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TODAYS MASCOT

A warm welcome today to this afternoon's mascot, six-year old Daniel Abrook. Daniel is an avid Town fan and is a member of the Soccer Centres too – so we could be seeing him in the red and white in the future! Daniel also attends Westley School and enjoys Tae Kwon-do. His favourite player is David Beckham.
Good luck and enjoy the day Daniel!

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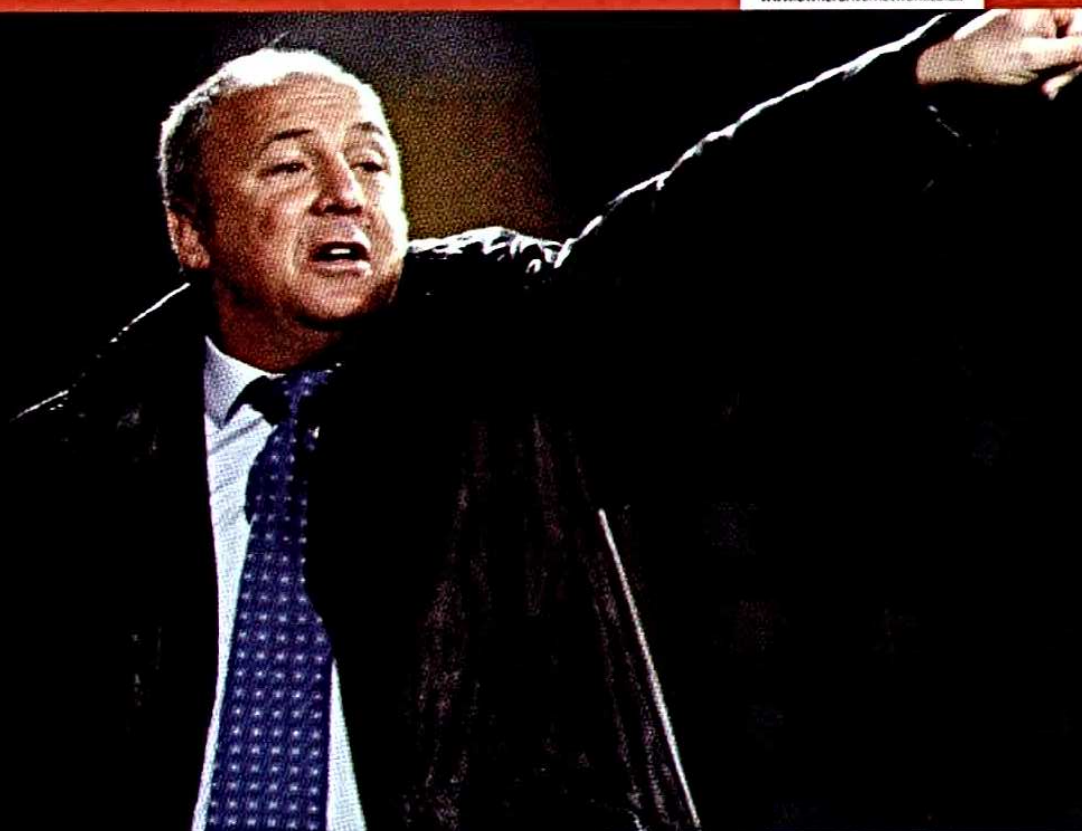
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THE GAFFER



AFTER THE EXERTIONS OF TUESDAY NIGHT IT'S BACK INTO THE CUP AGAIN TODAY AS WE FACE HUDDERSFIELD IN THE FA CUP FIRST ROUND.

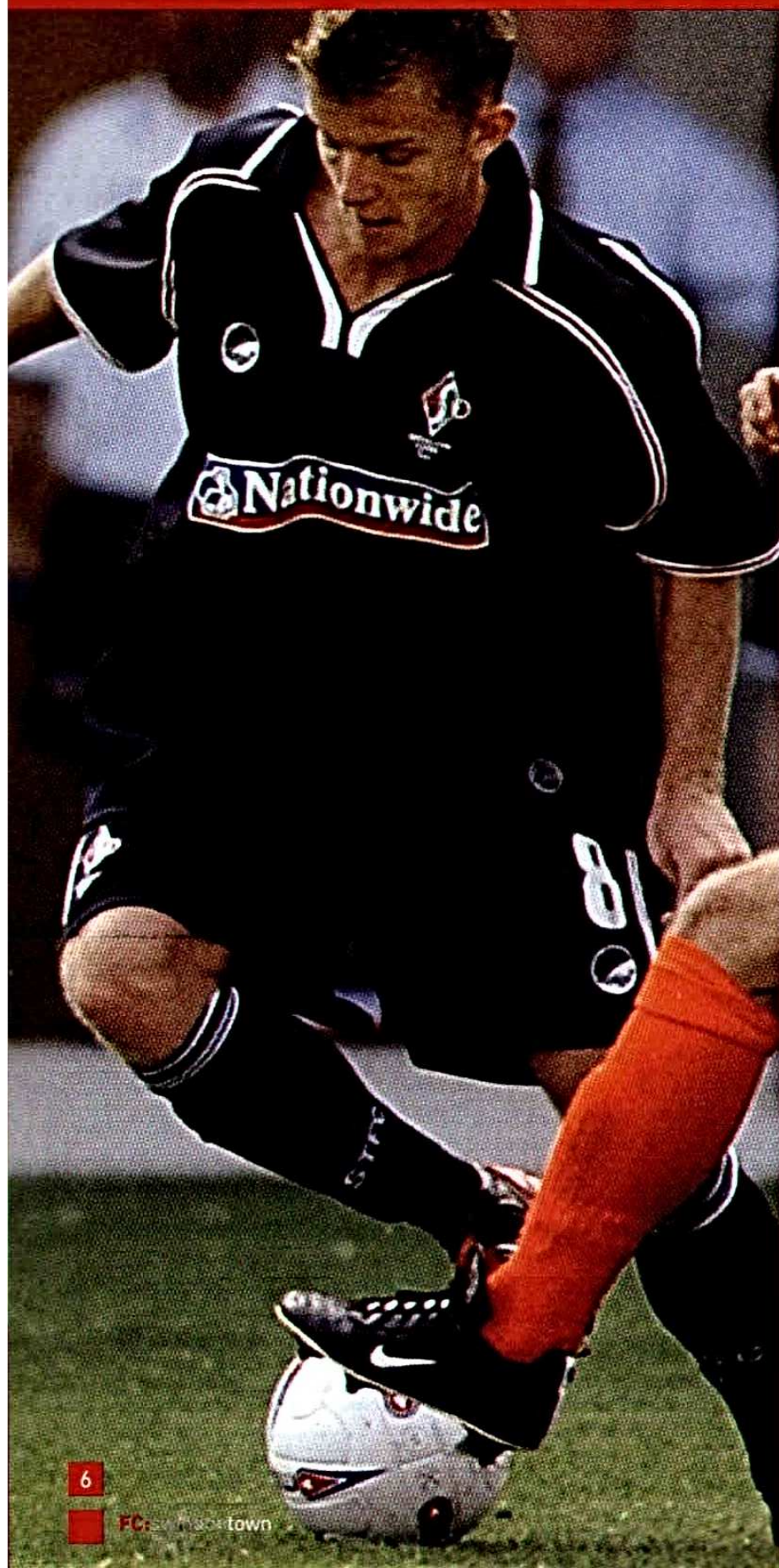
And what a night it was on Tuesday too - and not necessarily for the right reasons. Like many of you, it took me more than four hours to get there and the whole evening looked destined to be a nightmare from the start, especially when the floodlights didn't work. Even so, the most disappointing thing was the result because it was a game we really should have won.

Having gone two goals ahead, we should have wrapped the game up but instead we were unprofessional. You always have it drummed into you that you are most vulnerable when you've scored and no sooner had 'Youngy' added a second, we found ourselves back at square one as the home side grabbed two straight away.

However, having conceded the two goals we then looked likely to go and win and we should have nicked it in extra time, Danny, for some reason heading the ball into the net whilst in an offside position from Parkin's goalbound flick. Had Danny not touched it then we would have won the game, but I suppose you can't blame him for wanting to get on the score sheet and it is just one of those things.

Today looks set to be a different game entirely, with Huddersfield, like ourselves, currently sitting at the wrong end of the league table. They have had a disappointing season so far and will be looking to inject a bit of excitement into the campaign today via the FA Cup.

THE GAFFER CONT'D...



However, with us now out of the LDV Vans Trophy, I am hoping that we can perhaps go on a run of our own.

Next week we meet Huddersfield again as we return to league proceedings. We have now embarked on a decent run in the league and I am hoping that we can continue that at the McAlpine Stadium. Unfortunately we only managed a draw against Tranmere last weekend but to be honest, we didn't play as well as we have in recent weeks and instead our play was scrappy. In previous games we had been magnificent, playing some great football with pace, commitment, discipline – all the right things you can do in a football game. Unfortunately, despite a good start – we couldn't capitalise on it and they equalised having thrown caution to the wind. Still, a point is better than nothing and we must look to build on it next week to continue our run. Back to today's game and following last week's performance by the fans – I just hope that we can see a repeat of the magnificent backing that the players received. You were magnificent and it is great to see everyone working as one.

Finally, may I wish Jimmy Davis all the best for the future. Jimmy, who left on Monday, received deserved adulation last Saturday and he'll be a great loss to this football club. I think you will see the kid play at Manchester United before the end of the season. But take the plus side of that: Swindon Town have had him for three months at this football club. I hope he leaves something for my players, with not only his football and his footballing ability, but his desire and his commitment. He is a boy on loan from Man United who takes that attitude, and my players should take that. They can strive to reach those levels.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



LIKE ME, I GUESS YOU'LL ALL BE DISAPPOINTED BY TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULT - HAVING TAKEN A TWO-GOAL LEAD WE THEN ALLOWED THEM BACK INTO THE GAME AND TO BE HONEST, WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN IN THAT SITUATION.

It's a shame to go out of the competition really because, no matter what you think about it, it's the best chance teams like us have of reaching a cup final. Unfortunately it's not to be and we have the chance of making up for the defeat this afternoon in the FA Cup.

It is at this stage of the competition that we are all dreaming of what might be. With all of the lower league clubs still in the tournament it is here that the fans and players are hoping to make it through to Round Three and that lucrative tie against one of the 'bigger' clubs. Huddersfield, like us, will also be looking

to enjoy a trip into Round Two and so we must be on our guard if we are to progress. It will be hard because Tuesday's exertions will certainly have an effect, but if we want it badly enough we will pull through. We are going to have to play a lot better than we did both last Saturday and on Tuesday night because on both occasions, silly errors cost us the game. The Tranmere match in particular, despite not playing as well as we had in previous games, was one that we really should have won and so I'm hoping for a great collective effort from the lads today. Enjoy the game and get behind us again.



DICK MACKEY

Thankfully it's been relatively quiet in the treatment room this week. Keith O'Halloran is the only major concern, and even he is getting better after a lot of hard work on his behalf.

Keith's leg is now stronger than it's been for some time. It is now fit and strong and on the whole he feels a lot better. He is doing his bit by working hard on his leg strength in the pool and on the bike. We are expanding his workload on a weekly basis and it is doing him the world of good.

Other than Keith we've only had fleeting visits from Stefani and Eric. Thankfully Eric's suspension last week gave us the time we needed to have a look at his knee and he has now subsequently returned to training on Thursday. 'Stef' popped in on Wednesday morning following the Kidderminster game, but to be honest it was only a slight knock and like Eric, he should be in contention for this afternoon's game.



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Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground at the start of another FA Cup campaign. A warm welcome from the board of Swindon Town to the directors, management, players and supporters from Huddersfield.

It may be mentioned elsewhere in today's programme, but on a personal note I would like to thank everyone who attended last Saturday's match and who helped to get the attendance figure back over 5,000. The atmosphere you generated and your support for the team helped to make a very enjoyable afternoon's spectacle. We could have done without the late equaliser, but then it is not so long ago that any draw at home would have been seen as a good result.

On the subject of attendances, today's game provided the club with the first proper opportunity to offer a discounted entrance fee. I hope that some more fans, who disagreed with the pricing structure and have not yet come to a game this season, will be back here today. Certainly a decent crowd in excess of 5,500 – 6,000 will give the board food for thought in terms of pricing policy.

If they haven't yet, then very soon, every season ticket holder should receive a letter from the club, asking if they would be prepared for the club to revisit the whole pricing structure, if there is a majority in favour then we will undertake a review.

Season ticket holders will also receive details of an exclusive 'friends and family' offer for the Crewe Alexandra match on the December 21.

I am delighted that there has been an excellent response to the half season ticket offer (details elsewhere in the programme). Especially promising has been the take up of junior season tickets, which are tremendous value for money.

The Tranmere game saw the first in a two-match trial, where we housed the visiting fans in the Stratton Bank, priced the same as the Town End. This



Invincible in action against Tranmere last Saturday.

MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

followed a few complaints from visiting supporters regarding our prices. The results were not promising. Tranmere bought 323 travelling supporters, against nearly 650 who travelled last year. We will draw our conclusions after the second trial match, versus Peterborough at the end of December.

I'm afraid the Neil Ruddock dispute seems destined for the courts. As I write these notes I am aware that Neil's advisors have turned down our increased severance offer. Our offer was a substantial one, when you consider our financial position and I had hoped for a sensible outcome. The

very future of the club could be threatened by the impending court case, and I still hold out that common sense will prevail and we can move the club forward. On a happier note, I am pleased to confirm that our New York marathon hero – Marketing Chief Mike Sullivan, and his medal, will be making an appearance in the club shop on Thursday's for photos and autographs. For a man of his age to still complete a marathon, with his own hair and teeth is quite remarkable!

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



11.11.02

TOWN CLAIM TWO IN TEAM OF WEEK



Swindon Town had not one, but TWO players in last week's Nationwide Team Of The Week. Bart Griemink was included after his inspirational performance against Notts County in which he saved Town on a number of occasions including a double save right at the death to ensure a point. Striker Sam Parkin was also included after his double strike at Adams Park which gave Town their first away win since August.

11.11.02

DEVLIN THANKS FANS

Although Town were unable to seal three points against Tranmere last Saturday, the performance of the Town crowd was certainly worthy of praise.

Chief Executive **Mark Devlin**, talking to swindontownfc.co.uk on Monday said: "The fans were fantastic on Saturday. It was pleasing to see everyone united as one and getting behind the players – it made such a difference having everyone get behind Andy and his team and I think they responded accordingly. In recent weeks support has been incredible and as a consequence, the lads have performed better and results have improved. I just hope that this continues and if it does, I'm sure results will continue to get better, all the time helping to make a better atmosphere at the ground."

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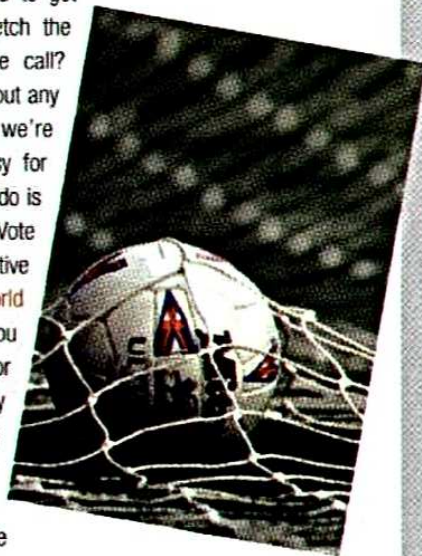
The Club announces on Monday that the Avon Insurance Combination fixture against Plymouth Argyle, scheduled for Wednesday at The County Ground at 2pm, is postponed.

