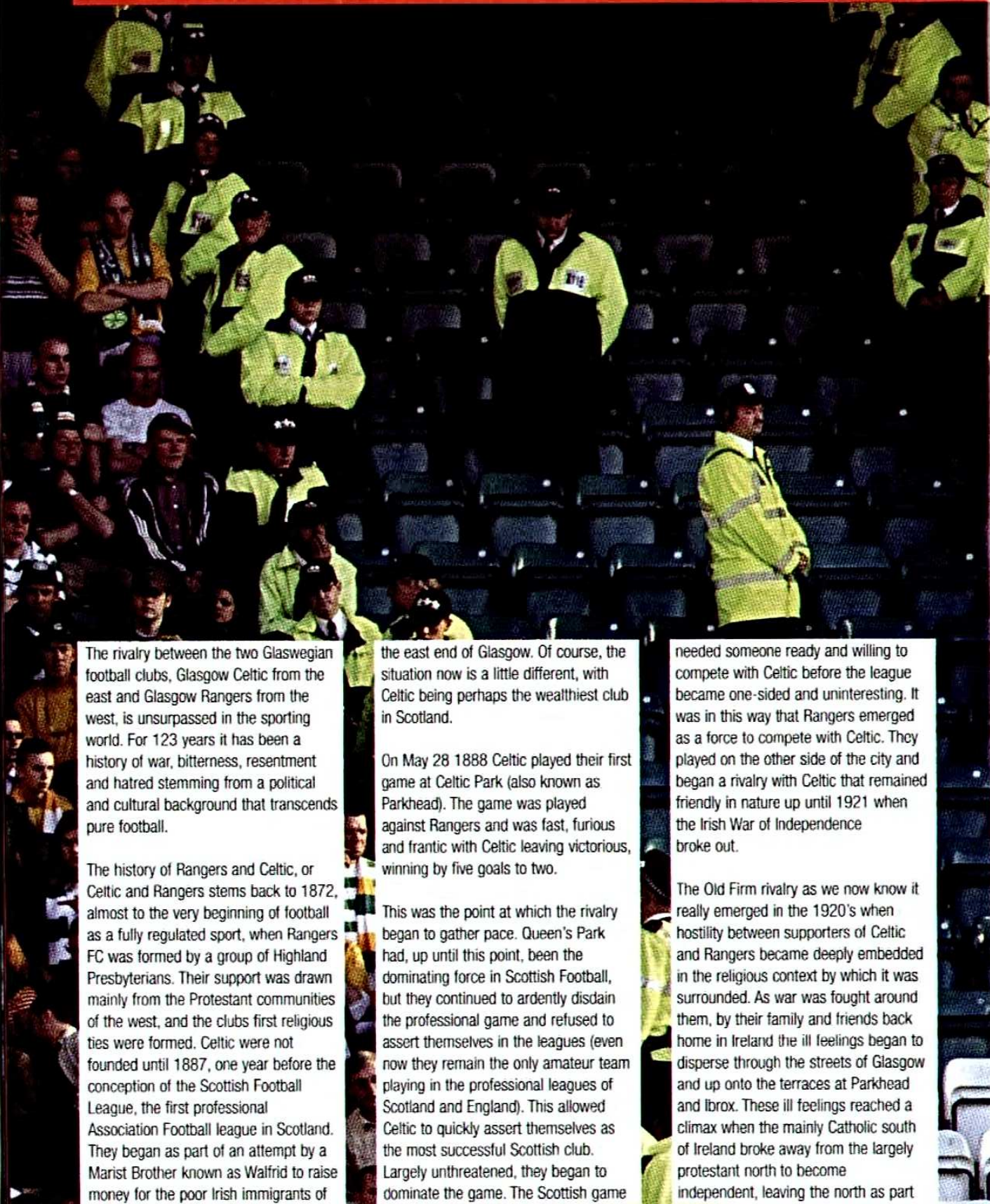


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# CLASSIC DERBIES REVISITED



The rivalry between the two Glaswegian football clubs, Glasgow Celtic from the east and Glasgow Rangers from the west, is unsurpassed in the sporting world. For 123 years it has been a history of war, bitterness, resentment and hatred stemming from a political and cultural background that transcends pure football.

The history of Rangers and Celtic, or Celtic and Rangers stems back to 1872, almost to the very beginning of football as a fully regulated sport, when Rangers FC was formed by a group of Highland Presbyterians. Their support was drawn mainly from the Protestant communities of the west, and the clubs first religious ties were formed. Celtic were not founded until 1887, one year before the conception of the Scottish Football League, the first professional Association Football league in Scotland. They began as part of an attempt by a Marist Brother known as Walfrid to raise money for the poor Irish immigrants of

the east end of Glasgow. Of course, the situation now is a little different, with Celtic being perhaps the wealthiest club in Scotland.

On May 28 1888 Celtic played their first game at Celtic Park (also known as Parkhead). The game was played against Rangers and was fast, furious and frantic with Celtic leaving victorious, winning by five goals to two.

