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Editor's Eye

Welcome back to the County Ground after an enthralling festive period and here we are with what is set to be the last programme of a busy schedule with Town's last home match for two weeks against Blackpool.

This Christmas seemed to be busier than most off the field, yet with performances getting better all the time on the pitch I think we have good reason to be pretty optimistic about 2003. Both the Cardiff and Chesterfield performances will rank highly amongst the best so far and you can read up on the two of them in this issue.

Elsewhere you'll find news of Sam Parkin's PFA Player of the Month award and Lee Bowyer's transfer to West Ham (read Mark Hanrahan's pages on 42-43) as well as a special feature on Town's top ten goalscorers - as voted for by you on www.swindontownfc.co.uk. Look out for more new and exciting features in these hallow pages, until the 25th (which could now cost you £2 less than usual) - enjoy the issue and Come on you Reds!

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THE GAFFER

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S VISIT OF BLACKPOOL. AS I AM SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE, TODAY'S VISITORS ARE JUST ONE SIDE THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR SIGHTS IN THE LEAGUE TABLE – A WIN WOULD SEE US GO JUST TWO POINTS BEHIND THEM.

It's testament to the hard work of my players that we have got ourselves into a position whereby we are right behind the top half of the table. I just hope that, after four good performances in five games, that they can convince themselves that if they play to their strengths – they're a match for anyone. That has been the problem with this side ever since I joined the club, but then now is the time for them to really push on, after all they have played extremely well against four sides in the play-off positions.

With that said, we've been in a good position before and we then went on to endure a torrid run of form. Make no mistake, although we are breathing down the necks of those in the top half, we are also just seven points away from the bottom four and so relegation is always a threat. We just have to make sure that we're positive because we're capable of achieving something here.

What we have to do is not to get carried away. Yes we've played well in recent weeks but we must take one game at a time. After a winning start to the New Year the lads must ultimately be looking to win seven on the trot, whilst at the same time concentrating on the specific job in hand – they're certainly good enough to do it. At the moment the lads are believing in themselves and they are playing the right way and to be honest – as a manager that's all I can ask for.

Last week in particular I thought we were superb. We played against a side that was seventh in the league and we absolutely murdered them. Even their manager, Dave Rushbury, came up to me after the game and said how well we'd played. His exact words were that we'd murdered them and he wasn't wrong. Going forward we attacked in numbers and caused them problems with the quality of our final ball and all in all, it was a joy to watch. It just shows that on our day we can do it, we just need to do it more often!

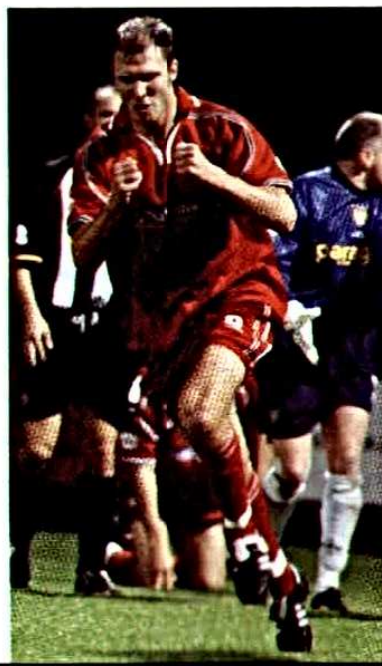
THE GAFFER CONT'D...



There were some tremendous performances all over the park. Danny Invincible worked his socks off and he was rewarded with a goal. It could have been even better for him as well, for the lad had three or four chances, but his work ethic and commitment has been tremendous. He has used his pace in the right areas and if he can do that more often then he could become a very dangerous player. Sam's contribution to the game as a whole was excellent, as was Dean Mamey's. His contribution was tremendous and his quality on the ball was second to none. Gurney played well, as did the midfield and as for Alan Reeves, well let's just say that I'm very pleased for him. He scored one goal when he could have had two or three, but at the other end his tackle was crucial – he got stuck in where perhaps others wouldn't and that speaks volumes for him.

Overall it was a great team performance and I will be hoping for more of the same today. As we approach a crucial stage of the season I am looking to our home games to get maximum points. We have Blackpool today and Wigan towards the end of the month – two very hard games, but we are equal to any challenge put ahead of us and so we shouldn't fear anyone.

Let's hope for more of the same this afternoon and with a bit of luck – we'll put more pressure on those above us. Get behind the side and I'm sure we'll be celebrating another victory at 4.45pm.



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME – I ASSUME THAT IF YOU'RE READING THIS THEN THE GAME HAS GONE AHEAD - IT'S BEEN A COLD WEEK TO SAY THE LEAST AND IT'S AMAZING THAT THE PITCH HAS SORTED ITSELF OUT FOR THE GAME.

It's good to be back at home again though – our form at the County Ground has been good in recent weeks and if we can continue that with another win today – then we will have closed the gap on our opponents this afternoon. I remember from our trip to Blackpool that they're a very physical side. That is to be expected from any Steve McMahon side, but they play good football too and they will be difficult to beat. I think their away form has been poor and if we can capitalise on that then we'll be ok. Last week was, in my opinion, one of our best games of the season. We

outplayed a strong side that is in the top half of the league and to be honest – they never had a chance. We were strong at the back and looked dangerous going forward, the only difference being that we stuck our chances away! The amount of games we should have won this season if only we'd had more luck in front of goal is frightening, but if luck can go our way in the second half of this season then who knows what can be achieved.

Enjoy the game and I look forward to seeing you back here in two weeks time.



DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

Firstly, before I go any further, I would like to thank the STFC Supporters Club for their kind donation which helped keep vital equipment going in the Physio Room at The County Ground. Their support has been invaluable.

I would also like to thank Dr Nicholas, Dr Alun Davies, Mr Ivory and Mr Deo for all their help over the past few months and beyond.

Back to the business of injuries and, as has been the case for a while now, the Treatment Room has been relatively quiet in the last seven days.

Craig Farr returned to full training on Monday with the rest of the squad after his back injury – the injury kept him out of the squad over the festive period.

The only other first team player we have had in has been midfielder Steve Robinson. 'Robbo' experienced some tightness in his hamstring after Saturday's game against Chesterfield and we have been working with him to put that right. Hopefully he should be in contention for today's visit of Blackpool.

Stefani Miglioranza, who also came off against Chesterfield, has had no adverse reaction to a slight 'niggle' and should also be fine for today's game.

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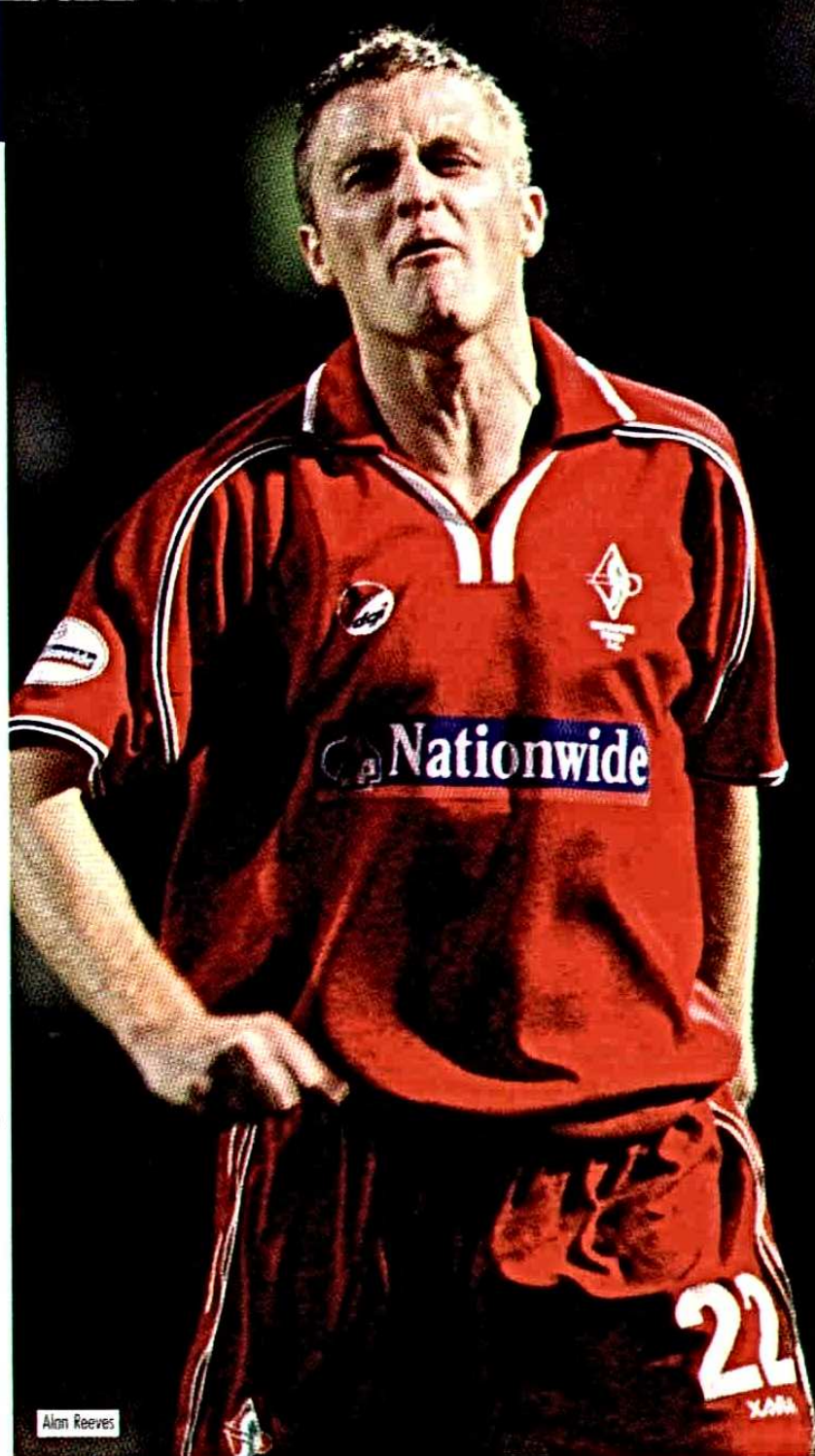


Good afternoon and welcome to you all for today's visit of Blackpool. On behalf of the board of directors at the County Ground I would like to extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters who have made the long journey south from the North West.

Last Saturday's result and the manner in which the team played was absolutely fantastic for everyone associated with the club. Andy and the players have had some dark moments during the season, but their commitment and desire to do well for Swindon Town has never diminished. It was particularly pleasing to hear the banter between supporters and Alan Reeves. Alan's commitment to the club has been second-to-none and I would like to thank our supporters for the way in which they got behind Alan and all the players. Despite the Crewe result we are beginning to make the County Ground a difficult place for opposing teams to visit.

Of course we desperately need more supporters to come to the County Ground in support of the team. With regards to this we are currently reviewing the prices in the Arkells and Nationwide Stands, and we are considering reducing prices, on a trial basis, for the visit of Wigan and Wycombe. If the mathematics stand up and if more fans are encouraged to come along on matchdays then we may keep the new prices in place until the end of the season. One thing is for sure – more performances like last weeks and the numbers will rise. By the time this programme is published I hope that our pricing review will have been put into action.

This is my first chance to comment on Boxing Day's AGM. I felt the meeting passed positively, although I was very surprised by the tone and comment of the press release issued by TrustSTFC prior to the meeting. One thing I am certain of is that the current board will work tirelessly for the good of this Football Club. We will not always make decisions that supporters agree with, but they will be honest decisions with the club's best interests at heart. Mistakes will be made, but I am sure we will get it right more often than we get it wrong. I am keen to stress that this is an honest board of directors, but I know we will need to earn the trust and respect of our supporters. For that to happen our supporter groups must be open and honest with us – no hidden agendas. I am particularly aware that communication between



MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

the club and supporters must continue to improve – perhaps then press releases of the type we saw at the AGM will become a thing of the past. On a final AGM note, I was delighted to be voted on to the board of directors and feel proud and privileged to have been given this opportunity. I would like to

thank those who supported my nomination and I will do my best to help this club stabilise and progress.

Thank you for your continued support of Swindon Town FC, enjoy the game and here's to three more points.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



02.01.03

'MIG' SIGNS FOR ANOTHER MONTH

Swindontownfc.co.uk can confirm that midfielder Stefani Miglioranza has signed another months' contract that will keep him at The County Ground until January 29 2003. The Brazilian-born New Yorker has proved to be a useful signing for Town so far this campaign, making 22 appearances and scoring against Southend United in the 6-1 LDV Vans Trophy win.



04.01.03

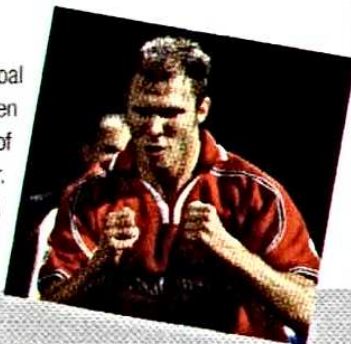
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Swindontownfc.co.uk brings you ticket details of the upcoming away fixtures at Barnsley and Stockport. For the visit to Stockport Adults will be expected to pay £16, OAP's £9 and Juniors (and under 16s) £4. For Barnsley on February 1, Adults will again pay £16 and concessions £9. Please note that concession includes U16 and 65+ tickets. Barnsley have made this fixture 'Ladies Day' and are offering tickets at £5, if bought in advance, for any women wishing to attend this game. For travel information for Town away fixtures, please call SAS Travel on 01793 825935 / 536757.

04.01.03

PARKIN PFA PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Swindon Town's 16-goal striker Sam Parkin has been named the PFA Player of the Month for December. For more information turn to page 17.



06.01.03

GILTRAP TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are now on sale in the Ticket Office for the above concert, which is due to take place in the Winners Lounge on Friday March 7. For those of you unfamiliar with Gordon's work, his style of guitar playing is considered unique by many of his professional peers. He has released over 40 albums and his most famous single 'Heartsong' received massive airplay and reached the top twenty in the UK singles charts. It was used for seven years by BBC Television as the theme tune to the popular 'Holiday Programme' and was nominated for an Ivor Novello Award. STFC are proud to welcome Gordon Giltrap to the County Ground for a concert where all profits will go to the club. You can meet Gordon and he will be delighted to sign albums that will be on sale after the concert. To get your tickets to what will be a memorable evening - contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777.



07.01.03

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07.01.03

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CARDIFF CITY 1

EARNshaw 89

SWINDON TOWN 1

PARKIN 72

In front of vocal Cardiff crowd, Town kicked off their fourth game out of five in a fortnight with Robinson sending the ball straight into touch to put Cardiff under pressure early on. Cardiff won their first corner on three minutes but Town cleared without Griemink's goal being threatened. Town struggled to find their own players early on with passing made difficult by a soggy pitch. Both teams suffered with stray passing early on and Danny Invincible almost capitalised on an error from the Cardiff keeper Alexander, only to see Alexander make up for his slip to clear the danger. On 17 minutes the referee awarded Town a free kick right on the edge of the box. Zhiyi was adjudged to have fouled Invincible and this presented Town with a great chance. Town Captain Andy Gurney stepped up and put his clever shot inches wide of the post and into the side netting. As the game continued the rain began to descend on Ninian Park to add to the already increasingly difficult conditions. Town won their first corner on 29 minutes with Invincible doing well. Loan player Dean Marney took the corner but City cleared the danger as Town looked to open the scoring.