This was due to both Swindon and Plymouth's involvement in the LDV Vans Trophy on Tuesday night. A re-arranged date for the match will be announced as soon as it is agreed with Plymouth.

11.11.02

VIDEO VOTE

How many times have you watched a goal of the month competition on TV and thought to yourself 'oh yeah, that's a cracker, I'll vote for that' but then not done it because you couldn't be bothered to get off the sofa and fetch the phone to make the call? Well, don't worry about any of that because we're making it dead easy for you. All you have to do is check out our Video Vote section in the Interactive Channel on **STFC World** and pick the goal you rate as the best for October. Then simply hit the corresponding button and your vote will be registered. It's as simple as that!



12.11.02

'JACKO' SIGNS FOR ANOTHER MONTH

Swindon Town confirms that Tottenham Hotspur Midfielder, Johnnie Jackson, has signed for another month on loan.

The England U20 Player has been a regular on the left-hand side of a three-man Town midfield. Jackson also grabbed a goal in the 6-1 demolition of Southend United with a curling 35-yard free kick. His set piece delivery has also been an asset to the side and the youngster has been a valued addition to Andy King's squad.



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SWINDON TOWN 1

PARKIN 2

TRANMERE ROVERS 1

JONES 80

Town started the game the brighter of the two sides and took the game to the visitors. The first chance came as early as the first minute when Parkin met a cross from Davis, unfortunately Town's top scorer could not force the ball home. However, he made no mistake just 30 seconds later when he headed home another Davis cross to put Town into the lead. This was Sam's sixth goal in five consecutive games.

Manchester United loan star Jimmy Davis continued his good work chasing every ball down and setting the example for his teammates. As a result of a Davis's charge down, the ball was put out for a throw. The ball was given to Matt Hewlett who played through to Invincible whose shot was cleared off the line as it rolled agonisingly towards goal. Following a defensive clearance, a through ball from Andy Gurney found Invincible who shrugged off a challenge and fired into the net. However the referee pulled the game back for an alleged foul by Invincible and disallowed the goal. Tranmere Rovers had their first shot on goal on 15 minutes with a curling shot from the edge of the box from former Cardiff striker, Simon Howarth. Howarth then had a goal ruled out for clear offside, with Howarth lucky not to gain a booking as he fired into the net after the whistle had gone. On 18 minutes Jimmy Davis skipped past his man and threaded a clever ball to Parkin who could not get the ball out of his feet and the danger cleared. Griemink had to be at his best on 20 minutes when a curling cross from Micky Mellon, the Tranmere captain, found Howarth who saw his header tipped round the post by the big Dutchman. Just a minute later Griemink found himself at the centre of attention as he cleared a Mellon header off the line.

On 25 minutes Davis danced his way down the touchline and sent the ball into the box for Invincible at the back post, but the Australian could only head straight at visiting 'keeper, John Achterberg. Town then produced a piece of clever passing football involving Andy Gurney, Danny Invincible and Jackson. Gurney gathered the ball on the far touchline and after interchanging passes with Invincible, the ball was squared to Hewlett who created an opening before playing in Jackson. Unfortunately the linesman raised his flag for offside. Hewlett then had his shot blocked on the half-hour as Town looked for a second goal before the break. Micky Mellon was booked just a minute before the break for dissent after a foul on Davis just to the left of the Rovers box. Jackson clipped the ball into the danger zone which was met by Davis whose diving header flew the wrong side of the

Tranmere crossbar to keep Town just one goal ahead as they went into the break.

The visitors ran out for the second half in the knowledge that they had to come forward and try and break down what had been a solid Town back line in the first forty-five minutes. Simon Howarth collected the ball 30 yards out and stepped inside his man and curled a speculative effort just wide of Griemink's left hand post. Town then moved forward and Davis played in Parkin whose fierce shot was deflected onto the bar by Achterberg and away from goal. The referee then made one of many interesting decisions as he awarded a free-kick against Davis. Adam Proudlock saw his shot deflected wide by Reeves as the Wolves loan player set his sights on goal. On 57 minutes Davis jinked his way past three players but the ball was cut out for a corner. Johnnie Jackson swung the ball over which was met by Invincible. His snap shot was deflected wide for a second successive corner but Town could not turn the ball home as the ball was cleared.

Danny Invincible then surged forward and was alleged to have bundled over Jason Price. The referee gave a free-kick once again angering the Town crowd. However Price fell awkwardly and was stretchered off with a suspected broken collarbone. Rovers began to press forward and had a handball appeal waved away by the referee. Tranmere fans sitting in the Stratton Bank called for a penalty as they thought Reeves handled, but the referee waved play on.

Jimmy Davis then picked the ball up two minutes later following a Tranmere attack in his own half. Davis knocked the ball past the advancing defender as he strode into the Rovers half but the referee played no advantage whatsoever giving a free kick to Town as Davis ran through. The Manchester United player was enjoying a good last game for Town, as he returned to Old Trafford for training on Monday.

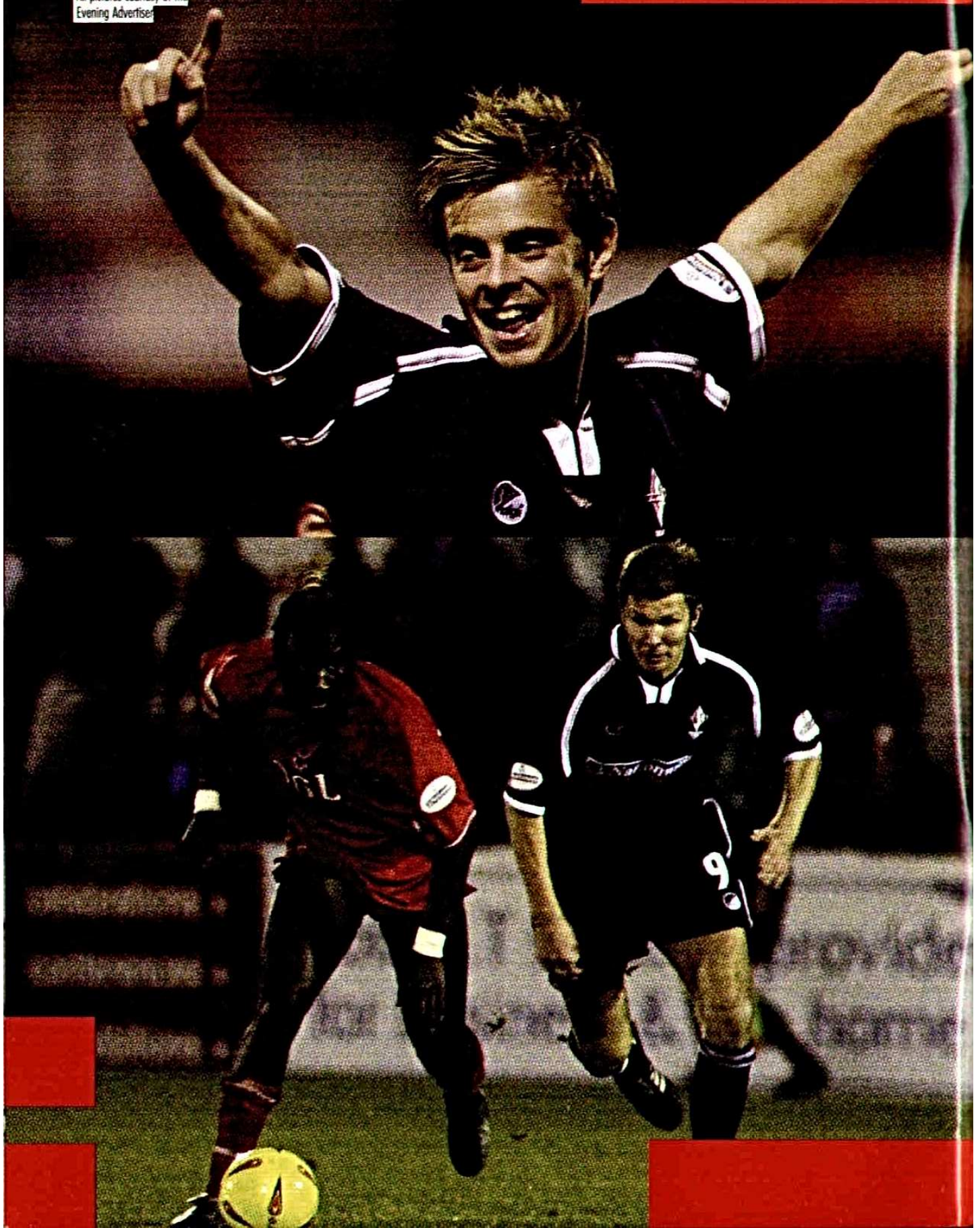
With just 10 minutes to go Tranmere grabbed an equaliser. Town had allowed the visitors time on the ball and Graeme Jones headed a cross from Roberts past Griemink from the left hand side. Town pushed forward after the equaliser and The County Ground crowd were in full voice in the final stages of the game, urging their side on with some passionate backing – unfortunately they had to settle for a point as opposed to all three.

TOWN: Griemink, Duke, Heywood, Reeves, Gurney, Jackson, Hewlett, Robinson, Invincible (Young 86), Parkin, Davis **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Willis, Miglioranzi.

TRANMERE: Achterberg, Nicholson (Barlow 76), Allen, Edwards, Connelly, Roberts, Mellon, Jones, Price (Taylor 60), Haworth, Proudlock **Subs not used:** Gray, Harrison, Howarth.

MATCH

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KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 3 (AET)

MELLIGAN 47, BROUGHTON 47, SALL 105

SWINDON TOWN 2

INVINCIBLE 39, YOUNG 47

I often ask myself why I sacrifice such evenings as this for trips to places such as Kidderminster and tonight my resolve, like the other 270 'Townies' that made the dramatic trip to the Aggborough Stadium from Wiltshire, was severely tested. However - they certainly got their money's worth, the game going into extra time.

A 25-mile tailback en route, a floodlight failure as well as an pernicky car park attendant made it an interesting start to the evening - even Andy King must have questioned his wisdom as he sat frustrated in the traffic. At one stage it seemed as though this LDV Second Round tie was destined not to take place. However, as a wise man once said, "the show must go on", and after Town's travelling army had held aloft their lighters in jest as the floodlights went out for the second time - the game finally got under way at 9.00pm.

Craig Farr, Alan Young and Daren Dykes were the most notable inclusions to Andy King's side, with Young slotting in alongside Invincible and Dykes in the usual three-pronged attack. At the back Gareth Edds and Adam Willis returned, whilst Miglioranzi dropped back into the centre of midfield. And that was as good as it got as the game eventually got under way. Harriers, flying high in Division Three, enjoyed spells of possession without really threatening, their best chance coming when Melligan was through on goal with only Farr to beat. However, the youngster, whose confidence was boosted by a number of strong catches, did enough by rushing out towards Melligan to put him off and the shot ran out for a goal kick. Town grew in confidence and in the fifth minute Invincible should have done better when through on goal. The Australian, looking to boost his disappointing goal tally, could only drag his right-footed shot past the post following Young's penetrative through ball.

However, Danny soon made up for it on 39 minutes, the Australian drilling the ball home from a difficult angle (and under pressure from Abdul Sall) underneath the despairing dive of Brock in the Harriers' goal.

The soup was fantastic at the interval, but the food was soon eclipsed by an incredible start to the second half. Alan Young scored his first goal of the season when, having chased down a Miglioranzi through ball, he was rewarded when the 'keeper struck the ball against him. Young subsequently slotted the ball home into the empty net.

Kidderminster pulled one back straight from the kick-off. Melligan, who was impressive on the right hand side of midfield, had the simple task of firing home into an empty net following a cross by Broughton. And no sooner had I finished typing news of the first goal it was 2-2, much to the disdain of the travelling support. Heywood misjudged a long ball and Melligan's subsequent cross was squeezed in by Broughton, the ball somehow sneaking through Farr's arms at his near post meaning that the game had to go into extra time.

Melligan nearly capped a fine display with the winner straight after the kick-off when he rifled a right-footed half volley past Farr's post. At the other end Invincible thought he'd won it on 93 minutes, the Aussie heading home on the line following Parkin's header after Duke had rattled the bar. Unfortunately the linesman, not in as much hurry as the rest of us to get home, flagged for offside.

Parkin could have grabbed the winner himself on 114 minutes, the former Chelsea man heading just wide from Invincible's cross. Then, a minute later, The Harriers grabbed the golden goal just as the referee was about to blow for half time. A cross from the right hand side was headed home at the far post by Sall.

KIDDERMINSTER: Brock, Coleman, Hinton, Sall, Stamps (Ayres 41), Melligan, Flynn, Parrish (Williams 101), Shilton, Broughton, Foster (Henriksen 105) **Subs not used:** Danby, Smith.

SWINDON: Farr, Willis, Heywood, Reeves, Edds (Gurney 76), Robinson, Miglioranzi, Dykes (Parkin 76), Jackson (Duke 65), Invincible, Young **Subs not used:** Griemink, Hewlett.



5 OF THE BEST

The FA Cup First Round is all about the underdog succeeding against the bigger club, of 'David' against Goliath. And whilst our tie shouldn't throw up too many surprises, Mansfield's tie against Team Bath certainly might. Check out our five of the best giant killers, including a Tim Bazaglo hat trick against West Brom...

5 LIVERPOOL 0-1 WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon may not have been a non-league side or one from the lower leagues, yet when they managed to reach the FA Cup final in May 1988, few gave them much chance against a Liverpool side that had dominated domestically and abroad for the majority of the decade. Two former Townies, Lawrie Sanchez and Terry Gibson, were involved and it was Sanchez that scored what later turned out to be the winning goal when he converted Dennis Wise's cross. Liverpool were thrown a dramatic lifeline in the second half when they were awarded a penalty which they subsequently missed – and to this day Dave Beasant remains the only goalkeeper to have saved a penalty at Wembley in an Cup Final.

4 WREXHAM 2-1 ARSENAL

Wrexham had already seen off the Gunners in the 70's, with the Robins of the Welsh variety (in 92nd place) toppling the nation's league leaders in a

1-0 victory. And so when George Graham's side visited the Racecourse Ground in 1992 few thought that lightning could strike twice. Step up Mickey Thomas, an unlikely hero at 37 years of age, who struck an 80th minute free-kick to equalise before 20-year old Stuart Watkin fired home the winner in a tantalising goalmouth scramble. Thomas and Watkin were carried shoulder-high by jubilant Wrexham fans while Arsenal slunk back to the dressing room in disgrace - I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall in that dressing room afterwards!