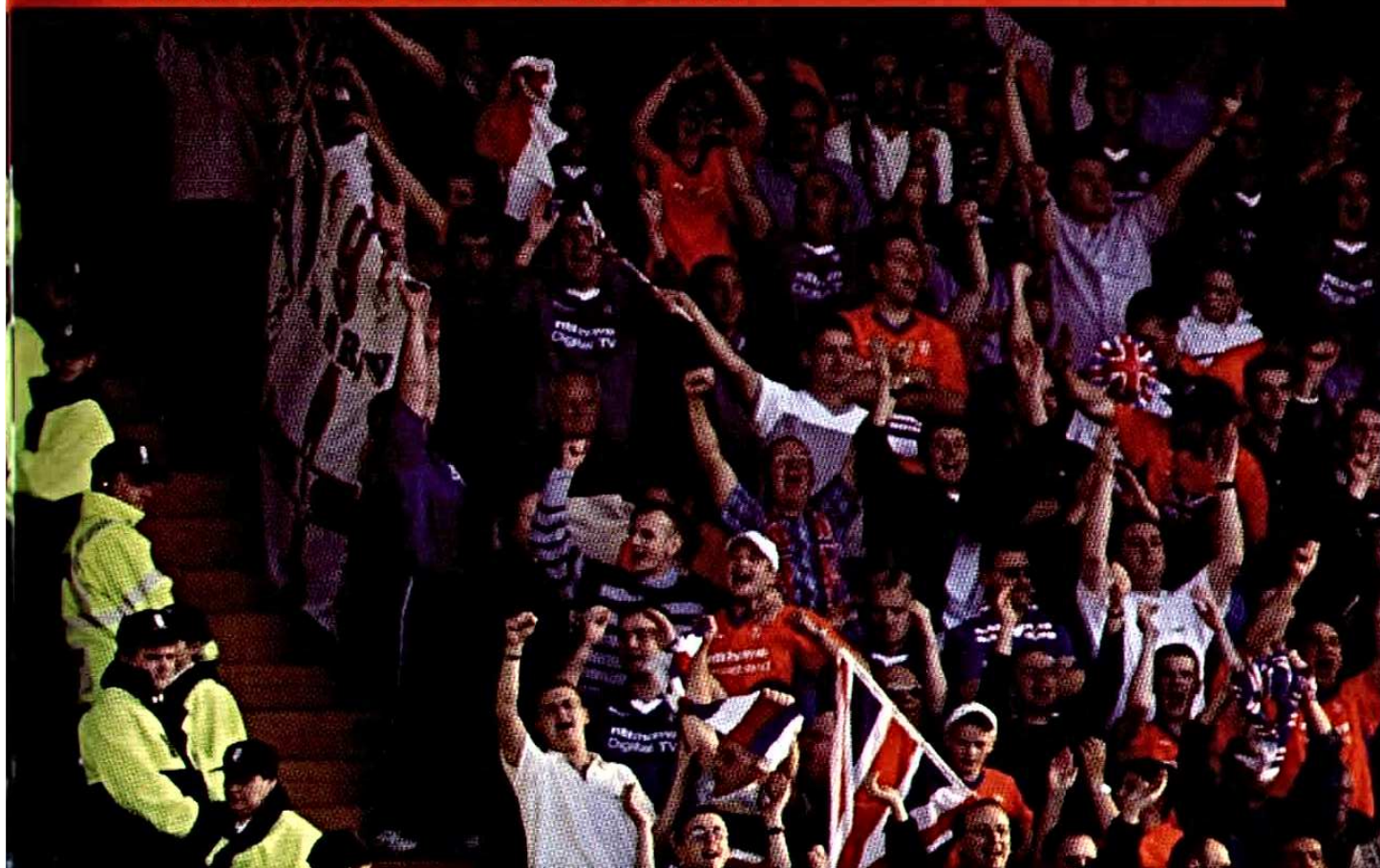
This was the point at which the rivalry began to gather pace. Queen's Park had, up until this point, been the dominating force in Scottish Football, but they continued to ardently disdain the professional game and refused to assert themselves in the leagues (even now they remain the only amateur team playing in the professional leagues of Scotland and England). This allowed Celtic to quickly assert themselves as the most successful Scottish club. Largely unthreatened, they began to dominate the game. The Scottish game

needed someone ready and willing to compete with Celtic before the league became one-sided and uninteresting. It was in this way that Rangers emerged as a force to compete with Celtic. They played on the other side of the city and began a rivalry with Celtic that remained friendly in nature up until 1921 when the Irish War of Independence broke out.

The Old Firm rivalry as we now know it really emerged in the 1920's when hostility between supporters of Celtic and Rangers became deeply embedded in the religious context by which it was surrounded. As war was fought around them, by their family and friends back home in Ireland the ill feelings began to disperse through the streets of Glasgow and up onto the terraces at Parkhead and Ibrox. These ill feelings reached a climax when the mainly Catholic south of Ireland broke away from the largely protestant north to become independent, leaving the north as part



WHILST ENGLAND MAY CLAIM TO HAVE THE GREATEST LEAGUE IN THE WORLD, SCOTLAND CERTAINLY HAS ONE OF THE MOST HEATED DERBIES. HENCE WHY THE GLASGOW DERBY REQUIRES TO BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS. LOOK OUT FOR PART TWO NEXT WEEK.



of the United Kingdom. This was the event that catapulted Rangers and Celtic into a history of violent confrontation. Running feuds became organised battles, and whenever the two sides met in Glasgow (which could be up to 10 times a season) fans of the two clubs would clash bitterly. The rivalry became something used by the public to either unify and unite or to despise and detest. The question became "Catholic or Prod? or Rangers or Celtic", and magazines and newspapers began to circulate that spouted false ideologies. Even as World War II was being fought, games between the two clubs would end in riots resulting in the destruction of anything that could be associated with the other side; be it religious, political or sporting, blue, white or green. Groups of particularly hateful fans began to parade their enmity around the streets of Glasgow. This occurred to such an extent that there still are designated parts of Glasgow that are either Rangers or Celtic. What is interesting is that it was this very

sectarianism that became good for business, and the two sides began to set world records for attendance. Crowds of well over 100,000 became almost a weekly occurrence, and the circulation of magazines or fanzines would come to be entirely dependent on the anti-opposition content of that edition. The feud became good for the success of the two clubs as well. The two clubs began a domination of Scottish Football that remains as durable today as it ever was. After the second World War ended their domination began to stretch over the waters and the two clubs began a ten year period of Scottish domination in Europe, a suggestion that seems almost laughable today. Rangers reached the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup three times between 1961 and 1972, beating Dynamo Moscow in Barcelona on the third occasion. Yet this success was not to match the achievements of Celtic. In 1967 they became the first British Club to lift the European Champion Clubs' Cup. Their team was led by the

legendary manager Jock Stein and beat Inter Milan 2-1 in the final. In 1970 they played Leeds United in the Semi-Final in front of a record beating 136,505 crowd. The game was played at Hampden Park, and they went on to lose the final to Feyenoord in Milan.

Whilst the animosity of the two clubs and their supporters towards each other continued, the 1970's did mark the end of the first period in the history between Celtic and Rangers. This was a period during which an inescapable identity that became synonymous with the two clubs was formed and became definitive of the two clubs beliefs and passions. Religion became the central tenet to any prevailing passion and symbolised the very hatred between the two clubs because of its direct relevance to the very history of the two clubs. It signalled the end of Scottish football as a European force with which to be reckoned and beckoned in a new era, remarkably different from the previous one.



I usually try to maintain a degree of professionalism on my travels but I have to admit that I totally 'lost it' at Adams Park.

As Sam Parkin pounced to fire home an injury time winner, I leapt to my feet and roared with delight. It seemed to take fellow hacks by surprise but I cared not a jot. It had been a pretty miserable week and that goal was like a release valve. It served as a reminder as to why we endure the pain and the uncertainty. The players responded magnificently to news that they would not be paid and I am struggling to think of a more exciting end to a game. Danny's strike against Peterborough will live long in the memory but who knows how important the three points at Wycombe could prove to be in the context of the season?

It is to be hoped that the lads will have been paid by the time you read this but it is interesting that the issue of pay as a whole has been on the football agenda this week. The big clubs got together to talk about wage caps. As I write these notes, the outcome of those discussions is unknown. Should there be a limit on wages or at least on the percentage of turnover that pay takes up? I have to say that I think the idea of wage-capping for players is unrealistic. Market forces come into play here. But perhaps capping the amount for clubs as a whole could be a workable option? How would the Premiership look if Manchester United could only spend the same on their squad as West Bromwich Albion? There is a fine line between helping clubs to get their finances in order and restricting their ability to operate independently.