Twenty-three goal striker Robert Earnshaw showed a glimpse of his talent on the half hour as he jinked past two Town defenders. However he slipped over as he attempted his shot and sent the ball over the bar and into the crowd behind the Dutchman's goal. On 34 minutes a move involving Marney and Parkin allowed Duke some space on the left hand side. The Scot cut inside onto his right foot and unleashed a powerful shot that fizzed wide of Alexander in the Cardiff goal. On 38 minutes Thorne held the ball up well and laid it off to Jason Bowen on the left hand side. Bowen's cross found Earnshaw whose looping header beat Griemink. Fortunately Matt Heywood got back to clear the ball off the line as the Cardiff fans almost saw their side take the lead. A follow up snapshot from 33-year old Fan Zhiyi did not trouble the score line as the referee blew for half time.




On 57 minutes a ball from Kavanagh found Peter Thorne who hit a shot straight at Griemink, the Dutchman punching the ball out well as the home side began to stamp their authority on the game. Two minutes later Danny Invincible won a corner thanks to a good covering tackle from Weston. Marney played the ball over into the box and both Heywood and Invincible had shots blocked, as the ball seemed destined to trouble Alexander in the Cardiff goal. A minute later a low drive from Duke was well held by the City keeper Alexander.

On the hour Invincible won another Town corner taken by Marney. The ball found Hewlett whose shot deflected out for another corner, which was cleared. With the game certainly more lively in the second period, Town were having the better of the second half possession. The Cardiff Manager Lennie Lawrence sensed his sides need for the win and replaced midfielder Bowen with the aerial presence of Leo Fortune-West. This left Cardiff with three up front. On 69 minutes a terrific half volley from Dean Marney brought a great save from Neil Alexander.

The subsequent corner from Miglioranza found Super Sam Parkin who put Town into a deserved lead at the near post. Minutes after the goal Town Manager Andy King replaced Danny Invincible with Eric Sabin to inject some fresh legs into the Town frontline and the Frenchman had a chance to put Town 2-0 up following up a great ball through the middle from Parkin. Having turned well, Sabin could only shoot straight at Neil Alexander.

Town were looking good for their lead but with moments remaining, the home side laid siege on Griemink's goal. The pressure soon told and in the 89th minute, a free-kick from Kavanagh was driven into the back of the net by Robert Earnshaw from just a yard out as the final whistle approached to level the scores.

CARDIFF: Alexander, Weston, Prior, Barker,  Croft (Campbell 78), Fan Zhiyi (Kavanagh 45), Boland, Legg, Bowen (Fortune-West 63), Thorne, Earnshaw. **Subs not used:** Young, Margetson.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney,  Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Hewlett, Miglioranza, Robinson (Willis 84), Marney,  Parkin, Invincible (Sabin 72)  **Subs not used:** Smith, Edds, Nightingale

MATCH

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SWINDON TOWN 3

PARKIN 33, INVINCIBLE 52, REEVES 87

CHESTERFIELD 0

At times sublime, others majestic – Town were simply superb last Saturday. With Reeves in fine form, Marney dangerous on the wing, Miglioranzi orchestrating the middle and Invincible in devastating mood – Chesterfield had no answer as Town threatened to run riot.

In the end the 4,544-strong crowd had to settle for three, but it could have been so many more and on the whole – it's been a good period of form for Town. King fielded an unchanged side for the visit of Chesterfield and with a deserved draw against Cardiff behind them – Town looked to build on what was a decent festive period.

However, both sides seemed to be suffering from a New Year hangover in the opening exchanges: Duke, Miglioranzi and Hewlett all seeing speculative shots go wide of Chesterfield's goal and into the packed and vociferous Town End. However, as the first half progressed Town began to exert their authority on the game with prolonged spells of possession.

On 14 minutes Stefani Miglioranzi came close from 30 yards out before Duke shot over again from closer range soon after. On 21 minutes, after good work from Invincible, Heywood seized a loose ball and fired a shot straight at the Spireites' defence. Four minutes later and Miglioranzi came close once again, the New Yorkan shooting straight at the Spireites' defence from long range.

Town kept up the pressure and for long periods, played some attractive football in the visitors' half; the Chesterfield defence struggling to clear their line on numerous occasions. However, it looked as though it could have been one of those afternoons with Town seemingly unable to put the ball in the back of the net.

Thankfully on the half-hour mark Town made the crucial breakthrough. Invincible, in fine form, broke forward once again and supplied Dean Marney who's cross was deflected to Robinson on the edge of the area. Robinson sent a deep cross to Duke who headed back across the face of goal for Parkin to nonchalantly kick the ball over his head for his 17th of the season. A minute later and Reeves, inspirational at the back against his brother (and who was boosted by

some fantastic support from all corners of the ground), headed just wide on the first of three occasions following a Town corner. Chesterfield rarely threatened (and to be honest looked very poor), but on 41 minutes they made a rare foray into Town's box and Hurst headed over from a cross from the right hand side before the referee signalled the end of the half.

Town started the second half as they'd finished the first and on 52 minutes Town had made it 2-0, Invincible grabbing a deserved goal. Danny latched on to a superb through-ball and, with the keeper advancing; the Australian slotted the ball underneath his body. Five minutes later and Danny could have made it three. A defence-splitting pass from Hewlett found Robinson on the right and his low cross was met by Invincible. Unfortunately, from close range, Invincible could only send his shot straight at the keeper's legs.

Marney then edged forward with a clever mazy run before Gurney sent a trademark free kick inches wide of the Chesterfield goal. On 72 minutes Invincible missed from four yards again. Duke's cross found Parkin unmarked in the box and his flick found Danny who, from close range, volleyed the ball against the keeper's legs. At the other Reeves, having uncharacteristically given the ball away, blocked Hurst's shot from eight yards. It got better for Reeves moments later when his brother was substituted, much to the delight of the Town End once again.

On 80 minutes came a piece of brilliance from Invincible. The Australian controlled a long ball on his head before racing away from his marker. Two touches on and with just the keeper to beat, Invincible fired a powerful shot straight at the keeper who turned the ball away for a corner. Six minutes later and Parkin found himself through on goal. Having beaten one man Parkin nudged a shot towards goal only for the keeper to turn the ball round the near post.

The icing on the cake came on 87 minutes and no one deserved the third goal more than Reeves. From a Town corner Reeves was on hand to head home at the far post and the former Wimbledon defender raced towards the Nationwide Stand in delight.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Miglioranzi (Sabin 89), Hewlett, Robinson (Willis 61), Marney, Parkin, Invincible. **Subs not used:** Smith, Edds, Nightingale

CHESTERFIELD: Williams, Davies, O'Hare, Howson, Payne, Brandon (Allott 66), Rushbury (Warne 76), Ebdon, Edwards, Reeves (Bradley 64), Hurst. **Subs not used:** Richmond, Lancaster

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The results and names of the winners will be announced in our next home programme, via the Club's official website and on result sheets that will be available from the Main Office from 2.00pm onwards on Monday January 13 2003

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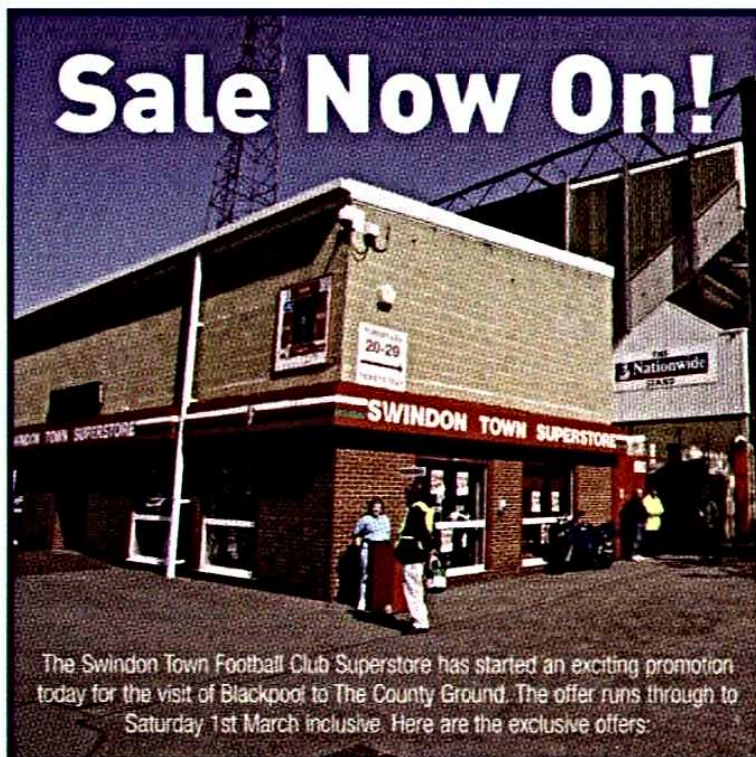
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Parkin PFA Player of the Month

Swindon Town's 17-goal striker Sam Parkin has been named the PFA Player of the Month for December.

Sam will receive a trophy and solid silver boot stud exclusively designed for the PFA by Boodle and Dunthorne in honour and recognition of winning the award, he also goes forward as a nominee for the PFA Fans Player of the Year Award, at the end of the season.

When the presentation of the trophy takes place pitch-side, we are sure the thousands of fans who took the time to support and vote for Sam Parkin will be absolutely thrilled, as this official football award has been awarded to Sam for the whole of the Nationwide Division Two.

Sky Sports will also be interviewing Sam in the near future and he will be presented with his award at an upcoming home game.

09SAM PARKIN

CRYSTAL PALACE P SWINDON TOWN P

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IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

IT'S BEEN A FRUSTRATING PERIOD FOR TOWN'S SECOND STRING AND AFTER A NUMBER OF POSTPONEMENTS TOWARDS THE BACK END OF LAST YEAR, 2003 STARTED WITH ANOTHER CANCELLATION.

Unfortunately for Malcolm Crosby and his reserve side, the pitch fell foul to the freezing conditions. As a result Town will be hoping to continue their campaign at home to Cardiff next Tuesday at 2.00pm, but with nothing to report this week we thought we'd take a look at the season so far.

After last year's bottom place finish in the Avon Insurance Combination League it's been a season of success so far. In fact, Town have been top of the league on more than one occasion and to date, 'Crozzers' side have lost just four times. Town began the season with a four-game unbeaten run. A comfortable 3-0 away win against Wycombe was followed by another victory against Millwall at home - Andy Gurney bagging the winner upon his return to action. A 1-1 draw with Cambridge followed before Town registered their third win of the season against Peterborough - Dykes, Young and Draycott registering on the score sheet in a 3-2 win.

Town's first defeat came in emphatic fashion when a rampant Luton side won 4-0 here at the County Ground and Brighton made it two defeats in two a week later when they emerged 2-0 victors. However, Edds and Herring were on hand to return Town to winning ways against local rivals, Bristol Rovers before an impressive Norwich side turned us over by the odd goal.

Since then it's been a fairly inconsistent run for the reserves, with a draw against Reading (Young the goalscorer) preceding a 3-2 victory against Barnet (Young and Draycott scoring again) and a 4-0 reverse against Plymouth.

Which takes us up to the present day and next Tuesday's encounter with Cardiff City. It looks set to be another tough game for Town, but Malcolm Crosby is confident that Town's young stars are capable of obtaining three points. He said, "It's been a good season so far - the young lads have stepped up a level and have been tremendous. Obviously ours is not the biggest squad and so many of the youth lads have found themselves in the reserve side, which is great for them and the club. If they can continue in a similar vein this year then there's no reason why we can't go on and build on what has been a good start to the season."

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
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	3-2
Tue 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 5 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
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	
TBA	QPR	Home	
TBA	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
TBA	Crystal Palace	Away	

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The Haine & Smith Player of the Month award has been kindly donated by Barry Smith, whose son Rupert tragically died in 2001. Rupert was a keen supporter of the club and attended as many games as possible.



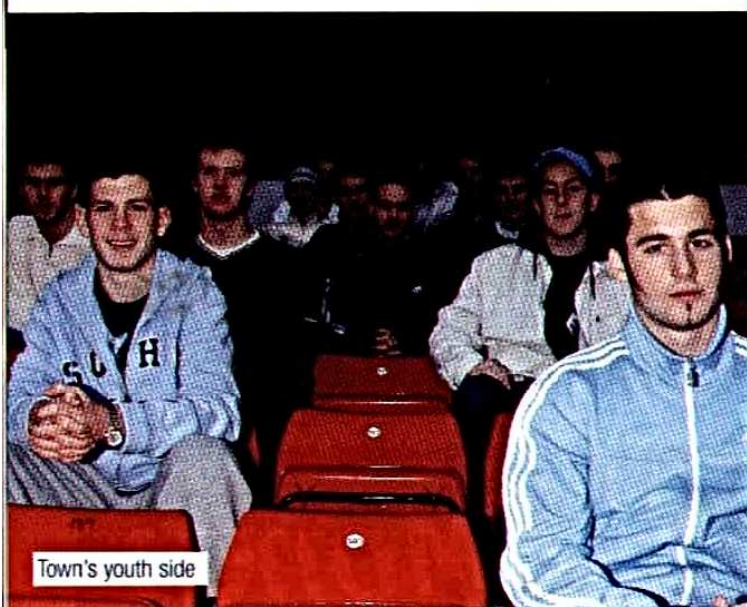
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YOUTH CUP TRAIL HITS 'THE LANE'

Next Wednesday Town's under 18s will be looking to cause a cup upset as they travel to White Hart Lane to face Spurs in the FA Youth Cup Fourth Round. Why not come and support the future of your club against the stars of Spurs? For more information contact the club on 01793 333700. Town's under 19s are also back in action this weekend after a long Christmas break, Viv Busby's side face Plymouth at home. Reports will appear on www.swindontownfc.co.uk on Monday – alternatively you can wait for the Wigan issue of programme (25.01.03) for full reports.



Town's youth side

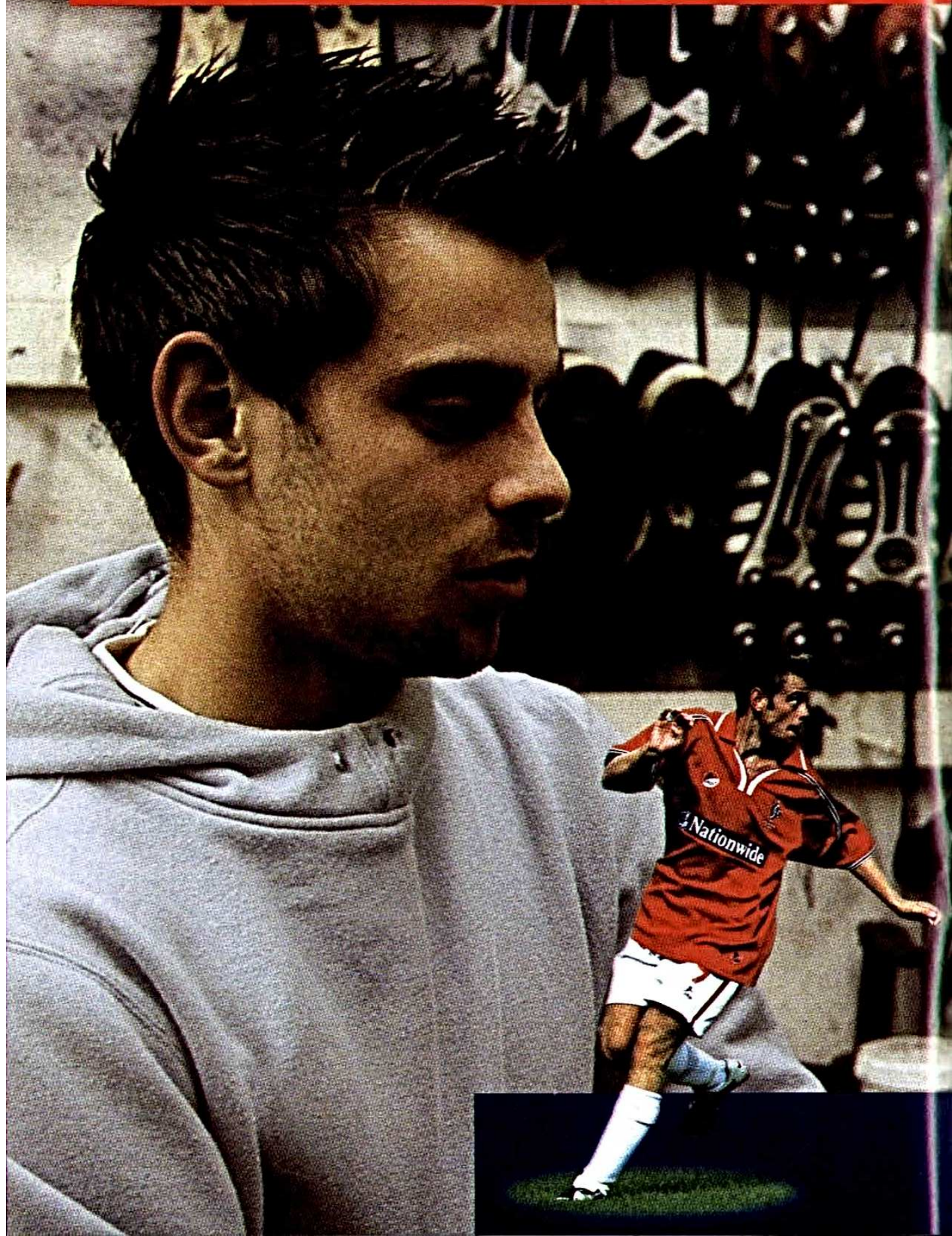
Tottenham's ground, White Hart Lane.