3 SUTTON UNITED 2-1 COVENTRY CITY

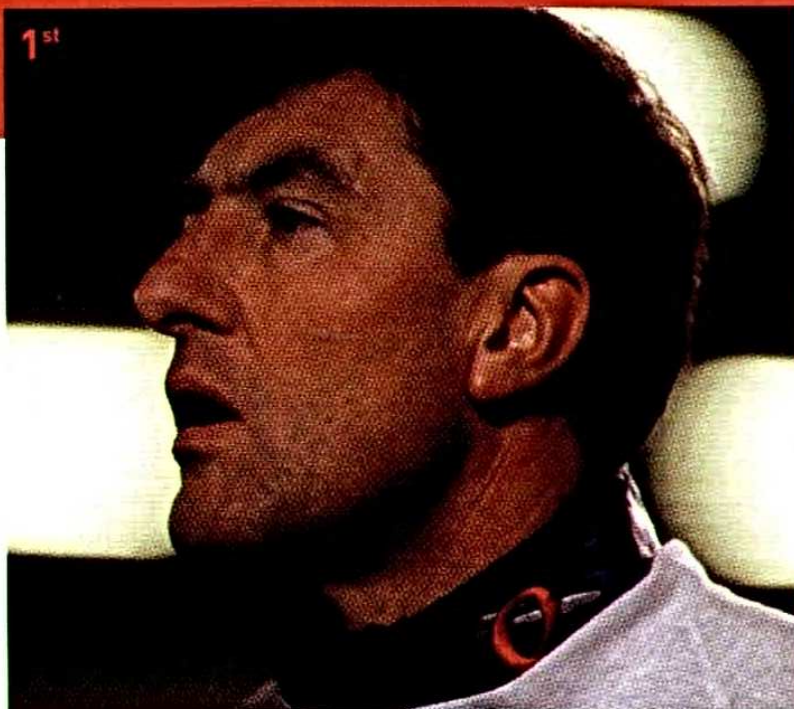
Coventry City, upon travelling to face lowly Sutton United, were not only looking to defend their cup triumph a year earlier, but were also flying high in what was the old Division One. However, despite fielding largely the same team that beat Tottenham a year earlier, the Sky Blues went down to goals from Matt Hanlan and Tony Rains - sending the vast majority of the



8,000-strong crowd into raptures. John Sillett's side had fallen at the first hurdle, however Sutton went on to face Norwich City in the next round. Unfortunately they were unable to repeat the same kind of form that saw them sail through the previous round and in front of 23,000 people, they were narrowly beaten 8-0.

2 **HEREFORD UNITED 2-1 NEWCASTLE UNITED**

Ask anyone their most memorable moment of the FA Cup and nine times out of ten people will say "that goal against Newcastle" in the mud. Such was the BBC's use of Ronnie Radford's goal against Newcastle for Hereford in 1972 in their coverage of the competition that almost every football fan remembers the game. Hereford had negotiated their way around a number of tricky ties and travelled to St James Park to face a much-fancied Newcastle side. Hereford surprised many and earned a 2-2 draw and by doing so, brought the mighty Geordies back to Edgar Street. However Malcolm MacDonald looked to have



done enough to win the game until Ronnie Radford scored two to win the game in extra time and in doing so, had made Hereford the first non-league side to register a victory over a First Division side since 1949.

1 **WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2-4 WOKING**

Woking had enjoyed two successive promotions leading up to what was (and probably still is) their most famous season of all time, yet not even the staunchest of Woking fan could

have predicted what was about to happen on this, a Third Round fixture. Away at Division Two strugglers West Brom, Woking went a goal down before equalising just before the stroke of half time. On this, a miserable day of wind and rain, Tim Bazaglo (Postman) emerged as an unlikely hero as he struck a second half hat trick to help his side ensure a 4-2 victory. Unfortunately Woking went out in the next round to Everton, but their victory at the Hawthorns was enough to see manager Brian Talbot lose his job.



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MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2002

CHELMSFORD CITY 2

SWINDON TOWN 9

DRAYCOTT 7, CHEESEMAN, TAYLOR

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, David Bampton, Luke Garrard, Chris Taylor, James Hambridge, Michael Pook, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, David Stroud. **Subs:** Matt Bullman, Kyle Lapham, Mark Jones, Aaron Salter, Bertie Foster.

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

UNDER 18'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S UNDER 19S SAILED INTO THE THIRD ROUND OF THE FA YOUTH CUP ON MONDAY NIGHT, WITH MARK DRAYCOTT GRABBING SEVEN GOALS IN AN EMPHATIC 9-2 VICTORY AT BILLERICAY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

Viv Busby's side, who were looking for a win in order to face the possibility of a lucrative Third Round tie, were comfortable winners, the lads taking a two-goal lead after just 15 minutes. Viv Busby takes up the story: "We made it clear to the lads from the start that it was important to get a good start. When you play against 'smaller' teams such as Chelmsford you have to take the initiative because if you let them rattle you then you are playing a dangerous game. Thankfully we had six or seven chances early on and converted them, but to be honest it could have been double figures by half time. We eventually got a third just before half time.

"At the interval we told the lads not to get complacent. Sometimes when you're two or three up it's easy to start 'showboating' and that's when you tend to make mistakes. Thankfully the lads responded and they didn't take their foot off the gas and within ten minutes of the re-start, we were 6-0 up. Unfortunately a lapse in concentration allowed the home side to get two goals back, but we managed to grab three more.

"In the end it was a comfortable win, but if I had to be critical it would be that we conceded two goals when, to be honest, we should have kept a clean sheet. But the lads were professional, played some great football and in particular, Mark Draycott did exceptionally well to get seven goals. Scoring seven at any level is exceptional, but to do it at this standard is fantastic."

The under 19s now face Huddersfield Town in the Third Round. Meanwhile, the under 17s were less successful at the weekend, going down 3-2 against Cardiff City. They will be looking to bounce back against Cirencester today, whilst the 19s face Cardiff at home.

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 23rd 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	P-P
Mon 11th Nov	Chelmsford City		9-2
Sat 16th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 23rd Nov	Burton Albion (MC)	Home	
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	Cardiff City	Home	

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

20 QUESTIONS



CHRIS TANNER CAUGHT UP WITH ARGENTINIAN DEFENDER JUAN COBIAN AND DISCUSSED CHAMPAGNE WITH ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS, ACCOUNTANCY AND THE BATTLE OVER TV CONTROLS.

1. IS IT TRUE YOU HAVE HAD A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE WITH MARADONA?

That is true, yes. It was his birthday and we all went to a restaurant to celebrate his birthday after a friendly match for Boca Juniors. As a 20-year old it was a great experience!

2. HOW LONG DID YOU SPEND AT BOCA JUNIORS?

I joined at ten and captained the youths and reserves and left when I was 21. I played 15 First Team games but it was very difficult to stay in the team with players like Veron, Gonzales and Cannigia competing with you.

3. DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?

Not really, but Eric (Sabin) calls me 'Juanito' for some reason!

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

That STFC didn't want me any more. I have only made a few first team appearances but want a chance to prove to the fans what I can do.

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

I love football and try not to miss a game, but I like playing tennis and watching Formula One.

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

I think Real Madrid or Arsenal will go all the way in the Champions League and Liverpool for the Premiership.

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

At 27 I try not to think about it. I have a few years left in me yet. I helped coach the Town under 15's last year and enjoyed that and would like to take my coaching badge sometime.

8. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?

This would have to be 'El Graphico', it is an Argentinian football magazine.

9. TV PROGRAMME?

Sky Sports News, although with my daughter at the moment it is hard to watch it as she has taken over the TV.

10. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I spend a lot of time with my wife, daughter and my dog. I value family life but I also like to do some extra training when I can. I am also doing an accountancy course at college.

11. FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Gran Canaria, I went there last year and it was very enjoyable.

12. WHAT CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

I bought my wife a Daihatsu Terios for get birthday and borrow that, I don't have a car myself.

13. WHAT IS PLAYING ON YOUR (WIFE'S!) CAR STEREO AT THE MOMENT?

At the moment it is kid's music for my daughter, but when she is not in the car I like to listen to a group called the 'Fabulous Cadillacs', which is national Argentinian music.

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

That would be the last time I flew back from Argentina on the plane.

15. WHO DO YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO AS A PLAYER?

Falgado at Real Madrid. He is a hard player but good on the ball.

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

My wife.

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

Eric Sabin, we are together all the time so being stuck in a lift with him would just be too much!

18. BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH?

That has to be that Number 10 at Boca

19. WHERE DO YOU THINK TOWN WILL FINISH THIS SEASON IN THE TABLE?

I think we will have a mid-table finish.

20. CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR A SELECTION OF THIS WEEKEND'S PREMIERSHIP AND FA CUP GAMES?

Arsenal 1	vs	Tottenham 1
West Brom 1	vs	Aston Villa 0
Barnsley 2	vs	Blackpool 0
Bristol Rovers 3	vs	Runcorn 0 (Graz hat-trick)
Dover 1	vs	Oxford 0
Oldham 3	vs	Burton 1
Team Bath 2	vs	Mansfield 1
Yeovil 1	vs	Cheltenham 2
Swindon 1	vs	Huddersfield 0

NEXT ISSUE: JOHNNIE JACKSON

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THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE WAS A VICTIM OF THE ATROCIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS LAST WEEKEND AND AS A RESULT, ALL OF THE GAMES WERE POSTPONED.

However, all teams are back in action this weekend, with the 9s, 10s and 11s playing Swansea away, the 12's and 13s Exeter away, and the 14s and 15s Exeter at home.

Meanwhile, the under 17s were in action last Saturday when they travelled to Wales to face Cardiff City. However, despite taking a two-goal lead, Jim Fraser's side lost 3-2. Lance Lewis grabbed two goals in the first half before Swindon decided to take their foot off the gas, allowing the Bluebirds to pull one back before half time.

Unfortunately the second half continued as the first period had finished and Cardiff added two more to steal all three points. Jim Fraser was disappointed with the performance, "It was well below the standards that the lads have set and so they should be disappointed as well. The thing was, we were looking good at 2-0, it was just that we then seemed to get complacent and that's where the game was lost. In the end we got what we deserved and that was to get beaten.

"With that said the game has now gone and we must bounce back against Cirencester this weekend. The lads have beaten 'Ciren' before, but that does not mean that we should take the game easy, after all, derby matches tend to throw the form book out of the window."

This week the Centre of Excellence welcomes ten new faces: Leigh Bedwell, Alex Henshall, Jack Sansun, Matthew Russell, Lawson D'ath, Jake Gosling, Sean Collins, Sam Minton, Liam McCormick, Jamie Taylor and Craig Townsend. To all of the new faces, good luck at STFC!

Remember if you would like to sponsor the Centre of Excellence or the Soccer Centres, then contact Jimmy at the club on 01793 333700.

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



IT'S BEEN A TOPSY-TURVY COUPLE OF SEASONS FOR TODAY'S VISITORS. IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT THE TERRIERS WERE PUSHING FOR PROMOTION TO THE PREMIERSHIP BEFORE THEY WERE CRUELLY RELEGATED TO DIVISION TWO ON THE LAST DAY OF THE 2000/01 SEASON.

TODAY'S VISITORS



THIS SEASON

Ins: Eddie Youds (Charlton), Kevin Sharp (Wrexham), Kevin Gallacher (Sheff Wed)

Outs: Delroy Facey (Bolton), Chris Beech (Rochdale), Kevin Gray (Tranmere), Paul Evans (Sheff Wed), Martyn Margetson (Cardiff), Chris Hay (St Johnstone), Michael Senior (Halifax)

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

Last five games: LDLLD

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 6 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 5-1 (v Wrexham)

Biggest defeat: 0-4 (v Mansfield)

Top scorer: Leon Knight 17

Most League apps: Margetson 57

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1908

Biggest win: 10 - 1 v Blackpool
(13/12/1930)

Most capped player: Jimmy Nicholson (Northern Ireland: 31)

Most league goals: Jimmy Glazzard
(142: 1946/56)

Biggest buy: Marcus Stewart
£1,200,000

Record against the Town:
STFC wins 13, HTFC Wins 8, Draws 7

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Even last year, under the guile of former Town boss Lou Macari, Huddersfield were hoping for an immediate return until they were knocked out of the play-offs at the first hurdle having finished the season in sixth place.

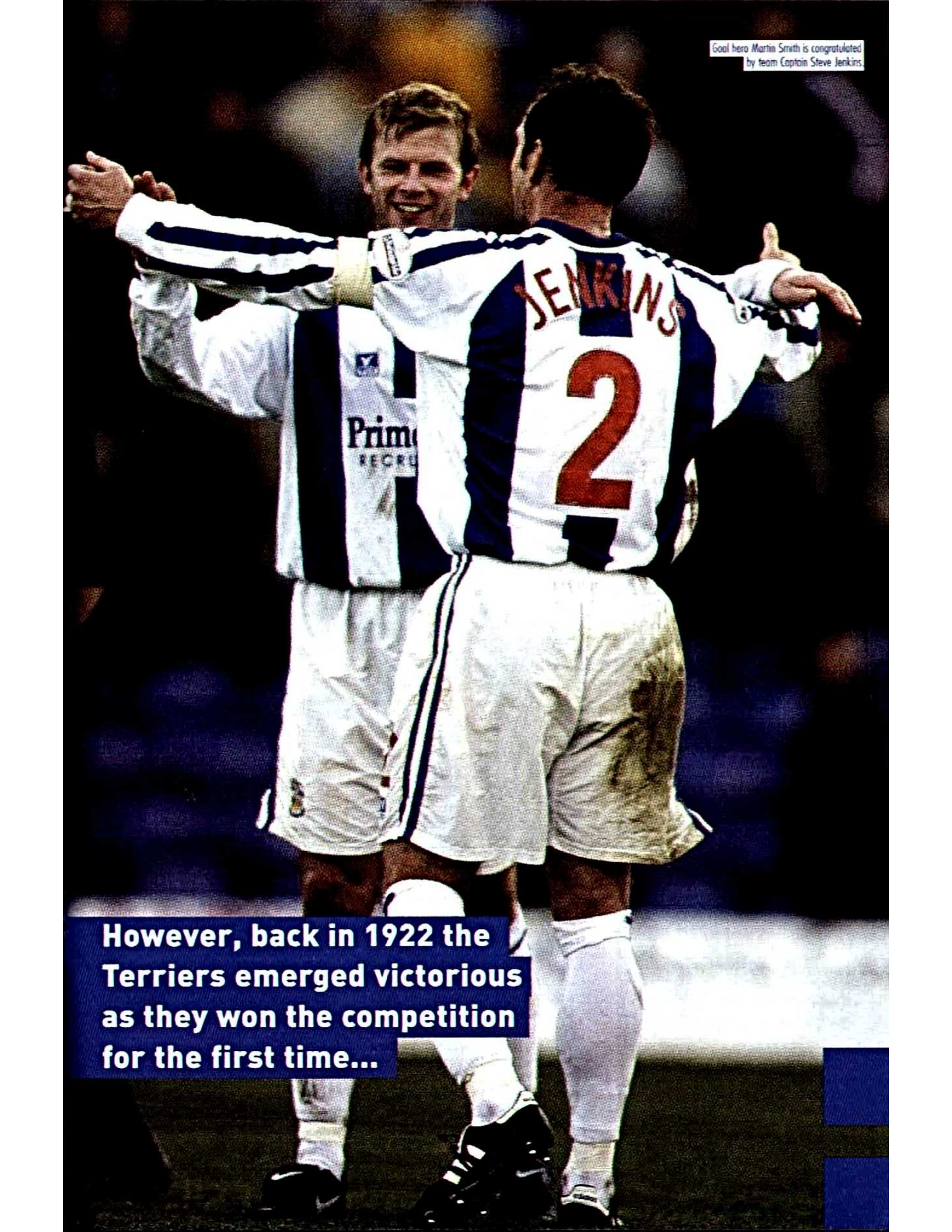
This year, with Mick Wadsworth at the helm and with a large number of players having left for pastures new (including former Town striker, Chris Hay, who has left to join St Johnstone), the Terriers find themselves with a young squad and in the bottom half of the table. Even Leon Knight, who spent much of last season on loan at Huddersfield from Chelsea with devastating effect, has left and at present, there are only a small number of players that Town fans may remember from last season's encounters. Chris Hay had the last laugh at the County Ground when he struck home the winner whilst the two clubs played out a goalless draw at the McAlpine Stadium.

