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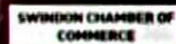
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Christmas Deadlines And Happy Birthday!

As a result of Christmas printing deadlines, some of the facts in this issue may appear out of date. However, a report from Saturday's game against Crewe will appear in the Chesterfield issue, as will up-to-date stats and facts! Have a Great New Year!

Also, Happy Birthday to Sir Seton Wills from daughter Alice, Sir Seton celebrates his birthday on December 29 - have a good 'un!

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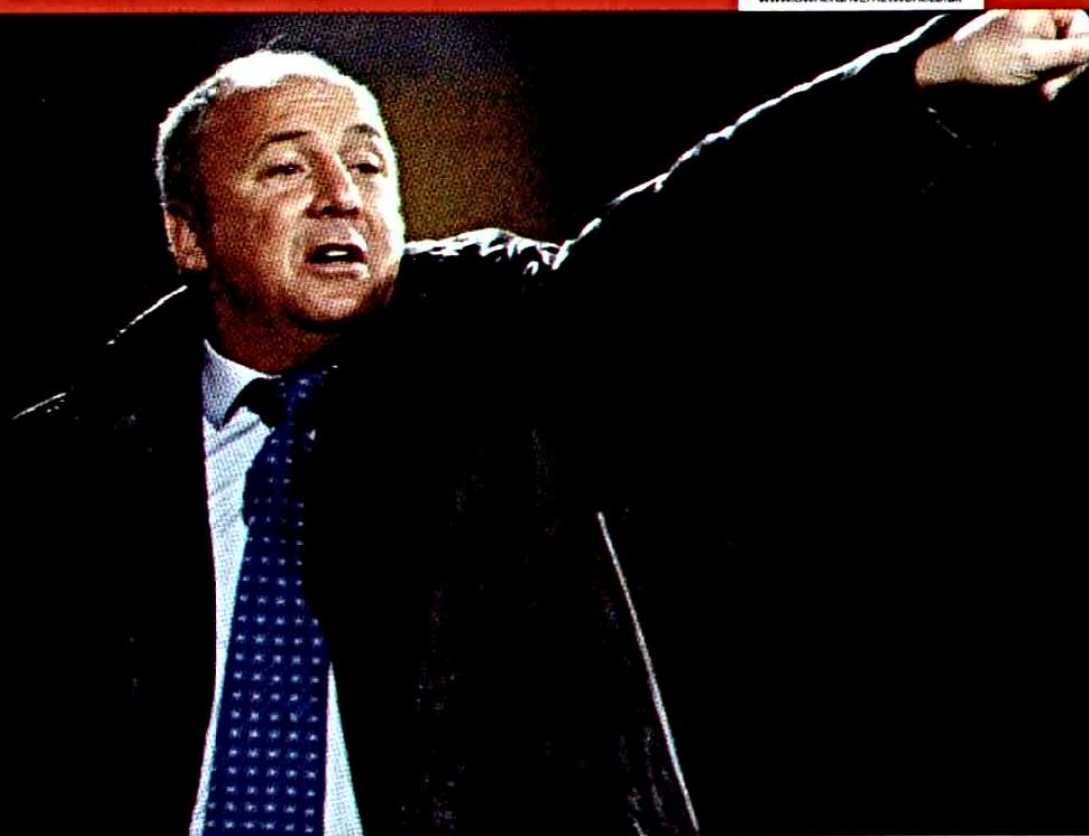
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Unfortunately these notes find you before the Crewe game - hopefully we'll now be eight games unbeaten having beaten Dario Gradi's side. One thing's for sure and that is that it was certainly going to be a tough game for us - with Crewe enjoying a good vein of form. Like Crewe, Brentford are another side looking for promotion and, at the time of writing, currently find themselves in the top six. Wally Downes has certainly a fantastic job on a slender budget and what he's mgot at his disposal are a large number of young players hungry for sucess.

The fixture list certainly hasn't been too kind to us over the festive period, with Wigan and Cardiff next up after today's game. But like I've told the lads, if we can come through this period unscathed then we'll be doing very well - I just hope that we stay clear of any injuries and suspensions.

I thought that we were unlucky not to come away with more from our previous encounter with Brentford earlier in the season. Some sloppy defending cost us early on in the game and, like is so often the case, we gave ourselves a mountain to climb. However, I thought that we created a lot ourselves and had we taken the opportunities that fell away - then perhaps we'd have continued our unbeaten record. I seem to remember Danny (Invincible)

Daren Dykes is
off on loan to Lincoln

THE GAFFER CONT'D...



and Andy (Gurney) having good chances, whilst Jimmy Davis was unlucky not to score. Unfortunately now, the fortunes of the two clubs have gone in different directions and whilst Brentford find themselves in the top six, we have since dropped away. However, a win against Crewe and another today and we'll certainly be looking a lot healthier. With that said, Brentford are a very good young side and we will have to play to our strengths if we are to overcome them this afternoon. As these notes were penned the Club looked set to be freed of the embargo that had prevented us from moving in the transfer market. That is great news for the club, but getting players in at this time of year is certainly going to be difficult. With all clubs having four games in eight days, very few managers will be prepared to relinquish any of their squad. However, I will be hoping to bring in at least one new face and you never know - there may be a new name in today's line-up (STOP PRESS - John Sutton signed on 20.12.02).

Yet just because we need new bodies doesn't mean that I'll be rushing to get any player in. As I've always said, we need players that are as good, if not better than what we already have - let's just hope that some of the names I have on my list are available. By getting players in it creates competition for places and pushes those in the squad at the moment - something that isn't happening at the moment. Moving in the other direction last week was Daren Dykes. Daren is yet to establish himself in the first team squad here and despite his pace, I think the jump from non-league to Division Two has been a big one for him. He has now gone up to Lincoln for a month and I think the move will do him good - he'll certainly gain some invaluable experience if he's selected. The lad certainly has something about him, with a few games he could become a better player. Get behind the boys today and let's hope that come 4.45pm, we'll be celebrating another victory.

 **New Arrival**
John Sutton 



A warm welcome to new loan signing (who literally signed on the dotted line as this programme went to print), John Sutton. John joins us for a month (initially) and was expected to go straight into the squad for the Crewe game.

John, brother of Chris, is actually 18 today (Happy Birthday!) and joins us having been released by Tottenham Hotspur. John's father Mike was a professional footballer, while brother Chris was a Premiership title winner - with Blackburn and currently spearheads the Celtic attack. The youngest Sutton boy signed professional forms at Spurs last year and was last week.

John top-scored for Tottenham's under-17 side last year, netting 25 times in 26 games. He did not find the goals so easy to come by in the under 10s, but impressed enough to feature in Colin Calderwood's reserve side.

All the best and good luck John!

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Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the County Ground for today's Boxing Day match up with Brentford. A warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters who've travelled along the M4 from West London.

There is always a keen sense of anticipation for Boxing Day matches. I don't really know why, but the desire to get away from Christmas Pudding and dodgy sweaters and enjoy the world's favourite sport seems to be overwhelming.

On a personal note I would especially like to welcome Wally Downes to the County Ground. Wally and I went to the same school in West London, although he was a couple of years older than me. My clearest memory of Wally was of him and another pupil bowling bouncers at both myself and my playing partner during a game of cricket played in torrential rain. I can still vividly see the ball whistling past my ears as I made attempts to bat it away. I would like to wish Wally all the best for the rest of the season (after today of course). It is a couple of weeks or so since we finally managed to reach an agreement with Neil Ruddock over the severance of his contract. One question asked of me since is why did it take so long to sort out? My answer is a simple one – it needs two to tango and for some time I did not believe that our negotiations were going anywhere, as Neil's original settlement demand was for a figure far in excess of what was sensible, reasonable and affordable. We made it very clear that the settlement would be funded outside of the club as the club's cash position did not allow it to make the payment. We were very keen to reach an early settlement because the transfer embargo was hurting us, as was the constant negative publicity the issue warranted.

As far as I'm concerned a major hurdle to the re-building of the club has been cleared and the path ahead is that bit easier. Neil has walked away with a substantial settlement and the club has been able to make a considerable saving over the course of the next 18 months.

This morning saw the much-talked about AGM, which took place at the County Ground. Unfortunately we would not have been in a position to present our accounts, due simply to the sheer lack of financial information available to us. However,



Wally Downes, a mean bowler!

MARK **DEVLIN**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

we expect to be in a position to present accounts at an EGM, which we hope will take place in the first quarter of 2003. May I take this

opportunity of wishing you, the players, supporters, staff and your families a very happy New Year. Here's to a prosperous 2003!

THE WEEK THAT WAS



17.12.02

STILL TIME TO VOTE!



Townies still have time to vote for their goal of 2002, with the results being published in the Chesterfield issue of the matchday programme (04.01.03).

All you need to do is list your top three goals of 2002 (they can be from this season so far, or from the second half of last season) and send them in to us here at the club.

Either email them to us, or send them to Goal of the Year, STFC Matchday Programme, STFC, County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED. Those who pick the eventual winner will be put into a draw and whoever's name is pulled out, will win two tickets to a Nationwide League game of their choice here at the County Ground.

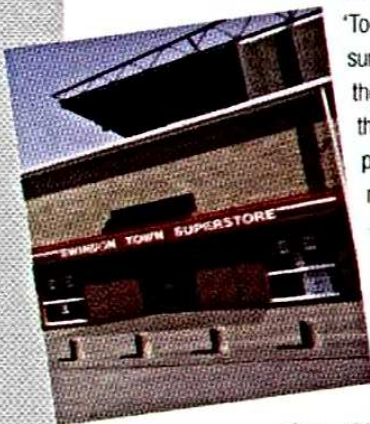
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RIVETING READ HITS CLUB SHOP

Dick Mattick's book, which remembers 100 great players to have worn the red and white, is now on sale in the club shop. Dick Mattick, who is a long serving Town supporter and has not missed a home game since 1966, said:

'Today the Club is fighting to survive as it was in the past, but the stories in the book of some of the greatest players, who have provided such wonderful memories, will perhaps convince people that Swindon needs a football club and that supporting the club through the bad times is necessary to make the good times come again. If this comes across,

then this account has been well worthwhile.' The book (Tempus Publishing £12) Swindon Town FC Superstore and most bookshops. To call the STFC Superstore please call 01793 333778.



19.12.02

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR CHILDREN'S WARD

The Swindon Town First Team Squad, last week, headed down to the new Great Western Hospital as part of the Club's continuing Community work. Several First Team players visited the new hospital last month just days after opening, along with the FA Cup and Rockin' Robin who made a great impression. The players handed out goodie bags around the Children's Ward as the build-up to Christmas continued. Rockin' Robin was also in attendance to entertain the youngsters!

19.12.02

DYKES BECOMES AN IMP

Daren Dykes, last week, joined Third Division Lincoln City on a month's loan. The youngster is yet to assert his authority in Andy King's squad and Town's Manager is hoping that Dykes can pick up first team experience with The Imps which will benefit both the player and the two clubs involved. Dykes has started just one game for Town (against Kidderminster) and has pace, but King believes the former Buckingham Town player can benefit from a loan spell with the Third Division side.



20.12.02

TOWN'S EMBARGO LIFTED

STOP PRESS! As this programme was set to hit the printers, STFC learned that the PFA embargo imposed on the Club was set to be lifted. The news follows the Club's first down-payment to Neil Ruddock - the former Town coach receiving, in full, the arrears of wages. The news was a massive boost to everyone at the club, including Andy King who was hoping to sign Tottenham's John Sutton ahead of the Crewe fixture.

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GURNEY 77

Swindon Town travelled down to Home Park looking for three points to take them up to 13th place in the Nationwide Second Division. King started with Steve Robinson returning to the midfield along with Andy Gurney returning at right back and it was Town that started the brighter of the two sides, Danny Invincibile making a bright foray forward in the opening minute.

On 11 minutes good work from Miglioranzi and Sabin down the Town left earned a corner, taken by Miglioranzi. The New Yorker curled a teasing ball into the box but the referee, Mr R Olivier, gave a free kick for a foul on Romain Larrieu, the home keeper.

The returning Steve Robinson played a testing ball across the edge of the 18-yard box which should have been attacked by any one of the Town front three. Nearest to the ball was Eric Sabin, who only stood and watched as Larrieu stepped out unchallenged to claim dive on the ball, when only a touch was needed from Sabin to roll the ball under the keeper. For Plymouth, a Lee Hodges cross was hit over by former West Brom frontman Mickey Evans in the 22nd minute when, from eight yards, a header could (and possibly should) have tested Griemink. As the drizzle turned to driving Devonshire rain Town looked to set pieces to provide a break through. Eric Sabin tested fellow countryman Larrieu on 25 minutes with the keeper turning the ball away after a low shot. Sam Parkin was then put away after an acute through ball from Andy Gurney. On the left-hand side of the box, Parkin looked towards goal but could not get the ball out from underneath his feet and the ball eventually was put out for a Plymouth goal kick. On 34 minutes Danny Invincibile should have done better when his cross floated tamely into the arms of the home keeper Larrieu. On 38 minutes Marino Keith had a shot deflected to Griemink, before heading over from a Mickey Adams cross two minutes later without testing the big Dutchman in the Swindon goal.

Just before the break, Matt Hewlett came closest to scoring for Town when he stepped past his marker and unleashed a 28 yard shot that somehow flew past the left hand side of Larrieu's goal. On the stroke of half time Hodges tested Griemink with a long-range shot that bounced off Griemink out for a corner, with the away keeper struggling to get hold of the ball in the wet conditions.