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20 QUESTIONS



TOWN STRIKER ALAN YOUNG TALKS TO CHRIS TANNER ABOUT CARS, DIET PLANS, THE OFFICE AND PLAYING FOR ENGLAND.

1. HOW IS THE INJURY COMING ALONG?

Not too bad thanks. Hopefully I will back training with the rest of the lads on Monday. It was disappointing to pick up the injury around Christmas when there are so many games, but that's the way it goes unfortunately.

2. WHAT ARE VIEWS ON THE SEASON SO FAR FOR THE TOWN AND FROM A PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW?

I am quite pleased. The season started well from a personal point of view and I was involved quite a bit, but the injuries have held me back a little bit frustratingly.

3. DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR HEIGHT HAS HINDERED YOUR CAREER AT ALL?

I don't think so. If you look at great players, such as Juninho – they have flourished.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME AT THE MOMENT AND WHY?

That has to be The Office. It keeps me amused and is a good watch.

5. WHAT'S THE HOTTEST TOPIC IN THE DRESSING ROOM AT THE MOMENT?

Probably Nathan Edwards' diet plan. He has just started and is taking some stick for it.

6. WHO IS THE BIGGEST JOKER AT THE CLUB?

Has to be 'Reevesy' without doubt. This is a family publication so I can't divulge too much into his scheming.

7. WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN DIVISION TWO?

It is hard to look past Wigan. They are very strong. Bristol City are a good passing side and they could sneak in there for promotion too.

8. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER?

The Sun – lots of pictures.

9. FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?

FHM

10. EXPLAIN THE NICKNAME 'BROOKLYN'.

That came from Neil Ruddock. I think he saw me wearing some designer clothes one day and decided that I looked like Brooklyn Beckham.

11. IF YOU COULD PLAY FOR ANY CLUB IN THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD YOU PLAY FOR?

Apart from Swindon (of course), then it would be Barcelona. They have such a magnificent ground and fantastic players. It would be an amazing experience to play for them.

12. WE HEAR YOU HAVE GOT A NEW CAR. WHAT IS IT AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD ONE?

I have a BMW at the moment, I gave my old one to my mum. I have had a few crashes...

13. WHO IS THE BEST AND WORST DRESSER AT THE CLUB AND WHY?

The best dresser is Danny Invericible. He wears good designer gear and always looks good.

Steve Robinson is the worst – terrible gear.

14. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ENGLAND APPEARANCES...

I played for England U16/17 in Andorra against Luxembourg. It was special to sing the National Anthem for your country with your family there. It is something I will remember for a long while.

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

A bit of Blue and Coldplay.

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

Holly Valance.

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

Roy Keane.

18. MOST MEMORABLE GAME FOR TOWN?

My debut at Luton, but I must also mention the game against Blackpool at home last season – scoring the winner.

19. WHO HAS HAD THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER SO FAR?

My Dad. He always pushes me and is always there for me.

20. CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S DIVISION TWO GAMES?

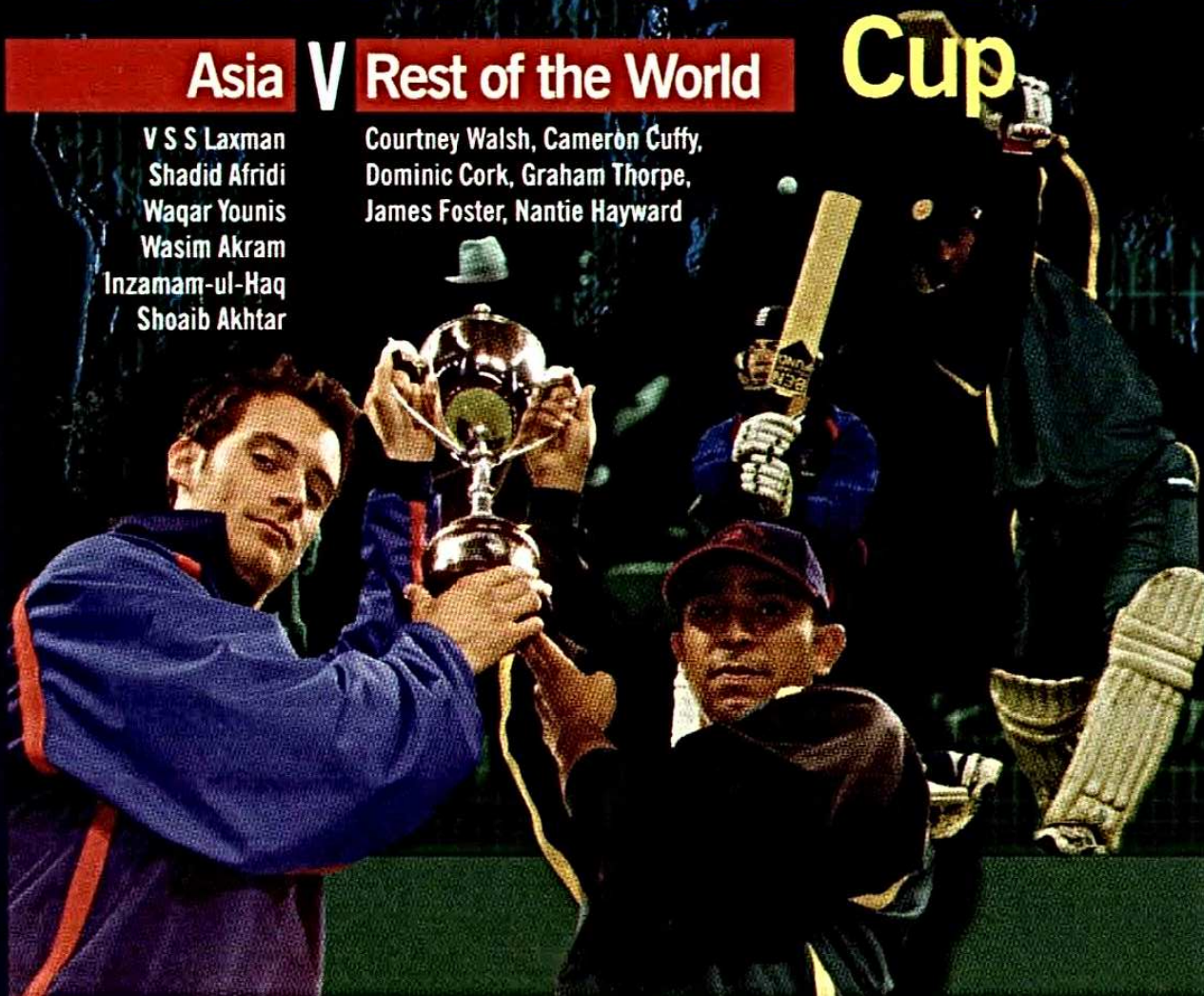
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Colchester 0	v	Crewe 2
Huddersfield 0	v	Peterborough 0
Luton 2	v	Plymouth 1

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IN THE COMMUNITY

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
EVERYBODY – WE HOPE YOU
ALL HAD A GREAT FESTIVE
PERIOD AND ARE READY
FOR THE RIGOURS OF 2003.**

Today we extend a warm welcome to Chris King and his boys from Rodborough Youth Football Club. We hope you all have a great day with us and that you witness the lads picking up another three points.

Before Christmas Mark Reynolds brought along his boys from Lydiard Youth. Unfortunately we were unable to put their picture in the programme for the Crewe game and so we have them pictured here. Many thanks to both Chris and Mark for arranging their groups' respective trips.

Please don't forget to get your applications in for the February course. The forms can be found in the main reception area of the Arkells Stand, or alternatively you could give us a call on 01793 421303 and we will send you one in the post.

Enjoy the game
Clive and Jono

Gist come on board at the County Ground

During the half-time interval against Crewe, a cheque presentation was made to the club by new sponsors of the Club's Football in the Community scheme, Gist Limited. A cheque was presented to STFC Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, and Community Officer, Clive Maguire by the Swindon General Manager of Gist, Steve Jones. Swindon Process Control Manager, Allyson Thome also joined in the presentation. The sponsorship, which will run until the end of this season, is worth £10,000 to the club. Mark Devlin commented, "We are really grateful to Gist for their support and valued sponsorship and look forward to working closely with them as we both have similar goals – that is linking up with the local community. After the Crewe game David Duke, who was voted man of the match, presented Allyson Thome with a signed Swindon Town shirt.



SHARPY'S BIT

Good afternoon and a Happy New Year to you all! This week sees the start of my football sessions for black and ethnic minorities and on Monday Evening at 6.00pm, they will be taking place here at the County Ground.

I ran a six-week course before Christmas and had 18 lads present. It was great fun and amongst the skills practised were passing and shooting before we ended the session with a game.

I am also setting up an Asian girls after-school club at Churchfields School in the next few weeks, as well as a four-a-side league for boys and girls aged seven to eight. To find out more about these events and others – feel free to contact me on 01793 617718.

Enjoy the game.



FUTURE BUSINESS LOGISTICS





WHILST LANCASHIRE RIVALS BLACKBURN, PRESTON AND BURNLEY ARE ALL NOW ENJOYING LIFE IN THE HIGHER ECHELONS OF THE LEAGUE, BLACKPOOL HAVE, UNTIL NOW, REMAINED MAROONED IN THE LOWER REACHES OF THE ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL GAME.

TODAY'S VISITORS



THIS SEASON

Ins: Simon Grayson (Blackburn), Michael Theodoridis (Kingz), Paul Dalglish (Norwich), Keith Southern (Everton), Ben Thornley (Aberdeen)

Outs: Neil Murphy (Altrincham), Phil Clarkson (Halifax), Gary Parkinson (Stalybridge), Neil McKenzie (Mansfield)

Odds for promotion: 10/1
(odds courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Last five games: WDWDL

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 15 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 5-1 v Bristol City

Biggest defeat: 0-4 v Brighton, Tranmere

Top scorer: Brett Ormerod 20

Most League apps: Martin Bullock 55

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1887

Biggest win: 7-0 v Preston North End
(01/05/1948)

Most capped player: Jimmy Armfield
(England: 43)

Most league goals: Jimmy Hampson
(247: 1927/38)

Biggest buy: Chris Malkin £275,000

Record against the Town:
STFC Wins 6, BFC Wins 11, Draws 10

BLACKPOOL

This season marks 25 years outside the top two divisions for a club rich in heritage and laden with honours from a bygone age.

And yet the signs are now there that a return to a better quality of football life may not be beyond their reach. The Tangerines can now boast a revamped stadium, a young, former international player in the managerial hot seat (who we all know quite well) and, most importantly of all, a decent team which could yet challenge for promotion this season including loan star and Scottish international, Colin Hendry.

Steve McMahon has moulded a unit which has become not only difficult to beat (our 0-0 draw earlier in the season testament to that), but also one capable of pushing those in the top half of the table – Pool currently just four points off the play-offs.

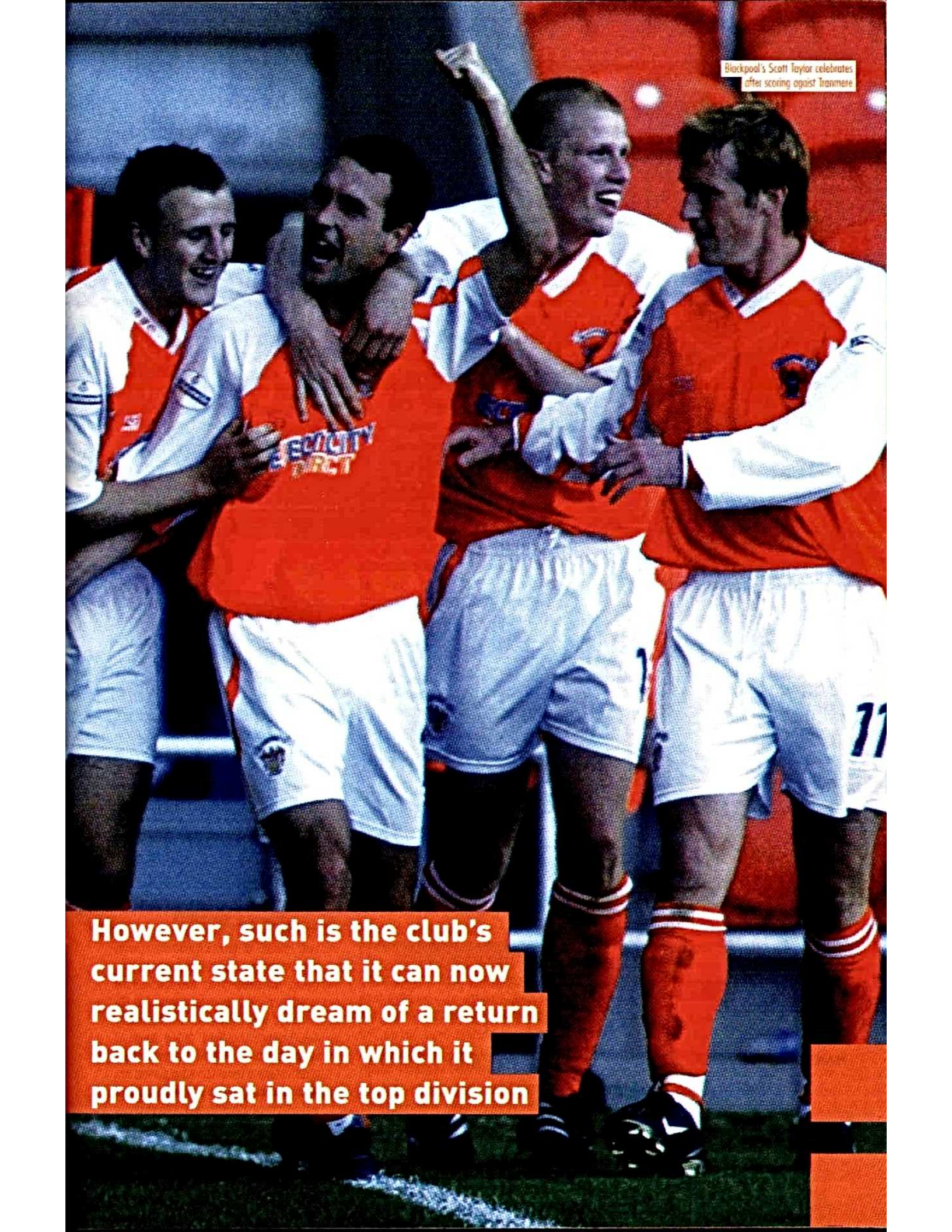
Blackpool's fortuitous league position owes largely to their early league form in which they went seven games without defeat after a 2-0 opening day loss against Bristol City. A win against early pre-season favourites Luton was followed by more victories against Northampton, Tranmere and Wycombe and it wasn't until the 17th of September that Barnsley ended the Tangerines' run with a 2-1 reverse at Oakwell.