With that said, there is a strong belief that the current crop of players will 'come good' at some stage and so under Wadsworth's tenure is a group of lads that could possibly, in the future, take the club back to where it belongs.

And so they should too, for the club has a tremendous stadium worthy of greater visitors than what Division Two has to offer. However, the side got off to a disastrous start to the season (despite being amongst the bookies favourites to go up) when they lost two in a row (against Brentford and Plymouth). Their first victory was registered away at Peterborough a week later and after another couple of disappointing results, they won again at Barnsley. Five games without a win later and two wins came along at once, with the Terriers successful away at Notts County before winning at home against Mansfield. Unfortunately Huddersfield have failed to register a win since (including the LDV Trophy where they were knocked out by Wrexham) and it appears that their achilles heel is the number of goals scored (or lack of as the case may be).

Just 13 goals have been registered all season and with goals being leaked at the other end, Wadsworth has a conundrum on his hands. Still, Martin Smith is doing his best efforts to rally those around him and with four goals to his name will be the player to watch this afternoon.

Huddersfield's FA Cup record, like ours, is pretty poor. In the last ten games in the competition they've registered just three wins. However, back in 1922 the Terriers emerged victorious as they won the competition for the first time and after an absence of 80 years, who knows what this years competition may herald for them.



Goal hero Martin Smith is congratulated
by team Captain Steve Jenkins

**However, back in 1922 the
Terriers emerged victorious
as they won the competition
for the first time...**

THE GAFFER



MICK WADSWORTH

After a career as player and, later, player-coach with Frickley Athletic, Mick distinguished himself to the extent that he spent a further six years from 1985 to 1991 as an FA Regional coach in the North-West region. After this, he was a technical co-ordinator on the FA's Excellence Programme. He held these positions while also taking on a role as the coach of the England non-league team for two years before a five-year stint as the England Youth team coach. This led to further honour as he progressed to a coaching role with the England under-21 team between 1991 and 1993.

Also, from 1988 to 1992, he was an official match observer for England set up under Bobby Robson and Graham Taylor. It was Bobby Robson who gave Mick the chance to work at Italia 90 as a member of the England coaching staff. Following the tournament, Robson became the manager at PSV Eindhoven in Holland. Wadsworth was prevented from taking up the invitation from Robson to coach at the Eredivisie club because he did not possess the required Dutch coaching qualifications. From August 1993 to July 1996, Mick managed Carlisle United before stints at Norwich, Scarborough, Colchester, Crystal Palace, Newcastle, Southampton and Oldham followed.

MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Huddersfield 02-	G21	W5	L10	D6
Oldham 2001-02	G35	W15	L9	D11
Colchester 1999-99	G24	W7	L10	D7
Scarborough 1996-99	G137	W44	L57	D36
Carlisle 1993-96	G149	W63	L50	

THE SQUAD

SCOTT BEVAN (Keeper)

Scott has been signed on loan from Southampton for a season and at 6'5" – is a giant goalkeeper. He has good aerial ability and does well on crosses as well as demonstrating excellent shot-stopping ability. With a good performance against Athletic Bilbao in a pre-season friendly, he seems set to become a crowd favourite this season.

STEVE JENKINS (Def)

A long-serving Town stalwart, Jenkins has made the right back slot his own at the club although he is also able to play in the centre of defence as well. A model of cool reliability, the experienced defender is comfortable holding the line or raiding upfield on the overlap during an attack. He has recently been named as club captain. Jenkins also has international experience with Wales.



Nathan Clarke burst onto the scene at the start of the 2001/2002 season with a confidence beyond his years when he was surprisingly selected to start against Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium at the start of September 2001. He capped his home debut the following week with a diving header against Blackpool and didn't look back afterwards. Rumours soon grew of interest from Liverpool but the Town youngster has been unfazed by the

stories and has carried on playing his usual game. Clarke is a quick defender, good in the air and strong in the tackle, and his ability to bring the ball out of defence and distribute it intelligently makes him very valuable to the club.

ADIE MOSES (Def)

An experienced and mobile defender with Premiership experience, Adie Moses signed for Town from Barnsley with a view to getting regular first team football. Although he found it hard to break into the first team under Lou Macari, Moses continued to work hard in the reserves and took his chances in the first team, mainly playing at right back although his favoured position is centre back.

JOHN THORRINGTON (Att)

John Thorington is blessed with electrifying pace and has plenty of enthusiasm for the game where he was usually stationed wide on the right for Town. Along with Leon Knight, John terrorised Division 2 defences during the 2001/2002 season and, but for injury problems, Thorington might have helped Town through the play-offs.

JONATHAN STEAD (Att)

Jon Stead is a youth player who has been compared to a young Andy Booth. He might not have 'Boothy's' aerial ability yet but the tall striker more than makes up with his extra yards of pace, good ball control, and a deadly eye for goal. He is set to make the same breakthrough into the first team this season as Nathan Clarke did last season.

KEVIN SHARP (Def)

Kevin Sharp has been signed on a one-year deal to give Gareth Evans some competition at left back. The former Canadian-born former Leeds, Wigan



Mansfield's Neil Moore puts pressure on Huddersfield's Martin Smith

and Wrexham player will be able to offer his experience to Town's defence.



Martin Smith arrived at the McAlpine in the latter stages of the 1999/00 season as a replacement for Marcus Stewart who departed for Ipswich Town towards the end of Steve Bruce's first season in charge of the Terriers. Injury caused him to miss the

final crucial weeks of the 2000/01 season, when the Terriers were relegated, and his injury nightmare continued when he completely missed the 2001/2002 season in which the Terriers narrowly failed to make the play-off final. Smith is a left sided forward with an eye for goal who can also play wide on the left in midfield.

JON WORTHINGTON (mid)

Jon Worthington is a promising youth player who seems set to be a driving force in future Town midfields. With an impressive work-rate and a penchant for getting into scoring positions, he will almost certainly be amongst the goals if he gets a run in the first team.

DWAYNE MATTIS (mid)

Dwayne Mattis was given his big chance in the 2001/02 season by Lou Macari. The Town trainee, an Ireland U21 International forced his way into midfield and retained his place after injuries to Chris Beech and the departure of Craig Armstrong paved the way for a long run

in the team after an impressive series of cameos from the bench.

DANNY SCHOFIELD (mid)

Danny Schofield is a very skilful attacking midfielder who can play up front. Capable of making and scoring goals, Schofield is willing to play anywhere in midfield or attack and can mesmerise defenders with his tricks, flicks and quick passing. Fleet of foot, Schofield also has the knack of turning up in attacking positions and getting on the end of passing moves to score although he can get bogged down under close marking.

KENNY IRONS (mid)

Kenny Irons was signed from Tranmere Rovers at the beginning of Steve Bruce's McAlpine spell in the 1999/00 season. Irons has the ability to spot the killer pass as well as hit a lethal long range shot. When given room to play, he is a formidable midfielder and his skill is most apparent with set pieces and penalties, both of which he enjoys taking.

THEM AND US



Chris Hay was a Steve McMahon signing and he replaced the then recently departed Peter Thorne. Born in Glasgow in 1974, he joined the County Ground staff from Celtic in August 1997 for £330,000 where he had made 25 appearances at Celtic Park and contributed four goals to the hooped team's cause.

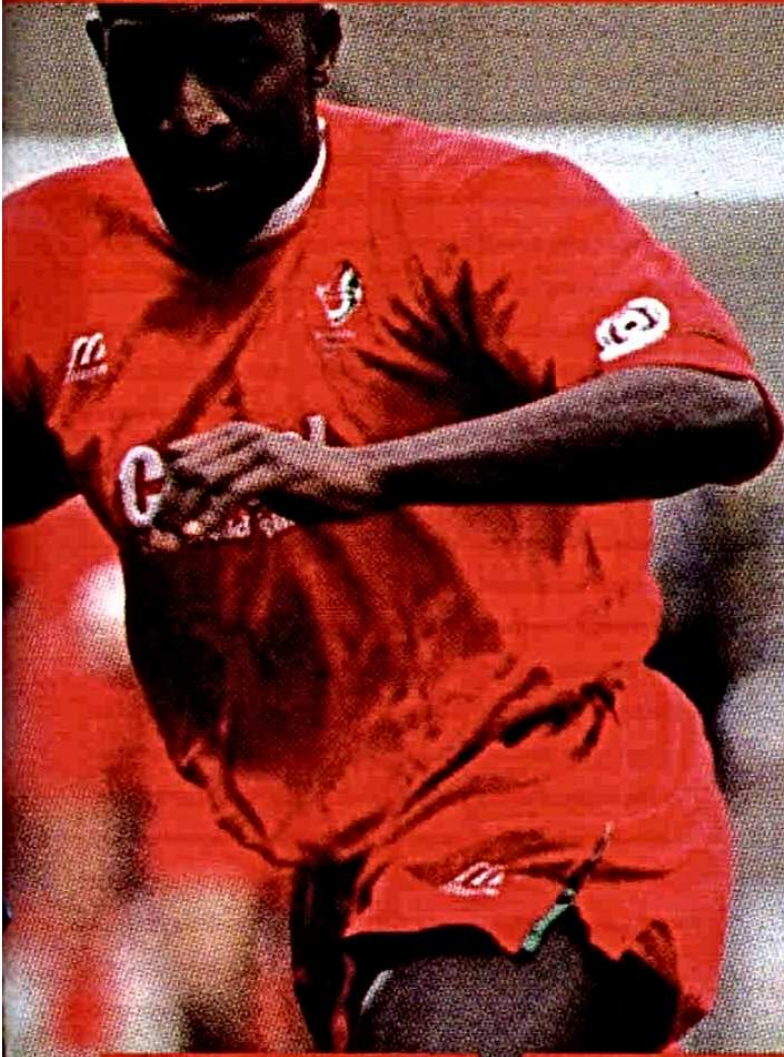
Getting off to a great start with the only goal of the game against Reading in his second appearance, Chris was to finish Town's top scorer in 1997/98 and went on to average almost a goal every third game over a 94 League match record here at Swindon. Eight goals in October convinced McMahon that the continued inclusion of strike partner Wayne Allison

was un-necessary, but after the sale of 'The Chief' in November, Hay managed just two more strikes to the end of the season.

The arrival of George Ndah saw the forward's shirts constantly shuffled between Hay, Ndah and Steve Finney, perhaps preventing a proper understanding forming between members of any of the options. The season after, and with Ndah and the newly acquired Ify Onuora registering 40 games apiece Chris Hay was left trailing in their wake in the goal-scoring charts, but the move of Ndah to Wolves re-opened the first team door for Hay who once again took the prize of top goal-scorer for 1999/00.

In March 2000, Chris moved on to our visitors Huddersfield for £70,000, making seven appearances before the end of the season. This time he was following in Wayne Allison's footsteps as Allison had left The Alfred McAlpine Stadium some months earlier, but Chris only registered four substitute appearances during 2000/01 as Huddersfield tumbled out of Division One on the last day of the season.

Last season saw Chris Hay gain a regular first team shirt and five goals in 31 League appearances. A play-off place saw a first round defeat to Brentford which prevented an elevation in status and no doubt Hay and Huddersfield will have been hoping to take one step



THIS WEEK IT'S TWO PLAYERS FROM OUR MORE RECENT PAST, WITH 'THE CHIEF' AND CHRIS HAY PLAYING FOR BOTH CLUBS IN THE LATE 90'S. HAY HAS JUST LEFT THE TERRIERS. GOOD JOB REALLY - HE SCORED THE WINNING GOAL AGAINST US LAST YEAR!

Wayne Allison seen playing for Swindon, battling with Richard Hall of Southampton in 1996.

further by the end of 2002/03. 'The Chief' is a Huddersfield-born lad, becoming a Yorkshireman on October 16 1968. Joining Halifax as a trainee, Wayne made 84 appearances and scored 23 goals in Division Three before Watford manager Steve Harrison invested £250,000 to make him a Hornet. Only seven games in Division Two followed as Allison struggled to justify a starting place ahead of 'legends' such as the two Gary's, Penrice and Porter.

A move to Bristol for £300,000 in August 1990 kick started Wayne's career once more as recently promoted City started a new season in Division Two. Recording half a dozen goals in 37 games, City finished a reasonable ninth and Allison's

five season stay at Ashton Gate was to produce 48 goals in just under 200 appearances.

In July 1995, with both City and Swindon suffering relegation to what was now called Division Two, he made the switch to the County Ground in return for £475,000. The move proved to be a wise decision as City finished in mid-table while Town claimed the divisional championship, thanks to 17 goals from club top goal-scorer Allison, his highest seasonal total.

The move to Huddersfield took place in November 1997, when after 101 matches and 31 goals Town collected £800,000 in return for Allison's

registration. Three seasons at the MacAlpine saw regular Division One mid-table finishes but after 71 appearances and 15 goals in the first two campaigns, he was reduced to just three substitute outings at the beginning of 1999/2000 and £300,000 changed hands in September to make Wayne a Tranmere striker.

To the end of 2001/02, Wayne had made 103 appearances for Tranmere and scored 26 goals in a period that saw Rovers drop into Division Two. Then the opportunity arose for 'The Chief' to return to Division One with Sheffield United, where he can be found this season continuing the arts of line leading and goal scoring.