Town emerged unchanged for the second half whilst Plymouth

replaced Stonebridge with Blair Sturrock. Andy Gurney nearly gifted Plymouth an early opener in the second half when his back pass created panic amongst the Town ranks. Griemink raced out and cannoned the ball off the advancing striker and luckily, out for a Swindon goal kick. Stefan Miglioranzi provided a moment of sparkle when his pinpoint pass found Danny Invincibile who paced towards the Plymouth box. The ball was then diverted out for a corner, taken by Miglioranzi who had taken over the duty after Johnnie Jackson's return to White Hart Lane. The ball flashed across the danger zone with Invincibile being closest to getting on the ball.

The rain continued and began to cause problems for the players with the ball holding up in parts of the field. David Norris, a summer target of Town manager Andy King, signed on a permanent basis from Bolton Wanderers before kick-off for the Pilgrims. Norris picked the ball up on 57 minutes and bent a shot that bounced off the wet surface just in front of Griemink. The Town keeper was unable to hold the ball and palmed it away for a corner, which was subsequently cleared.

Both sides were looking to extend their unbeaten records before kick-off, with Plymouth unbeaten in five and Town not registering a league loss in six. The match looked to be heading for a 0-0 draw when Town were awarded a free kick, central, on 77 minutes following a foul on Hewlett on the edge of the box. Former Torquay favourite Gurney stepped up and curled the ball into the top left hand corner past the helpless Larrieu in the Pilgrims goal. Gurney ran straight to the Swindon fans behind the goal and celebrated his return to the side, with a goal which put Town in the driving seat.

Then came drama at the finish. A hopeful ball into the Town box found Mickey Evans and Alan Reeves together challenging for the ball. However the linesman raised his flag for handball and a controversial penalty was awarded for the Pilgrims. Surrounded by Town players, the referee stood by his decision and ordered a spot kick to be taken. Lee Hodges stepped up and drove the ball down the middle past Griemink, who dived to his right, to seal a point for Plymouth.

Before the game Town may have settled for a point, but this will be seen as two points lost in a game where Town could have taken the win.

PLYMOUTH: Larrieu, Worrell, Barras, Coughlan, Hodges, Norris, Wotton (Beresford 79), Adams, Keith (Lowndes 66), Evans, Stonebridge (Sturrock 45) **Subs not used:** McCormick, McGlinchey.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Miglioranzi, Hewlett, Robinson (Bampton 86), Invincibile, Parkin, Sabin **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Willis, Young



Swindon Town v Brentford

Location <http://www.soccer-stats.com/headtohead>



Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
12	Shots	11
3	Headers	6
4	Volleys	5
4	Penalties	4
2	Free Kicks	1
0	Own Goals	0

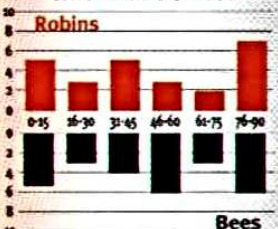
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Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored

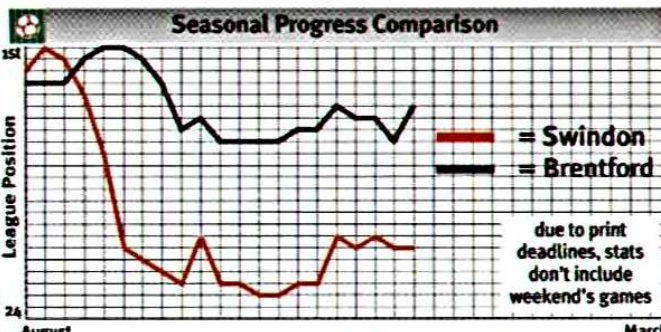


Form Guide - Last 6

2	Won	2
4	Drawn	1
0	Lost	3
10	For	8
8	Against	5
10	Points	7
2	Goal Difference	3
DWDWDD	Sequence	DWLLWL

Yellow & Red Cards

33	Yellow	23
1	Red	2



2002-2003 Attendances

Robins	Aggregate	Bees
50,870	65,597	
7,564	Highest	7,145
4,136	Lowest	5,151
5,087	Average	5,963
35	% of Capacity	47

Average Goals per game

1.19	For	1.29
1.20	Home For	1.27
1.18	Away For	1.30
1.48	Against	1.14
1.10	Home Against	0.55
1.82	Away Against	1.80

2002-2003 Figures

20	Players Used	25
2	Clean Sheets	8
8	Failed to Score	6
Goals scored from...		
1	Corners	7
2	Free Kicks	5
Goals conceded from...		
1	Corners	0
5	Free Kicks	1

10 Year Record

Robins	Avg Pos.	Bees
45.1	among 92 clubs	56.7
15,011	Avg Att 1993	5,570
5,087	Avg Att 2002	5,963
-66	+ / - %	7

Top League Scorers

		
12	League Goals	7
18	Games Played	20
0.67	Lge Goals/Game	0.35
13	Points Gained	6
6	Scoring Run	1
1	Hat-Tricks	0
3	Close Range	2
9	Inside Area	5
0	Long Range	0
6	Shots	5
1	Headers	1
2	Volleys	1
3	Penalties	0
0	Direct FKs	0

Swings

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

Lost from:		
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	0

Drawn from:		
0	3 Goals Down	0
1	2 Goals Down	1
1	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
3	1 Goal Up	1

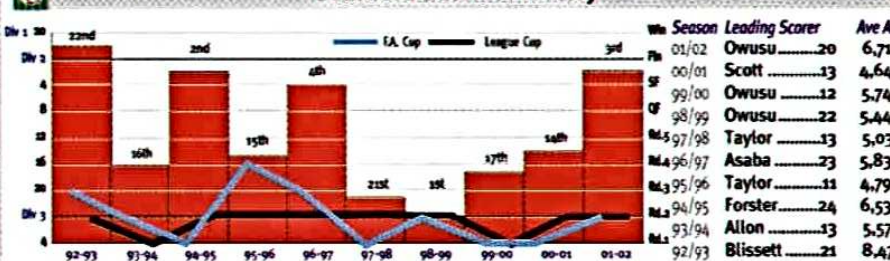
Margins

3	Won by 1 Gl	6
3	Won by 2 Gls	2
0	Won by 3 Gls	0
0	Won by 4 Gls	0
0	Won by 5+ Gls	1
Games		
4	Lost by 1 Gl	4
4	Lost by 2 Gls	2
1	Lost by 3 Gls	0
0	Lost by 4 Gls	1
0	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

Misc stats

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

Brentford's 10 Year History



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Most Scoring chances per game

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Wigan	6.48	7.48	Luton	4.62	5.48
Cardiff	6.38	6.33	Bristol City	5.52	4.57
QPR	5.62	6.86	Port Vale	4.62	5.29
Plymouth	5.33	6.76	Blackpool	4.95	4.81
Barnsley	5.57	6.14	Notts County	5.10	4.62
Crewe	6.10	5.48	Oldham	4.43	5.24
Mansfield	6.24	5.29	Swindon	4.81	4.86
Wycombe	6.24	5.29	Northampton	5.05	4.19
Peterborough	6.14	5.29	Stockport	4.90	4.29
Tranmere	5.48	5.14	Chesterfield	4.14	4.29
Huddersfield	5.33	5.00	Brentford	3.38	4.43
Cheltenham	5.41	4.38	Colchester	3.67	4.00

TOP GOALSCORERS

shots from outside area			headed goals		
Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Zola	Chelsea	5	Johnson	Forest	6
Tudor	Cambridge	5	Larsson	Celtic	6
Henry	Arsenal	4	Taylor	Burnley	5
Liddell	Wigan	4	Helguson	Watford	5
Simpson	Rochdale	4	Christie	Mansfield	5
Lowe	Rushden	4	Conlon	Darlington	5
Thompson	Blackburn	3	Marrell	Wrexham	5
Shearer	Newcastle	3	Thorne	Cardiff	4
Mulryne	Norwich	3	Howard	Luton	4
Roberts	Bristol City	3	Faulkner	Wycombe	4
Hulse	Crewe	3	Kitson	Cambridge	4
Corden	Mansfield	3	Cort	Southend	4
Gabbiadini	Northampton	3			
Wotton	Plymouth	3			
Langley	QPR	3			
Preece	Bury	3			
Tinkler	Hartlepool	3			

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gl	3 gl	4 gl	5+ gl
Bristol City	5	5	3	1	0
Wigan	4	9	1	0	0
Cardiff	8	2	1	2	0
Oldham	5	3	0	2	1
Crewe	4	4	2	0	1
Brentford	6	2	0	0	1
Chesterfield	7	1	0	1	0
Tranmere	1	5	1	1	0
Blackpool	4	2	2	0	0
Luton	5	1	2	0	0
Northampton	3	1	3	0	0
Port Vale	4	2	1	0	0
Stockport	3	3	1	0	0
Wycombe	5	1	0	0	0
Barnsley	5	1	0	0	0
Colchester	5	1	1	0	0
Plymouth	4	1	1	0	0
Swindon	3	3	0	0	0
Mansfield	2	1	1	1	0
Peterborough	2	1	0	0	0
Cheltenham	3	2	0	0	0
Huddersfield	3	1	1	0	0
Notts County	1	0	3	0	0

Goals in 1st 15 Mins of 2nd Half

FOR	46-60 Tot	%	AGAINST	46-60 Tot	%		
Colchester	7	21	33	Peterborough	8	30	27
Chesterfield	5	18	28	Cardiff	4	17	24
Brentford	6	27	22	Tranmere	7	33	21
Plymouth	6	28	21	Cheltenham	6	29	21
QPR	6	28	21	QPR	5	25	20
Notts County	6	30	20	Swindon	6	31	19
Mansfield	7	36	19	Blackpool	6	32	19
Port Vale	5	26	19	Port Vale	6	33	18
Northampton	4	21	19	Crewe	3	17	18
Bristol City	8	45	18	Luton	5	29	17
Barnsley	4	24	17	Stockport	5	31	16
Crewe	5	32	16	Wycombe	5	31	16
				Bristol City	4	25	16

ordered by early 2nd half goals as % of all goals

Goals from Set Pieces for and against

SCORED	Co	FK	CONCEDED	Co	FK
Brentford	7	6	Mansfield	9	9
Plymouth	8	5	Blackpool	7	7
Bristol City	3	6	Huddersfield	5	6
Crewe	3	6	Barnsley	3	7
Mansfield	2	6	Cheltenham	5	4
Notts County	1	7	Northampton	1	6
Oldham	4	4	Stockport	7	0
Wigan	3	5	Tranmere	5	2
Wycombe	6	2	Cardiff	1	5
Tranmere	3	4	Notts County	2	4
Barnsley	2	4	Peterborough	3	3
Blackpool	6	0	QPR	4	2
Cheltenham	3	3	Swindon	1	5
Luton	4	2			
QPR	2	4			

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

COMEBACKS

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Luton	0	0	4	4
Bristol City	0	1	2	3
Blackpool	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
Swindon	0	0	3	3
Tranmere	0	0	3	3

THROWAWAYS

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	4	4
Notts County	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	1	2	3
Plymouth	0	0	3	3

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

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Gl	Gl/gm	Pts	Run	1st Cl
Sam Parkin	12	0.67	13	6	2
Rob Hulse	15	0.79	11	3	6
Luke Beckett	14	0.67	10	4	6
Robert Earnshaw	16	0.76	9	3	4
Nathan Ellington	9	0.43	9	3	3
Martin Smith	7	0.50	8	1	3
Iyseden Christie	13	0.68	7	5	2
Scott Murray	12	0.57	7	3	2
Paul Wotton	5	0.24	7	4	1
Dean Morgan	4	0.21	7	1	2
Marco Gabbiadini	10	0.50	6	1	4
Rowan Vine	7	0.35	6	1	2
Bruce Dyer	6	0.33	6	2	2

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals per game figure and number of games player scored 1st goal

Fouls and Offsides per game

avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game
Wycombe 14.24	Barnsley 4.90
Luton 14.19	Luton 4.81
Tranmere 14.05	Cheltenham 4.00
Brentford 13.81	Tranmere 4.00
Oldham 13.52	Peterborough 3.86
Swindon 13.10	Wycombe 3.71
Wigan 13.05	Crewe 3.67
Bristol City 12.81	Plymouth 3.67
Chesterfield 12.62	Oldham 3.62
Mansfield 12.48	Northampton 3.57
QPR 12.48	Stockport 3.52
Notts County 12.43	Brentford 3.48
Barnsley 12.33	Huddersfield 3.29



OF THE BEST

This week it's part two of our feature on Town's most loyal fans. Unfortunately, due to print deadlines and time constraints, we've only managed to get hold of two of our remaining five fans so you'll have to wait until the new Year for the likes of Tony Collins and Gregory Taylor. In fact, maybe we'll start a new weekly feature...

2 PAUL & ANN PLOWMAN

Chris Weavers nominates both Ann Alder and Paul Plowman who run the Travel Club. Together, both Ann and Paul have run the away supporters' travel for at least 20 years. Chris writes, "They never ask for thanks or reward but both deserve medals for the work they have done for Swindon Town and the support they have given."

I have known them both since the 60s and the number of matches they must have missed can probably be counted on one hand!"