The success so far this year follows one of mid-table consolidation last time around in which the Tangerines finished 15th. Last season followed McMahon's sides' promotion from Division Three a year earlier in which a play-off victory at Cardiff against Leyton Orient saw them climb out of the bottom rung.

The result at Cardiff went some way to erasing memories of the 1995/96 season in which Blackpool blew promotion to Division One. Having spent almost the entire season in the top two, they fell away at the death and then after winning the first leg of the play-off semi-final 2-0 at Bradford, lost the return leg 3-0 at home. Four seasons later they were relegated and dropped down to the Third Division for the first time in eight seasons, only to bounce back at the first attempt thanks to that Cardiff triumph.

That near miss in 1996 prevented Blackpool from playing in the second tier of English football for the first time since 1978. Relegation that year saw them drop out of the top two divisions for the first time in their 90-year history – a remarkable statistic, particularly for younger fans who have subsequently grown up on a diet of Tangerine underachievement.

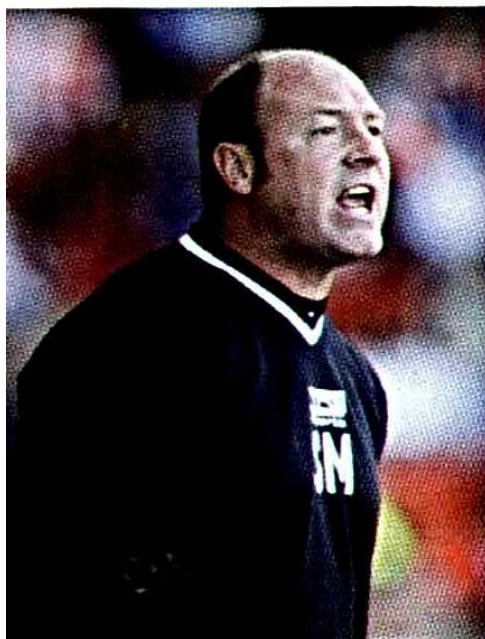
However, such is the club's current state that it can now realistically dream of a return back to the day in which it proudly sat in the top division. Preston and Burnley are great examples of what can be what achieved – Blackpool are certainly heading in the right direction.

A photograph of four Blackpool football players celebrating a goal. They are wearing white jerseys with red accents and white shorts. The player in the center is raising his right arm in triumph. The background shows a stadium with red seating.

Blackpool's Scott Taylor celebrates
after scoring against Tranmere

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THE GAFFER



STEVE MCMAHON

Steve was appointed manager on January 7 2000 to replace Nigel Worthington who had resigned just before Christmas 1999. Steve gained managerial experience with Swindon Town and in his four years here he won the Second Division Championship title. He ended his time at Swindon in September 1999 and worked with the media until being appointed by Blackpool.

As a player he will be remembered for his very competitive attitude in midfield where he made over 600 appearances for Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool, Manchester City and Swindon Town. Added to these he picked up 17 appearances for England during an illustrious career in top-flight English soccer.

In February 2001 he pledged his future to the club by signing a two-year extension to his contract and now looks to continue his rebuilding programme with success in Division Two.

MANAGERIAL CAREER

Blackpool 2000- G170 W70 L63 D37
Swindon 1994-98 G201 W74 L79 D48

THE SQUAD

PHIL BARNES (goal)

Now the club's number one 'keeper who continued to improve last season and has signed an extension to his contract until 2004. Blackpool paid Rotherham United £100,000 for his services in 1997. At the end of the 2001/02 season he had made 99 appearances for the club.

CHRIS CLARKE (mid)

A very promising young central defender who signed from Halifax Town for £100,000 on a contract until June 2004. He was born in Leeds and was a trainee at Wolverhampton Wanderers. He is a tall, powerful player who reads the game well. His twin brother Mathew still plays for Halifax Town.

!DANGER! COLIN HENDRY (def)

The much travelled ex-Scotland captain joined the Seasiders on loan from Bolton just before Christmas, his presence and experience are already proving to be vital in the Seasiders push for the play-offs.

LEAM RICHARDSON (def)

The talented full-back arrived along with Colin Hendry on a month's loan from Bolton. Having impressed the manager in his first three games, his loan move to the Seasiders was extended for the season. Tough tackling Leam last season was on loan at Notts County where he was instrumental in their relegation fight.

SIMON GRAYSON (mid)

Simon became Steve McMahon's first pre-season signing ahead of the 2002/03 campaign. Aged 33, Simon is a vastly experienced player who can play in either defence or midfield. Simon was released by Blackburn at the end of last season having spent most of last term out on loan at Notts County and Bradford.



YOUNG GUN DANNY COID (mid)

Young defender/midfielder from Liverpool who, having broke into the side in 1999/00, has held down a place ever since. He is a product of the club's successful youth policy. Danny likes to get forward at every opportunity and possesses a powerful shot. To date he has made 105 full and 14 substitute appearances with five goals.

JOHN HILLS (mid)

Left sided defender/midfielder who started as a YTS at Blackpool before being transferred to Everton before making a first team appearance. He returned to Blackpool in February 1998 when he had failed to hold down a place with the Premiership outfit. He is a local lad who played his youth football for the YMCA club. He is a real crowd pleaser who always gives 100% and had his best season to



date in 2001/02.

IAN HUGHES (def)

Ian signed from Bury in the deal that took Tony Ellis in the opposite direction in December 1997. This former Welsh U-21 International has settled into a central defensive role after initially being employed as a midfielder. He has signed a contract keeping him at the club until June 2003.

JOHN MURPHY (att)

Big striker signed from Chester City for an initial £50,000 fee on the eve of the 1999/00 season. He has blossomed to become a very important part of the side. Was the subject of transfer talk linking him with other clubs including former manager Nigel Worthington at Norwich City before finally putting pen to paper and signing a new contract keeping him at the club until June 2004.

BEN THORNLEY (mid)

Ben became Steve McMahon's first signing of 2003. The former Huddersfield and Manchester United winger joined the Seaside from Aberdeen when the transfer window re-opened on January 1. The former England Under 21 can operate down either flank and is sure to add the quality of the 'Pool squad.

KEITH SOUTHERN (mid)

Keith has also joined the club from Everton on a month's loan. Southern (21) last season captained The Toffee's second string. The skilful, battling midfielder has impressed manager Steve McMahon with both his ability and tremendous work rate and has slotted well into the midfield.

RICHARD WALKER (att)

Striker who signed for an initial fee of £50,000 from Aston Villa on December 20 2001 on a contract to

the end of the 2003/04 season. He had previously been at the club on three-month loan during the back end of the Third Division promotion season in 2000/01. He endeared himself to Blackpool fans with a last minute wonder header against Plymouth Argyle at Bloomfield Road.

RICHARD WELLENS (mid)

Young tigerish midfielder signed from Manchester United in March 2000 who has settled well into the side. Made some impressive performances and has cemented a central midfield roll but could benefit from scoring a few more goals.

AND THE REST

Tommy Jaszczun, Ian Hughes
Scott Taylor, Paul Dalglish
Michael Theoklitos, Lee Collins
Jamie Milligan, Graham Fenton
Martin Bullock, Jamie Burns
Matthew Blinkhorn, Phil Doughty
Stephen McMahon, Denny Herzig.

THEM AND US



Born a scouser in 1961, Steve McMahon was one of those brave, perhaps foolhardy players who chose to play for both the blue and red teams of Merseyside. Starting his career with Everton where he had been an apprentice, Macca played 100 League games before moving to the Midlands on May 20 1983 in return for £175,000. Aston Villa had taken the League Championship as recently as 1981 and added the European Cup the following year but the club were on the descent at a time when Merseyside in general was in the ascendancy. With seven consecutive eighties Championships ending up at either Everton or Liverpool McMahon may have regretted his move south, and after 75 League appearances at Villa Park he completed the round trip by joining Liverpool in September 1985.

Villa collected a return of £375,000 from the deal and McMahon accepted the opportunity to establish himself as a medal winner and an England international. Grabbing Championship medals in 1986, 88 and 90, and FA Cup winner's medals in 1986 and 89, Steve became recognised as a fearless and feared midfielder. Rewarded for his endeavour with a total of 17 England caps, Steve travelled to Italy to partake in the World Cup of 1990. Boxing Day 1991 brought a move to Manchester City where he took to the field in excess of 80 occasions including both Premiership games against Swindon in 1993/94.

The departure of John Gorman as Town manager heralded the search for a replacement and McMahon was

recruited to the County Ground on December 1 1994, a deal which cost Town £100,000 for the playing registration of their new player/manager. While immediate relegation to Division Two was not avoided Town were led to the divisional championship the following season, nine points clear of rivals and second placed Oxford United. Blackpool finished third but the last promotional place eventually went to Bradford City through the play-offs. Joining Third Division Blackpool in January 2000 where he replaced Nigel Worthington, McMahon took the club to promotion via the play-offs just four months later. Steve is remembered at Swindon for a variety of reasons not least his self fulfilling prophecy that Town would pick up more red and yellow cards under his leadership.

THE VISIT OF BLACKPOOL TO THE COUNTY GROUND IS ONE OF THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED GAMES OF THE SEASON FOR MANY, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE VISIT OF MR MCMAHON. OVER TO DAVE WALLIS...

McMahon as Swindon manager in 1995 celebrates the winning goal against Bolton Wanderers.

achieved by his debut dismissal against Southend.

When Danny Williams signed Howard Goddard in June 1976 it was rumoured that he had beaten several higher placed clubs in the rush for his signature. The 19-year old forward was supposed to be hot property and his capture after 64 League outings for Bournemouth was seen as a real coup. A former Dean Court apprentice, Howard had signed professional terms in July 1974 and Bournemouth's relegation to Division Four at the end of 1974/75 was followed by a failed attempt at immediate promotion. With 18 League goals to his name Howard decided to try pastures new and by joining Town he gained the elevation to Division Three that had eluded the Cherries. If Goddard was to

live up to his reputation he would be a great asset to a team which had avoided relegation by just one point the previous season.

It was not to be. He made just 13 appearances, three as substitute, and failed to score. A year later he crossed the Severn to join Newport County where he dropped back into the basement division, spending four seasons at Somerton Park. Steady improvement under manager Len Ashurst led to a third place finish and promotion in 1979/80. Despite 42 goals in 105 appearances for Newport, Howard appeared surplus to requirements. In September 1981, Town had just kicked off their first ever Division Four season where they would play League games against Blackpool, Newport were

comfortably ensconced in the division above and Goddard signed on loan at Bloomfield Road. Playing four games for Blackpool he achieved what he couldn't in 13 at the County Ground, scoring twice in his first match against Crewe, before a permanent move to a different coast took him back to Bournemouth in December. One last move to Aldershot in August 1982 was a final curtain call for a career that had once appeared to offer much more.

In all Goddard made 219 League appearances, and only 17 of them were in the colours of either of the clubs at the County Ground this afternoon. Perhaps worryingly for Bournemouth, Swindon and Blackpool, 20% of Goddard's clubs are no longer in existence as League clubs. Let's hope that's not a trend!



10 OF THE BEST GOALSCORERS

The votes are counted and the results are in – loads of you sent in your ideas (to www.swindontownfc.co.uk) as to who should be included in our five of the best goalscorers. So much so in fact that we decided to make it ten of the best! So here it is, ten of the best goalscorers in order as you voted – many thanks to the following who sent in information: Dave Arman, Malcolm Booy, Paul Bennett, Dominic Hawkins, Phil Stokes, Steve Leonard, Roger Smithson, Terry King, Simon Blayliss, Ray Watts, Paul Maine, Aleck Everard and Andrew Beck. Thanks also to Dick Mattick for providing much of the information. His book – 100 greats (pictured) is on sale in the club shop now priced £12.00.

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SAM PARKIN

APPS 32 GOALS 17

Granted, he's not been here long – however his strike rate is such that he earned enough votes to make it into the top ten. 'Super' Sam has been a revelation since he joined the club in July earlier in the year and, on average, has scored 0.5 goals per game. You can argue which is his best so far, but I'd argue, purely for contextual reasons that his second against Wycombe was the most important. And his debut hat-trick wasn't bad either...

9

PETER NOBLE

APPS 246 GOALS 80

Peter Noble arrived on the soccer scene with Newcastle United in 1964. Seven goals in 22 matches forced Danny Williams to part with £8,000 for his services. And what services they were too, with 0.3 goals per game Noble proved to be a fantastic buy for the club. Even on his debut, when he started the game as

substitute (against Bury) he bagged two goals and in the following season – he played a vital role in Town's League Cup run and promotion campaign.

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MAURICE OWEN

APPS 601 GOALS 166

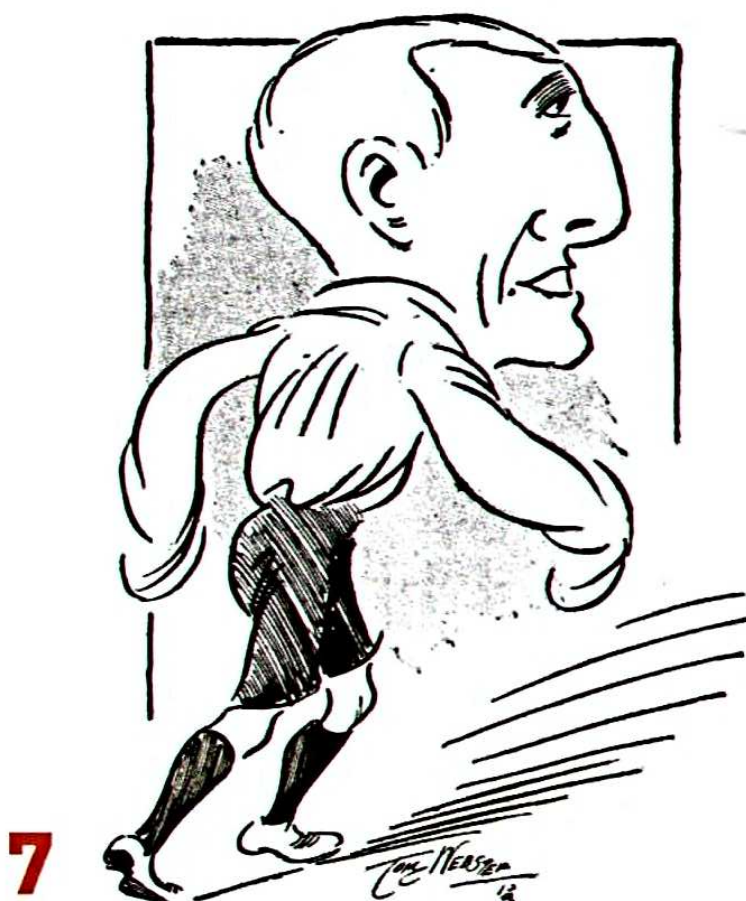
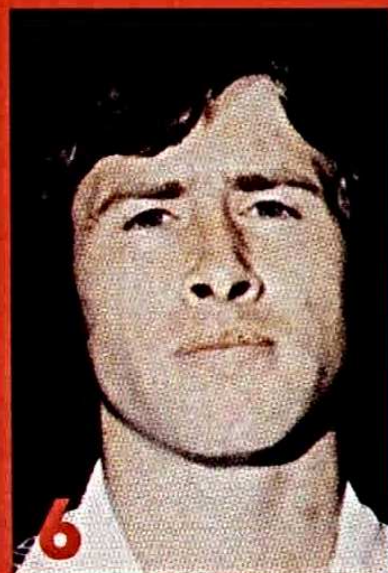
Like Parkin, Owen is another to have bagged a hat-trick on his debut as Town crushed Watford 5-0 at the County Ground. His early success with the club continued and in his first 17 games he scored no less than 16 goals including four in one match against Mansfield. His form attracted the attention of other clubs and after a bid of £6,000 was turned down, Town finally decided to let him go to Norwich for £14,000, but the deal fell through because he wanted to stay in the area.