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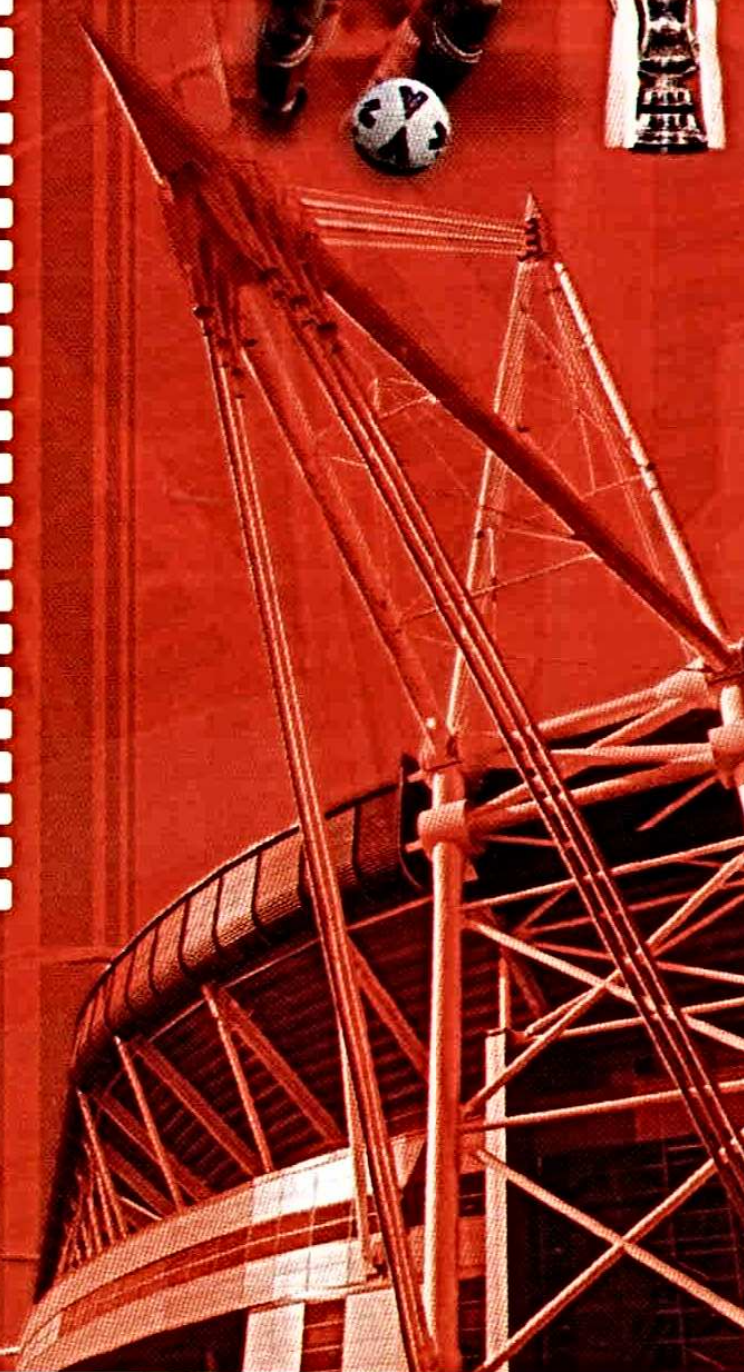
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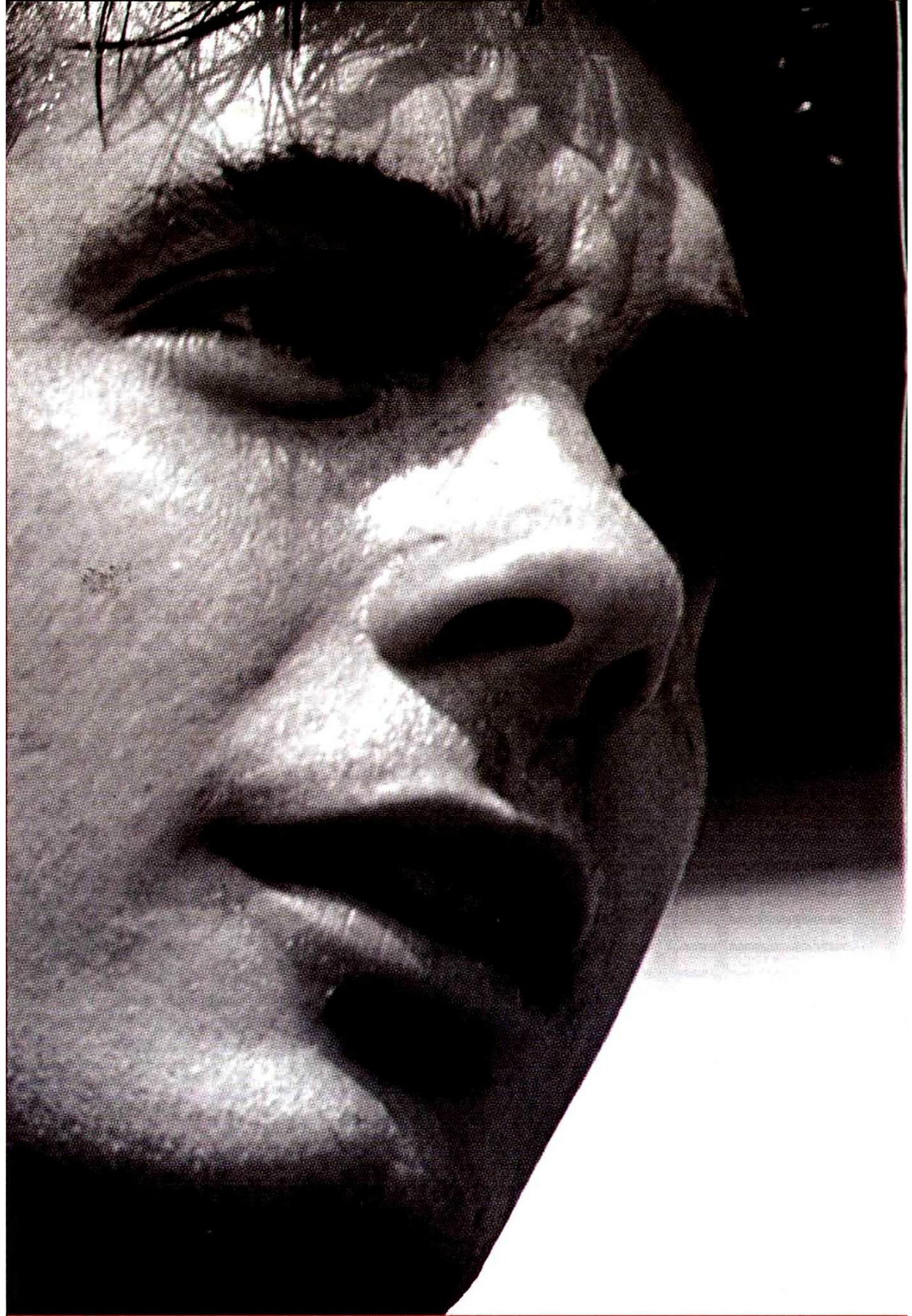
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Here it is, your cut out and keep FA Cup wall chart for you to fill as and when (let's hope) Town make it through the rounds. Unfortunately, with so many games we've only managed to include rounds one, two and three in this version, so should we get past the Third stage look out for a second part!





THE INVINCIBLE DAN

BACK IN THE SIDE AND CELEBRATING A GOAL ON TUESDAY NIGHT – NICK JUDD SPOKE TO DANNY INVINCIBLE ON THE FA CUP, ENGLISH TRAFFIC AND THE ASHES.

Being an Australian and living in England can't be all that easy. For a start the weather in comparison is pretty dire and as experienced yesterday, the traffic is pretty abysmal too. Like the 270 fans that made their way to the Aggborough Stadium on Tuesday night, Danny and the rest of the lads on the team coach got stuck in the horrendous traffic jam on the M5 and subsequently arrived late. "It was a joke to be honest, the whole night from the start seemed to go wrong for us, but it's just one of those things and as a professional footballer you just have to adapt. O.k. the Kidderminster lads didn't have to wait in four hours of traffic, but they did have to wait for the flood lights to work and so it was the same for both sides."

It's not all bad either. Foolishly I mentioned the Ashes and when he finally stopped laughing in my face, Danny went on to explain that England might have a chance of recovering from the First Test. "I almost feel embarrassed for you," he mocks. "But to be fair you had an injury on the first day and to be honest, I think you'll bounce back – I mean you can't keep playing that bad..."

I swiftly changed the subject and brought him back down to earth

with the topic of Tuesday night's defeat. And despite getting on the score sheet, Danny seemed gutted to have been knocked out of the competition. "It was very disappointing and to be honest, I don't think it was going to be our night. We were cruising at 2-0 up and in my opinion, playing against a Third Division side we should have gone on to win the game. But to be fair to them they battled hard and put us under pressure, we just went to sleep and got punished for it – it seems as though we never learn because it's not the first time it's happened.

"It was a shame to go out and in that fashion. I mean the LDV Trophy is not as illustrious as the FA Cup - but it is a competition that teams like ours have the chance of winning and that can only be a good thing. I just hope that we learn from our mistakes and stop letting sides getting back into a game once we've taken the lead. If I'm being perfectly honest – it should never have gone to extra time.

"Personally it was good to get back on the score sheet, but I think I could have scored a couple more and in the end, I've probably scored with the hardest effort of the lot! But scoring doesn't mean



anything unless the team succeeds as well and so I'll be hoping to go one better against Huddersfield. I also had the one disallowed in extra time, it seems as though I score more that are disallowed than I do goals that stand at the moment!"

Tuesday night also heralded a new strike threesome, with Alan Young and Daren Dykes joining Invincible in the usual three-pronged attack. And whilst it may not have been King's 'preferred' line-up, Danny says that it's good to mix things up. "I hadn't played with either of them this season and so it was difficult to gel together. But we train together and we know what each others strengths are and to be fair, I thought they did well. 'Youngy' got on the score sheet and could have had another, whilst Dykes showed great speed in what was his first real competitive match."

This afternoon however looks set to see a return of Sam Parkin and Eric Sabin to the line up and Danny is looking forward to

having a go at making up for Tuesday's disappointment by succeeding in what he believes is the greatest cup competition of them all. "It's a big game. Before I came to this country everyone had heard of the FA Cup back home and so to play in it is a great honour. If we can just get past the first few rounds then who knows who we'll meet and ultimately, that's what we, as players, want – to play the top sides. Last year we faced Manchester City and it was a great experience, but also if we can bring in some much-needed income into the club then that will be a bonus too."

"With that said, Huddersfield will be in exactly the same situation as us because not only will their players want to succeed, but they are also in need of the money too – all clubs are. Add to that the fact that they're not having the best of times in the league and they'll be well up for the match." Despite Sam and Eric's return, missing from Town's line-up today will be Jimmy Davis, the diminutive youngster

returning to Old Trafford on Monday. And as Danny explains, his return to Manchester heralded a sad day for most of Town's squad. "He'll be a huge loss," admitted Invincible. "He was a great player and he gave the 'gaffer' a lot of options. But he was never our player, we all knew he had to go back at some stage, but that doesn't mean that he won't be missed because he was a good lad too."

So with Davis missing, is the 'Brisbane Bomber' looking to fill his boots? "Not really, he is a different player to me although we both like to run at defenders. I just hope that I can keep scoring goals and that the team keeps winning, that's the main thing."

A win today would certainly ignite visions of Cardiff and get most of us dreaming of a lucrative Third Round tie – and if Danny gets his name on the score sheet then fair play to him, let's just hope he makes it to the game on time! And as for the Ashes – come on England...



17 DANNY INVINCIBILE



A WARM WELCOME BACK TO TODAY'S MATCHDAY SPONSORS, THE SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB 50/50 DRAW, AS WELL AS TODAY'S MATCH BALL SPONSORS - METEOR CAR PARKING.

COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

The Supporters Club in its present guise was established three years ago and is a full member of the Football Supporters Federation that represents over 100,000 fans Nationwide. Today's match day sponsorship is one of a number of areas where they have supported the Football Club and some of these are highlighted elsewhere in the magazine. Their fund raising and financial support for the football club over the last three seasons, through the central committee and various linked groups such as the Disabled Group, Away Travel, Junior Robins and the Vale & West Oxon Satellite Group, is now fast approaching £25,000. Supporters can enjoy a number of benefits through membership so why not check them out? For more details turn to page 50.

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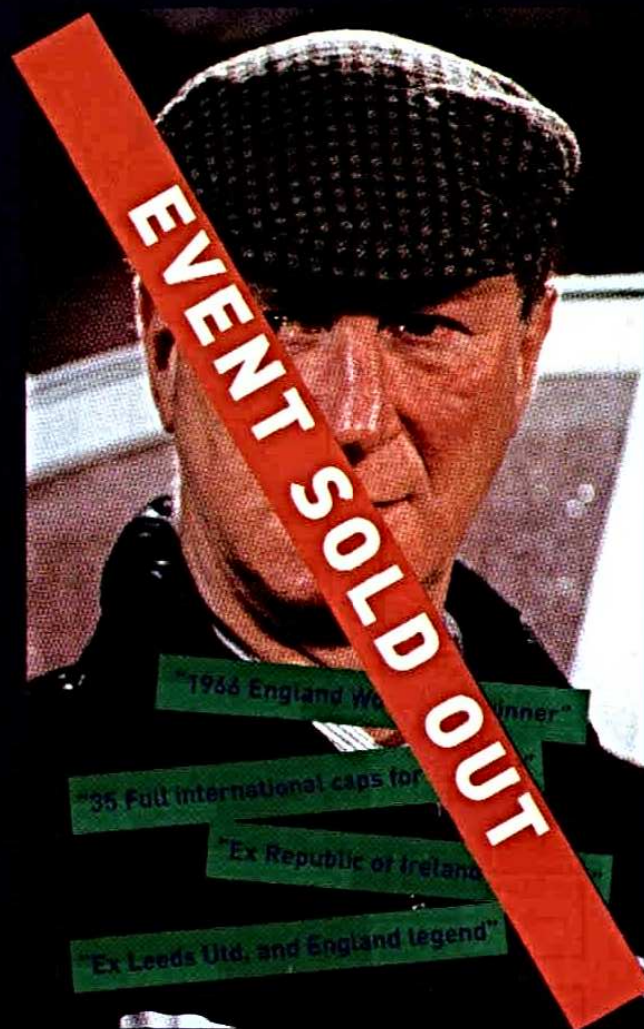
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Jimmy Davis presents Operations Director of Greenhams, Mike King, with an autographed football.

Andrew Coles receives a match video for winning the trivia challenge - presenting it is Jimmy Davis.



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BY **DICK MATTICK**



VINTAGE RED

DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO THE SWINGING SIXTIES IN WHICH TOWN DEFEATED LOWLY HUDDERSFIELD, YET WERE LATER RELEGATED TO DIVISION THREE. LET'S HOPE HISTORY DOESN'T REPEAT ITSELF! TAKE IT AWAY DICK...

In April 1974 Peter Eastoe scored a hat trick as Swindon recorded a 4-1 victory that helped send Huddersfield on their way to Division Four. The Yorkshire club, which can lay claim to being the first team ever to win three League Championships in a row, had one of their worst ever seasons finishing bottom with just 32 points from 46 games. It was 1980 before the two clubs were in the same division again and Huddersfield failed to score as Swindon completed a double thanks to a goal from Andy Rowland in the home fixture, and two from Chris Kamara at Leeds Road. The boot was very much on the other foot during the following season with Huddersfield winning 3-0 at home and inflicting a 5-1 drubbing to the Robins at the County Ground.

Today's feature match took place on September 26 1964. Swindon fielded an unchanged side from that which had been defeated by Swansea in the league Cup. This meant home league debuts for right-winger, Peter Leggett, and inside left, Ken Skeen, who had been signed from Trowbridge Town. Huddersfield went into the

game managerless as Eddie Boot, whose association with the club went back to the thirties, had resigned three weeks earlier and no replacement had been appointed. It was new boy Leggett that created the first goal for Swindon after 25 minutes - he cut inside and unleashed a fierce shot which Ray Wood in the Huddersfield goal did well to turn on to the cross bar. Fortunately Mike Summerbee was first to the rebound and tucked the ball in to the Terriers net. Three minutes later Huddersfield were two goals down. Wood, under pressure, achieved a partial clearance with a punch, but Roger Smart fastened on to the ball and fired into the net despite an attempt by Parker to head it off the line.