But maybe we are being too harsh. Here at the County Ground, a sort of wage-capping has been introduced in order to learn from mistakes of the past. You cannot agree to give players



## JON RITSON



### EVENING ADVERTISER

money you simply don't have. Sadly, too many people in football seem to have abandoned that basic business principle. Back on the pitch, today's visitors will provide us with a tough test. But with your vocal support, there is no reason why we can't claim another three points and continue our push up the table. The away support at Wycombe was fantastic and clearly spurred the players on after they had unjustly fallen behind. Let us also hope that the results will see today's attendance creep back towards the

magical 5,500 figure.

After today's game it's off to Aggborough on Tuesday night for an LDV tie against Kidderminster. All I know is that their soup is supposed to be good. Not much use to me as I can't stand the stuff.

See you all back here for the FA Cup tie with Huddersfield Town on Saturday. After that it's a trip to Huddersfield and if the cup game ends in a draw it'll be a trip to... err Huddersfield.



A dark vision for the future will be when our club chairmen control who, where, what, why and how our International talent take on the rest of the World. Bit melodramatic? I think not. Has there ever been a group of more self-interested people?

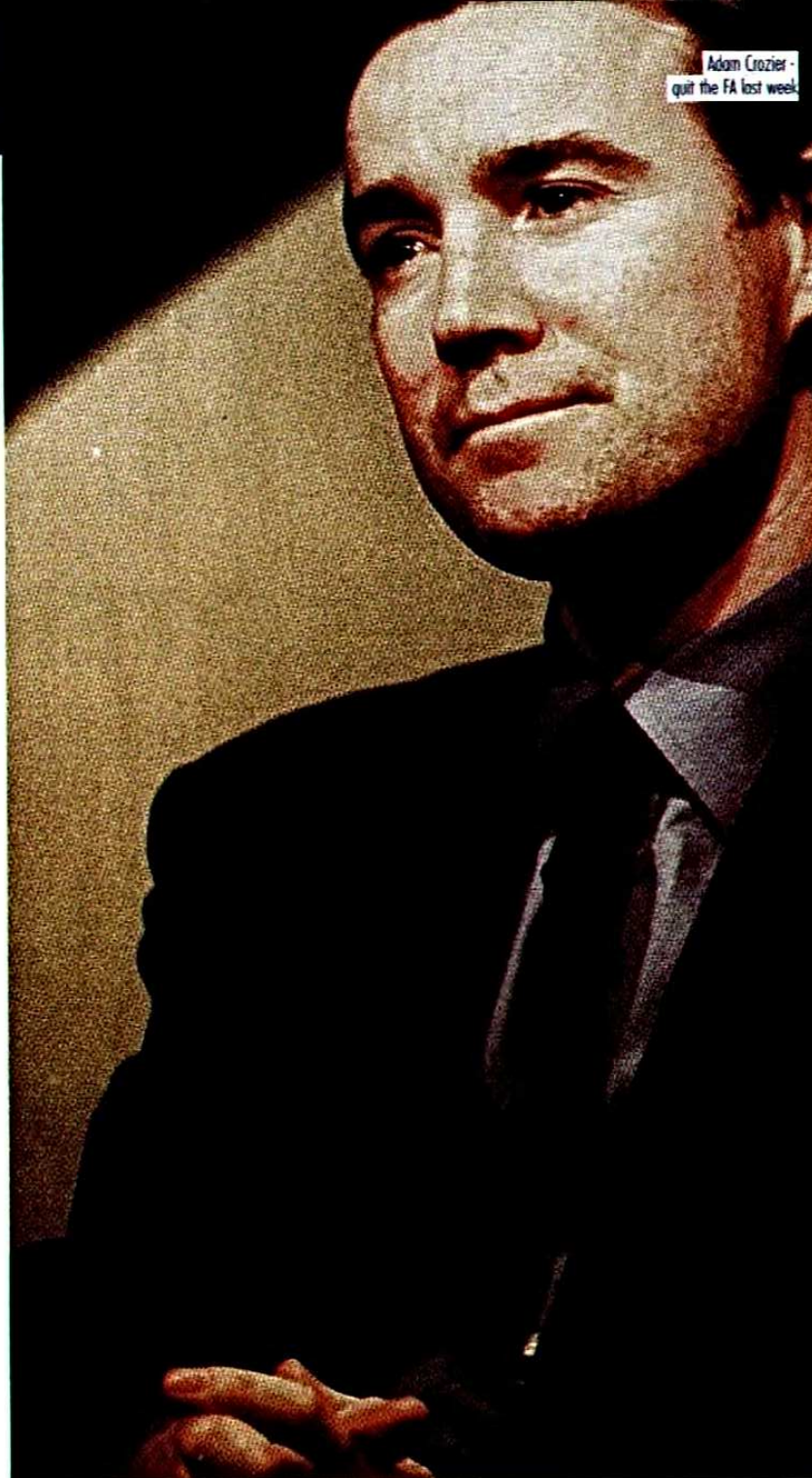
Let the club chairman continue to assert authority and control over our game as a whole, and who knows what our sport will look like? The argument these chairmen have over the way Crozier was running the FA was that their players were being 'exploited' to make money for the FA, but with no financial return to the clubs for the loan of their assets. Surely international success would be good for the game from grass roots up and bring in increased revenues to clubs in the longer term.

It was only once Crozier started turning that decaying old rusty hulk that was the FA into a money-making, forward thinking machine that these greedy Premiership chairmen decided they'd rather like a piece of the action. If Crozier had not been so good at his job, he'd still have one!

The future of football as a whole is in the FA's hands and it's about so much more than just the Premiership.

Our beautiful game is centred on passion, emotion and also our national team. When do you ever see Arsenal and Spurs supporters actually agree about anything in football...apart from when our boys pull on the England strip? I have seen pubs smashed up before and after Manchester derbies ...in my experience, this does not happen when England walk out on the pitch to represent our country.

However, let the premiership chairman dictate the future direction of the game. A twenty team division with no promotion to it, or relegation from it. A world of



## HELEN WINGROVE



### BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND

corporate entertainment where all that matters is the balance sheet. Even more merchandising for your kids to want. The history and traditions of the game ignored. And an England team where the Chairmen decide who is available

for selection and take it in turns to give the team talk...

Is there anyone outside of this select group that seriously believes their motive is anything other than greed?



# SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

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## **Away Travel sponsored half-time draw**

Our latest winner was Pamela Eley of Thame who won £270 with ticket number 211 at the Mansfield match. Despite the attendance being the lowest league gate of the season we came within £1 of our highest pay out of the season. Some supporters have asked how prizes have gone up as attendances fall - it is a simple formula, sheer effort by our regular band of ticket sellers and of course, the support of every supporter who buys a ticket. For anyone who purchased a ticket at the Colchester game, turn out your pockets and check your number, we are still waiting for a claim for the prize. The ticket number required is 275.