7

HAROLD FLEMING

APPS 299 GOALS 161205

Described as a 'great footballer and a gentleman' – Harold Fleming is a true



legend and played for Town for 17 years. He was also capped nine times

by England and when he first started playing for Town, he trekked for 30

miles from Andover to play. Harold enjoyed numerous success, but arguably the pinnacle of his career was a hat-trick for England against Ireland in 1912. Had it not been for the First World War he would have probably scored more too.

6 PETER EASTOE

APPS 108 GOALS 50

Peter Eastoe is probably best described by one Town fan who, when voting for the prolific marksman, explained, "Peter Eastoe was my childhood hero and he is the one who sticks in my mind for banging in the goals with the pitch in any condition. In those days Swindon's pitch was a mud bath in the winter. Yet it didn't seem to affect him." Eastoe first joined Town on loan from Wolves in 1973 and on his home debut, despite Town going two down in ten minutes, he scored twice to earn a dramatic point.



10 OF THE BEST GOALSCORERS CO

5 ALAN MAYES APPS 184 GOALS 84

With 0.45 goals per game, you voted Alan Mayes into our top ten in fifth position. Mayes is another to have joined the 'hat-trick debut club' scoring three times in a 3-1 win over Rotherham on February 24, 1979. 'He's here, here's there, he's everywhere' sang the crowd during the next season as he struck up a prolific partnership and he nearly did enough to see Town make it to Wembley when he gave them a 2-1 lead to take into the second leg of the League Cup semi-final against Wolves.

4 STEVE WHITE APPS 312 GOALS 107

Steve 'Chalkie' White will, forever be many people's favourite, not surprising with an average of a goal every three games. 'Chalkie' was one of football's happy wanderers and he played for a whole host of clubs including Hereford and Bristol Rovers.

His first season with Town saw him top the goal charts with 21 goals including a hat-trick against Mansfield and a goal in the play-off decider that saw Town go up from Division Two. He also earned the penalty that saw Bodin score the winner against Leicester at Wembley.

3 DON ROGERS APPS 489 GOALS 179

In joint third place is arguably one of Town's most famous names from the past, Don Rogers. Don was born in Paulton, Somerset in October 1945. In 1966/67 Rogers was top scorer with 24 goals, whilst in the cup he added a further seven in a cup run that took Town to the Fifth Round. In 1969/70 Rogers was so feared throughout the game that when Town faced Leeds in the Quarter Finals of the FA Cup, Don Revie changed his sides' line-up to cope with him. His greatest hour came in the League Cup Final of 1969 against Arsenal when, famously, he bagged all three goals in the 3-1 win.



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2 JAN AAGE FJORTOFT

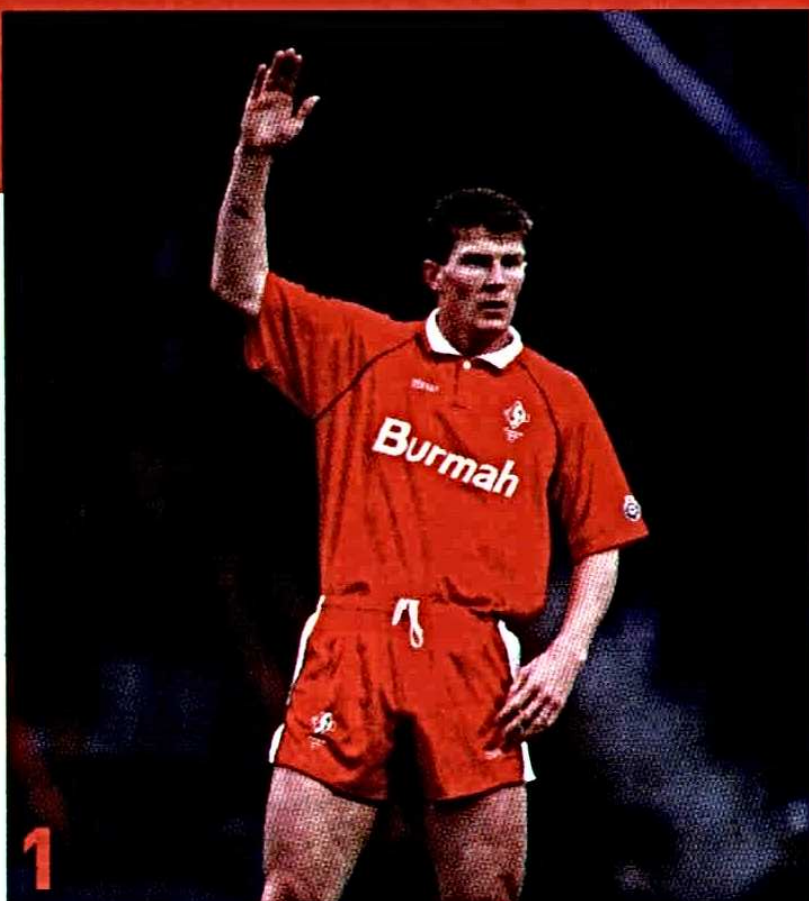
APPS 87 GOALS 39

Admittedly more my era – Jan Aage Fjortoft is a personal favourite having signed from Rapid Vienna for £500,000 in 1993. With 41 caps for Norway he seemed like the sort of signing that could keep us in the Premiership, however he failed to net in his opening appearances. In season 1994/95 'Jan the Man' netted 25 goals, many of which came in the Coca Cola Cup run that saw us get to the semi-finals against Bolton Wanderers. Unfortunately he was sold to Middlesbrough after just 87 appearances, yet in that time he had done (with his signature celebration), enough to endear himself to the County Ground faithful.

1 DUNCAN SHEARER

APPS 199 GOALS 98

Shearer was signed from Huddersfield Town for a then record of £250,000 by Lou Macari and in



nearly 200 appearances he bagged 98 goals. Duncan, like Jan struggled in his first few games and failed to score. However, despite this he still bagged 14 goals in his first year. He was influential in the Sunderland victory at Wembley and in the following season, bagged four goals in one game as Town demolished

Plymouth. Despite being sold in the same season he had done enough to end the campaign as Town's top scorer – an accolade that was to be his fourth in a row. He currently sits eighth in Town's list of leading scorers – but he did enough to convince those that voted to make him top of the pile.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In a new feature for 2003 we'll be keeping tabs on former Town stars in the headlines. And who better than to kick off this new feature than George Ndah, the former Town and Palace forward who not only starred against Newcastle in Wolves' FA Cup Third Round victory, but who also scored the winner too. Wolves, despite taking a two-goal lead, allowed Newcastle back into the game but a bundled winner five minutes into the second half was enough to see Dave Jones' side through to the next round.



QPR manager, Ian Holloway, has Next up - Ian Woan. As if you needed convincing of the man's talents, his performance against Everton and in particular, his role in the winning goal, made sure that it was a memorable day for the Shrews, against Colchester as QPR maintained their promotion



with that? That just goes to show the Last but not least Kevin Horlock and Wayne Allison. Horlock has been vital to Man City's efforts this season and played a pivotal role in the narrow defeat against Liverpool on Sunday. Also playing against Liverpool was 'The Chief' - he figured in Wednesday night's 2-1 victory against Liverpool. And as this programme went to print, Terry Fenwick became the new manager at Northampton Town.

DIV2 REVIEW



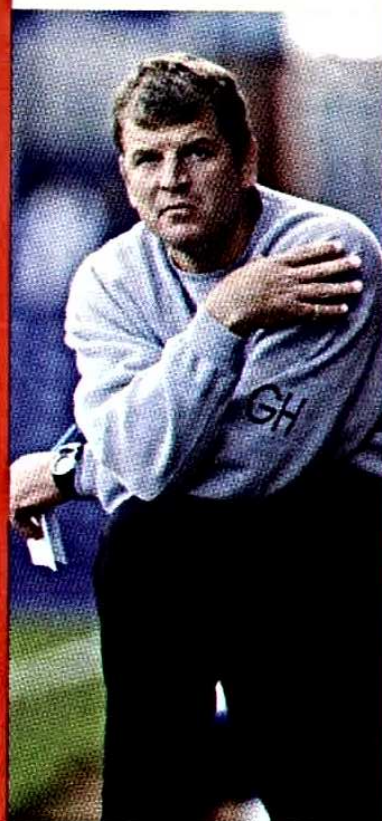
HOLLOWAY AIMS TO KEEP DUO



QPR manager Ian Holloway hopes to extend Watford winger Lee Cook's loan spell and may offer veteran striker Brett Angell a longer-term deal. "Cook originally joined us for a month but I want it to be a longer-term deal and have asked to extend it," said Holloway. "Watford have got one or two knocks but if I can keep him for three months, I will." Cook added: "The manager has said that he wants to keep me. I don't know if Watford will allow it but if they do, I've said I would be happy to stay. Angell's eight-week contract expires in a fortnight and Holloway is yet to make a decision regarding his future. He said: "He's a big, honest, hardworking lad and I'll assess that one closer to the time."



HODGES WANTS TYKES JOB



Glyn Hodges has confirmed he would jump at the chance if offered the manager's job at Barnsley on a permanent basis. The Tykes have won just three games since Hodges took over from Steve Parkin in October and crashed to a 2-1 home defeat to Northampton on New Year's Day. But former Wales international Hodges said: "I would have the job straight away if it was offered to me. I've got things lined up that will improve the club. I believe I can do the job. I've got the same players as the previous two managers, we've just got to mix and match to see if we can find the right blend."



TRANMERE SNAP UP LORAN



Tranmere Rovers have strengthened their play-off challenge with the loan signing of Manchester City defender Tyrone Loran. The 21-year-old will stay at Prenton Park for the rest of the season. Loran joined City from Dutch club Volendam for £60,000 in August, but is yet to force his way into the first-team at Maine Road. "He is a strong defender who can play at centre-half or full-back and will be an excellent addition to the squad," said manager Ray Mathias. "This signing, along with Marvin Robinson (on loan from Derby), gives us cover now in a number of positions and continues the club's investment in the squad as we push towards the play-offs," Mathias told the club's website.



DIGBY BACK IN TOWN?



Veteran goalkeeper Fraser Digby is set to retire after being released by QPR. Digby's Loftus Road contract expired last week and he has not been offered a new deal. The 35-year-old started his career at Manchester United but made his name with the Town before spells at Crystal Palace and Huddersfield. Digby said: "The way football is at the moment, opportunities are going to be few and far between. I'd like to stay in the game, but don't want to be travelling the country earning a pittance. I've been speaking to people outside the game to see what my options are and am also hoping to do some coaching. The problem is that to obtain full goalkeeping coaching qualifications, you have to go through all the stuff for outfield players and I don't really want to do that." Rumour has it that he could be joining the club in an ambassador role? Is it true, keep your eyes posted on

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LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

IN THE LOCAL LEAGUES, THE COLD SNAP PUT PAID TO GAMES AT HIGHWORTH, WOOTTON BASSETT, PURTON AND NEW COLLEGE ACADEMY'S GROUND AT HUNTS COPSE.

But thanks to the work of Fairford Town groundsman Albert Alder – the game went ahead at Cinder Lane.

Town got off to a superb start against Henley Town with Lee Stoddart, who hit 40 goals last term, finding the net after just five minutes. After going in 1-0 up at the break, the second half saw the visitors level the scores on 61 minutes through Lawrence. The visitors took all three points after striker Friday scored after some disappointing defending from the Town back four. Fairford boss Mark Webb said: "I was disappointed with the result but not the way we played. We created a lot of chances out there but gave away two sloppy goals, which we cannot afford to do if we are looking to move up the league." Shrivenham were held to a 2-2 draw with bottom of the table Ross Town, a result which did not please boss Dave Clauson. "We didn't play at all," said Clauson. "It was our third draw on the trot and we should definitely have won the game, we had plenty of chances and I was very disappointed." Swindon Supermarine lost once again, with a 1-0 defeat to local rivals, Cinderford. Ryan Souter was sent off for Marine on 55 minutes which did nothing to help their cause. Supermarine are now 14 points from safety. Chippenham's game at Hednesford was also a victim of the weather.



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Also joining us today in our Sponsors Lounge are guests of the various Companies who helped and sponsored our recent 'Christmas visit for underprivileged children' at the Brentford game. They are **DUNWOODY SPORTS MARKETING, SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB, SWINDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WYVERN STAFF AGENCY, METEOR PARKING LIMITED, TESCO'S AND GREENHAM**. The day was a huge success and the Club would like to thank the Companies who very kindly agreed to sponsor the day. "The look on some of children's faces made it all so worthwhile," said Jenny Jeffries of Wyvern Staff Agency, whilst Steph Trinci of the Swindon Chamber of Commerce said, "We were delighted to be part of something very special to the children and also at the same time, helping both the Club and the local community." Once again, the Club is grateful for all the support given to such a worthwhile cause.



MAN OF THE MATCH

DAVID DUKE

V CREWE 21.12.02



Pictured here is David Duke with George Sampson from Greenhams. 'Dukey' has been in impressive form on the left hand side this season and against Crewe, he did enough to convince those in the Executive Lounge to vote him Man of the Match.

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DICK MATTICK GETS HIS FLARES ON AND RELIVES THE 70'S AS TOWN WERE LOOKING FOR PROMOTION AGAINST THE SEASIDERS...

Dave Mackay's first match in charge of the Town was at Blackpool in 1971. Town went down 4-1 and our scorer on that day was Don Rogers. He had scored twice in the corresponding fixture the previous year and both his goals were penalties. Unfortunately they were not enough to stop Town going down by three goals to two.

Today's featured match took place towards the end of the 1969/70 season. It had been a great season for Swindon as they had reached the Sixth Round of the FA Cup and if they could beat Blackpool, would be in with a real chance of winning promotion for the second season in a row (and featuring in the First division for the first time in their history). Blackpool were formidable opposition having taken 21 points out of a possible 36 on their travels and were three points ahead of Town in the table. They had the former England international Jimmy Armfield as their captain and other big name stars such as Fred Pickering and Tommy Hutchinson. Goalkeeper Peter Downsbrough had recovered from an injury sustained in Town's previous match at Millwall and so Swindon were at full strength. The Robins had a dream start. Less than five minutes had been played when a snap shot by Joe Butler was spilled by Harry Thompson - the Seaside's goalkeeper. Arthur Horsfield seized on the loose ball to give Town

the lead. Town might have increased their lead when a fierce shot by Don Rogers was kept out by a fine save from Thompson. After 35 minutes Blackpool drew level - a lobbed pass by Alan Suddick over the Town defence led to a race between Micky Burns and Downsbrough which the former just won nodding the ball over the keeper into the vacant net.