1 DAVID BARRY

Number One this week comes recommended by fellow Town fan, Mark Fry. Mark continues, "In the length of time I've known him, which is about 20 years, you could count the number of games he's missed on one hand. There's not a thing he doesn't know about Swindon Town Football Club."

OK you may say, some of us know about the clubs history and might

remember the score or the score(s) of a match from last season or two, but David can go way back. He'll tell you results, goalscorers, players sent off, even referees from seasons about 30 years ago.

David is still a very keen Swindon Town fan and plans his work schedule and social activities around, just so that he can watch Swindon Town, both home (where he's a season ticket holder in the South Stand) and away."

Remember, if you know of any fans that warrant special mention and can feature on these hallow pages in the future - then send in their details to us here at the club - as part of a new feature next year we'll be featuring a 'Townie' a week! Email us at: nickjudd76@hotmail.com, or send them in by post.



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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 4

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Chris Collins, Gareth Edds, Adam Willis, Kevin Halliday, Ian Herring, Mark Fenwick, Dave Bampton, Mark Draycott, Alan Young, Daren Dykes
Subs: Steven Smith, Neil Crosby, Chris Hughes, Jamie Cheeseman, Danny Taylor

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IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN RESERVES PLAYED HOST TO PLYMOUTH ARGYLE AT THE COUNTY GROUND LAST WEEK IN WHAT WAS THE FIRST HOME GAME SINCE OCTOBER, WHEN READING WERE THE VISITORS.

On just three minutes Daren Dykes made a positive run forward and his 25 yard shot was deflected narrowly wide, with the subsequent corner being cleared. However the visiting Pilgrims pushed forward, constantly causing the Town back four problems and took the lead in the sixth minute. A pinpoint cross from Martin Phillips was volleyed into the back of the net by the oncoming Nathan Lowndes, leaving Farr with no chance in the home goal.

In the initial stages after conceding, Town responded well. Dykes was again at the heart of the Town attack on 16 minutes, but a great covering tackle from Stuart Malcolm denied the former Buckingham player a shot. On 20 minutes a Collins free kick was headed clear from the Argyle box, only to be met by Dave Bampton who showed excellent technique with a volley. However, his powerful shot just flew agonisingly over Luke McCormick's bar to keep Town a goal behind.

On the stroke of the half hour, Plymouth doubled their lead. A defensive mistake let in Martin Phillips down the left hand side and he clipped the ball across the area for Lowndes, who made no mistake from eight yards to make it 2-0 to the visitors. Just two minutes later Farr made another superb save. Phillips squared the ball to McGlinchey who hit a first time drive destined for the back of the net, but Farr made a great save palming the ball wide for a corner.

Town made a half-time substitution at the break with Chris Hughes replacing Chris Collins. Three minutes into the second half a teasing cross from Fenwick found Dykes, but McCormick got a hand to the ball and with no Town player following up, the danger was cleared. Then on 62 minutes Plymouth extended their lead. Joe Broad crossed the ball into the box with Matt Willis notching the third goal for the visitors. With ten minutes to go substitute Jamie Cheeseman had Town's best effort in the closing stages when his left foot volley was saved well down to his right by McCormick. Just two minutes remained on the clock when Plymouth extended their lead to four. A cross from Brian McGlinchey was met by Osvaldo Lopes at the back post, who ensured a happy trip back to Plymouth making it 4-0.

Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	1-0
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge United	Away	1-1
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough United	Away	3-2
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	0-4
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	0-2
Wed 9 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	2-1
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	0-1
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	1-1
Tue 12 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	p-p
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	3-2
Wed 4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Away	p-p
Tue 10 Dec	QPR	Home	p-p
Wed 17 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Home	0-4
Mon 6 Jan	Crystal Palace	Away	
Wed 15 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	
Wed 5 Feb	Northampton Town	Home	
Tues 18 Feb	Brentford	Away	
Wed 26 Feb	Bristol City	Home	
Wed 12 Mar	Gillingham	Home	
Wed 26 Mar	Colchester United	Away	
Wed 2 Apr	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Wed 16 Apr	Leyton Orient	Away	
Wed 23 Apr	Oxford United	Home	
Wed 30 Apr	Portsmouth	Away	

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MATCH ACTION



MATCH ACTION SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 4 VALENTINE, HULGATE, SALTER & LEWIS BOURNEMOUTH 1

STFC line-up: Richard Alexander, Aaron Salter, Kyle Lapham, Leigh Mills, Allen Thompson, Bertie Foster, Ben Wells, Kirk Willmoth, Lance Lewis, Tom Valentine, Ashan Hulgate. **Subs:** Shaun Foley, Matthew Bulman

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UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S FIXTURES 2002/03

UNFORTUNATELY LAST WEEK'S FIXTURE AGAINST TORQUAY WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF A WATERLOGGED PITCH, SO THE 17S' LAST GAME CAME TWO WEEKS AGO AGAINST BOURNEMOUTH AT HOME.

Unfortunately last week's fixture against Torquay was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, so the 17s' last game came two weeks ago against Bournemouth at home.

With a large number of under 16s playing school matches the 17s were able to play three under 15 players, as well as another featuring on the bench. Richard Alexander made his debut in Town's goal and overall, the lads put on a very pleasing performance.

Town started very well and scored four goals in the first 30 minutes, the goals coming from Tom Valentine, Ashan Hulgate, Aaron Salter and Lance Lewis. Some excellent play was coupled with a great attitude for hard work which is what we asked of them before the game.

Unfortunately, in the second half, Town allowed Bournemouth back into the game but the home side defended well as a unit and kept the visitors at bay. A lapse in concentration towards the end allowed the Cherries to get one consolation goal, not enough to stop Town recording their third win in a row following the Bristol Rovers victory a week earlier.

Talking after the game Jim Fraser enthused, "Our lads put on a great performance and they met the good standards that they set themselves earlier in the season. Hopefully this will continue into the New Year after the Christmas break."

Town's next game is on January 18 against Oxford.

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	4-0
Sat 14th Sep	Swansea City	Away	2-2
Sat 21st Sep	Cardiff City	Home	2-3
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	10-2
Sat 5th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-1
Sat 12th Oct	AFC Bournemouth	Away	0-3
Sat 19th Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	4-1
Sat 26th Oct	Free Week		
Sat 2nd Nov	Torquay United	Away	p-p
Sat 9th Nov	Cardiff City	Away	2-3
Tue 26th Nov	Cirencester	Away	4-1
Sat 23rd Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	p-p
Sat 30th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Away	1-0
Sat 7th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 14th Dec	Torquay United	Home	
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 18th Jan	Oxford United	Away	
Wed 22nd Jan	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 25th Jan	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 1st Feb	Free Week		
Sat 8th Feb	Cheltenham Town	Away	
Sat 15th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 22nd Feb	Cardiff City	Away	

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20 QUESTIONS



TOWN MIDFIELDER AND ALL ROUND NICE GUY, STEFANI MIGLIORANZI, TALKS TO CHRIS TANNER ABOUT THE TOWN GARDENS, THE 1970 WORLD CUP FINAL AND FRIENDS PAST AND PRESENT.

1. HOW ARE YOU FINDING LIFE HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND?

I am really enjoying my time here in Wiltshire with Swindon. It has got even better over the last few weeks as I have become more involved in the side.

2. WHO ARE YOUR BEST MATES AT THE CLUB?

I wouldn't want to pick one particular player out of the whole squad - I would like to say I get on well with everyone here.

3. DO YOU STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MANY OF THE POMPEY PLAYERS?

I still keep in touch with Thomas Thøgersen, Andy Petterson, Mladen Rudonja and Linvoy Primus.

4. WHERE DO YOU THINK TOWN WILL FINISH THIS SEASON?

I think we are capable of a mid-table finish, if not higher.

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

Baseball and Basketball are the main two I follow apart from football. The New York Yankee's are my team in baseball.

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

Arsenal for the Champions League and Manchester United for the Premiership crown.

7. IF YOU COULD PLAY ALONGSIDE ANYONE IN THE TOWN MIDFIELD, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Without doubt I would say Djalminha who plays for Deportivo. He is an unbelievable player with great talent.

8. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER?

The Daily Telegraph.

9. FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?

Mens Health.

10. WHO HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE AT THE CLUB?

Sam Parkin - most of the lads give him stick about it.

11. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON AMERICAN SOCCER AT PRESENT?

American Soccer is going from strength to strength at the moment. The league has really helped the development of players and I think the USA could be a force to reckon with in future years.

12. RADIO OR TELEVISION?

Television every time!

13. FAVOURITE PLACE IN SWINDON (APART FROM THE CG)?

I feel at home in the Mackey household, which is where I am living at the moment. Apart from that - I would say the Town Gardens in Old Town.

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

On Wednesday, when I went on the subway in London.

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

A mixture really, I have some Brazilian music, Sting and POD.

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

My father, he seems to be able to fix anything.

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

I would not feel uncomfortable stuck in a lift with anyone, so no-one is the answer.

18. BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH?

Robert Prosinecki at Portsmouth - he was a great player.

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

The 1970 World Cup Final with Brazil playing Italy. It would have been an honour just to have seen the game first hand.

20. CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THIS WEEKENDS DIVISION TWO GAMES?

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THIS SEASON

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Outs: Danny Boxall (Bristol Rovers), Ivar Ingimarsson (Wolves), Lloyd Owusu (Sheff Wed), Dave Theobald (Swansea), Darren Powell (Crystal Palace), Paul Evans (Bradford), Derek Bryan (Walton & Hersham)

Odds for promotion: 8/1

(odds courtesy of www.swindonet.co.uk)

Last five games: LLWWW

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 3 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 5-1 (v Bury)

Biggest defeat: 1-4 (v Newcastle)

Top scorer: Lloyd Owusu 22

Most League apps: Ivar Ingimarsson 54

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1880

Biggest win: 9-0 v Wrexham (15/10/1963)

Most capped player: John Buttigieg (Malta: 63)

Most league goals: : Jim Towers (153: 1954/61)

Biggest buy: Herman Hreidersson £750,000

Record against the Town: STFC Wins 27, BFC Wins 23, Draws 17

WORDS BY IAN BLACKHAM

WALKING OUT OF THE MILLENNIUM STADIUM SIX MONTHS AGO – BRENTFORD'S FAITHFUL WOULD HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN FOR LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS CAMPAIGN WITH DREAD AND FOREBODING. HAVING LOST TO STOKE IN THE PLAY-OFF FINAL, THE BEES THEN SOLD THEIR BEST PLAYERS IN PAUL EVANS, IVAR INGIMARSSON AND LLOYD OWUSU.

BRENTFORD

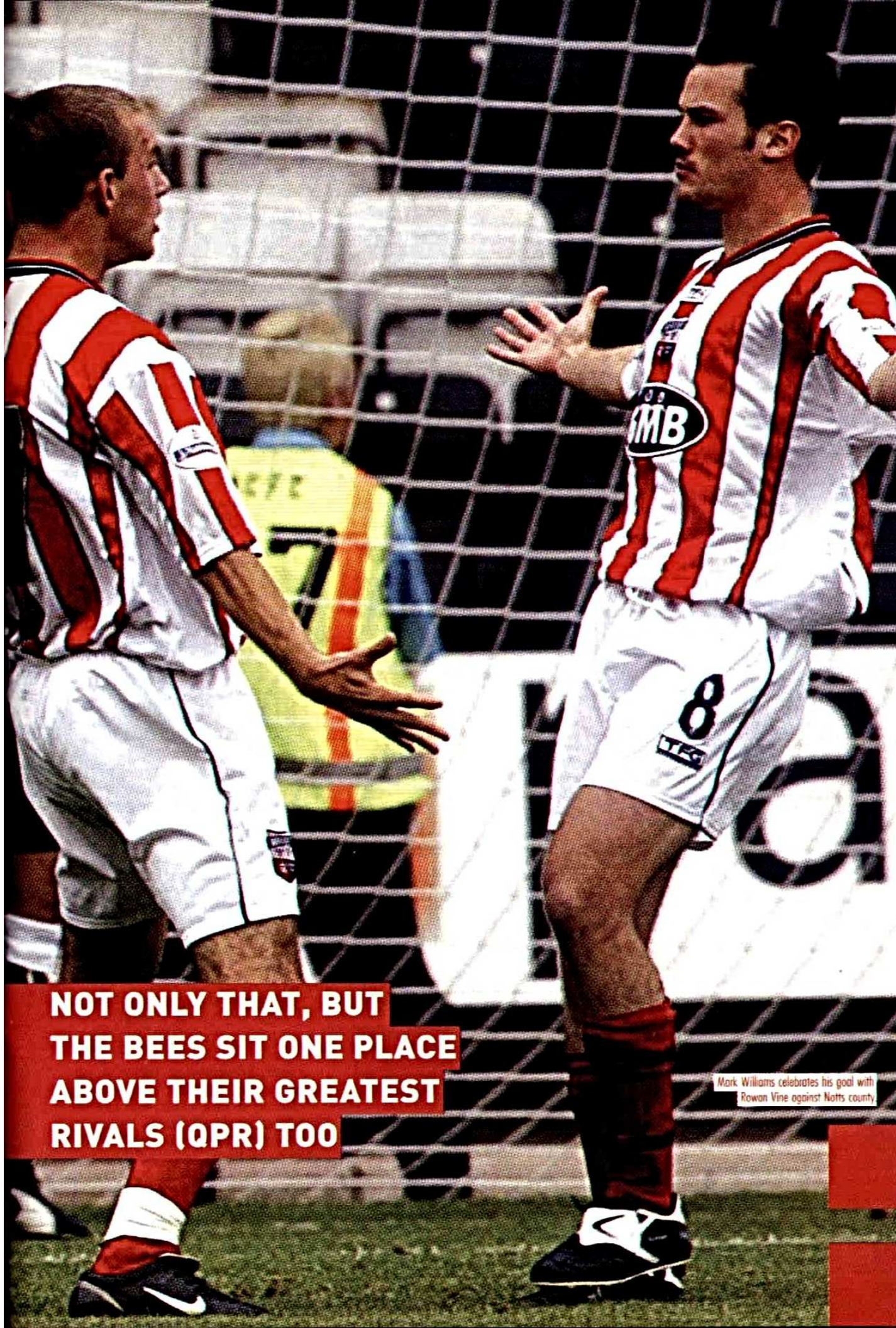
Add to that the departures of manager Steve Coppell to Brighton (via the County Ground) – as well as Ian Sidwell and Ben Burgess back to Blackburn and you can understand the sombre nature of the Bees support in the closed season. However, despite everything that's happened, Wally Downes' side have knocked the critics who, at the beginning of the season, a season encapsulated by relegation and moving home. At the time of writing – Brentford occupy a play-off position, are in the third round of the FA Cup and the semi-finals of the LDV Vans Trophy – not bad for a side seemingly in 'turmoil'.