## **Disabled Supporters Group Meeting**

Hot on the heels of Eric Sabin at their last meeting, Stefani Miglioranza is due to meet the group on the December 4. Hot news is that the group will be

holding their Christmas bash on December 9, full details will follow closer to the date.

## **Vale & West Oxon Supporters group**

VWOSG held an open meeting on Wednesday November 6 when Football Club Officials met with supporters at Hanney Royal British Legion. A report on the evening will follow next week (Huddersfield programme).

## **Where do we go from here?**

After events at the last home match where do we all go now? Its absolutely vital for the future of the football club that everyone pulls in the same direction and supports the club, before it's TOO late. Yes, every supporter is entitled to an opinion but a constant barrage of negativity will, and has, driven the club down over a number of years and will drive it lower still if continued. We would ask all supporters to focus on three simple principles:

1. Turn up and watch at the County Ground (Boycotts do more harm than good)
2. Support the team throughout the match (Supporters do influence results by being positive - Wycombe last Saturday)
3. Encourage as many new or old fans back to the County Ground (Help ease the financial pressures)

If we get these things right everything else will follow. Supporters can influence the future development of the club, by their collective effort, lets get out and do it!

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**UNITED WE STAND,  
DIVIDED WE FALL**



Sorry to use 'United' as the very first word, but the events at Wycombe show what a hard working team and a set of hard singing fans can do when they unite for the cause.

There was definitely something in the air on Saturday. For some reason everyone, despite the dreadful weather, seemed to be in a bit of 'devil may care' mood. There was a collective 'We're going to enjoy this, come what may'. That seemed to transfer itself onto the team, and as the game wore on, and despite the set backs, the belief of the fans and the team grew with each minute. It was a stark reminder of why we do this. As witnessing grown men leaping around the press box, (Mr Ritson, of the Adver, for one), wasn't enough, it was the size of the grins on the Swindon fans faces that really brought home the significance of the Town's victory.

Over the last couple of weeks we at the Trust feel we have managed to move the relationship with the club forward to a far more positive level. Everyone at the club is working hard to ensure its future and as supporters we have a very important role to play in

this. There is the simple fact to face that at the current levels the numbers coming through the turnstiles will not be enough to sustain the club. We need supporters to come back to the County Ground. Of course there are simple economics at play here. For some people it is too expensive. As a very positive response, Mark Devlin has announced that the prices at the FA Cup game will be £15 for the Arkell's and Nationwide stands. So if you know of anyone who has been staying away because of the prices - let them know of the reduction and let's see if we can't tempt them back.

As supporters we also need to be more actively involved in ensuring this club has a future. So the Trust will be looking for your support too. The membership fee's are now just £10 for a year, so please join us. We have been working very hard to ensure the fans voice is not only heard but also respected. The club have acknowledged the role in which supporters can help so we need you to help us to help you to help the club we all love.

**Tony Norris**  
TrustSTFC Chairman



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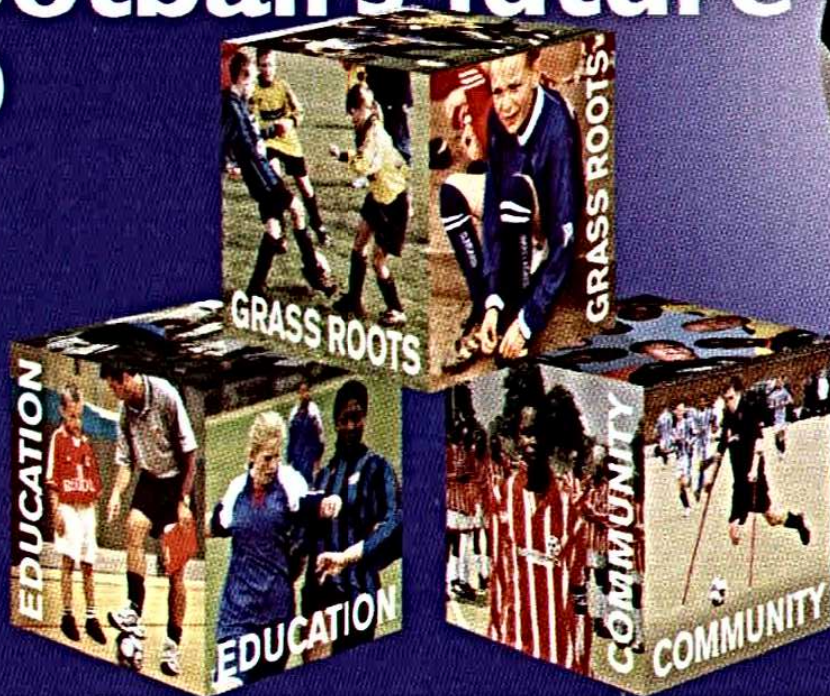
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**GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR JUNIOR ROBINS – LET'S HOPE FOR MORE OF THE SAME FROM LAST WEEKEND, IT WAS A GREAT WIN FOR THE LADS!**

## JUNIOR ROBINS

The Wycombe win made up for the awful weather and our Junior Robins mascot, Aaron Davis, had a fantastic time. Wycombe Juniors made us feel very welcome and our thanks go out to them for their splendid hospitality.

The only down side to the day was the turn out and in total, only 26 Juniors travelled. We now don't have another reciprocal game until next January when we visit Stockport – let's hope the number swells to bigger than that went to Buckingham last week.

Needless to say that we are still looking for more juniors to join us. All you need to do is spend £3 (and as long as you're under 15), you'll immediately be entitled to many benefits including a 10% discount in the club shop. If you're also interested in becoming a ball boy or girl (you need to be aged between 12-15), then contact Richard Dunston on 01993 703110.



## ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN' ROBIN, MATCHDAY PROGRAMME, STFC, COUNTY GROUND, SWINDON ST1 2ED

Mr Robin,

I've been propelled into the big time here at Goodison Park and I'm a bit scared about how I am going to handle life as a footballer celebrity. As someone at the top of your tree, can you advise me on how I can avoid the trapdoors and pick my way through the minefield that goes with being a Premier League footballer

W. Rooney

Mr Rooney,

Well I thought you were brilliant in Breakfast at Tiffany's as the mad chinaman upstairs, and all those old films with Judy Garland – fantastic. Oh, hold on a minute, that was Mickey Rooney. Sorry – you must be this schoolboy who scored the wondergoal against Arsenal Wenger. Nice one! Our own Jan Aage used to score goals like that years ago, and the word 'fluke' is not the word we're looking for. But you are right in saying I'm at the top of the tree – these wings aren't just for holding a pint, you know. Anyhow, what was the question..... oh yes, just keep off the birds and booze, and lose a bit of weight, otherwise you'll be known as Little Gazza before you know it.