The second half saw Thomson in the Blackpool goal pull out a string of fine saves, perhaps the best of them coming in the 56th minute when Stan Harland ran on to Peter Noble's path, only for Thompson to advance from goal to block his shot. The crucial moment of the match and indeed Swindon's season came after. Welsh rugby followers often complain about Irish referees, but after this game it was Welsh ones which tended to raise the wrath of Swindon fans as it was Mr Reynolds of Swansea who denied Town an all important goal. A corner was taken by Don Rogers, and met by Arthur Horsfield. "The King of the air", as he was dubbed by the Town End. Town's joy was short lived however as the referee signalled for a free kick despite the protests of the Town players that the linesman had not flagged for any infringement. Rogers was honest enough to admit that from where he was standing (which was near the referee), it did look as though the Blackpool

goalkeeper had been impeded, but Harland, the Town captain, Fred Ford the manager and most of the crowd could see nothing wrong. It may have been a classic example of depending on which angle you view an incident from as Mr Reynolds was standing at a similar angle to the incident to Rogers. The 1-1 result meant Blackpool were still three points clear with just two games to play and they duly went on to clinch promotion behind champions Huddersfield while Swindon finished in their highest ever League position at that time of fifth.

Swindon: Downsbrough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble and Rogers.

Blackpool: Thompson, Armfield, Bentley, McPhee, James, Hutton, Burns, Craven (Mowbray), Pickering, Suddick and Hutchinson.

Attendance: 28,520

Last Five Meetings:

Blackpool	0-0	Swindon (Div Two)
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Swindon	1-1	Blackpool (Div Two)

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JANUARY'S TRANSFER WINDOW IS WELL AND TRULY OPEN AND WHILST IT MAY HAVE BEEN QUIET UNTIL TUESDAY, THE TRANSFER OF BOWYER TO WEST HAM CERTAINLY GOT FOURFOUR TWO'S MARK HANRAHAN GOING.

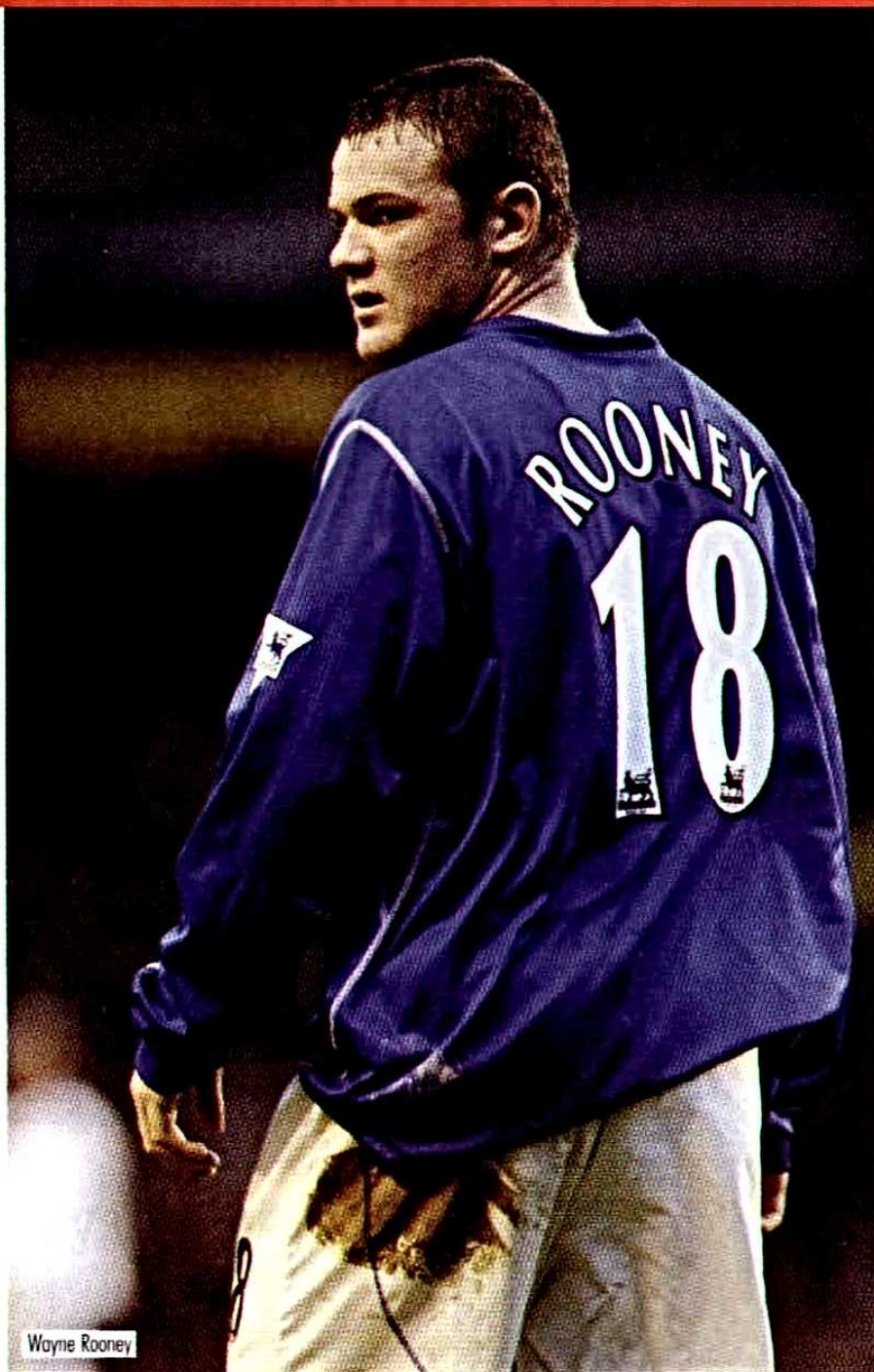
"Bowyer's gone to West Ham!" was screamed into my 'shell-like' office at a full 5,000 decibels! The laughter that followed came from practically all of those sat around me. Surely this was some sort of wind up I thought? But no! In fact I'll be poked with a pitchfork! Further investigation proved that, subject to agreeing personal terms, not a truer word could be said! I am surprised to say the least. What does this say about Lee Bowyer and his career? Is the move (A) a huge signal that, despite their woeful Premiership form, West Ham and Glen Roeder's credentials still attract such England hopefuls as Bowyer (don't forget the David James signing)? Or (B) a signal that Bowyer has all but dropped off the shopping lists of not just the top five or six clubs in England but practically all of the Premiership elite? The South Londoner has after all spent a substantial part of the last three seasons ably filling the role of the contract rebel, no stranger to controversy off the pitch. Some sections of the media suggest that the fact Sven Goran Eriksson has yet to recall him to the England squad despite his encouraging debut against Portugal is at very least a further source

for debate. Either way, the deal could see Bowyer sign for the Hammers until the end of this current season, lifting the burden of his reported £30,000-a-week salary from Terry Venables restricted transfer coffers (which will be boosted further by the news Olivier Dacourt has agreed terms to move to Roma). Due to publishing deadlines whether Bowyer actually signs on the dotted line at West Ham I have yet to see. I'm certainly shocked enough to not be committing either way. I have after all spent the few months reading that an end of season move to Tottenham was all but a done deal and having seen a similar move to Liverpool fall through after a last minute change of mind by Gerard Houllier. Speaking of controversial transfer dealings involving Merseyside clubs, Everton moved quickly this week to reject claims from Spanish giants Real Madrid that they are looking to negotiate first option on the transfer of teenage sensation Wayne Rooney. Reports from Spain suggest that Real entered into talks with Everton's directors offering a base minimum transfer fee of £20m when the Toffees decide to sell. Rooney is yet to sign his first pro contract that would cement his position in

the Everton ranks. However, Ian Ross - Everton's head of corporate affairs and PR - states "Stories which surfaced over the weekend suggesting that the Everton board of directors had entered into negotiations with Real Madrid about a future deal involving Wayne Rooney are inaccurate and spurious."

The midfield maestro that has inspired Swiss club FC Basle's meteoric rise to prominence in this season's Champions League could soon be winging his way to the UK. Former Celtic ace Tosh McKinley, who is himself working as a consultant to Yakin, has suggested that the player could be plying his trade on these shores before this month's transfer window closes. Speaking to the BBC, McKinley stated, "Celtic are interested in Yakin but there has been no official move for him. I've been talking to the general manager at Basle and there are a couple of clubs sniffing around but no concrete bids as yet. I'm working with Yakin's brother and agent, Ertan, on this and I'm pretty sure he won't be at Basle at the end of this month. Yakin is currently rated in the £3-4 million pound bracket. Having failed in a £10 million

pound bid for Leeds centre-back Jonathon Woodgate, Newcastle boss Bobby Robson has turned his attention to highly rated Belgian international defender Daniel van Buyton. However, the 24-year-old's representative, whilst admitting his client might be tempted by a move to St James', believes the French outfit would prevent a move, despite the £8m figure being suggested. "I have talked to Sir Bobby Robson in the past but my son spoke to Newcastle just a few days ago about Daniel and they now seem very interested," said Henrotay. "But I don't think Marseille want to sell him. They want to keep him because they need him. At the moment they are leading the French league and qualifying for the Champions League would be so valuable for them. "I have spoken to Daniel and he said Newcastle are a good club and an interesting proposition," added the agent. "But the problem is that he has three years on his contract so Marseille are in charge of the situation." OK, I suppose it should get a token mention although seeing as I (like you I'm sure) could not give two hoots about the FA Cup anymore (ahem!). I was oblivious to the goings-on of FA Cup Round 3 day – honest! Yes, I did not give Nationwide Conference Farnborough Town a second thought as they knocked Darlington out in a 3-2 thriller. Likewise, as former Swindon Town player of the season George Ndah inspired his Wolves colleagues to a 3-2 win over Bobby Robson's Newcastle I did not bat an eyelid – could not give a monkeys. Not even Division Three's Shrewsbury putting Premiership high-flyers Everton to the sword could inspire me to show a passing interest. I do however remember seeing something about a certain club from some University town backwater tumble at the hands of reliable old Arsenal (I'm pretty sure they fielded the reserves as well?!). And what of Arsenal's reward for dumping their far less illustrious DIVISION THREE opponents from the cup? An away trip to Farnborough! Ah the magic of the FA Cup! Roll on Round Four!!



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Lee Bowyer



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PART 1 – THE DRESSING ROOM

In the start of a new feature for 2003, Town's favourite mascot, Rockin' Robin, will be taking you to a different part of the County Ground each week for a look behind the scenes. This week, Rockin' starts his tour in the home dressing room...



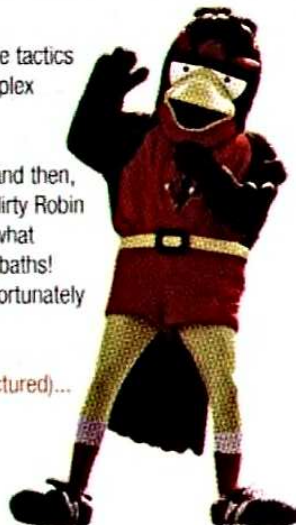
The dressing room

Normally a place of celebration, the home dressing room is strictly out of bounds for us mere mortals on matchdays – however I often get changed in here before a game, offering advice to the lads along the way. Before the lads turn up – the kits are already neatly laid out in particular positions by the Kit man and the lads go through their pre-match rituals. Mine consists of a bit of bird seed for energy and a quick dance in preparation for the rigours ahead!

Myself and Andy will often go through the tactics on the tactics board before kick-off – I often have to explain my complex moves via the use of diagrams for the lads!

At half time tea cups are thrown in various directions and then, after the game, the players celebrate in the baths. A dirty Robin needs to clean his wings after a hard day's work and what better way to do that than to join the lads in the STFC baths! Many a celebration has been had in these baths – unfortunately Steve Robinson is yet to use them – scruffy git!

Next week - Rockin' goes inside Andy King's office (pictured)...



CLASSIC DERBIES



The derby between Al-Ahly and Zamelek takes place between the dusty streets and muddy river banks of Cairo, a city renowned in Europe for things entirely separate to football.

Home to the pyramids, the sphinx and the river Nile that sprawls its way through the heart of Egypt, Cairo is known as the polluted, congested and crowded capital of Egypt, a country with a history that stems way, way back, a long way further than football. Although in Europe there is a distinct lack of awareness of the two clubs Al-Ahly and Zamelek, in Africa the situation is entirely different. It is without doubt the most intense rivalry in any

professional or semi-professional league in Africa, and home to possibly the most passionate fans and network of supporters. There is a deep interest and severe history in any encounter between the two teams and on match-day entire cities have been known to shut down, both in and out of Cairo.

The rivalry has been known to be as fierce and violent as many witnessed in Europe. Security precautions are planned weeks before the game, roads are blocked, shops are closed and certain sections of the city are designated either Ahly or Zamelek. The games themselves are played away from the stadiums

belonging to the two clubs and performed within the overbearing walls of the Cairo Stadium, a stadium with a capacity of 120,000, enough to satisfy the huge demand for tickets to the games. Needless to say that inside the stadium, the supporters themselves are segregated, Ahly fans on one side, Zamelek fans on the other.

The games between these two teams are monumental in the carnivalesque approach to them. The matches are generally played on Friday, the official day-off in Egypt and the day is pretty much dedicated to the two teams. The stadium gates are opened in the early

BEN LEACH RETURNS THIS WEEK WITH ANOTHER CLASSIC DERBY AND THIS TIME, BEN TRAVELS TO CAIRO FOR THE AL-AHLY V ZAMALEK DERBY.



Zamalek in action in Cairo's then new £6million stadium.

hours of the morning, allowing the merry supporters to slowly make their way into the stadium. Inside and outside the stadium, the fans begin to congregate and the carnival atmosphere begins: Men shout, sing, dance, drink and eat, even indulging in their own musical renditions of the teams song, all played out on Oriental instruments.

The history between the two teams is neither impressive nor exceptional. Al-Ahly (the recent winners of the CAF Century Club trophy, given to the greatest football team of the century) have reigned supreme, having won 29 league titles and 32 Cups. Zamelek on the other

hand have won just nine league titles and 31 Cups. Although the history between them is nothing exceptional, it is important to note that it is specifically a history of animosity. Al-Ahly's recent selection as African Club of the Century for example provoked more enmity and anger than mutual appreciation. Zamelek accused the CAF of being biased, a term that is particularly loaded when we look at the current political situation in Egypt. As each club boasts a number of high-ranking government officials as supporters who are regularly seen as 'promoters' of the club the corruption within the Egyptian government explains the accusation

made by Zamelek against the CAF. Despite the political and cultural elements behind the running of the teams, the important thing about these two teams and the rivalry between them is the prestige attached to it by so many African fans of football. To them it is the one game in Africa that competes with the derbies of Europe and South America.