Brentford's new manager, Wally Downes, was promoted to the manager's chair from coach during the summer and was not the most popular choice amongst some of the Brentford supporters, probably because names like Tony Adams were being mentioned as Coppell's successor (sound familiar?!). However, a 2-0 away win for the Bees on the opening day should have been a hint as to what was to follow in the weeks ahead.

By the time Andy King's high-flyers visited Griffin Park the Bees had already registered seven points from nine (the same total as Town in fact) and despite some suspect defending from both sides, Brentford emerged victorious 3-1 and in doing so, commanded top spot after just five games.

Unfortunately the heady heights of top spot were a little un-nerving for Downes' young squad and after two consecutive draws, home to Luton and away to Notts County, these were then followed by two defeats by Tranmere and Cardiff away. However in between the draw against Luton and the defeat by Tranmere Brentford beat Bournemouth away in the Worthington Cup and in doing so earned a plum draw against Middlesbrough.

Back in the league and Brentford had to lose again before they returned to winning ways against Northampton. A draw against Port Vale preceded a topsy-turvy game against Stockport (the Bees eventually edging out Carlton Palmer's side 3-2.) A nil-nil draw at home against Plymouth was followed up in style by a very convincing thrashing of Steve MacMahon's Blackpool 5-0 to put the Bees back to sixth position before three straight defeats followed. More recently, a win against Chesterfield has seen the club's promotion push get back on track and you can't fail to be impressed by the influence Wally Downes and his back-room staff have had on this young squad of players. Not only that, but the Bees sit one place above their greatest rivals (QPR) too...



**NOT ONLY THAT, BUT
THE BEES SIT ONE PLACE
ABOVE THEIR GREATEST
RIVALS (QPR) TOO**

Mark Williams celebrates his goal with
Rowan Vine against Notts county

THE GAFFER



WALLY DOWNES

Wally Downes was handed his first managerial role by Brentford chairman Ron Noades, on June 28 2002. Wally had been working as the assistant to The Bees' previous manager, Steve Coppell, who resigned earlier that month after taking the club to the brink of promotion in the Second Division play-offs.

Wally Downes took up a coaching position at Griffin Park in the summer of 2000, having gained experience at Crystal Palace after fifteen years as a professional player at Wimbledon and Sheffield United. A tough yet skilful midfielder, Wally signed for Wimbledon from apprentice in 1979, and is generally credited with the dubious honour of inventing 'The Crazy Gang'. He was part of the side that climbed from Division Four to the top flight under Dave Bassett, making nearly 200 appearances for the Dons despite suffering three broken ankles during his career. Loaned out briefly to Newport County in 1987, Wally signed for Sheffield United the following year and made a handful of appearances for The Blades before being forced to call time on his playing days.

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THE SQUAD

MICHAEL DOBSON (def)

Michael established himself in the side last season as a first class defender. But his abilities show no bounds as he has also given a good account of himself both in midfield and as a goal scoring forward. He was handed the captaincy of the side this season.

JAY SMITH (mid)

Jay, a former Youth team captain, is now into his second season as a professional and has established a regular place in the side this season, starting ten times already – including the 3-1 victory against us at Griffin Park..

SCOTT MARSHALL (def)

The former Youth and Under 21 Scottish International spent a tantalising time on the treatment table last season. But the former Arsenal and Southampton stalwart has recovered to full fitness and has re established his place in the side, with one goal in nine starts.

STEPHEN EVANS (mid)

Young Stephen is another player to emerge from the Club's Academy. His rapid progress saw him make his first-team debut against Bury in 1998 and he made a further appearance as an emergency striker against Bristol City in the Worthington Cup. The Warrington-born defender is now a first-team regular and he made 37 appearances in various defensive positions last season.

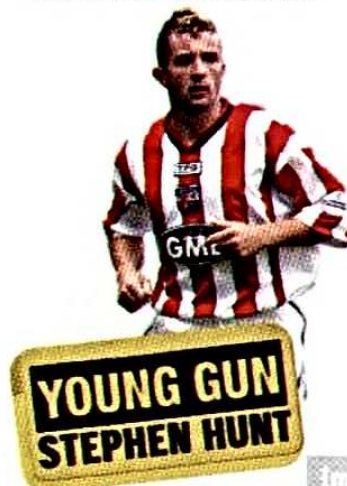
PAUL TIERNEY (def)

22-year old Paul joined the Bees from Crystal Palace just before the end of last season where he gained Welsh Under 21 honours. He has now forced his way into contention with sterling performances in both central defence

and midfield and he's scored twice already this season.

KEVIN O'CONNOR (mid)

20-year old Kevin has progressed through the ranks and signed professional forms as a 17-year old. He has forged a permanent place in the first team this season with very consistent performances and has scored four times in 23 starts.



(mid)

Steve joined the Club last season from Crystal Palace having graduated through their youth team and went on to make almost 40 appearances for the Bees which earned him an international call up to the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad. Another regular performer, Steve has been ever-present this season.

MARTIN ROWLANDS (mid)

Locally-born Martin, with both Football League and Republic of Ireland Under 21 honours already under his belt will, after a disappointing season injury wise, be looking to return to his scintillating best this year. Although limited to just eleven full League appearances last season he scored seven goals in the process.

PAUL SMITH (keeper)

6' 4" Paul forced his way into the side



Rowan Vine takes on Wycombe's Andy Rammell

last season and held his place as the Bees progressed to the Play Off Final keeping a clean sheet in 50% of his appearances. He has since held his place with confidence showing lots of potential and has been ever-present this year.

MATTHEW SOMNER (left)

Matt graduated through the Bees youth team and made his debut for the Bees towards the end of the season before last. This season he has been a regular in the side and has scored once from defence.

MARK McCAMMON (left)

6'3" Mark was signed by the Bees during the 2000 close season. Formerly a non-contract player with Cambridge United, he earned himself a contract with the then First Division Champions Charlton following an impressive trial period in which he

scored seven goals in ten Reserve team outings.



A product of Pompey's Youth system, the 6'1" striker joined the Bees on a season long loan, scored on his debut at Huddersfield on the first day of the season, and has led the Bees' scoring charts even since. Has nine goals this

time around and is in good form – scored two against us earlier in the season.

IBRAHIMA SONKO (left)

'Ibu', as he is affectionately known, impressed in a pre-season friendly at Fulham and was immediately offered a contract. Has since been selected for International honours by his native Senegal as captain of the Under 21s, not surprising following his five goals this term.

AND THE REST

MARTIN ROWLANDS, JAY TABB
JAY LOVETT, LEE FIELDWICK
EDDIE HUTCHINSON, MARK PETERS
RIZ REHMAN, DANNY ALLEN-PAGE
ALAN JULIAN, LLOYD BLACKMAN
ROBERT TRAYNOR, STEPHEN HUGHES
LEON CONSTANTINE, JAMIE FULLARTON, LEO ROGET,
ANDREW FRAMPTON.

THEM AND US


It was Chris Kamara's birthday yesterday and if he received greetings from all of his past teammates he will have needed a big mantelpiece. Signing for Swindon for £20,000 in August 1977 Chris left Portsmouth, where he had been an apprentice, at the age of 20 and had already notched up over 60 League appearances. In excess of 140 matches were to follow during his first spell here at the County Ground as Town's fortunes swung from a League Cup semi-final appearance in 1980 culminating in relegation to Division Four in 1982. By then Chris had jumped ship and re-enlisted at Portsmouth in exchange for £50,000 in May 1981 but surprisingly, seeing that Kamara knew the club so well, the move didn't work out. Five months later he was a Brentford player. Chris was a versatile midfielder who

showed commitment and skill in equal measure. Always valued by his manager and supporters, some of his career moves seem a little strange in both direction and timing. After adding another 150 games to his League total at Griffin Park, 'Kammy' was welcomed back at the County Ground in August 1985, a move that dropped him from the Third to Fourth Division, and he played his part in the Town revival that claimed successive promotions.

With Town now in Division Two a paltry £27,500 took him off to divisional rivals Stoke in 1988 where he stayed for 18 months, and those that had enjoyed Kammy's performances over the years will have been delighted for him when he had a crack at the top division. Joining Leeds United in January 1990 for

£150,000, Chris helped the club to the Second Division championship and top-flight football. Eleven months and 20 games later the same fee took him to Luton, then loan spells at Sheffield United and town-of-birth Middlesbrough, all in the Premiership, led to a permanent move back to Bramall Lane on a free transfer in June 1993. A subsequent fee took Chris to Bradford in July 1994 where he ultimately occupied the manager's chair before moving the chair into the TV studio as a pundit.

In a playing career spanning 750 League and Cup appearances, 19 years and nine clubs, Kammy was always respected by his teammates and feared by his opponents. Richard Keys is not a name likely to spring readily to many Town supporters' minds, but he holds a unique



THIS WEEK CHRIS KAMARA AND RICHARD KEYS (NOT THAT ONE) ARE THE SUBJECT OF DAVE WALLIS' THEM AND US - BOTH 'KAMMY' AND KEY PLAYED FOR TOWN AND TODAY'S VISITORS, BRENTFORD.

Chris Kamara - now a successful television pundit.

position in Swindon Town history. Some of the details read like a TV soap.

Town had started 1985/86 with two keepers in Jake Findlay and Scott Endersby. By September Findlay had fallen out with Lou Macari and had played his last match, and by October Kenny Allen had been signed from Torquay. With Town through to the Third Round of the League Cup a tasty looking home tie against Sheffield Wednesday was scheduled for October 29. Swindon had recently sunk as low as 21st in the basement division, while Wednesday were sitting third in the old Division One, a huge 86 places between the two teams. Swindon were beginning to believe in themselves having eliminated Second Division Sunderland in the previous round and were climbing the

table. Now comes the problem. Allen was cup tied (having played against Town in round one) and Endersby, who had played second fiddle to Findlay, seemed to resent being expected to step in as second choice yet again and announced that he would refuse selection. A move to far flung Carlisle was the swift outcome. Just two days to go and Macari had to find a 'keeper who wasn't cup tied and whose club didn't mind him becoming so.

Enter Richard Key who had started his career with over a hundred appearances for Exeter and had initially joined Brentford via Cambridge, Northampton and Orient. He had made just one appearance in a 1984 1-1 draw at Rotherham before moving on to Sunderland, being loaned back to

Cambridge and then returning to Brentford on a non-contract basis. He took to the County Ground pitch having spent just hours getting to know his defence. A tenth minute Peter Coyne goal was desperately protected to the end and Key's performance brought chants of 'Are you watching Endersby' and 'We don't need you anymore'.

The next episode is less of a fairytale. An away tie at Ipswich where Key helped out again saw him pick the ball out of his net six times, and his Town career was over. The following March, Macari moved to sign 19-year old Fraser Digby on loan from Manchester United as back-up to Allen, and Digby's Town career was certainly both longer and more successful than that of Key, Allen, Endersby or Findlay.



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11 DAVID DUKE



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1 BART GRIEMINK



6 ANDY GURNEY

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SEASON SO FAR

'Say we were top of the League'

How many teams can say they've been top of the table and in the bottom four in the space of just four months? Not many that's for sure – which is probably why we love our club so much. Yes 2002/03 has, so far, been a case of ups and downs –

Nick Judd remembers the best and worst of the season so far.



▲ The boys celebrate!



▲ Danny bags at Chesterfield - (image courtesy of Evening Advertiser)



The fact that Andy King started the 2002/03 season at the helm was a blessing for a club devoid of any continuity in recent years. Last seasons managerial merry-go-round can't have helped as Town, once again, failed to get out of the 'starting blocks' under Roy Evans and later, Andy King.