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

Send your answers in to the above address and in return, we'll give you two free tickets to a Nationwide League game of your choice.

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Midfield

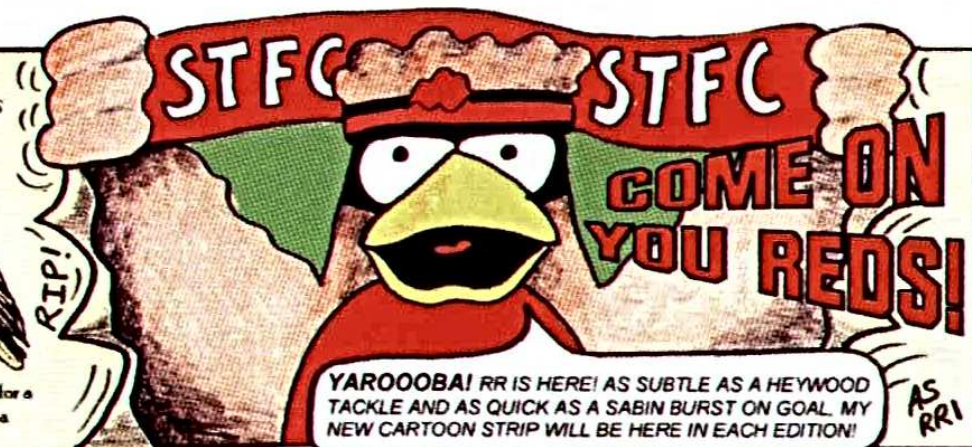
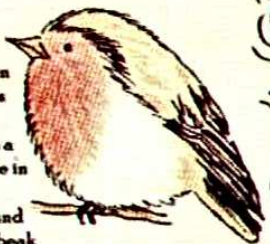
Played for Town between 1971 and 1982

Anagram: STONEY DRUNK

### BRITISH BIRDS: The Robin POPULUS CHRISTMAS CARDUS

This friendly little chap is commonly seen atop postboxes or spade handles and is a delight to have in the garden.

The joyous sound from it's little beak 'Tweedly Tweedly Dee' was the inspiration for a young Michael Jackson. Just enough to fill a sandwich, the Robin is a christmas treat...







### 01 FAREWELL MI' OLD MUCKER!

Swindon Town have, this week, said goodbye to both Dan Prescott and Carol Smith – both who are moving on to pastures new. Carol has been at the club for a number of years, whilst Dan Prescott, as loyal readers may know, was editor of this programme before taking a more responsible role as part of the Communications Department (tasks included printing numbers on the back of shirts as you can see here!) To both Dan and Carol – good luck for the future – you will be sorely missed!

### 02 TOWN WELCOME NEWEST FAN!

Congratulations to Suzanne and Shaun on the safe arrival of Georgia-May on October 31 2002. Lots of love from all your friends at the County Ground.

### 03 MARATHON MAN

Congratulations to Mike Sullivan, the club's Sales and Marketing Manager (who is pictured here during his time working at Wycombe), who successfully completed the New York Marathon last week. Mike said, "I'm pretty gutted I didn't win – but it was good to see my training partner, a Kenyan chap, win in a good time. There's always next year..."

### MISSING FLAG – CAN YOU HELP?

Swindon Town Supporter Jack Lane is appealing to anyone who may have picked up his Swindon Town Flag at Wycombe last Saturday to get in contact. The flag is a cross of St George with 'Swindon Town FC' across it. The flag is 6" x 3" and is of great

value to Jack. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of the flag please contact either Jack or Gary Lane on 01793 724514.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS ALL ROUND

Happy 21st Birthday to Leigh Pook, have a great party! Lots of love from all your friends at the County Ground. We must also wish a happy birthday to the following Junior Robins' members: Tyron Leigh (6), Richard Smith (12), Joanne Butterfield (16), Darren Priddle (11) – Enjoy your birthday from everyone here at STFC!

Happy birthday also to James Richardson of Budbury Bottom - who is attending his first ever game today. From Ian and Nicola.

### MY SWINDON XI

The members of the following team have two things in common. Firstly, of course they are all ex-Swindon players. Secondly, they would all be partaking in serious head scratching if they were told to line up alphabetically to collect their wages. If this lot ever pulled on shirts together, the club shop would have to make sure they had a good stock of the letter T for the replica shirts.

1 Frank Talia  
2 Tony Taylor  
3 John Trollope  
4 Gerry Taylor  
5 Billy Tucker  
6 Paul Thirlwell

7 Chris Turner  
8 Andy Thomson  
9 Peter Thorne  
10 David Thompson  
11 John Templeman  
Manager: Colin Todd



# YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

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STEVE ROBINSON

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

**Congratulations to Mr. P. J. Harris who correctly stated that it was Bristol Rovers that were thumped 9-0 by Spurs. Two tickets are on their way!**

November 1977 kicked off with the replayed League Cup third round match against Portsmouth at the County Ground. A thrilling game finished with Town as the victors after goals from Kamara, Anderson, Moss and a Ray McHale penalty outnumbered the three scored by Portsmouth. Town had twice held a two-goal lead but with the score at 3-3 and 15 minutes to go, McHale was ordered to retake his successful spot kick as referee Clive White leisurely carried out a booking. McHale chose a different corner and completed the conversion again.

There were fireworks on the fifth as Town defeated Gillingham at the County Ground by 3-2. It was Swindon's second League win on the trot and continued the process of hoisting Swindon up to mid table as Moss, Aizlewood and Anderson featured on Town's score sheet. However on 11th the trip to Layer Road Colchester returned no points as Town suffered a 2-0 reverse and their fifth League away defeat in succession.

1. Town's 'keeper against Portsmouth made his second of only three appearances of his County Ground career. Ironically two of them were in the League Cup against Pompey. What was his name?

2. And playing in midfield for Pompey was the man who scored the winning FA Cup goal for neighbours Southampton in 1976. Who was this?

3. Which ex-Swindon midfielder featured at number 10 in the Colchester game?

4. In 1977/78 Tranmere's squad included a young defender who never played a League game but who can now be seen regularly on BBC TV. Who?

5. On November 15, England manager Ron Greenwood named three previously uncapped players in his England side that beat Italy 2-0 at Wembley. Two were Peter Barnes and Bob Latchford. The third recently spent some time at the County Ground. Who was he?

## THE NAKED CHEF

With Town visiting Kidderminster next week a club famous for it's home made soup - Turbo cooks up a simple soup recipe to warm you over the coming winter months.

### NO. 6 TURBO'S TOMOATO AND BASIL SOUP

1. You will need: 4 pounds chopped tomatoes, 1/3 cup fresh basil leaves, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 2 teaspoons garlic salt (or regula rsalt - that might be slightly easier!), 3 cups chicken broth and 1/4 cup olive oil.