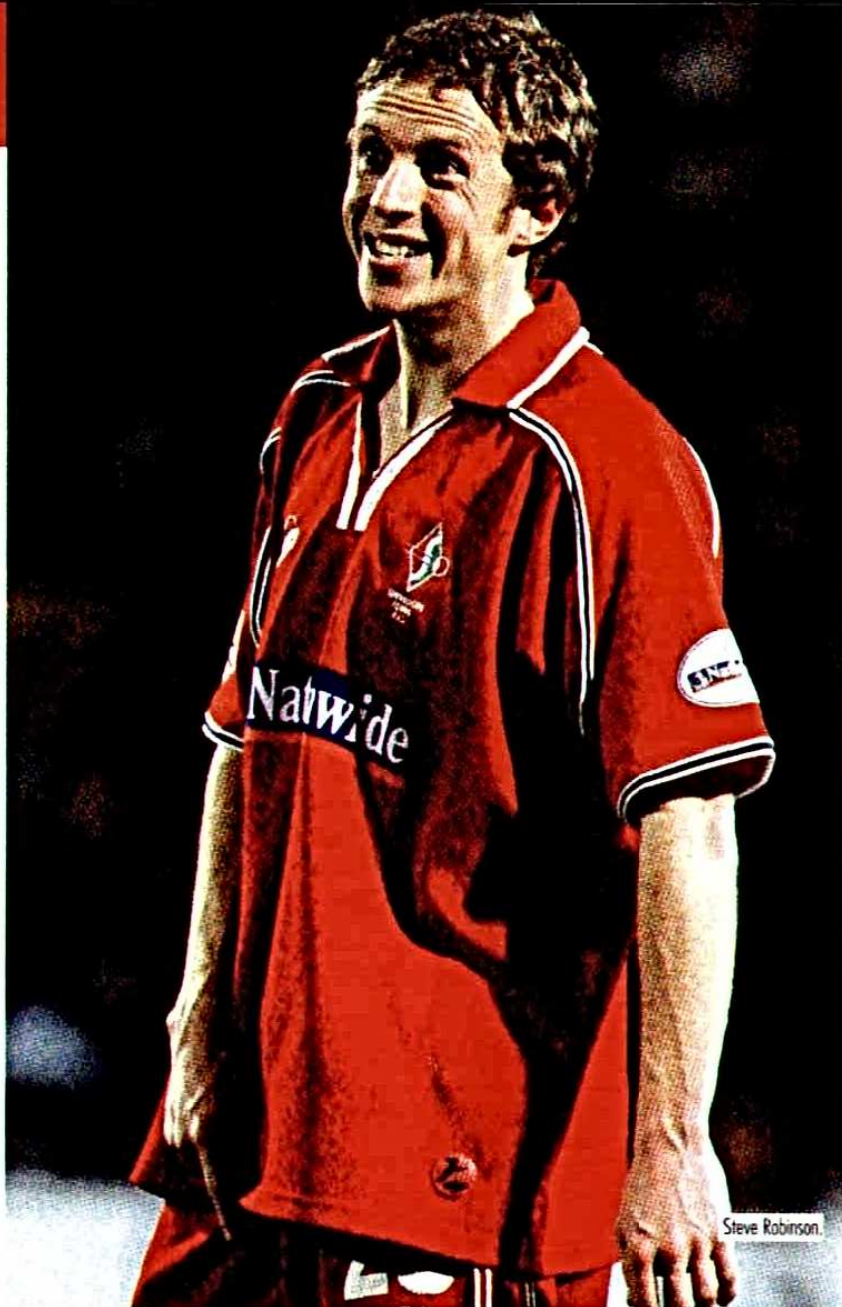
It is the game that allows them to believe that they are in a country in which football is financed and backed by the government and is treated as the important and meaningful thing that they believe it to be.

A stick of partly scrunched rock sits on a shelf in my kitchen to serve as a reminder of our visit to Bloomfield Road in August.

Actually, it was a present for my girlfriend. Being an Australian she was curious about rock and was most insistent that I bring some back with me. She then adopted the post-rock tradition of chucking the thing into a corner having taken one bite and discovering that there are less painful ways of losing your teeth! Anyway, enough of the sweet stuff and on to the business at hand. The Seasiders arrive in town handily placed in the Second Division and if previous encounters are anything to go by, it should be a tight affair. Steve Robinson came agonisingly close to scoring a rare goal up at Bloomfield Road, only to be denied by the crossbar. And I also recall Blackpool coming close to a late winner on that glorious summer afternoon.

But this fixture means only one thing to supporters - Steve McMahon. Now the Scouser's tenure here was before my time but it is quite clear he has left a lasting impression. A mere mention of his name in the office this week sparked a furious debate. Anyway, it is points that matter today and victory would see us close the gap on Blackpool and bring the top half of the table a little closer. Whatever the views about McMahon's time in Wiltshire, he has certainly assembled a competitive squad at Bloomfield Road, and one that cannot be taken lightly.

Confidence should be high following the impressive 3-0 win over Chesterfield last week. Super Sammy made it 17 for the season (to celebrate his PFA award), Danny ended his goal drought and 'Reevesy' opened his account for the season. It was great to see and hear him finally getting some support. He has had to put up with some dreadful stick this season. He seemed to be getting the blame for everything. Lottery numbers didn't come up or your horse didn't win? Blame 'Reevesy' it seemed.



JON RITSON



EVENING ADVERTISER

As we move into the second half of the season, our destiny on the pitch seems unclear. Are we going to soar upwards or be content to stave off the threat from the teams below us? Let's hope it's the former and not the latter. The future of any football club is dependent on bringing young players through the system. Viv Busby, Jim Fraser and company are doing a great job here at the County Ground and I would draw your attention to the FA Youth Cup tie at Tottenham Hotspur next week. The Under 18s travel to

White Hart Lane on Wednesday and I'm sure they'd appreciate your support.

Anyway, get behind the boys today and hopefully we can make it a miserable journey home for Mr McMahon and company. See you all back here in a fortnight for the return match with Wigan Athletic. Let's hope 'Reevesy' can produce another stunning volley a la JJB Stadium - only this time it goes in. Come On You Reds!

ENGLAND 4 GERMANY 2



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Chesterfield

For the first time following the increase in sales we offered a bonus prize in the form of two tickets for today's match. Winners were: (Main prize) Mr. Hantackross of Swindon who won £366 with ticket number 498 (Bonus prize winner) existing season ticket holder, Mr. Quarrel of Chippenham who won the match day tickets with ticket number 1002. Mr. Quarrel promptly, and generously, offered the tickets to BBC Radio Swindon who will distribute them on his behalf before next week's match.

News of more prize winners

In our pre-Christmas newsletter to members we included an opportunity for free entry into a quiz, the prize being Andy Gurney's shirt. In the end we had just two entries that had

totally correct answers, with the tie-break being to guess the official attendance for the Brentford match. As we had just two prize winners it was agreed that we would also give a shirt to the runner up entry and they received Matt Hewlett's shirt. Winners were Steve Leonard of Swindon (Gurney's shirt) and The Fry family from Swindon (Hewlett's shirt).

Questions and answers follow. How many would you know?

Against which Country did Neil Ruddock win his only England cap?
Which Scottish team play at Starks Park?
Which English international won a cap in 1973 and then his next in 1980?
Which Scottish team did Alan Hansen start his career?
Which Swindon player scored nine goals in two consecutive matches in season 1965/66?
Which of the players in the World Cup winning team of 1966 won least caps?
How many goals did Duncan Shearer score for Scotland?
Who was Swindon manager after John Trollope?

Which club did David Seaman start his career?
Which former Swindon player is assistant director of Watford's academy?
Which ex town keeper spent two years as manager of Cheltenham?
Which club has won both FA and FA amateur cup?
Which team does Chris Hay now play for?
Which club did Jimmy Floyd Hasselbank play for prior to Chelsea?
Which former Swindon player started his career at the club indicated in answer 2?

Answers are on page 54-55

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HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME - I HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD CHRISTMAS AND EVEN BETTER NEW YEAR.

The Youth Department took a well-earned break over Christmas and as a result we have no games to report on. However, the games programme re-starts tomorrow with all of our age groups playing against Cardiff - hopefully we won't be beaten by the weather! Or Cardiff! Last Sunday we had an in-service day at the club for all of our coaching staff, in which they took an emergency aid course and a course concerning child protection. This all goes towards their coaching development and I must thank Barry Stephens from the Wiltshire FA who helped me organise a very good day.

Over the Christmas period we were able to check out the progress of some of our injured players and pictured above is our vice-captain, Lee 'Chopper' Salter, who sustained a knee injury that warranted an operation. Lee has had part of his cartilage removed (bucket handle) and he has recently started his rehabilitation programme. We would like to thank Lee's surgeon, Mr Deo, who performed his operation as well as club physio, Dick Mackey. Dick has helped Lee in getting advice from Mr Deo and is now designing Lee's 'rehab' programme. Lee was due to perform at England's under 15 development course whilst instead he was in hospital - we wish Lee a good recovery this year and look forward to seeing back in action soon.

Our under 14 captain, Luke Preston, has also had a knee operation and has to be on crutches for six weeks. When this is up, Dick will also be preparing Luke for a 'rehab' programme as well. We also have our under 11 player, Blayne Witerett, who is recovering from Leukemia. Blayne now goes back to school for a couple of hours a week, as well as gaining vital chemotherapy so he is always in and out of hospital. This makes Blayne very tired, so a computer that he has at home will be used for school work so he doesn't miss out. We wish Blayne and his family, Dad, Mum, Mel and brothers Tyler and Elliot all the best and we look forward to seeing them soon.

"LEE WAS DUE TO PERFORM AT ENGLAND'S UNDER 15 DEVELOPMENT COURSE WHILST INSTEAD HE WAS IN HOSPITAL - WE WISH LEE A GOOD RECOVERY THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING BACK IN ACTION SOON"

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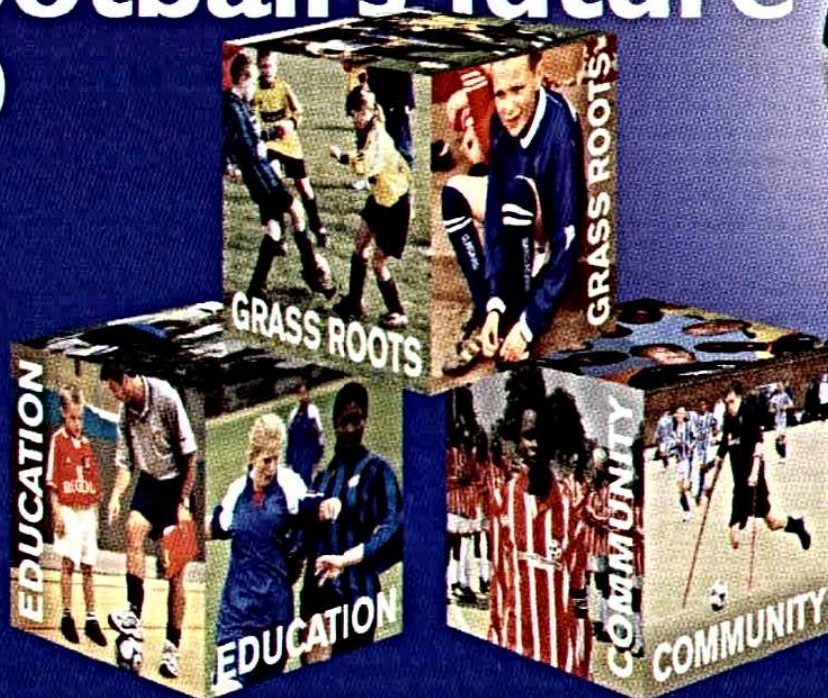
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TODAY'S MASCOTS



Today we welcome four STFC mascots to the County Ground. First up is Emily and Antonia Collett. Emily is 12 years old and attends Greendown Community School in West Swindon. Her hobbies include playing football, singing, dancing, ice skating and playing with her friends. Her favourite players are Danny Invincible and Gareth Edds and she loves Rockin' Robin as well. Antonia is nine years old and goes to Tregoze Primary School. Her hobbies are Ice skating, netball, football, swimming, going on her bike and annoying her sister. Her favourite players are Stefani Miglioranzi and Eric Sabin.



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

Last but by no means least is Junior Robin, Ryan McCarthy. Ryan is ten years old and attends Ruskin School. His favourite teams are Swindon and Arsenal and his favourite player is Bart Griemink.

To all of our lucky mascots — enjoy the game and good luck.



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Rocky, me old china,

I'm in a right two and eight. My team West Ham are having a 'mare of a season and just can't get out of this losing streak. I'm running out of ideas to save us from the drop. Can you give me some of your best advice - I need it!

Glenn Rodeo, West Ham.

Glenn,

It would be easy for me to say it ain't over 'til it's over, but to say you have a mountain to climb would be stating the obvious. Forever blowing bubbles? I think your little container of washing-up liquid has run out and too much claret gives you the blues. In my professional opinion, it all started to go wrong for you Hammers when you let a certain Daniel Invincible slip through your fingers, the Wizard from Oz is undoubtedly a Premier Star of the future. Oh dear... and now you have the nauseating sight of Harry Redsnapper grinning down at you from the top of Division One. But—on a positive note, no team has a bad run that last's all season, so don't give up. I would give you one piece of advice—give the player who plays with his heart a run in the first team, in fact his name alone translates as 'my heart' the boy is ex-Town star Johnny Moncur (bet you didn't know that I couldn't speak French) - he's the man you need. Come on you hammers, open up the Canio Worms (when fit) and fight back—you can do it.

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NAME THE TOWN PLAYER

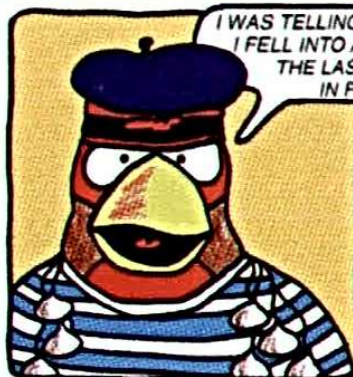
Once again, simply answer the two anagrams below and send them in to us at the above address!

Born: 07/09/1967, Hornchurch
Goalkeeper
MANIC HONKY, M.D.

Born: 02/01/1959, Chipping Sodbury
Striker
WET THIEVES

THE ROBIN THAT ROCKS!

by Alyn



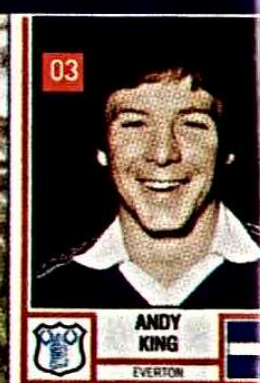
I WAS TELLING ERIC ABOUT HOW I FELL INTO A RIVER HEAD FIRST THE LAST TIME I WAS IN FRANCE...



ALORS, ROCKY, I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE TOTALLY IN-SEINE!!!



BLIMEY ERIC, YOU'D BETTER LEAVE LES JOKES TO ME



01 TABLE FOOTBALLERS STEP FORWARD!

Pelynt Football Club is hosting The Worthington Cup Table Football Tournament on Saturday February 8. With the support of Worthington's, who will be loaning us the famous Cup for the day, and "Kick Racism out of Football" campaign, we will be opening the event to all football supporters nationwide. The tournament will be based on all the teams who are or have appeared in the 2002/03 Worthington Cup competition. The teams will be made up of two players per side playing a best of nine balls to progress to the next round. The competition is on a straight knockout basis, eventually leading to the final where the winning team will be presented with the trophy. The event is being held in order to raise money for new facilities at Pelynt Football Club who, last year, nearly became extinct in their 90th year of existence. If you fancy yourself as a table football champion, then contact Harvey Williams, Pelynt Football Club, Grylls Park, Lanreath, Nr Looe, Cornwall, PL13 2NG, alternatively you can contact him on: 01503 270438

02 A BELATED WARM WELCOME

This week we wish a belated warm Wiltshire welcome to Town fan Terry Smith who, last week, travelled over from Australia to watch the 3-0 win against Chesterfield. Terry, pictured above, came to the game with daughter Joanne and it was the first time he had seen the Robins play since the family moved to Australia over 20 years ago. Before he married my Mum he used to go to every home game on Saturdays & Tuesday nights. Following one Tuesday Night match he had to explain why he hadn't done his woodwork homework, he said that he'd been at the football, and when the teacher asked him if he thought football was more important than homework he said yes! These days he follows the team long distance and keeps my Mum awake on Saturday nights by listening to the Scores and Commentary on the BBC World Service.

03 THE OLD DAYS

We've all done it, collected football stickers at some stage or another. Ticket Office Assistant Manager, Stuart Pike, recently

brought in an album from 1981 and in those pages was our very own Andy King! If you have pictures of 'the gaffer', then send them in to us and we'll print them on these hallowed pages.