Fortunately that wasn't an issue this time around as King's side, boosted by the eventual signing of Sam Parkin from Chelsea, got off to the proverbial 'flyer' – with Parkin himself grabbing a dream debut hat-trick in a 3-1 win over Barnsley. Put simply, Town looked awesome, and whilst no one predicted a first half season of struggle for the Tykes, the visitors looked impoverished in comparison to Town's slick passing and movement. Migliorini, who has since drifted in and out of the side, marshalled the midfield with consummate ease alongside Robinson and Hewlett, whilst elsewhere on the field Edds was the only other newcomer. The Australian under 21 international looked confident, his upbringing in the Nottingham Forest academy manifesting itself in Town's defence and alongside Willis, Heywood and Duke – Town looked solid.

Not available this season were the likes of Grazioli, Howe, Davis and McAreavey – all of which moved on to pastures new in the summer. And so it was a familiar looking line up that travelled to Chesterfield for the second game of the season, a scene of despair a year earlier with David Reeves, brother of Alan, helping his old club along the way to a relatively easy 4-0 victory. Once again four goals were scored by one of the two sides at Saltergate, but two from Invincible, another for Parkin and a first of the campaign for Sabin ensured that it was the red and white

army that emerged victorious. Town were top of the league, playing well and unbeaten. And whilst there were those that were trying not to get too carried away (the previous two seasons as good as any excuse), there were others that sensed good times ahead.

Town's first real test came via a familiar face as King's side travelled to Steve McMahon's Blackpool. Love him or loathe him, McMahon's tough style of management has seen a modest Blackpool side compete with the best in Division Two and when Town emerged with a 0-0 draw (and their unbeaten record still intact), there was a real sense that Town were not only becoming an attractive side to watch, but a difficult one to beat as well. However, a true sense of how far the Robins had come would be in the guise of their next visitors to the County Ground, a team that had been the cause of constant unhappiness in the previous two years, Lennie Lawrence's Cardiff City.

Town, for the first time since their most recent inception to Division Two, competed with the Bluebirds. Willis and Heywood kept the likes of Thorne and Earnshaw in check whilst the familiar three-pronged attack of Invincible, Sabin and Parkin caused the visitors' defence a number of problems. Unfortunately, and despite deserving more from the game, Town lost out to the odd goal. Yet whilst in terms of points the afternoon may have appeared fruitless, the fact that Town looked accomplished against arguably the strongest side in the division must have given Town's faithful hope of returning to winning ways against Stockport.

Carlton Palmer's beleaguered side looked to be on the wrong end of a hiding as Town laid siege to the visitors' goal.

Boosted by the previous weeks' performance against Cardiff, Town went forward in numbers and attacked County with gusto. Yet for all the passing and movement and countless opportunities on goal, Town couldn't find the back of the net. Instead Stockport, led single handedly by the impressive Palmer, snatched the cheekiest of victories and it appeared as though a familiar pattern was emerging, great football without an end result.

And so it was that Town went on to endure one of their most miserable runs of form in recent years. All the confidence that seemed to have been built up by King and his troops earlier on in the season appeared to have been drained by Stockport in swashbuckling style and despite taking an early lead, early strugglers Port Vale were the next side to heap more misery on King and his team. The Worthington Cup came and went by way of an undeserved 2-1 reverse at the hands of Wycombe (after extra time) before a fruitless trip to Loftus Road set up Town for a crucial clash with newly promoted Cheltenham.

Meanwhile Andy King had been busy in the transfer market. With hands tied in terms of bringing in permanent players, King seemed to have unearthed a couple of loan gems in Johnnie Jackson and Jimmy Davis from Tottenham and Manchester United respectively. Jackson, a tireless worker with a sweet left foot, Davis a quick and highly skilled winger. However, neither could prevent Town from their worst performance of the season so far as lowly Cheltenham won with relative ease at Whaddon Road. King promised changes on the back of what was a poor 0-2 defeat, yet had few options at his disposal and so it was that the same side gave King brief respite with a 2-1 victory at home to



▲ Sabin races past a Northampton defender



▲ Jackson lets fly



▲ Kingy at Meadow Lane

Northampton a week later. Jackson notched the first with a trademark free kick, whilst Parkin made amends for his sending off at Cheltenham with a late winner.

A lapse in form against Luton meant that the visit of Oldham a week later was crucial to Town's efforts. King remained defiant despite the growing pressure and whilst the press continued to link a host of names to his position (including Jan Molby, Tony Adams and Mel Machin), Steve Coppell joined on a short-term basis. Despite playing well and competing with their counterparts, Town went down to a late Clyde Wijnhard goal and the growing frustration of the fans culminated in a brief demonstration outside the Arkells Stand after the game.

It got worse a week later as Bart Griemink contrived to gift visitors Colchester with a two-goal lead. However, Town's players proved that there was some spirit left in the dressing room and goals from Alan Reeves and Eric Sabin ensured a dramatic point when it seemed as though defeat was a mere formality. Unfortunately defeat was the outcome a week later at Ashton Gate as Town experienced more derby misery and the subsequent visit of Southend in the LDV Trophy seemed to be a welcome break from what was turning out to be an arduous league campaign. And just as Stockport had proved to be a turning point earlier in the season, the visit of Southend would prove to be the catalyst for another prosperous run of form. Heywood, Migliorani, Jackson, Parkin and Sabin (as well as an own goal and not necessarily in that order) contributed to a vibrant 6-1 win. They may have been in Division Three and competing in the LDV Trophy but Southend had, unknowingly, proved to be the unfortunate victims of a hiding Town



▲ Sabin celebrates

had been promising to dish out all season.

The victory had a knock-on effect on Town's league form and despite an early setback against Mansfield, Town went on to record a edgy victory against a side at the foot of the table. In the week a 1-1 draw against Notts County (which, to be honest, warranted more) prepared Town for what would turn out to be a dramatic game against Wycombe at Adams Park.

The in-form Jimmy Davis put Town ahead against a poor Wycombe side. However, and rather predictably, Town let the home side back into the game before falling behind against the run of play. However, Town appeared to be more resolute following the harrowing run of form earlier in the season and Sam Parkin, seemingly 'on fire' following his three-game suspension, popped up with not one but two late goals to send Town's frivolous supporters home in a frenzy. Town were slowly climbing the table and despite Davis's return to Old Trafford (much to the disdain of King, the players and the supporters), a draw against Tranmere at home would see them extend that unbeaten run to five games in all competitions. Not only that, but Town also scraped into Round Two of the FA Cup by virtue of a 1-0 victory against Huddersfield at the County Ground. Sabin and Parkin had hustled and hustled against the fellow strugglers, but it was Andy Gurney that popped up with the all important goal just minutes from time. More importantly perhaps (and the less said about the trip to Kidderminster the better) was the league victory against the Terriers a week later. Gurney and Duke gave Town a two goal lead at the McAlpine before Sam Parkin made sure of the points with a late goal having come on as a substitute and a 0-0 draw against Peterborough a week later



▲ Willis slides in versus Wycombe

made it six games without defeat in the league for King's men.

Which brings us up to speed for the season so far, these notes penned before the games against Plymouth and Crewe. That is except, for our cup adventure against Oxford – Town drawn against their local rivals following the victory against Huddersfield. Indeed, such was the impact of the draw that BBC One decided to get in on the action and the game was subsequently beamed to the masses on December 8.

Unfortunately, and despite an impressive first half performance, a sloppy goal via the head of Oxford's Louis would be enough to send Town crashing out of the cup and in doing so, preventing them from reaching the Third Round, something they had achieved in every season since the eighties. Moreover, the subsequent Third Round draw pitched the U's against Arsenal at Highbury - further confounding

Town's misery. Yet perhaps more intriguing was the glaring lack of options at King's disposal. With Robinson and Gurney suspended, Alan Young and David Barnpton were both 'thrown into the fire' late on, further highlighting the lack of tools King has to work with.

With that in mind, one looks ahead to the rest of the season with both excitement and trepidation.

For whilst Town have the potential to compete at the top end of this division (not to mention a prolific goalscorer for the first time in years) – it is clear that King is doing the best on limited resources. In a perfect world those coming through the youth ranks will emerge as candidates for the first team (Mark Draycott another to be added to the list of those emerging from Viv Busby's successful under 19's team), but it is becoming blatantly clear that Town must make do with what they've got for the time being. Let's hope for an injury-free 2003!



▲ Parkin bags versus Notts County



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Christmas for most people is a family occasion, however some people are not able to enjoy this in the same way. They are looked after by Swindon Social Services and the majority are placed with very committed foster carers, who open up their homes and share their family life with them.

Swindon Social Services would like to thank Swindon Town Football Club for inviting a number of these children and their carers to enjoy the excitement of the Boxing Day match and get a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes.

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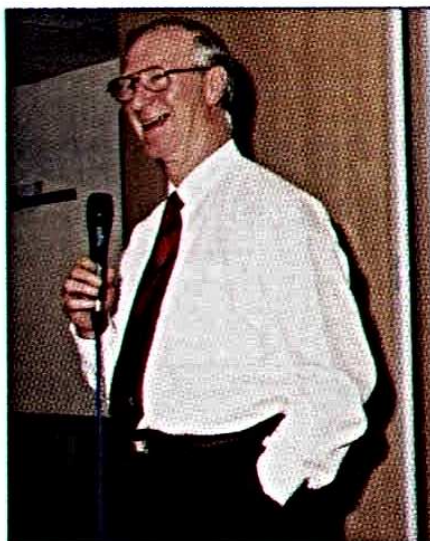
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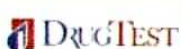


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DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO 1982 AS TOWN WERE LOOKING TO EARN A LUCRATIVE CUP RUN. STANDING IN THEIR WAY WAS A RESOLUTE BRENTFORD SIDE. OVER TO DICK.

It was a match with Brentford that probably holds the record of the longest game in Town's history. Promotion between the Southern League Division One and Two was decided by an end of season Test Match and in 1902 Swindon, having finished at the bottom of the Division, had to play Brentford to retain their status. The match was played at Elm Park and by full time neither side had scored. The game continued and still neither side had scored by the time that bad light forced play to end. The Southern League ruled that Swindon had done enough to retain their First Division place. Two seasons ago a game at Griffin Park was equally vital to the club as Matty Heywood's headed goal was enough to give three points which were enough to make the difference between relegation and survival at the season's end.

Today's feature match was played at Griffin Park on December 14 1982. A few days earlier Swindon seemed to be heading for victory in the Second Round FA Cup clash as they led 2-0 at half time, but a goal in the closing minutes by Gary Roberts earned the Bees a replay. Although the first half was

goalless it was certainly not without incident. In the opening minute Jimmy Allan slipped making a clearance and had to play the rest of the match with a torn hamstring. Before 10 minutes had elapsed Stan Bowles and Leigh Barnard had both been booked and the game really exploded after 18 minutes when Terry Hurlock, the stocky Brentford midfielder, and Kevin Baddeley kicked out at each other and were sent off.

The second half began badly for Swindon - Francis Joseph robbed Barnard and centred for Gary Roberts to shoot home. Despite this Swindon looked the stronger side with Paul Batty and Gary Emmanuel who were working like Trojans in the heavy conditions. Two good opportunities were missed before Tony Mahoney overstretched himself in a tackle and was carried off with a broken leg. Keith Bowen proved an able replacement and Brentford twice went close before Swindon got an equaliser. Paul Rideout's stinging drive was beaten out by Paddy Roache in the Londoners goal, but fell to Andy Rowland who made no mistake. Four minutes from time Brentford had a glorious

chance to seize victory when Terry Rowe ran through but shot wide with just the keeper to beat. Six minutes into injury time Brian Hughes replaced the limping Barnard and his fresh legs soon boosted Swindon's cause. He had been on the pitch only six minutes when he hit a fine cross that Rowlands headed down in to the path of Howard Pritchard who fired home. A minute before the end of first half injury time, Pritchard turned provider setting up a cross for Batty, who outpaced Graham Wilkins before firing home. With the club losing £3,000 a week it was enough to earn a Third Round clash with Aldershot and extend hopes of a lucrative Cup run.

Brentford: Roache, Rowe, Wilkins, Booker, Whitehead, Hurlock, Kamara, Joseph, Mahoney (Bowen 53), Bowles and Roberts.

Swindon: Allan, Baile, Baddeley, Emmanuel, Lewis, Graham, Pritchard, Batty, Rideout, Rowland and Barnard (Hughes 96).

Attendance: 7,383

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FOURFOURTWO'S MARK HANRAHAN RETURNS WITH MORE FROM THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL.

Could this be the last season for the man Arsenal fans dubbed 'The Magic Man'? Despite his sparkling form as skipper of Division One high-flyers Portsmouth this season, Paul Merson stunned the club's fans by hinting that guiding Portsmouth into the Premiership may be his last punt at footballing glory. The 34-year old former Arsenal and England ace is keen to bow out on a high note and fears he may not be able to cut it in the top flight. Merson said: "I want to keep my standards. I don't want to be mugging anyone in the Premiership."

Portsmouth have also confirmed that Japanese International, Yoshi Kawaguchi is also set to leave the club after failing to adapt the physical nature of life in Division One.

Pompey's fierce south-coast rivals have also announced that there could well be changes in their goalkeeping personnel with the January Transfer Window approaching. Southampton's Finnish International Antti Niemi has performed wonders 'between the sticks' at the St. Marys Stadium since his £2 million signing

from SPL outfit Hearts. With Wales' participation in the 2004 European Championships looking more and more likely, the current Welsh No. 1, Paul Jones, may be forced to move before lack of first team football for the Saints costs him his International place.