The Swindon team were caught napping at the start of the second half. Alan Gilliver gathered a left wing cross and gave Oakley no chance with a fine finish. John Coddington was in fine form at centre half for Huddersfield, but his wing half partners were finding too much of their time taken up with containing the lively young Swindon forwards and the home side were soon two up again. Ernie Hunt, who earned star marks from Dick

Beaumont in *The People*, got the third for Swindon after just under an hour's play. Summerbee sent in a right wing centre and with beautiful timing and perfect placement, Swindon's England Under 23 international headed into the net. Don Rogers had had a quiet game but five minutes from time he produced a trade mark goal dribbling past several defenders before shooting home. Swindon fans went home happy and the team had secured the "one good win to restore confidence," that manager Bert head felt was needed. Sadly it was not to be and at the season's end they dropped back into Division Three. Huddersfield, who were lying in the bottom two when this game was played, recovered to finish a creditable eighth.

Swindon: Oakley, Dawson, Trollope, Morgan, Mpherson, Smart, Leggett, Hunt, Summerbee, Skeen & Rogers.

Huddersfield: Wood, Parker, McNab, Holden, Coddington, Dinsdale, Smith, Bettany, Gilliver, Balderston & Lewis.

Attendance: 12,545

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MARK HANRAHAN RELISHES THIS YEAR'S FA CUP, WHILST HE REFLECTS ON THE FOOTBALLING STORIES OF THE WEEK.

The first round of the FA Cup – ah, I can taste the excitement already!

Whilst the gulf in class between the Premiership and the Nationwide League grows ever wider, the FA Cup has maintained its magic by continuing to deliver the big upsets from the David and Goliath scenarios. And don't we just love them! The class ridden pecking order of the Premiership has made it nigh-on impossible for another Wimbledon-esque meteoric rise from the depths of non-league to the very pinnacle of our domestic game in a dozen or so seasons. However, recent examples such as Chesterfield, Stevenage, Wycombe and Canvey Island have proved that there is a place where any fan outside the Premiership can dream. It's a long, long road but I'm going to make the most of it and I am confident that you will join me – starting today!

Aside from pinning my attention to the County Ground for today's clash with Huddersfield Town, keep an eye on the exploits of our less illustrious neighbours, Team Bath – the first University side to qualify for the FA Cup's first round proper

in the post-war era! These guys are no ordinary part-time outfit cut from the stereotypical non-league cloth of plumbers, bricklayers, milkmen and engineers. Mansfield Town beware! Your opponents today are honed from former Nationwide and Premiership apprentices who have enrolled in a course designed for players shown the door by the professional game at an early age – and boy will they be up for a bit of giant killing! Team Bath enter the 2002/03 FA Cup as everyone's favorite underdogs. As I said, with nothing to lose and everything to gain Mansfield will have to be on their toes. A 12:00pm kick-off will ensure that by the time you read this, the FA Cup may well have weaved it's magic again – good luck to the boys from Bath!

Should a second sample prove allegations that Chelsea's Aussie stopper Mark Bosnich is guilty of taking Cocaine, anyone connected with the Stamford Bridge club will have every right to feel more than a little aggrieved. Bosnich, who pockets a reported £40,000 per week plus, has become better known as a celebrity on the London party scene than on the pitch at Chelsea the last two seasons and has all

but disappeared from the goalkeeping pecking order in recent weeks. As Chelsea continue to suffer massive debts whilst several high paid players sit in the reserves collecting a substantial wage, patience has been wearing thin amongst the Blues faithful. Former Dutch International Winston Bogarde – himself in the Bosnich pay bracket – was roundly booed with every touch during a rare first team appearance in the Worthington Cup last week.

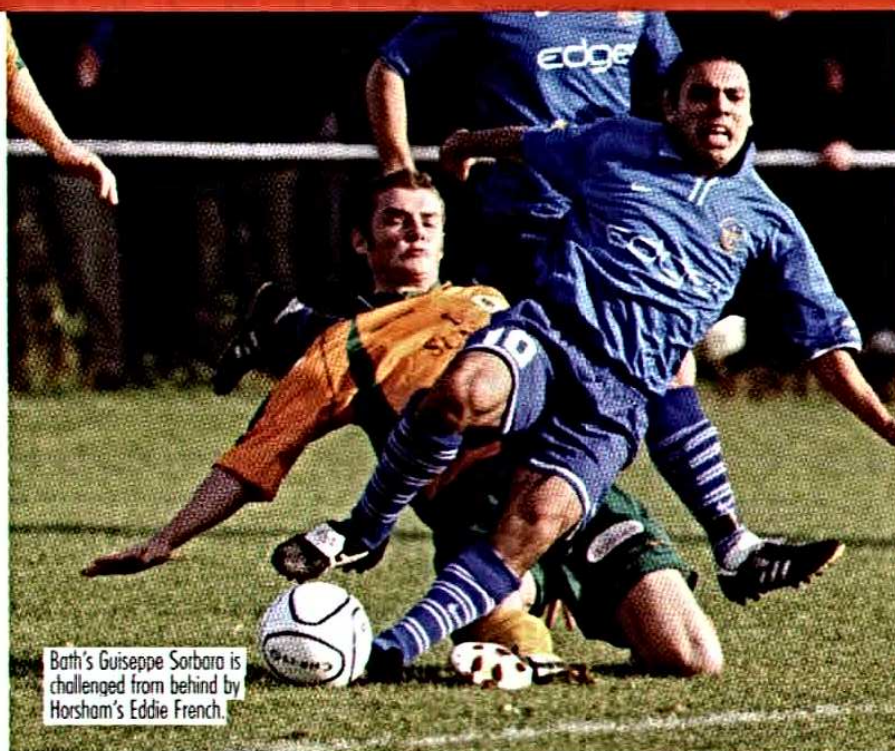
An inquest into the tragic death of former England and West Bromwich ace Jeff Astle has recorded that Astle's collapse – brought on by a degenerative condition caused by numerous minor traumas to the front area of his brain – may have been attributed to heading heavy, wet footballs. Astle who was just 59 at the time of his death, was revered for his powerful heading technique in a period where heading a football was likened to heading a bag of bricks in comparison to today's lighter, water resistant models

Former Sunderland boss Peter Reid has thrown his hat into the ring for the vacant managerial position with the Republic of

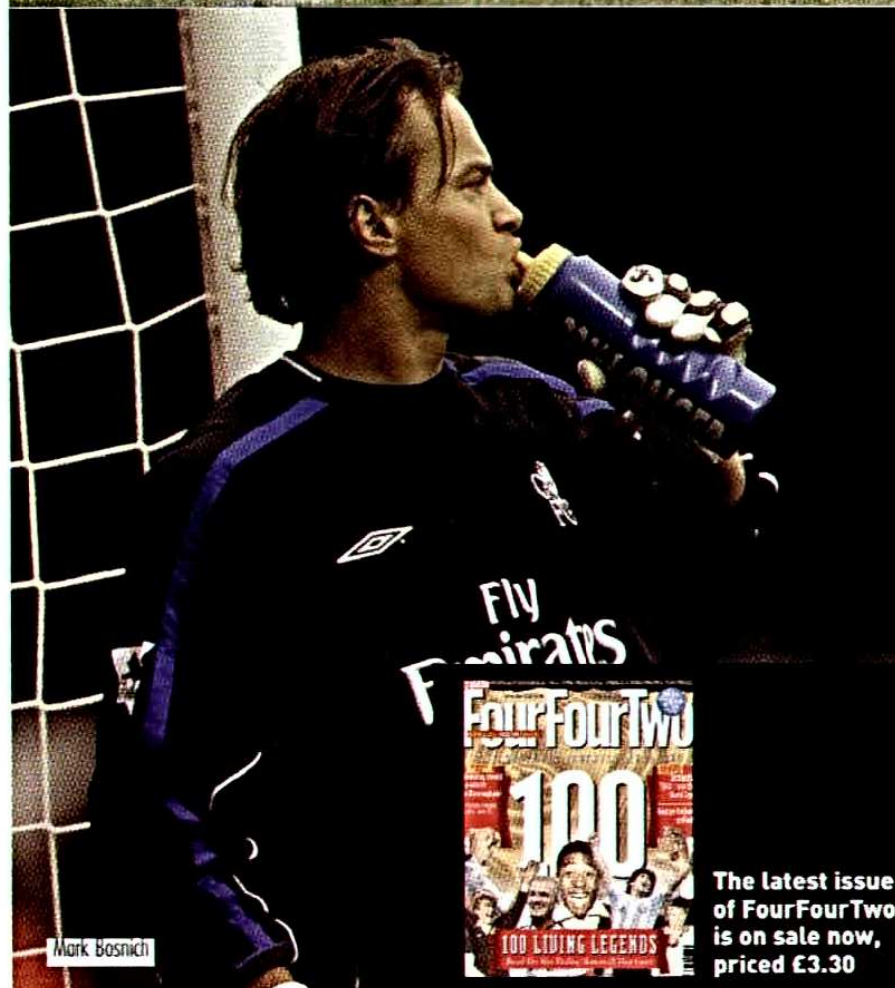
Ireland. The news of Reid's interest comes just a day after former Eire World cup hero Niall Quinn announced his retirement from the professional game due to his longstanding back problems. Quinn had worked under Reid as a player-coach this season and had sighted his former boss's departures from both Manchester City and Sunderland as the lowest points of his playing career; such was their close working relationship. A potential dream team in the making? Reid joins John Aldridge and Luton manager (and former Eire international) Joe Kinnear as a front runner for the job.

The appointment of Nick Coward and David Davies as temporary joint Chief Executive's of the Football Association has gone down well with England National team boss Sven Goran Eriksson. The Swede confirmed via the press this week that he will be remaining as national team manager despite the departure of Chief Executive Adam Crozier and his Assistant Manager Steve McClaren. It is believed that Eriksson was cautious as to the role of the new Professional Games Board – developed to give Premiership chairmen a greater say in the running of the game – and it's impact (or potential interference) on his day-to-day running of the national team.

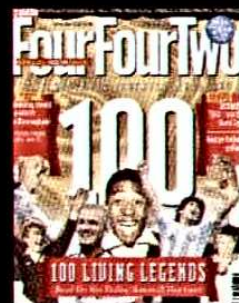
Eriksson's announcement was followed swiftly by his list of players joining the December squad get-together at Bisham Abbey. The only surprise call-up was Middlesbrough's Jonathon Greening who has been in sparkling form this season. Blackburn's David Thompson keeps his place, as does Leeds striker Alan Smith, despite his sending-off in the 2-2 draw against Macedonia. Everton teen sensation Wayne Rooney's emergence as a Premiership star has been rewarded with a call-up to the England U21 squad. Despite being widely tipped to join the full squad, Eriksson is keen that the boy Everton fans are calling 'Roonaldo' tastes at least one match at U21's level before he is handed his senior bow.



Bath's Guiseppe Sorbara is challenged from behind by Horsham's Eddie French.



Mark Bosnich



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As you may have seen from last weeks programme, our last course of the year here at the club was a great success despite some typical October weather.

The Halloween fancy dress parade on the Thursday was fantastic, with nearly all of the children entering the spirit of things. Our next course is not until next February (2003). Having said that, we have nearly 50 people booked already – so to avoid disappointment please get your forms into us as soon as possible.

The first stages of our Adidas Community Cup six-a-side were staged at Greendown last Friday, with 12 local primary schools taking part. The semi-finals were an extremely tight affair, with Brookfield winning through 2-0 against Chiseldon. Grange and Windmill Hill went right down to the wire after a 0-0 draw and it took a dramatic penalty shoot out to separate the two sides. In the end Grange went through 4-3 (after sudden death).


The final was an exciting game, with Brookfield narrowly winning 1-0. They now have to wait and see who they face in the grand final on the pitch here next year. The remaining ten teams had their heat games last night, so we will give you a full report on the outcome of the night's events in our programme notes (Peterborough).

We would like to say a huge thank you to the referees Martin and Steve, as well as our very own Nick Judd, who did a great job in keeping the scores on the evening.

Finally, a quick reminder of our Saturday Team Club: If you think your club or school would like an action-packed day out at STFC, then get your managers to give us a call on 01793 421303 and we will send out the appropriate details.



CLASSIC DERBIES REVISITED



Although the 1970s saw both Rangers and Celtic decline as European powers, there was no such decline in the rivalry between them. In 1975 an Old Firm game provoked two attempted murders, one axe attack, nine stabbings, two cleaver attacks and 35 assaults. This period of intense violence culminated in the Hampden Riot of 1980 when fans of both sides fought on the pitch after Celtic had beaten Rangers 1-0 in the Scottish Cup Final. Although many perceived Scotland to be a more tolerant country than 50 years earlier, the hatred between the two clubs had by no means abated.

Although there was no decline in the enmity and the passion of the two sets of supporters, there was a distinct decline in the success of the two clubs in Europe. The 1970 semi-final defeat of Celtic by Leeds marked the end of a period in which Scottish football was a force with which to be reckoned in European Club football. The 1980's distinctly and indiscreetly marked the end

of an era. In 1986 Rangers appointed the former Liverpool and Scotland midfielder, Graeme Souness, as player manager. He immediately exploded the restrictive wage structure and began to import foreigners. By this point, he had already shattered an 100-year long tradition embedded within Scottish football. Most significantly, backed by a new chairman, the ambitious David Murray, he signed Maurice Johnston. Johnston was a Roman Catholic forward who had previously played for Celtic. Although he was not the first catholic to play for Rangers, he was the first that the club had knowingly signed since World War One. Souness had previously made attempts to sign Catholics. Prior to Johnston he had attempted to buy Ian Rush, a Welsh Catholic, from Juventus. He had also bid for the Irish Catholics John Sheridan and Ray Houghton. Souness and Murray were making a point to those Rangers fans who cherished the anti-Catholic tradition of the club but for Rangers fans Mo

Johnston was the worst Catholic of them all. In the 1986 Skol Cup final he head-butted Stuart Munro of Rangers and then made the sign of the cross at the Rangers fans as he was being sent off. However, it was not only the Rangers fans who despised Johnston. He had been nicknamed 'the Salman Rushdie of Scottish football' by the Scotland on Sunday for upsetting two sets of fundamentalists. Celtic fans petrol-bombed his house (located away from Glasgow in Edinburgh) and his father was attacked by another group of Celtic supporters.

The change in policy of Rangers did bring previously unheard of levels of domestic success to the club. For the next twelve years Rangers won every championship but one, which Celtic claimed in 1998. Although great success was brought to the club it was brought at a price. David Murray no longer saw Rangers as a game for the working class fans. Instead Murray was more interested



BEN LEACH RETURNS WITH PART TWO OF HIS LOOK AT THE GLASGOW DERBY, CELTIC V RANGERS. THIS WEEK BEN MOVES INTO THE 70'S AND 80'S - REMEMBER MO JOHNSTON?!