2. In a food processor (oh yeah, you'll also need a food processor!), combine the tomatoes, basil, vinegar and garlic salt and puree until smooth.

3. Simply transfer the puree into a saucepan and cook over a medium heat. It really is that easy!

4. I suggest, and you might not agree, that a dab of butter melted in the soup might be a nice touch. Alternatively - a bit of cheese on top might not go amiss. Enjoy!!





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# Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE, OUR CENTRES  
STARTED AGAIN THIS MONDAY. WE KNOW THAT A  
LOT OF YOU HAVE ALREADY RE-BOOKED WHILST  
THERE ARE ALSO SOME NEWS FACES WHICH IS  
GREAT NEWS. WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY THE COURSE.

Those that haven't heard of, or attended our course before can find out more  
information both on this page, and by calling Jim Fraser on 01793 333724.

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enjoyment. They'll put you through your paces in all aspects of football including  
dribbling, shooting, skills, small-sided games and much more - whilst the emphasis  
is continually based on fun and enjoyment.

All the soccer centres are run in conjunction with the school term, so courses vary  
from 5 to 8 weeks. The next course starts the week commencing Monday  
September 9, although there are some to start before (call Jim Fraser for more  
information). All the children need is a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and a  
drinks bottle. Boys that show exceptional ability also have the chance to be offered a  
trial at Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.

To book your place on the Swindon Town Soccer Centres, you have to pay in full to  
your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses is  
£3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ,  
please check with your centre.

Listed right are the times, centres and age groups of the Soccer Centres.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the STFC Soccer Centres then you can  
call Jim Fraser at the club on 333700.



## OASIS (Swindon Borough)

Monday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 10 years
Saturday	9.00 - 10.00 am	5 - 8 years
	10.00 - 11.00 am	5 - 8 years

## HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
Thursday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	8 - 11 years

## HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Thursday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years

## BAMPTON (Oxon)

Friday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7, 8 & 9 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	10 - 11 years

## STRATTON

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

## LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

## MARLBOROUGH

Wednesday	3.30 - 4.00 pm	5 - 7 years
	4.00 - 5.00 pm	7 - 9 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	9 - 12 years

## RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 7 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	8 - 11 years

## CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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## TIDWORTH

Friday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years





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# UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

## WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?

My brother played a lot of football and I used to play with him and his mates in the park.

## DID YOU PLAY AT SCHOOL?

When I went to Grange Junior School I played in the school team. I was the only girl in the team. I then moved on to Kingsdown Secondary School in Stratton and we had a team there too.

## HOW DID YOU END UP AT SWINDON TOWN?

One of my teachers at Kingsdown, Colin Ashman, ran our school team and he put me in touch with John White at the Town. I went along to training and then started to play for the reserve side.

## AND YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE?

Now that I have left school my only opportunity to play football is with the Town. I support the club too and so it is great to play for the ladies. I hope to carry on playing and progress as others have done – become a first team regular.



**KATHRYN POOLE**

AGE 16

POSITION DEFENCE

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

## STFC LADIES

## SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S INTEREST IN THIS YEAR'S WOMEN'S FA CUP LASTED JUST ONE GAME AS THEY WERE BEATEN BY LOCAL RIVALS ROVER OXFORD, (FORMERLY OXFORD UNITED) IN THE FIRST ROUND LAST WEEKEND.

The game was played with a very strong wind blowing diagonally across the pitch and so both sides struggled in what were difficult conditions. However, Oxford had the advantage of the wind in the first half and took a deserved two-goal lead. Town struggled to get their game together against a keen Oxford side, but in the second half Clare Wheeler knocked in Pam Ashman's corner to give the town some hope. Unfortunately the home side held out to go into the draw for round two.

Town's Reserves fared slightly better and had a good win against second place Chippenham Town in the Wiltshire County League. Sarah Moore put the Town ahead before Chippenham equalised. Again Sarah Moore regained the lead and again Chippenham drew level, but they were unable to come back from Pam Ashman's 30-yard drive that proved to be the winner.

The Under 14 seven-a-side team had a disappointing day in the Wiltshire County League and were beaten by six goals to nil by Frome Town.

The Town have eight youngsters selected for the Wiltshire under 18 squad to face Sussex in the South West Counties Championship. Michelle Brown, Laura Stallard, Nikki Watts, Sam Quinn, Lucy Bailey, Fiona Baldwin, Kirby Cliff and Chanelle Kirkham, will all join the party.

The county senior side were beaten by five goals to one by Sussex. Town's Michelle Rich got the Wiltshire goal.

Tomorrow the town face Aylesbury United in the first round of the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup. The two sides have not met previously as the Buckinghamshire side are new to the league. Last season the Town were beaten in a controversial semi-final tie in Cardiff after having won the trophy on the three previous occasions. Sunday's match will be played at Aldbourne's ground and will kick off at 2.00pm. Town's Reserves are away to Chippenham Town in the Wiltshire County League.

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

**"Sarah Moore put the Town ahead before Chippenham equalised"**



FRESH FROM THEIR LAST-GASP VICTORY AWAY AT WYCOMBE, TOWN NOW TRAVEL TO KIDDERMINSTER'S AGGBOROUGH STADIUM WHERE THEY'LL FACE A TEAM UNBEATEN IN FOUR IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE LDV TROPHY. NEED DIRECTIONS? FOLLOW US THERE!

## A ROUGH GUIDE TO... KIDDERMINSTER

**WHO? KIDDERMINSTER** **WHEN? TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12**

**WHERE? AGGBOROUGH STADIUM** **KICK-OFF? 7.45PM**

**STFC TRAVEL CLUB:** Why not join the Travel Club and travel to Birmingham courtesy of a luxury coach? The pick-up times are as follows: Wootton Bassett 4.00pm, West Swindon 4.15pm, County Ground 4.30pm and Ermin Street 4.45pm. Adults will pay no more than £10.00, under 15s £9 and Supporters Club members get a £1 discount.

**BY CAR:** Follow the M5 to Junction 6 and join the A449 to Kidderminster. Turn right at first island approaching the town centre and take the first left (340 metres) into Hoo Road. The ground is on your right (400 metres).

**PARKING:** There is a car park specifically for visiting supporters behind the South Terrace, but this fills up quickly and charges a small

fee. Happily there are a number of other free car parks elsewhere off Hoo Road.

**Train:** Kidderminster train station is on the line that links Birmingham New Street with Worcester and Hereford. However, there are very few late departures suitable for evening kick-offs. Phone 08457 484950 for more information, or go to [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com).

**Swift half:** The Harriers Arms right outside the ground welcomes both sets of fans if well behaved! Alternatives include the Viaduct and The Crown, both at the bottom of Hoo Road. For food the stadium is famous for its homemade soup...