Speaking of January's Transfer Window, Chairman Ken Bates has reiterated that Chelsea have "no intention" of selling their top players when the transfer window reopens next month. Reports that Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, William Gallas, John Terry and Eidur Gudjohnson could be leaving to ease the £90million debt at The Bridge are, according to Bates well wide of the mark. "The only way we will sell is if we receive any good offers for some of our fringe players".

Meanwhile Manchester City boss Kevin Keegan has already lined up his first swoop of the new year with the capture of Liverpool Ace John-Arne Riise's brother Bjorn Helge. Riise will join City in January.

Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson could make sweeping changes to his

squad after suggesting his charges may have been together too long, despite their recent return to form. Ferguson is widely tipped to dip into the transfer market when the window reopens in January with Milan's Adriy Shevchenko rumored to be his next major acquisition. Ferguson admits alterations may be made to avoid reigning league Champions Arsenal and recent cup experts Liverpool increasing a gulf in class. Milan have been playing with a lone striker and Shevchenko is rumored to be unhappy with a formation that can limit the San Siro outfit to any one from World Cup winner Rivaldo, the prolific Inzaghi or Shevchenko himself.

Spurs injury prone playmaker Jamie Redknapp's jinx reared its head again after Redknapp learnt he could miss a resurgent Tottenham's entire festive period after breaking his toe. Scans revealed a hairline fracture that is said to need a four-to-five week rest period.

Sporting progress within the city of Bristol has taken a major blow when plans to build a super-stadium home for the city's two football teams and the rugby club

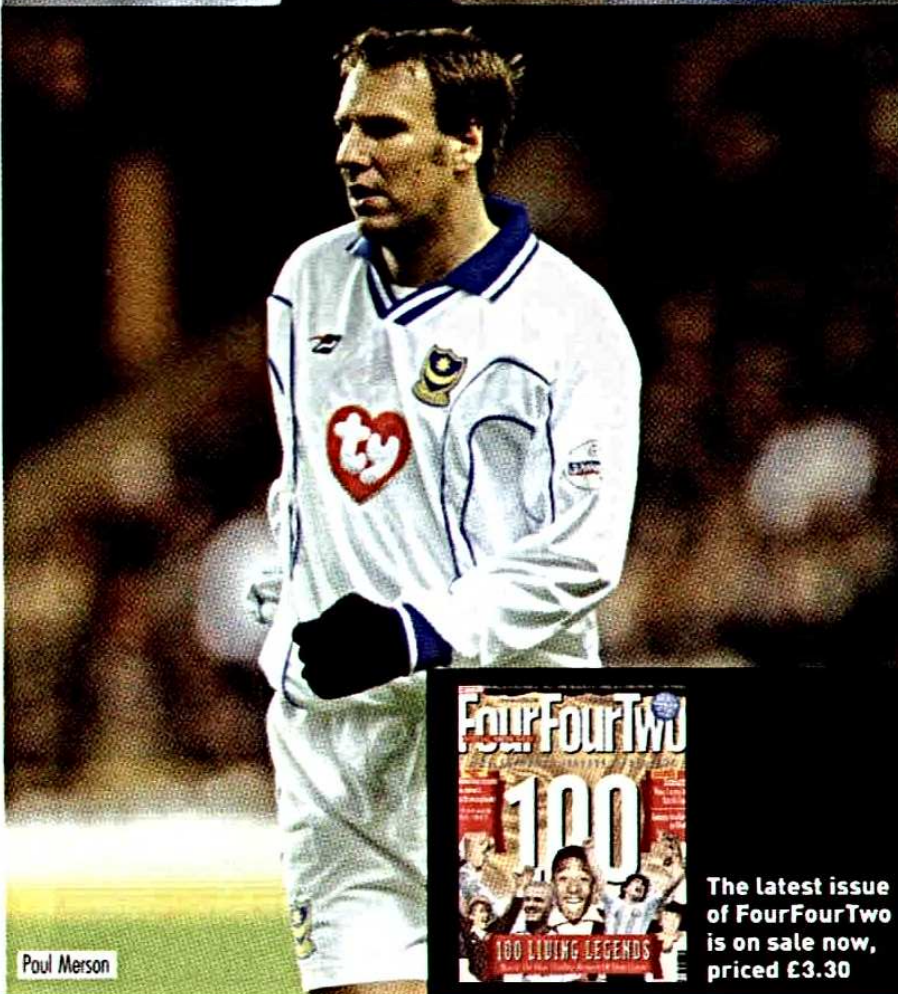
were shelved by council officials. A joint statement issued by Bristol City Council, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers, and Bristol Shoguns rugby club revealed that the 40,000 capacity stadium project had been shelved indefinitely. The statement said: "We have considered several sites in Bristol and have employed specialist consultants to analyse whether any of them were suitable locations. Having considered their assessment, the clubs and the council have all agreed that it will not be possible to build a new stadium in the city within an acceptable time frame.

Recently appointed Barcelona boss, Louis Van Gaal, could be set to leave the beleaguered Catalan side after 'Barca' followed up their Champions League victory over Newcastle with a comprehensive 3-0 league defeat to struggling Sevilla. Whilst Champions League form has not been a problem for Van Gaal, League form has been atrocious by Nou Camp standards and they currently find themselves struggling in 13th place in the table.

Finally, are you a player given a three match ban for a sending off? Or maybe a manager fined and banished to the stands for bringing the game into disrepute? Perhaps you are a Goalkeeper booked for the wrong coloured cycling shorts? Well, either way, you can all consider yourselves very lucky to be plying your trade in the UK, following the latest news from Iran. Football 365 reports that an Iranian international footballer has been banned from playing for his country for five years after being caught in a brothel! Mojahed Khaziravi also received a three 'year' ban from playing for his club. Khaziravi is however considered to have got off lightly as Iranian appeal courts prevented the application of part of his original punishment - 99 lashes. The player was arrested in June on charges of immoral contacts. Prostitution is dealt with harshly by the law in Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution that saw a strict set of rules governing sex imposed.



Andrei Shevchenko



Paul Merson



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Last week saw The County Ground host the local finals of both the Railtrack U11 Playsafe Trophy, as well as the Adidas Community Girl's Cup.

Both games were keenly contested in front of an enthusiastic parental crowd and there was a good skill level on show.

The first game, the Railtrack U11 Playsafe Trophy kicked off at 4.15pm after Town's reserve defeat against Plymouth. In this game Nythe defeated Brookfield 3-0 on penalties after a goalless extra time golden goal period.

In the girls Adidas Community Cup, Greendown beat Warneford Highworth 2-0. Both winners will now go to the next round, which will take place in early February - with the winners also entitled to a day off school!

Have a great New Year and we look forward to seeing you back here for the visit of Chesterfield.

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DIV2 REVIEW



GREW AXED BY PENNY-LESS VALE



Port Vale's assistant-manager Mark Grew has been made redundant by administrators running the troubled Staffordshire club. Grew has been laid-off as part of a cost-cutting package which the administrators say is needed to save the club. Seven members of staff have also been made redundant, although chief scout Ray Williams is the only other one of manager Brian Horton's footballing backroom staff to have gone.

Former Vale keeper Grew, 44, said: "I would be lying if I said this wasn't a wrench. I've worked long and hard at this job. I'm absolutely devastated and I'm also thinking of the other people who have been made redundant. I said goodbye to everyone I could. They have all been friends to me. I went into the dressing room and shook hands with all the players, it was very emotional." Grew told the Stoke Sentinel newspaper.



OLDHAM LOOK AT EBWEA



Oldham boss Iain Dowie will give a trial to a former Cameroon international Samuel Ebwea. The Latics boss wants to see what Ebwea can do following the news that Clyde Wijnhard (pictured) could be out for the rest of the season. Back in August 2001 Ebwea had an unsuccessful trial with Southampton and returned to Rapid Bucharest after a brief trial.



QPR CAPTURE COOK



Under-pressure Queens Park Rangers boss Ian Holloway has signed Watford forward Lee Cook on a month's loan. Cook, 20, operates mainly as a striker but can also play on the left flank, where he will feature at Loftus Road. The Hammersmith-born player almost joined QPR three years ago, when he was at non-League Aylesbury United. Watford pipped Rangers and several other clubs to sign him, but Cook has since been unable to establish himself in the Hornets first-team. He recently completed a two-month loan spell at York City.

Holloway's side have failed to win in 11 matches and were recently knocked out of the FA Cup by part-timers Vauxhall Motors. Cook has been brought in as a possible solution to one of Holloway's problems - a lack of natural wide players.



REEVES JOINS SPIREITES



David Reeves has rejoined Chesterfield until the end of the season. The veteran striker left the Spireites to sign for Oldham on a free transfer last January following a successful loan spell. But he returned to Chesterfield on loan in August, making 16 league appearances and scoring once before the deal ended last month. His new contract has an option for an extra 12 months. Reeves said: "It's fantastic to be back and I hope the fans make me welcome, because I love Chesterfield and the fans have always been good to me. I am sure I can give a bit more this time as I was really apprehensive when I was on loan." Reeves scored against Town in the Spireites 4-0 win last season and will be reunited with his brother, Alan, when the two sides meet on January 4.



EXETER SEEK DEVINE INSPIRATION



Wycombe Wanderers striker Sean Devine could be on his way to Third Division strugglers Exeter City. City have had a bid accepted for the 30-year-old, who has been given permission to speak to the Grecians, and Devine could make the switch to St James's Park if he can agree personal terms. "There's a long way to go yet because it's got to be right for him, he's got to agree terms with them and obviously he's got to pass a medical," said Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez. "At the moment it's no more than we've allowed him permission to speak to them and we'll take it from there. Any finances that can come in to make the current financial situation for the club easier has to be looked at in that light," added Sanchez on the club's website.



SWINDON TOWN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS THIS CHRISTMAS!

However, both the Superstore and the Ticket Office will be closed on certain days. Here are the opening hours for the festive period:

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Tuesday December 24 9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday December 25 **CLOSED**

Thursday December 26 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday December 27 **CLOSED**

Saturday December 28 9.00am - 12.00pm

Sunday December 29 **CLOSED**

Monday December 30 9.00am - 5.00pm

Tuesday December 31 9.00am - 1.00pm

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Thursday January 02 9.00am - 5.00pm

For more information contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777, or the superstore on 01793 333778.

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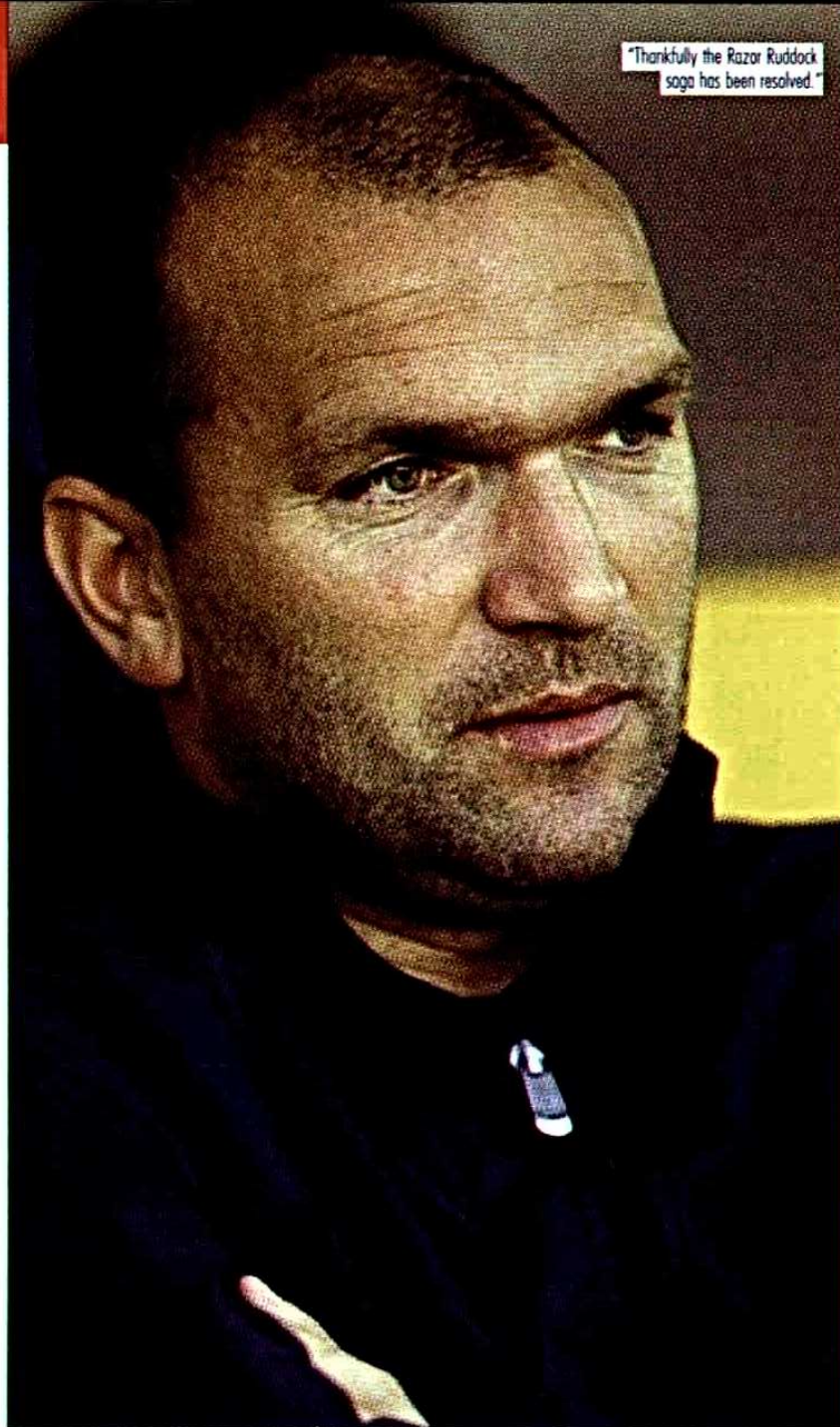
"Thankfully the Razor Ruddock saga has been resolved."