Henrik Larsson squares up to Fernando Ricksen.

in attracting sponsors. 'Football is no longer a pie and Bovril game' was one of his most often heard expressions. Rangers' new found success was marked by a change in policy and direction. The club became flooded with outside influence, with players from all over Europe joining the blue masses. Paul Gascoigne, Brian Laudrup, Mark Hateley all brought great success to Ibrox along with new playing styles.

Despite this huge influx of non-Scottish players from all over Europe and even the rest of the world European success has still evaded both Rangers and Celtic. This trend continues today with both Celtic and Rangers failing to qualify for the Champions League and having to settle for the lowly UEFA Cup. Yet still the reliance on the outsider is there. Indeed nowadays you are doing well if you can spot more than two Scottish-born players at an Old Firm game. Even the managers themselves have been brought from outside Scotland to add a bit of

continental flair, or in Martin O'Neill's case, a touch of genius.

Although non-Scottish players now predominate at both clubs, the derby meetings are even more supercharged than before. Last season nineteen goals were scored in four games between the two clubs. In fact goals were being scored at a rate almost as fast as that with which red and yellow cards were being brandished. Scottish clubs meet four times in the league each season. Celtic won last season's first derby 6-2, Rangers replied with a 5-1 victory and in the most recent encounter Celtic won 1-0, but four days earlier Rangers had lost 3-1 in the Scottish League Cup semi-final equalling 19 goals in four games.

In the two back-to-back games there were four players who were sent off by the referee. Surprisingly, three of them were foreign. Although there was bound to be an increase in the number of foreign players sent off in the derbies,

simply because they now outnumber the Scots, these foreign players do arrive having never experienced a game of football anything like the Old Firm game. For that reason it could be claimed that they are completely overwhelmed by the occasion, by the atmosphere, and by the general levels of aggression, hatred and even noise. In a situation such as this the normal temperance of the foreigner must be lost and any reason or control must completely disappear. Graeme Souness and David Murray have made sure that the game now is less about religious belief and ideology than it was fifty years earlier and more about sponsorship, image and marketing. The Catholic/Protestant identity that went so far in formulating the passion between the two clubs' hatred has slowly become replaced by a footballing identity, an identity defined by whether you're a Rangers or Celtic fan. For this reason the question is no longer whether you are Catholic or Protestant but whether you are Rangers or Celtic.

Congratulations to everyone reading these ramblings as you are now qualified to call yourselves members of the 'eeee, he'd 'av been nowt without us' club.

Forgive the Yorkshire tone but I have to draw on my own personal experiences. I am of course referring to the departed Jimmy Davis. His loss will be felt for quite some time in these parts but at least we can all claim personal credit for the tremendous career he goes on to enjoy. You know exactly what I mean. You will be watching the telly in a couple of years as Jim leaves the Liverpool defence for dead at Old Trafford. I guarantee, pint in hand, you will turn to your neighbour (probably not a Swindon fan) and say (in a Wiltshire twang of course)....'eeee, he'd have been nowt without us'. You will then proceed to launch into Jimmy's short but impressive time at the County Ground and the whole pub will be spellbound. Well, that's one possible scenario. I suspect Preston fans have the same routine for David Beckham.

Seriously, there is no doubt that Mr Davis' return to Old Trafford is a major blow but not a terminal one. The last five games have not been a one-man show and I'm sure the players would be grossly insulted if anyone dared to suggest differently - 'Super Sam' for one. But that was then and this is now. These notes were penned ahead of our trip to Kidderminster in the LDV Vans Trophy, so hopefully we are now a step nearer to Cardiff in that competition.

If not, then the FA Cup takes on extra importance - both in terms of prestige and cash. With the County Ground kitty decidedly light, a decent run in the FA Cup is important. For the last two seasons we have managed to make it through to Round Three. We need to do the same again. A draw against one of the Premiership big boys could make a huge difference to this club. I suppose the ideal scenario is to beat Huddersfield today (no easy task despite their recent form) and draw Oxford at home in round two. Having disposed of them we get a tasty draw



'eeee, he'd 'av been nowt without us'

JON RITSON



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at Old Trafford. Can you just see the bank manager's smile? If today's game ends in a draw, then get ready for a Huddersfield overdose. We travel to the McAlpine Stadium in the league next Saturday and if a winner cannot be found today it will be back to the same venue 72 hours later. My advice is to wrap up!

Finally, the other 'big' FA Cup tie today comes at Kenilworth Road where Luton Town take on Guiseley of the Unibond League. The visitors were my local team before I moved to Swindon

and I hope they can give Sol Davis and company a good pasting. A draw at least would be fantastic. Luton will not fancy a trip to Nethermoor on a Tuesday night!

Get behind the lads today and roar them into round two. Hopefully the lower prices will see the 5,500 figure broken today and that attendances (helped by results) will start creeping back in the right direction. Enjoy the game and see you all back here for the clash with Peterborough United in a fortnight.

So it's that time of the season again when we all turn our attention to the romance of the oldest club cup competition in the world. I'd like to say that times haven't changed but I'd be dreaming if I did.

I interviewed Trevor Brooking yesterday on the Mid-Morning Show on BBC Radio Swindon, and even he was saying that these days, a Cup run or decent draw against a big club is, essentially, a money earner for almost every club. And there was me kind of hoping he would say the magic and romance of the Cup was still there. I wonder if the players this afternoon really look forward to it and think they might, just might, clutch a winner's medal come the second Saturday in May next year, or whether it is simply welcome relief from a somewhat terrible start to the season?

When Swindon were essentially the 'giants' killed a few seasons ago, great things came out of it for the then giant killers Stevenage Boro. On-loan striker Guiliano Grazioli, certainly made the most of the shop window the 2-1 victory at the County Ground provided him. In the fourth round tie against Newcastle United at Broadhall Way, it was thanks again to Grazioli that Boro earned some more serious cash with a replay, when he scored a perfect header to scratch out Shearer's eighth minute goal. He may well have gone back to Peterborough for a time but soon landed on Swindon Town's doorstep to score a-plenty. Had he not made the most of the high profile Cup games, I am not sure that move would have come when it did for him.

For me, the FA Cup will always be about the emotions brought on by the Davids triumphing over the Goliaths. As a Wimbledon supporter, need I even describe the feelings I still have from 1988? But the Cup is also about those Boro players, their few thousand fans and the



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elation they endured by conquering over Swindon [with the aid of the weather admittedly], and then putting on a pretty respectable display against Premiership

opposition. For those players, their families and all involved in the club at that time, nothing in their lifetimes will ever come close to the way the Cup made them feel.

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Please note that any supporter holding ticket number 275 from the Colchester match has until today to claim their prize.

Vale & West Oxon Group

The V&WOG had a lively meeting attended by Mark Devlin and Mike Sullivan, as well as ex-chairman Mike Spearman, where a question and answer session gave supporters an opportunity to enquire into the various issues that the Football

Club face at this time. Thanks to Mark and the two Mike's for their time and openness in debating the issues that helped give those attending a greater understanding of the on-going work behind the scenes to ensure the Football Club gets to a financially stable position.

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We are delighted to announce that the Supporters club are one of today's match sponsors. Our fund raising has enabled us to take this further step in assisting the Football Club. As part of the matchday package, 10 Supporters Club members, drawn by a 'lucky' draw from the membership list, will enjoy the benefits of a matchday guest and represent the Supporters Club. We are sure that they will enjoy their day and it will be even sweeter should we pass into the Second Round.

Review of last week

In the last match day programme we urged supporters to get behind the team and turn

up in numbers. How satisfying it was to hear the encouraging and supportive atmosphere, inside the ground during the match, despite failing to hold on to our early lead against Tranmere. It should be recognised that a 25% increase in attendance was tremendous and although not quite reaching the 'magical' 5,500, the Club seek, it is a massive step towards closing the gap that had opened in previous weeks. Further positive efforts by fans will soon address that shortfall and hopefully lead the Football Club into a positive and brighter future.

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FANS HEAD2HEAD

YOUR TEAM HAS HAD A MIXED START TO THE SEASON – WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS AND WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?

Swindon: Stockport was the turning point. We absolutely battered them and lost one nil – it must have been a huge loss to the players. Add to that the continuing uncertainty off the field, that can't help. But we have looked good again recently and hopefully we've turned the corner.

Huddersfield: I think you can explain the start by taking into consideration the squad at the McAlpine. Mick Wadsworth has had to 'blood' a number of youngsters, for example he recently gave John Worthington a first team debut. While this policy may see the side struggling this year I think that within the next few years we will mature and become a formidable force in hopefully the second division. The lack of a cutting edge up front is the reason we are the lowest scoring team in the league.

MANAGERIAL CHANGES AND SPECULATION HAVE SURROUNDED BOTH CLUBS IN RECENT YEARS – IS YOUR CURRENT 'GAFFER' THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB?

Swindon: There are those that would suggest he's not, but you won't find anyone with more passion and commitment. I think the lads respect him too which helps and he's got a great eye for a player. Given the circumstances he's had to work in I think he's worked miracles.

Huddersfield: Only time will tell if Wadsworth is the right man for the job, he should be given a lot of time to rebuild the current squad. He has got the side playing football which is a step in the right direction.

WHAT PLAYERS SHOULD WE BE LOOKING OUT FOR THIS AFTERNOON?

Swindon: 'Super- Sam' of course! The lad's on fire...

Huddersfield: Danny Schofield and Simon Baldry who both played very well at Bristol City earlier this season. Defensively Nathan Clarke has just returned from injury and looks an excellent prospect. A special mention also goes out to Nat Brown, whom in the games he has played in this season has looked excellent.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OPPOSITION?

Swindon: At the wrong end of the table, I certainly expected them to be up there at some stage. I think they'll get there in the end, they have a couple of good players and with their favoured XI will be difficult to beat.

Huddersfield: Swindon are an improving side, however in the corresponding league fixture last season Huddersfield won quite easily. Swindon do possess the man with the best name in football though, Danny Invincible!

A PREDICTION FOR TODAY AND HOW YOU'LL FARE IN THIS YEAR'S FA CUP PLEASE.

Swindon: After Tuesday's antics who knows?! I'll say 2-1 Town (could be either!)

Huddersfield: Today's result will be a Huddersfield win, possibly 2-1 with Schofield and Stead scoring. I also think we can progress to the third round and draw Man Utd away.

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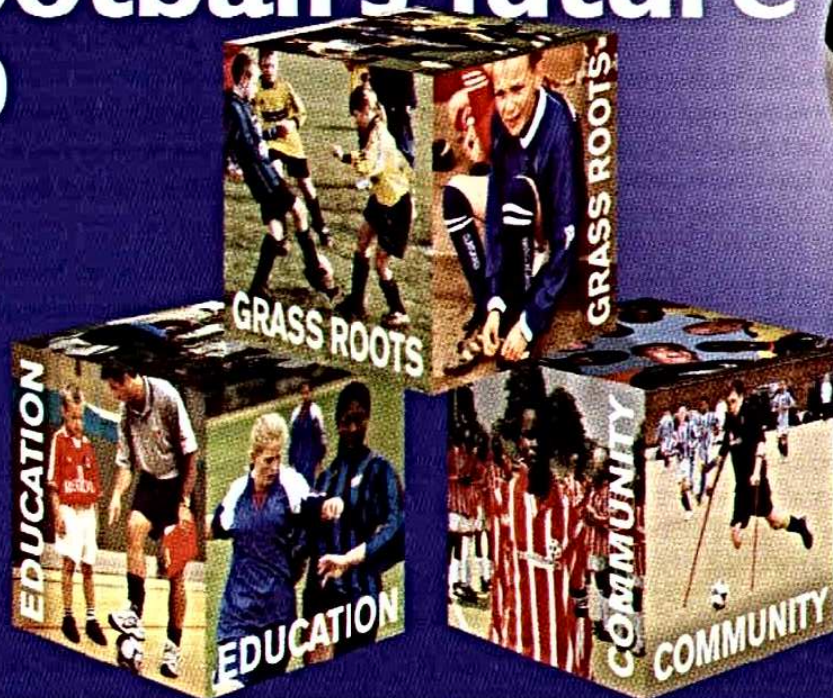
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GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR JUNIOR ROBINS – LET'S HOPE THE TEAM CAN RETURN TO WINNING WAYS AFTER LAST WEEK'S DRAW.

JUNIOR ROBINS

The committee begin their notes today by apologising to Tyron Leigh and Richard Smith. Unfortunately, both of their birthdays were omitted from this page and were, instead, put on page 54 of the last programme (Tranmere) with the other birthdays. Once again - Happy Birthday!

Unfortunately we don't have another reciprocal free ticket match now until next January and we hope that, by the time the game comes around, the numbers of Robins members have swollen enough for us to take a full coach to Stockport. So once again we are still looking for more juniors up to the age of 15 to come along and join us.

This month we wish a Happy Birthday to Joanne Butterfield, who will be 16 on the 27th, and to Darren Priddle, who will be 11 on the 30th. Happy Birthday to both of you.

Finally, Richard Dunston is always looking for ball boys/girls between the ages of 12 and 15. If you are interested and think you can become a member of his team, then ring him on 01993 703110.



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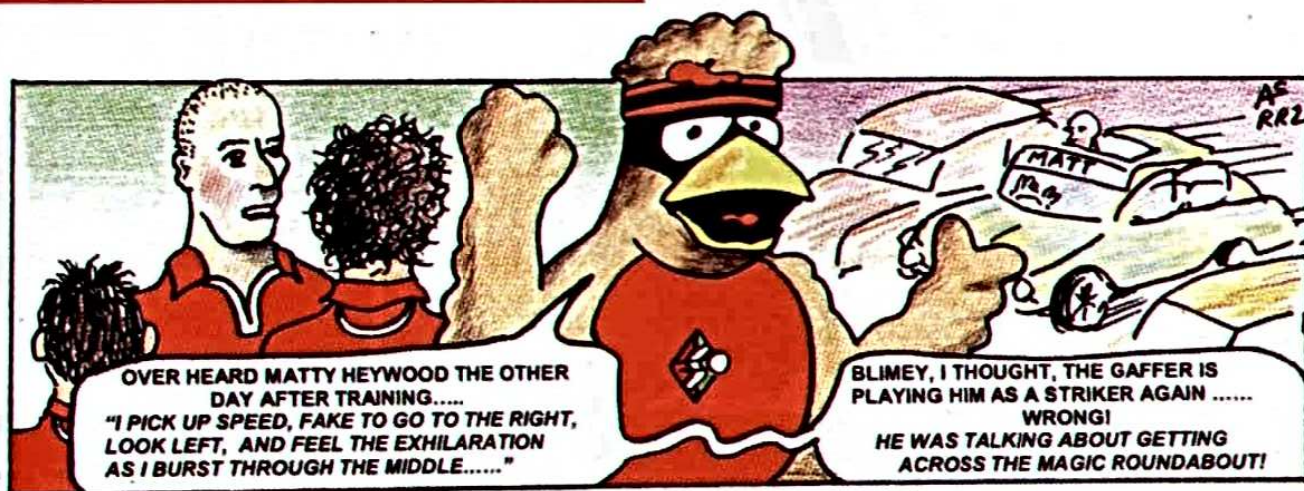
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1. Non-League Enfield claimed a League scalp in the first round 1977/78. Their victims were former giant-killers themselves and were in their first season in the Football League. Who were they?
2. And the team that beat York City was admitted to the League at the end of the season. Who was this?
3. Our visitors today were playing their football in Division Four and lost 1-0 in the first round of the FA Cup to fellow Yorkshire 'Tykes'. Name them.
4. When Everton beat Coventry 6-0 in Division One on 26th, the first name on the score sheet now has a Town connection and may look back on those days as being somewhat less fraught. Who?
5. On the same day, a Bristol City debutant scored all four goals against Middlesbrough in Division One. He has just taken the manager's chair at Ipswich. Who?