**TICKET PRICES FOR THIS GAME ARE: Adults £10, Concessions and Juniors £5.**

## NEXT IN TOWN...

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



**Huddersfield (FA CUP)**

16.11.02 (3.00pm)

Prices have been reduced for this game.



**Peterborough**

30.11.02 (3.00pm)



**Crewe Alexandra**

21.12.02 (3.00pm)



**Brentford**

26.12.02 (1.00pm)

### TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

### TELEPHONE BOOKING

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

### ON-LINE BOOKING

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# NEXT PLEASE...

## The FA CUP

WHO? **HUDDERSFIELD TOWN** KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16**

Next Saturday's visit of Huddersfield Town heralds the return of the FA Cup to the County Ground, The Terriers our first opponents in the 2002/03 competition.

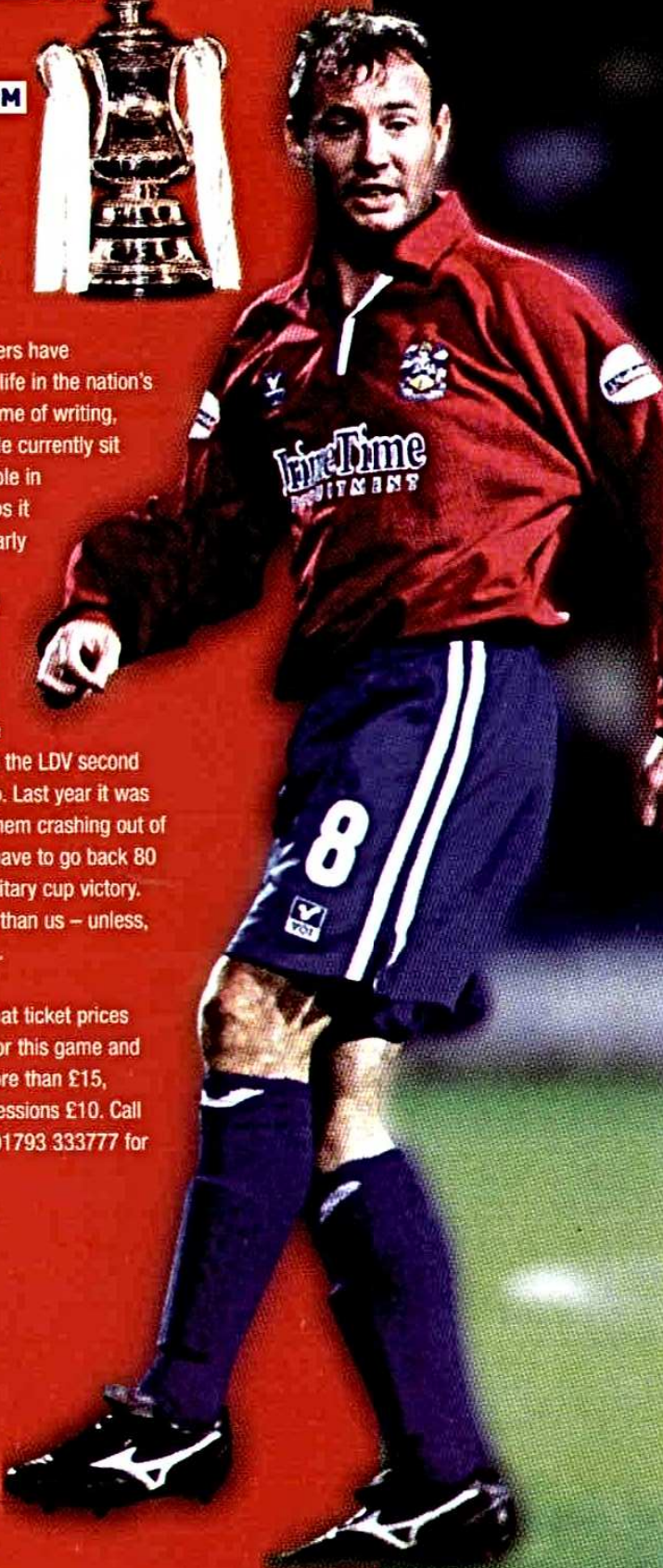
The cup has already created one fairy tale this year. Team Bath, representing Bath University, made it through to the First Round proper and face Mansfield – it is stories like theirs that get Town fans dreaming of a trip to Cardiff!

Town have been drawn at home five times in the last two seasons in the FA Cup and in those ties they've lost just once, Sol Davis's pass back helping Craig Bellamy and Coventry on their way to the fourth round in 2000/01. However, Town's record isn't too bad other than that, with Ilkeston, Gateshead, Hartlepool and Hereford all succumbing to King's men and this year – 'the gaffer' and his team will be hoping to repeat that kind of form against a struggling Huddersfield side.

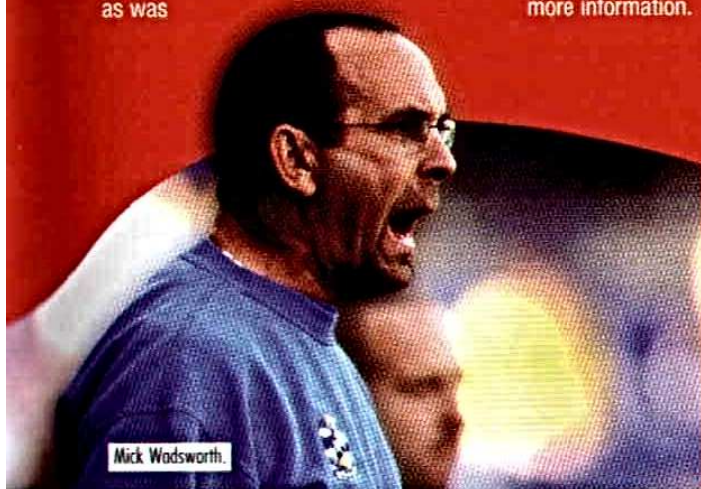
Despite only dropping down from Division One two seasons ago – Huddersfield have struggled to set the league alight, as was

expected by pundits and supporters alike. Managers (and players) have come and gone as the Terriers have struggled to adapt to life in the nation's third tier and at the time of writing, Mick Wadsworth's side currently sit below Town in the table in 19th place. In the cups it has been a case of early exits all round for Huddersfield. Burnley dumped them out of the Worthington Cup in the Second Stage whilst Wrexham were the unlikely victors in the LDV second round two weeks ago. Last year it was Mansfield that sent them crashing out of the FA Cup and you have to go back 80 years to find their solitary cup victory. Still, that's one more than us – unless, of course, this year...

Fans are reminded that ticket prices have been reduced for this game and adults will pay no more than £15, Juniors £6 and Concessions £10. Call the Ticket Office on 01793 333777 for more information.



Huddersfield's Kenny Irons.



Mick Wadsworth.



# TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

## STFC FACT FILE

KICK-OFF 3PM SATURDAYS, 7.45PM MIDWEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	7,564
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home	1-2	5,029
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-2 <sup>AGT</sup>	2,993
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away	0-2	11,619
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home	2-0	4,719
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	6-1	1,747
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home	2-1	4,136
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away	1-1	4,797
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-2	6,021
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home		
Tue 12 Nov	Kidderminster (LDV2)	Away		
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away		
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home		
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away		
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

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

Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincible
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Griemink	Edds	Willis	Gurney	Heywood	Duke*	Davis*	Miglioranzi	Robinson
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Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Sabin
Griemink	Edds	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranzi	Gurney <sup>1</sup>	Robinson*	Davis*
Griemink	Gurney	Willis <sup>1</sup>	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranzi	Robinson*	Davis
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Robinson
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincible	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson
Griemink	Gurney	Willis	Heywood	Duke*	Jackson <sup>1</sup>	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney*	Willis	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson
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## STFC PROMISE EVERY LITTLE HELPS!



Swindon Town Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, is rallying the County Ground faithful in order to help the club embark on a lucrative FA Cup run.

The Robins are set to play Huddersfield Town next week and you will be pleased to hear that ticket prices have been reduced: To sit in the Arkell's and Nationwide Stands tickets will cost just £15 for adults, £10 for concessions and £6 for Juniors. Town End prices are £13 Adults, £9 Senior Citizens and Juniors £6.

Devlin commented, "This is the first real opportunity we have had to do something about the ticket prices because we don't budget for cup games. As a result we have been able to drop the prices accordingly. We are hoping that those that can't normally afford to go, or wouldn't out of principle, will now come to the game and get behind the lads.

"The FA Cup is a competition that we can all look forward to. Obviously at this stage any hopes we have of getting into the latter stages are merely pipe dreams, yet should we get past Huddersfield then you never know who we can meet in the later rounds. A good cup run would be great fun for everyone involved at the club, whilst it would also be of great financial benefit.

"But in order to progress the lads need the backing of the fans and we need as many of them to turn up and get behind them. With large numbers we can create a really great atmosphere which will help us progress to the Second Round."

**For more details or to book your tickets - call the Box Office now on 01793 333777.**





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

## NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
CARDIFF	17	11	4	2	28	12	37	+16
OLDHAM	17	11	3	3	30	10	36	+20
WIGAN	17	10	5	2	30	13	35	+17
BRISTOL C	16	11	0	5	31	15	33	+16
QPR	17	8	5	4	28	17	29	+11
BRENTFORD	17	8	5	4	24	19	29	+5
CREWE	17	8	4	5	23	14	28	+9
BLACKPOOL	17	8	3	6	24	22	27	+2
CHESTERFIELD	17	8	3	6	16	19	27	-3
LUTON	17	7	4	6	27	26	25	+1
TRANMERE	17	7	2	8	17	28	23	-11
WYCOMBE	17	6	4	7	24	25	22	-1
PORT VALE	17	6	4	7	21	25	22	-4
STOCKPORT	17	6	2	9	21	23	20	-2
PLYMOUTH	17	5	5	7	21	25	20	-4
NORTHAMPTON	17	5	4	8	17	24	19	-7
SWINDON	17	5	3	9	19	26	18	-7
NOTTS CO	16	3	8	5	20	22	17	-2
HUDDERSFIELD	17	4	5	8	13	20	17	-7
COLCHESTER	17	4	5	8	14	22	17	-8
BARNLEY	17	4	5	8	16	26	17	-10
CHELTENHAM	17	4	4	9	17	24	16	-7
PETERBOROUGH	17	3	5	9	19	25	14	-6
MANFIELD	17	4	2	11	24	42	14	-18

## TODAY'S FIXTURES SAT NOV 9TH 2002

BARCLAYCARD

Arsenal vs Newcastle  
Aston Villa vs Fulham  
Bolton vs West Brom  
Chelsea vs Birmingham  
Everton vs Charlton  
Man City vs Luton  
Middlesbrough vs Liverpool  
Southampton vs Blackburn

Nationwide 1

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

Nationwide 2

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

Nationwide 3

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

## APPEARANCES 2002/03

	LEAGUE			FA CUP			NON-FEDERAL CUP			LOW KICK		
PLAYER NAME	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK	APPS	GOAL	PK
BART GRIEMINK	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GARETH EDDIS	8(4)	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	13	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	8(2)	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	14	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	10(3)	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SAM PARKIN	11(1)	9	1(RC)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10(1)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
DAVID DUKE	16	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
JUAN COBIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	18	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	12(3)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	17	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	10	1	3	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEVIN HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	14(1)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRIS COLLINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID BAMPION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	8(2)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRAIG FARR	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0





## SWINDON

Manager Andy King

## TRANMERE

Manager Ray Mathias

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	✓ JOHN ACHTERBERG
GARETH EDDS 2	✓ GRAHAM ALLEN
JOHNNY JACKSON ✓ 3	GARETH ROBERTS
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	✓ MICKEY MELLON
ADAM WILLIS 5	KEVIN GRAY
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	IAN SHARPS
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	
JIMMY DAVIS ✓ 8	JASON PRICE
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	✓ SIMON HAWORTH
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI 10	ALAN NAVARRO
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	STUART BARLOW
JUAN COBIAN 12	ANDY PARKINSON
	13 KIETH WELCH
ERIC SABIN 14	RICHARD HINDS
DAREN DYKES 15	IAIN HUME
NEIL RUDDOCK 16	ALEX HAY
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓ 17	JAMES OLSEN
CRAIG FARR 18	✓ DANNY HARRISON
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	PHILLIP BAKER
	20 ✓ RYAN TAYLOR
DAVID BAMPTON 21	JAMIE MCGUIRE
ALAN REEVES ✓ 22	PAUL ROBINSON
NATHAN EDWARDS 23	PAUL LINWOOD
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	KARL DUNBAR
STEVE ROBINSON ✓ 25	✓ SHANE NICHOLSON
	26 ✓ SEAN CONNELLY
	27 PHILIP PALETHORPE
ALAN YOUNG 29	
CHRIS COLLINS 30	
	33 ✓ CHRIS EDWARDS
	34 ✓ GARY JONES
	36 ✓ ADAM PROUDLOCK

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### TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

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

### TRANMERE'S

Last 10 Away League Results

L-W-L-L-L-L-L-L-L-L

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	1	0	9	8	23

## LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday September 15 2001

Swindon Town 2  
Tranmere Rovers 2

## MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: F. G. Stretton

Assistant 1: P. J. Grove

Assistant 2: B. J. Malone

4th Official: A. D. Sainsbury



## NEXT WEEK

Town play Huddersfield in the First Round of the FA Cup next week. Why not take advantage of the reduced prices? Adults should pay no more than £15, Concessions £10.



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