I trust the turkey was cooked to perfection and you managed to avoid a full scale slanging match with the in-laws? Boxing Day football has always played a vital role in helping to ease the pressure valve that is Christmas. You cannot stay cooped up in the house indefinitely with relatives without serious danger of a major row. The Boxing Day fixture is a great excuse to get out of the house for a while. Even as a child, I loved to just disappear up to my bedroom on Boxing Day (if dad had refused to take me to the game because he had caved in to the pressure applied by Mum) and listen to events unfolding on the radio.

It's comforting to know that youngsters right now are probably logging on to the internet or tuning in to Ed and Shaun - just to escape being patronised by cooing Auntie Mary or getting a tale about the 'good old days' from Uncle Fred. Anyway, back to the business at hand. These notes were penned before our game with Crewe Alexandra so we are either looking to extend our unbeaten run or have to pick ourselves up. Let's hope the players haven't scoffed too many mince pies or they could well end up being caught cold in the same way as they did at Griffin Park in August. We were 2-0 down before we knew what had hit us.

After today's game we then have the small matter of trips to Wigan and Cardiff to round off the festive fixtures. The Football League fixture computer has a bizarre sense of humour.

As these will be the last notes of 2002, it's worth looking back over the last 12 months. It's certainly been another rollercoaster of a year. We looked dead and buried back in March, but somehow we survived. That has to be the plus point of the year. Also off the pitch, the 'Razor' Ruddock saga was finally resolved - a massive plus for the club. On the pitch, the lads ended 2001/02 in 13th place and hopes were high for the new campaign. It started well enough, came off the rails in alarming fashion before steadying a touch. Let's hope the upward trend



JON RITSON



EVENING ADVERTISER

continues. By the time you read this, hopefully we will be free of embargos and one or two fresh faces will have arrived. As for 2003, the debutante looks like the biggest challenge to the board while the minimum expectation on the field is the retention of Second Division football. But who knows what we will be reflecting on 12 months from now?

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and successful New Year. For those of you who aren't making the trips to Wigan and Cardiff (complete with hangover) see you all back here for the clash with Chesterfield on January 4. Come On You Reds!

Jon Ritson

"His belief is if all the world's Football Associations have their competitions synchronized annually."



HELEN WINGROVE



BBC RADIO SWINDON

So it's Boxing Day and in a couple of years time, it could be that I'm still hung over with joy at Wimbledon [my team] winning the FA Cup a month ago, plus perhaps even scooping the Premiership on the last day of the season by beating their nearest challengers Manchester United at Old Trafford.....anyway, you get the idea. I'd be rather happy! I'd be on cloud nine, but an FA Cup Final and end of season in November? Have I gone completely mad?

It is a possibility that could come in a few season's time. It's been talked about, discussed, chewed upon, conjugated and spat out at

many a time over the past few years. One of the main champions for the cause is Arsene Wenger. His belief is if all the world's Football Associations have their competitions synchronized annually, then there would be less stress on the playing calendar and thus players from outside of Europe would not have to travel half way around the world during our season, to play in International fixtures.

So Let's think this through...I can just see the Beckham's of this world going through their pre-season on a day like today, cold, one degree Celsius, frosty and not

exactly conducive to getting back to full match fitness with ease. But then I guess pre-seasons would quite simply transfer to the rather warmer climes of Florida or the Caribbean for our pampered stars. Not sure if the likes of Swindon Town Football Club would enjoy such luxury...a frozen over training pitch at Wanborough on Christmas morning it is then! There may be some sections of supporters who'd relish seeing the players going through rigorous and painful fitness work-outs in this kind of weather. Make them suffer for all the pain and hurt they've perhaps inflicted on you over the years!

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Half time draw - the facts

Today should be our 73rd draw and the facts quoted below do not include details from the Crewe fixture as this game took place after these notes were written. All of our achievements are due to the dedication of the ticket sellers (seven in total) and of course the fans that purchase tickets. If any fans out there wish to help in this fund raising

activity please contact Roger Bunce on 01865 820499.

Total prize money

This amounts to a shade under £19,000. (This figure will have been breached at the Crewe fixture.) This means that importantly a similar sum will have been used to help support football activities at the County Ground.

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Winners

We already have three individuals who have been lucky enough to have their number drawn out twice in the three year period, the latest being Leo Witchell.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or helped. A happy and peaceful New Year to everyone and if you can help us further this initiative please contact us.

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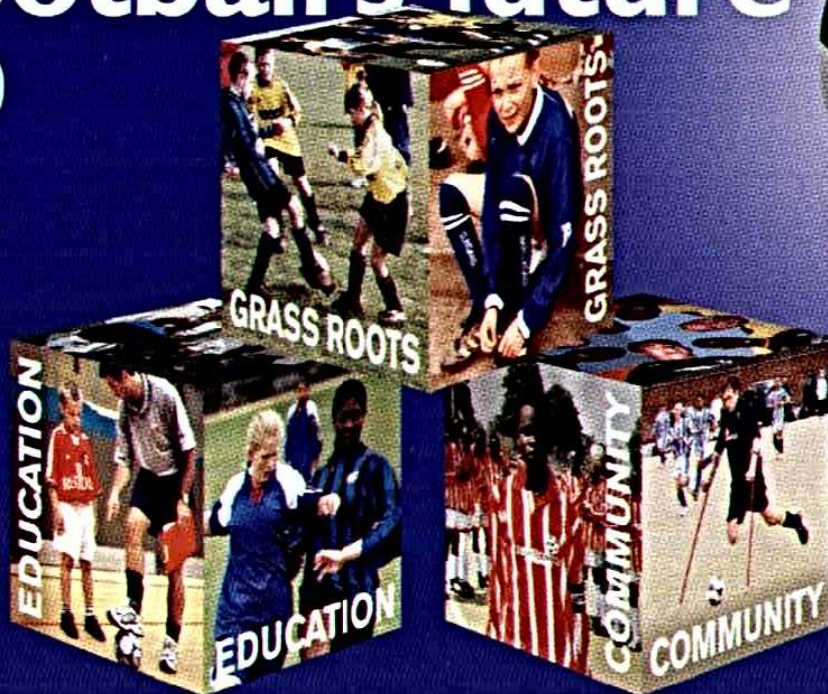
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JUNIOR ROBINS

By now all of you should have received details of two forthcoming events. A trip to Stockport has been organised for January 18 2003 and your return form has also been included, they should reach you no later than December 30. Please read these leaflets carefully. In order to make this trip successful we require at least 20 juniors, it promises to be a really good day out - all we need is your support. So far we haven't had anything near the support we need, so get those applications in as soon as possible!

The family day out is planned for February 15. The day promises to be a really good bargain, but once again we need your support so keep your details handy as the forms must be returned by January 25 2003.

Today we say Happy Birthday, once again, to Brandon Barbara (who is one today) and Colin Curtis, who will be 16 on the 30th. Many happy returns to you both!

Finally, were you our mascot against Bristol City on October 19? If so, then please contact George because he has a photo of you with the captains.



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Rockin' Robin

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Cheeky Chick

RR Fan Club

Hello Cheeky!

And a Big Merry Christmas to all my fans out there! I love Christmas, you are right. It's the time of year when you see my relatives all over the place, but hey- there's only one Robin that truly Rocks! 'Tis the season to be jolly, and all that - children roasting on an open fire etc etc. Christmas shopping can be great fun, but I wish the shops weren't always so crowded - I sometimes wish they would move Christmas to avoid this... unfortunately my favourite Christmas story is a sad one. Little Tommy's family were very poor, his mother was alone looking after six kids, they had no money and Christmas looked like being very sad and lonely for them all. Tommy wrote to Father Christmas, telling him of his family's plight and asking if he could send £50 for him to give to his mother so they could enjoy Christmas Day with a proper Christmas dinner, decorations, crackers etc. At the Post Office this touched the hearts of all the sorters and they had a whip-round for some money. They collected £41 and sent it back to Tommy. He was delighted and wrote back to Father Christmas saying 'thank you so much for the money, it means we will have a proper Christmas after all - only £41 actually arrived though, I expect those thieving so-and-so's at the Post Office nicked the rest!' Ha Ha! Only joking, post office workers - you do a great job at this time of year. Have a Cool Yule!

THE ROBIN THAT ROCKS!

by Alyn





TODAY'S MASCOT

This afternoon we welcome today's mascots - Sam Pierce, Jackson Price and Amy Liddiard (Brentford) - we hope you enjoy your day!

01 *Sam Pierce* is 11 years old and attends Crowdy's Hill School. His main interest is football and not only does he love playing it on his computer, he also loves watching videos too. Sam's been following Swindon since he was six with his Dad and his older brothers and recently, he's started training with a group set up by STFC's Community Office in conjunction with Swindon's Downs Syndrome Group.

02 *Jackson Price* is six years old and attends Peatmoor Community Primary School. His favourite team is Swindon Town (of course and who he watches with his Dad) and his favourite players are Bart Griemink, 'Super' Sammy Parkin and Eric Sabin. He also loves Ice Skating, Ice Hockey (he has lessons in both) and attends the Link Soccer Centre. He is a regular on Town's Soccer Fun Weeks.

03 Visiting us from Brentford today is eight year *Amy Liddiard*, who attends Goddard School. Amy has a canary who is also called Amy. She also likes playing football and computer games. Her favourite player is Paul Smith, Brentford's 'keeper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE BRITTONS!

A belated Merry Christmas wish goes to Josh and Jack Britton who are over here for their first STFC game from Cyprus - from Grandma and Grandad Kirkland!

MY SWINDON XI - FESTIVE TOWN

This team is specifically applicable for the festive season and it's a major disappointment that Town have not had three King's on the books. Luckily there are enough players with names associated with Christmas without having to name a few turkeys and donkeys, although if this lot took to the field together their first defeat would bring newspaper headlines involving the word 'stuffing'. Robert Godwin was born in Wootton Bassett in 1928. Any chance that he's in the crowd today?

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Trevor CHURCHill | 6. Colin Prophett |
| 2. Gary Emmanuel | 7. Robert GODwin |
| 3. Phil King | 8. Mickey French (hens) |
| 4. Steve Berry | 9. Paul GilCHRIST |
| 5. John Emanuel | 10. Howard GODdard |
| | 11. Jimmy Gabriel |

Manager Andy King

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

SEND THEM TO:
 'You are my Swindon'
 The Programme Editor
 Swindon Town Football Club
 The County Ground
 County Road
 Swindon, SN1 2ED

Or email: stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com



STEVE ROBINSON

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Simply answer the highlighted question below, send your answer in to the above address and you could win two tickets to a Nationwide League match of your choice.

25 years ago, Town played consecutive games against teams that, coincidently, we have faced in consecutive matches this month. On Boxing Day 1977, Town travelled to the Manor Ground to face our rivals and last round FA Cup opponents, Oxford. United had taken a 3-0 half time lead when two goals from Chris Kamara and a 75th minute equaliser from Chris Guthrie clawed back an improbable point.

24 hours later Town brought their goal tally to six over the Christmas period with a 3-1 home win against our opponents two weeks ago, Plymouth. Chris Kamara recorded his third of the two games, and Chris Guthrie his second, as with just eight minutes to go Town turned a likely looking 1-1 draw into a win. Truly a merry Chris mass. David Moss had scored a 12th minute opener to set Town on the way to victory.

1 Making one of the last League appearances of his career at left back for Oxford was the father of a future Swindon left back, signed from Newcastle. Name them both.

2 Playing for Plymouth was the son of another professional footballer. Dad played for Wednesday and Bristol Rovers. Son later managed Norwich, amongst others. Who are they?

3 On December 22, which Swindon player moved to Peterborough for £23,000?

4 Which future Reading, Leicester and Wolves manager moved from Morton to Newcastle for £150,000 on the 29th?

5 On the 27th, a former Liverpool player finished in second place for European Footballer of the Year. Four days later he was sent off in a friendly while playing for Hamburg. Who?

Answers: 1 Brian and Jason Drysdale 2 Don and Gary Magson 3 Send your answers 4 Mark Michie 5 Kevin Keegan

THE NAKED CHEF

Perfect hangover fodder this (not to a mention great ailment for colds - and easy to make too!

NO. 15 TURBO'S TOMATO SOUP

1. You'll need 300g tomatoes, 1 tbsp olive oil, 2 shallots, peeled and chopped, 2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

45ml/3 tbsp white wine, 290ml/1/2 pint vegetable stock, salt and freshly ground black pepper, white wine

2. To make the soup, in a medium saucepan heat 1 tbsp of olive oil.

3. Sauté the shallot for one minute to soften. Stir in the garlic. Season.

4. Pour in the white wine and cook for 30 seconds.

5. Stir in the tomatoes and stock. Simmer until the tomatoes begin to break down.

6. Carefully transfer the soup to a liquidiser and blend.

7. Serve the soup with a swirl of herb oil, a spoonful of yoghurt, a basil leaf.

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Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

LAST WEEK SIGNALLLED THE END OF LAST TERMSS
SOCCER CENTRE COURSES AND ALL OF THE
PARTICIPATING KIDS WERE PRESENTED WITH
THEIR MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES AT THE END OF
THEIR FINAL SESSIONS.