Answers: 1 Wiltshire, 2 Wigan, 3 Barnsley, 4 Send you answer in to us! 5 Joe Royle

THE NAKED CHEF

Turbo takes this week's cooking lesson to another level following his simple soup recipe last week. This time around, it's a shredded beef meal.

NO. 12 TURBO'S BARBECUED SHREDDED BEEF

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2. Pre-heat the oven to 275 degrees (135 degrees centigrade).
3. Place the beef roast in a large roasting pan and scatter the chopped onions over the top.
4. In a large bowl, combine the Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Combine also the beer and stir and add to the roasting pan. Add water to the beef.
5. Cover and cook in the oven for four to five hours.
6. When meat is cooked, shred with two forks, add the barbecue sauce and mix well.
7. Finish off the rest of the beer and enjoy!!



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When did you start playing football?

I saw a game at the County Ground and I really enjoyed it. I then started playing football with my brothers in the park.

What about 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 come to join Swindon Town FC?

My friend Tara Loftis got me to go along to Coleview, which is now Swindon Town, and I started to play in tournaments at eleven and seven-a-side. I now play for Town in the under 14s 11-a-side team in the Surrey Primary League.

And your hopes for the future?

I would like to go on and play professional football, hopefully with Swindon Town.



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STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S LADIES EARLY EXIT FROM THE WOMEN'S FA CUP LEFT THEM WITH A BLANK SUNDAY. HOWEVER, THREE OF THE CLUB'S OTHER SIDES PLAYED AND SCORED A TOTAL OF 26 GOALS.

The reserves took a trip down the M4 to face Chippenham Town in the Wiltshire County League and won by six goals to four. Lucy Bailey put the Town two up and Nicola Goodheart gave the Town a three-goal lead. Chippenham fought back and drew level, but after the break Nicola Goodheart completed her hat-trick and a goal from Pam Ashman took the Town tally to six whereas the home side could only add one more to their tally. This was the second consecutive week that the Town had faced second-placed Chippenham Town and they have now completed the double over the North Wiltshire side.

The under 12s also faced Chippenham Town in the Wiltshire County League and won 6-1. Amber Edgerton scored twice and there were goals for Stephanie Lewis, Libby Robinson, Kerri Abbley and Kristyn Norman.

Top scorers of the weekend were the under 14s eleven-a-side team who travelled to Fleet for a Surrey Primary League fixture and won 14-1. Carly Smith got four and there were hat tricks for Clare Morton and Laura Allsopp. Holly Burton scored two, with the other goals coming from Lisa Coe and Sally-Ann Thompson.

Town had hoped to play their Ambassador South West Combination League Cup tie against Aylesbury United, but the Buckinghamshire side have withdrawn from the competition. The Town have now been drawn away to top of the table Portsmouth in the next round to be played on December 1.

Town have yet another blank Sunday as their programmed game against Exeter City has been postponed as the Devon-based side are playing in the County Cup competition. The reserves are away to Wootton Bassett Town in the Wiltshire County League and play at Vallard's Ash, Wotton Bassett, kick-off 2.00pm.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1-0
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	5-2
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	A	P-P
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	Oxford United		1-2
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	P-P
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		P-P
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	

"Top scorers of the weekend were the under 14s eleven-a-side team"

NEXT WEEK IT'S OFF TO HUDDERSFIELD AND SHOULD WE DRAW TODAY - IT'LL BE BACK OFF TO HUDDERSFIELD AGAIN ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY! SHOULD THAT HAPPEN IT'S PROBABLY WORTH STAYING THERE, BUT IF NOT THEN FOLLOW OUR COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL GUIDE...

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... HUDDERSFIELD

WHO? HUDDERSFIELD **WHEN? SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23**

WHERE? MCALPINE STADIUM **KICK-OFF? 3.00PM**

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Why not join the Travel Club and travel to Huddersfield courtesy of a luxury coach? The pick-up times are as follows: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 8.00am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 8.15am, COUNTY GROUND 8.30am hours, Ermin Street 8.45am. Coach Fare: £18.50 per adult, Under 15's £17.00. Supporters Club members get a £2 discount with a valid card.

BY CAR: From the South, Exit the M1 at junction 38 and follow the A637 and A632 towards Huddersfield. Just before the Town centre, turn right at the Aspley pub into St Andrews Road - Stadium Way is further up on the right hand side.

PARKING: There are various car parks in the vicinity of the McAlpine. Be advised that the car park at the ground fills up very quickly.

Train: Huddersfield Train Station is on the trans Penine line between Leeds and Manchester Piccadilly with five trains per hour. Journey 25 mins from Leeds and 40mins from Piccadilly. The train station is a 15-minute walk from the ground. Turn left down Railway Street, straight on into Northumberland Street, then across the Ring Road onto the A62 Leeds road. Take the second right into Gasworks Street, which becomes Stadium Way.

Swift half: You can get a Pie and a Pint at the ground, but the Huddersfield Town centre has many more interesting options. These include The Albert (near the Town Hall) which has a wide range of real ale. Also The Slubbers (on the corner of Bradford Road and Halifax Old Road is midway between the stadium and the train station. For families The Aspley on St Andrews Rd has a substantial menu.



NEXT IN TOWN...

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



Peterborough
30.11.02 (3.00pm)



Crewe Alexandra
21.12.02 (3.00pm)



Brentford
26.12.02 (3.00pm)



Chesterfield
04.01.02 (3.00pm)

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm Match day (Sat and Wed) 9.00am-5.30pm Non match day Saturdays 9.00am-8.15pm

TELEPHONE BOOKING

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

ON-LINE BOOKING

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

NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **PETERBOROUGH UNITED**

KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30**

When ever we mention Peterborough United it is hard not to recall the dramatic game that saw Town clinch their Division Two safety in 2000/01. Danny's dramatic late winner sparked scenes of jubilation not seen at the County Ground for a number of years – but over a year and a half on and both sides find themselves in a similar situation at the wrong end of the table.

However, an opening day victory at much-fancied Luton suggested that there were good times ahead for Barry Fry's men. Unfortunately five defeats followed, as well as one in the Worthington Cup and it wasn't until they beat Plymouth in the middle of September that they managed to double their tally of wins. A creditable draw away at pace-setters Wigan paved the way for an even more impressive 5-1 win against Brentford and a draw at Notts County ensured that Posh climbed the table.

Unfortunately, United hadn't registered another win until last Saturday when they scraped past Chesterfield 1-0 and at the time of writing,

Peterborough currently sit in the bottom three.

Andy Clarke currently leads the goalscoring charts at London Road with eight goals, other than that goals have been at a premium for Fry's side and should Town emerge victorious in two weeks time, then his side will be plunged further into trouble.

More recently the club has had to contend with Victoria Beckham who, allegedly, has claimed that she has the right to the name 'Posh'. Considering that the club has been playing under the guise of that name for decades – I would imagine they'd feel slightly aggrieved if reports are true!



Barry Fry

Andy Clarke

TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

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

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120 4
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189 1
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404 2
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	7,564 5
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299 10
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456 18
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home	1-2	5,029 19
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-2 ^{act}	2,993 N/A
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away	0-2	11,619 20
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761 21
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home	2-0	4,719 17
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393 21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326 21
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152 22
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205 22
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	6-1	1,747 N/A
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home	2-1	4,136 21
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away	1-1	4,797 21
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-2	6,021 17
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home	1-1	5,077 18
Tue 12 Nov	Kidderminster (LDV2)	Away	2-3 ^{act}	1,322 N/A
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
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson*	Miglioranzi	Invincible
Griemink	Edds	Duke*	Heywood	Willis	Davis	Robinson	Miglioranzi*	Invincible
Griemink	Edds	Willis	Gurney	Heywood	Duke*	Davis*	Miglioranzi	Robinson
Griemink	Edds	Willis*	Heywood	Duke	Gurney	Miglioranzi	Robinson	Sabin*
Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Sabin
Griemink	Edds	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranzi	Gurney ¹	Robinson*	Davis*
Griemink	Gurney	Willis ¹	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranzi	Robinson*	Davis
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Robinson
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincible	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson
Griemink	Gurney	Willis	Heywood	Duke*	Jackson ¹	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Willis*	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney*	Willis	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson
Griemink	Duke	Heywood	Reeves ¹	Gurney	Jackson	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincible
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Invincible
Griemink	Willis	Gurney	Heywood ¹	Edds	Miglioranzi ¹	Jackson ¹	Davis ¹	Duke
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Davis
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves	Heywood	Duke	Robinson*	Hewlett	Jackson	Sabin
Griemink	Heywood	Gurney	Reeves	Davis ¹	Robinson	Jackson	Hewlett*	Duke
Griemink	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney*	Jackson	Hewlett	Robinson	Invincible
Farr	Edds	Willis	Reeves	Heywood	Jackson	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Young ¹

ROBINETTES RAISE THE ROOF

On April 6th, when Swindon Town faced QPR, the Robinettes and Bar Staff at the Club put on a dance on the hallowed turf, all in aid of charity.

The particular charity chosen for the money to be donated to was to the local, Wroughton based, Prospect Hospice. The event raised £1,080.00 and the participants would like to thank everyone who sponsored them. The cheque was presented at the Tranmere Rovers game last week on the pitch.

A future event is planned so please get behind the Robinettes and pledge your support for another local worthwhile cause.



FRONT COVER DANNY INVINCIBLE, PHOTOGRAPHY RICHARD TILLING

**DENOTES SENDING OFF DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS

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

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	P.L.D.	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
WIGAN	18	11	5	2	32	13	38	+19
OLDHAM	18	11	4	3	32	12	37	+20
CARDIFF	18	11	4	3	30	15	37	+15
BRISTOL C	17	11	1	5	33	17	34	+16
CREWE	18	9	4	5	25	15	31	+10
QPR	18	8	5	5	28	18	29	+10
BRENTFORD	18	8	5	5	25	21	29	+4
BLACKPOOL	18	8	3	7	24	24	27	0
CHESTERFIELD	18	8	3	7	16	20	27	-4
LUTON	18	7	5	6	27	26	26	+1
TRANMERE	18	7	3	8	18	29	24	-11
WYCOMBE	18	6	5	7	24	25	23	-1
PORT VALE	18	6	5	7	21	25	23	-4
NORTHAMPTON	18	6	4	8	18	24	22	-6
STOCKPORT	18	6	3	9	22	24	21	-2
PLYMOUTH	18	5	6	7	23	27	21	-4
BARNLEY	18	5	5	8	19	28	20	-9
SWINDON	18	5	4	9	20	27	19	-7
NOTTS CO	17	3	9	5	22	24	18	-2
HUDDERSFIELD	18	4	6	8	13	20	18	-7
COLCHESTER	18	4	6	8	16	24	18	-8
PETERBOROUGH	18	4	5	9	20	25	17	-5
CHELTENHAM	18	4	5	9	18	25	17	-7
MANSFIELD	18	4	3	11	26	44	15	-18

TODAY'S FIXTURES

ROUND 1 16-11-2002

Barnsley vs Blackpool	Barrow vs Moor Green
Bournemouth vs Doncaster	Bristol R vs Runcorn
Bury vs Plymouth	Carlisle vs Lincoln
Chesterfield vs Morecambe	Colchester vs Chester
Dag & Red vs Havant & W	Dover vs Oxford
Farnborough vs Harrogate Town	Hereford vs Wigan
Hoybridge vs Bristol C	Hull City vs Macclesfield
Kidderminster vs Rushden	Leyton Orient vs Margate
Luton vs Guiseley	Northampton vs Boston Utd
Northwich vs Scunthorpe	Oldham vs Burton
Port Vale vs Crewe	Rochdale vs Peterborough
Scarborough vs Cambridge	Shrewsbury vs Stafford Rangers
Slough T vs Harrogate HRI	Southend vs Hartlepool
Southport vs Notts Co	Stevenage vs Hastings Utd
Stockport vs St Albans C	Swindon vs Huddersfield
Team Bath vs Mansfield	Tiverton Town vs Crawley T
Torquay vs Boreham W	Tranmere vs Cardiff
Vauxhall Motors vs QPR	Wrexham vs Darlington
Wycombe vs Brentford	Yeovil vs Cheltenham
York vs Swansea	

ROUND 1 17-11-2002

Forest Green vs Exeter

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN	APPS	GOAL	BN
BART GRIEMINK	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GARETH EDDS	8(4)	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	14	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	8(2)	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	15	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1(1)	0	0
KEITH O HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	11(3)	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SAM PARKIN	12(1)	10	1RC	0	0	0	1	0	0	1(1)	1	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10(1)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
DAVID DUKE	17	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	3	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	13(3)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	17	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	11	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	15(1)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	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	9(2)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRAIG FARR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0



SWINDON

Manager **Andy King**

HUDDERSFIELD

Manager **Mick Wadsworth**

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓	1	✓	SCOTT BEVAN
GARETH EDDS	2	✓	STEVE JENKINS
JOHNNY JACKSON ✓	3		GARETH EVANS
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓	4	✓	NATHAN CLARKE
ADAM WILLIS	5	✓	ADIE MOSES
ANDREW GURNEY ✓	6		CHRIS HOLLAND
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7		DANNY SCHOFIELD
	8		KENNY IRONS
SAM PARKIN ✓	9		ANDY BOOTH
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	✓	JOHN THORRINGTON
DAVID DUKE ✓	11		SIMON BALDRY
JUAN COBIAN	12		
	13		
ERIC SABIN ✓	14	✓	JONATHAN STEAD
DAREN DYKES	15		
NEIL RUDDOCK	16		
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓	17		EDDIE YOUNDS
CRAIG FARR	18		
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓	19	✓	MARTIN SMITH
	20		THOMAS HEARY
DAVID BAMPTON	21		JON DYSON
ALAN REEVES ✓	22	✓	KEVIN SHARP
NATHAN EDWARDS	23		
KEVIN HALLIDAY	24		
STEVE ROBINSON ✓	25		
	26		
	27		NAT BROWN
	28	✓	PAUL SCOTT
ALAN YOUNG	29	✓	JONATHAN WORTHINGTON
CHRIS COLLINS	30		
	31		PAUL MACARI
	33	✓	DWAYNE MATTIS
	35		PHILLIP SENIOR

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TOWN'S

Last 10 FA Cup Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	4	1	6	18	15

HUDDERSFIELD'S

Last 10 FA Cup Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	1	6	8	17

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Tuesday February 5 2002

Swindon Town 0
Huddersfield Town 1

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: **P. Walton**
Assistant 1: **A. Dewfield**
Assistant 2: **P. Miller**
4th Official: **D. Whitestone**

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