CAN YOU HELP?

Two Town fans are in need of our help. Firstly, Oliver Hawke from Leicester, who is after two particular Swindon programmes in order to help his collection. Oliver is after a Port Vale programme (17/03/1987) and the Fulham programme (21/03/1987). If you can help, contact us here at the club and we'll put you in contact with him. Secondly we have Lancelot Neube from Zimbabwe who is in desperate need of a pen pal or two. If you would like to keep him up-to-date with all things Swindon, then again drop us a line and we'll put you in contact.

MY SWINDON XI - TWO OF THE SAME NAME

At first glance the following two Town teams appear similar, if not identical. Closer scrutiny shows where confusion can creep in over the years, and sometimes how the presence of the family genes can influence a club through the generations.

1 Kenny Allen	1 Jimmy Allan	Summerbee	
2 Gareth Hall	2 Derek Hall	8 Ernie Hunt	8 Paul Hunt
3 John Trollope	3 Paul Trollope	9 Chris Jones	9 Tom Jones
4 John Smith	4 Alex Smith	10 Alan McLoughlin	10 John McLoughlin
5 Mark Robinson	5 Steve Robinson	11 Bran Williams	11 Andy Williams
6 Shaun Taylor	6 Craig Taylor	12 Wynne Hooper	12 Dean Hooper
7 Mike Summerbee	7 Nick		

Answers from page 50

Name	Referee
Robt Jones	1. Dave Hockaday
Frank Lampard senior	2. John Saxon
Patrick Thistle	3. Wimpston
Kurt Eise	4. St Johnstone
Nicky Siles	5. Athletic Madrid
2	6. Frank Burrows
Ken Beaman	

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

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WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

On January 7 1978 Town faced Nottingham Forest in the Third Round of the FA Cup. Forest were sitting top of the old First Division and were to win both the Championship and the League Cup that year.

Their team comprised of a host of star names including Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson and Tony Woodcock. Defender Russell Lewis was called into the squad the day before the match and strangely replaced Chris Guthrie as a striker after 53 minutes. David Moss scored for Town after 85 minutes but two goals from Woodcock and further strikes from Withe and Robertson had already inflicted defeat on Swindon.

On January 14, Swindon travelled north to Sheffield to take on Wednesday, then languishing bottom of Division Three. Managed by Jack Charlton the home team were on the end of two penalties, both tucked away by Ray McHale who had also successfully converted from the spot in the previous League match against Tranmere. With Wednesday scoring a penalty of their own through Rushbury and another strike from Mullen, Town returned to Wiltshire with a point.

1. At left back for Forest was a player who would join Swindon in June 1980, but make just three League appearances at the County Ground. Who was this?
2. Wednesday's keeper was Bob Bolder who had replaced the man who now manages at Hillsborough. Who?
3. On January 11, Liverpool paid £352,000 for the Middlesbrough midfielder who would one day manage at Anfield. His name?
4. On the 12th WBA appointed a new manager who had taken Cambridge to the top of Division Three. He had played at Oxford but is best known now as a TV pundit. Who?
5. On January 14, Blackpool beat Charlton 5-1 in Division Two, with a hat trick from a striker who had joined them from Birmingham. What was his name?



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

With Christmas out of the way it's time to burn all the extra food you've eaten and this week - a healthy pasta option!

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1. You'll need 15 oz Tagliatelle, 3 oz Butter, 2 Egg yolks, 2 T Parmesan, grated, 6 T Double cream, 4 oz Bacon (chopped), Salt, Pepper, freshly-milled
2. Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil, add some salt and a few drops of oil and cook the tagliatelle for 8 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, melt about 1 oz of butter in a small pan and cook the chopped bacon for 3-4 minutes.
4. Beat the egg yolks together with the remainder of the butter, the Parmesan cheese, the cream and some freshly-milled black pepper. Drain the tagliatelle and put it back in the pan quickly so as not to lose heat.
5. Add the bacon and its juices to the pasta, pour in the egg and cream mixture and toss well (If you've done this quickly enough, the heat from the pasta will cook the egg yolks to a creamy sauce).
6. Season with salt and pepper if desired, then serve with more Parmesan. Serve accompanied with green vegetables such as courgettes (zucchini) or leeks, or with a green salad.



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It has been a busy period for our coaches who have had an in-service day. In that they were given emergency aid training, as well as a course in child protection and it is vital for all of our coaches that they attend these. It was nice to see a good number attend and I think on the whole they enjoyed the day.

Remember, following the success of last year's courses you will have to book your place on the latest courses soon if you haven't already in order to avoid disappointment. All you need to do is pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception as soon as possible. The cost is just £3.00 per session and the sessions last an hour.

You must make sure that the kids have a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and drinks bottle- just let us do the rest!

Finally, the Soccer Centres are still on the look out for sponsors in order to support their sessions in terms of kit and equipment. If you are interested or would like any further information, then give us a call on 01793 333700.

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	4.30 - 5.30 PM	8 - 9 years
Friday	3.30 - 4.30 PM	5 - 6 years

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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When did you start playing football?

I used to live in Germany and we played football at school. When we came back to England a friend of mine asked me to go to a Soccer School with her at the Haydon Centre in Swindon.

What about school?

As I said I played for the school in Germany but when we came back I went to Peatmoor Junior School and I played in the school team there. Now I go to Greendown School and we have a girls team for years 7 and 8. We did quite well last year and won the Swindon Cup. It was particularly good because the final was played at the County Ground.

How did you come to join Swindon Town?

When I was at the Soccer School I was given John White's telephone number and I rang him and started to train with Coleview. I played for the under 11's, under 12's and under 14's. We played mainly in tournaments, both five a side and six a side.

What of the future?

I would, of course, like to play for the Town's first team and perhaps progress to a Premier league by then. Also I think it would be great to play for England.



KERRIE KEENE

AGE 12

POSITION MIDFIELD

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

ALL OF THE TOWN LADIES SIDES HAVE BEEN OUT OF ACTION THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD - HOWEVER THE CAMPAIGN IS SET TO CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND.

The first team, who play in the South West Combination League, entertain Clevedon Town. When the two sides met in Somerset earlier in the season the Town picked up their first point in a 2-2 draw.

The Town have had a long lay off, playing only one league game since the start of October. The blank weekends have been due to an early exit from the Women's FA Cup and other sides being involved in various cup competitions. That and the weather! The South West Combination League has twelve teams and to date the Town have played just eight games - so there is a lot to make up. The Town are currently one place above the relegation spots. The bottom two sides drop into the Regional Leagues whereas the League winners are promoted to the National Premier League South Division. Tomorrow's game against Clevedon will be played at Aldbourne FC, with a 2.00pm Kick Off.

Town's Reserves did get a game before Christmas and shared six goals with their Keynsham counterparts. Hayley Huckin scored twice and Kirby Clift got the other one. Tomorrow they entertain Clevedon Town Reserves in the Wiltshire County League at Ridgeway School, Wroughton (1.30pm KO).

The Under 14 XI played Bristol City's Academy in a friendly and fought back from 2-0 down to win 4-3 in an entertaining game. Tara Lofts and Claire Morton got two goals each. The U14's play in the Surrey Primary League against the likes of Aldershot, Southampton, Reading and Portsmouth and currently hold second spot in the division. The Under 14 Seven-a-side team play in the Wiltshire County League and are mid-table at present.

The Under 12 side also play in the Wiltshire County League and are so far unbeaten this season. The Under 10 players compete in various tournaments because there is no league at this age level at the moment.

The Town are always keen to take on new players and if any girls or women are interested in playing football please contact the Club Secretary John White on 01793 824470.

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

AFTER TWO GAMES AT HOME IT'S BACK ON THE ROAD NEXT SATURDAY AS THE LADS TRAVEL TO STOCKPORT TO FACE CARLTON PALMER'S STRUGGLING SIDE. FOR THOSE OF YOU MAKING THE TREK NORTH FOLLOW OUR TRAVEL GUIDE...

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... STOCKPORT COUNTY

WHO? STOCKPORT **WHEN? SATURDAY JANUARY 18**

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

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Departure times are as follows: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 09.00am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 09.15am, County Ground 09.30am, Ermin Street 09.45am. The coach fare is £16.50 per adult, under 15's £15.00 and Supporters Club members will get a £2.00 discount (Supporters Club card must be shown). For more information visit www.sastravel.co.uk or call 01793 536757.

BY CAR: Most motorists arrive via the M60 Motorway (J19 off the M6 via A556 and M56, J18 off the M62) which runs close to Edgeley Park. Exit the M60 at Junction 1 onto the A560 and follow signs onto the B5465 Edgeley Road – the ground is on the right, just off Dale Street.

PARKING: Street parking gets trickier by the season, and with no car park at the ground, the best bet is to leave your car in the town centre and work from there. The local cinema also has spaces.

TRAIN: Stockport train station has main lines from Birmingham New Street, London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly. For train times and details please visit www.thetrainline.com or telephone 0870 010 1296.

SWIFT HALF: The Red Bull is opposite the brewery in Middle Hillgate, while Castle Street, the right-hand exit off the roundabout if coming from the station, has a variety of options from which to choose.



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Adults £19-£21, Concessions £12-£13, Juniors £6-£7
Town End Adults £13, Juniors £7
LOOK OUT FOR REDUCED PRICES IN NEXT GAME(S)...



Wigan Athletic
 25.01.03 (3.00pm)



Wycombe Wanderers
 15.02.03 (3.00pm)



QPR
 01.03.03 (3.00pm)



Cheltenham
 05.03.03 (7.45pm)

Ticket Office Opening Hours

Monday-Friday **9.00am-5.00pm** Match day (Sat and Wed) **9.00am-5.30pm** Non match day Saturdays **9.00am-12.00pm**

Telephone Booking

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

On-line booking

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

NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? WIGAN ATHLETIC

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

WHEN? SATURDAY JANUARY 25

No less than a month after their last meeting and Town look set to face the mighty Wigan again – this time at the County Ground in two weeks.

Town will be hoping for better fortunes too, the Latics taking all three points in the 2-0 win at the JJB Stadium. The home side deserved the win and to be fair, their home form has been impressive with Paul Jewell's side unbeaten in the eight previous games leading up to the Swindon encounter.

Town will certainly have to keep an eye on former Bristol Rover striker, Nathan Ellington (pictured). 'The Duke' has been in fine form this year and scored Wigan's second goal following Alan Reeves' missed volley. Other



Nathan Ellington



Paul Jewell

players to look out for are Andy Liddell, a regular fixture in the Nationwide Division Two team of the week, and Jason De Vos, a tower of strength at the back. Paul Jewell's side top the league following a run of 19 games without defeat, but he will be hoping to bounce back following their comprehensive cup exit against Stoke last week.

Town fans are reminded that there is a discount on ticket prices for this game.

Supporters can save £2 on tickets in the Arkells and Nationwide Stands – for more information contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777.

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

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







































































































































DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120	808
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	2,275
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299	10
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456	200
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home	1-2	5,029	249
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-2	2,993	265
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	442
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393	21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326	376
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152	98
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205	22
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	6-1	1,747	102
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home	2-1	4,136	213
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	255
Tue 12 Nov	Kidderminster (LDV2)	Away	2-3	1,322	N/A
Sat 16 Nov	Huddersfield Town (FAC1)	Home	1-0	4,210	253
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away	3-2	8,334	17
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home	1-1	4,709	205
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	1-3	4,957	276
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home	2-0	6,045	648
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away	0-2	6,114	15
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away	1-1	13,062	16
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home	3-0	4,544	116
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home	1-1		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away	5-2		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home	2-1		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away	1-1		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away	2-1		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	1-0		
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			

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NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

								
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Invincible	 Parkin ³	 Sabin	 Farr	 Reeves	 Edwards	 Young	 Davis	
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Invincible								

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
WIGAN	25	18	5	2	43	14	59	+29
CARDIFF	25	15	5	5	42	21	50	+21
OLDHAM	26	14	8	4	40	19	50	+21
BRISTOL C	25	15	4	6	51	29	49	+22
CREWE	25	14	5	6	42	20	47	+22
QPR	26	11	7	8	34	30	40	+4
TRANMERE	26	11	5	10	36	40	38	-4
LUTON	25	10	7	8	37	33	37	+4
CHESTERFIELD	26	11	4	11	23	30	37	-7
PLYMOUTH	25	9	9	7	34	31	36	+3
BRENTFORD	24	10	6	8	30	27	36	+3
BLACKPOOL	25	10	6	9	33	35	36	-2
WYCOMBE	26	9	6	11	38	36	33	+2
SWINDON	26	8	7	11	32	38	31	-6
NORTHAMPTON	26	8	5	13	23	40	29	-17
STOCKPORT	26	8	4	14	34	41	28	-7
COLCHESTER	25	6	9	10	26	35	27	-9
PORT VALE	25	7	6	12	29	39	27	-10
BARNLEY	25	7	6	12	29	40	27	-11
NOTTS CO	25	5	11	9	36	39	26	-3
PETERBOROUGH	26	5	9	12	27	36	24	-9
MANSFIELD	25	7	3	15	41	58	24	-17
CHELTENHAM	25	5	8	12	23	38	23	-15
HUDDERSFIELD	25	5	7	13	19	33	22	-14

APPEARANCES 2002/03

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TODAY'S FIXTURES 11.01.03



Bolton	vs Fulham
Chelsea	vs Charlton
Liverpool	vs Aston Villa
Man City	vs Leeds
Middlesbro	vs Southampton
Sunderland	vs Blackburn
West Brom	vs Man Utd
West Ham	vs Newcastle



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



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



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



SWINDON

Manager Andy King

BLACKPOOL

Manager Steve McMahon

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	✓ PHIL BARNES
GARETH EDDS 2	✓ SIMON GRAYSON
DEAN MARNEY ✓ 3	TOMMY JASZCZUN
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	JOHN O'KANE
ADAM WILLIS 5	✓ IAN HUGHES
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	✓ RICHIE WELLENS
	8 ✓ BEN THORNLEY
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	✓ JOHN MURPHY
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓ 10	SCOTT TAYLOR
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	PAUL DALGLISH
JUAN COBIAN 12	✓ DANNY COID
	13 MICHAEL THEOKLITOS
ERIC SABIN 14	LEE COLLINS
DAREN DYKES 15	✓ JOHN HILLS
LUKE NIGHTINGALE ✓ 16	✓ KEITH SOUTHERN
DANIEL INVINCIBLE ✓ 17	
CRAIG FARR 18	JAMIE MILLIGAN
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	
ALAN JUDGE 20	✓ COLIN HENDRY
DAVID BAMPTON 21	
ALAN REEVES ✓ 22	✓ LEAM RICHARDSON
NATHAN EDWARDS 23	GRAHAM FENTON
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	MARTIN BULLOCK
STEVE ROBINSON ✓ 25	✓ RICHARD WALKER
STEVE SMITH 26	
ALAN YOUNG 27	CHRIS CLARKE
CHRIS COLLINS 28	JAMIE BURNS
	31 MATTHEW BLINKHORN
	32 PHIL DOUGHTY
	34 STEVE MCMAHON
	36 DENNY HERZIG

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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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P	W	D	L	F	A
10	3	3	4	12	10

BLACKPOOL'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	1	2	7	7	21

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2002

Swindon Town 1
Blackpool 0

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: F. G. Stretton

Assistant 1: L. W. Probert

Assistant 2: A. J. Webb

4th Official: G. J. Chapman

Town Take on Table Toppers

On January 25 the league leaders Wigan Athletic are in Town and what better way to enact some revenge on Paul Jewell's side than by beating them on our own patch? Why not come along and make the most of the reduced ticket offer for the game (£2 off) - call 01793 333777 for more information.

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