The kids have worked extremely hard this term and the football has been brilliant, so well done to all of you! The numbers in 2002 have risen since September and to date, at all the centres, our coaches were coaching over 700 kids each week which is fantastic news. We must thank all the coaches for their hard work and hope the kids continue to learn and enjoy themselves.

To book your place on the Swindon Town soccer centres next year (as one term finishes another starts!), you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception as soon as possible. The cost of the courses is £3.00 per season (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre. All you need to do is make sure that the kids have a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and a drinks bottle – let us do the rest!

STFC's Soccer Centres are still in the process of finding sponsors in order to support our sessions. If you are interested in helping us, or may know of anyone that is interested, then feel free to give me a call on 01793 333700.

Thanks again for your support
Enjoy the game
Adam Collier

OASIS (Swindon Borough)

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

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

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

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

STRATTON

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

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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TIDWORTH

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



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
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TRAVELLING CONTINUES OVER THE NEW YEAR PERIOD AND IN THE SPACE OF JUST THREE DAYS, TOWN FANS WILL BE REQUIRED TO VISIT BOTH WIGAN AND CARDIFF. THOSE OF YOU MAKING THE TWO JOURNEYS CAN SEEK SOLACE IN OUR OFFICIAL TRAVEL GUIDE (DETAILS TAKEN FROM THE TWO CLUBS' RESPECTIVE WEB SITES)...

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... WIGAN ATHLETIC

WHO? WIGAN ATHLETIC

WHEN? SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

WHERE? JJB STADIUM

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM



STFC TRAVEL CLUB: The travel Club will be departing Wootton Bassett at 08.30am, West Swindon 08.45am, the County Ground at 09.00am and Ermin Street at 09.15am. The coach fare is £16.50 (adults) and £15.00 under 15's. Supporters Club members receive a £2 discount. For more information contact SAS Travel on 01793 536757.

BY CAR: Exit M6 at junction 25. At end of slip road (approx. one mile) turn left, sign-posted Wigan A49. Follow signs for Wigan A49 for 1.8 miles to saddle roundabout. Take second exit sign-posted Standish A49 into Robin Park Road. Follow signs for JJB Stadium.

Parking: There are 2,500 spaces for fans at the stadium and so

Townies are advised to park here. However, with crowds averaging just under 8,000 – you're advised to get there early!

Train: Trains are operating from Swindon to Wigan – there are usually between one and two changes. However, check either www.thetrainline.com, or 08456 484950 for more details.

Swift half: Away fans are recommended to use the facilities in the concourse. However, outside the ground are Burger King, Pizza Hut and Frankie & Bennies.

TICKET PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ADULTS £14.00, CONCESSIONS £9.00

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... CARDIFF CITY

WHO? CARDIFF CITY

WHEN? WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

WHERE? NINIAN PARK

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM



STFC TRAVEL CLUB: SAS Travel are yet to disclose information for the trip, but they can be contacted on 01793 536757. Alternatively visit www.sastravel.co.uk. Opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

BY CAR: Exit the M4 at junction 33 (signposted Cardiff West/Barry/Penarth/Cardiff Bay) and follow these signs onto the A4232. Turn off after 6.1 miles onto the B4267 – Leckwith Road – following the signs for the City Centre. After 0.5 miles turn right at the traffic lights into Sloper Road. Ninian Park is situated on the left hand side of the road.

Parking: Much of the parking on matchdays is by residential permit

parking only. The main car park is situated in the Athletics Stadium on Leckwith Road and the entrance is accessed 0.4 miles after leaving the A4232 on the right hand side of the road.

Train: Trains are operating from Swindon to Cardiff, this is a direct route. However, check either www.thetrainline.com, or 08456 484950 for more details.

Swift half: Stay away from Ninian Park and instead – hit St Mary's Street in Town. Keep those colours covered up too.

TICKET PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ADULTS £13.00 - £17.00, CONCESSIONS £8.00 - £11.00

NEXT IN TOWN...



Chesterfield

04.01.03 (3.00pm)



Blackpool

11.01.03 (3.00pm)



Wigan Athletic

25.01.03 (3.00pm)



Wycombe Wanderers

15.02.03 (3.00pm)

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NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **CHESTERFIELD**

KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY JANUARY 4**

The visit of Chesterfield next week sees the two brothers Reeves re-united once again, with Swindon Alan's older half returning to the Spireites after a short spell with Oldham.

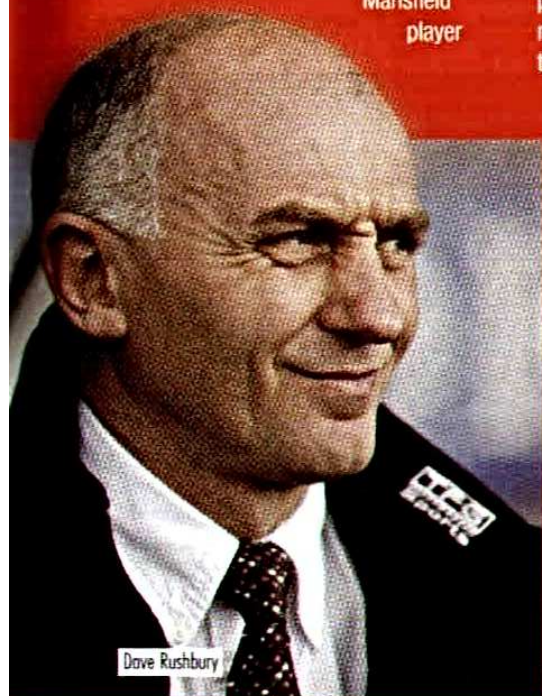
David Reeves is a fans favourite at Saltergate and having re-joined the club on loan from Oldham, he has now signed a contract that will see him stay at the club until the end of the season. However, Town fans (and Reeves of the Swindon variety) will be hoping that he doesn't show a repeat of the performance that saw him bag in last season's 4-0 debacle at Saltergate. Instead, King and his men will be hoping to emulate the 4-2 victory that saw them top the table in August earlier this year.

Striker Shane Bradley could also figure for the Blues next week, the former Mansfield player

joining Dave Rushbury's side last week following a catalogue of injury

problems at Field Mill. All in all it's a healthy looking squad that will visit the County Ground and at the time of writing - Chesterfield occupy ninth position with 30 points. Not bad for a side that many predicted would fall through the relegation trap door to Division Three. Instead, Rushbury's side, despite its inconsistency, has succeeded where others haven't and they will be looking to bounce back from their defeat at the hands of today's visitors two weeks ago (1-2 at Griffin Park).

Other men to watch will be young star Jamie Burt, as well as top scorers Jamie Burt and Chris Brandon - both with four



Dave Rushbury



Chris Brandon



TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

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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 16 Nov	Huddersfield Town (FAC1)	Home	1-0	4,210 N/A
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away	3-2	8,334 17
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home	1-1	4,709 17
Sun 8 Dec	Oxford United (FACup2)	Away	0-1	11,645 N/A
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away	1-1	8,111 18
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

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

Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincible	
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Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Invincible	
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Griemink	Edds	Heywood*	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranzi	Hewlett*	Jackson	Sabin	
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**DENOTES SENDING OFF DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS

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

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

WIGAN	21	14	5	2	36	13	47	+23
BRISTOL C	21	14	2	5	45	25	44	+20
CARDIFF	21	13	4	4	35	17	43	+18
OLDHAM	21	11	6	4	34	16	39	+18
CREWE	21	11	5	5	32	17	38	+15
BRENTFORD	21	9	5	7	27	24	32	+3
QPR	21	8	6	7	28	25	30	+3
LUTON	21	8	6	7	31	29	30	+2
CHESTERFIELD	21	9	3	9	18	23	30	-5
TRANMERE	21	9	3	9	26	33	30	-7
BLACKPOOL	21	8	4	9	25	32	28	-7
PLYMOUTH	21	6	8	7	28	29	26	-1
WYCOMBE	21	7	5	9	29	31	26	-2
PORT VALE	21	7	5	9	26	33	26	-7
COLCHESTER	21	6	7	8	21	27	25	-6
NORTHAMPTON	21	7	4	10	21	29	25	-8
STOCKPORT	21	7	3	11	26	31	24	-5
SWINDON	21	6	6	9	25	31	24	-6
BARNLEY	21	6	6	9	24	33	24	-9
NOTTS CO	21	4	10	7	30	31	22	-1
PETERBOROUGH	21	5	6	10	26	30	21	-4
HUDDERSFIELD	21	5	6	10	17	25	21	-8
CHELLENHAM	21	5	6	10	20	29	21	-9
MANSFIELD	21	5	3	13	36	53	18	-17

APPEARANCES 2002/03

	LEAGUE			CUP			NON-LEAGUE CUP			TOTAL		
PLAYER NAME	APPS	GOAL	BP	APPS	GOAL	BP	APPS	GOAL	BP	APPS	GOAL	BP
BART GRIEMINK	21	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GARETH EDDS	8(5)	0	1	1(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	17	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	8(2)	0	2	0(1)	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	18	3	2	2	1	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	15(1)	12	19(0)	2	0	0	1	0	0	1(1)	1	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	13(1)	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
DAVID DUKE	20	0	3	2	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	2	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	14(3)	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
MATTY HEWWOOD	18	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	14	1	3	2	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	17(1)	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(6)	0	0	0(1)	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(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	11(2)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRIS FARR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0

TODAY'S FIXTURES 26.12.02



Birmingham	vs	Everton	Bristol C	vs	Plymouth
Bolton	vs	Newcastle	Colchester	vs	Crewe
Chelsea	vs	Southampton	Huddersfield	vs	Peterborough
Liverpool	vs	Blackburn	Luton	vs	Tranmere
Man City	vs	Aston Villa	Mansfield	vs	Stockport
Middlesbro	vs	Man Utd	Northampton	vs	Chesterfield
Sunderland	vs	Leeds	Notts Co	vs	Barnsley
Tottenham	vs	Charlton	Oldham	vs	Blackpool
West Brom	vs	Arsenal	Port Vale	vs	Wigan
West Ham	vs	Fulham	QPR	vs	Wycombe
			Swindon	vs	Brentford



Bradford	vs	Stoke	Boston Utd	vs	York
Burnley	vs	Wolves	Cambridge	vs	Southend
Coventry	vs	Reading	Carlisle	vs	Darlington
Derby	vs	Grimsby	Hull City	vs	Hartlepool
Leicester	vs	Ipswich	Kidderminster	vs	Leyton Orient
Millwall	vs	Gillingham	Macclesfield	vs	Lincoln
Norwich	vs	Brighton	Oxford	vs	Bournemouth
Portsmouth	vs	C Palace	Rochdale	vs	Wrexham
Preston	vs	Rotherham	Scunthorpe	vs	Rushden
Sheff Wed	vs	Nottm Forest	Shrewsbury	vs	Bury
Walsall	vs	Sheff Utd	Swansea	vs	Bristol R
Wimbledon	vs	Watford	Torquay	vs	Exeter



SWINDON

Manager **Andy King**

BRENTFORD

Manager **Wally Downes**

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓	1	
GARETH EDDS	2	✓ MICHAEL DOBSON
JOHNNY JACKSON	3	IJAH ANDERSON
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓	4	JAY SMITH
ADAM WILLIS	5	
ANDREW GURNEY ✓	6	✓ SCOTT MARSHALL
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	✓ STEPHEN EVANS
JOHN SCOTT ✓	8	MARK ROWLANDS
SAM PARKIN ✓	9	✓ KEVIN O'CONNOR
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓	10	✓ STEPHEN HUNT
DAVID DUKE ✓	11	✓ MARTIN ROWLANDS
JUAN COBIAN	12	JAY TABB
	13	✓ PAUL SMITH
ERIC SABIN ✓	14	✓ MATT SOMNER
DAREN DYKES	15	JAY LOVLETT
NEIL RUDDOCK	16	LEE FIELDWICK
DANIEL INVINCIBLE	17	MARK McCAMMON
CRAIG FARR	18	EDDIE HUTCHINSON
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓	19	MARK PETERS
	20	RIZ REHMAN
DAVID BAMPTON	21	DANNY ALLEN-PAGE
ALAN REEVES ✓	22	ALAN JULIAN
NATHAN EDWARDS	23	LLOYD BLACKMAN
KEVIN HALLIDAY	24	ROBERT TRAYNOR
STEVE ROBINSON ✓	25	STEPHEN HUGHES
	26	LEON CONSTANTINE
	27	✓ ROWAN VINE
	28	JAMIE FULLARTON
ALAN YOUNG	29	LEO ROGET
CHRIS COLLINS	30	ANDREW FRAMPTON
	31	✓ IBRAHIMA SONKO

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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	1	6	12	11

BRENTFORD'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	1	4	5	12	20

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Tuesday 29th September 2001

Swindon Town 2
Brentford 0

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: **T. A. Parkes**
Assistant 1: **R. East**
Assistant 2: **M. T. Knight**
4th Official: **J. Flynn**

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